Budget cuts impact Poly's sights, sounds

Teachers concerned as budget cuts loom over AV department.

By Lori Lautenschleger
Staff Writer

The budget cuts at Cal Poly will not only affect the number of students and instructors on campus and the number of classes offered, but they may also affect how classes are taught.

The effect of the budget cuts on the distribution area of the audio-visual department will not be known until sometime in August, said Phyllis McWilliams, head of distribution.

The AV distribution area lends equipment, including slide projectors and videotapes, to instructors and then delivers it to classrooms.

The photography and graphics department of AV have already been cut and McWilliams has been told by Norm Johnson, director of Communication Services, that some of her student assistants might be let go.

Twenty-five students worked part-time last quarter at distribution in the office or in the "field," delivering equipment to classrooms, McWilliams said.

Two staff members from the photography and graphics department of AV have already been given their lay-off notices.

But it won't be just those working in AV who will be affected.

Teachers who use videos and slide projectors to help their students visualize concepts.

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Cuesta students hurt by cuts, high demand

By Noel Eidsmore
Staff Writer

Cuesta College is having to turn away summer applicants because of reduced class offerings and increased student demand.

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County unemployment remains high, but officials pleased with recent drops

By Cathy Cameron
Staff Writer

Although unemployment rates are up from last year, state officials are optimistic that this year's rates will continue to fall.

The May unemployment rate in San Luis Obispo County was 5.2 percent, a 0.3 percent drop from April's rate. The figure does, however, remain higher than the 3.9 percent unemployment rate in May 1990.

A stabilizing workforce in San Luis Obispo County is one factor that should cause this year's unemployment rates to keep falling, said Norie Placak, manager of the Employment Development Department.

A stable workforce is one that will not be severely affected by economic swings, which is reflected in unemployment rates, Placak said.

Much of the stability of San Luis Obispo County's workforce and economy comes from the fact that See UNEMPLOYMENT, page 6

Removal of asbestos in two buildings continues

By Aaron Nix
Staff Writer

Most Cal Poly students attending summer classes know about the flurry of construction and remodeling work going on at various spots around campus.

What may surprise those students, however, is that more than just construction is going on behind the metal fencing surrounding the Engineering, East and Business Administration and Education buildings.

Crews are busy removing hazardous asbestos used as insulation for pipes running through both buildings, according to Gary Yeo, state project manager for the business building site.

Yeo said the asbestos removal probably dates back to the original construction of the buildings.

Once wrapped around a pipe and placed behind a wall, he said, the asbestos is completely safe to the occupants of the building, but it must be removed before any remodeling or additional construction can be done.

"Asbestos is only dangerous if it is moved or disturbed," Yeo said. "Moving the insulation makes it 'frangible,' or airborne, and that is when it poses a health risk to the public. As long as it remains behind a wall, it stays isolated and safe."

The removal of asbestos from the business building is being done in two separate phases, starting this summer and ending sometime toward the end of next summer.

The first phase, according to Yeo, consists of removing the hazardous insulation from the base ment and second floor of the business building.

The removal crews should be done this Friday, he said.

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Time's running out...

Library hours and services may be reduced with the state's budget cuts.

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Opinion:

Neil Pascale and Peter Hartlaub share opinions about South Africa's involvement in the Olympic games.

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Laugh till you drop

Giggles and guffaws await at Bob Zany's Comedy Shop.

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Friday weather:

Low clouds cooling to sunny.

High 65-70°. Low 55°.

Winds n.w. 10-20 mph.

4 ft. seas 7 ft. n.w. swells.
Russia inaugurates its first elected president

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris N. Yeltsin formally took office Wednesday as the first elected president of the Russian republic, pledging to uphold human rights and break from abuses of the past.

"For the first time in Russian history, the citizens of Russia have made their own choice," the white-haired Siberian said in his inaugural address.

The people of Russia, Yeltsin said, "chose not only an individual, not only a president, but above all they chose the path along which our motherland is to travel. It is the path of democracy. The path of reform. The path of the restoration of human dignity."

"Great Russia is rising from its knees," he said. "We certainly will turn it into a flourishing, democratic, peaceful, law-based sovereign state."

