Fees won’t cover shortfall

By Micah Paulson
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With a stagnant job market and possible delays for financial aid, many students are nervous about the 2003-04 school year with drastic fee hikes and possibly less faculty and staff.

The California State University Board of Trustees approved a $157.33 per quarter fee hike, which will bring the annual state university fee up to $2,046, said Larry Kelley, Cal Poly’s vice president of administration and finance.

In addition to the CSU fees each Cal Poly college has campus-based fees. Added to the CSU fees most students at Cal Poly will have to pay $5,513 for the fall semester. University Center for Teacher Education students will pay $2,900.50 and liberal arts students will pay $3,282.50.

Despite the increased fees, Cal Poly still has a $14.4 million shortfall. The shortfall could mean reductions in faculty and staff, though Cal Poly has not announced the termination of any employees.

"Budges are administered at the division level, but the current projects are for no layoffs for full-time continuing staff or faculty," Kelley said. "Rather, hiring will be frozen, service levels and operating budgets will be reduced, and student enrollment will be minimally affected."

For cash-strapped Cal Poly students a raise in fees could mean more loans, or longer hours spent working rather than studying.

"This is insane. I can’t believe they are asking for that much more money," said agribusiness senior Sarah Lee. "You would think the government could find a better way to deal with this money shortage, rather than put an extra burden on students."

There is a possibility the legislature may make further reductions to the CSU budget. If the additional cuts proved to be substantial, more fee increases, and reduced faculty and staff will be harder to avoid, Kelley said.

The budget reductions are based on Gov. Gray Davis’ January 2003 budget, which directed substantial budget reductions to the CSU as a whole. The 30 percent fee increase at Cal Poly is not unusual, or particularly new, said Kelley.

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Pregnancy is a challenge most Cal Poly women would probably prefer to delay until after their university years. When the female contraceptive pill was introduced more than 40 years ago, it sparked a sexual revolution and made that goal easier to achieve. About 88 percent of collegi­ate American women who use birth control now choose the pill, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

But soon, “Don’t worry honey, I take the pill” may not just be a phrase for females. A new contraceptive pill for men may be on the horizon, shifting some of the responsibility women have traditionally shouldered to their male lovers and relieving them of negative side effects associated with female oral contraceptives like bleeding, headaches and balance problems.

“I’m sure some women who have had the brunt of this for so long would want their partners to have a part in pregnancy protection,” said Cynthia Scott, a women’s health reporter at the Equal Opportunities Commission of San Luis Obispo. “Many women complain of dissatisfaction with (the female pill’s) side effects.”

Looks like hope is on the way. In Italy, men in a clinical study are using a contraceptive pill containing synthetic hormones to lower their sperm counts to levels that are unlikely to cause pregnancy. And, last year at the University of Washington, researchers recruited about 50 men to test a pill that could block millions of sperm produced by a man each day. Participants also received weekly testosterone injections to boost the pill’s effectiveness.

If the studies are successful and the pill is proven safe, it could be the newest commercial contraceptive method designed for men since the condom was invented centuries ago. Dr. William Premter, director of UW’s Male Contraception Research Center, said research in the field has been slow because American society and the American pharmaceutical industry consider pregnancy prevention mostly a female issue. Plus, researchers have always been worried about long-term potential side effects of the male pill: toxicity, impotence or long-term infertility. So far, however, scientists have discovered few negative side effects, according to a CNN article.

The male pill is comprised of two hormones: testosterone and progesterone. “The testosterone makes two things — testosterone and sperm,” Dr. John Arron, an investigator at UW, said in a Seattle Post Intelligencer article. “The pill uses external testosterone to shut down the brain’s signals to the testes, which stops making sperm and internal testosterone. It leaves the guys with a healthy amount of testosterone so they feel fine.”

Researchers are also experimenting with testosterone shots, sub dermal implants and even battery-powered capsules in an attempt to develop acceptable options to those available to women.

“The pills alone are 95 percent effective, and, when used in combina­tion with the testosterone injections, could be up to 99 percent ef­ficient, just like the female pill.”

