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three years from its annual budget, which stands at $6 million.

Budget reductions have led the
college, which has 10,800 students, to eliminate 40 class
sections in the past two years, and Renee Kimmer, Cabrillo's
vice president of instruction.

Nearly every department and program on campus has
seen its budget and faculty trimmed, Kimmer said.

As of Wednesday, classes were more than 56 percent
full with another week of late
registration to go, she said.

Many classes, she said, have
already topped their enroll-
ment limits.

"We don't have enough seats
available in the room, there
just aren't seats available," Kimmer said. "We can't ac-
cept students in a room beyond what's safe. It's destruc-
tive for the students and it's destruc-
tive for an administrator
that so many students are get-
ning turned away. We try to do
everything we can to help stu-
dents find an open class.

Every chair and comput-
er was taken Wednesday in the
basic skills English class
taught by Blanche Sibe, includ-
ing one extra guy in the let-
time in the middle of the
room without a computer in
front of him.

There isn't a seat available,"
Sibe said. "It's heart-
breaking. There's nothing I
can tell them. The only thing
I can say is budget cuts from
the state.

J.J. Telfer, a Watsonville
resident studying fire tech-
ology, said he was able to
sign up for all the classes he
needed except English.
"I was on the waiting list
and at break time someone
decided to show up and I was
added to the list," Telfer said. "I
guessed they would just let me
stay because I was there.

Friends Kima Pena and
Rebecca Orita, who live in Can-
taville, counted themselves
among the lucky Cabrillo stu-
dents.

Both were able to sign up
for all the general education
classes they needed. The trick,
they said, was registering as
early as possible.

"If you didn't do that, you
would be on the wait list and
not get in at all," Orita, 19,
said. "My major was on my
major course engineering ear-
ly."