Expect CSU fee increase

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The California State University Board of Trustees passed an 8 percent fee increase for all CSU schools Thursday.
Tuition will increase $204 for all undergraduate and teaching-credential students in the 2005-06 school year.
Yearly tuition at each campus will inflate from $2,320 to $2,724, not including the miscellaneous fees, which average $64.4.
The CSU chancellor’s office stated that even with the annual increase, California State schools are only about half the cost of other state schools across the country.
"CSU student fees are among the lowest in the entire country even with the 8 percent fee increase," said Colleen Bentley, director of public affairs for the CSU system. "It still keeps us very competitive with universities across the country, especially when you look at the high quality of education."
The tuition increase is associated with a funding compact signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, University of California officials and the CSU system.
The annual vote to boost CSU fees is limited to a 10 percent increase for each academic year.
Students receiving Cal Grant awards will be supplemented for the $204 increase in addition to their initial aid.
Larry Kelley, vice president for administration and finance at Cal Poly, said that the board of trustees made a commitment to students, saying that the increases would not exceed one third of tuition costs.
"This increase will put us at just under $1,444, which average $64.4."

Landscape architecture graduates win competition

Tiffany Dias  
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Two Cal Poly landscape architecture graduates received a $5,000 prize after winning the 2005 national Wayne Grace Memorial Student Design competition.
Kathryn Hergenrather and Joshuah Circle-Woodburn presented examples of how landscape architecture and licensing affect life," according to a news release issued by the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.
The competition was sponsored by the Landscape Architectural Registration Boards Foundation, which is in its sixth year. Any students enrolled in the landscape architecture program may participate. This year, four students were awarded for their landscape design entries, which covered a variety of public health and welfare issues that are not commonly acknowledged or understood by the public and legislators.
The four winning projects illustrated how other landscape architects could apply their specialized knowledge and skills to develop design solutions addressing important social problems and protecting the environment. The winning projects also addressed social and ethical issues regarding state licensing for landscape architects.
Margaret Hill, landscape architecture department head, was pleased to hear that two former students were acknowledged or understood by the public and the public.

GrC professors advise printing professionals in Middle East

Tonya Strickland  
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Through a business consultation project, two Cal Poly professors brought top-notch graphic arts concepts to the Middle East in September and came back with unparalleled first-hand experience in working with another culture.
Employed by the Graphic Communication Institute at Cal Poly (GrCI), an "outreach arm" of the graphic communications department (GrC), professors Kevin Cooper and Malcolm Keif traveled to The Kingdom of Bahrain, an island nation located in the Persian Gulf. There, they attended a three-day session to educate executives on strategic management concepts in the printing industry, said Lyndee Ehlers, GrCI special projects manager.
The GrCI provides professionals with Cal Poly-caliber resources, input and training by providing professors’ knowledge and other services to people in the industry, she said.
"We were exposed to new and different cultures, which enhanced our sensitivity to them," Keif said in his trip report. "We were able to introduce Cal Poly’s graphic communication expertise to an international audience and form new relationships to foster future opportunities. Overall, it was a significant life experience and we are grateful for the opportunity to be part of it."
Cooper said that his exposure to a variety of cultures and their business practices is "always enlightening." He added that he was able to experience places he had never been and see what the unknown is really like.
"When you visit places personally, you realize how similar we really are to others, and that people typically are after the same goals in life and business," he said.
Cooper explained the advantages of international consulting, as well as the exposure to other cultures, "to help inside tifubs for his professional knowl-

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percent of the cost of education, and
projections for the future were that
the fee would not exceed 33 per­
cent (of tuition),” Kelley said.

Fees increases will affect the out­
come of past budget cuts, allowing
schools to hire new faculty, admit
more students and purchase new
supplies, Bentley said.

"From 2002-05 the CSU had
about a $5 million cut in budget,
and this year is the first time we
have had a budget increase in three
years," Bentley said. "It might hurt a
little bit now, but it is going to ben­
et students in the long-run. If you
spread $204 over a year, it's not very
much."

Students are required to pay more
each year because of budget cuts
and less financial support from the
state.

"The funding of higher educa­
tion in California continues to be a
partnership between the state and
the students. The state economy has
been lagging for the last few years,
causing a larger share of partnership
to be paid by the students," Kelley said.

Even with the raise in tuition,
students will continue to see a value
in the quality of education and job
opportunities, Kelley said.

"Cal Poly can continue to expect
the quality that they came here to
get," Kelley said. "We will continue
to focus on course availability and
graduation rates, and they will con­
tinue to see quality faculty and staff
being retained."

