Budget surprises amount to increased cuts for CSU, Poly

By David Bock

Editorial Staff

With the state budget finally in place, Cal Poly administrators left last week to attend a July 30 meeting with CSU officials in which the university's own budget situation would be finalized.

They returned with a few surprises. Tallying these unforeseen developments, the final state budget will amount to $12 million in cuts to Cal Poly, an additional $3 million more than was announced in May.

Three changes which contribute to the larger cut were made by Gov. Pete Wilson and legislators to the CSU support budget, said Rick Ramirez, Cal Poly budget officer.

"There were three developments we didn't fully anticipate that ended up being part of the final budget," he said. "Unfortunately, they make our situation worse and not better."

 Ramirez said one of the developments was the governor's decision to reduce by about 40 percent the state's contribution to its employees retirement program for the upcoming fiscal year.

That reduction means a savings of about $70 million for the state, but translates into additional cuts to Cal Poly, he said.

Remirez said the reduction hurts the university because while the cuts allocated to Cal Poly remain the same, its budget resource base effectively shrank.

"We're going to have to cut more to make it," he said. "But how much more I don't really know right off the bat. I do know, to this point, that it will be at least $200,000."

Since more than 80 percent of Cal Poly's budget is personnel-related, it is likely the cuts would be made in that area, Ramirez said.

Another development of the final state budget which was not fully anticipated by the university was a 4.26 percent increase in the state's health insurance premiums, Ramirez said.

Poly employee health premiums increase to help fill budget hole

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Cal Poly employees received first-hand experience last Thursday about the magnitude of the state's, and consequently the CSU's, fiscal crisis.

Many employees enrolled in university health insurance plans who picked up their paychecks Aug. 1 discovered their premiums had gone up.

The increases occurred after Gov. Pete Wilson reduced by $8 million the amount of funds contributed by the state to health benefit plans for CSU employees, said Cathy Robinson, director of state university benefit programs for the CSU.

The proposed 1991-92 contribution, previously set at $19 million, has been rolled back and frozen at last year's level of $11 million.

"The end result is that employees will have to shoulder the burden of the reductions themselves, which in some cases is very costly," she said.

Robinson said those hardest hit are people with larger families, who, depending upon which health plan they have, will pay proportionally more than others.

Barbara Melvin, Cal Poly human resources manager, said there are 1,939 Cal Poly employees enrolled in five different health plans available through the university. She said 838 of these are people who have two or more dependents on the plan alone.

Phone frenzy...

It's all fun and games until someone gets the bill.

Opinion:

Reporter Patricia Allen offers advice on how to make living with roommates a pleasurable experience.

Summer Entertainment:

There are 'Body Parts' on...

Friday weather:

Low clouds clearing to sunny.

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Starting fall quarter, Poly Canyon, a favorite biking area for Poly students, will no longer be off limits.

Poly officials noted damaged grazing pastures, broken fences and livestock loss due to gates being left open as some of the problems involved with public use.

An ad hoc committee was formed by ASI to look into a possible solution to the dilemma concerning use of Poly Canyon.

The committee came up with a proposal to incorporate warning signs, crossing stiles and volunteer patrol people to protect the quality of the area, while still allowing public access.

It was this proposal which was approved by Rathbun and Douglas Gerard, retired executive dean of facilities administration.

In a letter addressed to members of the ASI committee, Gerard praised the efforts of all those involved, saying "it appears that we all have the best interests of the campus as our primary purpose and that multiple use of the Poly Canyon area can be seen as a pleasurable experience."

Remirez also praised the university for the efforts to open Poly Canyon.

"I think it is important that people realize we are not ignoring the problem, we just need to make sure everything is in place before we allow the public in," Rathbun said.

Poly Canyon was originally closed during the spring because of what the university viewed as abuse of the property by the public.
**World**

Soviets hear rumors of recalled $100 bills

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviets with American money under their mattresses are losing sleep because of a false TV report that the United States is printing new $100 bills and will not honor the old ones.