If even the pills work and is safe, males must be willing to use it to ensure marketplace success. Men who have undergone initial research with the drug say it’s a wonderful alternative to condoms. Some Cal Poly males said they think it’s a reasonable idea.

“Hey, I’d be up for anything that helps reduce the risk of pregnancy,” manufacturing engineering senior Servando Diaz said. “I don’t think I’d use it.”

Other Cal Poly male students were more wary of the drug’s method of protection.

“It kills the sperm?” electrical engineering senior Gustav Vasquez said. “I don’t think I’d use it.”

If the male pill was the only method of contraception a couple used, women would also have to treat their male partners for their own pregnancy prevention, another potential roadblock researchers foresee.

In a recent Health Magazine readers’ poll, almost one-third sur­veyed said they wouldn’t trust their men to have complete birth control responsibility and about half said they would trust their men, but only if the women picked up the pill pres­cription, reminded their men to take it, or used a backup contracep­tive.

“If they’re in a meeting relationship, girls will be able to trust their men,” nutrition junior Rehani Basu said. “But a guy would trust a girl more to take the pill because she’s the one who could get pregnant.”

A contraceptive pill for men could lower pregnancy rates and give men more responsibility over their female partner’s body. The question is: will men be willing to take it and will women be able to fully trust their partners? Whitney Kellogg is a journalism senior and a Summer Mustang staff writer.
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**Opinion**

Fee increases teach students to look outside the bubble

When I entered Cal Poly in the fall of 1999, I paid $545 per quarter as a full-time student. A month in, I took into consideration room and board, tuition and personal expenses. So I did the math... $10,200 multiplied by four (OK, five just to be safe) plus a few thousand to allow for inflation, and I came to the conclusion the cost of my college education would fall somewhere between $55,000 and $59,000. However, this quickly changed.

A few months after moving off campus my sophomore year, I realized that $250 per month would not be enough to cover a room in an apartment, thanks to the sky-rocketing rent in San Luis Obispo. I was now paying much more than twice that amount. Then, thanks to the energy crisis that approached that year, PG&E somehow ended up with all of my spare change. By spring quarter of 2003, I was paying $919.50 per quarter. Now, thanks to the most recent decision by the California State University Board of Trustees, it looks like I will be paying someplace around $1,400 in the fall. With the state economy how it is, along with many other under-grads considering attending graduate school, or at least applying as a back up plan if we couldn't find work after graduation. Thanks to the $522 increase in graduate fees, this may no longer be an option. From what I am hearing, it seems that we are expecting me to now begin a long speech about the hypocrisy this town and university has with its students, but I won't. I don't know. I guess the cost of attendance here is much lower than at other schools. I know that the budget crisis is something that affects more than just Cal Poly, and more than just the CSU system. I realize that the students actually voted for this increase just months before the state budget crisis and I am aware that there is such a thing as student debt for needy students who cannot afford the fee increase. So, rather than waste time, I am just going to do what I have been doing, which is saving some of my money in the bank. I believe that I will have $6,000 in my savings account before the fall quarter begins.

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**Letter to the editor**

**Giving partner AIDS is not an accident — it's murder**

**Dear Editor,**

By some obvious accident, the worst editor I've read in my life not only got published in the original paper (“159 Voting Laws Suffer from Inadequate Scrutiny!” July 10), but was recently reprinted on a Web site, www.collegeclub.com, for national periodical. How collegial saw fit to reprint this, I have no idea! I digress — that's a letter to a different editor.

I am completely baffled as to how such a terrible piece of trash is produced. Saying it's ridiculous that a person who knowingly infects someone else with a deadly virus should be punished! “AIDS law is the least of its faults.” Being digested is vastly different from having a contagious terminal illness.

The only reasonable point Nadea makes is that people should be using condoms in the first place. However, she states that AIDS victims are singled out when an infected person is sex with a non-infected person.

