Student fee hikes end: stalled budget passed after 17-hour session

By Randy Holsted
Summar Staff Writer

Cal Poly students will be spared a fee increase for the 1995-96 school year with the $58.9 billion budget passed early Wednesday morning by the state Assembly.

The budget process, which was stalled for a month as Gov. Pete Wilson and legislators wrangled over spending, came to an end with a 56-19 vote after a 17-hour session that began 10 a.m. Tuesday.

A key point in the debate was the Democrat proposal for an education spending increase of $1.1 billion, and a student fee freeze for higher education, according to a press release from Minority Leader Willie Brown.

At the primary school level, per-pupil funding from all sources will rise from $4,300 to $4,450. At the college and university level, fees will remain at $3,799 at UC, and $3,584 at the CSU level.

The fee hike freeze should mean more money in students' pockets.

However, with increases halted, it is expected to result in a $32 million deficit for the CSU system, according to Rick Ramirez, director of budget, planning, and administration.

Still, the bill which Wilson signed into law Tuesday night was a welcome relief after more than two months of wrangling.

He said the money would have to be made up in spending cuts. 'It's an end to the fiscal year which was a nightmare,' Wilson said.

Assembly ends feud; Gov. to sign budget with no tax increase

By Janice Kerr
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The California Assembly early Wed­nesday broke the month-long deadlock and approved a $58.9 billion budget with increased school money, welfare cuts and a new tax for college fees.

Gov. Pete Wilson, attacking Assembly Democrats for refusing to pass companion bills, sought to cut prenatal care for il­legal immigrants and help coun­ties, said he would sign the budget Thursday.

"This is a very good budget in many respects," the Republican

Mountain lions spotted in Poly Canyon, Cal Poly

By Randy Holsted
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A recent rash of mountain lion sightings around Cal Poly has in­creased public awareness and heightened the anxiety of people who may cope in contact with them.

A total of five possible moun­tain lion sightings have been reported since Friday night, said Ray Berrett, university police in­vestigator.

The latest incident occurred Tuesday evening when a person reported seeing a mountain lion cub near the trestle at Stenner Creek Road.

Berrett said although a search was conducted, no hard evidence of cougars could be found.

By Jsw iifsr Ksrr

A new creature will roam the stadium next year where only Mustangs have tread before, and this time it's of the two-legged variety.

The Central Coast Roadrun­ners of San Luis Obispo, the newest member of the United States Interregional Soccer League (USISL), will bring "Si­ble League" action to Cal Poly in April, 1996.

The team will play in the Western Conference of the amateur Premier Division against teams from San Francisc­o, Colorado Springs, Tucson, Seattle, Phoenix, Shasta and Los Angeles.

According to a league press release, USISL Commissioner Francisco Marcos believes the team will be a success on the Central Coast.

"San Luis Obispo is a prototypical community where USISL teams thrive," he said. "The area has a strong youth soc­cer population, which is a perfect match for the grass roots soccer family approach that this league is based on."

Larry Smyth, team president and general manager, formed the team for just those reasons.

"I decided there was a gap in the soccer world," he said. "This seemed like a logical way to go."

Smyth elaborated. "There was a need to be filled in the com­munity and (this) gives us a hometown team."

Invitational tryouts for the Roadrunners will be held in the fall with a coach expected to be named at the end of summer.

Until the team's amateur status requires it to carry three players under the age of 19 years old and that Cal Poly players will be eligible to compete.

He added that tick­ets will cost $6 for adults and $2 for students; adults may bring up to five youth­fuls under 14 for $1 each.

"We're trying to make it affordable," he said. "It's a lot cheaper than a movie."

The Roadrunners speed into Mustang Stadium next year for 10 home games beginning in April as well as 10 road games throughout the west.
BEIJING (AP) — U.S.-Chinese relations, soured by clashes over human rights and Taiwan, suffered another blow Wednesday when China ordered the expulsion of two U.S. Air Force officers who it said were caught spying on military sites.

China took the unusual step of announcing the expulsions after holding the men for five days — an even more extraordinary act for holders of diplomatic passports, who are immune from prosecution and usually would only be ordered to leave the country.

There was no criticism of China from the Clinton administration, and White House press secretary Mike McCurry said he didn't know of any reason there would be repercussions.

Chinese authorities said Wednesday they had 24 diplomats expelled, including two U.S. Air Force officers who it said were caught spying on military sites.

