**CSU students to finance deficit**

By Jordan Schultz

Cal Poly student fees have once again been increased, this time as a result of state budget cuts. The California State University Board of Trustees enacted a fee increase for all 23 of its campuses on Dec. 16 in response to a $59.6 million mid-year budget cut made by Gov. Gray Davis.

CSUs on quarter systems, including Cal Poly, will face a $46 increase per quarter for undergraduate students and a $76 increase per quarter for graduate students. The fee increase is uniform throughout the CSU system, but is applied differently for those on semester systems, said Larry Kelley, Cal Poly vice president of administration and finance.

Kelley said that there has been discussion for some time about the state deficit and some of the potential actions to be taken, but the board's decision was still somewhat of a surprise.

"We were not aware that any of those actions would be taken in December," he said. Because the decision was made after students had already paid registration for winter quarter, bills will be sent out this month to accommodate the increase, Kelley said. Students will not be able to register for spring quarter until they pay the additional fee. Registration fees thereafter will include the increase.

Davis will announce the 2003-04 budget Friday and questions regarding additional fee increases and cuts may be further clarified, Kelley said.

"The state still has a large deficit," he said. "The tools available to the legislature involve cutting budgets and increasing revenues through fees and taxes."

The CSU budget cuts created the second fee increase this year for Cal Poly students, due to the state deficit and some of the actions that may be further clarified, according to the Los Angeles Daily News. In response to a $59.6 million mid-year budget cut made by Gov. Gray Davis, the Los Angeles Daily News reported that the state deficit and some of the actions that may be further clarified, according to the Los Angeles Daily News.

**SLO prepares for possible smallpox attack**

By Alexa Ratcliffe

It causes a high fever, a disfiguring rash and kills about 30 percent of its victims. It begins as small, red spots on the tongue and mouth, which quickly turn into sores before burning and spreading all over the body. It has been more than 20 years since people have had to worry about the highly contagious disease of smallpox, which is caused by the Varruda virus that emerged in human populations thousands of years ago. Once again, however, it is stirring fear across the United States, including San Luis Obispo County.

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flash a sense of style," changed her mind about her future and her life overall," Weaver said.

"She was always coming out with something new, from chopping off her hair to wearing bright red lip- stick," she said.

While the suicide came as a shock, her friends have chosen to remember her life instead of her death.

"It is a shock to many that someone with so much life, who gave so much hope to others, had lost hope herself," Weaver and Eggering said.

In the past three years, two Cal Poly students have committed sui- cide, said Sarah Pahlow, vice presi- dent of Student Affairs.

Suicide rates among teenagers and young adults is low, although suicide attempts are high, said Teresa George, head of counseling services at Cal Poly.

"Suicide generally is a case of someone feeling that they don't have options," George said.

Suicide is a desperate and impul- sive act, which makes it hard to predict, but traditional warning signs are a history of mental illness, a recent trauma and even unusual peacefulness, George said.

"Self harm is triggered by something different in each case," she said.

A memorial service for Diss will be held at the Newman Catholic Center on Jan. 9 at 11 a.m., on the grass because Diss loved the outdoors.

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college-based fees passed last spring, which were enacted this fall. Cal Poly President Warren Baker and other campus adminis- trators have assured that the state budget cuts will not interfere with the purposes of the college-based fees.

"Revenues from the college- based academic fees will contin- ue to go directly to the colleges for allocation as determined by the deans, students and faculty of the colleges," Baker said in a Dec. 20 press release. "That was the initia- tive the students approved at the ballot box."

California mid-year budget cuts have also affected community col- leges. Cuesta College faces a $1.6 million cut, announced the first week in December.

"We were aware of the problem, but no one was prepared for the full depth or the extent of the cuts," said Yvonne Smith, director of public informa- tion and marketing for Cuesta College.

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Because community colleges cannot increase fees, Cuesta has already been forced to eliminate more than 30 classes this semester, and there are more to come, Smith said. The cut will also result in a reduction in the workload and salaries of part-time instructors.

"We're already halfway into the fiscal year and half of our funds have already been spent," she said. "This will be a difficult year."

A strong economy in the late 1990s actually resulted in flat or reduced CSU fees, Kelley said. The December increase resulted in a restoration of the 1997 fee.

