CSU hit hard by state budget

State may decrease student aid

By Katie Schiller
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s proposed state budget there will be a decrease in financial aid for middle-income students. Because of the budget crisis, it will be imperative for students to file early for financial aid.

Beginning Jan. 1, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid became available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The deadline for applications is March 2, when the majority of funds will be allocated. Although students can apply after this date, the set amount of aid may not be enough to go around, said Mary Spady, associate director of Cal Poly’s financial aid program.

“We set a deadline to prioritize the use of funds,” Spady said. “So it’s much safer to apply early.”

Last year, 60 percent of enrolled Cal Poly students received some type of financial aid, which includes loans, grants, scholarships and the Federal Work-Study program. scholarship students received the approximately $70 million, 62 percent was in loans, she said.

Financial aid is determined by assessing the student’s expected family contribution and subtracting that from total expenses for those students without need. Spady still recommends filling out the FAFSA because there are also loans to help with rising costs of tuition and living.

The most important information to include on the application is the parent’s tax returns, student’s income records and the correct Social Security number. Spady said, “You don’t have to wait for the filing of taxes, you can provide the estimated income and come back and correct it later,” said Julia Waller, senior financial aid counselor.

She added that both parents and students should get the FAFSA number so they can sign electronically.

“Without a PIN, some people forget to print the signature page and their application doesn’t get processed,” Waller said.

As for this year in financial aid, expect loan dollars to decrease, Spady said.

“So there may be an additional decrease in grant aid,” she said. “With an increase in fees, we’re not looking at a pretty picture.”

Also, Federal Work-Study, a program that provides job opportunities to students with financial need, is losing money due to the administrators and students","Counselor, the number of awards is down by 300 students; due to continued reductions in state funding. Winter Quarter enrollment is down by 1,979; in 2003-04 it was 3,459. If the proposed increases pass, tuition will have jumped $1,979; in 2003-04 it was $3,459. If the proposed increases pass, the student will delay elements of Cal Poly’s master plan.

“Instead of new students as stable as possible,” Adams said. “It’s a catch-22 logic. We want to get a better job and make more money. But for that he needs money to pay for classes, costs that are expected to go up under Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s proposed budget.

“Just focus, in particular for people who don’t have family to support them,” said Adams, a certified testing assistant who says he can’t afford to pay the higher prices of college classes. “You’re just kind of stuck.”

In his budget released Friday, Schwarzenegger is proposing raising undergraduate student fees 10 percent and graduate fees by 40 percent at the University of California and California State University systems. His budget also reduces the amount of financial aid available to middle-income students.

Administration officials say the cuts are necessary to ensure California’s multibillion-dollar deficit. They point out that higher education is still a bargain in California — undergraduate fees for prospective UCs would average about $6,000 a year, even with the increases.

If the cuts are implemented as proposed, the CSU must not be forced to reduce enrollment by 20,000 students.

“Fewer students admitted means fewer educated citizens entering the workforce to stimulate the economy and provide the jobs that the governor stressed in the State of the State address,” CSU chancellor Charles Reed said in a public statement. “Not investing in higher education is paid as a partnership between the state and the students,” Kelley said.

“While a stable fee policy has garnered the support of CSU officials, they warn that steep fee increases at the graduate level might discourage aspiring teachers from enrolling in programs that lead to teaching credentials. This will in turn hurt the state’s school district budget, page 2
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A MARAH, Iraq — Impatience with Iraq's occupying forces boiled over Sunday as unemployed Iraqis pelted British troops with stones and a top Shiite Muslim cleric demanded the country's next parliament be elected — not chosen by local councils, as foreseen by the Americans.

Also Sunday, a U.S.-backed Iraqi politician said an ongoing purge of members of Saddam Hussein's Baath party had pushed 28,000 Iraqis from their jobs, with a similar number expected to follow.

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PARIS — Another move to improve ties with the West, Libya signed a $170 million compensation accord Friday with families of victims of a French passenger jet bombing 15 years ago.

Leviev promised to pay representatives from Beirut a $170 million compensation accord Friday with families of victims of a French passenger jet bombing 15 years ago.

Jerusalem — Israeli President Bush Adass called last month for a resumption of official talks, but Israeli leaders are split over whether to take up his offer.

