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.

Cal Poly C'Al Foly was also named No. 2 in degrees awarded to Native Americans. No. 3 in degrees awarded to Asian Americans. No. 5 in degrees awarded to Hispanics, according to the Department of Education. “It’s encouraging that we’re getting results,” Interim Provost Robert Deniweller said. “We ought to be encouraged that we are contributing.”

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Christopher Gunn

Poly in top 100 nationally to graduate minority students

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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 66th and was grouped with 14 other California State Universities that made it to 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.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Mustang Daily admits plagiarism

The Summer Mustang learned early last week that it had published articles that contained plagiarized content. The reporter responsible for the stories is no longer on the reporting staff.

An article scheduled to run in last Thursday’s edition was examined by the news editor and found to not meet the standards of the newspaper. Under further investigation, the Summer Mustang editorial staff found five articles that contained lifted passages from other unattributed sources, each from the same reporter.

The articles began running in the Mustang Daily during spring quarter.

Of the five articles, three ran in the first four editions of the Summer Mustang. A majority of the used content came from a variety of movie reviews.

The Mustang Daily holds its employees to the highest value of standards. Before the start of each quarter, reporters are presented with the Society of Professional Journalists Code of Ethics and asked to sign the code as a legal and ethical contract.

That code clearly states in a byline that reporters should “Never plagiarize.” Another byline reads “Identify sources whenever feasible. The public is entitled to as much information as possible on sources’ reliability.”

Plagiarism is defined by Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary as “stealing and passing off the ideas or words of another as one’s own or to use another’s production without crediting the source.”

As a professional publication, the Mustang Daily does not tolerate plagiarism. Readers can be assured the problem has been dealt with fully and fairly.

The Daily staff takes pride in the product it produces for its readers. It is necessary to inform the readers of our newspaper policies, decision-making and problems. Truth is the foundation of any media credibility.

A detailed report of the discovered violations appears on page two in the "correction" section. An investigation into further plagiarized content continues.

For now, the Daily will implement as Articles, page 2
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union members came and rallied while they supported their bargaining team.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Gantt 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, Gantz 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 in a couple of years and we need to try and get the raises for the employees we represent," Gantt said.

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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 summaries, 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.

Increasing diversity within the Cal Poly community is still a challenge particularly with African American students, according to Detweiler.

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 encouraging that the Cal Poly is among the nations leaders for Hispanic and Black engineers.

"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.

"We do different things within targeted recruitment," Maraviglia said. "We have adapted 42 different partnerships with high schools in California."

Through targeted recruiting, Maraviglia hoped to improve the chances of minorities throughout California to get into Cal Poly as well as the CSU system.

"Our role is to increase the number of eligible applicants," Maraviglia said. "Less than 3 percent of black graduates coming out of high schools are CSU eligible."

"The nation should be doing its part to get all ethnic groups through higher education," Detweiler said.
SANTA ANA — Gene-o Platter 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 Platter, a Santa Ana resident and former Air Force radar technician who worked on about 180 graves.

The Veterans Administration, which owns Civil War tombstones, bars 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 about 150 graves.

the president’s visit to the

Santa Ana Cemetery must be grounded future shuttle flights don’t know when that might be,” said Mike Nacincik, a spokesperson for the VA.

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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.

Yasin Hassan Omar, 24, was carted to a top-security police station in London, and a key bustle program manager Bill Parsons told reporters in a briefing Wednesday evening.

BOWLING GREEN, VA. — About 300 people, most of them Boy Scouts, were sickened by the heat Wednesday while waiting for President Bush to arrive at a memorial service for four Scout leaders who were killed while pitching a tent beneath a power line. 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.

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Mad hot movie

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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 Avbrey, 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 backgrounds 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 charm er is off the charts.

Children from New York are taught the art of ballroom dancing in their public school education.

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The young dancers are taught the tango, rumba, fox trot, merengue and swing dance.

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Where: Architecture Bldg 5, Rm 225.
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Dance Technique Series
Date: Tuesdays through Aug. 23.
Time: 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Where: Architecture Bldg 5, Rm 225.
Cost: $5 per lesson.

Children from New York are taught the art of ballroom dancing in their public school education.
The truth can never be too hot to handle

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 Bontje.

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 wound a newspaper never wants to use and most titillate around. There was a regrettably 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, newspaper's 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 'cutting 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 editors to 'get the scoop.'

As a result, a greater strain on the reporter and editor has matured from: The quicker demand of deadline, the need for more facts and deeper context and the search for a unique voice that might lasso the reader's scanning eyes.

But carelessnes, deadline, writer's block, guideline confusion or the panic of potential failure can never trump truth. Plagiarism is a deception, a lie and turn from the truth.

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Misspellings, grammar and lapses in fact should never be reason for concern. But not here. This is your page to express your opinions and to read ours.

Michael Gartner, a Pulitzer Prize winner and editor of The Daily Tribune in Iowa, was quoted as saying in a Poynter Web site article, "You've got to have facts. In an article, you use facts to persuade."

The fact is, we messed up. But with a continuing dedication to journalistic integrity, an open-door policy and the quality of our future product, we intend to persuade you to trust us.

And that is the truth.
Hiking
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Jones-Martino 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. "You can make this hike as short or as long as you like," said Judie 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 Dahlolo Drive and head into Laguna Lake Park.

Lemon Grove
Imagine passing by large 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 1800's, the grove was a popular makeup 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 101 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
Not far from the world of lectures and labs on the Poly Canyon Loop trail head.
Horses and mountain bikers are welcome on this 8.2-mile moderate to strenuous hike. Bug spray is recommended.
"It's a really nice trail with a creek and horses," said business major Paul Barbera. "You get a place to run that is not a trail or a street."
This is one of many trails that explore the Poly Canyon area. A map of campus trails is available at the Most Physical Education Building.
Go there ...
From Grand Avenue, turn right on Perimeter Road and then turn right onto Poly Canyon Road. The trail-head is on the right.

Bishop's Peak
Be prepared for a workout from the climb to the top of Bishop Peak. This strenuous narrow trail is a 4.4-mile round trip.
At elevations reaching 1,559 feet, Bishop Peak is the tallest of the Nine Sisters, a volcanic range that stretches from Morro Bay to San Luis Obispo.

Guided Excursions
A docent with Natural San Luis will guide a hike through Irish 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.
A park ranger will lead an Irish Hills hike on Aug. 14. A South Hills hike is planned for Sept. 18. San Luis Obispo Parks and Recreation ranger hikes leave at 1 p.m. For more information call 781-7301.

"Our 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.
**Player of the week**

Jordan Beck

Recent Cal Poly middle linebacker and draftee Beck enters training camp this week with the Falcons. He is expected to start on special teams.

Karen Velie

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**SUMMER TRAILS**

Some hikers are beginning to host up as both the NL West and the AL West draw closer to the postseason. With the month to heat up as hath the months before the baseball post season? - Sports editor Chris Gann

**Baseball Standings**

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**July 26**

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**July 29**

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**July 31**

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**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.**

**The Irish Hills, pictured above, provide a number of hiking trails in San Luis Obispo and mountain bikers are encouraged to ride the trails.**

**CHAMPIONSHIP EVADES THREE POLY GOLFERS**

Christopher Gunn

**MISSION READY**

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

Tavis Bertoni, J.J. Scourich 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 76 and a second-round finish of 77 for a total of 153 strokes.

"It wasn't one of my best days out there," Bertoni said. "It's a learning experience. You have to take 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 and win the Irish Hills open space. You can't go out and win the Reservoir Trail. Hikers can find the remnants of a World War II lookout tower at the top of the hill.

"The really neat thing is that you can bike all the way to the reservoir from the high school," said Miranda Leonard, environmental health educator with the Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo. "The wild flowers are spectacular."

This trail is not city maintained and loose rocks can be dangerous.

Go there ...

Park your car at San Luis Obispo High School. The trail head is located in back of the half field that is located behind the adult school.

**IRISH HILLS**

In addition to the PerDo Canyon Trail, miles of other hiking trails and mining roads traverse the Irish Hills open space.

"This is one of my favorite trails," see Hiking, page 7