Panicked Soviets have deluged the American Embassy and the Moscow offices of U.S. companies with telephone calls since Sunday's television report, which the government newspaper Izvestia called "a cruel joke."

U.S. Ambassador Jack F. Matlock Jr. took the unusual step of denying the report in an interview Monday on Russian television. Nevertheless, currency exchange windows at some Soviet hotels and banks refused to accept $100 bills on Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Nation, people recall tragedy of Hiroshima**

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) — Families of atom bomb victims honored their dead in quiet rituals Tuesday as Hiroshima marked the 46th anniversary of the U.S. attack by renewing its plea for an end to the nuclear threat.

At sunset, thousands of rainbow-hued paper lanterns were set aflame in a ritual of Ohare, or festival for the dead, traditionally held later in the month.

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**Nation**

U.S. shouldn't oppose drug needle exchange

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal advisory panel on AIDS says the government should drop its opposition to needle exchange programs that let drug addicts swap used syringes for clean ones.

The National Commission on AIDS said Tuesday that the government should be doing more to combat AIDS and drug abuse in tandem because the twin epidemics are inextricably linked.

And it faulted the Bush administration for a "myopic criminal justice approach" to drug abuse that emphasizes punishment over treatment.

**State**

Woman ordered to pay for Desert Storm fraud

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A woman who collected $4,000 in donations for the families of troops in the Gulf War and spent the money on bingo, videos and other entertainment was ordered to pay restitution to the 124 people who gave her money between September and February. Including fines to the Pima County Superior Court, her payments total $5,702.

**L.A. mayor plans for statewide ‘water ethic’**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mayor Tom Bradley said Wednesday that Los Angeles would be the first city to sign a plan aimed at uniting California communities in a uniform "water ethic" plan to cope with the five-year statewide drought.

The plan, a result of two years’ negotiations between water distributors, environmentalists and state officials, would include cash rebates for installation of low-flush toilets and "water audits" of high-volume users.

The goal of the plan is to end long-running disputes about water conservation and create a conservation effort lasting beyond the current water crisis, the mayor said.

**Hospitals turn away head injury patients**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Twenty-one hospitals in the county systematically shut their doors to ambulances carrying people with head injuries because of a shortage of neurosurgeons, officials disclosed.

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**Investigation in Cal Poly assault case continues**

By Cam Inman  
Scott Water

Two men suspected of sexually assaulting a woman on campus on July 28 remain at large as of Wednesday afternoon.

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A decrease in number of tourists doesn't help SLO's slow summer

By Patricia Allen

Tourism is down, and could continue that way if something isn't done to increase business flow, said Jonni Eylar, executive director of San Luis Obispo Visitor's and Conference Bureau. The Chamber of Commerce calculates how many tourists come to the Central Coast from bed taxes. These funds are collected from all the money made in hotel and motel rooms and go to increase business. If something isn't done to increase business flow, tourism will continue that way if something isn't done to increase business flow, said Jonni Eylar, executive director of San Luis Obispo Visitor's and Conference Bureau.

Eylar said in past years, the county is reporting a good summer. This year, June would have to be extremely strong, and it won't be, Eylar said. Eylar predicted that this year would only see a 3 to 5 percent increase due to all the obstacles that occurred.

Eylar said things like the closure of Highway 101, and the recession have all affected tourism.

"It's a problem each individual department has to deal with in their own way," said Barbara Ciesielski, Cal Poly's Telephone Administration. Each department must pay the cost of its own phone bill, including the 900 numbers, since tracking down the person who placed the call is a difficult task. There's virtually no way we can trace who placed the calls," said Bookstore Director Court Warren.

Warren distributed a memo to all bookstore employees on July 16 in which he detailed the bookstore's phone bill and warned about calling 900 numbers.

"Using the store phone for purposes of this nature (calling 900 numbers) is a serious abuse of your employment and subject to disciplinary action," Warren said in the memo. "This is the first time 900 numbers have appeared on the bill and hopefully it is the last time," said Warren, who noted that he inspects each month's phone bill for any irregular calls.