Does she not realize that regardless of the new AIDS recipient's poor decision making, the AIDS infected has essentially committed murder? Sex is, after all, pre-mediated choice, especially if Nadea has any grounds to argue that people should be thinking about using a condom.

Shouldn't an AIDS patient also be thinking about killing someone? People make bad decisions on a daily basis, it is well known... and yet they aren't. Perhaps a driver decides to speed through an intersection in an accident, or a pedestrian elects to cross the street too soon and cause one. Even in an accident, the personal win at fault is usually fined or punished, and we generally feel it is justified. Knowing someone has AIDS, or the least, knowing about an extremely high risk of sorts, is no accident, and should not be treated as such. While I am not arguing for making a public record of AIDS patients, the implication is that it's wrong to punish someone for what amounts to murder is abhorrent and offensive.

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**Charm of a prince, budget of a pauper**

By Whitney Kellogg

*SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER*

She sits in front of you in English class. Stylish, sexy, smart — the class discussion on Shakespeare fades as you watch her twist her hair around her finger and slide her sandal on and off. You want to ask her out, but you know the same old dinner and a movie trick won't work with this girl. You need a date that will sweep her off her feet but won't clean your bank account.

Creativity is key. Most girls I know would rather do something planned and thoughtful than expensive and trite. And, good news, "of course you can see me again" night is possible for less than $30. A guy

A guy who wanted to impress me would only need a romantic heart and a resourceful mind to create the ultimate first date.

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**Mixed drinks: An intoxicating art form**

By Stephanie Ikal

*SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER*

A tall blonde wearing an outfit that leaves nothing to the imagination approaches a five-foot-tall man with a receding hairline and almost 15 ear-piercings.

"I like ordering drinks just so I can say 'screaming orgasm' and 'blowjob shot' to the bartender," mixed drink lover Jamie Jarrett said.

"Whomever made up the name to some of these drinks is quite a person," said McLaughlin.

Mixed drinks are more than fun names. They are creative in taste as well as appearance.

"People are really interested because of the way that the flavors pair up to create something that we know and is familiar to us," Mother's bartender John Bumgarner said. "Then, the customer wants to see what we can do using his memory and skill.

"Making the drinks is like creating a piece of art — the Mona Lisa," he said. "It is for people that have been bartending all their lives and don't want to do it anymore but still want to make money."

He said it can be helpful for learning what ingredients go into different drinks. Yet, bartending school can only help to a certain extent since many bars have their own way of doing things.

"Every bar has its own way to set up the bartender. Bar it like when you are trained by them for their particular bar since there is no standard way to set a bar," Bumgarner said.

At Mother's Tavern, there are about 110 different types of alcohol. That means each has a different price and can be used to make numerous types of drinks. A cocktail popular in both Mother's Tavern and Mission Grill is a "Washington Apple." It has Crown Royal, Apple Pucker and cranberry juice. It is good," bartender at Mission Grill Josh Christensen said.

The real mystery behind mixed drinks is: How much alcohol is used to make a drink? Bumgarner said drinks like rum and Coke and tonics have about one shot of alcohol. For those looking for a really memorable night, order a "Long Island iced tea." This is definitely not your grandmother's iced tea, seeing as it contains four different types of alcohol with about a shot of each. A grand total of four shots in one drink.

To keep up with the demand, knowledge is key. Bartenders have to become really familiar with all types of alcohol and the taste of different drinks, Bumgarner said.

"Being a bartender without drinking is like being a mechanic without a car," he said.

Christensen said it is a fun job because people are counting on him and it feels like he is performing when making the drinks. Ordering a drink can be fun — "we see the beach, please" — and satisfying. Making the drinks is like creating a piece of art — the Mona "purple hooter" Lisa. By the end of the night, everyone is "absolutely fruity." So bottoms up!
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fic tickets. The person that receives the ticket can go in front of a judge to argue the ticket, or possibly get the fine reduced.

City and regional planning junior Matt Ryan knows what it is like to take the brunt of the San Luis Obispo municipal code. Ryan received a traffic violation because of a party he had fall quarter. It cost him about $250.

