Baker's salary hike: Unsettling news in lean budget times

By Marla R. Van Schuyver
Doily Managing Editor

Cal Poly President Warren Baker likely will be awarded an 18 percent pay increase at today's meeting of the California State University Board of Trustees in Long Beach — making Baker the highest paid president in the university system.

Proposed increases averaging 8 percent for 18 of the system's 20 presidents will cost the CSU more than $200,000 — an amount CSU officials are calling minimal to keep "quality administrators." 

"It's really not that much money when you consider that we have a $1.5 billion budget to work with," said CSU spokesperson Colleen Bentley-Adler. "It's important to us to keep our presidents happy and in the system."

Funding for the proposed increases comes from $50 million that was awarded to the CSU by the State Legislature after budgets had been set for the 1993-94 academic year. That money was slated in late September to go to presidents, faculty and staff in the form of pay increases.

But with the passage of the presidential pay raises virtually imminent, faculty and staff this week have voiced concerns over whether they, too, will receive pay increases this year. Thus far, no pay raises have come close to being finalized for anyone other than the CSU presidents.

"How can they find money for President Baker, but not for staff or faculty?" said Staff Council Chair Pat Harris. "I ... when it wants to. I guess keeping President Baker happy is more important to them than keeping the staff and faculty happy."

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Supreme Court deals blow to abortion foes

By Richard Cordi
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A unanimous Supreme Court ruled Monday that protesters who block access to abortion clinics or in other ways conspire to stop women from having abortions may be sued as racketeers.

The decision, which could threaten Operation Rescue and other anti-abortion groups with financial ruin, also allows federal courts to order a halt to illegal protests at clinics.

Although focused only on interpreting a federal anti-racketeering law, the decision is a big victory for the National Organization for Women and the Clinton administration.

NOW had taken the case to the high court, and the administration had sided with NOW’s view of the disputed law.

Lower courts had thrown out the nationwide class-action lawsuit that tried to invoke the anti-racketeering law against Operation Rescue and other groups. Monday's decision reinstated the lawsuit, which stems from See COURT, page 5

A wet beginning to the week

Rain drenches Poly, but it's still a comparably dry winter

By Pamela Slaughter
Daily Staff Writer

Students scurried from class to class on Monday under the year's first downpour as the Central Coast was blanketed with a thorough, soaking shower.

Sunday's storm brought county residents hours of continuous rainfall. The storm yielded 1.15 inches. Monday's deluge — which began in San Luis Obispo at about 10 a.m. — was expected to help by yielding at least another inch.

From October until this date last year the season had already yielded 9.12 inches of rain. This year San Luis Obispo County has received 3.69 inches.

The average falls at 5.61 inches, somewhere between last year's high and this year's low, according to a spokesperson for the National Weather Service.

The rest of this week is expected to be dry, a spokesperson said.

The rainy season has just begun, we still have a couple more heavy months," said a National Weather Service spokesperson.

The rain has not caused any un-

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L.A. commute improves after last week's chaos

By Ash Rai
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Commuters poured onto a crippled freeway system on Monday, testing a patchwork of repairs and detours the engineers hoped would ease gridlock wrought by the Northridge earthquake.

While early traffic through one bottleneck north of Los Angeles moved faster than expected, highways and surface streets on the city's west side were jammed as motorists made their way around several breaks in Interstate 10.

Train service helped ease the crunch for commuters See QUAKE, page 7

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Firearm owners missing the target, professor says

By Jay Nieman
Daily Staff Writer

Many gun advocates argue that the right to own handguns is protected by the Second Amendment. But one Cal Poly professor says possession of handguns needs to be an issue of safety rather than liberty.

"We need to restrict our liberty in certain ways so we can all feel more secure," said political science professor Phil Fetzer. "Without safety, we don't get to use our liberty."

Guns kept in a home for protection are more likely to be used against a family member than an intruder, Fetzer said. He said he would like to see people look to law enforcement rather than guns for protection.

"I understand why people are concerned about safety," Fetzer said. "But when our own children and spouses are harmed, we have to rely on law enforcement."

Increasing public concern about violence has led to passage of recent gun control laws such as the Brady bill, Fetzer said. He added the Brady bill is a good first step, but said he would like to see stricter laws regulating possession of handguns.

"There are so many guns out there that this may slow it down a little bit," Fetzer said. "Maybe it will ad

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WEDNESDAY • Free Health Recruitment orientation meeting, Health Center lower level, noon — 756-2322 • All Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. — U-U 220 • ASI Outings Committee Leadership workshop, 5:15 p.m. — U-U 204 • ASI Outings Committee meeting, 7 p.m. — U-U 220 • San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors meeting, 9:30 a.m. — Board Chambers, County Government Center

