Bush’s plan to cut 154 programs faces long odds

The Department of Education wouldn’t suffer the most from Bush’s 2006 budget cuts, losing 48 of its programs.

Program cuts in Bush’s budget proposal

President Bush has submitted a 2006 budget to Congress that requests eliminating or sharply reducing spending on 154 government programs.

Proposed eliminations or spending cuts in 2006 budget

Total: 154 programs

99 proposed eliminations

Departments with the most eliminations

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Bush proposed the cuts this month as part of his $2.57 trillion budget for 2006. He wants to trim non-security programs, except automatically paid benefits like Medicare, by an overall 1 percent from this year’s levels, the first such reduction proposed in a presidential budget since President Reagan was in office.

Of Bush’s 154 targets, the Education Department would suffer the most losses. He would kill 48 of its projects, including a $30 million program to end vocational education subsidies.

There was not a program for the public relations firm that completed its first project with this year’s Gumbo Fest, held Jan. 22.

Cal Poly opens public relations firm

The student-run PRspectives firm completed its first project with this year’s Gumbo Fest, held Jan. 22.

Central Coast PRspectives director Rebecca Geheke and co-director Nicole Angeloni evaluate current client projects.

“The idea for a student-run public relations firm started when Firm Director Rebecca Geheke (business and journalism senior) wrote a research paper addressing the fact that there was not a program for the public relations students in the journalism department to get experience as the print and broadcast students have had with the Mustang Daily, CPTV and KCPR,” said Meghan Reimer, senior account executive of PRspectives and journalism senior.

“The firm is comprised mostly of journalism students with a concentration in public relations as well as business administration students, all of whom participate in the firm to gain hands-on experience in public relations. PRspectives completed its first project as a firm in this year’s Gumbo Fest, held Jan. 22 in the Mission Plaza in downtown San Luis Obispo in celebration of Mardi Gras.

“This was my first real experience working hands-on with a client,” said Ashley Wall, senior account executive of PRspectives and journalism senior.

“You can’t be taught in class how to develop client relationships, how you need to cater to their needs and how to have success in a project unless you actually do it.”

In addition to the Gumbo Fest, PRspectives is currently working on public relations projects for ASI, the journalism department, the Cal Poly Mustang Daily and in the community on public relations projects. Fest, held Jan. 22.

The opening reception for Body Images ’05 featured artwork that focused on the human body and eating issues at the UU on Feb. 22.

Cal Poly confronts eating disorders

The Women’s Center is tackling issues such as anorexia and bulimia with the Body Image ’05 event this week.

Four out of every 100 college-age women are bulimic, according to Anorexia Nervosa and Related Eating Disorders. Women between the ages of 18 and 24 are in danger of developing an eating disorder.

“This is a high risk population because of age,” psychologist for Counseling Services Eile Axelson said. “One thing we often see is what research calls ‘fat talk.’ This includes all sorts of conversation about losing weight. Research suggests that talk goes on, on a daily basis. This goes along with a culture too focused on appearance.”

The Cal Poly Women’s Center is fighting these alarming trends and statistics with its third annual “Body Image ’05” the weekend program begins yesterday with a student art show that focused on body image and eating disorders. A discussion led by psychologist professor Belinda Morris called “Beauty Norms,” took place in the University Union.

“This program is an opportunity for both male and female students to become more educated about eating disorders,” said Maya Andlig, event organizer and director of gender and sexuality programs for Cal Poly.

The Women’s Center is an opportunity for a student-run public relations firm that completed its first project with this year’s Gumbo Fest, held Jan. 22. 4 percent

About 4 percent of college-aged women have bulimia.

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10 percent

About 1 percent of females between 10 and 20 years old have anorexia

34 percent

About 34 percent of males and females in the United States are obese.

Women’s hoops 8-game losing streak ends with win over Pacific

TODAY’S SPORTS

Women’s hoops

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The hope is when PR students graduate, they don’t have to apply for entry-level jobs and salary, but that they can apply for jobs that require three to four years experience, because students participating in this will have that kind of experience,” Watt said. “It makes us all more educated, qualified and marketable.”

