Students to profit from $4.25 minimum wage

By Megan Owings

With California's minimum wage going up as of July 1, students employed at Cal Poly will be feeling the benefits of more pay grade increases.

The increase — from $3.35 an hour to $4.25 — will happen only in California. It is the first time since 1981 that the state has raised its minimum wage.

The increase in minimum wage will mean more money for Cal Poly students, said Al Amaral, Foundation executive director. "But it won't be too bad because what Cal Poly pays students is generally higher than whatever the minimum wage is."

Amaral said that even though the increase is at $3.35 an hour right now, Cal Poly's average wage for students, student assistants and work study students is $3.50 to $3.75 an hour.

"With the increase, students' average wage at Cal Poly will probably be around $4.50 an hour," Amaral said.

The money received from the state by Cal Poly does not go to Foundation services. Amaral said that while Cal Poly receives money that is approved by the state Legislature and the government through state taxes, the Foundation generates its own money. From that it is able to pay its expenses, such as student labor.

"We make our money through facilities such as selling textbooks at El Corral, selling livestock, work produced at University Graphics Systems and more," Amaral said. "Our money is maybe a little more secure. State money may be volatile just because of the politics they're dealing with."

Amaral said the minimum wage increase will cause somewhat of a ripple effect in price increase both at Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo.

"Some prices will reflect the increase in pay but I don't think it will be all at once," Amaral said. "It will definitely affect Cal Poly's price for resale."

He said the Foundation has managed to keep the increase in price of meal plans down to 5 percent, while the increase from the current minimum wage to $4.25 is 27 percent.

"There is no way that the increase in pay and the increase in cost will equal," Amaral said. "People will be making more now but I don't think it will lend itself to people saving more.

"There is a general acceptance of the increase in the wage," Amaral said. "Given the inflation that has occurred since minimum wage went up to what it is now, I think it's long overdue. Everything else has gone up in price; it's about time that we catch up."

City plans annexation of property by airport

By Shelly Head

The city of San Luis Obispo plans to annex 1,000 acres of unincorporated, privately owned property near the county airport over the next 20 years.

This preliminary "specific plan," concerning property that runs north of South Higuera and Broad streets, was discussed at a meeting between the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors and the County Government Center.

Michael Draze, a senior officer on the Airport Land Use Commission staff, said the main purpose of the meeting was to discuss what background data had been developed toward the city's annexing the land and what the proposed direction of the plan would be. He said discussions on the plan have just begun and that no decisions have been made.

Draze said the plan would be a joint venture between property owners and the city and county. But he said that since most of the property is privately owned, except for the airport and roads, there have been individual disagreements about how the land will be used and how the plan should be implemented.

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Graduates need bucks for tickets, diplomas

By Shelly Evans

"You can't be 5-11. You can be 5-10, but you can't be 5-11," a clerk at the grad center, said most students do not want a "grad cellar," he said.

"Some people don't want a diploma. They want a "grad cellar," said Draze. "It's just a piece of paper to some people."

But Clara West, a grad center clerk, said most students do order diplomas.

"Two years ago, a Mexican-American studies student came in to order some diplomas," West said. "He was the first person in his entire family to graduate."

Education, water main concerns to debating Assembly candidates

All agree on state's need for more educational money

By Christine Kohn

Education, California's water project and catastrophic health insurance were topics debated last week by candidates for the 29th District State Assembly.

The debate was sponsored by the Senior Forum.

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OPINION

I’d better wed before I’m dead

You know you’re getting older when:

• your parents retire and force you to support yourself.
• your pets who were puppies and kittens when you were starting out are now old and in arthritis.
• your friends start getting married.

I can handle the last two, but now that “Experienced Bridesmaid” appears on my resume, I’m starting to worry. All of a sudden, it seems like my long-time friends are at that age – past the mother-daughter/father-son talks and into the exciting frightening-grown-up-world-of-wedding-bells bliss. If they are at that age, well then so am I. But it’s a decision based on the individual. So what? Someone may be ready to face that aisle (and actually walk down it) at 18 – others not until 50. Me? Who knows? People have told me I need a husband first.

Honestly, I won’t be ready until after graduation, that ominous date slips that the 21st century quarter. I said I’d be ready, I didn’t say marriage.

