**Wage rate rise yet to affect all**

By Dave Sparks

On July 1 most local workers received a hefty pay raise when California increased its minimum wage from $3.35 to $4.25 per hour.

This is the first time in seven years the minimum wage has gone up in California. Some local workers will not see the pay increase, however.

Michael C. Blank, an employer

lawyer with California Rural Assistance specializes in taking employers who do not abide by the minimum wage laws to court.

"All of our cases are focused around farm workers and other low-income people," Blank said. Many farm workers are unaware of the new law, he said.

Since the law last changed in 1980, Blank has prosecuted nearly 50 cases involving employers who failed to pay their workers properly.

"Usually a grower will pay his workers a monthly salary, regardless of how many hours they are working," Blank said. 

"A farm worker could only be receiving $500 a month when he's working 10-hour days, six days a week."

The new minimum wage only became effective last week and so far Blank said he has not received any complaints about employers.

"Usually it takes one employee to get his nerve up and call. If he is found out, he can lose his job," Blank said. After receiving a call Blank immediately sets to work.

Of the 50 cases he has personally prosecuted in San Luis Obispo county, Blank says he has only lost one. "The judge just wouldn't believe that this guy (a farm worker) had worked as many hours as he claimed," Blank said.

Blank can offer no answers to those workers who receive tips as a part of their job.

The new minimum wage for tip-earners who get more than $50 a month in tips regularly is $3.50 an hour. After some uproar about this provision in the new law, an appellate court ruled that it is illegal to pay tip-earners a sub-minimum wage to compensate for wages.

However, the California Supreme Court will have to hear the case before the law can be changed.

Don Crabl, district manager of the Labor Commissioners, said employers can stop paying wages to those workers $3.50 now, but if the California Supreme Court upholds the appellate court's decision, they may have to pay retroactive wages.

Blank is determined to make sure that all violations of the new law are fully prosecuted.

Most violations do tend to occur in farm-rich areas like San Luis Obispo, Blank said.

Steve Writer

The California State University system faces a $50.9 million budget cut in the coming fiscal year.

The Conference Committee, made up of six legislators from the State Senate and Congress, decided on the budget last week. In an attempt to help the CSU, Governor Deukmejian resubmitted a budget to the Conference Committee for approval. This version would reduce the CSU cut-back by $30 million.

Presently, there is a temporary moratorium placed on the CSU system in order to speed up the passing of a budget. Technically, without an approved budget there is no funding for the CSU system.

According to a memo from Jim Landreth, vice president of business affairs at Cal Poly, the moratorium is placed only on those items which fall under the fiscal year's 1988-89 state general fund budget. Sources under the mandatory general fund, such as financial aid, will not be affected.

However, there is a temporary freeze on campus aid programs. "On educational instructors, if they are needed I see no reason why we would hold back from hiring them," Landreth said.

"But for positions such as student assistants, unless they were hired before the last day in See BUDGET, back page
Letters to the Editor

Cartoon is offensive

Editor — I found the cartoon in your June 30 edition to be extremely offensive. It took me a few moments to realize that the group of us, after much pondering, had condemned the conclusion that this might be something more than just a space-filling cartoon. Racial slurs can be found too often; I suppose that if just one of us in our office had looked more carefully, we might have arisen from last week's editorial presentation.

The Summer Mustang editorial board and University Graphic Systems, containing a picture of Buckweath, found on page 3 of the June 30 edition. The ad was meant not be offensive, but reaction to it has been negative. We regret any offense.

Steps have been taken by Summer Mustang and UGS, which creates the ad, to ensure that future space fillers will consist of promotional copy about Summer Mustang.

...Cartoonist replies

Editor — I understand that an editorial cartoon I drew for Summer Mustang, published June 30, has evoked a reaction I did not intend.

Its topic is the rise of racial incidents on college campuses — not at Cal Poly — reported in the news over the last year.

The cartoon makes this supposition, which observers have echoed, that students involved in the racial attacks are too young to understand the stature and gains of the civil rights movement, and therefore consider their attacks as little more than racial jokes played out, sometimes literally.

To make this point, I drew two students running from a cross they had set ablaze and graffiti they had sprayed on a wall. Ironically, one says to the other, "This is fun, but I gotta go study for my history test.

I drew Martin Luther King Jr. appearing at once image of smoke and the night in a corner of the car, and a figure of prominence. He is looking askance at the fleeing students, as if his study was necessary for his work — and indeed his life — was lost on many of today's students, their ignorance of history and their ignorant behavior. We believe the cartoon clearly communicates the gravity of the situation and the imperative to understand the past.