"We are concerned as we look at the fee increase and realize money is hard to come by, espe- cially in these difficult eco- nomic times," Kelley said.

However, Kelley said the CSU fees are constantly being compa- red to other universities around the country.

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Bush renominates Pickering, Owen, other judges
WASHINGTON — President Bush has renominated appellate court nominees that were not considered by the full Senate last year but will likely have a better shot of confirmation under the newly Republican-controlled chamber.

Pickering and Owen’s nominations were returned to the Senate on Tuesday along with 28 other judicial nominees that were not considered by the full Senate last year. Pickering and Owen, however, were the only two who were specifically rejected last year by the Democrat-controlled Senate Judiciary Committee.

There was some question about whether Pickering, who was accused of being racially insensitive by Democrats, would be renominated after one of his patents, Sen. Trent Lott, stepped down as Senate GOP leader after making racially insensitive remarks.

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., immediately pledged to do whatever was necessary to delay Pickering’s confirmation hearing.

Davis to push jobs, security plans in State of the State address
SACRAMENTO — Gov. Gray Davis will trumpet his plans to create new jobs in California and announce the creation of a permanent state Office of Homeland Security Wednesday evening during the first State of the State address of his second term.

Davis also will direct his administration to ease regulatory hurdles on small businesses and will announce his support for extending a manufacturers tax credit that some lawmakers have proposed scrapping to help the state fill its $34.8 billion budget deficit.

Davis also will lead a delegation that will travel to the nation’s capital to urge the Bush administration to repay states for security and anti-terrorism costs, according to prepared text of the governor’s address.

Commuter plane crashes at N.C. airport with 21 aboard; airline says all dead
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A commuter plane carrying 21 people crashed into an airport hangar on takeoff Wednesday and burst into flames, killing everyone aboard, authorities said.

The cause of the crash — the deadliest U.S. accident in nearly 14 months — wasn’t immediately clear.

Investigators apprehended six men Sunday in north and east London and South Korea agreed to urge Pyongyang to renounce its weapons programs if it wanted better ties with the rest of the world.

North Korea’s rhetoric, broadcast to the world through its official Korean Central News Agency, remained defiant.

"Sanctions mean a war," North Korea’s foreign ministry said in a statement released late Tuesday, quoted by the KCNA, the government’s official news agency.

North Korea said it would not remove the most recent of the two handfuls of launch sites that are part of its nuclear weapons program.

Victims die within days
None of the men, who were arrested under the Terrorism Act, have been charged. Scotland Yard said they are of North African origin but declined to specify what country or countries they came from.

Ricin (pronounced RICE-in) is derived from the castor bean plant, which is grown around the world, and is relatively easy to produce. It has been linked to the past in Osama bin Laden’s al-Qaeda terror network and Saddam Hussein’s regime in Iraq.

North Korea says ‘sanctions mean a war’ as world steps up diplomatic efforts
SEOUL, South Korea — Standing in neat rows on a snow-covered plaza, tons of thousands of North Koreans rallied Tuesday in Pyongyang calling for a stronger military. The communist state urged U.S. economic sanctions against it would lead to war.

North Korea’s saber-rattling came as concerns about the latest developments in the Korean Peninsula’s nuclear program were making rounds in the media.

Doctors throughout Britain have been warned to be alert for signs that Britons have been poisoned by ricin, for which there is no antidote.

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And get back to studying.
The resolution revolution

It is a time-honored tradition, the annual creation of a resolution that will revitalize one's life. But there are those rare exceptions in the early stages. A no-show for a date, drunkenly kissing an ex, mixing up your digits in the matching black T-shirts and were out after that one. I would like to give the losers of Mustang Militia throughout the entire game. By the end, I even began to feel sorry for the guy. At one point I even told the players, "If you're ugly and you know it you're 34, if you're ugly and you know it you're 34"...you know the rest of the song."

"You said you were going to be a Cal Poly bucket list. Lately! Even if you haven't (and let's face it, the majority of you don't even bother to) I would like to give special attention to a small group of students who I regrettably had to witness during Saturday's game. This group consists of a spirit team run things. Whose job is to assimilate a host of problems with the ancient Babylonian belief that what one did with the coming of mid-night, Dance jump off from an effort to leap into the next year. Only slightly more absurd is the icelandic tradition of el dancing. Icelanders welcome the New Year with a series of dances meant to attract wandering elves in need of rest.

