News of attack surprises dorm residents

Cuesta students say they were not told about December dorm assault

By Matthew Hoy
Staff Writer

Cuesta College students staying in Cal Poly's Sierra Madre Residence Hall were never informed of an attack as they lived there for nearly a week after the attacker roamed free.

The attack, which occurred in Sierra Madre on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 12, is still news to many Cal Poly students a month later because most had already returned home after completing finals.

But for Cuesta students who remained in Sierra Madre's Tower Zero for their final week of classes, news of the attack was also a surprise, they say — because no hall personnel told them about it.

Erika Maas, a Cuesta College student who lives in Sierra Madre, said she wasn't aware of the attack until almost a week afterward. "I think they should have told us," she said.

Maas said she learned of the attack when she went home a week later and her parents showed her a Telegram-Tribune article about it.

By Marla R. Van Schuyver
Staff Writer

Gov. Pete Wilson's proposed budget for the 1993-94 fiscal year paints a gloomy scene for many Californians — especially those in the California State University system.

Fee increases, enrollment reductions, department cuts and staff eliminations all are likely possibilities given the 4.5 percent, $67.7 million reduction the governor is asking state universities to make, officials said Monday.

"It's very misleading for students to think there won't be a fee increase with the budget taking these kinds of decreases," said Steve MacCarthy, director of CSU public affairs.

Wilson has asked for student fee increases for students attending community colleges as well as University of California campuses.

It is expected the CSU Board of Trustees also will ask the Legislature to approve student increases to keep state schools operating in spite of massive cuts, MacCarthy said. The board is scheduled to meet in Long Beach on Jan. 26 and 27.

But students aren't the only ones to note the crest of the budget shortfalls. "We aren't able to do things like an 8 percent reduction," said Charles Crabbs, vice president of Academic Resources. "It could mean layoffs or loss of positions for lecturers because we just wouldn't hire them back.

"There is going to be some impact. There is no way we are going to be able to do the budget without reductions." On Saturday, the Cuesta Telegram-Tribune reported that as many as 600 fewer students will be admitted to Cal Poly next fall.

But Crabbs said Monday the numbers are incorrect, caused by being able to put numbers like that on enrollment reductions," he said. "Our planning horizon is on a five-year plan. We are making small, incremental changes. We could never cut enrollment enough to keep up with the budget cuts.

"We are making the decisions in the next two to three weeks on enrollment for the fall," he added. "We are not going to send out a letter in April or May that says, We know we accepted you and we appreciate your interest, but our budget won't let us take as many students now. We're..."

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Fee hike for health services considered

By Linda Ahu
Staff Writer

Tack on another possible fee increase, this one coming from the Health Center.

The California State University Board of Trustees voted to authorize Chancellor Barry Munitz to allow individual campuses to charge students for health services that were formerly provided free or at a nominal cost.

"Nothing is set in cement yet," said Dr. Jennifer Yamada, director of Cal Poly's Health and Psychological Services.

"But it is a fact that a fee increase is in discussion," he added.

According to CSU officials, a fee increase may only be obtained if a university meets certain requirements.

The president of the campus must demonstrate financial need and must have consulted the school's Student Health Advisory Committee before proposing a fee increase.

Health cards, which sold for $25 last quarter, are most likely to be the target if a fee increase hits Cal Poly.

Mandatory health fees — currently implemented at San Francisco and Sacramento state universities — are possibilities that could ease the lack of funds, Yamada said.

"The situation for the Health Center has been bleak," he said. "In the last two years, we've lost about $1 million.

"This means people and resources," Yamada added.

While suffering from budget cuts, the Health Center has laid off 12 employees, including one doctor and one nurse practitioner.

The Health Center also had to discontinue special student services not covered under the basic services, such as oral health and weekend treatment, as well as reducing lab and X-ray services.

Under the trustees' policy, the Health Center must supply only basic services.

But Yamada said they must do more.

"We need to think about what the students need," she said. "If a student comes in with ailments from an intramural sports injury, they need timely response..."