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had won a national competi­
tion.

"That's a very big honor to
us," Hill said. "We're proud
that our approach showcased sustainability design
practices, considering that's not the competition's focus." Hergerenrath and Circle­Woodburn, who both gradu­
ated last June, submitted their entries before the competi­
tion's May deadline. They were announced as winners in September. Hergerenrath, a San Luis Obispo native, sug­
gested a revamp of the university's "improving drainage," "enhanc­
ing public access," "improving stu­
dent and public exposure" and
"improving facility public exposure
and use," she said in an e-mail.

Circle-Woodburn, originally
from Kula, Hawaii, designed his
project called "Lokahi, A Culturally
Centered Sustainable Resort," to blend Hawaiian cultural elements
for design with modern appli­
cations for environmental sus­
tainability, and promoted the
use of solar arrays.

"Basiclally, I tried to design a sustainable resort that would be a place where people could learn about Hawaiian culture while using materials to sup­port sustainability," he explained. He added that the design "prevented environ­mental disturbances to the site with
the use of several eco-friendly type
lodges."

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dge and in the larger scope of GrC
industry knows how.

"It's helped me to better
understand the global environment
we live in," he said. "GrC is highly
influenced by outsourcing to devel­
op ing countries. Seeing businesses in
other nations helps me to know more
about the challenges faced in other
cultures.

Focusing on lean management, Keif said one way to improve efficient
production is to empower employees,
so the overall company has the poten­
tial to become more competitive.

"Gulf State's companies are
entrenched in top-down, traditional
company structures," Keif said. "There
is little room for innovation unless
you are the senior leader."

Cooper said it was challenging to
consult on this issue because it wasn't
merely an isolated pattern in a certain
company, but an overall culture of the
industry in the Middle East. This
meant including workers in decisions
about their jobs and not having a
strict management rule.

"It will take a shift in thinking
about the value of control versus trust
in management style," Cooper said.
"On the bright side, they recognize
this and are open to it; it's just a mat­
er of helping them understand how
to change their cultural styles over
time to be more effective competing."

Both professors said their experi­
ence with this project has added to
their prospective on the industry and
on Middle Eastern culture. They plan
to take these insights back into
the classroom to enrich the student
learning experience.

"Exposure to the industry always
brings credibility to the classroom," Cooper said.

Harvey Levenson, head of Cal
Poly's graphic communication
department, said in a news release
that the consulting project has
helped put a new spotlight on the
department.

"We are now positioned with a
faculty having the knowledge and
experience to influence the interna­
tional graphic communication com­
munity," he said.
Internet use up, users’ trust down

**THE FACE OF CAL POLY**

**Favourites**

Musician/Artist: Thrice
Movie: 'Bill and Ted'
Place in SLO: Sunshine Doughnuts
Mode of transportation: My two feet while swinging my arms at the same time — running.

**Time of year:** Halloween

**If You Could...**

— talk to anyone, dead or alive, who would it be and why?
— be anywhere, where would it be and why?

Alexander Hamilton. He was a political genius with trends that still stand to this day.

**Other**

— Who would you elect to be the next president, and why?

President Baker. I would know what he looks like.

**Name:** Michael Quan
**Year:** sophomore
**Major:** computer engineering
**Hometown:** San Jose, Calif.

_Editor’s note: As part of the new “Musttim; Minntf” section, “The Face of Cal Poly” will feature a randomly-chosen Cal Poly student._

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DeCREASED SUNLIGHT IN WINTER CONTRIBUTES TO DEPRESSION

Summer Fitzgerald
City Times Staff Writer

Oxford, Miss. — A break from the blustering summer heat is welcomed by many, but chilly temperatures, like those experienced during the fall semester, have some students at the University of Mississippi feeling a bit under the weather. Studies completed at university research centers around the country indicate cold weather could pose a serious threat to students' mental health.

"I love the fall, home games and tailgates. It's great," junior forensic science major Sarah-Kathryn Sanders said. Despite fall's pleasant feel, a number of studies suggest the temperature drop between August and September can adversely affect students' mental health.

Sanders said she agrees. "At times, cold weather does make me want to stay inside, especially when it's freezing," she said. During the summer months, sun exposure is at a maximum, and the warm air tends to be more refreshing than the cooler temperatures experienced in the fall.

But beyond autumn's advantages, students should be aware of the negative effects of chilly weather.

Increase in appetite, mood swings and a decrease in physical activity were some of the symptoms identified in the study by Cornell University. Sheila Mathews, a board certified psychiatrist at Kaiser Permanente Health Systems, says four classic symptoms show up in many patients. She said that because of today's busy lives, physically attending a clinic every week is not possible for everyone.