Since high school, I’ve seen or heard of countless friends marrying the bank. To me, waking up one morning and being an adult. Scary though.

Unfortunately, many brides and grooms fail to leave childhood/shelth/giggles/whatever – you want to call it – and continue their irresponsibility and immaturity even after the vows have been exchanged. Some even marry their souvenirs. “Fatal Attraction” was way overdue.

B) All rights reserved. Even if they have MR/Ms. Perfect in their grasp. What is it that has compelled them to say “I do”? The American Dream? Fear of being left out, the 50 percent divorce rate? Maybe it’s the greatest rock on the block. Or, maybe it isn’t even true love results in marriage. What a concept.

That’s what I’m after: my Mr. Right; my knight in shining armor; that gassy feeling inside that motivates me to wash the car, put my palms and plumes back to Sweet, but Silly 16.

But for now, I just go to all these weddings, cry when they kiss, and go home and eat Pop Tarts. Place the Washington Post in front of me with my best friend Big W. I’m moving up in the world. Nothing more. I would rather be in that while flowing gown, the center of attention instead of in some uncomfortable, plain-Jane group where I’ll be looking just like the other wannabe-winning bridesmaids.

I guess my day will come. At least that’s what I keep hearing. And I’ll have you know it will be in a ball gown because I lead the life of a dammit. Nothing less. Only then will that aisle feel the cares of my 20-foot train gliding along its path. Only once will it be moistened by my tears and filled with the scent of my sashed tumbling in pain. And only once will all my jealous friends fake their smiles and I’ll be on my way.

But then they’ll probably be too busy spilling Geritol on their knitted shawls to notice.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Republican values crucial for voters

Editor — A round of applause and a hearty handclap to Ted Waddell for his article “The Reagan Legacy” in the May 11 issue. It was well-written, without cutery errors or satirical comments as seen in Part I. It was concise. It let the facts speak for themselves.

I do not wholeheartedly agree with all his conclusions but I do agree that the values attributed to Reagan; on the surface, I held many reservations. However, I do endorse the motives and thinking behind the continent of the articles. I am a very strongly with the ideals held by the President, I do not consider myself Republican, nor do I consider myself a Democrat. I am an American citizen. Moreover, I am a world citizen. But do not let this imply that as a citizen of the world I feel it is right for government to take away incentives in the form of benefits from the able and “allocate” this money to others. These actions have been less incentive. Isn’t it incentive that built this country? If I am to agree with the argument that government is a police force, than I also agree with the argument that if government has forced me to fire my gunpoint (i.e. law) to do so. What good does force create for the beneficiary? How genuine is a force-frustrated force?

In Waddell’s article he brought up the significant part of Waddell’s essay in the third paragraph. He stated the basics on which America has been built. But Waddell dealt quite candidly with what Reagan has pursued: “Reagan emphasized that we have to weaken if we confuse equal opportunity with equal outcome. Government’s main purpose is to protect the rights of individuals.” He went on to say for what they mean and not simply for the benefactor or the beneficiary: How genuine is a benefactor or the beneficiary?

I do not wholeheartedly agree with all the conclusions that the President has made, but I do agree with the ideas. If so, my understanding of the idea is that the benefits are to be given to the poor and the less fortunate in our society. I am a strong believer that the benefits should be given to the poor and the less fortunate, and not to the very strong and the rich.

MICHAEL MARVINS

Tutorial solution

Editor — Here is one possible solution to the problem of insufficient tutorial funding which your readers may want to critique.

Have tutees either volunteer or sign a contract with the Tutorial Center offering their future services which they originally received. For every hour of tutoring one receives, he or she can agree to be available to the center over a future period (prior to graduation) as repayment for past tutorial services.

This arrangement may help to alleviate the financial burden of the Tutorial Center. It may be considered a win-win situation because it would administratively take time for the center to achieve this goal. The minimal amount of funding the center has been appropriated can be used to cover the demand.

The University of California can establish appropriate guidelines for tutorial services standards. For example, if deemed appropriate, students who meet a minimum grade standard after receiving aid from the Tutorial Center may qualify for a “cruiser”. This qualification is based on that course or in a prerequisite of that course. The student can agree to offer equal free time for tutorial services in any field where he or she meets the minimum prerequisites.

