Baker won't rule out more department cuts

By Amy Hooper

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, $2.8 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 38 to 39 percent, according to Baker.

The budget situation was not the only topic Baker discussed See BAKER, page 7

Home ec not finished yet

By Anita Kreile

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

But home economics 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 and become better than ever.

Department Head Barbara Weber said, "From the time the announcement was made (in spring), to the end of summer, we lost a phenomenally small number of students."

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"I felt terrible. I felt shot down," said ET: Still on the way out

By Brad Hamilton

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 cut across 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," one ET student said.

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... Like being slapped in the face

By Brad Hamilton

In the face of his major's elimination, engineering technology senior John Luna has sculpted the incident into a positive situation.

"I think I have grown from this," said Luna, 23. "It has made me realize that this kind of situation can happen to anyone at any time."

Luna said the turn of events last spring has brought his department closer together. As president of Cal Poly's chapter of the American Society for Engineering Technology, Luna said he has noticed more camaraderie among ET majors since the announcement of the department's elimination.

Luna himself is now taking the loss in stride. He likened Cal Poly's elimination of ET to sounders of entire units of corporations in times of See LUNA, page 6

One year later

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**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 federal agents and at least two people inside the compound were killed.

The Houston Chronicle, quoting unidentified sources, reported that children released from the compound said at least seven people inside were killed in the firefight. The newspaper, in its afternoon editions, also said agents believed they had killed as many as 15 people.

A state source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press he 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 there are 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

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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 in 1994 as the athletic referendum planned.

"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."

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 1995.

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.

"I know the referendum was controversial and close, and it was not an easy thing for the university to deal with," McCutcheon said. "But you should also realize it was vision-ary and historic in what it can mean to the university."

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

He used the Nike Cal Poly Invitational — set to be held March 16 — as an example of how publicity can help every Cal Poly student. The track and field meet will feature Olympic athletes. Division I schools and will be broadcast nationally on SportsChannel to a possible 40 million viewers.

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

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"There may be people in Indiana that have vaguely heard of Cal Poly, but don't know where it is," McCutcheon said. "It creates an awareness of the university."

If the person conducting the interview is more aware of Cal Poly it is certainly going to be to your benefit." McCutcheon said an assistant athletic director for development travels extensively to pursue outside money sources to insure not just survival but success.

"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

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Professors' efforts bring books to African students

By Laura Bloner
Staff Writer

Five Cal Poly professors and lecturers have devoted their time and efforts to help collect textbooks and academic journals to send to needy African universities.

"Africans do not have adequate libraries and the students do not have enough money to buy books," said Randell Cruikshanks, a political science professor helping to organize the book drive.

Professors in Africa are often forced to teach using only blackboards and photocopied handouts, if they are lucky, Cruikshanks said. "Africans are trying so hard to get into the 20th century, before everyone else moves onto the 21st."

John Oriji, a history lecturer from Nigeria, said the price of books in Africa has increased as much as 3,000 percent over the last four years.

Oriji began the drive in 1988 and has a personal interest in the cause. He was a professor at the University of Nigeria and has many friends there.

According to Oriji, over 800 books have already been donated; most have come from professors, but others have come from student clubs and the library.

Isaak Kukuma, a political science lecturer at Cal Poly, is also from Nigeria. "I am glad to be a part of this," he said. "It is a good thing because universities back home in Africa are starving for books."

"We are getting a very generous response from our colleges," he said. "We are very happy... It's really touched me." Isse Elmimian, an English lecturer and another native Nigerian, said the book crisis in Africa has had a devastating effect on the quality of education students receive.

Elmimian said he feels strongly about the book drive and does what he can to help. "I feel happy (and) proud to be a part of this. It affects my people," he said.

Sam Agbo, an electrical engineering associate professor, said he knows firsthand what African colleges are like; he once attended the University of Nigeria. "The book situation was better than it is now," he said.

Agbo, who also is involved in the book drive, said the book situation has worsened because of recent economic downturns in many African countries. He said there is great competition among universities for what books are available.

Cruikshanks said the African educational system is substantially inferior, but that he hopes the book drive and future efforts will help. "My colleagues and I hope that our book drive is a start of what could become bigger," he said.

Despite the generous response, Agbo said a serious problem remains. "We cannot send all of our books without money for shipping and handling," he said.

So far, the book drive has collected $720, which will enable the professors to send some of the books, but not all of them.

"I feel very optimistic," Cruikshanks said. "The success of the drive has reinforced my hopes that the Cal Poly community cares very much about the world and they are prepared to help those who are in need."

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Counting down to break

I CAN'T BELIEVE I CAN'T GO OUT TONIGHT!

Mom and Dad don't treat me like an adult, but I AM AN ADULT!

By Steve Woodard

Not to fear, I have taken it upon myself to inform you of the inevitable clash between new adult freedom and old style guidance so as to prepare you for battle. Likewise, I shall relish time-kept secrets for your cause. Get out your pens and pads, young Mustangers, because here are the Top 10 Steps to get your parents to extend your curfew:

1. Upon arriving home, mention that the dog is done this term. If you didn't so hot, don't stress it. They won't be able to check, and by the time grades come out, you will be safely back in SLO.

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 money and time, but you will get the support of at least one parent.

3. Establish early on how united you are, this last quarter and that you will be joining your friends for some crazy party, done this term. This paradox may confuse your folks just long enough for you to escape out the door and into the night.

4. If Step 8 backfires (it usually does), be prepared with a backup plan. Explain to your parents that it is documented in research journals that people are most responsible and alert between the hours of 2 and 4 a.m.

5. Have some cool-sounding title ready if they call your bluff and ask what journal it is that says this (Try and incorporate the word "medieval" into the title as often as possible).

