State employees rally at Cal Poly while bargaining talks take place

California State University staff, frustrated with the lack of pay increases over the past three years, is pushing its union to meet with the CSU to discuss contract amendments

150 CSU employees gathered in front of the Administration Building on Tuesday to show support for their bargaining team. The CSU Employees Union (CSUEU) held contract negotiations with the CSU involving pay increases and parking rates.

The talks between the two sides on Tuesday and Wednesday centered on economic issues, mainly an increase in pay for the state's 15,000 employees and a control on the cost of staff parking rates. Currently, the proposal brought forward by the CSU is a 2.1 percent pay increase which totals an increase of $630 for an employee making $30,000 per year. On the other hand, representatives from two groups went into another round of talks which have been taking place for nearly three years with the newest financial proposal presented in February by the CSUEU.

"We have not had raises for three years," the Cal Poly Chapter President for the CSUEU Sally Anderson said. "We are apparently 17 percent behind the cost of living over the last 13 years." Union members rallied for their cause on the sidewalk by carrying signs, while some people who drove by honked their horns in support. Inside the Fisher Science Building, CSUEU President Patrick Gantt met with representatives from the CSU. The university was really slow to respond to your initial proposal. It took them four months this spring to counter our economic proposal," Gantt said. "That sort of delayed the starting point to get the dynamic going and now they appear to be bargaining in earnest by considering our proposal."

Gantt, serving his second two-year term as CSUEU president, represents the following four state employee groups: health support, operations support-grounds, help, and janitorial staff, clerical and administrative staff and technical staff. He said he was pleased with the turnout of the union members and called it "energizing" as some of supporters came from state universities other than Cal Poly to support the talks.

Similar rallies have been held at other CSU schools, as recently as July 13, when state bargaining officials met with CSUEU representatives at California State University Dominguez Hills. During the talks, roughly 100 people were involved.

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Poly in top 100 nationally to graduate minority students

Christopher Gunn

Cal Poly has been named one of the top 100 universities in the nation in awarding undergraduate degrees to minorities, according to July's issue of the magazine "Black Issues in Higher Education."

Cal Poly was ranked 68th and was grouped with 14 other California State Universities that made it in the magazine's annual "Top 100" list.

The list, compiled by "Black Issues in Higher Education," comprises the top universities nationwide in terms of conferring degrees upon minority students. The list is compiled from information supplied by the United States Department of Education.

"It's encouraging that we're getting results," Interim Provost Robert Demwiler said. "We ought to be encouraged that we are contributing."

In terms of universities awarding undergraduate degrees in agriculture, Cal Poly was highly ranked receiving a ranking of No. 3 in degrees to all minorities. In correlation to the No. 3 ranking, Cal Poly was also named No. 2 in degrees awarded to Native Americans, No. 3 in degrees awarded to Hispanic students and No. 4 in degrees awarded to Asian Americans in the same category.

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"It is also discouraging that there aren't more colleges graduating minority students," Detweiler said.

According to the Cal Poly 2003-04 fact book on enrollment statistics, while there were 4,416 minority students enrolled during the 2003-2004 academic year, only 1 percent of Cal Poly's total enrollment was African-American. That is 86 African-American students in a total college year average enrollment of 18,246 students.

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In reference to the percentage of enrolled African American students at Cal Poly and the 60th overall national ranking, "It's kind of disappointing for America, it's a nice reflection on Cal Poly," Detweiler said.

Despite the lack of African-American students enrolled in the university, Detweiler acknowledged that for a polytechnic university it is particularly with African American students, according to 1 )etweiler.

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"A paragraph taken directly from an eHow Web site titled "How to Plan the Perfect Fourth of July Weekend."

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"Both Cal Poly and the nation still must do more to encourage the success of minorities," he said.

The next step for Cal Poly is to continue its efforts in improving diversity according to Assistant Vice President for Admission, Recruitment and Financial Aid Jeni Maraviglia.

Maraviglia, described as the man charged with increasing diversity at the Cal Poly, relayed his office's efforts in increasing Cal Poly's diversity.

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union members came and rallied while they supported their bargaining team.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Gant said there were no other talks scheduled, but the sides would try to establish future meeting dates.

"In the good years they didn't give us raises and in the bad they blamed the budget," Anderson said.

"We know they have the money and they've had the money. They need to step up to the plate and give us respect."

When he referenced the negotiations, Gant called the situation an unfolding story and he hoped his talks with the CSU representatives would yield higher wages for the union members.