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Saturday that it showed its "nuclear deterrent" to an unofficial U.S. delegation that visited the disputed Yongbyon nuclear complex, which had been closed to outsiders since the North expelled U.N. inspectors more than a year ago.

A member of the delegation, which included experts and former government officials, said the five Americans were allowed to see everything they requested but it was not clear if the "nuclear deterrent" was a bomb. Delegates said they could give no further details until they reported to Washington.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — As NASA's Spirit rover began its search for life on Mars, Indiana University professors will be right there, to receive it. Assistant Professor Lisa Parnham of the Department of Geological Sciences at Indiana University said the Spirit rover's journey to the Red Planet was "an incredible moment in human history."
Opinion

H e has terminated villians, aliens and even munical super humans. Now he must just be terminating California higher education as we know it.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's budget for the 2004-05 fiscal year calls for a $729 million cut in higher education, $420 million of which is from the California State University system. But don't worry, $101.5 million of those cuts will be offset... by increased student fees.

That's correct, Schwarzenegger plans for a 10 percent fee increase for California undergraduates, a 20 percent increase for out-of-state undergraduates and 40 percent increases for graduate students.

Our new governor has touted himself as a sales man, saying, "California is the easiest sale I've ever had." As an actor promoting a crappy movie, Schwarzenegger promised Californians an audit of the state's finances. He said it would expose "the waste of billions and billions." Well, that audit turned out to be more of an evaluation and as a result, programs like welfare, social services and higher education are now taking the majority of the cuts. "We cannot afford fraud and waste in any department or agency," Schwarzenegger lectured. It seems that the waste Schwarzenegger promised to uncover ended up being higher education. Maybe having profenors or custodians or actual classes are "waste."

In his latest sales pitch, last week's State of the State address, Schwarzenegger proposed a 10 percent cap on annual student fee increases—an end to the "boom and bust cycle of wildly fluctuating fees" that have scarred California public colleges. Only two years later, the Los Angeles Times recently pointed out that those familiar with Schwarzenegger's budget had informed reporters about the previously mentioned possible fee increase that range from 10 to 40 percent. Later, one of Schwarzenegger's missions said the governor was only referring to undergraduates when we miss that bus, we get to wait a half hour until the next one, instead of just wanting around 15 minutes like it used to be.

And on top of it all, they raised the fares! What was SLO Transit doing with all that card readers? They were using them to better judge how many people ride the bus.

So why do we even try? Or better yet, why do we even have to verbals the need to improve ourselves? Is it some way to keep hope alive, to feel like we have a sense of self-worth? Or is it just because everyone else does it? Either way, we're done.

No more ridiculous resolutions means no more let down, so we're dropping the super humans.

No more ridiculous resolutions means no more let down, so we're done. We're making restilutions we can actually keep. Simple and to the point, we are keeping these promises to ourselves this year:

- We resolve to honk at random people as we drive by them. Not only is it satisfying to do, it's a way to make people laugh.
- We resolve to make more fun of the given mor and the president.
- We resolve to stop giving out过多 次的 holidays.
- We resolve to not send letters as an attachment. Please send the text in the body of the e-mail.

In the end, people will be using them to judge better how many people ride the bus.

Letter to the editor

Bus schedule doesn't serve students

Editor,

The article "Buses accommodate Poly schedule (Jan. 8)" was rubbish. Anyone who says this new schedule was designed to help Cal Poly riders is either a liar or a dupe. Cal Poly students now have three bus routes serving them, instead of all free. With the new bus schedule, my neighbors and I have one route to Cal Poly instead of two, and two routes home instead of three. Now my morning bus has every bus stop and up to 25 people standing up and cramped together because we now have to share one bus. Because of the chaos, every bus I have taken to school this week has been late, arriving at 8:06 a.m. instead of 7:58 a.m. And it gets worse. Buses 4 and 6 leave Cal Poly at two and four minutes after the hour. That means there is no way my neighbors and I can catch the first bus after class, and we have four minutes to drive to catch the second bus. And when we miss that bus, we get to wait a half hour until the next one, instead of just wanting around 15 minutes like it used to be.

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"Star Wars," "The Lord of the Rings" is a story about good against evil and the struggle to overcome the darkness of the world.

