Bankruptcy just a minor delay for arts center
By Ted Holz and Ann Garrett
Staff Writers

The Cal Poly Performing Arts Center encountered what officials are calling a minor delay when the architectural company designing it filed for bankruptcy.

Arthur Erickson and Associates, the firm hired to design the 1,500-seat theatre, filed for bankruptcy on July 18.

However, CSU trustees decided two days later to allow an ad hoc committee, comprised of three members of the Campus Facilities Committee, to acquire a new contract with a new firm, said Academic Affairs Vice President Robert Boos.

"There is no question that it will go forward," said Glenn Irvin, a member of the Performing Arts Steering Committee. "It's just a matter of what architectural firm handles it."

The search for the new architectural company should take no longer than 60 days, said James B. Jamieson, executive director of the Foundation for the Performing Arts.

Before filing for bankruptcy, Erickson and Associates had completed 80 percent of the design phase, Boos said.

Several of the Erickson designers will continue to work on the project, Jamieson said.

"If it had to happen, this is the perfect time," Jamieson said. "We are nearing the end of the design phase and beginning the working-drawings phase. Another firm could take over at this phase."

Cuts, lower enrollment cause class cancellations
By Patricia Allen
Staff Writer

Class cancellations are up almost 40 percent this quarter compared to last summer, according to a report from the Class Scheduler's office.

Two hundred and three classes were cancelled this summer, compared to last summer's 124, the report said.

These cancellations affected 1,376 of the 6,118 students enrolled in summer school, while last year, only 841 students were dropped because of cancelled classes out of 6,532 students enrolled, the report said.

These numbers include students who may have dropped the class through CAPTURE before it was cancelled.

"Most of those classes cancelled this summer were due mostly to low enrollment," Academic Affairs Vice President Robert Boos said.

The Chancellors office sets a Course Classification number that each class must meet or else it can be cancelled. This number varies depending on the class and includes the minimum number of students needed to avoid cancellation.

Boos said an average of 12 students are needed to keep a class open.

Following the flight of the country's second Big Bird

A commentary looks at the Vice President's short visit to the Central Coast, where he bestowed handshakes and high 5's at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

The vice president dropped in to Vandenberg on Tuesday. He came in through the airport, stopped by some friends' house, and then went to a hotel to spend the night.

Well, sort of.

Better yet, add in that the airport was Vandenberg Air Force Base, where at least 200 airmen and their families greeted him, and that the house he stopped at was the Museum — the location of a fundraiser for Congressman Bill Thomas — and that at least 20 Secret Service men spent the night with him at the Santa Maria Inn.

Vice President Dan Quayle visited the Central Coast on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Air Force Two brought him and his daughter to California at 5:25 p.m. on Tuesday. His plans were to attend several political fundraisers for area congressmen and to make what he termed "a major space announcement."

Quayle has just come from a visit to Utah, where a spokes­man said Quayle had par­ticipated in fund-raising for the state's Republican party.

The vice president looks older in person. His sandy blonde hair is graying at the temples. He walked off the airplane with the lanky stride of an ex-basketball player. His suit matched those of the Secret Service men who sur­rounded him, except for the pink, purple and yellow tie.

The vice president spent about ten minutes greeting and being greeted by servicemen sta­tioned at Vandenberg. He shook hands, gave high 5's, and spoke to a crowd clad mostly in blue Air Force uniforms and green fatigue caps.

The servicemen who had moments earlier been calm and quiet craned their necks and ran

Low enrollment and budget cuts have resulted in cancelled classes.

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The new Rec Center breaks ground and is scheduled to be completed by 1993.

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Upbeat celebration...
The Central Coast remembers a great musician at the Mozart Festival this weekend.

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**World**

World War II grenade explodes, killing two

LAPLISSE, France (AP) — Two children playing in a village junkyard were killed and three others injured when a World War II grenade exploded, police said on Wednesday.