Men arrested for plan to assassinate Gandhi

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Police have arrested two Sri Lankan Tamils accused of harboring the mastermind assassin of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, a news report said Tuesday.

P. Vijayan and his father-in-law, S. Bhas-karan, were arrested Monday in Madras as detained suspects in the May 21 assassination, the Press Trust of India said.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — There are at least 44,000 U.S. military men and women still in the Persian Gulf and some may be there until late December, the Pentagon's spokesman said Tuesday.

Some five months after the end of the Desert Storm ground war, the ground force remaining in the region is composed primarily of "logisticians" personnel dealing with the mass of equipment left behind, spokesman Pete Williams told reporters at a Pentagon briefing.

Informants spend $15,000 in telephone call spree

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Informants at the county jail snuck through a loophole in the phone system and made more than $15,000 worth of telephone calls to China, Switzerland and other countries at county expense.

The callers discovered a dialing pattern beginning with zero that allowed them to bypass local-only restrictions in the San Diego County phone system.

"They were racking up $400 and $500 bills a day," said Mary Battray, the telecommunication network control manager for the county's Department of Information Services, "They were really having fun."

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Library officials foresee fewer hours, longer lines

By Jane Phillips
Staff Writer

Cal Poly library officials don't anticipate any layoffs due to budget cuts, but student services are going to suffer.
The library anticipated this year's budget cuts as far back as November.
"We knew they would make the cuts so we didn't fill job vacancies," said David Walch, dean of library services.
The library has approximately 16 vacant positions, either from personnel who retired or resigned.
Most of the positions, if not all, will be held open to cover the weight of the cuts, Walch said. He said current employees will be repositioned for efficiency.
The level of services will not equal present levels, Walsh said. Lines will be longer, it will take longer to replace materials on shelves and longer to find materials.
A Resources Review Committee, composed of library personnel, has been formed to make recommendations and report on how to accommodate the shortfall in the staff, Walsh said.
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Currently, about $467,000 out of the $1.1 million budgeted for the 1991-92 goes into a CSU reserve fund.
That money provides new parking spaces, maintenance of existing lots and any painting or resurfacing that may need to be done to needy schools in the CSU — not necessarily Cal Poly specifically.
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Reactions to South Africa's Olympic involvement

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By Neil Pascale

Four years after refusing to send an integrated team to the 1964 Olympics, South Africa was officially kicked out of the International Olympic Committee.

Some 21 years — and five Olympics — later, South Africa is being reprieved.

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• By eliminating South Africa from the Los Angeles Olympics, politicians thought they could ease racial segregation. Maybe even do away with it.

• More than two decades later, apartheid is alive and well. Or better yet, alive, well and kicking — at least more than the South African gymnasts have been for two decades.

• Granted, South African President F. W. de Klerk told the country’s Parliament in February that he vows to do away with all apartheid laws.

• And watching both blacks and whites walking under their country’s flag, embracing each other after triumphant races can do no harm to the young South African viewer.

• The president of the National Olympic Committees of Africa, Jean-Claude Ganga, envisioned a similar thought in a recent Los Angeles Times article.

— We will know we have succeeded,” Ganga said, “when we see a black South African win a race and watch the whites cry when they see their flag raised and their anthem played.”

• Maybe Ganga is being unrealistic, like the politicians who axed South African athletics.

• Maybe he’s asking for too much from a country that is so sharply divided racially and ethnically. But it’s worth a shot.

Neil Pascale is a journalism senior. He is Summer Mustang’s copy editor.
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“We don’t get reimbursed,” Frank Gonzales, dean of admissions at Cuesta College said. “We’ve been underfunded by virtue of our population.”

He said that operating costs over the summer was simply a matter of accommodation and a way to try to meet student demands.

One way Cuesta has been cutting costs is by reducing the number of classes it offers. Gonzales said that classes have been reduced by 3 to 5 percent across the curriculum.

According to Mitchell, Cuesta has no money for new equipment — academic or athletic — and has cut part time hours. Several offices also have fewer hours.

