Student fees could increase again

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Students may see up to a 20 percent fee increase and faculty may see a 10 percent pay cut as a result of the $584 million budget deficit facing the California State University system.

CSU Trustees discussed options Tuesday to address budget cuts, including employee furloughs, enrollment reductions and student fee increases. The budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year is projected at $1.6 billion — $500 million below the allocated funds a decade ago. The California State University system is $2 billion short in the current year.

"We have never before seen such a devastating cut in a single year," said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed in the release. "I am truly concerned because the CSU system has a national reputation for access, quality and diversity."

Although final negotiations have not been made on the monthly two-day furlough for all 47,000 CSU employees, such an action would generate about $275 million toward the $584 million deficit and prevent 22,000 classes from being canceled.

"I pay for a lot of my college and so it will definitely impact me," said computer science sophomore Skyler Hirsh. "I came to the CSU to have a good quality education that's also economical.

The chancellor's office also announced that students getting Cal grants A and B can defer univeristy fee payments for the summer and fall terms because the state may delay the funding of these grants. Students will apply on a case-by-case basis to get short-term loans through the individual CSU campuses.

"CSU is committed to ensuring that this situation with the Cal Grants does not hurt our students' academic progress," said Chancellor Reed in another statement released Wednesday. "Many students and their families rely on Cal Grants to cover the cost of education. We will do what we can to provide for the neediest of students, many of whom are the first of their family to attend college."

In addition, two federal government will be told to students that qualify.

The CSU will look to reduce its enrollment by 32,000 students and consider a student fee increase at the July 21 board meeting.

Lauren Rabaino and Tim Miller contributed to this report.

Congresswoman discusses stimulus benefits for Cal Poly

Lauren Rabaino
MUSTANG DAILY

An oral Hepatitis B vaccination and carriage repair for those who suffer from arthritis are a few Cal Poly research projects being funded by President Obama's stimulus plan.

The university has received more than half a million dollars from the National Institute of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) as a result of the $1 trillion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARIA) — commonly known as the stimulus package.

Congresswoman Lois Capps visited campus last week to hear first-hand reports from faculty and students about how the money is advancing Cal Poly medical projects.

"Involving in healthcare research will help cure life-threatening diseases and increase good-paying jobs along the way," Capps said in an audience of about 25 students, faculty and members of the media.

Although Capps' office organized the press conference, she said there wasn't there to talk, but to listen. She sat in the front row while professors spoke, then walked down the aisle asking questions to individual students.

"I know what it's like to be in Washington, D.C. saying, 'How can we get this economy going again?' Being at home, being with constituents, you get the message that things are not right," Capps said.

So, she came to Cal Poly to hear about the benefits of the stimulus.

Biological sciences instructor Kenneth Hilgers is using money from a $210,000 grant to study "comparative and functional proteomics of germline chromatin in ciliates." Put simply, he and his students are studying how chromosomes spread from one generation to the next.

The grant allows Hilgers to buy necessary equipment, financially support students engaged in research and enhance student training.

Cal Poly cares for a cache of cats on campus

Kate McIntyre
MUSTANG DAILY

While it might not work with the fight song, having a cat as the Cal Poly mascot seems a lot more fitting than the mustang, since felines currently outnumber the mustang 80 to zero on campus.

Despite a strict policy regarding animals on campus (the owner must be holding a leash or the animal has to be secured in a vehicle), there were almost 400 feral cats living on campus in 1992, when Garrett Quindimil started the Cal Poly Cat Program (CPCP) as his senior project. Since its founding, almost 1,000 cats have gone through the program, director Edie Griffin-Shaw.

The program significantly reduced the number of feral cats using the "Trap, Trap, Vaccine, Neuter, Alter, and Release" method developed by the National Feral Cat Resource Center, or specifically by neutering or spaying the cats. CPCP relies on people to notify the staff about a stray cat. The program lays traps to catch the cat and then staff members bring it to a local veterinary clinic, where if it hasn't been fixed already, it is neutered (males) or spayed (females), vaccinated and tested for AIDS, leukemia and rabies. Then in ear is clipped so staff members know which cats have been through the program.

Staff members and volunteers run the shelter (located on Mount Bishop Road off Highland) as well as 12 feeding stations spread around campus.

"It's a wonderful program," Griffin-Shaw said. "When we first started, people thought we were just a bunch of crazy cat women. But when they realized what we were doing and why, a lot of the critics turned around."

Griffin-Shaw and her co-director Ellen Norrsennann have a core group of 20 volunteers. The university allotted the space for the shelter, but staff and volunteers are responsible for all expenses, including vet bills, litter, cleaning supplies and food. They work with community members to donate money and fundraise with events like raffles, golf tournaments, car washes and garage sales.