The blast occurred Tuesday in the nearby village of Arfeuilles, 217 miles south of Paris. Two 11-year-old boys were killed, and two boys and a girl suffered serious injuries. Their ages were not given.

Bomb experts said the explosion was caused by an English-made World War II grenade that the children found while playing in a yard where villagers leave scrap metal.

**Nation**

Italian judge demands family care for mom

FRASCATI, Italy (AP) — A town judge has ordered seven brothers and sisters to take turns caring for their 85-year-old mother so she won't be abandoned, according to news reports Wednesday.

The Corriere della Sera newspaper said Maria Gatta was left on a Frascati street earlier this month by a daughter who had taken care of her for an unspecified length of time.

Leading brothers and sisters could not agree on who should care for their mother, so the youngest daughter, Benedetta Gatta, sought the help of a judge in this wine-making town, the newspaper said.

Judge Francesco Guarino established an order of rotating turns to begin Aug. 3, the newspaper reported.

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**State**

Sperm donor granted some parental rights

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**World**

U.S. tries to end abuse of food imports to Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is considering changes in the economic embargo on Iraq that would require Saddam Hussein's government to pay for its food imports and ensure that all Iraqis have access to future deliveries.

U.S. officials said Tuesday the administration's reassessment was prompted by "imperfections" in the existing system, but it came amid reports of a growing medical crisis caused by a shortage of food.

Just a week ago, President Bush seemed intent on maintaining the sanctions at all cost, but reports of widespread deprivation in Iraq appear to have forced the reassessment.

**World**

Quayle says no more shuttles will be built

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration said Wednesday it will build no more space shuttles but will concentrate on creating new family of rockets as successors to the 30-year-old technology now in use.

The new "National Space Launch Strategy" announced by Vice President Quayle during a visit to California, also envisioning converting some unspecified defense missiles to satellite launchers.

"In all probability, we have purchased the last space shuttle," said Quayle, in a speech at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

"The space launch proposal launches to extend the life span of the shuttle fleet and to operate the system conservatively," Quayle said.

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Construction begins on recreation center after contractor signs

By Ann Garrett
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The new recreation sports center will Cal Poly is planning on with the first rumblings of life as a fencing goes up around the construction site. A meeting was held recently and a contract has been signed with the contractor, Continental Heller, a Sacramento firm.

"They will be mobilizing fencing, putting up gates and locks, beginning site demolition and moving in heavy equipment," said Peter K. Phillips, architectural coordinator for Cal Poly.

A meeting was held recently and a contract has been signed with the contractor, Continental Heller, a Sacramento firm. "We are kind of waiting to see how construction will impact our facilities. For example, the softball field, how far out the fence is going to go," said Marcy Maloney, assistant coordinator for Poly's Rec Sports.

"It will probably be completed summer to fall '93, notwithstanding construction delays," said De Neve.

The fenced-off construction site includes the Health Center parking lot, the basketball courts and the road between them, said Mike De Neve, project coordinator.

"It is very exciting," she said. "I think the whole process started in 1984. I think when the students see a hole start in the ground, it is like seeing their dream actually start to materialize." Parham, a student guide for START and last year's chair of ASI ethnic relations.

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Parents attend separate activities to give them information on public safety, financial aid, housing and other unanswered questions, said Maria Arvizu, START's parent support coordinator.

Support to the student, said Arvizu. "It gets really hard and competitive," she said.

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Social reform movies won't guarantee change

By Larre M. Sterling

Last weekend I went with four of my friends to Festival Cinemas in Arroyo Grande to see the movie “Boyz N The Hood.”

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Starting with the audience members, I remember being instantly impressed with the film “Boyz N the Hood,” which received two thumbs up. Both Siskel and Ebert commented on the positive social impact that the film promotes.

Siskel and Ebert were right. The film is notable for its attempt to inspire positive social change. My thoughts changed as I watched the actions of the audience.