Library hours are included in those that have been reduced. The library is now closed Fridays and is open one-half less hour per day than it was last summer.

“We try to do it (make cuts) so no department is affected unequally,” Mitchell said.

Mitchell said that as many as 100,000 students may be turned away from California community colleges this fall.

Walk-in registration at Cuesta for fall began Monday, June 24 and Mitchell said students were camped out since midnight Sunday to make sure they got what classes were available.

The final state budget has not yet been passed and Mitchell said if all goes well, they may be able to add sections in the fall, but it is too early for them to be hopeful.

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Walch said more students use this library than any other in the CSU system. The number of materials checked out per Cal Poly student is 64 items a year compared to the average circulation per CSU student of 27 items a year.

“Because of this, we use a lot of student assistants,” Walch said.

Student assistants work throughout the library. The library receives approximately $135,000 a year from the state for student assistants. Walch said that other library departments usually contribute about $100,000 a year to help finance the student assistants, but this year that will not be possible because of budget cuts.

About 200 students were employed as student assistants last year. Walch said the number may decrease due to the budget cuts or students may work shorter hours.

Adalian said that every department will take a cut in student assistants.

Walch said the book budget must stay intact. Last year the annual budget for books, periodicals and serials purchases was $1.3 million. Approximately $850,000 to $900,000 a year is spent on periodicals.

This amount has stayed the same for the last three years and has not kept pace with inflation, he said.

Periodicals are to be cut by 10 to 15 percent, Walch said. The Serials Retention and Selection Committee, a standing group of library officials that reviews periodicals, has been working with department heads to produce a list of possible periodical cancellations.

A list is being prepared by library personnel based on information received by the departments and will be submitted to Walch on August 15, Walch said.

Titles will be cut following appropriate consultation between library personnel and department heads and faculty representatives, giving opportunity to discuss the cuts one last time, Walch said.

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Summer Mustang

A/V

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such as architectural styles, may have to wait longer for equip­
ment, or not use it at all.

Students are receiving hands-on experience asked to
photograph or videotape projects for instructors. This is
one reason A/V is so important, McWilliams said.

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Local music group provides harmony in informal atmosphere

By Jane Phillips
Staff Writer

For many years, Linnman Phillips brought folk musicians to the Central Coast to perform in her home for local music lovers. Now, the San Luis Obispo Folk Music Society has taken over her task and coordinates at least one concert every month.

The organization introduces music to people that they might not otherwise hear and tries to create a format that will provide a diverse variety of music," said SLOFOLKS President Hails Haftey.

Haftey and SLOFOLKS tries to create a setting which allows the audience to talk to the musicians — something covered over from Phillips' earlier concerts. Now, concerts are held in either Linnman's Cafe in San Luis Obispo or Coralville Bookstore in Marro Bay. Seating at the shows is limited, with maximum capacities of 48 and 60 people respectively. Phillips and her concerts created a spirit of camaraderie missing in big concert halls. Musicians have said that they feel indebted to SLOFOLKS because of the small, informal atmosphere they provide.

However, city zoning codes would not permit the home venue. "I was so fabulous on Oprah," Phillips said. "But they'll never show it again, because Oprah was skinny then. She was tiny compared to me."

Hughes has worked at this outlet of Bob Zany's three times in the last two years, and said she likes to perform at Embassy Suites because she can localize all the jokes.

In one of her jokes, she tells the story of when she went to Marie Callender's in Pismo Beach with three of her friends after a Weight Watchers meeting.

"When our table was ready, they called over the loudspeaker," Hughes, party of four, Hughes," she said. "That joke works better in San Luis because people can picture it happening." Hughes has been doing comedy for almost nine years, and has appeared on Hour Magazine and the Oprah Winfrey Show.

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Hughes has worked at this outlet of Bob Zany's three times in the last two years, and said she likes the intimacy of the 100-seat club.

"I'd say something nasty about the lack of intimacy in my life, but my husband takes it personally when I talk about him," she said laughing.

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SLOFOLKS Treasurer Jody Ramsland, who usually books artists six months ahead, said there are about 10 or more volunteers who help get and distribute them.

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