"We thought the phone idea might be a way to capture individuals who are unable to attend the conventional face-to-face clinic," Stewart said.

"This could be very promising in the future as people become busier and busier," Stewart said.

"The phone clinics were in a group format, with anywhere from six to 12 people on the phone at the same time. This made it easy to lead discussions instructing participants on how to stay on their diet."

"The phone method could also potentially save money for participants. Stewart said they would have no transportation or fuel costs because they could call from home as well as no child care costs and no missed time from work.

The study lasted 12 weeks. The first 12 weeks concentrated on weight loss. During this time, participants were held to 1,200-calorie meals, with protein and vegetables for the main meals. The next 14 weeks concentrated on weight maintenance. Participants had a basic diet of at least three weight-loss shakes, two entrees of provided prepackaged food and at least five one-cup servings of fruits or vegetables per day.

During this time, each participant was asked about their health and weight loss for class. The phone group told the center they were more motivated and experienced less fatigue than those who attended the walk-in center.

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Head coach: Bob Biggs

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Record: 5-2, 3-0
Last week: Lost 37-26 to No. 7 Montana
Next week: vs. No. 15 Eastern Washington

With Garnett sidelined, Noble is the primary offensive threat for Cal Poly. He averages 6.4 yards per carry and has five rushing touchdowns. Barden is the team's leading receiver with 17 receptions, five for touchdowns.

RB James Noble

UC Davis

Conference: Great West
Record: 4-3, 2-1
Last week: Defeated North Dakota State 20-14
Next week: at Stephen F Austin

Grant is the focal point of this offense. He averages 250 yards per game and has 10 touchdowns on the season. Kays is Grant's favorite receiver, averaging 102 receiving yards per game. He has three touchdowns this season.

QB Jon Grant

COACH'S CLIPBOARD

PASSING

Redshirt freshman Matt Brennan is expected to get the start for Cal Poly. He has taken 26 snaps for the team this season. He is a solid prospect, but lacks experience.

James Noble is hobbled up, but he should still be a force on the ground. Last week he carried the ball 22 times for 14 yards. Garnett is a huge loss, but Brennan can run well.

Cal Poly's sack express was put to a halt last week as only Chris White got to Montana's quarterback. Expect bigger numbers this week as Cal Poly looks for redemption.

Cal Poly's kicker Nick Coronelas and punter Tim Chicone have been excellent. The return game still struggles. Will Cal Poly return a kick for a touch down this season?

The kicking game is above average and the Aggies' returners are about average too. Kicker Emmanuel Benjamin has a pair of 40-plus yard field goals.

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stangs!
Tomorrow marks the 45th anniversary of the plane crash that killed 22 people, including 16 Cal Poly football players.

The Arctic-Pacific C-46 plane went down after its left engine failed shortly after takeoff from the Toledo airport in Ohio. At the time it was the worst sports air disaster in U.S. history. Only 26 people survived. One of those survivors is the new offensive coordinator of the Detroit Lions, Ted Tollner.

"You try to do the best to appreciate the life that you have been given," Tollner said.

Tollner was the starting quarterback for Cal Poly for two years, and since then has coached for the Bills, 49ers, Rams and Chargers. Tollner was also the coach for USC from 1982-86. Remembering the night he was pulled from the burning plane, Tollner said there are two sides.

"There’s the good fortune of living and the grief of thinking of the people who didn’t make it," Tollner said.

Johnny Nettleship, another survivor, was covering the game for the Telegram-Tribune, now the Tribune. He was sports editor on the paper from 1950 until 1980, and passed away January 3, 2009, at the age of 88.

Carl Bowser, another survivor was inducted into the Cal Poly hall of fame in 2002.

Some survivors of the crash meet every June at ex-teammate Rich Max’s home according to the Tribune.

After the crash, a game of mercy was played between Bowling Green State University and Fresno state on Thanksgiving. All proceeds of the game were donated to the Cal Poly memorial fund. The new Cal Poly football stadium will contain a memorial to the players who died. "An important part of the renovation of our stadium is our goal to recognize and honor all of the members of the 1960 football team who perished in a tragic plane crash in Ohio," said Cal Poly President Warren Baker.

The plan calls for a memorial plaza next to the stadium, which will contain a copper pillar for each player that died. Each pillar will be the height of that player and contain a biographical plaque.

Bush abandons Miers Supreme Court nomination under conservatives' fire

Terence Hunt

WASHINGTON — Under withering attack from conservatives, President Bush abandoned his push to put loyalist Harriet Miers on the Supreme Court and promised a quick replacement Thursday. Democrats accused him of bowing to the "radical right wing of the Republican Party."