There were two boys sitting to the right of us dressed from head-to-toe in Raiders gear. Both were about 14-years-old. Neither one of them spoke throughout the film; both subliminal and direct messages were relayed encouraging people to stay clear of drugs, alcohol abuse, gangs, AIDS, violence and irresponsible sexual activity.

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There are a lot of nice hikes, too," said Eric Nicita, who is the chairman for outings put on by Cal Poly's Escape Route.

Venturing into the wilderness is a popular route many students travel when they need to escape school.

"People who go car-camping usually want to get away from the city and take a lot of amenities with them," Nicita said. "It's more primitive, you can't have a stereo or a six-pack of beer."

When asked where the best backpacking spots are in the San Luis Obispo area, Nicita had trouble remembering the ideal spot.

Montana de Oro gives its year around visitors a wealth of activities, including its beautiful scenery.

"It's a pretty populatied area around here and whenever you get near populatied areas, it's more difficult to find public places where you can backpack," said Nicita.

For those willing to sacrifice more than an hour's worth of driving for a day of backpacking, Big Sur along Highway 1 was highly recommended, as well as Pt. Sal, which is located south along the coast near Lompoc.

The Los Padres National Forest offers five local campgrounds which are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Fees for these sites range from $4 to $7 per night.

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Popular spots include Lopez Lake ($10 per night), Morro Bay State Park ($8), North Beach in Pismo ($12), Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park ($14) and the south shore of Lake San Antonio ($11).

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Horsebackriding
Central Coast provides the coastline, local stables offer an easy way to see it

By Lori L. Lautenschleger
Staff Writer

The sound of waves crashing on the shore, the smell of the salty air and the feel of the wind as one gallops on a horse down the beach is something that can only happen in dreams. Or is it?

The Livery Stables, Inc. in Oceano can provide this experience.

For $15 an hour and a $25 refundable deposit in cash, one's dreams of horseback riding on the beach can be fulfilled.

"A lot of customers tell us they've always wanted to ride on the beach," said Arleen Guzzie, manager of The Livery Stables, Inc.

Located off Highway 1 at 1207 Silver Spur Place, the stables provide guided or unguided rides from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week in the summer and Wednesday through Monday in the winter, for experienced and inexperienced riders.

Before starting off on the 1-mile path to the beach, guides will explain how to sit on, gallop and control the horse. They will also match people up with horses depending on the experience of the riders, said Autumn Brown, an employee at the stables.

Rocking D Riding Stables in Avila Beach also offers horseback riding for $15 an hour and small children can be dealt up for an extra $5. This ride covers a trail that overlooks Avila Beach.

Rocking D Riding Stables is open seven days a week and is located at 558 Avila Dr.

Although Cal Poly doesn't have horses to ride for recreation, students who are interested in learning how to ride correctly, grooming, proper saddling, etc., can take ASCI-131, Beginning Western Riding, offered every Winter Quarter.

Mike Lund, of the animal sciences department, said that although most students who take the class are animal science majors interested in more experience with horses, ASCI-131 is open to any major.

A fee is paid by the students to provide for the use and care of the horses.

The Dunes
Public recreational area hosts thousands each year

By Cathy Cameron
Staff Writer

Just south of San Luis Obispo is Pismo Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area, where both tourists and county residents can experience some different kinds of summer fun.

More than half million people visit Pismo Dunes every year, said Ranger Nancy Dreher.

Most of those visitors take part in some kind of outdoor activity, such as four-wheeling, camping, clamming or horseback riding.

Pismo is the only public beach in California where private vehicles can be driven on the beach, but drivers need to be careful, "because people get stuck on the beach every day," Dreher said.

Some of the precautions rangers suggest that drivers can take to avoid getting stuck include: driving slowly (the beach speed limit is 15 mph), and trying to avoid sharp turning movements or very soft sand.

"Keeping your momentum up is very important. You want to maintain flotation on top of the sand," said Robb Felder, a natural resources management junior.