In fact, the last "Star Wars" episode, "The Return of the Jedi," is very similar to "The Return of the King." These two are by far the most intense and exciting to watch because they complete the stories. Although "The Fellowship of the Ring" and "The Two Towers" both received As from most critics, "The Return of the King" easily deserves an A+. It takes everything that made the first two great and makes them better. The scenery, the creatures, the fighting, the drama and the suspense are all bigger and better. It's even longer, clocking in at a whopping 210 minutes.

Yes, the long and treacherous journey of Frodo (Elijah Wood) and Sam (Sean Astin) is finally has some competition. Like "Star Wars," "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy (that is, episodes 4-6 — sorry, the new ones haven't been released as of this writing) has had or will have an adventure great enough to compete with the amazing "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. The "Star Wars" trilogy (that is, episodes 1-3) have been amazing since the very beginning, but the last one, "Return of the Jedi," returned to the darkness of the world.

This masterpiece, directed by Peter Jackson, brings to an end the amazing "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. The "Star Wars" trilogy (that is, episodes 4-6 — sorry, the new ones aren't out yet) and "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy are very similar to the "The Return of the King." As the two struggle to their destination of Mount Doom to destroy the sickness-laden ring with their guide Gollum (Andy Serkis), the other six in the fellowship are preparing for the epic battle that will decide the fate of Middle-Earth.

While Gandalf (Ian McKellen), Legolas (Orlando Bloom), Gimli (John Rhys-Davies), Pippin (Billy Boyd) and Merry (Dominic Monaghan) rally behind Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen), the returning king, all the evils of Middle-Earth gather under Sauron's power at Mordor.

Oh, and don't forget about Arwen (Liv Tyler). She did another great job. In fact, all the characters acted their roles flawlessly until the credits start to roll.

Some might say that it takes too long for the credits to appear and that the length is the film's downfall. Sure, it is a long time to sit in a theater, but in a brilliant movie, the length can only make it better. Plus, if you think about it, you are only paying about $2 an hour, so you will definitely get your money's worth.

After three viewings of the movie, I understood why the end dragged on for so long. At each of the five places I thought the movie would end, it didn't.

Since there were still questions to be answered, I was glad the ending took a long time to reach.

The only other question I asked myself was, "Why did they show that bed scene with Frodo and his hobbit buddies for so long?"

So what next? The trilogy has ended and there will be no more "Lord of the Rings" films.

This is sad. Yet with completion, the trilogy can be watched over and over again. Plus, there are still hopes for a making of "The Hobbit."

The final query regarding the trilogy is: If they showed all three movies back to back in the theater, would you sit for 12 hours to watch them?

The answer should be easy.
Los Angeles (AP) — Tim Burton's "Big Fish" took in $14.5 million to escape past "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" as the No. 1 weekend movie, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The Return of the King," the top film the previous three weekends, came in at $14.1 million, pushing its domestic total to $312.2 million.

The grosses on the top two movies were close enough that the rankings could flip-flop when final weekend figures are released Monday. Final figures often end up slightly lower than estimates made on Sunday, when studios are making projections on how big an audience their films will draw on the last day of the weekend.

"This is very rare to have a photo finish for the No. 1 spot," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "I think what we'll probably find Monday is that perhaps the actual numbers will come in a little bit less but the order of the films will remain the same."

Other studios were tracking Sony's "Big Fish" and New Line's "Return of the King" at slightly lower weekend grosses. Sony had "Big Fish" in first place and New Line had "Return of the King" at No. 1.

Rory Purse, Sony's head of distribution, said the studio's $14.5 million figure for "Big Fish" was a reasonable estimate.

This was the first weekend in wide release for "Big Fish," which stars Albert Finney and Eric McRae in the fanciful adventures of a teller of tall tales. The film had opened in late December in a handful of theaters for Academy Awards consideration.

Expanding to 2,406 theaters, "Big Fish" averaged $6,227 a cinema, compared to $3,999 in 1,312 theaters for "Return of the King."

The weekend's only new wide releases were two poorly reviewed movies, the Eddie Griffin comedy "My Baby's Daddy," which ranked No. 6 with $7.8 million, and Mandy Moore's romance "Chasing Liberty," which was No. 7 with $6 million.

January is traditionally a dead zone for new releases, with audiences shrinking after the holiday boom and studios dumping mediocre flicks into theaters.