The White House said Miers had withdrawn because of senators' demands to see internal documents related to her role as counsel to the president. But politics played a larger role: Bush's conservative backers had doubts about her ideological purity, and Democrats had little incentive to help the nominee or the embattled GOP president.

"Let's move on," said Republican Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi. "In a month, who will remember the name Harriet Miers?"

The withdrawal stunned Washington on a day when the capital was awaiting potential bad news for the administration on another front: the possible indictments of senior White House aides in the CIA leak case. Earlier in the week, the U.S. military death toll in Iraq plunged, reflecting Bush's mounting political woes.

Democrats and Republicans braced for Bush's next Supreme Court pick, which will be his third try since July 19. With Chief Justice John Roberts in place, the president had two pools of candidates from which to choose: conservative jurists who received serious consideration last time or somebody outside what Bush calls the "judicial monastery," perhaps a current or former senator who would be welcomed by the GOP-controlled Senate.

Bush promised a new nominee "in a timely manner." Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said he expected a replacement within days and wants to hold hearings by Christmas. Equally likely was that retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor would remain on the court until early next year while her replacement is sought, a prospect that concerns many conservatives.

Miers will remain White House counsel.

Democrats urged Bush to nomi­nate a relative moderate in the mold of O'Connor, who frequently cast the swing vote on abortion and other hot-button issues coming before the court this year. "He must listen to all Americans, not just the far right," said Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Bush blamed the Senate for her demise. "It is clear that senators would not be satisfied until they gained access to internal documents concerning advice provided during her tenure at the White House — disclosures that would undermine a president's ability to receive candid counsel," the president said shortly before leaving for Florida to assess hurricane dam­age.

There were few regrets on Capitol Hill, from either party. Republicans controlled 55 of the Senate's 100 seats, but several GOP lawmakers were waver­ing on Miers amid intense lobbying from con­servative interest groups.

Republicans and Democrats alike questioned her qualifications — Miers had never served as a judge — and Bush faced charges of cor­ruption for tapping his former personal lawyer for the highest court in the land.

Frist spoke with White House chief of staff Andy Card Wednesday night and offered a "frank assessment of the situation," Frist spokesman Bob Stevenson said. Coincidentally or not, Miers told Bush of her plans the same night.

"Somebody probably pulled her aside and said, 'Harriet, it's going to be a terrible experience and why go through with it, because they've already made up their minds,"' said Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, who blasted conservative groups for undermining the nominee. Other lawmakers welcomed the move.

Steve Quinn

DALLAS — Exxon Mobil Corp. reported the corporate record books Thursday as the oil company's third-quarter earnings soared to almost $10 billion and it became the first public company ever with quarterly sales topping $100 billion. Anglo-Dutch competitor Royal Dutch Shell PLC wasn't far behind, posting a profit of $9 billion for the quarter.

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ANAHEIM — Mohammed Elkhatib surveyed his cafe and shook his head — no belly dancers, no live music, no dance floor. Just a handful of clean-cut men sitting around puffing tobacco from hookahs and watching Game 3 of the World Series.

Business isn’t likely to pick up anytime soon. After fielding hundreds of complaints from angry residents, the City Council on Tuesday tentatively approved an ordinance targeting the 11 hookah bars that have popped up along the city’s Little Gaza strip in the past five years.

If it wins final approval next month, the new law will ban drinking, live music and dancing — including belly dancing — at the bars unless owners secure a special permit.

City officials see the new law as an administrative solution that will let them better regulate the thriving lounges much as they do other businesses. Owners of the hookah bars, however, see something bigger: a culture clash in a city that until recent years was known as the predominantly white home of Disneyland.

“We’re not Starbucks — we’re a Middle Eastern hookah bar,” said Elkhatib, a 26-year-old Kuwaiti-American. “We dance, we sing, we smoke flavored tobacco from the elaborate water pipes. But few have stirred as much controversy as those in Anaheim.

City officials deny they are attacking the Middle Eastern tradition and insist that some hookah lounges have blatantly exploited a loophole in the city code to act as unregulated clubs and bars in residential areas.

In the past two years, police have responded 499 times to disturbances around the clubs involving drunkenness, gang fights, theft, arson and drug use.

Angry lounge owners fear the new rules will put them out of business and deal a blow to the thriving young Arab-American community that uses the cafes as social cornerstones.

“The average American will go to a bar after work, have a drink and call it a day. Well, that’s exactly what this is,” Elkhatib said. “We’re not doing anything against our culture.”

