'84 - '85 Budget: Good News

Oh what a difference a year makes. Last January George Deukmejian as the newly elected governor inherited a $1.5-billion state budget deficit. A month later state employees were worrying about the possibility of IOUs instead of regular paychecks.

Following a series of budget cuts, more than $800 million in tax and revenue increases, and heavy borrowing, the state closed the '82-'83 fiscal year and produced a current year budget that closed the budget gap, thanks to a resurgent state economy.

Now for the good news. In his recent State of the State Address Gov. Deukmejian called education "our highest priority." That translates into a 21.2 percent increase in the CSU budget for the 1984-85 fiscal year. He also recommended a drop in student fees of approximately $42 per year.

The Governor's budget includes an average 10 percent increase in salaries and benefits for CSU employees. Actual compensation adjustments will be determined by the process of collective bargaining and by action of the Board of Trustees. As with all appropriations recommended by the Governor, the amount is subject to change by the Legislature.

Five Program Change Proposals (PCPs) requested by the CSU Board of Trustees have been adopted by the Governor. The nearly $13.6 million will have a significant positive impact for the CSU academic community. Funding includes: $3.4 million for technical staffing for instructional programs; an additional $6 million to accelerate the replacement of instructional equipment (this figure is actually $12.3 million when combined with the $6.3 million base allocation for the replacement of instructional equipment); $2 million for supplies and services for instructional programs; $1.04 million for faculty recruitment, retention and development; and $1.12 million for library staffing.

The Governor's proposed $27.7 million Capital Outlay Program for the 1984-85 fiscal year includes two Cal Poly projects: $2.4 million in construction funds to convert Dexter Library and $360,000 in preliminary plans and working drawings funds for a new Agriculture Science Building. In addition, $323,000 for an Energy Management System is included in the 1984-85 proposal.

The Governor's budget also calls for $10.5 million in funding for special repairs and deferred maintenance for the CSU. However, the Governor is proposing that funds come from the State General Fund rather than the Capital Outlay Fund for Public Higher Education (COFPHE).

A campus Program Maintenance Proposal (PMP) calling for $618,000 to support Cal Poly's CAD/CAM operation has also been funded.

The Governor's proposed 1984-85 budget now faces months of hearings in the Senate and the Assembly.
Nominations sought for faculty service awards

The collective bargaining contract for Unit 3 (faculty) provides for exceptionally meritorious service awards. Full-time faculty unit employees (instructional faculty, coaches and librarians) may be nominated for the $1500 awards by any member of the campus community.

Nominations, in the form of a written letter, should be submitted to the nominee's department with copies to the dean/library director and the President. Authority to make the awards has been delegated by the President to the Provost, and the Provost, in turn, has delegated the authority to the school deans/library director.

The criterion for the award is exceptionally meritorious service in at least one of the following areas:

- Teaching excellence or appropriate professional endeavors for librarians/coaches;
- Scholarship and professional accomplishment; or
- Exceptional service to the university.

Nominations must be submitted by Wednesday, Feb. 15. The President plans to announce the award recipients at Commencement on Saturday, June 9.

Crop science alums plan Jan. 28 seminar

Dr. Merle Jensen of University of Arizona's Environmental Research Laboratory will be the keynote speaker for a seminar that is being planned by alumni of Cal Poly's Crop Science Department for Saturday, Jan. 28, at Cal Poly.

With "Agriculture in the 21st Century" as his topic, Jensen will begin the day-long program at 9:30 am. His presentation will be followed by a talk on genetic engineering by Dr. Gary Hudson, president of Plant Genetics Inc., Davis.

Following lunch, the program will include addresses by Dr. A.I. Craigmill of University of California Cooperative Extension in Davis, who will discuss "Pesticide Toxicology and Environmental Implications"; Dr. Peter Kuntz, California Department of Food and Agriculture, "Pesticide Detection Levels, What Do They Mean?"; and Dr. Harold Kempen, UC Cooperative Extension, Kern County, "Controlled Droplet Application."