In June, 11 calls to 900 numbers were made on bookstore phones and added up to a cost of around $40. See PHONE, page 5

Epidemic of '900' phone numbers hits several campus departments

By Cam Inman

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COMMMENTARY

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• Buy paper plates and cups so you won't get stuck with everyone's dirty dishes that they swear they will do later. Or, if you prefer a more direct approach, put the abandoned dishes into the guilty roommate's bed as a reminder.

• Keep a log by the phone where everyone must sign in what phone number they called and the date.

That will eliminate all the unclaimed phone calls you will end up paying for because the bill is in your name.

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Bomb threat empties two buildings, close to 250 people for two hours

By Cathy Cameron

A bomb threat Tuesday morning resulted in the evacuation of the Erhart Agriculture and English buildings.

At about 10:30 a.m., an anonymous caller phoned Public Safety and said there was a bomb in the English department.

More than 250 people were evacuated and the buildings were searched, but no bomb was found. The buildings were closed for more than two hours, said Richard C. Brug, director of Public Safety, and reopened at 1 p.m.

Brug said it is Public Safety policy to evacuate and search the affected buildings when a bomb threat is called in. If no explosive devices are found, Public Safety will reopen the building.

This was Cal Poly's second bomb threat since July, Brug said. He attributes the calls to cases of "malicious mischief," saying that students think they can disrupt tests by calling in bomb threats.

But most departments have policies that move classes and tests to other buildings or outside when there is a bomb threat.

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From page 3

said Warren. One call cost $10 and another, $21 for six minutes.

Since the bookstore is a self-supporting business, university funds are not used to pay the bookstore's phone bill.

The bookstore's phone bill was in excess of $20,000 for the past year, according to Warren's memo.

In the library, the 900 calls are not causing much worry among the administrative staff.

"It's nothing really serious," said the library's associate dean Rene Rockman. "We've noticed some calls, but nothing excessive."

Mustang Daily had 11,900 calls appear on its May and June phone bills. The calls totaled close to $60, said A.J. Schuer-man, Mustang Daily business manager.

The 900 numbers called were to entertainment, dating and dream lines, said Schuermann.

Ciesielski said the bookstore, the library and Mustang Daily have requested that a hold be put on their phone lines so that 900 numbers can not be called.

"We have to check with the phone company to see how much it (putting a hold on a line) would cost the university," Ciesielski said. "Everything with calling in a threat is called in. If no explosive device is found, Public Safety will reopen the building."

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Friends plus beer minus full price equals formula for ‘Body Parts’

By Peter Hartlaub

Four rules to help you enjoy the new Eric Red film, ‘Body Parts.’

1. Don’t drink too much alcohol.
2. Bring lots of beer.
3. Don’t pay full price.
4. Don’t eat seafood beforehand.

‘Body Parts’ is a relatively good horror movie that moves a little slowly but works well visually with slightly believable acting by an unknown cast.

Jeff Fahey stars as an auto accident victim who gets a whole arm grafted on to his body in a new experimental surgery. Fahey has starred in ‘Psycho III,’ ‘Last of the Finest’ and three or four other movies that no more than 426 people actually went to see.

Fahey does a fine job for a no-name in a horror film, but his striking resemblance to Michael Keaton is distracting. At one point in the movie, I expected him to grab someone by the lapels and scream ‘I’m Batman!’

‘Body Parts’ is a very gross movie. I can honestly say that nothing short of open-mouth poetry at Lennos’s Cafe will make you more nauseous.

Most movies that involve skin grafts, decapitations and severed body parts keep their gross scenes in the background, but in ‘Body Parts’ the film flashes the flying arm or blistering scar tissue for a brief moment. Eric Red chose to put bright spotlight on all of the body parts in his movie. He also gave the viewer a few minutes to stare — hence, don’t eat seafood.

Also starring is Kim Delaney, who gets a whole arm grafted on to her body in a car crash and car chase scene. The dialogue moves smoothly and there are just enough plot twists to keep the viewer interested during the two minute gaps between scenes of gore and violence.

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