Baker won’t rule out more department cuts

By Amy Hooper
Staff Writer

Cal Poly President Warren Baker gave first indications Monday night that budget reductions require the elimination of more academic programs at Cal Poly.

“We may not have to eliminate ... programs,” Baker said at an open forum hosted by the Mortar Board Honor Society in Chumash Auditorium. “Although I’m not going to say for sure we won’t.”

Baker fielded questions from students dealing with financial issues as well as the charter university concept, teacher evaluations, minority representation and the proposed student foot patrols.

Baker said concern about support services may result in vertical cuts that affect academics. Academic programs may be targeted in order to restore a balance in funding between non-instructional and instructional programs, he said.

According to Baker, a funding imbalance exists as a result of last year’s unequal reductions, when non-instructional programs were cut 10 percent and academics lost 7.5 percent. Additionally, Baker said, $22.8 million from fall quarter’s fee increase was directed exclusively toward academic programs, furthering the imbalance.

“We think we’re getting dangerously low in areas that are critical,” he said, citing hazardous waste concerns and adherence to environmental protection laws as examples.

Cutting across the board and further reducing the funding for support services will not work, he said.

“We need to try to restore the proper balance. If we happen to live with the 7.5 percent (cut) that we have now, we probably will have to reduce the size of several (academic) programs.”

Baker said the university is considering downsizing programs in order to preserve their quality; he also predicted a gradual increase in student fees after the California State University Board of Trustees develops a fee policy.

“The problem ... is that the fees have been reactive rather than public policy,” Baker said. “I think in the next couple months, you will see a fee policy discussion.”

The CSU chancellor has discussed developing a policy that increases the amount of student fees over the next three years, he said.

CSU students now pay 15 to 17 percent of the actual cost of their education, and the chancellor has suggested increasing the fees to cover 28 to 32 percent, according to Baker. The budget situation was not the only topic Baker discussed See BAKER, page 7

These home economics students gather by the building bearing their major’s name.

Home ec not finished yet

By Anita Kreile
Staff Writer

Last spring the budget ax came down hard, severing home economics from the university. The move to cut the department shocked and angered many.

But home economies did not roll over and die.

Today, the department is still alive and well — some say it’s flourishing. Amid the turmoil and anguish, it has been able to move ahead aggressively and try to relieve the trauma created by the news of the cut.

Weber said the department felt it had made (in spring), to the end of summer, “We’re staying,” she said. “We lost a phenomenally small number of the major we want. We picked it; we like it; we’re staying,” she said.

The department also accepted 13 new students who had been sent accommodation notices prior to the decision to cut the program.

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ET: Still on the way out

By Brad Hamilton
Senior Staff Writer

Some of the worst fears tied to budget cuts — faculty layoffs and uprooted students — materialized at Cal Poly last year, surprising and upsetting the normally docile campus.

President Warren Baker officially announced on May 12 the engineering technology department would be cut along with home economics.

“I have decided that vertical cuts should be made,” Baker said at a press conference that morning. “If we just simply cross the board, we would jeopardize all programs in the university ... This is intolerable.”

Baker said ET was targeted because of a 22-percent decline in the department’s enrollment and because many aspects of the program could be integrated into other engineering programs.

The announcement sent shock waves throughout the campus.

ET students marched and demonstrated in front of the Administration Building alongside home economics majors.

“We let them know we didn’t like the cuts,” See ET, page 5
Violence prevention proposed

Los Angeles, Calif.

State Attorney General Dan Lungren showed up Tuesday on an inner-city campus to unveil a package of proposals designed to prevent school violence. Gunplay recently killed two students in district schools.

"It's time to fight back and reclaim California's schools for California's children," Lungren said during a news conference at Manual Arts High School in violence-ridden South Central Los Angeles. Two teenagers attending classes at Los Angeles Unified School District campuses schools were shot to death this year.

A 16-year-old was killed Jan. 21 in a Fairfax High School classroom and a 17-year-old student was killed last week at Reseda High School. A 15-year-old youth on Tuesday pleaded innocent to the Reseda slaying and he was ordered held without bail pending an April 9 hearing.

While Lungren discussed the shootings, the City Council set aside a $15,000 reward fund for students who provide information leading to weapons seizures.

Standoff continues despite promised surrender

Waco, Texas

An armed religious cult's leader said he would surrender Tuesday and end a siege that has killed at least six, but the standoff dragged on well into its third day.

A newspaper reported Tuesday that the death toll from Sunday night's raid at the Branch Davidian compound may be at least 11. Authorities have said four children released from the compound said they had heard that seven cult members had died and up to 40 people had been wounded. Officials have said about 75 people were in the compound, but cult leader David Koresh has claimed more.