Rachael Maisonget, 22, has volunteered at the shelter for nearly two years, two-hour shifts a week.

"I first got involved because I had cats that passed away. I heard about it through the grapevine; then when I saw the shelter, it had a lot of cool cats," she said.

The shelter is a great place for people who love animals, the cat-human interaction is mutually beneficial, she said.

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In addition to caring for the cats, the shelter also has an adoption program. Since its founding, CPUP has adopted out over 700 cats, Griffin-Shaw said.

"Unusually with someone you can tell if they're here to have a friend. We want the cats to go to good homes," computer science senior and CPUP volunteer Daniel Lucas said.

Lucas has volunteered with the program since last summer, in March he adopted an orange tabby named Hitch.

"I think almost every volunteer has adopted one," said Griffin-Shaw.

In addition to screening potential adopters and volunteers herself, Griffin-Shaw sees how a 10-year-old black cat named Woody responds to them.

"He's a great judge of character and I watch how he reacts. He's always right," she said. "One time someone came in to volunteer. I wasn't too sure if this was the place for him to work. I was trying to find a gentle way to discourage him from volunteering, like telling him other people. Woody came up and starting rubbing all over him. I decided to give him a chance and be wound up being one of our best volunteers."

The shelter has one large indoor room and an outdoor area, both furnished with cat paraphernalia. The cats are free to roam indoors and outdoors, with each other, "the way they get to know each other," Griffin-Shaw said.

"It you see a cat whose eard has been clipped (which means it has not been through the program) or for more information, contact CPUP by calling Edie Griffin-Shaw at (805) 732-5220 or emailing egriffin-shaw@alp.edu or Ellen Notermann at (805) 732-1625 or ecorraniel@alp.edu.

Alleged robbery at off-campus housing

San Luis Obispo police responded to a reported robbery at gunpoint in Mustang Village apartments on June 30. Three suspects allegedly entered an apartment to rob the occupants of narcotics.

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largest received by a Cal Poly group as a result of the stimulus package.

"The timing is really nice," Hillers said. "Because, obviously, given the financial situation in California, the funding for the CNS system is being slashed and that's going to have an impact on the experience that the students have.

The financial crisis is a $84 billion deficit that may force the CSU to raise student fees by up to 20 percent and require two-day faculty furloughs each month in 2009-10.

Mechanical engineering professor Stephen Klisch and biomedical engineering instructor Scott Hardwood are using a $33,924 grant for a project that focuses on cartilage growth in biomechanics. The goal is to develop engineering strategies for the repair of tissue damaged by arthritis.

Arthritis is the leading cause of disability in the United States, Klisch said. The direct medical cost of arthritis and related conditions was about $81 billion in 2003. Klisch said there are also indirect costs, like economic productivity lost from people suffering from arthritis.

"This kind of work may help to greatly reduce healthcare costs in the future," Klisch said.

The $33,924 supplements a $210,000 parent grant Klisch's project has received for the past three years from the NIH. The $53,814 is being used to provide summer internships for four undergraduate students, pay for travel expenses to an academic conference and advancing research for the cartilage-repair program.

Klisch's group plans to attend the Biomedical Engineering Society meeting this fall in Pittsburgh if they can put together an abstract for the project before July 31.

Creating jobs through the multiplier effect

Money from the stimulus package can create jobs for students, the community and eventually, the world, Capps said.

Although the couldn't put a number on the of new jobs created, she said the multiplier effect is huge. Cal Poly is just the start of a chain of jobs to be created in the future.

First, students are hired to research a project, then, more faculty are hired as the research grows. When the findings are eventually released, billions of dollars and jobs go into making it a reality.

John Howard, the founder and president of Applied Biotechnology Institute — which works with Cal Poly students on research off campus — said that for every one person Cal Poly hires, around 1,000 jobs are created down the line.

Klisch's four summer interns, for example, will be in San Luis Obispo this summer and contribute to local business and real estate.

Small business, not medical research, will help economy

Brian Klotz, the press secretary for Representative Kevin McCarthy — who represents the district from Buellton to Atascadero — said there is a better way to generate jobs.

Although Cal Poly is a "premier university" and its research projects "push the envelope in needed research and development," the stimulus package isn't the most efficient solution, he said.

"Our primary needs to be to improve the small business climate throughout our nation to create permanent jobs and turn our economy around," Klotz said in a statement. "Helping small businesses that create 90 percent of our nation's jobs — is imperative to create employment opportunities for Cal Poly graduates and long-term jobs for Californians desperately need during times of double-digit unemployment."
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The Chinese government said Wednesday it had arrested two of the main architects of last week's deadly ethnic violence in Xinjiang, a restive region of China that borders Central Asian countries.