Both the morning and afternoon sessions will take place in Fisher Science Hall.

Registration fee for the seminar is $28. More information can be obtained from Dr. Corwin Johnson, ext. 1237.

Orwell's interpretation of history to be questioned

Did George Orwell miss the point of history in his novel "1984"?

In the Jan. 26 Arts and Humanities lecture, Cal Poly assistant professor of history George Cotkin will argue that Orwell lacked a sophisticated view of the historical process.

Cotkin's talk is to begin at 11 am in University Union 220. It is titled "He Who Controls the Past, Controls the Future" — Orwell and the Interpretation of History." Admission is limited to 85 people.

Wall sculpture to be dedicated

A student-built wall sculpture for the foyer of the Robert E. Kennedy Library will be formally dedicated on Saturday, Jan. 28.

The copper, oak and stoneware sculpture will be dedicated at 2 pm as a memorial to Dr. Evan Richard Owen (1925-76), who headed Cal Poly's Electronic and Electrical Engineering Department from 1969 until shortly before his death. Provost Tomlinson Fort Jr. will accept the gift for the university.

The sculpture, titled "Popcorn Fantasy," was designed and constructed by students representing a number of disciplines. The students were under the supervision of Bonne Scott, project coordinator and Cal Poly applied art and design major, and Crissa Hewitt, a member of the Art Department faculty.

Owen's widow, Geraldine Owen-Montgomery, donated the sculpture to the university. She is a member of the Biological Sciences Department staff.

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but which were costing the campus positions under mode and level funding. Among the factors which assume considerable importance under mode and level are: a) average class sizes necessary to earn back faculty positions utilized in teaching classes in each of the categories of mode and level; b) reconciliation of lecture and laboratory/activity class lists to assure that the campus receives credit for FTE taught; c) accuracy in census reporting of students being taught; and d) careful analysis of the appropriate mode and level classifications of courses taught. Mode and level also affects other allocations which are based on the number of faculty positions earned, such as technical/clerical/student assistant and instructional administrative positions.

Budgeted positions for any given year reflect actual annualized campus performance two years prior to the targeted year (i.e., 1984-85 budgeted faculty positions were calculated based on the actual performance of the campus during 1982-83. The gap between current resource needs and the data upon which the current budget is based is a particularly frustrating reality. Once changes affecting mode and level earnings are made it is necessary to wait two years before the resources associated with those changes are allocated to the campus.
Progress report: Campus 'micro' plans emerging

Campus standards for microcomputer hardware and software are beginning to emerge, although a definitive university policy is still in the works. To keep the university community informed, the interim associate provost for communications and information systems, Dr. Emile Attala, issued this progress report:

- Purchases: We are negotiating with several microcomputer vendors. Our objective is to make a suitable micro or line of micros available to the university, faculty and students at major discounts.
- Software standards: It appears the most crucial standards decision will be in the choice of an operating system or systems. The choice will have important effects on software availability and on the ways micros communicate with each other and with our larger computers. De facto standards have emerged for 8-bit micros: CP/M and the Apple operating system. In the 16- and 32-bit world, we believe we are headed for MS-DOS and UNIX.
- Hardware Standards: "Standard hardware" will be hardware that meets the Cal Poly market test, in other words, hardware we have in important quantities. If a department acquires standard hardware, it can expect (1) quantity discounts and (2) Computer Center support.
- Support: To date, the Computer Center has not provided support for either micros or their software. We expect to provide a modest level of maintenance for approved hardware. More important is the communications and software support that will go with the standard operating systems.

A university microcomputer policy will be developed after consultation with the campus computing advisory committees. We would appreciate your comments. Suggestions should be directed to your appropriate representative: Norman Johnson, ext. 2211 (Administrative Advisory Committee on Computing), or Dr. Robert Hill, ext. 2944 (Instructional Advisory Committee on Computing).