Central Coast PRSpectives is a year-round, student-run public relations firm in career in communications and experience in public relations and marketing to gain experience like the print and broadcast media. Students who are interested can contact the firm, located on the Cal Poly campus in Building 11, Room 235, at 756-7712 or e-mail Angeloni at A.azfiB.
LOS ANGELES — Waterlogged Californians braced for even more rain Tuesday as they struggled to recover from storms that have left at least nine people dead, triggered mudslides and tornadoes and washed away roads and runways.

Among the victims was a Nevada woman caught in an avalanche while cross-country skiing near Lake Tahoe, and a 16-year-old Orange County girl working on a computer when a mudslide crashed through the wall of her home. In Ventura County, officials closed the small Santa Paula airport Tuesday after more than 135 feet of runway collapsed into the runway.

WASHINGTON — Three floors of a Mountain View hospital were evacuated Tuesday after a two-alarm fire sent smoke through parts of the facility.

About 40 patients at El Camino Hospital were transferred to other floors and evaluated by doctors while firefighters extinguished the blaze that broke out in a fourth-floor utility area just after 10 a.m., said hospital spokeswoman Judy Twitchell. Although the fire was quickly under control and never spread beyond the floor where it started, patients were also evacuated from the fifth and sixth floors because of the smoke.

The court declined to consider a last-minute appeal by the government concerning U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth. A number of current and former Interior Department officials claim he is biased.

DUNEDIN, Fla. — The case of a severely brain-damaged woman remained locked in a legal stalemate Tuesday after an appeals court cleared the way for her husband to remove her feeding tube only to see a judge promptly block the removal for at least another day.

The 2nd District Court of Appeal offered no specific instructions in a one-page mandate issued in the case of Terri Schiavo, who was left brain damaged 15 years ago. That means her husband, Michael Schiavo, could order his wife's tube be removed.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio State University student has put school president Karen Holbrook on the online auction site eBay, saying in the ad that she will ruin the undergraduate experience.

Bidding started at a penny on Saturday and the seven-day auction had 64 bids from 19 bidders topping out at almost $100 million Monday morning.

Timothy Rosman, a sophomore from St. Augustine, Fla., said the ad is a joke but he really doesn't like Holbrook.

"I'm not trying to stand up and be the voice of the people. This is just a little gag between my friend and I. It just got big," said Rosman, who uses the identification "thatsinrbuekeye" on eBay.

Rosman, an international studies major, said in the ad that Holbrook ignores everyday crime at Ohio State, supervised two tuition increases and is responsible for HUD construction "as far as the eye can see."

The auction notes that the item for sale cannot be shipped. "Will arrange for local pickup only."

School spokeswoman Elizabeth Conlisk called the joke "a little mean-spirited."
Andrew Stone, a homeless teenage guitarist, walks on Sunset Boulevard in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles Feb. 11.

Gillian Flaccus  

LOS ANGELES — The ballad of the Hollywood sign looms over the homeless shelter where Andrew Stone sleeps, but the teenage guitarist is no closer to stardom than the few friends he smokes pot with as they roam the streets. By day, he still sees a second chance in every new encounter. He’s desperate to make music — and to recreate himself — on this new stage. At night, he’s one of 64 teens who crash at the Covenant House crisis shelter off Santa Monica Boulevard.

About one-third of Los Angeles County’s estimated 10,000 homeless teens and young adults live on Hollywood’s streets. They’re a fraction of the estimated 175,000 unaccompanied teenagers who are homeless somewhere in the United States during any year, according to the National Coalition for the Homeless.

Here, their hard-luck stories — of gangs, drugs, prostitution and jail — have a Hollywood twist.

“Sorry to burst your bubble, but this is reality and there’s no movie stars and there’s no one here to take care of you,” says Linda Chapires, 20, of the star-struck teen who has seen come and go during two years on the streets. Chapires, who is addicted to crystal meth and dates a male prostitute, says the new arrivals crowd the best squat spots and siphon away the resources of old groups.