Felder, who has been driving his four-wheel drive truck at Pismo for four years, said beginners need to be aware of their unfamiliar surroundings, yet confident with what they are doing.

"Drivers need to have confidence in themselves and their driving ability," he said. "If you aren't comfortable with what you're doing or where you're going and are slamming on your brakes, you can lose your momentum and get stuck."

If you do get stuck and need to be towed off the beach, All Towing is authorized to tow on the beach and can be reached on Channel 19. Rates range from $25 to pull out someone stuck on the beach to "in the hundreds of dollars if they're stuck really far out on the dunes," an All Towing representative said.

Another popular thing to do on the 2,500 acres of dunes is to ride off-highway vehicles (OHVs). All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) such as quads can be rented from two places near the dunes, The Sand Center and BJ's ATV Rental and Accessories Center.

The Sand Center rents a Honda 250R for $75 for two hours with a $100 deposit, and BJ's rents the 250R for $60 for two hours with a $150 deposit. All ATVs must have a 10-foot whip antenna and flag, and all riders must wear a helmet.

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Many people camp on the dunes, primarily during the summer months, Dreher said.

"Reservations are suggested, especially on the big weekends, such as the Fourth of July and Memorial Day," Dreher said.

Five hundred people are allowed to camp in the dunes each night and an overnight pass costs $5 for each vehicle.

Clamming is another popular activity at Pismo.

Clams can be found along the entire seven-mile length of the beach, and many of the clams meet the four-and-one-half-inch requirement. Ten clams be taken per day, and a valid fishing license is needed.

"Horses can be rented from The Livery Stable Inc. and ridden on the beach. This costs $15 an hour with a $25 refundable deposit.

Some parts of the dunes are closed off to vehicles and people "to protect the vegetation or because the property is privately owned," Dreher said.

"Most people respect that these areas are fenced off for a reason and they are surprisingly close to the rules of the beach."

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Horseback riding stables are abundant on the Central Coast.
Scuba Diving

Central Coast has perfect conditions for beginning, advanced scuba divers

By Shirley Meissner

During these warm summer months, when Neptune's call is especially enticing, scuba diving and skin diving can be a welcome relief from the heat. The Central Coast is perfect for diving, said Richard Burnside, a diving instructor for Sea Wink dive shop in Pismo Beach.

The coast is diversified and can accommodate beginning and advanced divers, said Burnside. For the more experienced divers, Morro Bay and areas north of Cambria provide more challenge, with large waves and swells and deeper waters, he said.

The best thing about local diving is the "abundance of wildlife," said Cal Poly Scuba Club President Jeffery Allen. Many varieties of rock fish, shellfish and coral live in the waters just off the coast, said Allen.

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Although the Cal Poly Scuba Club is not officially active, small groups will be forming to make plans for summer dives. Ocean Currents, a San Luis Obispo dive shop owned by Poly grad Anthony Reynolds, will be forming a club for skin and scuba divers.

Membership fee will be $30 dollars, which includes a T-shirt and a 10 percent discount on in-store merchandise.

Reynolds said people should not be afraid of the ocean, since there is nothing really harmful in the water and what is there is often friendly.

On the Central Coast, he said, you can even play with the seals and otters. The only thing divers should be aware of are the currents and riptides, warned Reynolds.

Ocean temperatures on the Central Coast are warmer in relation to places like Monterey and Santa Cruz. Generally, said Reynolds, the water is stays at 61 degrees in the summer until late September when it drops down to its winter temperature of 50 degrees.

Local dive shops can provide information on specific dive locations and precautions, he said. On campus the scuba club will be holding its first meeting of the school year in September. Membership fee is $25 for the year or $10 a quarter.

Beginning fall quarter, the club will be taking trips to Catalina, La Paz, Mexico and Monterey.

The cost is usually between $200 and $300, said Allen. "The diving on those places is incredible."

Surfing classes help beginners ride waves

By Minka Parsons

If you want to learn how to catch a wave this summer, the Pismo Beach Recreation Department can help.