UPCOMING • Physics Colloquium, "Atomic Force Microscope: The Secret to Its Success," Dr. Linda Vanasupa, Jan. 27, Science E-45, 11 a.m. • Free Health Recruitment orientation meeting, Jan. 27, Health Center lower level, 2 p.m. — 756-5022 • "Political Transformation and the New America," Dr. Michael Leon, The Cal Poly Lyceum, Jan. 27, Chumash Auditorium, 3:30 p.m. — 756-2239/1257 • Non-discriminatory Christian "Praise Fire," Jan. 28, Avila Beach Pier, 7 p.m. — 773-3018 • Writing skills workshop, "Techniques for Reviewing Articles and Abstracting," Feb. 1, Rm. 10-111, 11 a.m. • Financial aid workshop, Feb. 1, Chumash Auditorium, 2:30 p.m. — 756-3252 • All Outings free outdoor skills workshop on winter camping, Feb. 1, 5 p.m. • Writing skills workshop, "Reviewing Articles and Abstracting," Feb. 1, Rm. 10-111 • "Gunnery and Word Usage," 11 a.m., Rm. 10-111 • Write-in filing deadline for 1994-95 Student aid — Feb. 2

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JUVENILE JUSTICE

Stiff penalties for young offenders are en vogue across the land

Associated Press

Stop the bloody violence! You can start by locking up criminal kids and throwing their guns away.

That’s the public outcry state lawmakers and governors are heeding as they draft laws this busy election year.


Associated Press statehouse bureaus found these and more in a mountain of bills and proposals offered in the 44 legislatures meeting this year.

In sheer volume, anti-crime bills dwarf measures to draft budgets, improve education, fix welfare, get cracking on health care reform, and deal with persistent issues like abortion, drunken driving and gambling.

"As compared to education or the environment," Iowa state Sen. Jack Rife explained, "this is the hot button that gets us all re-elected."

Overall, reported crime is down. The FBI in October announced a 2.9 percent drop to 141 million reported crimes in 1992, the first decline since 1984.

But violent crime is up. And the violent are more often young.

While arrests of adults for murder and some lesser forms of homicide rose 11 percent from 1982 to 1991, arrests of juveniles for those crimes rose 93 percent, the Children’s Defense Fund reported last week.

The numbers electrify lawmakers like Robin Taylor, a state senator in Alaska, where some people still leave doors unlocked.

"As these statistics move out of Los Angeles, they come creeping into Anchorage, and from there it will get out to the villages and hamlets of Alaska," he warned.

Last year nearly half the states enacted laws dealing with weapons and youth violence. This year a dozen propose gun control measures alone, from barring gun ownership for anyone under 18, to banning assault weapons. See AGENDA, page 3
AGENDA: Legislating violent youth hot topic

By Steve Lawrence

SACRAMENTO — State Senate leader David Roberts on Monday faced into a recall election that could turn into a national test of the clout of pro-gun and gun-control groups.

State election officials said Roberts opponents had collected enough valid voter signatures to require an election this spring, probably on April 12. It will be the first recall vote affecting a state official in 80 years.

Recall supporters said their signature-gathering drive was sparked by "political corruption and hypocrisy in Sacramento." But Roberts said it was retribution for his successful efforts to restrict access to military-style assault weapons.

He said "gun extremists" were trying to oust him to scare other lawmakers who might support future gun-control measures.

"This is an attempt to intimidate Congress and every state legislature as well," Roberts said at a Capitol news conference.

He said Sarah Brady, whose efforts led to enactment of a federal five-year waiting period for handgun purchases, would help oppose the recall, and he predicted national gun groups would oppose him.

Brady is the wife of James Brady, the former White House press secretary who was wounded in the 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan.

Stephen Hesley, a National Rifle Association lobbyist, denied that the NRA was involved in the recall drive, but another gun group, Gun Owners of California, distributed a letter supporting Roberts's ouster.

By Steve Lawrence

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Calendar debate: It's time for a referendum

Quarters, semesters, trimesters — suddenly, they're the talk of the campus. President Warren Baker wants to move to trimesters, an academic calendar used by only a few major universities. He'd like to see the university move in this direction ideally, by the end of the year.

Whether trimesters are an appropriate move for Cal Poly — a university which has long been a stalwart advocate and model of an effective quarter system — is unclear. There is no broad consensus from any campus body. In fact, the Academic Senate has yet to endorse any particular calendar — and ASI's Board of Directors has also struggled to act decisively.

That's why it's time for a student advisory referendum on what calendar system is best for Cal Poly. On an issue this important, students need individual chances to make their voices heard.

Refereenda at Cal Poly have been held on slightly less important issues, such as 1992's athletic referendum. Given the chance to voice an opinion, students flocked to the polls in record numbers. Even though the go-ahead vote was non-binding — and was in concert with President Warren Baker's decision — the referendum prompted important debate about student input.

Students shouldn't be overlooked at this crucial time, and we feel strongly that a referendum is the best way to involve them. Let's have a student referendum on the calendar debate soon.

Ethnic studies minor vote shows need for Senate accountability

Cal Poly took the first step toward incorporating an ethnic studies minor last week when, with only one dissenting vote, the Academic Senate adopted an ethnic studies curriculum.

Pending approval from President Warren Baker and CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz, Cal Poly will join the ranks of 18 other universities in the CSU system that offer an ethnic studies minor.

Although it took the university years to address the issue, at least the process has begun. The Academic Senate debated the issue for months before making a final judgment. Obviously, the members understood the impact their decision would have on the university.