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Peter Hartlaub says public-access teacher evaluations have been a long time coming. page five

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**World News Briefs**

**Job creation upswing predicted**

Washington, D.C.

Economic forecasters predicted Sunday that American businesses will create 1.59 million jobs in 1993, the most in four years but a weak showing compared to other countries.

If the forecasters are right, Presi­dent-elect Clinton will enter the White House aided by the best employment pe­rformance since 2.1 million during Pre­dent Bush’s first year.

The consensus prediction of the 50 economists sur­veyed by Blue Chip Economic Indicators compares to an an­nual rate of 1.5 million jobs created last year and 2.8 million during Mr. Bush’s first year. The survey predicted 1.48 million jobs created in 1992.

The number of new jobs grew by 3.5 million in 1983 and by 3.98 million in 1984, the years following the pre­vious recession.

The Blue Chip survey — the first of the new year — projects the economy will grow just 2.9 percent this year. Although it would be the fastest pace since a 3.3 percent expansion in 1988, it would be just half of the average growth rate of 6 percent since World War II.

The government will not issue its estimate of 1992 growth until late this month, but President Bush’s budget projected last week the economy would expand by 1.6 percent.

The Blue Chip projections, based on assumptions by the Blue Chip economists, call for 2.6 percent growth this year and 10.7 percent by 2002.

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Economic growth surged by 3.9 percent in 1983 and 6.2 percent in 1984.

But the modest growth will continue to curb inflation, the survey predicted.

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Survey participants represent banks, businesses, economic forecasting services, universities and Wall Street firms.

**Perot’s back, asking for money**

Dallas, Texas

Ross Perot is back in the public eye. Today he’s not asking for votes — but for money.

Two months after garnering nearly 20 percent of the vote in his grass-roots bid for president, Perot has changed his supporters’ organization, United We Stand, America, into a political watchdog group.

Using that as a base, the Dallas billionaire hopes to maintain some political influence after the victory — President-elect Clinton’s take-off office.

“We can literally provide the vote that determines who gets elected,” Perot said in an interview. “I have 19 million votes that I’ll send to his state and local campaign leaders, who’ve now been tapped to recruit for the new group.

After a news conference today, Perot was returning to TV talk shows to seek members who’ll pay $15 an­nual dues. He also will run 60-second TV commercials beginning Jan. 25.

The organization, with a paid staff of 30 in Dallas, will monitor elected officials’ voting records and follow issues, particularly government reform and deficit reduction, which Perot championed in his independent run for president last fall.

It won’t back candidates, but it may rate or­phan holders as other interest groups do.

Perot’s 19 percent of the vote was the most of any third-party candidate since 1912. Based on that show­ing, Perot believes United We Stand, America, can be­come a force to be reckoned with.

“Anybody who got 19 million votes has made a place for himself, no question about it,” said Bruce Buchanan, a University of Texas political scientist.

In Maine, where Perot received his highest percent­age of the vote in November — 30.4 percent — cam­paign chief Steve Jones said he has spent more than a month getting other backers ready.

**Clinton may postpone tax cut**

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President-elect Clinton’s promise of a middle-class tax cut may be postponed because of the larger-than-expected deficit and worries about the strength of the economic recovery, congressional leaders said Sunday.

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By Brad Hamilton

Cal Poly has kicked up its efforts to keep America clean by beginning polystyrene recycling.

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Recycling polystyrene will involve custodians removing and storing the contents on campus until enough is collected to utilize a newly-purchased baler, Wagner said.

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Wagner said the program took about 2 1/2 years to materialize.

"We've reached a point where we have to do this," he said.

The program was talked about, but nobody knew how to implement recycling polystyrene, Wagner said.

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I really can’t say anything about it because I don’t know that much about it, but it’s going to hit hard, definitely. There will probably be department cuts and activity cuts and clubs, and maybe even sports. But I don’t really know, I’m kind of new here.