For $84 instructors can teach you surfing etiquette, water safety and how to get up on a surfboard.

Surf Instructor Von Curaza said it's important for a beginner to know such things before entering the water and emphasizes water safety in his classes.

Curaza said some of the safest places for surfing are Pismo, Avila, Morro Bay and Cayucos.

Two of the most popular places around the Central Coast are Montana de Oro and the South Jetty at Morro Bay. Both sometimes get overcrowded.

"The best time to surf is in the early morning or late afternoon when the water is smooth," Curaza said.

This time of year is not the season to surf because frequent storms make summer weather unpredictable, he said.

Pismo Beach Recreation Superintendent Betty Departevice recommends the surfing classes for people who are new to the area and the ocean.

Curaza said, "We haven't had a person not get up on the first day," and attributed this success to the highly individualized instruction.

Class sizes range from one to three students and levels from beginning to advanced.

Classes are held for two hours on Saturdays and Sundays during the summer at the north side of the Pismo pier. Students must be able to swim 200 yards and be at least 12.

The cost includes a surfboard and a helmet. Wet suits are not included but are required, Departevice said. Students also need to bring a large beach towel and a change of dry clothes.

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Golfing

By Jane Phillips
Staff Writer

Golf is practically a year-round sport here on the Central Coast and there are quite a few public courses nearby.

"It's not just a game for the time, it's a game for a lifetime," said Scott Sickich, head golf pro at San Luis Bay Golf Course.

Jim Webb, an exercise physiologist who teaches golf and other activity classes at Cal Poly, said: "a normal game of golf is playing 18 holes on a typical course of around 6,000 to 7,000 yards."

"It is an excellent recreational activity, a good socializing sport and provides exercise, challenge, frustrations and pleasure," he said.

A short course means that the average hole is a three (par), meaning it takes an average of three strokes to sink the ball in the hole.

Many of the local public courses, however, are nine-hole courses, which are considered short courses.

"A short course is good for a quicker game of golf. An 18-hole course alternates between three and five par holes."

Wendy Hudler, head golf pro at Morro Bay Golf Course said, "Golf used to be known as a doctor's sport, but now that's no longer true."

Hudler also said the sport is a favorite among women as well as men.

"Golf on the East Coast is a more white, male-dominated sport than on the West Coast," she said. "We have a lot of maps and phone numbers and can help people plan trips not only in this area, but for trips throughout the state."

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Two students of the START program prepare themselves for the beginning of their academic careers.

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"I never went to college, so I didn't know what the atmosphere was going to be like," said Mitchell. "I may have asked a lot of questions and maybe embarrassed my daughter. I don't know, but I feel better."

"We try to separate the students from the parents so they will interact with other students and ask more questions," said Sanders, a mathematics junior.

"It's a really nice process to watch."

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cannibals to record the event. Quayle moved quickly down the line, crowded by photographers. Behind him a limousine moved at the same pace he did, with Secret Service men lingering nearby.

Before he left, to start stamping for local Republicans, Quayle answered questions for members of the media. Topics included nuclear weapons in Iraq, Supreme Court nominee Judge Clarence Thomas, George Bush's Soviet summit and Vandenberg's place in the national space program.

On Iraq, Quayle would not discuss exactly what he and the president had discussed about Iraq and Saddam Hussein's ability to acquire nuclear weapons. "I'd rather be surprised that he was further away than 'Oh my gosh, he has it,'" Quayle said.

On Thomas' nomination, he was extremely positive. "Thomas is going to be confirmed in my judgment," he said. "But it will be a tough fight."

"The Senate knows Judge Thomas" and his reputation, he said. "We're not going to let happen to Judge Thomas what happened to Judge Bork." Quayle ex­pects Thomas to be confirmed sometime in September. He assured the media that Bush, as a conservative, "won't put a leftwinger on the Supreme Court."