However, the voting procedure seemed inappropriate, considering the significance of the issue.

Margaret Camuso, the office administrator for the Academic Senate, said voice votes are used unless a member specifically asks for a roll call vote. In this case, a roll call vote was not requested.

Faculty members must now find out how their college's representative votes on certain issues. But when a voice vote is used, it is impossible to tell how many individual members voted. Even in this case — when there was only one dissenting vote — Academic Senate Chair Jack Wilson admitted he wasn't sure who cast it.

I don't think violence is the solution. It just perpetuates more violence.

One argument I heard in the media coverage of the case is that women face violence all the time. If Lorena's husband was, in fact, beating her — although he was acquitted in November of sexually assaulting his wife — then I'm glad she is free today. No one deserves to remain in a violent situation.

A few months ago, my roommate interviewed a woman whose husband of 22 years shot her in the face. Fortunately, the bullet grazed the side of her face and she lived, but she is scarred for life.

Her husband was sentenced to seven years, released on parole and returned to jail again after violating his parole. His now ex-wife has received threats from him repeatedly. He will be released this year.

And Lorena was facing 20 years? I know these are two entirely different cases, but it seems to me that violence committed against women occurs more frequently than violence against men. In the Bobbitt case, a man was the victim of an violent and unusual act — an event that made headlines.

I have to give Lorena some credit. She refused to accept her husband's abuse any longer. John will forever be known as the man who had his penis severed by his wife. Her action was the most effective way to humble him.

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How humiliated John must have felt. I bet he could hardly bear to hold up his head, let alone share his shame with the millions of people watching his national television appearances.

I don't approve of cutting off body parts. True, I have known some members of the male sex who think with a certain organ instead of the brain — but they can keep their parts, as far as I'm concerned.

I'm not sure if Lorena should have been escaped punishment. And although she admitted her crime, I can understand how years of abuse drove her to it. But without a referendum, student opinion may go either unvoiced or unheeded on the issue. Even an ASI vote may not carry enough clout in this important matter.

The referendum was a clear signal for what students want. Even if only an advisory vote, it's clear students need the chance for input.

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by Joy Nieman

The world's most famous penis

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I haven't been able to pick up a newspaper recently without reading the words penis, Bobbitt and kitchen knife.

These three words probably make every member of the male sex cross his legs and shriek, "They found it where?"

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She is a special message for all guys: Be real men. Treat women with respect and dignity, and we will treat you the same way. We are not toys. We are not objects.

We are your partners. Work with us and we will work with you. Who knows what we can accomplish then.

Joy Nieman is a journalism junior. This is her second quarter as a Daily staff writer.
RAIN: It was a wet Monday, but it's still rather dry at area reservoirs in recent days have put the amount between $5 million and $50 million.

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L.A. residents have been able to ride the train from the Santa Clarita Valley, 25 miles northwest of Los Angeles, but there were no rails for west side commuters to ride.

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The settlement, expected to be announced today during a hearing before Superior Court Judge David Rothman, includes a financial settlement "in eight figures," the source told The Associated Press.

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SA SALARY: Student trustee says approval of presidential pay will be tough choice; worries faculty turning bitter

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CSU Student Trustee Chris Lowe — who also serves as ASI president at CSU-Fullerton — said voting in favor of the pay increases is going to be a difficult thing for him to do.

"I think that it's not timely for the trustees to do this now," he said. "The presidents getting salary increases isn’t a very good message to send."

Lowe said he believes the issue for students is going to remain: "How much are we willing to pay to get our classes and get out?"

He also suggests that faculty should be granted pay raises before presidents.

"The faculty are upset with their work situation and that follows them into the classroom," Lowe said. "They continue to work harder, have increased coursework and aren’t being compensated. If we don’t keep the right people then we will lose the quality education we want to maintain."

Daily Staff Writer Lisa M. Hansen contributed to this report.

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Pentagon official nominated to fill top defense post

WASHINGTON — President Clinton said today he will nominate William Perry, currently the No. 2 man at the Pentagon, to be the next secretary of defense. If confirmed by the Senate, he would succeed Les Aspin.

"He has the right vision for the job," Clinton said at a White House announcement, as Perry stood at his side. "He has been on the cutting edge on defense issues."

The president applauded Perry’s 1970s work on developing stealth technology for weapons and his more recent work in helping reform the Pentagon purchasing rules.

"In every aspect of his work Bill Perry has earned high marks of respect from those in both parties," Clinton said.

Clinton turned to Perry six days after his initial choice, retired Navy Admiral Bobby Ray Inman, had a change of heart and withdrew.

Perry worked in the Pentagon during the Carter administration and returned under Aspin. He also has worked in the defense industry and in academia, earning bipartisan respect in Congress as well as solid reviews from senior military officers.

The president said Aspin would stay on duty, pending Perry’s confirmation.

Clinton settled on Perry over the weekend and, after initially expressing some reluctance, he accepted the president’s offer. The announcement was timed so the vacancy would not distract from Clinton’s State of the Union address Tuesday night.

As word of Clinton’s choice leaked Monday, the initial reactions from Capitol Hill were favorable.

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