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The department does not foresee any challenges due to Linden's gender.

"Men accept (women) as equals," Strobridge said. "They do a good job. We don't expect any problems."

During the tenure, she will oversee the department that has 89 employees and serves a city of 44,000 residents.

Linden began working for the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department in 1984. Since then, she has worked in numerous sectors, including patrol, narcotics and major crimes.

She was named Investigator of the Year in 1991 and then received the Distinguished Service Award in 1999 for her department.

"I think people look at a chief as someone who has credibility," Parkinson explained. "She has had a well-established career, which has given her much credibility."

As Linden is new to the area, she will soon encounter some rough challenges in her new position. These include restructuring the department, since it will shortly face a reduction in personnel.

She also intends to examine student issues, as well as other issues involving Cal Poly.

"I feel very much look forward to working with Cal Poly and building a relationship," she said.

The police department hopes Linden will be able to make the right decisions and find ways to make improvements in the community.

"We don't need a lot of big changes," Parkinson said. "But could we improve? Certainly."

Iraq: United States, Britain preparing "devastating" war to subjugate Middle East

By Hamza Hendawi

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A top Iraqi official said Wednesday the United States and Britain were preparing a "devastating" war against Iraq to subjugate the Middle East and renewed charges that U.N. weapons inspectors were exceeding their mandate.

U.S. jets attacked air defense sites Wednesday in the southern no-fly zone, according to a statement by the U.S. Central Command. It was the second attack by the U.S.-led coalition this week in the southern zone, set up more than a decade ago to prevent Iraq's army from attacking the small no-fly zone over Kuwait.

"They are searching for other information about Iraq's conventional military capabilities, the Iraqi scientific and industrial capability in the civilian area, and also espionage questions," Aziz said.

Referring to Iraq claims that inspectors were seeking to recruit key Iraqis, a U.S. spokesman told reporters Tuesday, U.N. spokesman Haseb Ueki and U.N. officials had received no formal complaint about alleged espionage and had noticed no change in cooperation from Iraq officials.

"The inspections are not spies. They are international civil servants," Ueki told reporters Tuesday.

The United States has accused Iraq of stockpiling weapons of mass destruction and says it will use force if necessary to destroy them. Iraq denies the charges and insists it already has destroyed its biological and chemical weapons.

There has been no known instances of serious problems encountered by the inspectors since they began work Nov. 27.

In a significant move in the run-up to a possible war, the American battle staffs also were in the Gulf last month, based at a new, temporary headquarters in Florida to Camp As Sayliyah in Qatar to be in position to call the shots once President Bush, U.S. officials said.

STUDENT HOUSING
Construction on Student Housing I is moving ahead as scheduled. The complex, located on the hill above the existing residence halls will house 800 students in 200 4-bedroom, apartment style suites. The new units will have sweeping views of campus and Bishop's Peak. Occupancy is expected in September, 2003. For more housing information, visit the Housing website: http://www.housing.calpoly.edu/ for more information about the project.

ENGINEERING III
Phase I of the 41,000 square foot building under construction at the North West corner of the campus is near completion. Phase II is expected to begin construction during fall quarter, 2003. Phase II will finish the interior work, exterior awnings, screens and landscaping and will add a new jet propulsion building.

The facilities will house Aeronautical Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Materials Engineering and Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering. The buildings, which stand next to the new Advanced Technology Lab, are expected to be fully complete and occupied for fall quarter classes, 2004.

TELECOMM
The Telecommunications Infrastructure Upgrade Project, known as Telecomm, began in December. Helix Electric was awarded the contract and has begun to upgrade telecommunications (voice, data and video) systems in all State owned buildings on campus. The project is expected to be complete within two years. Bright orange and purple signs will be placed at building entries two to three weeks before the contractors enter the building to alert users that Telecomm will soon be there. For further information, latest building schedules, photos and other information, contact the Telecomm website at http://telecomm.calpoly.edu.

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Not all art is good - even in France

While visiting France last summer, I noticed the great appreciation for the art Americans have come to expect from the French. Paintings are national treasures and museums are everywhere, collecting and showcasing hundreds of years of artistic achievement. The country lives and breathes art in everything it does. From the sugary goo laced on a pastry to the time-worn patina of a stone building, great art is inescapable.