“It’s like, ‘Go home, dumb bastard!’” she says, pushing up glasses held together with a thin twisted wire. “ ‘Cause the longer you stay out here, the more you get stuck.”

Stone says his road to Hollywood began five years ago, when his mother started dating a “crazy guy.” They clashed constantly and, within months, Stone and his three brothers were in foster care. It wasn’t long before their mother retrieved them. Then, two days after the reunion, she told the kids they were going to Dairy Queen for ice cream. Instead, she parked off a local foster care office, dropped off her children and drove away. He had just turned 14.

Stone said his foster father was a good man who offered to support him if he chose college over music. Unwilling to give up his guitar, Stone went to school and began life on the street.

At his lowest point, Stone says, he worked at a Subway shop during the day and slept behind the store at night. “You just think, ‘What did I do to deserve this? What do I do to get here?’”

No one is more familiar with Stone’s passion for music than Paul Baker, his foster father. That passion recognize about Stone today.

Stone’s dream blond hair, now clipped short, was long and curly “almost like an Afro,” Baker said in a phone interview.

Stone never spoke with the British accent he now affects and he wore polyester bell-bottoms. He was an excellent student, Baker says.

But within three weeks of turning 18, Baker says, Stone had quit high school and was gone. Baker had no idea where his foster son was until The Associated Press called him for this story 1½ years later.

“This is a bright kid, fully capable of school and college . . . He never had to be homeless."

— PAUL BAKER

Stone’s foster father

Andrew Stone, a homeless teenage guitarist, walks on Sunset Boulevard in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles Feb. 11.

Sherry Alvarez guitar. The buyer planned to pawned a minidisc player for $27, but a thief stole the cash and a cell phone as thieves who snatched a friend’s guitar.

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Harvard faculty confront university president

Harvard president’s recent suggestion that innate differences cause males to excel in math and science creates an uproar

Justin Pope
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Harvard faculty described a meeting Tuesday with university President Lawrence Summers as collegial — a session with sharp questions, but without a move toward a no-confidence vote.

The meeting with Harvard’s Faculty of Arts and Sciences was closed to the public and media. Professors said afterward they hoped it would mark the beginning of better relations, and Summers agreed.

“I thought it was a very candid and thoughtful discussion, and I hope it will help all of us move forward together in the most collegial way possible,” he said in an e-mailed statement.

Summers’ management style and recent controversial remarks about women in science sparked forceful opposition at a faculty meeting last week.

“I think everyone has calmed down. It’s a very good atmosphere,” — RUTH WISSE
Harvard literature professor

“I think the movement, deep conversation, engagement,” said Dorothy Austin, a lecturer in psychology and religion at Harvard Divinity School.

History professor James Kloppenberg said Summers was “conciliatory ... His response was very different from the responses he has given.”

The meeting came in the wake of his decision to release the transcript of his remarks on the dearth of women in top science posts — and was the second such session since a furor erupted over comments last month suggesting innate differences partly explain why more men than women between the sexes play some role in scoring high on math and science tests and rise to top science and university science jobs.

Some spoke in support of Summers with family pressure, play more of a role than discrimination and the “socialization” of girls and women away from science.

I am committed to opening a new chapter in my work with you,” Summers said in a statement he presented to faculty that was released outside the meeting.

“To start, I pledge to you that I will seek to learn more, and more carefully, — and to temper my words and actions in ways that convey respect and help us work together more harmoniously. No doubt I will not always get things right. But I am determined to set a different tone.”

Though some faculty have complained about Summers’ confrontational leadership style previously, the latest controversy dates to Summers’ Jan. 14 remarks at a National Bureau of Economic Research conference — remarks he thought were off the record.

At the request of faculty, Summers released a full transcript of his comments last week, which show him arguing — with repeated qualifications — that innate differences partly explain why more men than women score in the highest ranges of math and science tests and rise to top science jobs. He said innate differences, along with family pressure, play more of a role than discrimination and the “socialization” of girls and women away from science.