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By Peter Hartlaub

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It was a sociology class at Cal Poly and he was much too bad for his badness to be described in one sentence.

Basically, he had an ornery, narrow way of carrying himself, like a guy who had shot up a lot of drugs and was having trouble quite more than a good cowboy mustache, he always remembered me of a walrus on heroin.

This in itself I don't have a problem with. I come from San Francisco where it's perfectly normal to call a walrus on heroin for a penguin on crack, or a poodle abusing Sominex. It's part of the flavor of the city.

I just don't like the state's hard pressed tax dollars being wasted on a guy who acts like a walrus on heroin can teach absolutely nothing to 600 or so defenseless students over the course of the year.

I understand he can't be fired on the basis of my prickly student input. I think he acts like a walrus on heroin. He thinks he is a fine contributor to the teaching industry. I have an opinion. He has tenure.

I accept defeat. But at least allow my complaints to be public and available to other students.

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But despite the fact that you all use much more longer words than I do, please do not use enjoy interspersed vocabulary, I like to think we're at the same level in the area of the human court.

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I remember sitting in the walrus's final and one of the essay questions was about legislation of social services. All I could remember having anything to do with legislation was this "Schoolhouse Rock" commercial. I heard while watching children's television when I was 8 years old. You know the one (....yes I am a bill, I am only a bill, and I'm sitting here on (Capital hill))).

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It's probably not even going to make any difference.

Peter Hartlaub is a journalism senior. He used to quote Ice-T a lot, but then it got trendy.

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ATTACK

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Business administration senior Jon Gillett, a former resident adviser who lives in Sierra Madre, said communication was lacking when he was a resident adviser last year.

"I was never told, as an RA, through official channels that a rape occurred," Gillett said.

"When there is a rape someone should make a general statement that rapes (and) attacks occur on campus, and a general warning issued."

But while residents of Sierra Madre were informed of the attack in an all-hall meeting, there was no such meeting at nearby Tenaya Hall.

Many dorm residents left their doors unlocked before news of the attack, said speech communication freshman Jennifer Machi, who lives in Tenaya. Now she says people are more cautious. "I think everyone around here locks their doors a lot more," she said.

Lamb said Tenaya Hall did not have a meeting because the coordinator of student development there, Christopher Lamb, did not return from his honeymoon in time to coordinate it. But there will be a meeting this weekend, he said.

Police are still looking for the attacker who entered through the unlocked door of a student's second-story dorm room. The 18-year-old Cal Poly student was awakened by a man who climbed on top of her. He fled when she bit his tongue as he attempted to kiss her.

They suspect the same man in three other similar attacks on women in the area. The suspect is described as a male, between 18 and 25 years old, with short dirty-blond hair and long fingernails.

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"We sort of do some crystal balling and guess where our enrollment should be. If we were to go ahead and reduce enrollment as quickly as they reduce our budget, then we'd end up with all kinds of problems."

Although the picture looks bleak for Cal Poly students concerned with fee increases and possible departmental cuts, Cal Poly administrators say no official decisions have been made yet.

"It needs to be emphasized that this is only the governor's proposal," said Rick Ramirez, budget director for Cal Poly.

"When it's all over, the cuts could increase — as they did this year — or they could be much less.

"It's too soon for panic. This is only what the governor is proposing, not necessarily what the Legislature will agree to."

Wilson's proposed cuts fell within the range Cal Poly administrators were expecting.

"We're dealing with a range of between zero and 10 percent and his proposed cuts fall well within our range," Crabb said.

"It's kind of funny because a 5 to 6 percent budget cut actually could be catastrophic. But because we planned for so much more, it actually doesn't seem that bad.

"We look at it and say, 'We can handle this.' I guess it's kind of a conditioning."

College deans are currently working together to determine departmental cuts, Crabb said.

"The deans work on figuring out the worst-case scenario and then we can build upward from that," Crabb said.

"A degree from Cal Poly is only as good as Cal Poly is 10 years from now," he added.
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