PSU to eliminate 166 positions



PORTLAND (AP) - Portland State University plans to cut its staff and administration by about one-fifth over the next two years to meet the demands of the Measure

5 property tax limit.

But the school hopes to avoid losing any of its 15,000 students.

That means more work for those in the remaining 445 academic positions, none of whom will get pay raises. Foreign language teachers, for example, expect to have larger classes.

'Students are going to be ill-served," said Craig Wollner, a history professor and president of the PSU chapter of the American Association of University Professors

The plan will be subject to change after responses from faculty and students in a series of hearings this month. Legislative action on state funding for higher education also could change the details.

'It is horrible," said Linda Parshall, chairwoman of foreign languages and literature and a member of the budget reduction committee. "It is obviously extremely bad for morale. In addition, it is going to be bad for quality."

The plan - announced to faculty and students

during a meeting in the gymnasium Tuesday after noon - calls for eliminating 106 administrative and instructional positions, 52 classified positions. such as secretaries and janitors, and eight graduate assistant positions. Some positions affect more than one person since some teachers work part time.

The administration recommended reducing vacant positions and encouraging early retirements rather than cutting whole programs, which are difficult to replace. But that hits some departments harder than others. Chemistry, for example, is faced with losing five of its 14 positions.

'We're not sure what we're going to do," said Robert O'Brien, professor of chemistry

Proposed cuts include 34 positions from liberal arts and sciences, six from business administration, 4.5 from engineering, two from fine and performing arts, 1.5 from social work, 3.5 from urban and public affairs, four from the dance program, 10 from various centers and institutes and 11 from administration

The cuts are based on Gov. Barbara Robert's proposed budget, which calls for whittling PSU's instructional budget from about \$141 million for 1991-93 to about \$135 million for 1993-95.

But a prosecution witness said

a test in the hot tub showed a

soldering gun didn't put out

enough electricity to shock, let

alone kill, anyone. Another test,

using a pig in a puddle, only

In closing arguments Wednes-

day, prosecutor Joel Goldstein

maintained Yvonne Bagley's

death was no accident. "We say

he forcibly submerged his wife

with the intent to kill her,"

Goldstein also dismissed

"He didn't like his wife, not

defense suggestions about how

Yvonne Bagley died as diver-

even a little bit," Goldstein said.

stunned the animal.

Goldstein said.

sionary tactics.





Man in hot water over wife's death

der in the beating and drowning

death of his Indian-born wife,

Yvonne, 28, at their Radnor

home March 26, 1989. Bagley

has been out on \$15,000 bail. If

convicted, 47-year-old Bagley

could be sentenced to life in

During the trial, the defense offered theories on what killed

Yvonne Bagley. One defense

witness said she may have died

from hot water epilepsy, a malady reported in the region of

Another said bath salts and

olive oil she used, plus the

water's high temperature,

increased its electrical conduc-

India where she was born.

prison.

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MEDIA, Pa. (AP) To prosecutors, Charles Bagley is a NATIONAL greedy killer who

beat his wife and drowned her in their hot tub to collect \$500,000 in life insurance because he was about to lose his job as an assistant professor.

To defense attorneys, Bagley is an absent-minded academic whose wife was accidentally electrocuted by a soldering gun he left lying around while he doing bathroom renovations.

Delaware County Judge Joseph Cronin, who heard a non-jury trial, said he will have a verdict by Monday.

Bagley was charged with mur-



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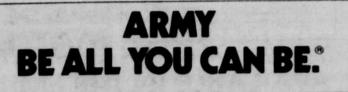
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