BUDGET NEWS

Hotline to be established

Cal Poly is establishing a voice-mail budget hotline. Faculty and staff members can call 756-5434 beginning June 15 to receive up-to-date budget information.

Crisis worsens

A memo from CSU Board of Trustees Chairman Anthony Vitti discussing the budget situation is included in this week’s Cal Poly Report. He urges employees to contact Gov. Wilson, the Legislature, and campus administrators with comments and ideas.

State construction projects

Voters gave Cal Poly and California higher education some welcome if not overwhelming support June 3 when they approved the Proposition 153 construction bond issue by a 51 to 49 percent margin.

"It is gratifying to see that the people of California have indicated support for higher education," President Baker said. "Even though the margin was narrow, in today's economic climate the passage of Prop. 153 represents a recognition by the voters that the well-being of all our citizens depends on our success in teaching our youth and preparing them for productive contributions to society."

Approval of the $900 million bond measure means planning for three Cal Poly projects should move forward soon after the July 1 beginning of the new fiscal year. The bonds include $7.5 million to build and equip a dairy science product and processing facility, $3.1 million to build and equip a poultry science instructional center, and $298,000 to draw plans for upgrading the campus electrical system.

The next step for both ag projects is the completion of working drawings.

Faculty has options to minimize layoffs

As the university continues to face increasing budget reductions, Jan Pieper, director of personnel and employee relations, reminds the academic community of voluntary programs available to the faculty to minimize layoffs. These include:

• Leave of absence without pay.
• Voluntary reduced time base.
• Temporary reassignment, full or partial.
• Visiting appointments on another campus.
• Voluntary retirement.
• Entry into the Pre-retirement Reduction Time Base Program, available to those 55-65. The 10-year CSU and 5-year full-time CSU requirement has been waived to June 30, 1993.
• Participation in the Faculty Early Retirement Program, which includes faculty members in Designated Market Disciplines for enrollment up to June 30, 1993.
• Continuing CSU payment of employer contributions for health benefits for faculty unit employees granted a leave of absence without pay in a department where faculty members have received layoff notices.

Faculty members interested in these options should discuss them with their department head or chair. Additional information, on both faculty and staff options, is available in the Personnel Office.

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Architecture exhibit to open in Italy in fall

Dates have been set for a long-anticipated exhibit in Siena, Italy, of work by Cal Poly architecture students and Professor Sandra Davis Lakeman.

"Natural Light and the Italian Piazza" will open Sept. 26 at two public locations at opposite ends of Siena’s Piazza del Campo. It will run through Oct. 18 before returning to the United States for display in the UU Galerie and a number of other galleries in several states.

One part of the show features Lakeman’s photographic work dealing with the changing light in Italy’s public squares and the way it affects their use and enjoyment. The other part is a display of student proposals for major civic projects in Siena.

Upward bound hosts 9th summer program

Cal Poly’s Upward Bound program will host its 9th Annual Summer Residential Program from June 21 to July 30.

This year 50 students from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education have been selected to participate. Student participants and Upward Bound staff members will live in the residence halls for six weeks while students take classes in algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus, and English.

Classes in agricultural science, computers, graphic design, social science, and recreational sports will also be offered, as well as workshops in leadership and college/career awareness.

Since the inception of Upward Bound at Cal Poly, 95 percent of its graduating seniors have enrolled in postsecondary education; 70 percent have graduated from or been retained in higher education.

The program has created increased sensitivity to and acceptance of persons from other backgrounds. It is sponsored by Student Academic Services.

Literary magazine on sale at El Corral


"Byzantium" features the best poetry and fiction submitted to the annual Creative Writing Contest sponsored by the English Department. The publication also includes illustrations corresponding to the poems and stories.

The 82-page publication includes stories and poems of great range, intensity, passion and humor.

Proceeds from the sale of "Byzantium" will help pay next year’s publication costs. The magazine is primarily funded by the School of Liberal Arts.

Surplus sale

The Agricultural Engineering Department is holding a surplus auction until Friday, June 12. All items will be sold "as is, where is." Sealed bids will be accepted from 9 am to 4 pm. Some items available include drill presses, lathes, and a camper shell for a small truck.

For more information, call Jim at ext. 2432.
Appointments

Saul Goldberg has been named chair of the Electronic and Electrical Engineering Dept. His three-year appointment begins Sept. 1. Goldberg has been a member of the faculty since 1970.

Diane Michelfelder has been appointed chair of the Philosophy Dept. A member of the department since 1981, she will serve a three-year term beginning fall 1992.

