Salary Raise Causes Foundation Woes

by Dave McBobbie

Mustang Staff Writer

Happy are the students who plan to work for Cal Poly food services this fall, for they shall receive a 40-cent raise. Unhappy are the students who plan to buy the food, for they shall have to pay for it.

In simple terms, that is the story for a quieter perplexed Cal Poly Foundation, which hires 450 part-time students each year to dish up all food served on campus, whether it's at the Burger Bar, the Sandwich Plant, Vista Grande or the cafeterias.

The 40-cent increase, coming from a flat $70 salary raise given to state workers by Gov. Brown, means a jump from $8.80 to $9.20 for most employees being paid by the hour.

"Although it was intended for full-time workers on a salary, we interpreted it as an increase for part-time student help also," reports Bob Griffin, assistant to the executive director of the Foundation. He is unsure whether the increase will prompt a flood of applications for the jobs in the fall.

But for students on the buying end, the news turns sour.

A regular hamburger at the Burger Bar this fall will cost 70 instead of 60 cents. Polyburgers, stuffed green salad and french fries are also up a dime. The only items apparently not affected are soft drinks and yogurt. And then, who knows, but meal tickets won't have so worry ticket prices are flat.

Although that may be tolerable for the students, it presents a "real problem" to the Foundation, according to Food Services Executive Director A1 Smith. "We didn't anticipate such a large pay raise when we set the food prices. It caught us completely off guard. There's the question that profits will drop and the Foundation will be forced to tighten belts and revise its budget."

Smith admits the possibility that fewer students will be hired this year. But it's even more likely the Foundation will crack down on student efficiency. In hopes that the same job can be performed in less time, says Smith, "we may send them home 15 minutes early."

Another solution may be to reduce the Foundation's net reserves and operate with hopes of somehow getting back to business as usual next year.

Whatever the case, there are some mixed emotions over the 40 cents that must come from somebody's pocket. Who suffers the most? The Foundation, its employees, or you and me, remains yet to be seen.

Cranston At Breakfast

The Monday Club of San Luis Obispo will hold a champagne breakfast on Saturday August 14th with guest speaker, U.S. Senator Alan Cranston. The breakfast is being sponsored by the Leon Panetta For Congress Campaign Committee, which will start at 8:30 Saturday morning.

Donations for the breakfast are $12.50 per person and the location of the Monday Club is at 1815 Monterey.

Washing dishes may not seem like such a chore in the future for campus employees such as Ray Cunningham who recently received word of a raise in the minimum wage. (Mustang photo by Tom Troetschler)

New Salary Raise Not For Everyone

by B.S. Elliott

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Not all of the student employees on campus received a pay raise when the minimum wage paid to state employees was recently raised from $8.80 per hour to $9.20. Of the four hour employees on campus, only the state and the foundation are paying the higher wage. Employees of the A.S.I. and the U.U. are still receiving only $8.80 per hour.

The state approved the pay raise effective July 1 and the Foundation, which had budgeted for a raise to $9.20 per hour, decided in a meeting on July 27 to grant the raise retroactively to July 1.

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Rick Haxrock, short order cook at the campus dining hall, will be one of many campus employees to benefit from the recent raise in minimum wage. (Mustang photo by Tom Troetschler)

New Hall Underbid

In this day of cost overruns and inflation, it's rare to hear of a building project being underbid. But that's what happened when campus officials put the Circle P. Fisher Science Hall out to bid. A Sacramento construction firm submitted a bid of $4,645,000, over a million dollars lower than the budgeted figure for the project.

Nielson-Nickles broke ground for construction in early July and is expected to finish the three-story structure in 1978.

The building will complete the relocation and expansion of the life sciences programs into one area on campus. Floor space will total 75,800 square feet. Three lecture classrooms, 19 laboratories, a museum, 41 faculty offices, a school dean's complex, department head's offices and other related support spaces will be housed in the building.

The laboratories will provide facilities for instruction in anatomy, vermiculate field ecology, ecolgy, physiology, immunology, hematology, electron microscopy, histology, general biology, botany, plant pathology and nematology, advanced biology and general bacteriology.

The below-estimate bid was due in part to the "basically simple form and the directness of the construction system which feature ease-in-place and precise concrete elements," construction company spokesman said.

The low bid will make funds available for other campus needs, according to F. Douglas Gerard, executive director. Gerard is being assisted in planning for the project by Peter R. Phillips, A.I.A., the campus facilities planner.

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Ron Townescol collects another signature during National Nude Beach day at Pirate's Cove Sunday to petition for the opening of more clothes-optional beaches. Twelve-normal crowds of nearly 1,000 persons peaceable filled the cove under perfect weather conditions and soaked up the sun. (Photo by Tom Troetscher)

Poly Phase Exchange
Poly Phase has announced the operational dates of the Fall Quarter Book Exchange. Used books may be brought in starting September 5th, the first day of registration, at 1:00 p.m. Sales of textbooks will begin the next day and continue through the first week of classes.

Chinese Sports Film
The SLO chapter of the U.S. China People's Friendship Association will present the film, 'Friendship First: Competition Second', produced in China by Felix Greene, on Thursday, August 26th. The regular public presentation of this film by this local non-profit educational organization deals with sports in the People's Republic of China.

Food Reforms Promised
School canteen and dormitory dining halls came and go, but in the meantime they are always under attack. Visa Grande Restaurant is no different and last week it came under fire by Yvonate Hall residents.

A large hand-painted sign fashioned by Bill Montgomery claimed that the cafeteria was making too much money, yet the food quality was poor.

"Due to rising profits at the Visa Grande it is extremely important that all meal ticket holders use their tickets to the maximum," the sign began. It brought attention to the problem and the students began to organize petitions in protest. "They've already got our money so they don't care," said Montgomery.

Another dissatisfied resident, Beau Kemp claimed, "They're out to rip-off people instead of feed them."

Last Friday, a group from the hall presented the list of complaints to Al Smith, acting director of Food Service.

Smith denied that Visa Grande was in fact making money off of students but instead had lost $246 during the fiscal year.

Where complaints focused on poor food preparation, Smith told students that necessary steps would be taken to ensure a higher quality. Included was the promise to change from steam heating of the french fries to overhead lights. As of Monday, patrols said that many of the changes were already evident.

"We are willing to talk to students anytime and make changes but still remain within our budget," said Smith.

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Games People Play In Morro Bay

by Bleda Mattin

Mountain Staff Writer

Morro Bay’s “pet rock” has had to share some of the limelight since this seaside community added a larger than life chessboard to its list of attractions.

The board was the brainchild of Waduang Korishelli, a local high school instructor. During a summer visit to Europe, Korishelli often played chess on the large boards commonly found there. On his return home, he vowed to construct a similar game near the water’s edge.

Located at the foot of the “Centennial Railway,” the checkerboard concretes has fascinated chess enthusiasts from across the nation. And why not? With 22-inch high kings and queens, an extra pawn and 99-inch high bishops and rooks, an extra dimension has been added to the game.

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