I brought with me on the trip the belief that all French art and culture is good. However, in a back alley in the Basque city of Bayonne, I was confronted with quite possibly the worst painting I have ever seen.

In the window of what I guessed was a pet groomer was the likeness of a very fluffy dog and cat. They were mishapen and pleading with oversized eyes, begging for me to do something, probably trim them. It was a sign more deserving of the dusty shelves of a Central Valley second-hand store than the window of a shop in the artsiest country on Earth. Poof, my American perceptions disappeared, torn forever.

I had an epiphany right there on the centuries-old cobblestones and entertained the possibility that there just might be some bad art in France.

Yes, they have more great works than you can shake a baguette at, and I did go to the Louvre, the Pompidou, Dali and Picasso museums to see some of them. But along with the timeless masterpieces came the velvet canvases and occasional paint-by-number anomalies—quite possibly the byproduct of some type of recovery therapy.

I went with the moment. Nurturing my shift in consciousness, I began to seek out the bad art of France. I looked in beachside hotels, thrift store windows, anywhere tasteless paintings could be found. And find them I did. The following pictorial is the fruit of my research.

-Bryan Dickerson, Mustang Daily Arts and Culture Editor.

Above: Folk dancers in da-glo. A sad beachside motel that reeked strongly of cleanser and even stronger of mold yielded this atrocious paint-by-numbers duo.

Another roadside attraction. This guy beckons tourists to visit the caves that once housed “Monsieur Flintstone,” as the guide put it, not to be confused with the Venus de Milo housed in the Louvre.

Above: The beautiful oranges and golds of Fiji come to the men's room of a Chinese restaurant in the French Riviera town of Antibes. Any artistic shortcomings in this piece are more than made up for by the “trampoline” framing method. Above right: The Picasso Museum in Paris offered what we expect from France: masterpieces. Below right: Pleasing fluffy animals with large, needful eyes have been the muse for creators of bad paintings for years.

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NEW YORK (AP) - Although the title of his 2000 album, "G.O.A.T.," stands for "greatest of all time," LL Cool J considers himself a humble man.

"I don't get cocky and start thinking I know everything about the music or like I know everything about what people want to hear," he said.

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LL Cool J looking, well, cool. The prolific artist stars in several upcoming films, including 'Deliver Us From Eva,' slated for a February release.

'Joe Millionaire' showcases lies and deceit to the delight of millions

By David Chang

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presence.
I would be inclined to call it a return to form, though, when you
consider that this is virtually the same team that won three straight NBA
Championships. They have shown before they are capable of sustaining
this level of play, so there is no reason
to believe they can't do it now.
The first step in the return to glory
would have to go 7-2 for the rest of
January, which is easier than it
sounds. Their toughest game this
side of February, by far, is against
Sacramento. They are also slated to
face the Cavaliers, Heat, Clippers
and Warriors, who are a combined
45-92.
People also fail to realize the
Lakers are only 1/2 games out of the
last playoff spot in the West, hardly a
dire situation. Yes, they would most
likely have to face the Mavericks or
Kings in the opening round, but
then we could be looking at a com-
pletely different team.
If things keep going their way, 'The Lake Show' may prove they
are still not willing to give up their
primetime slot.

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and women's teams competed in the
UC Irvine Invitational Saturday. The invita-
tional is formatted into three differ-
tent meters for sprints, distance and
relays. The men's team finished fifth
in the sprints and sixth in the dis-
tance, while the women placed ninth in
the sprints and seventh distance.
For the men's team, Ben Palmer
turned in the only win for the
Mustangs with a time of 58.26 in the
100 meter breaststroke. In the same
event, Chris Mitchell finished second
with a time of 59.17. Palmer also
finished third in the 200 breast-
stroke (2:09.66) and fifth in the 50
freestyle. In the distance meet, Kyle
Power placed second in the 500
freestyle with a time of 4:48.46.
On the women's side, Stacy
Peterson took fifth place in the 120
backstroke with a time of 59.69. She
also finished 13th in the 200 back-
stroke (2:11.88) and 15th in 200
individual medley (2:14.32).
Rea Landelli competed in three of
the four distance events, placing 18th
in the 1,000 freestyle (11:21.14),
39th in the 400 individual medley
(4:54.65) and 21st in the 1,650
freestyle with a time of 18:54.71.
The men and women will return to
action Sunday afternoon, to compete in
the relay portion of the UC Irvine
Invitational.
Men's Tennis
Mustangs kick off season
The Cal Poly men's tennis team
closed out their season with a win
Sunday against Oregon State.
The Mustangs swept the Beavers in
both singles and doubles, winning
6-0. The team will now focus on the
season opener against Cal State Fullerton
on February 1.

