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## UCSC officials, hotel union reps to meet

### Holiday Inn employees want to know how lease will affect jobs

*Hotels and Boarding Houses*  
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Union representatives told employees of the Holiday Inn Tuesday to sit tight while they determine how UC Santa Cruz's lease of the facility will affect their jobs.

**SANTA CRUZ** Representatives of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union Local 483 will meet Monday with officials from the university to discuss the lease's effect on the union contract. But Leonard O'Neill, secretary-treasurer of the union, said he's cheered the university has

agreed to honor the contract.

"There are some concerns about whether their jobs will be there in September, and they are certainly curious over what the jobs will look like," said O'Neill, secretary-treasurer of the union, who spoke to about two dozen employees. "Early indications are that the union contract will continue and that the new management operator of the facility, who has yet to be named by the university, will be honoring and abiding by the contract."

The union contract, which covers 50 hotel staff members including restaurant employees, maids, bellhops and other jobs, expires

in 2004. O'Neill will meet with UCSC officials Monday to discuss how the new dorm will function.

UCSC announced Friday it would pay \$19.5 million to lease the Holiday Inn for 10 years starting in September. That's left hoteliers, city officials and union members scrambling to figure out how it will affect them. City officials said Monday they would attempt to block the university's plans by challenging the use permits.

City Attorney John Barisone said the city is still "digesting the news," but hasn't made a decision on its course of action.

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The Holiday Inn is one of two major hotels and conference centers in Santa Cruz and provides the city with about a half-million dollars in tax revenue.

The 170-room hotel will house 250 students and serve as a conference center and guest housing for the university. City officials plan to hire a management company to run maintenance and housekeeping, but said it's too soon to tell how many employees the new dorm will require.

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