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**Impasse declared in CFA contract $99 negotiations**

Shane Olguin  
Staff Writer

A stalemate in contract negotiations between the California Faculty Association (CFA) and the CSU Board of Trustees has led the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) to declare a state of impasse in the negotiations.

Contract negotiations between the CFA and CSU have been going on for over 18 months. The current state of impasse was declared on Sept. 29, 2006.

According to Tom Melianohilder, president of the CFA-CSU chapter, the main issues in the contract negotiations deal primarily with the compensation and selection of CSU faculty.

"What we think is an adequate salary and what the [CSU] chancellor has proposed is very different," Melianohilder said.

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**Flu season with us again**

Rodrigo Saucedo Jr.
Staff Writer

Fall is in the air and with it, the flu virus.

Fortunately, the flu vaccine is also back, and ready to fight the disease that kills 36,000 Americans every year, according to the MSN Health and Fitness website.

The MSN Health and Fitness website also recommends that anyone with a respiratory disease or HIV, or even heart-health concerns, should get the shot.

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**Smaller classrooms contingent on Prop 1D**

Ryan Hobbs  
Staff Writer

An influx of nearly $33 million could be the future for CSUSB.

Bond measure I D, if passed, would provide funds for stances of the overcrowding. It would replace electrical, plumbing, and ventilation systems in older buildings and provide better access for disabled students.

The official name of the bill is the "California State University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006."

The proposition will appear on the Nov. 7 ballot.

The College of education bonds to receive more than $2.4 billion for equipment in the new College of education building.

This "structure is currently under construction. Upon completion in April 2007, the 130,000 square-foot building will be outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment in the classrooms and laboratories, according to the CSUSB Alumni Association.

The College of Education is enthusiastic and aware of the importance of this bond measure.

"This would provide us the opportunity to have small class-size and for more high-tech learning at CSUSB," it will help us be better tools teachers for our local school districts, which is a major area of ours," said Carolyn Eggleston, Associate Dean of the College of Education.

Eggleston added, "the high-tech and smart classrooms will also help attract the best graduate students for our doctorate program in educational administration, which will be offered beginning in the fall of 2007."

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**October marks Breast cancer awareness month**

Franka Beatty  
Staff Writer

Breast cancer awareness month started with a passion and according to the American Cancer Society, the disease is the second leading cause of death in women.

"We want to make this happen a true movement against breast cancer," said Franka Beatty, an instructor at the English Department.

"It's a combination of people, partnerships and support".

"We're really hoping for breast cancer awareness month to be the new March for Women's History Month."
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Howl heard ‘round Student Union
Students had a night of food, fun and a
good time at CSUSB’s ‘Karaoke Night’

Alexandra Galos
Staff Writer

Food, beverages and live entertainment is what you can expect at CSUSB’s Karaoke Night. Associated Students Inc. (ASI) put on the event every other Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the San Bernardino Student Union Pub.

"It is a great way for students to gather together and create unity on campus," said Vice President of University Affairs Teddie Rodriguez.

During the gala’s opening, Teddy displayed her talents for the crowd who sang along.

"I will keep singing all night long if you guys don’t join in," Rodriguez threatened.

ASI President Anthony Credle attended the event and shared Rodriguez on stage singing, "I believe I can Fly" by R-Kelly.

The crowd enjoyed the playful performance and clapped while enjoying beverages and food from Taco Bell.

First-timers at the event weren’t all reserved.

"It is my first time but it is very entertaining," said sophomore Stephanie McMullen. "I think I will come back next time in a costume and sing a song by Whitney Houston.

The evening started out very upbeat and mellowed down as stu- dents Jeremy Vasquez took the stage. The crowd was overcome with emotions and welcomed the young ladies in the crowd to his favorite melody by Bette Midler. "It's hot here, the lights are low and that is bad combination," says Vasquez of his choice of music. "So I think I'll sing Splash Waterfalls.

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Many hot topics for women’s forum

Brenda Hernandez
Staff Writer

Are you a B.L.T.C.H. or would you like to be one? If so, come and join the B.L.T.C.H. discussion forum sponsored by the Women’s Resource Center.

Bring Interesting Topics: Conversations & Happenings (B.L.T.C.H.) is a discussion group for women of all ages. Here, women come together to discuss issues such as body image, domestic violence and any other current events that interests its participants.

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The report investigated the fees, interest rates and disclosure practices of 26 major credit card companies. Results concluded that company's disclosures were often in confusing and misleading language with pertinent information buried within the text, or written in small typefaces.