In a 58-minute taped statement broadcast Tuesday on Texas radio stations at the FBI's request, the cult leader said: "I, David Koresh, agree upon the broadcasting of this tape to come out peacefully with all the people immediately."

David Koresh
Cult Leader

Taped statement

"I, David Koresh, agree upon the broadcasting of this tape to come out peacefully with all the people immediately."

with unbelief," said Koresh, 33, who

"I'm sure you're all aware of how I'm involved in a very serious thing right now," Koresh said. "I am really concerned about the lives of my brethren here and also really concerned even greater about the lives of all those in this world."

Buses and other military vehicles moved nearer within minutes of the broadcast's start. About two hours after the broadcast ended, there was no indication Koresh had surrendered.

The Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms abruptly canceled a midafternoon news conference with a one-sentence statement saying the stand-off wasn't over.
Poly athletics on the road to Division I in 1994

By Brad Hamilton
Senior Staff Writer

The road to Division I is a bumpy one, but it's being paved, Cal Poly Athletic Director John McCutcheon said yesterday.

McCutcheon's remarks came at an ASI-sponsored athletic forum held in the University Union Plaza at 11 a.m. McCutcheon said Cal Poly sports will reach the Division I plateau by a narrow margin in fall 1991. The referendum allows athletics to move all its 17 teams to Division I. Women's volleyball and wrestling currently compete at the Division II level.

"We are going to put into place a responsible program to live up to the commitment students have shown," McCutcheon said.

"Progress has been slowed slightly by the cutbacks in state funding," he added. "But we will be able to get the job done because of (students') commitment of dollars and resources."

McCutcheon said Cal Poly students passed the referendum to move to Division I by a narrow margin in fall 1991. The referendum will eventually boost tuition fees $43 by summer 1993.

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McCutcheon said the publicity from Cal Poly athletic teams could improve the popularity of the university across the nation.

John McCutcheon, Cal Poly Athletic Director

"The goal is not to just be in Division I," he said. "The goal is to be successful at Division I."

McCutcheon said Cal Poly meets the basic NCAA requirements of having enough men's and women's sports and financial backing. The main challenge the university across the nation.

McCutcheon said those seeking jobs might benefit from a possible employer outside of California watching the track meet on television.

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Counting down to break

By Steve Woodard

Not to fear, I have taken it upon myself to inform you of the inevitable clash between new-found freedom at last, and old-style guidance so as to prepare you for battle. Likewise, I shall refrain from bribing you with your parents. Get out your pens and pad, young Mustangites, because here are the Top 10 Steps to get your parents to extend your curfew.

1. Upon arriving home, mention that you were done with your work. If you didn’t do so, don’t sweat it. They won’t be able to check, and by the time grades come out, you will be safely back in S.O.O.

2. With dirty laundry in hand, explain how the machines at school just don’t compare to the love and care of the machines (and their operator) at home. By doing this, not only will you save yourself and your parents, you will win the support of at least one parent.

3. Establish early on how much you need the support of at least one parent. Whenever you drop bombs in Iraq, it is not Saddam who feels it; in these steps work, simply accept the tactic is used on you, merely as cunning as you. Avoid all confrontations that will never be in your favor. Likewise, with the宝贵 time kept-secret factors of Engage cause. Get out your pens and pad, young Mustangites, because here are the Top 10 Steps to get your parents to extend your curfew.

4. Have a list of names of the people who will be at the shindig. Try and have numbers of people who attend school on the East Coast. If you can convince your folks that those dear friends will only be in town long enough for this party, you won’t have to be back until next Friday.

5. If none of these steps work, concede that you know best and return to the den to read the physics book you brought along as a prop. Note: Make sure you are dressed for the party and proceed to Step 1.

6. If it should come to this (and I hope it doesn’t), follow this precaution: Talk to your friends prior to your encounter with the folks and set up a time for them to call you free if they haven’t heard from you by a certain time. This surely will keep the surly doors away without a curfew. No parent would dare to try to vocab some evening. Instead, parents will be somewhat out for the evening. The folks will cry foul, but it will never stick in a court of law.

7. If for some reason none of these steps work, simply accept defeat and prepare to go through the motions again tomorrow. A bit of advice: It’s better to let them know you are powerless as opposed to engaging in harsh protests. Better to try “midnight yells,” because unlike your Resident Advisers, your parents will know who it is. Good luck and have a safe break!

Steve Woodard is a speech communication senior at Cal Poly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Relative sacrifice

In response to the Feb. 26 column by Matthew Hoy—
Sacrifice is a relative thing. Michael Jordan is whining about the 12 million (out of his 37 million per year income) he will have to pay in taxes. While that “naive sucker” Larry Vil­
lella willingly hands over his life savings.

If someone asks Mr. Villella he has done for his country, he will be able to truthfully say he has given everything.