Bromley reception

A reception will be held from 2 to 4 pm on Thursday, June 18, in the Sandwich Plant for Phil Bromley, retired Ag Management professor, and his wife, Martha. They are leaving the San Luis Obispo area after 44 years to live in a retirement community in Riverside.

The Bromleys have been active supporters of the programs in the School of Agriculture since Phil’s retirement in 1973. They will be sorely missed at Cal Poly and in the community.

Heesch honored

Henry “Red” Heesch, a member of the Graphic Communication faculty, was selected 1991-92 outstanding teacher in the School of Professional Studies. He was selected by members of the school’s Student Council, which includes representatives from the school’s seven areas.

Faculty promotions announced for ’92-’93

President Baker has announced the promotion of 21 faculty members effective in the 1992-93 academic year. The promotions include 14 to the academic rank of professor and seven to associate professor.

Baker extended his congratulations and appreciation to the following faculty members receiving promotions (listed by school in departmental alphabetical order).

PROFESSOR

School of Agriculture
Glen Casey, Ag Education; Mark Zohns, Ag Engineering; and Hany Khalil, Food Science and Nutrition.

School of Architecture and Environmental Design
John Mouton, Construction Management.

School of Business
Rebecca Ellis, Management.

School of Engineering
Jay DeNatale, and Edward Sullivan, both Civil and Environmental Engineering; Omar Zia, Engineering Technology; and K.N. Balasubramanian, Industrial Engineering.

School of Liberal Arts
Katharine Gittes, and Kathleen Lant, both English; Thomas Davies, Music; and Susan Duffy, Speech Communication.

School of Professional Studies
Michael Swiderski, Physical Education and Recreation Administration.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

School of Liberal Arts
Kevin Clark and Angela Estes, both English; and Barbara Mori, Social Sciences.

School of Professional Studies
Gerald DeMers, Physical Education and Recreation Administration; Daniel Levi, and Donald Ryuujin, both Psychology and Human Development.

University Center for Teacher Education
Patricia Mulligan.

Students to develop ranch landscape plan

The Swanton Pacific Ranch on the coast of Santa Cruz County, managed by the School of Agriculture, will now also give landscape architecture students a chance to plan and design a part of California’s rural landscape.

Nick Robinson, an exchange professor from the Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Sheffield, England, is supervising the students’ work on a landscape masterplan and design proposals for student accommodations and an education center.

The ranch provides Cal Poly agriculture students with an opportunity for hands-on learning in ranch management and other ag areas.

Retired employees named emeriti

The following retired faculty and staff members have received emeritus status, which allows them to continue using certain university services and participate in various activities:

Barbara Hallman, History; Peggy Arnold, School of Business; Richard Brug, Public Safety Services; John R. Rankin, Facility Services.

Emeritus status is granted to former employees who had at least 15 years of service.

Summer CPR schedule

This is the final issue of Cal Poly Report for Spring Quarter. The first Summer Quarter issue will be June 25. Additional summer issues will be July 9, July 23, August 8, and August 20. The first issue of Fall Quarter will be Monday, Sept. 14.

Typewritten, double-spaced copy must be submitted to Jo Ann Lloyd, Communications and Special Events, Heron Hall 208, by NOON on Thursday a week before you’d like it to appear.
Translators needed
Volunteers are needed as interpreters of a variety of languages spoken by participants of START. The languages include, but are not limited to: Spanish, Vietnamese, and Tagalog. START is a two-day orientation program for incoming students and their parents and supporters. The START '92 dates are July 6-7, 9-10, 13-14, 16-17, and 20-21. Time commitments will be arranged according to translators' availability. Call the START line at ext. 5070 for more information.

Textbooks on view
Science textbooks and instructional materials being considered for adoption by the California State Board of Education are on display at the Kennedy Library. These materials can be reviewed in the Instructional Materials Display Center, Room 216. Forms are provided for those wishing to comment on the materials.

Comments must be submitted by Sept. 30 in order to be considered at the State Board of Education's October meeting, at which the board will make a final decision.

In their evaluation, the board will be guided by the "Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Eight, 1990," which is also available for review.

For more information or library hours, call ext. 2273.

Who, What Where, When
Robert Gish, Ethnic Studies, wrote a revisionist introduction to the just-published "Pueblo Indian Folk-Stories" by Charles F. Lummis. The introduction reconsiders Lummis's Indian writings in light of present-day interests in multiculturalism.


Kenneth J. Brown, English, recently presented a paper, "No Way Out: Deception and Delusion in the Fiction of Nella Larsen," at the American Literature Association Conference in San Diego.