Also according to the report, debt such as $15 charge to get credit card bills over the phone or often undisclosed, and consumers may be charged with as many as three different interest rates for different transactions.

After conducting their study, the GAO interviewed 112 consumers and results indicated many failed to understand key aspects of their cards, including when they would be charged for late payments or what actions could cause issuers to raise rates.

According to Bill Hardkopp, CEO of LowCards.com, a consumer credit card information Web site, as college students we are heavily targeted. We are potential obliating customers who will spend, spend, spend.

He's right, according to a study published by the student loan outfit Nellie Mae. The study states that the average freshmen carries over $1,500 worth of credit card debt, and nearly double that amount by graduation.

What can we do to protect ourselves from this epidemic of economic warfare? According to David Ellis, who writes in CNNMoney.com's Credit Card Tips for College Kids, take these few key steps.

Find a card with as good rate as you can get. Keep an eye on the annual percentage rate being mindful of the fact that you may not be able to pay off the balance in full every month.

Avoid annual fees. If you're able to find a company that is willing to give you a low interest rate while avoiding an annual fee, why pay extra money?

Keep it to one card. More than one card leaves room for more debt.

Take care with rewards cards. Points are earned based on the amount of money spent; therefore it is tempting to spend more money. Spend for emergencies, not expenses and pay off at once.

Just say no to cash advances. This is a common trap for students to fall into; although the idea is inviting, the rates around these offers are astonishing.

If things get really bad, try to talk to your credit card company; they won't forgive your debt, but they may lower your minimum payment and drop the interest rate a point or two.

Another great solution as states to the threat of credit card bondage is using a debit card instead which typically allows for more realistic budgeting.

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Fans Carey'd away 

All the right tools

Michelle Graham
Staff Writer

CSUSB bass player Erin O'Toole knows how to rock it. Her group, Protostarr, has what it takes to put you in the mood. Their music is layered and rich. The sound is calming yet provoking. The bass line has a dark that is stark and eerie.

"O'Toole is a "full in the set," he was in the process of making a new one. O'Toole said there is something about the sound they have been working on for it.

Protostarr will be playing at The Vibe in Riverside for the IE Showcase October 16th. They were last year's Morning's Key Club for "Best Electric Rock." I saw this as a chance to make a hit. And she's got my vote.

The start of a new career sizzled during the fall of 2006. Carey's concert was a truly rich. The sound is calming yet provocative. My concern is the sound of it. I would have to make it the center of attention.

As an overabundance of events, music or performances that have all gone to number one to 17 of them behind only the Beatles. The lEMA's will be held Jan. 26, 2007. Protostarr will be perfor­ming in front of large audiences. It is a little overwhelming but exciting.

Along with being the bass player for Protostarr, O'Toole is also the senior producer for the radio station KVCR, and an editor for the CSUSB Chronicle.

One of O'Toole's accomplishments is that she is a working member of the cosmos. If you would like to find out more about Protostarr's upcoming events, music or performances then check out theirMySpace page at www.myspace.com/protostarr or their official website located at www.protostarr.com.

O'Toole's main focus is to keep having fun and making music with her great group.
Teach in Mexico at ITEC

Bilingual Cross-Cultural language and Academic Development credential program new way to learn

Mayra Saldiva
Staff Writer

Graduate students can earn credit toward their degree and teaching credential while studying in Queretaro, Mexico.

The Bilingual Cross-Cultural language and Academic Development (BCLAD) credential program is offered to graduate students.

Those who would like the experience and an understanding of a contemporary multicultural classroom which includes not only coursework given by a professor, should consider the program.

Students in the program will also have an opportunity to participate in a variety of academic and language courses in Queretaro, Mexico. But students also will take coursework to participate in an orientation, a contemporary multicultural language program in Queretaro.

Those who would like the experience must be admitted to an education program at the University of California San Diego, where the program is offered.

Dr. Nena Torrez of the Elementary Education Program coordinator and professor, said that the program is a great opportunity for students to have a diversity of coursework and an understanding of the different communities as well.

The final session is held in San Diego, where students will obtain coursework until the end of the school year.

Barbara Flores, the bilingual program coordinator and professor, said that the program is a great opportunity for students to have a different point of view on how a culture is educated and taught, and how students can identify with their own experiences.

"This is a very intense program, and students have to work hard. But everyone is so impressed that graduate students should really consider and apply for it," she said.

In order to apply to the Mexican educational programs, students must be admitted to an ITEC-affiliated campus, which includes CSU Bakersfield, CSU, Fresno, CSU, Fullerton, CSU Hayward, CSU Long Beach, CSU Sacramento, CSU San Bernardino, San Diego State University, San Jose State University, Sonoma State University and CSU Stanislaus.