What can you say, Mr. Hoy?

Joe Bella
Computer Engineering

Hats off to engineering

The Engineering Student Council announces the successful

finishing of National Engineer’s Week (NEW) at Cal Poly. Support
from industry— 10 companies — was outstanding.

While Mustang Daily wrote depressing articles about the current crime wave in San Luis Obispo, Backstage sponsored the Backstage Kickoff on Tuesday, with two bands and pizza. If you couldn’t make it, you missed out.

Many engineering students worked hard to make National Engineer’s Week 1993 the biggest, most successful. Engineer’s Week was made possible by the efforts of children, parents and students came out to Central Coast Plaza Mall to find that engineering can be fun!

Torri Sowels
Chair, National Engineer’s Week
Aeronautical Engineering

Iraggate’ remembered

In response to the recent bombing of Iraq by Mr. Bush, we stand in a couple of anti-war rallies, one on campus and one in town. To each we attracted roughly the same amount of protesters. The Telegram-Tribune put us on page three, and Mustang Daily has us as the lead story. However, to our surprise, it appears that Mr. Hartlaub and Mustang Daily have not been able to drum up much in the way of other stories.

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Watching the news as a child, it is hard to imagine a world that is not filled with war. This is the reality of many children today.

Our purpose in holding the rally was to remind people that not only do they face the daily threat of war, but they also face the threat of nuclear weapons. Within hours of the bombing, the news spread. "Is it inappropriate to raise the issue of Irangate? Does it better this audience... that your government enhanced Saddam's power in the 80s, and fanned (and did) everything it could to deprive you of the information that it approved the sale of military technology and information to Saddam, which made him a nuclear threat?"

We want to continue to hold these rallies, and we hope that the university will join us in our efforts. We believe that it is important to educate the community about the issues surrounding war and peace.

The rally was a success, and we hope to continue to hold similar events in the future. Thank you for your support.

Jenny W.
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decision, and (we let them know they) better
tell us if a fair shake is our way out of Cal Poly," said ET senior John Luna.

"I was very aware of the problem the state was having, but I didn't know it
would mean my major was getting cut," Luna said.

"There were we, tacking things on to
our tuition (sports referendum) and we did not know what was lying on the
horizon," ET junior Andrew Bloch, who trans-
tered to Cal Poly last year, said he also was

"We had several students threatening
suicide," she said. "We had Psychiatric
Clients, the other part of the equation," she
said.

"I have wanted to be a textile
scientist all my life, and now my univer-
sity has told me that what I have chosen
to do is less important than what some­
body else wants to do."

"The more I see of our position in the
college, the sadder it makes me that we
may not be here," Weber said.

"The staff and students are thoroughly
eager to move," she said. "The agriculture
department is known for its
high level of student involvement. We fit
there, there's lots of collaboration and it's
contributing to high spirits in general."

Home economics senior Julie Burgener said she valued the warm reception by
the college.

"They're really made us feel welcome
after feeling unwanted by the university
last spring," she said.

"I have received an excellent education and
I didn't want to see it suffer if we
(lost) good teachers," she said. "So I've been taking more units so I can get out in
four years, before that happens."

"Weber said Vice President of Academic
Affairs Robert Roob has made a public
announcement that all students currently
enrolled in home economics will be able to complete the program, but they must do
so in an accelerated manner.

"The requirement for the university has established an
in-reverse policy.

"Home economics students have been
told to complete core and concentra-
tion courses before enrolling in gen­eral
courses.

"New students have three years to com­ple­te those courses; continuing students
must be done in two years.

"Freshman Sonja Texdahl said, "It's all
backwards. You're doing your senior
project when you're a junior and then still
have general education left. The major
courses won't be fresh if I take them first.

"Without a written guarantee, students are
banking on a good-faith agreement that
they will be allowed to graduate.

"Texdahl said she doesn't feel confident
things will work out so smoothly.

"No one's really discussing what hap­pens
if we don't meet the deadline," she said.

"They just said, "Oh, you will, don't
worry.""

"According to Weber, policies are in
place that should make it possible for stu­dents
to secure necessary courses in the
time allotted.

"All home economics students have at
least senior priority registration status," she
said. "And students who actually are seniors get to register with new students."

"They also have priority status when
trying to sign courses."

"Weber said the requirements create a
hardship for some students.

"The university has said students must
be enrolled full time, so working students
are penalized," she said.

"The Office of Admissions and Evaluat­ions
helped prepare students to meet the
new requirements by issuing an evalua­tion
for every student.

"Weber called it "a superhuman effort
on short notice."

"Weber said she thought the outdated
image of what home economics involves
contributed to the decision to cut the
program.

"The high demand for enrollment into
next week, Davis said. But no matter
what it finds, the administration has said
ET cannot avoid being cut, he added.