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**SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) —** Jesse James Hollywood has been convicted of the kidnap and murder of a 15-year-old boy that inspired the 2007 movie "Alpher Dog."
Environmentalists unfurl banner on Mount Rushmore

Greenpeace climbers rappel down the face of Mount Rushmore National Memorial in Keystone, S.D. on Wednesday to unfurl a banner that challenges President Obama to show leadership on global warming.

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"America honors leaders not politicians: Stop Global Warming."

The banner was removed about an hour after it was unfurled from the top of the mountain Wednesday and hung alongside the carving of former President Abraham Lincoln.

Greenpeace says in a statement that its members hung the 2,300-square-foot banner that read, "America honors leaders not politicians: Stop Global Warming."

"This is a protest against President Obama's inaction on climate change," said Ivan L. Haake, a Greenpeace organizer. "It's time for our leaders to start listening to science and start acting in a way that is compatible with saving the planet."...Continued from page 3
Swinging shaggy blond hair out of his eyes, Nate Henry, bassist and vocalist for Sherwood, clutch the microphone and deliver powerful lyrics to hundreds of dedicated fans. The crowd shouts praise and dances to the catchy indie beats.

This is likely to be the scene tonight at 7 when Downtown Brew welcomes Sherwood, the first local band to get signed and tour nationally, back to San Luis Obispo.

"Downtown Brew has a cool, small club vibe. Three out of our last four shows sold out and our headlining tour sold out in advance, which was really cool. I think people take pride that we are a hometown band," Henry said.

Sherwood has played at Downtown Brew at least 10 times and each show has been very successful. Playing shows in their college town is like a homecoming for the band, bringing them back to their roots, said Kerrie Newman, Downtown Brew’s booking and venue coordinator.

The band has come a long way since its formation. Henry and guitarist Dan Koch met at an open microphone event in 2001, when they were both attending Cal Poly.

"We were just a couple of college kids who had a dream," Henry said.

The group was completed in 2002 with the addition of drummer Boo Boo Lebowitz. The quartet’s style blends indie with catchy pop tunes and a rock ‘n roll beat, citing The Beach Boys, The Beatles and Tom Petty as some of their musical influences.

According to Henry, the band name stemmed from a joke. The band members wanted to create an album that corresponded with scenes from the Disney classic, "Robin Hood." They called their band "much like Pink Floyd’s "Dark Side of the Moon" supposedly meshes with "The Wizard of Oz."

While they have yet to create a soundtrack for "Robin Hood," Sherwood did produce two independent albums before becoming the first band to release an album through MySpace Records in 2002.

The record label helped propel them from small town college band to national sensation, with nearly one million MySpace friends and more than 18 million music downloads of songs on its MySpace page.

"Starting off small and working their way up the music industry ladder, Sherwood has garnered a lot of worldwide success, attracting the support of even the unlikeliest of fans.

"We went to Japan last year and having people that don’t speak your language singing along to the songs, giving you flowers and crying when they meet you is really amazing," Henry said. "Going to Japan changed my life. I had a smile on my face the whole time."

"The downtown brew's MySpace page has comments posted from fans across the globe, including places such as Holland, Denmark, Australia and many U.S. states.

"I love your music, guys. I especially like your ballad. Keep up the good soulful and honest songwriting. Rock on," writes Justin Henderson, a fan from Kansas.

Despite its huge online fan base, Sherwood finds that many fans won’t support the band financially by legally buying music or attending concerts, Henry said.

"When the economy is down the first thing to go is entertainment," Henry said. "Most bands who are starting out need people to support them financially.

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The band’s new album, "Quit," was released this fall. It will offer fans a unique blend of songs with an array of different themes.

"Most bands who are starting out write songs about girls. As we grow and mature and get life experiences, we can channel our experiences to write and inspire songs," Henry said. 

Henry said songs from the album will step away from the cliché by including themes about apathy, war, mid-life crises and motherhood.

Tickets for the all-ages concert can be purchased for $15 at the door or $14 in advance at ticketweb.com. Boo Boo Records or Downtown Brew’s box office. Rock band Copeland will be opening the show.

Getting personal with Nate Henry:

Q: Who are your favorite artists?

Q: Any embarrassing moments?
A: One time, we were playing a concert at Cal Poly’s UU hour and Matt threw a tambourine like 50 feet up in the air and it came down and hit me in the back of the head. Of course it would hit me. The whole crowd was laughing.

Q: What is your favorite musical venue?
A: The Fillmore in San Francisco. They are so artist-friendly. Or any place in Tokyo. They take care of you like no other.

