Two Cal Poly students arrested in drug bust

By Laurie La Pensee
Staff Writer

A tri-county drug bust that began at Cal Poly on April 16 led to the arrest of two Cal Poly students, five other adults and one juvenile last week.

Marijuana and mushrooms confiscated at the end of the investigation had an approximate value of $15,000, said Jim Christian, SLO County Narcotics Task Force officer.

Sheldon Furtick, a 20-year-old agriculture business freshman, was arrested after allegedly selling three-quarters of a pound of marijuana and one pound of psilocydin mushrooms to an undercover detective April 16. The incident took place at approximately 10 a.m. in the E2 parking lot across from Yosemite Hall.

Furtick was charged for the sale of marijuana, possession of marijuana, conspiracy to distribute and possession of psilocydin mushrooms, all of which are felonies. Information provided by Furtick helped lead police to charge John W. Evans, 21, a political science junior, for possession of psilocydin mushrooms and cultivation of marijuana, both of which are felonies.

Information obtained after the students were arrested led to investigations and arrests in Monterey County and San Benito County, Christian said.

Furtick and Evans were booked into San Luis Obispo County Jail on April 16 and released later that day.

Furtick’s bail was $10,000, Evans was $6,000.

Furtick and Evans are scheduled to appear in the San Luis Obispo Municipal Court on April 30.

Evans declined to speak about the arrest, and Furtick was unavailable for comment.

When Furtick was taken into custody police learned that his source was from the Hollister area, Christian said.

A sale to detectives was set up to take place Wednesday, April 17, in King City.

In a successful set up, detectives bought five pounds of marijuana from Rudy Barrientos, 20, Gabriel Barrientes, 21, and a juvenile.

Later that same day, detectives followed new leads and were able to buy four more pounds of marijuana in San Benito County from Jamie Canete, 23, and Louis Rodriguez, 19.

All five were charged for possession for sale.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student supports mature elections

I would like to thank has-been Michael Gomes for turning this year's ASI elections into a mudslinging match. I have no experience as a member of the board of directors of any other position on ASI. I forgot to vote in the election. But I do know sleazeball campaigns when I see them. First of all, this is a one-way mudslinging. Kim Forrester's letter didn't mention anything about David Kapic. Gomes' letter didn't mention anything specific about Kapic. What has Taylor done to deserve such criticism? Besides beating Gomes in last year's ASI presidential election, Taylor hasn't resorted to such tactics. It is a fact that Taylor beat Gomes in last year's election doesn't give Gomes much credibility either.

Then Gomes said the mayor said Taylor was unresponsive to communication. This is not true. Gomes never mentioned what Ron Donin is doing about student-com- munity relations. Taylor probably did a good job at the time. Finally Gomes said Taylor has missed important meetings. He never mentioned the meetings Kapic has attended.

In fact, Gomes didn't mention anything specific about Kapic. He did say Kapic is unethical. If Kapic approved of such mudslinging he needs to learn about ethics.

Once again I'd like to thank Gomes for leaving ethics out of Kapic's campaign. You helped me make an informed decision. I wouldn't want my ASI president to be influenced by people who will say anything to get a friend elected. Gomes letter probably hurt Kapic more than it helped. I didn't care before but after reading the letters, I voted for Taylor.

Debbie Arviso
Journalism

Letters to the Editor must be typed and no longer than 250 words. Letters must include the author's name, phone number and major.

Fourth institutional units will be paying special attention to the deliberations of the faculty Task Force — the Academic Senate, the Academic Dean's Council and the President's Office. Each of these units has special responsibility for academic affairs in terms of quality and resource allocations.

Because the primary motivation for a comprehensive assessment now is the impending budget cut, I will focus here from a resources perspective. In any university some programs merit additional resources, some are doing well at current resource levels, others could offer competition with those programs for resources, and some programs are not essential to the future of the institution.

The Faculty Task Force deliberations presumably will provide the information base for a similar categorization of Cal Poly's programs. Because it is my perception that most of you are concerned about the possible negative consequences, I will discuss the processes associated with possible program discontinuation or resource reduction. It should not be assumed from this discussion, that program discontinuations are a foregone conclusion.

If information collected suggests that a program is a candidate for reduction of resources as a result of financial drastic, the change would follow ordinary campus procedures for budget decisions. To that end, any reduction of resources will be considered in detail by the Academic Deans' Council. Their recommendations will be forwarded to the president via the vice president for Academic Affairs. The president's consultative group is PACBRA (President's Advisory Council on Budget and Resource Allocations).

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This body includes the following people — vice presidents of Academic Affairs, Business Affairs, Student Affairs and Information Systems, the executive dean for Facilities Administration and representatives of the Academic Senate, CFA and ASI. The president is responsible ultimately for all budget decisions.

If information collected suggests that a program is a candidate for discontinuation for academic or financial reasons then, according to campus policy (Administrative Bulletin 81-5, approved by the Chancellor's Office) a discontinuous review committee must be appointed by the vice president for Academic Affairs to conduct a review. This committee consists of a repre­sentative academic program office, dean or associate dean of the affected school, the depart­ment head of the affected department, two facul­ty nominated by the chair of the Academic Senate (one from the affected department and one from outside the school), a student from the affected department nominated by the president of ASI and the associate vice president for Academic Affairs (non-voting). The completed review will be submitted to the vice president for Academic Affairs, the Academic Deans' Council and the Academic Senate for review and recommend­ation. Each will forward that recommenda­tion to the president.