"It appears the budget in the CSU has been better than it has been in a couple of years and we need to try and get the raises for the employees we represent," Gant said.
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STATE NEWS
SANTA ANA — Gene-o Platt spent 3 1/2 years and thousands of dollars sprucing up Civil War veteran's graves in a war against decay.

Turns out, he was on the wrong side.
The Orange County Cemetery District has ordered that the marble headstones he refurbished at the Santa Ana Cemetery must be stripped of the white sealant and gold paint he covered them with.

Applying sealer to marble can cause the stone to deteriorate from the inside out because moisture in the rock can't escape, said Fred Oakley, a conservator with the Association of Gravestone Studies in Massachusetts.

“It's heartbreaking,” said Platt, a Santa Ana resident and former Air Force radar technician who worked on about 180 graves.

The Veterans Administration, which owns Civil War tombstones, bans sealer from its monuments and uses black rather than gold paint for the lettering, said a spokesman for the VA's National Cemetery Administration.

LOS ANGELES — The driver of a commuter van headed toward NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena missed the spacecraft. “Until we're on mission — but this time apparently insulating foam flew off bars sealer from its monuments and on about ISO graves.

The president's visit to the Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill was postponed because of severe thunderstorms and strong wind. Instead, Bush is scheduled to visit the gathering Thursday.

WASHINGTON — Democrats gave no ground Wednesday on their demands for more of Supreme Court nominee John Roberts' legal documents, saying the limited release by the White House could delay a vote to put him on the bench. “The Senate will need the White House's full cooperation to expedite the scheduling,” said Patrick Leahy of Vermont, who also said he would vote against Roberts if he found the nominee to have an "activist" agenda for the high court.

—Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL NEWS
BIRMINGHAM, UK — Police stormed a brown-brick duplex Wednesday and used a stun gun to arrest a Somali suspected of being one of four men behind botched attacks in London, a breakthrough that could yield the inside story on terror bombings that set the British capital on edge.

Three areas of the building were searched for explosives, said a police statement. The raid was the result of an investigation by the Metropolitan Police's anti-terror squad.

PARIS — France's state news agency announced Wednesday that it had filed a defamation lawsuit against an Internet cafe for running a game of the “Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas” video game on its computers.

La Presse said it was seeking damages of 200,000 francs ($37,000) from the cafe and its owner.

The cafe, called “Trebuchet,” was operating the game as part of a promotion for the video game.

—Associated Press

NEW YORK — A woman upset that she bought the video game “Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas” for her 14-year-old grandson without knowing it contained hidden, sexually explicit scenes sued the manufacturer Wednesday on behalf of consumers nationwide.

Florence Cohen, 85, of New York, said in the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan that the game's manufacturer, Rockstar Games, and its parent company, New York-based Take Two Interactive Software Inc., engaged in false, misleading and deceptive practices.

She sought unspecified damages on behalf of herself and all consumers nationwide, saying the company should give up its profits from the game for what amounted to false advertising, consumer deception and unfair business practices.

Cohen said in the suit that she bought the game in late 2004 for her grandson when it was rated “M” for mature, for players 17 and older. According to the suit, she directed that it be taken away from her grandson, which was done.

The game was released in October with an “M” rating. After a storm of negative publicity about the hidden scenes, the Entertainment Software Ratings Board, an industry group responsible for rating games, changed the rating to “AO” for adults only.

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Mad Hot Ballroom, the documentary about public school children learning ballroom dancing, may be the feel-good film of the summer.

A packed house at the Palm Theatre cheered and laughed as the children captured their hearts. "It's the best movie I've seen in years," said Summer Aubrey, 26, of San Luis Obispo. "I loved watching the children dance."

Fifth graders from public schools in New York are taught ballroom dancing as part of their curriculum. The children are preparing for the city ballroom dancing championship that includes tango, rumba, fox trot, merengue and swing dance competitions.

Director Marilyn Agrelo takes the viewer along as she spends 10 months following the efforts of a diverse group of students from three New York schools: Bensonhurst in Brooklyn, Washington Heights and Tribeca in Manhattan.

The children at first appear clumsy and a little squeamish in regards to the opposite sex. As the weeks go by, these children become not only rhythmic dancers, but also "little ladies and gentlemen."

Certain scenes in the movie allude to the behavioral problems these children are already grappling with. Through the efforts of their teachers and dance instructors, they learn to depend on each other and themselves.

The children speak out about their views on the opposite sex, drugs and their futures. They are from a variety of back-grounds with many coming from poor, disadvantaged and single-parent homes.