If also deemed appropriate, students could be required to repay a portion of their tuition fees if that student does not graduate within a predetermined time frame by the student or the university. In addition to acting as an incentive for the student to complete the course, the student is also encouraged to offer time for free tutorial services in any field where he or she meets the minimum prerequisites.

MARKUS GUSTAFSON

The New York Times

On housing for the poor: Anyone who thinks the shortage of affordable housing is bad now only need look forward. "Homelessness" does not simply describe programs of low- and moderate-income families that have no suitable place to live today. Under existing law, thousands of homes occupied by poor families will soon soar in price, driving ever more people to the streets.

It may be time to think about reviving public housing. At the very least, the benefits of public and private housing alternative need serious study in light of recent experience.

There’s every reason for Congress to start that process now. The housing crisis is turning into a true national emergency, one that fully merits a deeper look at public ownership.

The Christian Science Monitor

On the Persian Gulf war: The Reagan Administration's decision to expand its umbrella of military protection in the Gulf is a limited and reasonable extension of United States policy. The oil industry, merchant shippers and Gulf Arab states, among others, have already underwritten most of the Gulf war. The greater the clarification, the less the risk.

The Chronicle

San Francisco Chronicle

On sexually transmitted disease: The unexpected outbreak of syphilis in Los Angeles County highlights two failings — a lack of resources and organization of the public-health program and a failure to affect behavior in the black and Latino communities with the school-education programs. The Department of Health Services needs to develop a more responsive and flexible organization. All levels of government will need to re-examine additional funding for the sexually transmitted disease programs. And for informed citizens there are new reasons to avoid high-risk sexual activities.

Los Angeles Times

On overzealous Coast Guard: Under its "zero tolerance" drug policy, the Coast Guard is going after and seizing crafts with suspicious contents. The Coast Guard is going after and seizing crafts with suspicious contents. The Coast Guard is going after and seizing crafts with suspicious contents. The Coast Guard is going after and seizing crafts with suspicious contents. The Coast Guard is going after and seizing crafts with suspicious contents. The Coast Guard is going after and seizing crafts with suspicious contents.

The San Luis Obispo Tribune

On the Reagan Administration: In the form of profit from the sale of welfare, the Reagan Administration has the ability and "allocate" this money to the American people.

The Daily Californian

On the need for more money: I do not wholeheartedly agree with the need for more money. For the benefit of the Tutorial Center, the Tutorial Center needs to develop a more sufficient tutorial funding which your readers may want to critique. A possible solution is to have tutees either volunteer or sign a contract with the Tutorial Center offering their future services which they originally received. For every hour of tutoring one receives, he or she can agree to be available to the center over a future period (prior to graduation) as repayment for past tutorial services.

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MARKUS GUSTAFSON
LIVERMORE, Calif. (AP) — A small plutonium spill at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in May 1987 left higher-than-normal amounts of the radioactive substance in lab sewage for several months but didn't pose a health threat, said a recently released environmental report.

Lab spokeswoman Bonnie Jean Barringer said the trace amount of plutonium was well below levels that must be reported to health officials.

"Imagine an eye-dropper with a drop of water coming out," she said. "And the amount was one-teenthousandth of that drop."

Because the amount was so small, sophisticated monitoring equipment didn't detect it in lab sewage, but samples routinely analyzed in the laboratory later found the plutonium, the lab said.

The location where the spill began has been found, but cause of the accident is still under investigation, Barringer said.

The amount of plutonium released in 1987 was 36 times the 1986 level, said the lab's annual environmental report.

Marylisa Kelly of an environmental group called Tri-Valley CARES, criticized the lab for not reporting the spill and said there could have been others.

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annex and develop the 1,000 acres of land and incorporate it into the city. He said this area is not a part of the city and therefore it lacks access to public sewers, a centralized water service, and, therefore, it lacks access to public property to a higher density (put more buildings and people on it), the ability to solve traffic problems and the ability to enhance the community.

Draze said a big consideration in the development of this area is that is "... he has to be developed so as not to create a danger for the occupants of the property from aircraft and to not endanger the life of the airport."

Paul Gimer, San Luis Obispo Airport manager, said, "It is extremely necessary from the standpoint of continued airport operations that the land-use around (the airport) be carefully planned." Gimer said though the area being studied in this specific plan represents 20 percent or less of the total land around the airport, "... it is land which is directly beneath the principle departure path from the airport and the incidental weather arrival path and, therefore, this is one of the most critical areas from a land-use standpoint."