Q: If you could meet anyone, dead or alive, who would it be and why?
A: Either David from the Bible or Conan O’Brien. Growing up, I connected to stories of David in the Bible. He was very active, very poetic, but at the same time very much a warrior. He could crush a lion with his bare hands, but also wrote beautiful poetry to express himself. It is hard to find that combination in a man. And Conan O’Brien just seems cool. I've always wanted to hang out with him.

Q: If you were alone on a deserted island, whose music would you be listening to?
A: Johnny Cash. He has so many records and just seems like a really cool person. Maybe his songs would inspire me to build a fort or something.

Q: If you could have any superhero power, what would it be? Why?
A: I can't decide I'd want more of a superhero power or more of an X-Men power. I guess I would fly because that would be more useful ever time.

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Local rock band Sherwood returns to its old stomping grounds with a show with Copeland at Downtown Brewing Co. tonight.
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Time for a high speed rail do-over vote

With the sidelining of AB 153, a bill giving the High Speed Rail Authority (HSR) a third rail system, as well as the right to issue debt, it's time to admit how poorly informed California voters were when presented the HSR ballot item in the fall of 2008 and rebuff the HSR question to the voters.

Given the true costs of this railway could easily be in the $100 billion range, and that there is no clear source of funding for this debt, HSR needs a confirming vote before unleashing the untold billions for something that will never be used by most Californians.

With the advent of Broadband and wireless, Internet communications, business-related travel will be less necessary in the future. This begs the question — who will actually use this high-speed rail system?

Legislators — do the right thing and put this project back on the ballot for a "do-over" vote. Force the HSR supporters to provide the voters all of the information needed to fully appreciate the total costs of this train, by forcing them to publish a meaningful business plan, and meaningfully operational cost information that will reflect the actual cost to run this train on a per-ticket basis.

Wayne Martin
Former Folsom-asylum consultant

"My kids are grown and doing their own thing, so nothing is the same. Check out the cool laser light show with in-laws and younger niece/nephew. Get a prime spot near Morro Rock. We were just about to move spots when a lady said she searched the show and we should be able to see it. By 9:15 decided it was time to pack it in - laser show was miles away on the tiny screen and obviously lame and couldn’t really see anything from Cayucos either. It was definitely a 4th to remember. Felt bad for the kids since they got no fireworks. Nowess snap and they light up. It would seem ridiculous and obviously lame and couldn’t really see anything from Cayucos either. It was definitely a 4th to remember. Felt bad for the kids since they got no fireworks. Nowess snap and they light up. It would seem ridiculous and obviously lame and couldn’t really see anything from Cayucos either. It was definitely a 4th to remember. Felt bad for the kids since they got no fireworks. Nowess snap and they light up. It would seem ridiculous and obviously lame and couldn’t really see anything from Cayucos either. It was definitely a 4th to remember. Felt bad for the kids since they got no fireworks. Nowess snap and they light up. It would seem ridiculous and obviously lame and couldn’t really see anything from Cayucos ever..."

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HOUSTON (AP) — Trevor Ariza liked what he saw in Houston enough to leave the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Rockets formally introduced the versatile forward on Wednesday. After he signed a multiyear contract.

The 24-year-old free agent agreed to join the Rockets last Thursday, switching places with free agent Ron Artest, who left Houston to play for the Lakers.

"I think this was the best place for me," Ariza said. "I think I have more of an opportunity here."

The 6-foot-8 Ariza averaged 8.9 points and 4.3 rebounds and shot 32 percent from 3-point range for Los Angeles in the regular season. He raised his stock during the Lakers’ championship run, averaging 11.3 points, 2.3 assists and shooting 47.6 percent from 3-point range in the playoffs.

Even after agreeing to terms with the Rockets, other teams were still trying to change his mind, including the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Ariza spoke to Lebron James, but said James did not indicate he would stay with Cleveland after next season, when he becomes a free agent.

"He had nothing to say about his future," Ariza said. "He just told me that if I was to come there, we would have a good chance of winning. That’s all you want to do is win.

Ariza expected that kind of attention because of how the Lakers finished their season.

"It was tempting — very, very tempting," he said. "But at the end of the day, I felt like Houston was the best place for me. I got approached by some really good teams. I felt like I could help this team a lot more and help myself also by being here.

The Rockets will need him as they recover from serious injuries, with Yao Ming in doubt for the 2009-10 season with a broken left leg, and general manager Daryl Morey struck out on an aggressive effort to sign Masai Ujiri of Orlando to fill in for Yao next season.

McGrady and Yao Ming are in doubt for the series and that factored into his decision. Ariza had the Rockets in the second round of the playoffs. He admired the way the Rockets played in the series and that factored into his decision to decide on Houston.

"This is a great, young team who’s got a lot of potential," Ariza said. "They’re very, very strong, and they never give up, and that’s the type of player I am. No matter what the situation is, I’m still fighting."