It's impossible not to root for the children as they compete. After one of the teams is eliminated, the children become distressed and even their teachers are brought to tears.

During the final competition, the children appear as if they were born dancing. I found myself with a lump in my throat as they waited nervously for the results.

Critics have said that the producer did not provide enough information on the children's home lives, but I do not agree. Their family situation should not be the focus of the movie and the director took the right approach in emphasizing their joy of dancing.

When it comes to heart warming, this charmer is off the charts.

Just have to dance?

Dance classes are available at Cal Poly with professional dance instructor Linda Drake.

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Date: Aug. 11, 18 and 25.
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Time: 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
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Truth is our greatest defense, our best ally and the backbone of any good newspaper’s design. Truth is infallible, it’s complete, it’s always right and most important to the media, it’s credibility. This week, our vulnerability increases, along with our shame, in an attempt to preserve credibility.

"An error doesn’t become a mistake until you refuse to correct it," once said the often-quoted Orlando Buxton.

In the realization that we ran a number of articles containing copied work, we have reported the errors on the front and second page. It was an error for us to run the work, it was a poor decision on the reporter’s part to put us in that position.

Plagiarism is a word a newspaper never wants to use and most topics around it. There was a regrettable lapse in reporting; "or" paragraphs and sentences were borrowed; or even as the New York Times once put it, a report was "improperly dependent" on The Boston Globe.

It’s known as the profession’s cardinal sin, newspapers version of gambling on baseball.

But, in today’s age, it’s sadly more common. Accessibility to information via the internet has increased, and with it the convenience of copying and pasting. The speed of news has increased mostly due to the growth of broadcast and electronic media. Pressure to compete with corporate-run entities creates a greater need for editor’s to “get the scoop.”

As a result, a greater strain on the reporter and editor has matured from:

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Most code of ethics briefly mention plagiarism. Unfortunately, there are gray areas that need to be better defined, such as proper citing and paraphrasing rules.

But, in many cases, excuses lose ears when common sense comes to play. In our case, the later was paramount in assessing guilt.

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Jones-Marino said. “You can hike through a variety of terrains.”
The trail is open to mountain bikers. Watch out for poison oak while enjoying this easy to strenuous hike.

“Your can make this hike as short or as long as you like,” said Judee Bennett, docent for Natural San Luis.

Mountain bikers are welcome on this 1-mile easy trail around the lake. There is plenty of shade and a cool breeze is common.

Go there ... From U.S. Highway 101, take Madonna Road west. Turn right on Dahlia Drive and head into Laguna Lake Park.

Lemon Grove
Imagine passing by clusters of prickly pear cactus, through a shady thicket of oak trees to find a 100-year-old grove of lemon trees laden with fruit.

This 2.2-mile easy hike is open to mountain bikers. Watch out for poison oak and cactus.

A portion of the trail is an old carriage road that winds through a eucalyptus grove. During the late 1960s, the grove was a popular makeout spot.

Imagine views of Morro Bay, Pismo Beach and Avila Beach. For a moderate to strenuous hike, take the upper trail to the top of Cerro San Luis.

Go there ... Take Higuera Street to the U.S. Highway south entrance at Marsh Street and turn on the south bound entrance. Turn right on Fernando Road just before the ramp goes on to the highway. The parking lot is on the right.

Poly Canyon Loop
No far from the world of lectures and labs on the Poly Canyon Loop head trail.

Horses and mountain bikers are welcome on this 8.2-mile moderate to strenuous hike. Bag spray is recommended.

“It’s a really nice trail with a creek and horses,” said business major Paul Barbua. “You get a place to run that is not a track or a street.”

This is one of many trails that explore the Poly Canyon area. A map of campus trails is available at the Mott Physical Education Building.

Go there ... From Grand Avenue, turn right on Perimeter Road and then turn right onto Poly Canyon Road. The trailhead is on the old farm road to the right.

Bishop’s Peak
Be prepared for a workout from the clump to the top of Bishop Peak. This strenuous narrow trail is a 4-4.4 mile hike.

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Laguna Lake Open Space
Pack the binoculars—the Laguna Lake open space is a natural habitat for numerous bird species and a stopping place for many migratory birds.

This is a favorite hunting ground for red-shouldered hawks, red tail hawks and kestrels. Scores ofmockingbirds, meadowlarks and blue jays nest in the area.

Watch out for poison oak and slippery trails. Climbing on the rocks at the summit can be dangerous.

Go there ... Take Los Osos Valley Road to Patricia Drive and turn right. After passing Patricia Court, park on your left.