UNDER FOUR? OR KICKED OUT THE DOOR?

80% of students haven’t had trouble with authorities due to drinking. The average CP student drinks less than 4 in a sitting.
DURING the American Revolution, when Gen. George Washington received news that the British forces were marching against the British, it was a priority to treat British and Hessian prisoners with decency. Even though British forces acted maliciously to their American captives, Washington refused to engage in such behavior. In refusing to torture prisoners, he set a precedent for the United States that ultimately set apart from the rest of the world.

This week, as we celebrate Washington's birthday, it's disheartening to witness the values Washington fought for damaged by a White House unwilling to recognize their anti-democratic procedures against prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, Iraq and elsewhere.

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In the Abu Ghraib prison scandal that Iraqi operatives have been "caught or brought to justice," of course he would "ungodly" Americans. It's called "extraordinary rendition," the recruitment of anti-U.S.Jihadists. These recruitments will only increase with more excuse to pursue his own presidential power grab.

President Vladimir Putin pointed to America's treatment of prisoners as an appropriate and offensive response. Since the United States has strict laws against torture? We only sink to their level, endanger our soldiers and give the enemy the lessons of George Washington should never be forgotten.

Anti-democratic prison procedures

Stop singing out singles; they are citizens too

Let's hope the Bush administration soon recognizes we cannot promote benefits to afford relationships in Valentine's Day still lingering, one letters about tolerance and recognition of a fruit of the Loom should consider promptly adjusting their company name to "Vegetable of the Loom." We just love their soft quality merchandise and don't want them to go to market reputation.

Colby James
Architecture junior

Bicyclists have equal rights to road, don't like honking

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REVIEW

Louis XIV will reign in 2005

Amanda Samotoe
MIDTOWN DAILY

San Diego-based band Louis XIV made a name for itself without help from a major recording company — they have sold 10,000 EPs and walked away with Album of the Year and Best Rock Album trophies at the San Diego Music Awards last September.

Louis XIV started its own label, the Pineapple Recording Group, after investing in an inexpensive CD burner. Their sophomore EP “Illegal Tender” dropped Jan. 25 — in first single “Finding True Love is Blind” created a buzz throughout the California rock community.

The bands popularity skyrocketed when San Diego’s 91X, Indie 103 in Los Angeles, and KJEE in Santa Barbara put the band into heavy rotation.

“Illegal Tender” is a raucous yet polished, five-track mix of 1970s rock riffs and fearless lyrics. Its sound is a hybrid of Hot Hot Heat and The Killers and hints of the Rolling Stones. Lead singer and producer, Jason Hill, adds appeal with his thick English accent.

“Finding True Love is Blind” is a sexually-charged, upbeat rock song with brutally honest lyrics about female eye candy.

“A chocolate girl, you’re looking like something I want/finding out true love is blind/and you’re little Asian friend, well she can come if she wants/I want all the self-conscious girls that try to hide who they are with makeup and it’s the girl in the front with the tight pants I really want to shake up.”

The chorus has a completely different sound than the verses — it features cutesy piano riffs and female voice, metaphorical of the difference between a dominating male and a submissive, objective female.

The slightly womanizing phrases make “Finding True Love is Blind” controversial, but do not cross the line into being offensive.

Hill does not tone down any aspect of his music — from overt lyrics to a heavy accent, blatant tempo changes or rhythmic provocative breathing.

On the first track, “Louis XIV,” the first raw line Hill sings is, “I’m a weapon of mass destruction.”

His confidence is captivating — women admire him, and women attracted to his bad boy character.

The music has a rough but polished sound appealing to a myriad of audiences.

Louis XIV shows it is capable of slowing things down in “Marc.” A sensitive guitar solo complements a piano-based Beatles/Ben Folds Five-ish background music.

Hands down, this band is extremely talented, multi-faceted and intriguing. Even the CD cover is shocking — it features a black and white photo of explicitly edited women.