The overall box office rose, with the top 12 movies taking in $92.5 million, up 5 percent from the same weekend last year.

Distributor Sony trulled "Big Fish" out slowly to build audience word of mouth for a complex film that was not an easy audience sell for Hollywood's marketing machine.

"It was a tough movie to represent marketing-wise in terms of letting people know what the story was," said Todd Stone, an analyst at Exhibitor Relations. "It felt like going slower with the picture would give audiences a chance to kind of discover the story for themselves."

"The Return of the King" is about to pass the total $314.5 million domestic gross of the fantasy trilogy's first installment, "The Fellowship of the Ring." The final film also is expected to top the $341.7 million haul of the middle chapter, "The Two Towers."

The serial-killer drama "Monster," which has earned Academy Award buzz for star Charlize Theron, did well expanding from a handful of theaters to wider release. The film based on the life of executed murderer Aileen Wuornos took in $865,160 in 82 theaters for a strong $10,551 average.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures will be released Monday.

1. "Big Fish," $14.5 million.
8. "Two Can Play That Game," $5.2 million.
**Sports**

**SWIMMING**

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Palmers ended up leading the men’s team by finishing first in four events. “I was really considering how tired I was,” Palmer said. Many of Palmer’s teammates were also victorious in their events. Nick Boorman placed first in two races. Adam Westgate placed first in the 200 freestyle. The men’s team also placed first in the 200 medley relay.

Mary Thomas was the leader of the women’s team, winning three events. In the diving events, McKenna Long placed first in the 1 meter and 3 meter dives.

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Ah no, not again.

That statement could possibly be uttered because the Cal Poly men’s basketball team fell in the 12th time in 13 tries to the Utah State Aggies on Saturday night in Mott Gym.

It could possibly happen another disastrous night of three-point shooting for the Mustangs, who shot just 23 of 82 percent from the beyond the arc.

Factor in Cal Poly only visiting the free throw lane once and Utah State shooting 36 percent from the floor, and the six points separating the two teams made the 69-63 final score both misleading and agonizing close.

Still, Mustang coach Kevin Bromley praised his squad afterward.

"We played pretty damn good," Bromley said.

In its first rematch since falling to the Aggies 57-54 in the Big West Tournament last March in Anaheim, Cal Poly came out strong before the sell-out, raucous home crowd. Cal Poly led for much of the first half, going into the break down only 32-11.

The Mustangs spent the second half playing catchup to Utah State, never leading after initially climbing ahead 34-32 on a Kamren Gray three pointer. The Mustangs tied it at 34 with 5:34 left and were down by two with less than two minutes to play, but ultimately couldn’t surmount the Big West leading Aggies (11-1).

Bromley pointed to poor three-point shooting and little defensive presence, besides a virtual absence from the clutch stripe, as the primary sources of the Mustang’s woes.

"The same thing happened last year in the tournament," Bromley said.

"There were a couple of times we needed to knock some threes down and get ‘em stopped." Utah State personnel extolled smiles afterward.

"I think we were one of our best defenses ever played tonight because of our zone," said Aggie guard Cardell Thompson in overtime in the 133-136 V o. 1 4 4

Not OK: Wrestling loses two

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soiling Sunday against Utah State.

The Mustangs ended their Big West Conference two-game losing streak Thursday with a win against the Idaho Vandals in Mott Gym Thursday.

A recent injury to senior forward Shane Shilling proved to be no setback for the team. Shilling had 18 points and six assists, second-best on the team behind forward

Varnie Dennis, who was the leading scorer for the game with 30 points. Guard Kameron Grim, the Big West Player of the Week, managed to stay out of foul trouble and sunk three three-pointers, contributing 17 points to the Mustang win.

The high energy and enthusiasm of the game were a surprising turn-around after the Mustangs started conference play with road losses at UC Irvine and Long Beach.

Forward John Manley said the liveliness was thanks to head coach Kevin Bromley’s encouraging return to the bench after missing the Long Beach State game because of the death of his father.

"I think coach Bromley deserves all the credit for our win tonight," Manley said.

"He encouraged us and us fired up to work hard. The intensity in the game was thanks to coach keeping us motivated at practice."