China's foreign ministry said Wednesday the two officers were "under extraordinary act for holders of diplomatic passports," but didn't know they had been caught spying on military sites.

In Washington, sources with close links to intelligence agencies said the two were caught spying on a military facility across from Taiwan which China had used as a headquarters for recent military exercises.

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Poly fixes hazardous tiles to avoid potential lawsuits

By Steve Gustavson
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To avoid possible lawsuits, construction workers are replacing "dangerous" tiles around the outside of the Administration Building. According to Administration and Finance Vice President Frank Lebens, Cal Poly is trying to avoid liability complaints from people who slip on wet tiles or trip on tiles that stick out in the heavily traveled area.

"We observed people tripping (on the tiles)," he said, "and it's just a matter of time before somebody sues us." Lebens explained that the cost of the construction is $66,000 which will come from a special repair fund administered by the CSU system. The tiles will be replaced with concrete slabs that have a coarser, less slippery surface said Architectural Coordinator Peter Phillips.

He commented that though many tiles will be replaced, not all will be improved upon.

"We wish we could replace them all but there isn't enough money in the budget so we're replacing just the dangerous ones," he said.

Phillips said the project, which also includes repairs on a stairway on the outside of the building, should be completed in two to three weeks.

Summer Staff Writer

The Staff Council meets as a communication channel to focus student issues and to obtain student and staff services.

According to Bowker, the staff council wants to be involved with the Cal Poly Plan — Cal Poly’s plan for the future, and how the students and staff will be affected by increasing enrollment. The Faculty plan has specific curriculum, and rely on the staff to make the curriculum work.

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Bowker said, "The staff makes sure students have what they need, especially supplies."

To address issues and concerns about the Cal Poly Plan, and to obtain student and staff input, the Staff Council Steering Committee was formed.

The Staff Council Steering Committee consists of five specialty subcommittees that discuss the impact of increased enrollment on academic programs, co-curriculum, enrollment, institutional services and student services.

"We would like to get students on the Staff Council Steering Committee," Bowker said. "So we can work in the students' best interest."

Steering Committee chair, A.J. Schuermann concurred, "Once the staff council has determined how these areas are impacted, we can then work on contributing to the campus-wide goal of improving quality, reducing cost and increasing student satisfaction."

The Staff Council meets as a body once a month. The open morning meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in U.U. 220.

Staff council focuses on student issues

ACLU demands UC release affirmative action papers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union on Wednesday demanded release of all documents related to the dismantling of affirmative action programs at the University of California.

Demand letters were sent to Gov. Pete Wilson and each member of the UC Board of Regents for all documents that led to the July 20 decision to end race-based admission and hiring practices at the nine UC campuses.

"The people of California have the absolute right to know how this decision was made," said Ramona Ripston, executive director of the ACLU of Southern California.

Wilson press secretary Paul Rosenbaum said the civil rights group would seek a court order to get the documents. ACLU demands aren't met. The requests sought all documents, including telephone logs and electronic mail.

"Our Public Records Act request, by opening up the process, seeks to determine just how much political favors and political ambition drove this action, coming as it did in the midst of a flagging presidential campaign," Rosenbaum said.

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Surpassing the stereotype of a man's sport

By Heather McLaughlin

I've got a bone to pick with you guys out there who seem so shocked when a girl can spike a ball or discuss the latest baseball trades. It amazes most guys when I spout out facts or opinions about professional sports. I say, "Watch, that's pretty impressive for a girl," some guys have said. I've always been the one to fire a ball. "Wow, is that a girl playing at third?" they say. Why, it's fascinating to the male species that a female appreciates, watches, plays and discusses sports! One of my favorite sexist phrases is — "You throw like a girl." Guys, guys, guys — will you learn? Some of us girls are athletic, competitive, and good!