"This is a college town, they should exercise more leniency when it comes to hosting college kids," Ryan said. "It wasn’t like we were selling drugs. After we were warned we were only trying to do the right things."

The warning Ryan received came from the Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP), which consists of Cal Poly and Cuesta students that go to parties to warn the host before the police arrive.

Ryan said he was in the process of asking people to leave when the police arrived and ticketed him. The University of California Santa Barbara has a similar program called the Community Service Organization (CSO). It consists of students working as liaisons for the Santa Barbara Police Department.

CSO patrols the campus year-round, reporting and assisting on emergency situations. They provide personal safety escorts on campus and in Isla Vista, and enforce the no-alcohol policy at the dorms.

The area around Fesschell and California boulders, have several problems because of the number of parties that occur, and the ease in which the area is accessible to foot traffic, Parkinson said.

The San Luis Obispo police have a regular liaison who goes to fraternities in that area to speak to them about how to have parties, without getting the police involved, Parkinson said.

"Officers don’t like responding to party calls. We all reflect on what we did as kids," Parkinson said. "But, we are sympathetic to citizen complaints. We wouldn’t want the same thing happening in the area we live."

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were found to be the source of their infections.

Wellborn, who was visiting Cal Poly for the California Scholastic Press Association Workshop, filed suit against Fuji Natural Foods and All About Produce on July 19, said Sig Haddad, Wellborn and Adams’ attorney.

Wellborn will not be filing suit against the Foundation. She said in an interview last summer that she was impressed with how Cal Poly handled the situation.

"Cal Poly was great," Wellborn said in the Aug. 15, 2002, Summer Mustang. "They really wanted to make sure I was OK."

**BUDGET**

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hands, for American colleges. The fees are rising by 39 percent at the University of Arizona, and 40 percent at the University of California, according to the Washington Post.

If the budget fiasco is not cleared by September, the California Student Aid Commission might have to wait until after fall quarter begins to give the money for Cal Grants that has already been awarded.

"It is highly unlikely that the money won’t be given out on time," said John Anderson, director of financial aid at Cal Poly. "I believe the budget will be finished by September and the money will be distributed immediately."

The $524 grant should be expanded to $662, to accommodate the difference in fees students must pay.

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at home, but now I’m feeling great and I’m back on a full schedule."

This isn’t Baker’s first heart surgery. Ten years ago Baker had an operation for aortic stenosis and had an aortic valve inserted.

Baker will continue his role as president without plans for retirement. "There are a number of projects I’m involved with and will continue to work on," Baker said.

According to the lawsuit.

A week before the outbreak, numerous samples of irrigation water at Fuji Natural Foods tested positive for E. coli, according to a California Department of Health Services report. One batch of the contaminated alfalfa sprouts was inadvertently released to distributors.

The report also states that Fuji Natural Foods failed to comply with Food and Drug Administration guidelines for seed decontamination.

The Foundation’s legal counsel Starr Lee said they are reviewing the paper work, which they received July 19.

"We would not comment on the litigation," Anderson said.

The Superior Court preliminary hearing is set for Dec. 4.

With the go-ahead of the California Student Aid Commission, Cal Poly will alter the award amount, Anderson said.

Even if the budget is not resolved by September, Anderson assures students that depend on financial aid should not worry.

"We would find a way to accommodate students who need the money," Anderson said. "Even if we had to borrow more money, we would make sure not to put students in jeopardy."

The Cal Poly Master Plan was revised two years ago, which included the construction of a major science building and the expansion of engineering facilities and student housing.

"I’m giving priority to these things right now," he said.
Lakers' star getting bum rap (sheet)

Truthfully, the alleged assault does not comply with the athlete's previous behavior. Although Bryant has confessed to the sinful act of adultery, rape simply does not make sense. Why would a man of his stature have to force a girl into having intercourse with him? It is obvious that Bryant was not acting with his upright head, however, I find it hard to believe that someone who was so hard working and careful would ever harm another or force them into an unwanted act.