"It's unfortunate the process was back­wards," Davis said. "The review
should have been done first and then a
decision made on the review process."

A movement to remove Baker was
discussed in the Academic Senate last fall
regarding his alleged respnnding of the
cutbacks. The movement died from lack of
support.

Davis said he relates what is happen­ing
to the department to the Rodney King
triai.

"I was beginning to feel how he felt," he
said.

"Weber made it clear that the depart­ment
has not resigned itself to oblivion.

"I've realized it's important that we
don't lose our professionalism — and
we're not done with this yet," she said.

"Good consumers don't just sit back
and do nothing," she said. "Go in the spirit of
teaching consumptionism, which is a big
part of home economics, we encourage
students to fight this decision in a con­struc­tive, professional manner — to get
some kind of result that is better than
what appears on the horizon."

BARBARA WEBER
LUNA

From page 1 economic dree. He feels ET's cut might prepare him for a similar situation in the future.

"It basically makes you keep your guard up at all times," he said.

"A lot of things have occurred while I have been at school — the Gulf War, a new president and the worst economic times the country has seen in decades," Luna said. But the decision to ax engineering technology was even more of a surprise for him. "It was like being slapped in the face."

Last spring, Luna could be seen waving banners and shouting his disapproval of President Warren Baker's announcement of the deletion of his program.

"There is no way I would call (the elimination) a defeat," Luna said. "It was never a challenge to beat the administration. We made some loud noises and got their attention to let them know we didn't like it. But I am not going to challenge the administration when they wield an unchallengeable power."

Luna said he felt the administration's decision to eliminate his major was no way to solve a budget crisis.

"I think it is a major mistake for them to eliminate (ET)," Luna said. "It is a strong degree. The other pure engineering degrees are needed, but this is the last degree you want to eliminate.

"It is really important to how our economy functions. Our students have an immediate impact when they graduate and start working."

When Luna heard the administration was not considering any program eliminations this fiscal year, he said that told him an underlying motive was being served.

"The face of our campus is changing," he said. "The administration is folding our campus in a direction no one knows except a tight group of people."

Luna, who graduates in June, said his degree could mean less to him because of what Cal-Poly has done to his major. But he also said he doesn't want to dwell on the loss of his department.

"When I receive my degree, I can sit there and look at the negative side if I want. I choose to look at the positive side if I want," he said. "I wouldn't call it a defeat."

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"We believe that there are a number of improvements that can be made," Baker said, "but most of all, that the best teaching gets as close to one-on-one as possible.

"We think that there are ways to do that, both using technology and using our resources more effectively.

**ATHLETICS**

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McCutcheon said Cal Poly sports could compete successfully at the upper level immediately in baseball, track and field and cross country. The other sports would gain strength as better resources — such as a new training room — are developed.

"This process doesn't happen overnight," he said. "We will be taking our lungs for a while.

McCutcheon said he hopes that 10 years from now, students will be able to look back with pride on a decision that made a meaningful, long-term impact on the university.

Political science junior Jeff Quarles agreed sports are a good avenue to bring exposure to Cal Poly.

"People like to go to big games and athletics are a strong base to a good school," he said.

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McCutcheon said Cal Poly could succeed in the future with the charter university concept being a 'good base to a good school.'

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From page 5 being violated so badly," he said. "I feel our program has been violated by ad-
novation not looking at the review

"My sense is it is not the same," he
added. "But (at least King) is getting a second change."

Even with the lapse of time since the program cut was first announced, Davis said understanding why ET was cut is not any easier.

ET professor Fred Friedman said he
still wonders why the program was cut. Friedman, who serves on the Discon-

Friedman said he is "extremely tied to
this community." He said he feels com-
mitted to his local volunteer work, includ-
ing announcing for local public radio sta-
cation KCBX radio.

Friedman said four faculty members have
already left. One took advantage of the
"golden handshake" early retirement
program offered by Cal Poly, he said, and
two others accepted jobs elsewhere.

One, Peter Glambach, received his
layoff notice after 21 years of lecturing.

"After that, he was not in a good
area," Bloch said, referring to Glambach.
"He would give us numbers to call in protest. His attitude was sour."

"The decrease in faculty has increased
the workload for the remaining profes-
sors. Because the senior-level courses are
concentrated, and each professor has a
specialty area, any further faculty cuts
would hurt, Davis said.

He added that this year's offerings are
fairly normal, but next year no freshman
classes will be offered.

"The concern is the "head people" are
not making it any easier. "It almost seems like they are trying to kick us out," he
said.

Davis said the administration is not
helping accommoding the ET faculty in personal terms.

"They have not been harassed," he
said. "They had to sign a contract agree-
ment with the advising center."

"If I fail one class, then I am out," he
said.

"I am sure it is not the same," he
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