The hookah cafes in Anaheim began to open five years ago, when young Arab-American entrepreneurs saw an opportunity to take a long-standing Middle Eastern tradition and give it a modern American twist.

The lounges styled themselves as hip new clubs, with muted lighting, live music and belly dancers to entertain customers while they sucked in tobacco tasting of grape, watermelon and strawberry.

That trend has crossed the nation, with hookah bars attracting Arab and non-Arab college students and twenty-somethings from California to North Carolina and Wisconsin.

In Anaheim, nearly all the lounges are located within a highly competitive two-mile radius. Elkhatib and others say less scrupulous owners have admitted minors, served alcohol without a license and looked the other way at drug use to attract non-Arab customers. The tactics have hurt the reputation of an important part of Middle Eastern culture, Elkhatib said.

On a recent night at the Fusion Cafe, a dozen baby-faced men puffed on hookahs and played a card game called tarneeb. Most said they came daily to hang out with friends they’ve known since childhood.

“It’s like a second home to us. It’s our comfort zone,” Amer El Hazem, 19, said as he puffed grape-flavored tobacco. “I don’t know why they’re putting restrictions on us.”

The city says the establishments have outgrown city codes that treated them like coffee houses. Lounges that want to offer live music or dancing can apply for a more expensive permit that’s required of clubs, bars, dance halls and many restaurants, said Sheri Vander Dussen, city planning director.

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Dancing through the air

Emily Logan

Her bright red ribbons and black clothing are vivid against the green and brown scenery surrounding Bishop's Peak. She floats through the air, demonstrating strength and flexibility beyond belief. The trees support her every move, as if they are dancing with her. This is not your typical performance. This is Rebekah Ruffo in her element as an aerial dancer.

"I love when people come by and are amazed and can live vicariously through me and just want to stop and watch for a little while," she said. "I like blending into the background... where people are just hanging out and I'm having my own enjoyment of climbing on fabric; hanging from a tree."

Ruffo, a math senior, said she tries to go to Bishop's every weekend, where the community can stumble upon her art.

"My ultimate aim for all my dancing is to simply dance as praise to the artist of this world," she said.

In order to explain it to people, Ruffo related aerial dancing to Cirque du Soleil, which has aerial dancers in the shows. She said it is sometimes called "ribbon" or "fabric" dancing.

"In the kind of aerial dancing I do the key word is 'dancing'," she said. "I am not out to be in the circus. The background I am coming from is a fusion of dance and gymnastics."

Ruffo has been doing gymnastics since she was 10 in her hometown of Redlands, Calif. She never officially took dance lessons but took "sample" classes at studios. She then practiced what she learned in her garage.

"I have kept my strength and flexibility by constantly practicing at home," she said. "When I came to Cal Poly and dance classes came free with tuition, I started dancing... but the thing in the back of my mind is, I've got to take dance into the air."

Ruffo began aerial dancing in August of this year. While studying abroad in Thailand over spring quarter, she began researching Aerial Dance and discovered the Aerial Dance Festival in Boulder, Colo. Ruffo signed up for a beginning class, but her teachers soon said she should move to a more advanced class.

"I was spatially capable of the more advanced classes, so I switched into the class where I got to learn more than enough to have a career in aerial dance," she said.

When Ruffo returned to San Luis Obispo, she was equipped with this knowledge and her own 50 feet of fabric to work with.

"I had no idea where I was going to hang it," she said. "My friend Dave, who's an engineer, helped me come up with an easy way of rigging it around a tree limb, and I use an inflatable mattress as my crash pad."

Ruffo has only used her own fabric about 10 times, but has enough experience to begin performing. As a member of the Orchesis Dance Company on campus, Ruffo and Orchesis Director Maria Junco discussed trying to make aerial dancing a part of the performances.

"Aerial dance is an exciting contemporary style of dance, or sometimes an element in contemporary dance, that would add dimension — literally and metaphorically — to our concert," Junco said. "Our campus and local community should be seeing dance that extends beyond more traditional forms."

However, logistical problems have gotten in the way. Because Orchesis performs in the Spanos Theatre, rigging fabric for aerial dancing is not possible, Junco said.

"It could be done in a performing situation where you didn't have horizontal riggings that would get in the way of the aerial apparatus when it swings," she said. "I think it could be done in the theatre, but not in a situation where there were lights and fly-ims for other dances in the same concert."

Junco suggested rigging Ruffo to a tree outside the theatre as a pre-show performance, but they are still deciding if it will work.

Regardless, Ruffo plans to continue to aerial dance at Bishop's, still astonishing those who come across her art where nature is her stage.