I appreciate the opportunity to apologize for any offense caused and to discuss the issues raised in the cartoon.

A.J. Schuerman
Officials call recent local fires suspicious in nature

By Alicia M. Kaplan  Staff Writer

A series of trash can and grass fires in downtown San Luis Obispo have been identified as arson, according to the city fire chief.

Eight trash can and five grass fires burned in the last two weeks. The fires became more frequent in the last week and a half, said Chief Michael Dolder. There have been no witnesses.

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By Alicia M. Kaplan

A fire last week on the hillside behind the Cal Poly dormitories has become suspicious in nature, according to the California Division of Forestry.

Mike Cole, spokesman for CDF, said all accidental causes of the fire have been ruled out. Accidental causes include smoking accidents, electrical problems or sparks from vehicle exhaust. He said there were no witnesses.

"The fire started in a concrete area, so it's not logical that a fire would start unless someone started it," said Cole.

Cole said three acres of grass were burned in the fire, but there was never a threat to any structures.

"There was no serious damage reported, he said. Anyone with information about the fire is asked to contact CDF at 543-4244.

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Book recognizes Poly

By Linda Fritsch

For the fourth year in a row, Cal Poly is included in "Peterson's Competitive Colleges," a directory profiling universities consistently receiving more qualified applicants than they can accept.

This year's edition highlights 314 schools representing 10 percent of all U.S. colleges and universities.

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"This is very prestigious for Cal Poly," said Stan Bernstein, Cal Poly director of public affairs. "Only top schools nationwide are in this group."

Selection for Peterson's Competitive Colleges is based on the following:

• The ratio of applicants to students accepted.
• The percentage of freshmen who scored over 600 on both the math and verbal portions of the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) or over 26 on the ACT (American College Test), and the percentage who scored higher than the national averages on either of the tests.
• The percentage who finished in the top 5 percent of their high school graduating class.
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Data for fall 1988 indicates how Cal Poly met this criteria:

• About 19 percent of incoming freshmen scored above 600 on each part of their SAT exam or over 26 on the ACT. More than 75 percent scored above the national average.
• Virtually all of Cal Poly's students come from the top half of their high school class, and about 33 percent come from the top 10 percent.
• The publicity is good for Cal Poly's image, Bernstein said. "Anytime Cal Poly gets included in a guide such as this, the recognition and credibility of our university increases," he said.

According to the department of institutional studies, Cal Poly received almost 3,000 more applications last year than it did five years ago. Statistics also show the number of unaccommodated students has risen steadily from 4,500 in 1983 to over 8,000 last year.

"Being included in a competitive college guide may increase the number of applications," said Wally Mark, Cal Poly director of institutional studies. "The more a person sees a place as being selective, the more they want to get in."

The directory has been published for six years by Peterson's Guides, a Princeton, N.J.-based publisher.
Summer best for repairs
Foundation expansion largest plan

By Vincent Aviani
San Luis Obispo

Now that summer is here, many Cal Poly students may notice a bit of hammering and sawing accompanying the hot weather and roomier classrooms.

"For sure, the majority of this summer's construction projects are basic repair projects," said Doug Gerard, deputy director of University Facilities.

According to Gerard, the proposed Foundation expansion will cost around $3.5 million.

In addition to this project, the university is expected to begin construction on a new Foundation Administration Building in August. Improvements on the existing building will affect parking lots H-4 and H-6.

The Natatorium — the indoor pool in Crandall Gym — is also being repaired this summer. Work is expected to continue through Sept. 16. During this time, a new water filtration system will be installed. Also scheduled are improvements to electrical systems, installation of underwater lighting, window replacement, painting, and tile and acoustical treatment.

The Computer Center Security System will be installed in the Computer Center portion of the Computer Science Building. Other improvements include replacing seating in the Agronomic Engineering Building and windows and doors in Chase Hall, tile and shower repair in the Physical Education Building, installation of fume hoods in the Science Building, chip-seal replacement in many roadways and parking lots and a few sidewalk repairs.

These are pretty much standard projects," said Gerard. "The majority of this summer's construction projects are basic repair projects but they have to get done sometime and the summer quarter is usually the best time.

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— Doug Gerard

Calendar

Thursday

• Rec Sports is offering several fitness and leisure classes including Tai Kwan Do and weight training. Some have already started. There are fees. Call 756-1366 for more info.