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Junior Mari Kary

Columbiana High School; 12 students and one teacher shot dead.

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Nancy Brown is a graduate of the University of Denver. In 1974, she earned her political science degree and has earned many degrees since then.

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Women serve as CEOs for major companies. Janet L. Robinson is CEO of The New York Times and Meg Whitman climbed the corporate ladder at eBay.

Women also serve as president at universities such as Susan Hockfield at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Another candidate could be Condoleezza Rice, who is secretary of state, or the former assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, commonly referred to as the National Security Advisor, whom she served since January, 2001.

Rice is the first African-American woman, second African-American woman, second African-American woman, and has earned many degrees. She earned her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Denver in 1981.

She is outgoing, educated, and a driven young lady that I believe would be a strong leader of our country.

I think a woman can be a successful president, because, for example, "stay at home mom" could be for an entire family, chores, take care of children, and more are starting school or going back to a B.A. or Masters degree. Men do the same, what's the difference?

Our Constitution guarantees that all mankind is created equal. Women show just as much capacity in the classroom as men, and have shown to be just as competent in the workplace.

Women are fun, can cooperate with the government, make good choices and compose effective speeches.

Many people say, "Well what about their kids?" Think about it. Men have just as much responsibility for their children as women do.

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So, why can't women serve as President of U.S.? It is time for our country to stand behind our potential female leaders.

Jill Marie Kay

Columbiana High School; 12 students and one teacher shot dead.

Four deals in a Pennsylvania shooting. State High School in California. 17 injured and two shot dead. These are the type of headlines that have been coming our television and newspaper reporters.

Frank Lasse, Wisconsin's most representative, has come up with a plan of action that will attempt to eliminate the problem that our nation's schools seem to be facing.

Lasse plans to introduce a measure that would allow teachers, principals, administrators and other school personnel to carry concealed weapons. The measure would not require the person to carry a weapon if they choose not to, and if they did choose to do so, they would be required to go through strict training before being allowed to carry the weapon.

"In the United States, it is not feasible to keep well trained teachers carrying weapons and exposing their own children from harm. We cannot do this," Lasse is in a statement given to MSNBC.

"Any chance is better than no chance at all. Plus, you don't have to arm the teachers, administrators and personnel, just some. And you don't have to make it a publicly known who is and is not carrying a weapon," wrote one Blogger, whose screen name is California tasker, on freehuffington.com.

Not knowing who is and who is not carrying weapons only further encourages Lasse's argument about making one think twice before using violently.

Although there are few arguments to be said on the side of Lasse's proposed measure, there are still many who feel that it would only be adding too more trouble in our classrooms and schools.

"When I am making a decision on where to send my kids to school, there are a lot of factors that go into it. I don't think a teacher's marksmanship scores should be one of them," said Paul Halvick, President of the Bowley School System.

Director of public safety for the Milwaukee public school system Peter Pochowski's main concern was about the chance of the

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With the outbreak of violence and school shootings that have enwrapped across the country, I think it is time to take another look at school uniforms.

Those who opposed implementing uniform said that it went against our First Amendment right. Who can decide what we can and cannot wear when we live in a country that values the idea of freedom and equality?

There also was the thought that enforcing uniforms left little room for children to express their creativity and individuality. Opposed to the idea said children needed to have more control and personalaities because of the choice they were being given.

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Name: Shawna Alvarez

In a nutshell: Alvarez is a Coyote volleyball player who is a senior and a three-sport star. She is a cross-country team who enjoys hiking, swimming, and golf.

- She competed in track and cross-country throughout high school, and was team captain for both teams.
- Age: 18
- Hometown: Palos Verdes High School: 20 Palos High School
- Major: Undeclared
- Role Model: My boyfriend's mother, Teresa Turffiff
- Why?: "She's worked hard to follow her passion in volleyball because she is a runner."
- Other Sports Played: Track (junior year of high school)

The team itself is confident and the Trolls are on the cusp of making a winning season.

The Trolls have a lot to look forward to.

One of the bright spots for the Trolls was junior middlefielder Lindsey Jordan.

The team's leader in points this year, although unable to score a goal in the second game, tapped aggressively for a goal shot on the Shirne.

The second loss of the weekend dropped the Trolls to 1-1-3 overall and 0-1-1 in conference play.

There are four more games remaining for the Trolls to try and get their first conference win.

It will not be an easy task since their final games are all off the top ten teams, and two of the four teams are ranked in the top 10 in the Far West Region Poll.

The Trolls are going through their worst season since 1988, according to Coyote Online.