6. Warning! Parents can be just as cunning as you. Avoid all

Cornerstone All new students who are successfully (more or less) making it through their second quarter here at Poly.

Congratulations to all new students who are successfully (more or less) making it through their second quarter here at Poly. As much as you would like to crack open the champagne bottles, please refrain until I inform you of the bad news.

The truth is, this Spring Break (which seems as though it will never come) is the hardest thing you've faced since that 8 a.m. class last quarter. And you know who you are.

For those of you who are going home this spring break, don't do what you're doing. Change how you feel about your curfew. With that in mind, there are a few of you out there (holy moly!) your parents have changed!

Now calm down. I'm not talking about the "Invasion of the Body Snatchers." What I'm referring to is the fact that you are no longer a child (although you may still act like one). For this reason, you see your parents in a new light. Likewise, with heavy apprehension and a lot of professional counseling, they will see you differently too.

Realizing that many of you have already witnessed this metamorphosis, I'd be bet that you've also had your first and last trip to the polls and put money down that it was over your parent's shoulder. With that in mind, you may be wondering what is in my point.

My point is this: I'm sure there are a few of you out there who have written that disagreement off as some form of fluke confrontation that will never happen again. Sorry to burst your bubble, but that is (and was not) the case.

Understanding that the majority of you will spend time at home this break (whether by choice or not), I should be informed that you will experience rules that will be mind-blowing in regards to the newfound freedom you have experienced over the past six or seven months. What do you mean, I have to refrain from?? I can hear your collective sighs now.

Counting down to break, By Steve Woodard

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 sonker" Larry Val- lelia willingly hands over his life savings.

If someone asks Mr. Vellilia, 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 finish of National Engineer's Week (NEW) at Cal Poly. Support from industry — 16 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. Upsilon Pi Epsilon hosted the Engineering BBQ; the calculator tosses, the prize being an AT&T phone, had many engineering students toasting their old calculators. The Career Symposium brought hope to many engineering students looking for a job.

While Mustang Daily was having problems with the pepdall bandit taking all their newspapers on Friday, the engineering clubs on campus were working with Mustang Daily at the Mall (EDAM) on Saturday. Engineering Day at the Mall was extremely successful; thousands of children, parents and students came out to Central Coast Plaza Mall to find that engineering can be fun!

Seems to me that the Mustang Daily reports what they see in outside newspapers and doesn't report any events of National Engineer's Week magnitude. Sports is entitled to an entire page in the Daily. Fine, but what about other events occurring on campus? Mustang Daily reports student activities for all.

Many engineering students worked hard to make National Engineer's Week 1993 the biggest, most successful Engineer's Week ever, while at the same time making a tremendous contribution to our local community. Hats off to the students in the Engineering Department.

Tori Sowell
Chair, National Engineer's Week
Aeronautical Engineering

'Iraggate' remembered

In response to the recent bombing of Iraq by Mr. Bush, we started 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 its page on this, and KSBY covered us on its nightly news.

However, to our surprise, it appears that Mr. Hartlaub and Mustang Daily chose not to mention it. Instead we found a half-page ROTC ad. When on campus, two photographers took our pictures; we assumed they were Mustang Daily photograph-

ers — who knows?

Mustang Daily's response resembles how the mainstream media treated the Donahue interview as if they were either silenced or not invited to be heard. Ph.D. Donahue, as one of my heroes, was outraged. Within hours of the bombing, he said on his show, "Is it un- patriotic to raise the issue of Iraggate? Does it bother this audience... that your government enhanced (Studdid's) power in the '80s, and financed (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?"

Our purpose in holding the rally was to remind people that when you drop bombs in Iraq, it is not Saddam who feels it; instead, students, teachers, waiters, and common people are killed, maimed and their lives ruined. As Donahue said, "What about the children?..." What about the old women at their apple and vegetable carts who are crying out on the daily commerce of the city?"

What about you sitting or standing their reading this paper? Think about it. Killing is not always good.
ET

From page 1
decision, and (we let them know they)
better give us a fair shake. 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 we were, tacking things on to
our tuition (sports referendum) and we
did not know what was lying on the
horizon."

ET junior Andrew Blech, who trans­
ferred to Cal Poly last year, said he was
also surprised.
"Engineering is such a big part of this
university (that) I couldn't believe ET
was cut," he said. "That was the biggest
shock. I feel dismembered from the cam¬
pus."

ET Department Head Kim Davis said
all tenured faculty dedicated their
lives to making the program the best it
could be.
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**LUNA**

From page 1 economic droves. 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 unchallengable 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.

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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 lumps for a while." McCutcheon said he hopes 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 Quarello agreed sports are a good avenue to bring exposure to Cal Poly. "People like to go to big games where athletics are a strong base to a good school," he said.

McCutcheon said Cal Poly could accommodate their needs with a more flexible academic calendar and increases in available finances.

"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."
ET

From page 5 being violated so badly,” he said. “I feel our program has been violated by administra- tion not looking at the review process in detail.

“I am sure it is not the same,” he added. “But (at least King) is getting a second chance.”

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 Disci-pline Committee with Davis, said the administration still has made no attempt to explain why ET was cut.

Since the decision, ET has stopped ad- mitting students, trimmed its faculty down to nine tenured faculty and reduced office department hours.

Paul Rainey, the interim associate dean of the College of Engineering, said 140 ET students remain on campus. He said there were 440 students four years ago when he was department head of ET. ET student Bloch said, “I feel a little lonelier as the quarters go by because less and less of us remain on campus. Our concentration, and each professor has a the best school — and now what was I going to do? I was informed I would have to do something else. I went back to the registrar’s office and they said I was never going to get another degree, so I signed up for another one.

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