• Rec Sports is organizing a singles tennis tournament for men and women on the weekend of Sept. 16. There is a $4 per person fee. The entry deadline is today at 4 p.m. at the Rec Sports office in UU-219.

• Community groups who wish to display a Feature Exhibit at the Mid-State Fair must have their entry forms in by July 13. Exhibiters must have their entry forms in by July 26. Contact Jan Hellebrand at 549-7305 for details.

Friday

• Cal Poly Extension courses are scheduled for the week of Aug. 1. They include dog obedience classes beginning today, American Ecstasy, and an Adult CPR Course on Monday.

Saturday

• The American Red Cross is offering an Adult CPR Course on Saturday July 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Arroyo Grande Community Hospital. It is necessary to preregister for the class at the Red Cross Office in UU-219.

• The Crest Pizza Parlour Welcomes you to SLO!

Sunday

• New Directions, a French Hospital group offering mini classes at the hospital's Summit Place, will present a film festival Sunday. Two films will be shown: "Soft is the heart of a child," and "Medical Aspects of Codependency.""
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First professorship underway
Professor to receive award has not yet been selected

Megan Owings
Staff Writer

The School of Engineering was awarded $400,000 from Lockheed Corporation as part of the school's and Cal Poly's first fully endowed professorship program.

The program is a continuing effort toward the school's goal of a $30 million benchmark for the school for June of 1989.

The professorship endowment program, used by other universities across the nation, is a program by which a corporation, Lockheed in this instance, donates a sum of money to the university and is ensured by the school that their company's name is a part of the program's name.

The money for the Lockheed Endowed Engineering Professorship will be donated to Cal Poly in $80,000 increments once a year for the next five years. The benefits of the program are that a professor will be chosen by the faculty and staff in the school and that professorship will be in the program for two to five years.

Once the professor is chosen, they are given the interest earned on the money donated by Lockheed. That money can be used for such things as research or professional development.

Peter Y. Lee, dean of the School of Engineering, said that it's important for professors to take some time and get caught up with what's going on in the outside world.

“The teaching load can get to be very heavy,” Lee said. “We are confident that it will be used as part of the individual's and the whole faculty's development.”

Lee said the original amount requested from Lockheed was $500,000. The selection process for the professor has not yet been decided. Lee said that decision process will be discussed between Lee, President Warren J. Baker and Daniel M. Tellup, president for Lockheed Missiles and Space.

Kent Butler, interim associate dean for the School of Engineering, said that since the interest from the $80,000 won't be available until next year there really is no hurry in selecting the professor. He said the program will most likely go into effect in the fall of 1989.

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Campus coalition, city turn trash into cash

By Carmela Herron
Staff Writer

A handful of Cal Poly students have decided that campus trash can be valuable, and are planning to work hard this summer to prove it.

Their goals this summer include developing the university's first comprehensive, sustainable recycling program.

The Campus Recycling Coalition — formerly the Ecology Action Committee — is comprised of some enthusiastic, environmentally conscious students who plan to spend considerable time and effort doing what some would call a thankless job — picking up other students' trash.

Committee members will collect aluminum cans, computer printout paper and newspapers from selected areas on campus.

"It is going to be a big project, but as time goes on people are going to recognize the value of recycling. The best part is that it will be long-term and sustainable," said Cary Yamashiro, one of the club's founding members.

"In the past five or six years, other organizations have tried to do it (recycle on campus). It works for about two or three months and it fails. We hope to lay so sturdy a ground that it can't fail," said O'Kelly.

O'Kelly said students are needed for can collection, planning of club events and most of all, creative problem solving.

"We're dealing with trash so we need creative solutions," said Yamashiro.

One creative solution involved having "weavers" in the CRC pick up the recyclables onike.

"We have a low-energy, low-technology emphasis," said O'Kelly.

Currently, the CRC has approximately 10-12 aluminum can recycling containers at their disposal, most of which belong to

ECOSLO: Thou shall not be wasteful

By Carmela Herron
Staff Writer

Are Americans enthusiastic at wellness?

An emphatic "yes" is the reply from Justin Polley, director of recycling for ECOSLO — the Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo County.

Polley said the United States has the lowest percentage of the world's population, but consumes roughly 40 percent of the world's resources.

This fact alone is enough to inspire about a dozen employees at ECOSLO who work hard at making this non-profit organization San Luis Obispo County's only full-service recycling center.