On the Soviet summit, Quayle wanted to emphasize economic policy along with START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty). He said he considered economic policy to be of "even greater importance" than the reduction of arms.

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Quayle also discussed Van­denberg and its place in the space program, mentioning the base's role in testing products that lead to the success of Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf. "Vandenberg will continue to operate with the space program."

Quayle is chairman of the Na­tion's Space Council. He said that on Wednesday he will be delivering a speech at Vandenberg about the future of the space program and administrators' policies to match with the president's commitment to space exploration.

Quayle said he would be meeting with Gov. Pete Wilson on Wednesday. "Pete and I have been friends for a long time," he said.

He said he expected Wilson to update him on Wilson's "noncon­troversial budget" along with dis­cussing national security issues, including START. Wilson and Quayle sat on the Senate Armed Services Committee together for six years.

"I will be a good, friendly lunch — two friends getting together," he said.

Quayle stayed for about a half-hour at the base, before leaving in a 12-car motorcade for the fundraising dinner for Con­gressman Thomas in Nipomo. Quayle's daughter was also in the motorcade, but rode alone in a separate car.

At the fundraising dinner Quayle spoke briefly, in a speech filled with emotional language and cheers to the Republican party.

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The revival: The 21st Mozart Festival celebrates his music, time

By Shirley Meissner Staff Writer

The 21st San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival attracts international attention and features many nationally acclaimed musicians.

Yet, the festival is being viewed toward the general public who has yet to take advantage of the renowned festival, said Clifton Swanson, festival founder.

To stimulate the general public's interest, 11 free concerts and a lecture series on the life and music of Mozart will be held during the festival week, which starts Friday and continues through Aug. 4.

Swanson hopes the free events will pique students and the community to attend the festival.

During festival week, the free concerts will be held in the North County, Nipomo, Shell Beach and Morro Bay.

The concerts will include music from the Renaissance to contemporary, along with discussions on pieces played and instruments used.

"You don't have to be a scholar to enjoy the concerts," said Swanson, who thinks the casual atmosphere of the free concerts will be inviting to students.

"Musicians from all around the country, including Los Angeles and New York, will play beside local musicians in the Festival Orchestra," said Jean Wooley, festival organizer.

Some of the musicians from the Festival Orchestra will come to form other groups, including the Theophilus Brass Quintet.

Wooley thinks the Theophilus Brass Quintet may be fun for students because it is such an "energetic and feisty group."

In addition to the free concerts, the Mozart Festival will present 22 paid concerts throughout the county ranging in price from $10 to $27.

On Cal Poly's campus, five lectures by internationally renowned scholars and musicians will focus on the life and music of Mozart.

"The lectures introduce the political and social context of the festival," said Russell, a Poly music professor and the lecture series coordinator.

Students could learn from the lectures about how people generally think of Mozart as a classical musician, rather than a revolutionary musician.

"Mozart was the U2 or Tracy Chapman of his time, and was appreciated by young audiences," he said.

The lectures will also be of interest to Mozart buffs, but Russell said, since the scholars are so well known in their field.

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"Mozart seems to encompass anyone who listens," said Swanson. "It's the way he communicates to people that makes him a universal composer."

Swanson said that a cabby could sing it, or so unintelligible that it pleases precisely because no sensible man misinterprets it. The Viennese music scene had shifted, prompting Mozart to write to his father:

"In order to win applause one must write stuff which is no more than a catchy song with no or unintelligible that it pleases precisely because no sensible man can understand it."
"Two hundred and three classes were cancelled this summer ... These cancellations affected 1,376 of the 6,118 students enrolled in summer school."

"We needed at least 20 students to save it (French 104) from the budget crunch. We had the faculty to teach it, we just didn't have enough students. It really hurt to cancel that class."

"We will be operating with fewer faculty. There will be about 4 or 5 percent fewer courses. That will affect all of the departments," he said.

"If all the anticipated students register, and faculty are cut, then faculty will slow things down," he said.