Since Louis XIV is still relatively underground, it is difficult to download its songs. So go out on a limb, jump online, and spend about $5 on the CD — support the band and appreciate authentic music.

Atlantic Records was brilliant to sign Louis XIV in August. Under the wing of Atlantic, a full-length album will be released this spring.

Mark my words, Louis XIV will break into the mainstream in 2005, and you will be able to brag that you “liked them before everyone else did.”
Brazilian Girls: Not Brazilian, not that hot

Zak Garner
THE Honeydrippers

Pay no mind to the fact that none of the four members of Brazilian Girls are Brazilian, and that only one is actually a girl. The Brooklyn group has found a way to channel almost the same feel of the sultry, sun-kissed macademia that its name brings to mind, and its done so only one album into its career.

After initially meeting in 2003 through jam sessions at the New York club Nublu, Brazilian Girls was signed to Verve Forensics, an imprint of legendary jazz label VERVE. This first self-titled, full-length album shows glimpses of intrigue that its name brings to mind. Singer Sabina Scuibba’s voice is the driving force behind the otherwise marginal band. Her delivery is breathy and effortless and her words that in the air, resonate and slowly disintegrate like late-night jazz club smokes. Past lilting, past mystery, Scuibba sings in German, French, Italian, Spanish and English and is at her best when crooning in foreign tongues, giving her the ability to avoid lyrical predictability that may be hidden within the translations and creating attraction out of mystery like one of James Bond’s love interests.

The 12 songs on Brazilian Girls have the right amount of smart pop charm to attract the adult contemporary crowd. “Lazy Loser” is warm, atmospheric and harmless even though its simple bossa nova beat seems lazy and unoriginal. At one point Sabina even asks, “Why bother?”

“Dont Stop” adds 1980s synth- and-house beats to the mix but becomes cheesy under some of Scuibba’s poorest lyrics.

The French “Sirenes de la Fete” and German “Die Gedanken Sind Frei (Thoughts Are Free)” find Scuibba and the band at their best. “Sirenes” has Scuibba rapping over thick, pulsating and spiced-out keys while in “Thoughts Are Free,” she floats over skittery electronic blips and layered percussion.

At its best, “Brazilian Girls” is just what it proclaims to be: a smoky, sexy, late-night transport south from winter cold. At its worst, “Brazilian Girls” rehashes an already over-done lounge-pop, combining bland instrumentation with uninspired lyrics for songs that have no distinctive value. And while the band shows some songs of vitality, it’s an Amazon away from its seductive, suggestive namesake.

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Eight is enough for women's basketball

The Mustangs suffer a heartbreaker in double overtime but end an eight-game losing streak versus Pacific

The women's basketball team ended an eight-game losing streak, beating Pacific 71-52 on Saturday at Mott Gym.

After back-to-back three-pointers by Courtney Cameron, Cal Poly turned a 39-35 deficit into a 41-39 lead early in the second half and spark a turnaround that led to the victory, after a deadlock in the early part of the game.

By snapping the losing streak, the Mustangs improved to 10-13, clinching their fifth straight double-victory season, and climbing to 4-19 in the Big West Conference.

The Mustangs' tenth win almost came Thursday, though, as Cal Poly lost 83-81, in double-overtime, to Cal State Northridge.

The Mustangs made up for this Saturday, with Cameron finishing with 15 points while Sarah Grieve added 14 points and Jessica Eggleston 11.

Pacific was led by Dana Zimmerman with 16 points, Tina Sanerivi with 14 and Jessie Menken with 10. Cal Poly out-rebounded Pacific 47-33, led by Eggleston and Grieve with seven each.

Sanerivi had 11 boards for Pacific.

Northridge won Thursday after Latevia Hollaway's layup with 10 seconds left cemented the final score.

The game was tied for the 13th and final time at 81-81 with 24 seconds remaining when Cal Poly senior post player Katry Paterson scored a layup.