Gimer said one thing good about the plan is that the land uses identified for beneath the extended runway center are for mainly recreational uses or industrial applications which are both compatible with the airport.

Something that Gimer said really concerns him, however, is the resident housing units included in the proposed land uses. "All residential uses cause me great concern because noise and overflight at the airport have been argued to be incompatible with the existing residential in the airport area," he said.

Gimer said another concern of his is that the flight paths and the safety zones necessary in land-use planning are not depicted on the maps in the area of the land with the airport.

Another major concern about the plan was discussed by Austin Carlson, an assistant planning engineer for CalTrans District 5 in San Luis Obispo. He said his main concern with the plan is that the traffic and near the land will greatly increase if incorporated, and CalTrans does not have the funding available for the expansion of Highway 101 and Broad Street to six lanes, necessary to accommodate increased traffic.

The next Airport Land Use Commission meeting will be held May 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Government Center Room 224.

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DEBATE

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Bradford. "Education is the best investment," she said. "When the state invests money into the schools it gets it back through graduates getting better jobs and paying higher taxes."

With rapid advances in technology, education need not stop after formal schooling has ended, said Bradford. "In just about every area things change so rapidly," she said. "Forget the idea that you are through with education. Look toward a program of lifetime education through supplemental training."

In response to a question about the state's water project that would include an aqueduct running from the eastern Central Valley to the Central Coast, the Democratic candidates agreed that there are better ways to get water.

"I think that there are other more cost-effective ways to get our water," said Bradford. "And although the decision whether or not to use the state water project rests with the county, our assembly representative could make sure we get our share of the water if we did decide to go forward."

The water project will be needed if the issue of continual growth in the district is left unresolved, said Comstock.

"As a rule, we don't need it," he said. "Nobody has given us a definite price of how much it would cost the people of this area, and nobody has given a guarantee that in a dry year the people would ever get any of that state water."

"Ms. Seastrand's position has been to say, go ahead and have a program of catastrophic health insurance," she said. "One of my friends discovered that he has a disease that hasn't even been diagnosed yet. This man had to sell his home and all of his belongings. His wife is now in dire straits just because they don't have this kind of insurance. I would do all that I can to get some type of bill like AB 2020 passed."

The state needs to initiate a program for catastrophic health insurance, said Bradford.

"AB 2020 had the support of over 100 community organizations and had 24 co-authors," he said. "That bill should be resurrected, and the representative should support that legislation."

Registered voters will determine the Democratic candidate for 29th District State Assembly June 7, in the California primary.

WAGE

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people I pay did too," said Amaral said that on the positive side, the price increase will make Cal Poly more competitive with businesses in San Luis Obispo in that pay across the board will be much more comparable. "We're hoping that an increase in the pay will be able to bring us more workers," Amaral said.

GRAD

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seniors will graduate next month. The School of Engineering holds the record this year with 779 graduates. The stadium holds 16,000 people and it will be full, said Miller, who has only missed one ceremony in the six years she has worked in the office.

CALENDAR

tuesday

• The American Marketing Association is sponsoring a speaker, Ray Monroy of Porter Graphics, an L.A. advertising firm. Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Arts 225.

• Krist Kipra, a food science professor, will give a cooking demonstration of an Indian dish Tuesday at 11 a.m. in U.U. 217D. The presentation, sponsored by the Multi-Cultural Center, will include a discussion of general food patterns of India. • ASI Fine Arts Committee is sponsoring a "coffeehouse" and live performance by SLO CO Revue Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Sandwich Plant. Admission is $1; and coffee, tea and refreshments will be served.

wednesday

• John Dukakis, son of Democratic candidate Mike Dukakis and his California campaign manager, will speak Wednesday at 4 p.m. in U.U. 204.

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NOTABLES

- Greek Week event winners were Theta Chi fraternity and Alpha Phi sorority. Theta Chi took first on crew team, and the tub and chariot races. The fraternity took second place in the bike race. Outstanding brothers were Eric McClaskey and Dave Carlson. The fraternity has won Greek Week 12 out of the last 15 years.