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**Mustangs sign top JC quarterback**

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Monterey Peninsula College sophomore quarterback Anthony Garnett has signed a national letter of intent to play football at Cal Poly.

The announcement was made by Mustang football coach Rich Ellerson and Cal Poly director of athletics John McCachren.

Garnett, who is enrolled at Cal Poly this quarter, will participate in Spring Drills, scheduled for Feb. 18 through March 11.

Garnett, 6-foot, 1 inch and 200 pounds, passed for more than 4,500 yards and gained over 5,100 yards in total offense in his sophomore year at Monterey Peninsula College.

As a freshman, Garnett passed for more than 2,200 yards and 16 touchdowns while also rushing for 240 yards. The Lobos were 4-6.-

In his sophomore season, Garnett passed 2,330 yards and 19 touchdowns while rushing for 347 yards and four scores as Monterey Peninsula compiled a 1-9 mark.

"He brings all those things you look for in a quarterback," Ellerson said. "An athlete who can run the option, who can throw the ball, who can hit all the throws. All indications are that his best asset is his leadership." Garnett is a 2001 graduate of Seaside High School. He played for former Saint Mary's College head coach Mike Rasmussen at Monterey Peninsula College.

Garnett signed his national letter of intent during the midyear JC transfer period, which runs from Dec. 18 through Jan. 15. The regular period for football signees is from Feb. 5 through April 1.

Men's Basketball

Shane Schilling named Athlete of the Week

In his first two Big West games as a Mustang, Shane Schilling averaged 20 points, 10.5 rebounds, and 3.5 assists as the men's basketball team defeated both Cal State Fullerton and UC Riverside last weekend to begin conference play with a 2-0 record.

Shane Schilling, a junior from Minnetonka, Minn., is a recreation administration major.

Men's and Women's Swimming Teams compete in UC Irvine Invite

IRVINE — The Cal Poly men's and women's swimming teams competed at the UC Irvine Invitational. The Mustangs earned two victories, winning both the men's and women's team titles.

**Commentary**

**Things looking up for 'Lake Show'**

By Sean Martin

WUTONG-DAILY STAFF WRITER

If the Los Angeles Lakers were a television series, then "The Lake Show" would have been cancelled long ago.

But like "Sports Night" and "Freaks and Geeks," this one would have fallen prematurely, because there is still a lot of life left in the Lakers.

Luckily for the Lakers faithful, a basketball team's fate is decided during the course of 82 games, not at the whim of the television-viewing public, who, after a 15-20 start, would have relented our heroes to syndication on the USA Network, somewhere between "Saved by the Bell" and "Seinfeld" reruns.

So, with 47 episodes left until the playoffs - the NBA's version of sweeps - here is why Showtime is still worth your time.

The Lakers always play their best with their backs against the wall. They have the ability, like all great champions, to elevate their game to a higher level when necessary. In the Western Conference finals against the Sacramento Kings, they were a gnat's lifespan from digging themselves a 3-1 hole in the series until Robert Horry (or was it Will Smith, I always get the two confused) threw down his shovel, picked up a basketball, and, with ice-cold Aquafina running through his veins, calmly sank the bottom. This trend has changed as the season has progressed. Hints of the return of the Lakers' desire have come slowly. First, it was for 12 minutes on Dec. 6, when they outscored the Dallas Mavericks by 29 in the fourth quarter to complete the second-largest comeback in league history.

Then it was for three quarters on Christmas, when they had the Kings down by as many as 12 but couldn't close the deal.

Probably the first four 48 minutes of true Laker basketball came Saturday, when they beat the Phoenix Suns in all four quarters en route to victory.

It also doesn't help Metropolis Superman has a bum toe. With each game, Shaquille O'Neal gets closer and closer to his playing shape, and the Lakers get better. The Shaq-Kobe duo is still the best in the league and a force to be reckoned with.