Gerald Demers, Physical Education and Recreation Administration, was recognized by the National American Red Cross for outstanding contributions to the development and implementation of the 1992 American Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety Materials published recently. He will be involved in implementing updated water safety training at selected U.S. sites.

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DATE: May 29, 1992

TO: Members of the CSU Community

FROM: Anthony M. Vitti, Chairman
CSU Board of Trustees

SUBJECT: 1992-93 Budget Situation

One of the major issues that has been on all our minds in recent weeks is the status of California's economic climate, particularly how it will affect the operations of the California State University during the next fiscal year and into the future.

In January, Governor Wilson proposed a 1992-93 budget of about $1.66 billion for the CSU, which is about the same level of funding for each campus as the current 1991-92 fiscal year. The state Legislative Analyst estimated that this status quo budget would leave the CSU anywhere from $126 to $219 million short of funds necessary to maintain its 1991-92 service level. Furthermore, the CSU's share of the state budget has fallen from 4.6 percent in 1986-87 to only 3.5 percent.

In response to reports of a growing state deficit for next fiscal year, Chancellor Munitz recently asked each president to develop a plan to address a reduction of 8 percent in the initial campus budgets for 1992-93, and to describe how such a reduction would affect students and personnel. Proposed cuts in academic programs, personnel and student services announced by some campuses are causing profound concern among students, faculty, staff and administration, as well as the Board of Trustees. A number of individuals addressed the Trustees' May meeting to express their frustration over the impending disruption of their academic and personal lives, and to offer their support in trying to deal with this monumental predicament.

However, during the Trustees' Finance Committee meeting on May 19, Chancellor Munitz said he had been advised in Sacramento that an 8 percent reduction was perhaps too optimistic. When the California Department of Finance released its May Budget Revision the morning of the Trustees' plenary session, its news release read, "...California's economic and fiscal situation is the worst since the late 1930s."
I cannot emphasize enough the severity of the financial problem facing the CSU in the coming year. About 85 percent of the state’s budget is encumbered by legally mandated entitlements requiring a specific amount of money, leaving only about 15 percent of state funding open to discretionary cuts. Approximately 94 percent of the CSU’s budget is provided by the state, and comes from within that 15 percent non-mandatory portion. The burden of reductions in the state budget also falls on that 15 percent, of which the CSU budget is part.

Because of the nearly 23-month recession, state revenues from tax collections and other income sources are far below what had been originally projected, and are insufficient to keep up with increased demands for health care, social programs and education as the state’s population continues to grow. In the May Budget Revision, the state is looking at reducing the Governor’s January budget proposal by $5.7 billion. This includes a deficit in the current 1991-92 fiscal year, as well as a projected deficit for 1992-93.

Depending on how Proposition 98 K-12/community college funding is adjusted, and whether Governor Wilson’s proposals for budget reductions made in January are adopted, the Department of Finance is now projecting anywhere from a 14.7 percent to as much as 32.5 percent across-the-board reduction in the non-mandatory remainder of the budget. Therefore, the CSU’s 1992-93 budget may be substantially reduced even further if no other solutions can be found.

The magnitude of such a cut will profoundly change the nature of the education the CSU will be able to provide for the state. For example, one legislative budget planning scenario calls for an 18 percent cut. In that case, CSU’s current student population could be reduced drastically below the current 362,000. We will simply not be able to say to the upper one-third of California’s high school graduates, and to qualified community college transfers, “Come, our doors of opportunity are open.” The message to many prospective students will be, “Sorry, the CSU can no longer provide you with an affordable, accessible university education.”

Our immediate task at hand is to impress upon the Governor and Legislature the importance of reducing these cuts to the greatest extent possible. Whether these mitigations come in the form of more money from the state; increased student fees; reductions in programs or personnel; additional fundraising within the community; or combinations thereof, remain unresolved. The Chancellor’s Office as well as the Trustees are working creatively to develop alternatives to alleviate some of the pain. But regardless of these efforts, it is obvious that sacrifices will have to be made at every level. The Board of Trustees, the Chancellor and the Presidents seek your support, your patience and your ideas as together we try to develop realistic, mutually satisfactory recommendations to cope with this unprecedented course of events. In all of this, our paramount concern must continue to be the education of students.

On behalf of the CSU Board of Trustees, I ask you to contact Governor Wilson and the Legislature to express your feelings on this matter, and to share your ideas with your campus leadership. As Dr. Munitz put it, we must cooperate if we are to save our great university from plunging into the abyss.