More chairs—no other changes—for '84 commencement

Participation in Cal Poly's 1984 commencement won't be restricted.

Instead, to ease the crowding experienced in past commencements, 2,000 temporary seats will be put on the field. With them, the stadium will be able to seat 11,000 spectators for the June 9 ceremony.

In a memo to campus officials announcing the decision, Provost Tomlinson Fort Jr. said each of the 2,550 expected student participants should invite a maximum of four family members and friends. However, no tickets will be issued.

"Graduates should inform their guests well ahead of time," Fort said in his memo, "that the university cannot guarantee access to the ceremony (for) everyone who might like to attend."

For the past few years the crowds of well-wishers have exceeded the capacity of the stadium, and some people were unable to see the graduation of loved ones. That led to the exploration of alternative commencement plans. However, after an analysis of objectives, the decision was made not to restrict attendance or participation.

Dateline

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

Workshop: 26th Annual CARSEES Cal Poly Workshop, continuing through Saturday. Sponsored by the California Association Refrigeration Service Engineers Society. Members and non-members invited. For information, call Bill Phakides, ext. 2464. ($)

French Table: All levels of language ability welcome. Staff Dining Room, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Sponsored by the Foreign Languages Department. Faculty, staff and students invited. (1)

Handball: Deadline for signing up for the Handball Singles Tournament. UU 104, 4 pm. Play begins Jan. 23. Sponsored by Recreational Sports. Faculty, staff and students invited. (1)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

Meeting: Guest speaker William Beatty of Menlo Park will discuss his collection of "Handmade Papers of the World" at the meeting of the Library Associates. Kennedy Library Special Collections Room, 2 pm. (The display will be an exhibit through May.) Public invited. (1)

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

German Table: All levels of language ability welcome. Staff Dining Room, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Sponsored by the Foreign Languages Department. Faculty, staff and students invited. (1)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

Spanish Table: All levels of language ability welcome. Staff Dining Room, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Sponsored by the Foreign Languages Department. Faculty, staff and students invited. (!)

Wrestling: University of Nevada at Las Vegas. Main Gym, 7:30 pm. Public invited ($), students (!)

Speaker: Dr. Carl Steinitz, landscape architecture professor in the Graduate School of Design at Harvard. Architecture Gallery, 8 pm. Part of the Visiting Speakers Program of the School of Architecture and Environmental Design. Public invited. ($)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

Books at High Noon: Nancy Culver (Mothers for Peace) will review The Cult of the Atom: The Secret Papers of the Atomic Energy Commission by Daniel Ford. Staff Dining Room, noon. Faculty, staff and students invited. (!)

Tennis: Deadline for signing up for tennis doubles tournament. UU 104, 4 pm. Play begins Jan. 28 and is a six-week single elimination tournament; includes women's doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. Sponsored by Recreational Sports. Faculty, staff and students invited. (!)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

Speaker: George Cotkin (History) will discuss "He who controls the Past, Controls the Future"—Orwell and the Interpretation of History." UU 220, 11 am. Part of the Arts and Humanities Lecture Series. Public invited. (!)

Speaker: Cheri Burns (Counseling Center) will discuss "Sexual Harassment—it's not academic." Science North 213, 11 am. Sponsored by Cardinal Key Honor Society. Public invited. (!)

Meeting: To organize a local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Vista Grande Restaurant, noon. Holders of the Phi Beta Kappa key invited. Call Nancy Jorgensen (2511) or George Stanton (1521) for information and to make lunch reservation. ($)

University Club: Local businessman Steven Brown will discuss "Floral Designs." Staff Dining Room, noon. Faculty and staff invited. (!)

Speaker: Walt Tryon (Landscape Architecture) will discuss landscapes of the Southwestern U.S. and Mexico. Architecture Gallery, 8 pm. Part of the Visiting Speakers Program of the School of Architecture and Environmental Design. Public invited. (!)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

Concert: Annual Pops Concert. Chumash Auditorium, 8 pm. Public invited. ($)