When playing sports with "the boys," I hear the phrase: "You got out by a girl!" followed by lots of laughter. For example, my favorite sport is softball and although I might not have the physical strength to hit it out of the ballpark, I can hit the ball well. Last month I was playing ball with some friends and got ticked off by the number of times guys put down girls. The most humiliating phrase to taunt a guy is "You gave it away by a girl." I heard this after "macho man" was up to bat and hit the ball deep to center where I was playing. Simply caught the ball in my glove — no big deal. "Ooh, and "sabia" came from the boys. I figure that women in the workforce has more than doubled. Today, nearly 60 percent of all women work outside the home. Since Griswold, our nation's infant mortality rate has plummeted. In 1965, 24.7 infants per 1,000 live births died under one year of age. Today, that figure has declined to 8.5 infants per 1,000 live births. Griswold opened the door to the development of new and more effective contraceptive methods. Today nearly 35 million women in the U.S. use some form of contraceptive. While contraceptives were available in 1965, it wasn't until 1970 when President Nixon signed into Title X, a federal program designed to ensure universal access to family planning services, that contraceptives became readily available. While Title X does not fund abortion services it does provide access to a full range of contraceptive services that prevent nearly three million unintended pregnancies and 1.4 million abortions each year. It has helped low-income women prevent or delay childbearing so they can gain education and job skills they need to take control of their lives and raise their families. However, 20 short years after the Griswold decision, leaders on Capital Hill, in conjunction with the newly emerging Christian Coalition and other radical right special interest groups are trying to erode public family planning programs for the women who need them most — the poor, the undereducated, and the uninsured. The debate is still raging in Congress whether to eliminate or severely cut Title X funding. In fact, anti-choice legislators are trying to eliminate Title X funding by falsely claiming that Title X includes funding for abortions. Ironically, those who oppose abortion also oppose Title X, the services that prevent the need for abortion.

The Radical Right's agenda to return to a time when contraceptives were not readily available and abortion was illegal is shortsighted. In strictly economic terms, the savings are remarkable. Last year, every public dollar spent on family planning, taxpayers saved $4.40 in social welfare costs — a total savings of $1.8 billion. In reflecting on the 30th anniversary of the landmark Griswold decision, it is important to acknowledge what access to contraceptives has accomplished. Children are healthier, women have made great strides toward sexual empowerment and an equal footing in society, and our nation reaps the benefits of both. But we must not wipe these gains away to accommodate the agenda of the far right.

For the sake of our families, and the future of the American Family, we must not go back.
Artists Robert Partin and Kyoko Asano display Asano’s painting "Ancient Song". Photo by Joseph P. Johnston

"The Brew Factory" is coming to SLO. The do-it-yourself brewery will open in late August and will enable customers to make their own personalized beer. The factory team, which includes Robert Partin and his wife Kyoko Asano, are married, and the artists borrowed each other's styles in order to create personalized beer. The $100 per batch includes a 22oz. bottle, storage facilities, label designs to choose from, and that's what makes it so special. Mixing his colors and creating abstract works is easy for Partin, but it isn't easy either. Mixing his colors and creating abstract works is easy for Partin, but it isn't easy either. Partin, who is also a sense of mystery, but it isn't easy either. Mixing his colors and creating abstract works is easy for Partin, but it isn't easy either. Mixing his colors and creating abstract works is easy for Partin, but it isn't easy either. Mixing his colors and creating abstract works is easy for Partin, but it isn't easy either. Mixing his colors and creating abstract works is easy for Partin, but it isn't easy either. Mixing his colors and creating abstract works is easy for Partin, but it isn't easy either. Mixing his colors and creating abstract works is easy for Partin, but it isn't easy either. Mixing his colors and creating abstract works is easy for Partin, but it isn't easy either. Mixing his colors and creating abstract works is easy for Partin, but it isn't easy either. Mixing his colors and creating abstract works is easy for Partin, but it isn't easy either. Mixing his colors and creating abstract works is easy for Partin, but it isn't easy either. Mixing his colors and creating abstract works is easy for Partin, but it isn't easy either. Mixing his colors and creating abstract works is easy for Partin, but it isn't easy either. Mixing his colors and creating abstract works is easy for Partin, but it isn't easy either. Mixing his colors and creating abstract works is easy for Partin, but it isn't easy either.
Mexicans could get dual citizenship

By Anita Snow

There is a plan in Mexico to consider legislation that would allow its people living abroad to pursue U.S. citizenship while still retaining Mexican citizenship and property rights back home.

The move to lift barriers that keep millions of Mexican U.S. residents from seeking American citizenship and becoming a powerful voting bloc in border state political affairs is gaining ground.

"We must seek a way to defend the rights of our citizens in the United States," said immigration expert Jorge Bustamante, director of the Tijuana research institute Colegio de la Frontera Norte. "This is one way to do that."

The primary factor discouraging Mexicans from becoming U.S. citizens has been the loss of inheritance and property rights in Mexico.

Mexicans living north of the border also fear losing their cultural ties — their "Mexicanidad" — if they become U.S. citizens. The citizenship oath requires one renounce allegiance to all other countries.