Furthermore, Bryant has taken responsibility and turned himself into the authorities. He has admitted to committing adultery and has allowed his actions to be scrutinized on national television. I do not condone the acts of Bryant, however, I do feel that money and fame are the true instigators of this.

Bryant is a wealthy star who has been making headlines for years. I feel Bryant has been the victim of a money-hungry kid that has captured the attention of the media for her two minutes of fame. Rape is a serious matter and I hope and pray that the accusations made are false, however, if proven guilty Bryant will become the biggest low-down in the history of the NBA.

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Big West basketball tourney changes look

By Sean Martin

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Big West Conference Tournament

If the Cal Poly men's basketball team wants to make another run at the Big West Conference Tournament title this year, it will have to work its way past the path to the championship game.

The conference announced July 16 it would implement a new format for its annual men's and women's basketball tournament in Anaheim, starting next year.

Cal Poly athletic director John McGurk and associate athletic director Alison Cone are in favor of the change because it puts so much emphasis on the regular season.

"(The new tournament) protects the teams that have done well all year," Cone said.

Giving the top teams a shorter path to the title will let the conference easier for the opening round winners into the second round.

However, Bryant has shattered his good by image. The state's golden boy has been accused with a single count of felony sexual assault. Unlike most athletes, Bryant has an indisputable right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty. The investigation Kobe has complied with all requests.

Unlike most athletes, Bryant has respected for his integrity to the sport and flawless compassion toward his wife and family. Bryant's lawyer, Pamela Mackey, stated during the conference that Kobe would plead innocent to the charges.

During a Los Angeles press conference on Friday, Bryant confessed his weeks of deliberation. If he is convicted, the NBA star will face four to six years in prison or 20 years to life on probation.

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To Barcelona and back

By Stephanie Ikel
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Former Cal Poly quarterback Seth Burford is back from Europe and getting ready for his second season with the San Diego Chargers.

Burford, 24, spent his off-season in Barcelona, Spain, as the starting quarterback for NFL Europe’s Dragons. He improved his skills by playing in 10 games there.

“It was really a great experience to be in Barcelona, and I gained a lot more confidence,” he said. “Since I didn’t get to play in any games for the Chargers last season, it helped me to play above the college level.”

Playing in Europe was very similar to playing in the United States because most of the players were from a U.S. team or used to play for one, Burford said.

The Dragons finished fourth overall in NFL Europe. Burford completed 102 out of 175 passes for 1,054 yards.

“You cannot put a price on his opportunity in Europe,” Cal Poly quarterback coach Joe Mikulik said.

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Joe DuPaix
Cal Poly quarterback coach

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Burford, originally from Oakdale, transferred to Cal Poly from Idaho State University, where he completed 287 of 517 passes for .074 for the Dragons.

“Europe was very beneficial for the — experience and that he got game time,” DuPaix said.

The coaching staff at Cal Poly said they are not surprised Burford went on to play football at a professional level.

“Seth had the NFL ability,” line­backer coach David Brown said. “He was a huge asset because of his leadership. He was the best player and the hardest worker.”

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COURTESY PHOTO/SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Seth Burford, left, is shown practicing with teammate Cleo Lemon at Chargers’ minicamp in June. Burford is listed third on the depth chart as he enters his second season with the team.

Scott Anderson touring Rockies’ farm system

By Hillary Schuler-Jones
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The phone rang at 7:30 a.m. and the voice on the line told him he would be moving to the other side of the country in two and a half hours.

For the average person, the call would seem absurd, but for Anderson, it was a great experience.

“Old mansions and weeping willows” there, but was even more exciting by his new home stadium, McCormick Field.

“It’s really an amazing little park,” Anderson said.

“The field opened in 1924, and Ty Cobb christened it with a home run during the first game. In the following years, Babe Ruth and Jackie Robinson also made appearances at the plate.

Anderson may have carried some of that big batting history. The hit was especially important for Anderson, who has had difficulty switching from aluminum to league-mandated wooden bats.

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