Matador junior forward Ofa Tulikihihifo missed a jump shot with 16 seconds to go, but Jamie Mccaa grabbed the offensive rebound. Cal State Northridge called timeout to set up the winning play by Holloway.

Tulikihihifo scored 24 points, hitting 10 of 15 floor shots, and grabbed 13 rebounds for the Matadors (15-7, 10-4 Big West), who have won eight straight games.

The streak started with a 69-67 win over Cal Poly on Jan. 22 when McCaa sank two free throws with four seconds left.

Holloway added 21 points while Cal Poly had 18 points and Lajoyce King 15 points and 11 rebounds for Cal State Northridge.

Cal Poly, which lost its eighth straight after 5-1, 6-2 and 9-5 starts to its season, was led by sophomore guard Sparkle Anderson and sophomore forward Jessica Eggleston, each with 16 points.

The Mustangs fell to 9-13 and 3-10 with the loss.

Mustangs take two of three games from San Francisco

The Cal Poly baseball team was just two innings away from sweeping University of San Francisco this past weekend when the Dons struck back.

In the final game of a doubleheader Sunday, Gary Daley pitched seven strong innings, his best outing of the season, and left with a 3-2 lead, but the Dons scored three runs in the eighth inning off Dennis LeDuc and Rocky Rospert and added an insurance run in the ninth off Mike Biffe to salvage one win in the series.

Prior to the 6-4 loss for Cal Poly at Baggett Stadium, the Mustangs won 6-3 in the first game of Sunday's doubleheader, which was forced by a rainout, and prevailed 3-1 in the opener.

The Mustangs (9-6) won the first half of the doubleheader as Jimmy Shull allowed two runs and five hits with four strikeouts and no walks. Shall now 1-2, left the game with a 22-2 lead. Tony Sapce secured five outs and Mike Bille earned his sixth save by striking out Eric Walterhouse with two runners on base.

Cal Poly won Friday's series opener 3-1, with Garrett Olson and Bille combining on a four-hitter. Olson (3-0) pitched 8 1/3 innings, striking out eight and walking just one for his third win of the season and has since been named Big West Pitcher of the Week.

Bille earned his fifth save by securing the final two outs. He came in with one out and UF runners at first and second, surrendered a wild pitch and a walk to load the bases, then struck out both Stefan Garrett and Cy Donald to end the game. Nick Pereira (2-3), who gave up three runs (one earned) and four hits in seven innings, took the loss.

Tourchament chances bleak for the Mustangs

All of Santa Barbara's recent struggles didn't mean an automatic win for Cal Poly on Saturday night. In fact, it didn't mean a win at all.

Alex Harris, Chrismen Oliver and Joe See all scored 16 points and Josh Davis added 15 to lead the Gauchos to a 78-66 victory Saturday night before 2,743 in Mott Gym.

With the win, UC Santa Barbara improved to 9-14 overall and 6-8 in the Big West Conference. Cal Poly has lost five straight and 13 of 14 games, falling to 4-19 on the year and 2-12 in the Big West.

Cal Poly was led in scoring by senior forward Mike Titchenal with a career-high 26 points, who had recorded his previous career high last Saturday against Davis with 20 points. Against the Gauchos, Titchenal made seven of 11 floor shots, including all three of his three-point attempts, and nine of 10 free throws. Senior guard Glenn Jones added 20 points.

UC Santa Barbara made 55 percent of its floor shots and was 27 of 45 from the free throw line compared to 42-percent shooting for Cal Poly and 14 of 19 free throws. UC Santa Barbara enjoyed a 35-27 advantage on the boards, led by Josh Davis with eight.

Cal Poly's only lead was at 14-13 with 11:57 remaining in the first half. The Gauchos closed the half with a 12-3 run, to climb ahead 47-32.

The Mustangs gradually trimmed the deficit to seven points at 71-64 with 2:20 to go on Titchenal's jump shot, but couldn't get any closer.

Cal Poly began a three-game homestand with Saturday's game and will host UC Riverside Thursday and Cal State Fullerton next Saturday, both games at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym.