CSU imposes contract; faculty unsatisfied

By Erica Tower

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Though the California State University system (CSU) will increase CSU faculty salaries by 6 percent beginning this month, the California Faculty Association (CFA) still remains discontented by contract negotiations.

In late January, after a heated battle that has lasted nearly three years, the CSU faculty agreed to a roughly $1 billion raise overall. This amount, however, still does not offer a settlement that is a true one, according to the CSU Faculty (Faculty) Merit Increase Program (FIMIP).

The faculty increase, which will also include retroactive pay since last July and increase the average tenure-track salary to $72,000, is supposed to be allocated in the state budget each year. However, the CFA claims that much of the money allocated for annual pay increases never reached intended facilities.

"We had to work hard to get this," said Cal Poly CFA chapter President Phil Fetzer. "We're happy that they [CSU] didn't take this money from us, but still very disappointed that many other elements that we tentatively agreed upon were not settled.

Among these elements is the controversial Faculty Merit Increase Program, in which CSU employees are financially rewarded for extra work that is deemed meritorious. The concern with this program is not its purpose, which aims to increase quality of education for students, but its disproportionate distribution.

"The major issue has been with the process and not the principle," Fetzer said. "It's a matter that has taken a lot of time with little pay off."

The controversy was heightened by a study conducted by the National Education Association (NEA), which found that from 1998 to 1999, women received 5 percent less in merit award money on average than male faculty. The study also showed that on some campuses, the difference was as large as 20 percent.

As reported in a Mustang Daily article on Sept. 22, 2000, the CSU chancellor's office responded with a report by an independent organization that indicated "there was no system-wide gender discrimination against women in the awarding of merit pay.”

The report further claimed that from 1998 to 1999, women received merit increases of 2.67 percent compared to 2.44 percent for men.

"The CSU is committed to merit pay," said Ken Swisher, media relations manager for the CSU chancellor's office. "They support outstanding faculty and encourage them to keep up the good work."

Though the three-year contract between the CFA and the CSU will expire this July, the merit pay debate is still being fought.

By April Park

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It is a perfect day to be at the beach; the waves are high, the weather is perfect, and the surfers are anxious to hit the water. In the parking lot, a surfer is putting on his wet suit as he's staring out toward the water. He struggles with his suit, trying to keep the towel around his waist so that his nakedness doesn't become unceiled to the dozens of strangers walking by. Hopping on one foot and losing his balance, he tries to pull the suit up with only one hand, and fails. His swimmer change has become an unnecessary ordeal.

This scenario, though contrived, is a common problem that surfers face on a daily basis.

Mike Romance, a mechanical engineering sophomore, came up with an invention that has made surfers' lives a little easier. It is called Surf Boxers. They look like typical 100 percent cotton boxers, but they come with an added bonus that they're tear-away.

"I was trying to think of ideas that would make things easier on myself when I went surfing," Romance said.

He explained that when people wear wet suits, they are usually naked underneath because it is warmer. This, obviously, becomes a problem when changing in and out of the wet suit and trying to keep a towel on at the same time. Romance said this problem sparked his idea for the tear-away boxers. Once in the wet suit, they can easily be torn off. Then, when taking the wet suit off, they can simply be Velcroed back on around the waist and don the legs, covering the surfers from nakedness.

"Surf Boxers are really cool because you won't fall over holding onto a towel, it makes it easier and safer," said Chinn Costanzo, a biological sciences sophomore.

Romance thought of the idea about a year ago. Once he told family and friends about the invention, Romance said, they were excited and supportive. They told him that he should do something about it.

His parents also helped finance the business venture, and the rest of the funds came from his savings account.

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Above, mechanical engineering sophomore Mike Romance displays his tear-away surf boxer shorts at Pismo Beach. Below, the velcro fastening lets surfers change in and out of their wet suits with little hassle.

By Raoul Vasquez

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Students will have an opportunity to gain first-hand experience from some of the most prominent architects in the nation in a lecture series presented by the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Peter Pen, design principal for NBBJ Seattle, the nation's second largest architecture firm, will give the second lecture in the Winter 2001 Hearst Lecture Series titled "Schum." Pen has worked as project designer on the Sears Tower and the New York Police Academy.

"Pen will bring a vast history of experience with him to share with the audience," said associate architecture professor Karen Lange, coordinator of the series.

The Hearst Lecture Series, which began in 1996, brings up-and-coming and established practitioners from the architecture and design fields to campus.

They deliver lectures, visit classrooms and critique students' design projects.

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**Vomit Comet to send students into weightless orbit**

By Megan Novak
THE DAILY FREE PRESS

**By Ryan Ballard**
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It's one small step for man, one giant leap for engineering students. For the first time, students from Cal Poly will get to take on the "Vomit Comet."

Members of Polysat will board a plane to Houston on Wednesday afternoon to test out a satellite project that they have been working on. Polysat is a group of students from a variety of disciplines, including aerospace engineering and computer science, that work together to design, build and launch satellites.

For a week and a half, the 11 members of Polysat making the trip will work together to test the flight characteristics of the satellites in weightlessness, while the launch team tests the performance of its self-designed deployer.

The satellites Polysat is developing are scheduled for launch in November. Right now the group is busy trying to work out all the bugs, which is part of the reason for testing the satellites in the KC-135.

Jeremy Schoos, aerospace engineering senior, founded Polysat in fall 1999. He enjoys working on the project with his peers, who take great pride in their work.

"I am impressed with the dedication and ingenuity of the other team members," Schoos said. "The academics here at Polysat are very demanding, having time to work on a volunteer project outside of the classroom is a sign of someone who is ambitious and a hard worker. Building a satellite with no previous experience or heritage at Cal Poly is difficult, though. I think the team members enjoy the challenge.

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**Cloning raises ethical questions**

By Assistant professor of biology Jim Finnerty, Lexington, Ky., Italian fertility specialist Jordi Puig-Suari, associate professor of aerospace engineering, is one of the advisers for Polysat. He is anxious to see how the student's picosatellites will stand up to the rigors of a weightless environment.

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**This turns children into a commodity and cheapens the value of children's individuality.**

George Annas
professor of health law
Society decays with wrestlers as role models

Organizations like the World Wrestling Federation and XFL are bringing down America. There are a lot of problems in the world, but the WWF is an obvious puzzle, pulsating sore on our society. A lot of people would say that leagues like the WWF are popular because they’re fun, and that’s probably right. The WWF is fun to watch for some people. I will never argue that Vince McMahon hasn’t done a great job of putting together a colorful blend of characters and themes for a particular audience. But this sort of entertainment, and its popularity, does not give me any hope for the moral maturation of people in our society.

Some guys I know (smart people) love the WWF. I’m confident that they’re too intelligent to differentiate the fantasy world of professional wrestling from the reality of how to conduct yourself in the real world. I’m more worried about how children see wrestling and how much more extreme this brand of entertainment can potentially go.

Children cannot separate fantasy from reality as well as the enlightened college students reading this article, nor will the in-between-aged television business shy away from the next league with more of an edge. I have an example of the dangerousness of organizations like the WWF in my own life. My friend once took me to a wrestling event at Taranaqua High School in Pacific. This was apparently a league of wrestlers who fight just like those in the WWF, but for some reason haven’t been able to make it to the big time yet. Perhaps they can’t flip the audience, but the show featured a guy named Cal Steve Austin, or they lack the acting skills necessary to be a professional�eran. Regardless, this guy took a giant leap while sliding.

I will have to admit, I had a little fun. I’m a guy, and people were getting hurt who weren’t me — it was perfect. But when the show ended and the rings were taken down, the many tears of the children who couldn’t have been older than 10. They spit back, they flipped people off and conducted themselves in ways that would normally get them into trouble on the school campus. I have also seen episodes of the WWF, and I am disgusted by the way that they make fun of school children. There are cuttings, verbal abuse and near-riot scenes in almost every show that I’ve viewed. We’re talking rap-video-style of disrespect here, and it seems to get worse every season.

This brings me to my next point; these shows seem to get worse as time goes on. I will give McMahon his credit, in that he knows his audience and he runs on the edge of those they want. But in the entertainment business, someone will always try to out-do the competition. How long will it be before kids in our country are attending more violent and sexist performances in their local high schools?

I know a lot of hardcore WWF fans will disagree with me. But they all have to admit that wrestlers are becoming role models for our nation’s children. I would like to ask those fans if they want their children emulating the way that these men sew up each other and deal with conflicts. I think that the WWF and the emergence of the XFL are warning signs that we have gone too far in our entertainment. Kids in our country are being exposed to more and more violent behavior, and it only seems to be getting worse. It is time to stop and ask ourselves what we’re supporting by watching it, and just turn it off.

Dan Davitt is a political science sophomore.

An earthquake, measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale, hit India two weeks ago. El Salvador had an earthquake four weeks ago, injuring and killing hundreds. In Chile, two new cases of the Hanta virus were found in metropolitan areas. In Guatemala, there has been a 15% increase of registered firearms from 1994 to 2000.

Most Americans have heard about the first two stories, but not the other two. These are just two examples of stories that just never made it to the United States. The Hanta virus and the increase in arms are both important to Chile and Guatemala, respectively, but in the United States, they are just not "newsworthy." The deficiency of printed international news is due to the lack of interest from the American public.

The media are always fingered as the reason for the lack of global information, but it all comes back to the public. All the stories written by journalists are chosen with their readers in mind. Be it Manhattan's elite or the common college student, all newspapers are written for a specific audience.

So in deciding whether or not to write about a new company in the area or a political change in China, the small, local paper will probably choose the new company. International news doesn't seem to interest people. People have too many problems dealing with issues in this country for them to also think about the injustices occurring overseas. The problem with this way of thinking is that news-making events usually have a ripple effect; they impact more than just the community in which they happen. People on the media only show what they want the public to see. This is incorrect. The media show what the public has enough time to read. As Americans, we have the attention span of a great. People want newspapers to tell them the biggest news of the day in seven words or less. American readers are busy people; they don’t have the time to read about the world's problems. The only reason we did hear about the two earthquakes is because they were too big not to mention.

This is not to say that the American media don’t have any fault in our absence of world news, but the newspaper reflects the type of stories the audience has shown interest in in the past. Foreign news has to be catatrophic or unique for it to be written or read. The Hanta virus will probably not be in our newspaper until it grows to epic proportions in Chile. And it’s not until an American gets shot by one of the million guns in Guatemala that we will read about it. Most Americans don’t care what is going on in other countries.

As American readers, we make the news. We don’t know what can affect us. Next time when you’re in a hurry, don’t overlook the international news. Even though it’s foreign news, it can still hit home.

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Opinion

World events can affect everyone

We are reporting here from Kazan onl only because of the disaster situation in progress.

Letters

Cheistro, Don’t be scared by the turkey bologna label.’
Mustang Daily

Don’t force students to buy expensive paperweights

Open up your wallets. Break out those credit cards. As if college students didn’t have a hard enough time financing their education, some colleges are adding another requirement. Students require students to have laptops by the time they enter college or not. Do we have the minds to consider requiring all undergraduates to have a laptop or a similar portable device? Danks is looking at other schools as models, such as the University of Michigan and Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. These universities require laptops as a means of cutting costs and advancing technological initiatives. The reasoning is that wireless connections are cheaper than other types of connections, which require more equipment and building renovations. After hearing about this, my first thought was, “Great.” Another thing that students have to shell out money for. Danks is spending on the speed and amount of money, laptops can cost between $995.99 and $5,999.99. Danks is spending on the speed and amount of laptops that the student has to use to buy a machine that I might help. I still have the same screen saver on my computer. It’s not like I never have a need to use a computer. I took two general education English classes last quarter, so I become very familiar with the keyboard. But it wasn’t my key board. I typed my papers on my number of computers—the ones at the library, department labs and friends’ computers. With insurance and accessibility, your mind is set free.

Letters to the editor

Absurd accusations don’t help cause

Editor, Jason Feld, a physics senior and an officer in the United Socialists and Anarchists, accused Christians of stealing his club’s sandwich. Feld has no idea who took his club’s sandwich board. But, because he wouldn’t have a chance to pick with Christians, he made them the scapegoat. He implied that the sandwich board theft is a part of an evangelical plot. This is an unfair and ridiculous accusation, made all the more annoying by the fact that anarchists are worried about upholding the law. I don’t know any Christians who would be caught stealing a sandwich board. I don’t think most people give the socialists and anarchists much thought these days. I don’t think they would make their sandwich board the focus of an “odious” scheme.

Feld, or his club, think that their dreams of “attending a tolerant and accepting campus” are going to be spoiled because of the absurd accusations and hypocritical ideological bashing, they have a long way to go.

Christopher Weber is an architecture junior.

We’ve had our signs stolen, too

Editor, I can’t help but sympathize with your loss (“Sign theft reveals intolerant nature,” Feb. 2). We have had many sandwich boards stolen. Our posters are covered in “9/11” decorations altered. Sometimes they are stolen, but we also learned that sometimes they are torn down and cleaned out like sandwich boards. My guess, my friend is, is that the Maroon. The Maroon is the only sandwich boards we cut out. I really do not know, perhaps a random with a knife. But I do my best to make sure our hands are free and clear.

What would Jesus do? Well, he stays quiet, but as a Christian, so here I am a lesser man, but who didn’t already know that. But, hey, it seems we have a lot more in common than anyone would have expected. We both victims of public theft, both looking for intelligently thought and free thinking to occur and both wondering what Jesus would do.

Good luck finding your signs. Have you talked with club services yet?

Ken Vrzi is a Campus Crusade for Christ staff member.

Shoes on wires may indicate trafficking

This letter is in response to Ken Vrzi’s column (“Puddling over life’s great mysteries,” Feb. 1). I grew up in the outskirts of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Every now and then we would take trips into the city. On the way we would pass through the slums and “ghetto” areas that were not very pleasant. I can remember those trips around five I started seeing those shoes hanging from the phone and power lines” at almost every intersection. I grew up thinking that this sort of thing was normal.

I don’t remember how I came to know it, but I knew that the pair of shoes hanging over a phone wire was some sort of symbol that meant a drug dealer was in that part of town and that’s were you should take that matter of business. So every time I see a pair of shoes hanging over a phone wire, it gets me wondering what if I know about them is true, especially when I came to San Luis Obispo and saw them here. Maybe there are a bunch of drug users and dealers that live right here in San Luis Obispo. Who knows? (Shoes on wires may indicate trafficking)

Editor, I say, ticket the host of a party if minors get alcohol. The host has a lot more control of what is going on from getting out of control. If people crash the party, then it is time to cut the music and kick everyone out. OK, but that isn’t cool, is it I for­ get. Maybe hosts should be off the hook just because their own party got out of control. “Officer, I don’t know who they are, they brought their own beer, I didn’t sup­ ply it.”

It’s the BYOB invite going to become a weasel clause? Please wake up and start taking responsibility. It is already a party you cannot buy alcohol for a minor. This also should go for supplying the alcohol at a party.

I support this because these days everyone is looking for a loophole so the party doesn’t have to fall on them. This is why companies must put outrageous warnings on alcohol bottles. They are trying to make us less aware of them before the warning was in place. If you have a party, assume you are accountable to a good beer. You think it is lame to card people at your front door? How are you going to make someone drunk? I think it is absolutely accurate to give $200 for supplying a minor with beer, because I think it is absolutely wrong either. It makes for an absolutely unfair and unhelpful situation. It is absolutely wrong either. Maybe you look at existence. It is not a relief, though. It is really hard to figure things out sometimes. I usually more knowing of myself each time I work through something. I find the most interesting thing is to leave to my devices to determine my life’s purpose. I do not believe there are any absolute right or wrong answer the question is not the same for each person. This again complicates things, and can lead to the demise of my conscience. I still remember the never-ending diversity. beauty and absurdity of this world, and my mind is set free.

Amber Estrada is a journalism student.

Getting ready for Valentine’s Day

Editor, Were the Beatles right? Is love all you need? If you look at more than half of the families today, you would have to say that many people loved each other and are getting divorced every day. Proponents of the Beatles’ message say that these people weren’t “in love.” OK, so let’s say that I buy that. So, how do you know when you are in love? Is the Oracle from “The Matrix” right when she says it is something other than love that you feel through and through? Is it some magical feeling you get, and it’s why, so many people are taken in by fake feelings?

There probably is no real answer. I will lose two of my ex-girlfriends, although I know we are not meant to be. But is that feeling really love? Or have I ever even really felt what love is? Were my parents in love before they divorced? Can love ever die or fade away? If I examine all out there believes they have the answers, feel free to share them with the rest of the world. Or is in my opinion love “is not all you need.”

Cameron Eddison is a business sophomore.

I determine my life’s purpose

Editor, I have to start by thanking Ms. Rosner for explaining Evangelism Hospital and encouraging the stirring of thought (“Allow ideas to stir thought, open dialogue,” Jan. 31). Yes, the posters, flyers, signs on posts, banners and building renovations, which have also been stirring a thought or two. Ms. Rosner suggests starting this discussion by considering the debate of evolution versus creation. She writes, “If there is no Supreme Being of some unitedly created one of us, then we are left to our own devices to determine our life’s purpose. Religion is no more than an over­ looking blueprint for our existence, and, thus, no absolute right answer to any dilemmas relating to the after­ life, our souls, consciousness or the unbridgeable chasm between the most advanced animal and the most primitive human.” If nothing is defini­ tively right, that means that nothing we do is absolutely wrong either.

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Senators start pushing for more special education money, reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — Going beyond President Bush’s education package, the Senate’s top education lawmaker said Monday he’ll seek a stable boost in special education money. The top Democrat said his party will push for money to hire more teachers and fix crumbling schools.

Both Sen. Jim Jeffords, R-Vt., chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., the ranking Democrat on the panel, told a meeting of the National School Boards Association that they were pleased with Bush’s emphasis on education reform.

“It would be hard to imagine a more positive climate for education than what we have today,” Jeffords told the school officials, who were also hearing from Education Secretary Rod Paige.

Bush’s education agenda includes consolidating dozens of programs into five general grant categories, testing students annually to hold schools accountable and providing children attending failing schools with vouchers to enroll in the public or private schools of their choice.

Jeffords said he would soon propose legislation to increase by $2.5 billion a year over the next six years federal funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for special education programs.

Increasing that funding has long been a top goal of Republicans, who say the 1975 law put a heavy financial burden on local school districts by requiring them to provide special education but not backing the requirements with funds.

The original law envisioned that Washington would pay up to 40 percent of the cost, but despite a budget boost of more than $1 billion in this fiscal year, only about 12 percent of special education programs are federally funded.

Jeffords said there is a lot of consensus on the Bush education package, but it will not be a “slam dunk” because of differences over such issues as vouchers. Kennedy agreed, saying that while he was gratified by Bush’s education priorities, he had told the president he will oppose vouchers for private schools.

“President Clinton — money to hire more qualified teachers and money for school construction. “Too many students are expected to learn in dilapidated, overcrowded schools. No CEO would tolerate a leaking ceiling in the board room, and no teacher should have to tolerate it in the classroom.”

Republicans in the past have resisted specific funds for hiring teachers and school repairs, preferring to give the money to state and local governments in the form of grants and letting them decide how best to use it.

Also on Monday, the Education Leaders Council, representing education officials from eight states, published a list of recommendations for the new Congress that, like the Bush plan, stressed student achievement, school accountability and greater spending flexibility.

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Thursday February 8
Men’s Basketball vs. Long Beach State
5:30 PM Mott Gym
Television on Fox Sports Net
Get your tickets early to assure your spot
Cal Poly Students FREE

Who’s Got Balls?
Remember students, to collect all the mini-balls you can for a free trip to Cancun, Mexico
Go to the games...
Collect the balls...Go to Cancun

Be Part of It
Doherty gets first No. 1 as coach

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Matt Doherty became accustomed to being on top. As a player for North Carolina in the early 1980s, The Tar Heels were the top-ranked team in The Associated Press poll 29 weeks during his career. The feeling was quite a bit different for Doherty on Monday.

He achieved his first No. 1 rank­ing as a coach after The Tar Heels beat Georgia Tech in Doherty’s home court and then Georgia Tech on Saturday.

Stanford, 3-1, the previous four weeks, fell from the top spot after a weekend loss at home to UCLA.

“As a coach you are more con­cerned about a lot more things,” Doherty said when asked to com­pare being No. 1 as a player and coach. “As a player you were con­cerned about yourself and that’s about as it. As a coach you worry about the oppenents, your player’s pre­shine, all those kind of different things.

Doherty joins former North Carolina coach Bill Guthridge as the only men to chart an Atlantic Coast Conference history to take their teams to the No. 1 ranking in their first year. Guthridge did it with the Tar Heels third on the all-time list.

This is the 80th time North Carolina (19-2) has been ranked No. 1 and it’s the first time since the final poll of the 1997-98 season.

The Tar Heels, who extended their winning streak to 16 games with a victory over the Yellow Jackets, received 60 first-place votes and 1,291 points from the nationwide media panel in making the move from No. 4.

In Associated Press’ 6-1 ranking, No. 1 puts the Tar Heels third on the all-time list behind UCLA (128) and Kentucky (798), which moved in at No. 7 this year.

North Carolina started the sea­son No. 2, then lost consecutive games to Michigan State and Kansas, which lost at Missouri last week, dropped two spots to fifth.

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responsibility to his coaches, his teammates and his fans to stay and play for the scholarship that’s giving him a free education.

After all, it wasn’t costing any­thing and receiving an education is the most important thing. In an era where more and more college athletes are leaving school early for the NFL, Vick is taking on the gratitude and set an example of education as the priority.

He does want this to set an example and stay in school.

The benefits of an education would outlast those of a football career. Plus, his coaches, teammates and fans were depending on him.

So, Michael, I hope you’re ready for the NFL. But just in case, you might want to invest that multi­million dollar signing bonus. You may need that money later on.

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MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Travel safety important for Mustang athletes

By Michelle Hatfield

The crash on Jan. 27 of an Oklahoma State University airplane that killed all 10 passengers on the minds of Cal Poly's sports teams when they fly, however the crash hasn't made them less likely to fly.

"Anytime you get into an airplane, there's a risk, but there's a risk when you step out the door everyday, too," said Kevin Bromley, men's basketball head coach.

Oklahoma State was flying in a donated, privately owned charter plane. Although Cal Poly does use charter planes, most planes used to get players to games are commercial airlines.

That Webb, associate athletic director for business, said that the football team is the only team that uses chartered planes.

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The football team has around 72 players. Webb said. They fly on chartered flights three or four times a year, to universities in Montana and Iowa. The football team is based at an airport in San Francisco or Los Angeles and then flies on a charter plane to their destination.

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