The CRC started in 1971 with a small group of environmentally concerned volunteers and now recycles more than 1,800 tons of material per year — everything from recycled cans, aluminum cans, to used motor oil and glass. It also offers the only comprehensive environmental referral service.

Amy Shore, assistant director for environmental services, said that hundreds of people call her each month with questions on such things as where to take refuse and recyclable substances, and address of local and national environmental agencies.

The revenue from recycling pays for these and other services such as public awareness campaigns, educational services and newsletters.

"Most of what we're here for is to serve the community and to put recycling back into the community," Shore said.

And just how does recycling help the CRC?

"Sixty percent of what we throw away is recyclable."

Five hundred new handi-camps are needed every year in the United States.

But in the past, Cal Poly has had trouble getting even a simple recycling program into action, O'Kelly said.

"People steal the cans (from recycling) and the CRC takes back the recyclables at a rate of about 8,000 pounds a day, 140 issues per year, and about half of this can be recycled."

Yamashiro and O'Kelly agree that recycling is ultimately the responsibility of students.

"There can be containers all over Cal Poly, but if students don't put cans there in the first place, it useless," O'Kelly said.

Students can start by examining their lifestyles. They can take a look at what they consume and try to understand what they do as consumers affects the world — they can start by examining their lifestyles. They can take a look at what they consume and try to understand what they do as consumers affects the world," Justin Polley said.

The energy saved from one tree is enough to power a television set for 3 hours.

One hundred percent of all materials that are recycled can be used.

Polley said Cal Poly students can do a lot to create resources.

"Students can start by examining their lifestyles. They can take a look at what they consume and try to understand what they do as consumers affects the world," said.

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ECOSLO: Thou shall not be wasteful

Bruno Miramore brings trash to ECOSLO and receives extra 2 cents per pound just for displaying an ECOSLO bumper sticker on his vehicle...
Honduran kids to get new texts

By Stephanie Allen
Staff Writer

Honduran school children are being given the chance to cut back on new textbooks thanks to the director of Cal Poly's Vocational

Education Productions program.

Eduardo A. Apodaca and Cal Poly's VEP program were selected by the U.S. State Department's Agency for International Development to assist educators in Honduras in publishing nationally-adopted textbooks for primary schools.

Previously used texts have been published in other countries and reportedly did not use a meaningful frame of reference for Honduran children.

"Textbooks will be produced based on Honduran culture," said Don McCaleb, Cal Poly's public affairs officer.

According to McCaleb, Apodaca's main goal is to publish standardized Spanish language, social studies, mathematics and science texts for grades one through six.

Apodaca began the assignment in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, in May. He started working on the two-year project last fall as a short-term consultant.

Eduardo A. Apodaca

The project was made possible by a $837,000 contract between the Cal Poly Foundation, the International Institute for Research and the U.S. State Department's Agency for International Development.

Apodaca is part of a three-member team of publishing specialists involved in the production of educational materials for farmers in Guatemala and two years later became coordinator of VEP.

In 1979 Apodaca became director of the VEP program. He has been a consultant for the production of audio visual and educational materials at Cal Poly.

Apodaca plans to return to his position as director of the VEP program in mid-1990.

Campus courses offer diversity

By Meda Freeman

Cal Poly students aren't the only people seen around campus this summer, as the university is the location for several special programs conducted by Cal Poly faculty.

The Young Scholars Program, designed to give children in grades seven through 12 a chance to participate in college-like classes, is one of them.

The classes are taught by Cal Poly professors and range from "Adventures in Chemistry" to "Immersion in Spanish Conversation."

A two-week physics course is also offered to high school students for one unit of college credit. The other courses will last one week each, until September 2.

Carroll Busslen, program director, said it began at Cal Poly seven years ago. About 200 university faculty members teach the courses.

Another program on campus is the Central Coast Writing Project, which stresses "better writing and literacy in the classroom." It is the only one of its kind in the country.

About 50 students throughout the county are participating in the program, which uses "teaching-trainers" and continuous education philosophies to further train teachers from kindergarten through college.

Teachers are given an update on new theories and research in writing and literature, and then share their new-stream teaching methods.

Also on campus is a three-week social science institute similar to the Central Coast Writing Project, said Political Science Professor Joseph Weatherby.

Teachers throughout the county participate in the program, which focuses on current world and American issues and their backgrounds.

Weatherby said the program was developed to encourage cooperation between the county's teachers.