First-time starter sophomore guard Fernando Sampson, filling in for the injured Eric Jackson, had the crowd on their feet for the majority of the game. After the first two losses in conference, Sampson said he wanted to prove the character of Cal Poly’s team.

"Starting for the first time, I wanted to get everyone involved in the game," Sampson said. "I think we now have a lot of confidence for the next game.

At half time it was anyone’s game with the Mustangs leading 19-14.

Bromley said he is pleased with the performance and perseverance of the players, despite injuries, losses and foul trouble.

"I'm very proud of those young men," Bromley said. "Our emphasis was on the own game, and I think we did just that."

By the numbers

The Utah State Aggies shot 64 percent from the floor in Saturday’s game against Cal Poly to outscore Mustangs by five in the second half. They "only" shot 50 percent in the first half.

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Not OK: Wrestling loses two

**Halsey knocks off two of the nation’s best, but rest of team struggles over weekend**

MUStANd DAILY STAFF REPORT

Bright spots were few and far between for the Cal Poly wrestling team in two lopsided losses to two of the nation’s best squads.

One Mustang shone brightest though, in defeating last year’s NCAA champion on Friday and then the country’s top-ranked wrestler on Saturday.

The Mustangs went to 4-4 over all, 2-0 in the Pac-10, as they fell 34-9 to No. 13 Oklahoma on Saturday and 35-6 to No. 1 Oklahoma State.

On Saturday, junior Ralph Garcia, sophomore Vic Moreno and freshman Darrell Vasquez were the only Mustangs to come away with a win in the nonconference dual meet in Norman, Okla.

Moreno, ranked No. 6 nationally, goes to 10-2 on the season as he defeated No. 9 Sam Haczekwinkel, 5-3, by decision in the 125-pound match.

Haczekwinkel had a 3-0 lead going into the third period, but it wasn’t enough as Moreno scored a two-point reversal and a three-point near fall with eight seconds remaining in the match to clinch the win.

Vasquez, ranked No. 9 nationally, won by a 4-3 decision in two overtime periods over Oklahoma’s Mini Miller in the 133-pound match.

After a 0-0 first period, Vasquez jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the second period ending on a score and a takedown. In the third period, Miller would fight back scoring an escape with 1:24 remaining and then a score-counting takedown with one second remaining.

With no scoring in the first overtime, Vasquez scored an escape in double overtime to take the match and improve his overall record to 18-2.

In the 197-pound match, Garcia won by a 2-1 decision over Austin David.

This match came down to the last second as it was tied 1-1 in the third period until Garcia was awarded a point for David’s second stall warning with 3:8 seconds left. Garcia goes to 6-6 overall.

After knocking off the #1 wrestler in the nation, sophomore Ryan Halsay was defeated by Justin Dyer by a 9-2 decision in the 184-pound match.

Sophomores Halsey and Vic Moreno were the only Mustangs to come away with wins in Friday’s nonconference dual match in Stillwater.

Halsey ranked No. 9 nationally, defeated the 2003 NCAA champ, Jake Rosholt, 6-2, by decision in the 184-pound match. They first met in the finals at 2003 Reno Tournament of Champions where Rosholt defeated Halsey 13-7.

Moreno, ranked sixth nationally, went to 9-2 in the season when he defeated Cody Stites, 7-3, by decision in the 125-pound match.

In another marquee matchup, Darrell Vasquez, ranked No. 9 nationally, fell to No. 5 Johnny Thompson in overtime in the 133-pound match.

FILE PHOTO/MUSTANG DAILY

The Mustangs beat Idaho on Thursday, but played like they were blindfolded Saturday against Utah State.

**Matadors sink swim team**

By Thomas Atkins

When the water in Mott Pool finally calmed, Cal Poly’s men’s and women’s swim teams found themselves in the deep end after the Cal State Northridge, Matadors defeated the Mustangs in a dual meet, Friday.

After nearly three hours of swimming and diving during the first home meet of the season, the men’s team final score was 144-136 while the women’s final score was 156-126.

"Northridge had a very sedated game," said Mustang head coach Rich Fink.

"Virtually all we swam very well and had a number of regional and personal best times in our squad," Fink said.

The Mustangs had several swimmers absent due to health and academic reasons.

"We’re excited for tomorrow’s meet against UC Santa Barbara," said Fink.

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