Under the proposal, Mexican-born people would remain "Mexicans in the eyes of the Mexican government even if they become citizens of the United States or another nation. No longer would they have to relinquish the family ranch or be prevented from inheriting property from a Mexican relative."

As many as 5 million Mexican citizens living in the United States would be affected, said Jeanette Brouse, spokeswoman for the Mexican Foreign Ministry.

"The way it stands now, "they not citizens of either country," said Luis Felipe Mena Salas, a federal deputy.

President Ernesto Zedillo has vowed to defend Mexicans living abroad. Mexico's political parties have joined to write the legislation and a first draft could go to Mexico's Congress in September.

Dan Kane, a spokesman for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, said he was unaware of any talks between Mexico and the United States on the issue. Nor has there been immediate response from states with large Hispanic communities, where illegal migration has become politically touchy. "The law would have to deal with taxes, extraditions, diplomatic immunity, military service requirements. Even Mexico — and dual nationality for minors.

Proposals now under discussion would dictate that people born in Mexico, whose parents abroad would always retain residence as Mexican nationals.

The possibility of millions of new Hispanic voters could only benefit Lydia Camarillo, executive director of the National Farm Workers Registration Project. The San Antonio, Texas, organization is the largest in the country dedicated to getting Hispanics to vote.

Many Mexicans were alarmed by the passage last November of California's Proposition 187, viewed as anti-Mexican. The measure, now snarled in legal challenges, would deny all state benefits except emergency services to anyone not legal aliens to authorities.

"We are really happy that Mexico is stepping up, doing something we think it should have done a long time ago," Camarillo said.

UFW triumphant in labor dispute

The Agricultural Labor Relations Board voted Wednesday not to adopt regulations related to union certification in a package of reforms of the 1975 Agricultural Labor Relations Act.

The vote to abandon the proposed regulations marked a step forward for many who had made it easier for growers to oust inactive unions.

"We've really relieved," said United Farm Workers spokesman Jim Grossman. "Not that it would have done it."

By Sandy Ann Harris

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San Francisco leads nation in pedestrian traffic deaths

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In the last three years, San Francisco has passed Los Angeles in traffic deaths in the city, according to a new report.

The San Francisco Traffic Safety Administration figures show that in the last three years, the city has seen a sharp increase in pedestrian deaths, with 62 people killed in traffic accidents in 1995 alone.

The report also highlights the need for improved pedestrian safety measures, especially in areas with heavy pedestrian traffic.

Pedestrians are encouraged to use crosswalks and to be aware of their surroundings when crossing streets.

The city is taking steps to improve pedestrian safety, including the installation of new crosswalks and the creation of pedestrian safety zones.

San Francisco continues to work towards improving pedestrian safety and reducing traffic deaths.
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cashiers will not be able to reim¬
burse faculty and staff for per¬
sonal money spent. They will in¬
stead have to hand out vouchers
to be redeemed later, Whitmer
said. The budget now goes to Cov.

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governors and legislators Wednesday,
"Assembly Democrat, ran¬
didly, behaved with rare ir¬
responsibility," he said.

Wilson and the top legislative
leaders, after weeks of sporadic
negotiations, reached an agree¬
ment last Thursday. The Senate
approved the budget and 19 re¬
lated bills on Saturday and
recessed until Aug. 21.

The 1995-96 budget
proper state government to
spend money for the fiscal year
that began July 1. The absence of
spending authority has not hurt
most programs dependent on the
state, because court orders
during past budget delays have
restrained most people to be paid.

Those not getting state checks
for the last month have included
vendors who sell produce and
services to the state, doctors,
running homes and other Medi¬
cal providers; and 2,500 legisla¬
tive and high-level state employ¬
ees, including the gover¬
nor and lawmakers themselves.

COUGARS: 'Stand up, make eye contact, noise'

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Police have posted signs at the entrances to Poly
Cougars and gave advice for
described the characteristics of
to fight back; cougars
would train for two parts of the
16th annual San Luis Obispo Triathlon Sunday.
Bryant and Wheat agreed that
setting a goal and reaching it
was their main reason for
entering the triathlon.

"You tell everyone you're go¬ing to do a triathlon," Wheat said.
"It doesn't matter who is the front crawl. Near¬
ly 100 laps of the swim, the swim
bikes, another day they would
swim and run. A week after the
event they were able to finish the
entire course in a day.

On the night before the race the two students had mixed feel¬
ings about what lay ahead for them.

"We're a little nervous about the race," Wheat said.
"But you've been telling them."