Guided Excursions
A docent with Natural San Luis will guide a hike through Iris Hills on Aug. 13. A hike through Reservoir Canyon is planned for Sept. 24. Natural San Luis hikes leave at 9 a.m. For more information call 544-1777.


San Luis Obispo Parks and Recreation ranger hikes leave at 1 p.m. For more information call 781-7301.

“Open spaces and trails are precious resources in our community and should be protected,” said Pam Heatherington, former director of the Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo.

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**Though a hiker is not exactly traveling far, local hikers provide a quick escape into the outdoors. Not far from campus there are waterfalls, canyons, swimming holes and shady groves of towering trees.**

**Head out with a friend or attend a free guided excursion. Rangers and docents point out the different varieties of flora and fauna and provide a brief history of the open space.**

**Little Falls and Big Falls**

For wilderness lovers nothing beats the allure of a secluded trail, especially when woodlands, waterfalls and wading holes are included. Look for salamanders and turtles in the swimming holes that line the creek.

The Little Falls Trail is a strenuous 5-4-mile adventure. After climbing through a wooded canyon, hikers are treated to a small but stunning waterfall.

The Big Falls Trail is a strenuous 6-mile hike past two waterfalls. For a shorter hike, go to the lower falls for a swim.

Watch out for poison oak and stinging nettle. Long pants and bug spray are recommended.

**Go there ...**

From Cal Poly, it’s about an hour drive to the trailhead. Take Huasna Road. In Arroyo Grande, go east two miles and bear left on Lopez Drive. Turn left on Lopez Canyon Road, after the road turns to a dirt drive, continue 1.5 miles to the Little Falls trail head. Drive an additional two miles to find the Big Falls trailhead.

**Reservoir Canyon**

The site’s history dates back to the late 1800s when diversion structures were built along the creek to carry water to a holding reservoir. Along the two-mile easy-to-moderate trail you can still see remnants of the obsolete water system.

The falls are best after a good rain and are located near the trailhead. Many species of birds and wildlife have been spotted in the area including wild turkey, deer and mountain lion.

The last reported sighting of a mountain lion was last September. If hikers see a mountain lion they are instructed not to run, to look large and be as loud as possible.

“If you run they will go into hunting mode,” said Joel Jones-Martins, head maintenance park ranger with San Luis Obispo Parks and Recreation.

By climbing to the top of the ridge, a hiker can stretch out the hike to about four miles. Please note that there is some contention about legal access. However, the no trespassing signs do not apply to hikers that stay on the trail and do not disturb native plants.

The views from the top of the hike are amazing. Adventurers can see all the way from San Luis Obispo to Arroyo Grande.

**Go there ...**

Take U.S. Highway 101 north one mile past Monterey Street. Then take a right on Reservoir Canyon Road.

**The scenic views from the top of Bishops Peak Natural Reserve provide panoramic views of the city, the surrounding area and, on clear days, the ocean.**

Christopher Gunn  
**SOUTHERN BEACH**

Sectional qualifiers for the U.S. Amateur Championship dashed the hopes and aspirations of three Cal Poly Golfers on Monday.

Tavis Bertoni, JJ Scurich and Colin Peck failed to qualify for the Championship while playing at two different sectional qualifiers.

Bertoni, while playing at Bear Creek Golf Club in Temecula, California, finished 14th place, recording a first-round finish of 74 and a second-round finish of 77 for a total of 152 strokes.

“Tavis did an excellent job,” coach Scott Cartwright said. “He took the good with the bad.”

Bertoni, who began his first round at three under, said that all it took was a few bad holes to take him from three under to two over.

“You can’t go "every time out," Bertoni said. Bertoni who played in the championship last year going into his junior year will have another opportunity to compete for a shot at the amateur next year.

Scurich missed qualifying during his 36 holes at Pastrempo golf Club, Santa Cruz, with a first round finish of 74 and a scorching second round of 65 for a total of 143. He finished 11th overall.

Peck, who was also competing at Pastrempo, recorded rounds of 78 and 76 for a 154 total.

“Peck can play well every week,” coach Scott Cartwright said.

Cartwright also noted that only three players are selected from each sectional tournament and that the competition calls for action in the moment.

“You just have to go out there and play well on that day,” Cartwright said. “Some days it’s your day and some days it’s not your day.”

Each section advances three players to compete in the U.S. Amateur Championship.

The championship is scheduled for Aug. 22 to Aug. 26 at the ocean Golf Club located in Astoria, Pennsylvania.