- Alpha Phi sorority won first place in swimming and team triathlon. The sorority tied with Sigma Chi for second in the Greek sing and won third place in volleyball.

- Greg McIntosh, Cal Poly aeronautical engineering junior, and his wife, Kristina, won $1,200 from the television show “Win, Lose or Draw.”

- Cal Poly civil engineering senior Robert Bertini received the first Ann and Gordon Getty Award presented to a student in the orchestra or chamber music program. Bertini, who plays French Horn, is a member of the Cal Poly Symphonic Band.

- Ornamental horticulture students were top place winners in national flower judging and floral design competitions held recently at the University of Illinois. In the 47th annual National Intercollegiate Flower Judging Contest, Janine Palermo, a senior, took first in the cut flower judging event, sixth in judging potted plants, and was third-highest individual in the judging competition, leading Cal Poly to second in that contest. In the 1988 National Intercollegiate Flower Design Contest, sophomore Rachel Smilovitz also won a first place, in the symmetrical oval class entry, also non-professional. Palermo took second for her

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Close races, crowded streets characterize annual San Luis Obispo-Hind Criterion

By Rob Lorenz

Thousands of people lined the downtown streets Saturday to watch the 15th Annual San Luis Obispo Criterion, and if they were hoping for a close race, they certainly got one in the men’s professional criterium.

The pro race, which was the last of five races to be held Sunday in downtown San Luis Obispo, came down to the final lap as the pack passed the start/finish line and heard the bell, but as the cyclists began to round turn four, it was clear that someone had gained a slight advan-

tage on the backside of the course. John Brady managed to hold on to that slight lead, as he crossed the finish line in first place.

Brady, who is from Ireland and rides for the ICN-La Grange cycling club, decided to enter the race on Saturday.

"I usually try and ride a bit better than I did today," he said. "I've been sick recently so I wasn't sure what my form would be like, so I didn't take too many chances. I guess it worked out."

Brady achieved his victory over a number of well-known cycling names, including two members of the prestigious 7-Eleven team and Thorpe Rogers, who is one of the top riders in the United States and had flown from the East Coast to compete in the race.

"The race seemed like tag-team wrestling at the beginning," Rogers said. "Everyone was bumping and knocking into each other."

The second-place finisher was Evan Tesch of Skinne Veloce, and the third-place finisher was Jay Vanderah of Conejo Velo. The women’s criterium also had a surprise winner. Kim Applegate of Keck College broke away from the pack with two laps to go and won pulling away. A local favorite, Karri Thurlow of San Luis Obispo, finished in the top 15. The top two-place finishers were Linda Brownman and Sharon Rodgers took third.

Other winners included John McKinley of Plymouth-Reebock in the pro class, Stanley Renn and the San Diego Club in the Senior 3 class and Steve Villanov of S Sierra Cyclists in the Senior 4 race.

The biggest winner of the day had to be Brady, however. "I was here last year, and I came in 11th," he said. "This is one of the best of the criteriums I've ever ridden."
NOTABLES

From page 4: asymmetrical triangle design in the professional division, and senior Janice Hallanan came in sixth for her entry in the professional division’s centerpiece class. The students were coached by Virginia Walter of ornamental horticulture.

Timothy Blanton, Cal Poly speech communication senior, won the recent national Lincoln-Douglas Debate Champion­ship at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton. Blanton beat out the defending champion from UC Berkeley in the quarter­finals. Hughes Aircraft Co. recently donated $25,000 to Cal Poly’s School of Engineering, to be used for faculty development activities.

Two high schools shared team honors during the state finals judging competition of the California Association of Future Farmers of America on Saturday, May 7, at Cal Poly. Both schools won two championships: Tulare High School teams won the light horse judging and livestock judging contests, and Tulare High School teams won the agricultural pest control and farm power machinery contests.

Cal Poly senior Donna N. Ortiz and junior Kelly L. Payne won the Pacific Egg and Poultry Association award of merit certificate for outstanding contributions to the school and scholarship. Winners of a $1,000 PePa Scholarship were: junior Paul Zinder, senior Phil Mas­tanga, junior Kelly Payne and junior Joe Contreras.

Jade Lim, a Cal Poly sophomore agricultural engineering stu­dent, has received the first Cal Poly music department faculty award. Lim was recognized for her assistance in performing chamber music with various stu­dents.

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