The Chancellor's office has informed the campus (AAP 91-14) that "companies with ap­proved discontinuation policies may discontinue programs without prior Chancellor's approval, provided the campus policies are observed; provided the Chancellor's office is informed of the discontinuation in advance; and provided that the discontinuation is consistent with all trustee and system policies, including provisions of the MOU where applicable."

If we must discontinue a program, all terms of the MOU's must be met. If it becomes neces­sary to layoff personnel as a result of inadequate funding, procedures are described carefully in employee contracts. Notification periods vary but may be as long as 120 days as in the case of tenured faculty. Order of layoff is also specified. Cal Poly as an organization has great respect for the contributions its employees make. It will do everything that it can to limit the impacts of policy and resources to employees caused by external forces. This will include help with early retirement packages, consultation and aid with job searches and retraining for other positions on campus.

It is my sincere hope that we will not have to implement the steps I have described above, but I thought it important that you know what might happen if we wind up with the governor's budget or anything more severe than that budget.

If there is any action that you can suggest that will lessen the impact of the California budget crisis on Cal Poly, please let me know.

Address your e-mail recommendations to BUDGET if you are a PROFS user, BUDGET AT CALPOLI if you are a VM user, budgetpoly.bit­net from a non-IBM site or budget if you are on Internet, or mail them directly to my office.

R.D. Koob is vice president of academic af­fairs.
Army begins airlift of Iraqis to Saudi Arabia

SAFWAN, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. Army took a major step Sunday toward its final pullout from southern Iraq, starting an airlift to Saudi Arabia of refugees who fear reprisals from Iraqi security forces if they stay home.

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"I wanted to make Martinez mad; I guess I wanted him to go after me," said Reges. And he got his wish when Martinez wrote school administrators this month, pressuring them to get rid of Reges or lose federal funds.

An investigation is under way into the popular senior lecturer in computer science, a boyish 32-year-old non-tenured faculty member. The dean of engineering will make a recommendation to Stanford's provost.

San Jose, Calif. (AP) — Ninety percent of male basketball and baseball players and 80 percent of football players recruited to California state universities fail to graduate in five years, according to a survey.

The survey found that in some instances scholarships for athletes end soon after their eligibility to play expires, even if they need financial help to complete their education.

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**HEALTH BEAT**

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As your study for midterms, See HEALTH BEAT, page 8

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**WATER's main objective has been to get the city to eliminate mandatory water rationing. "We had an overwhelming amount of support from the public," Kunkel said, "but the City Council took an adversarial approach."**

The council has recently lowered the mandatory rationing from 35 percent to 15 percent. San Luis Obispo residents may now use 85 percent of the amount of water they were using in 1987, when no rationing was in effect.

**WATER's Measure B initiative on the April ballot called for elimination of all rationing. The majority of residents did not accept the measure. "I think the idea of no mandatory rationing is too extreme," said longtime San Luis Obispo resident Margaret Young. "Who knows what our water situation will be next year?"**

Bearce and Kunkel said the key to solving the problem is to look at the water situation from a long-term perspective.

"Having a greek row would solve many community relations conflicts," Bearce said. "Everybody on City Council says they support greek row around election time, but they fail to do anything about it." There will never be a greek row until the water issue is solved, Bearce said.

WATER supports water recycling and desalination methods as ways to supply water to new city development.

"Water is something that should never have to be rationed because it recycles and is never used up," Bearce said. "The problem isn't the shortage, it's the lack of long-term planning."

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Baseball takes two of three from Panthers

By Rob Brockmeyer
Staff Writer

Over the weekend, Cal Poly kept the heat on baseball's California Collegiate Athletic Association Front-runners with a pair of wins over Chapman College.

The Mustangs took the first two games of the three-game series 7-1 and 6-0, but lost the last game 10-7.

The wins give Cal Poly a 21-19 overall record and a 13-10 conference mark. Entering the weekend series, the Mustangs were 11/2 games behind CCAA leader Cal Poly Pomona and a half game behind second-place Cal State Dominguez Hills. Also, UC Riverside has fought back into the race with a late-season surge.

"This was a big series for us," said Cal Poly pitcher Jon Iffand. "If we could have pulled off a sweep, it would of put us in a good position going into next weekend's series."

See BASEBALL, page 6

Women's track runs over competition at invitational

By Peter Hartlaub
Staff Writer

At times it seemed like the competition was running in slow motion as the Cal Poly women's track team continued to produce encouraging times at its home meet.

The Cal Poly "SLO Motion Invitational" was attended by a scattered field of independent competitors and teams including Cal State Bakersfield, UC Santa Barbara and Westmont.

While several Cal Poly runners performed well, the story of the day was the achievements of Mustang standouts Sydney Thatcher and Kim Shepard.

Thatcher ran an impressive 3,000 meter race that qualified both her and teammate Kristina Hand for NCAA Division II nationals in San Angelo, Texas. Thatcher ran a 9:47.2, breaking her previous personal best by eight seconds and setting a new meet record. Thatcher also won the 1,500 meter run in 4:33.5, only two seconds more than the NCAA Division II automatic qualifying standard.

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Job fair for future teachers will host 40 school districts

By Anne McMahon
Staff Writer

Representatives from more than 40 California school districts have already scheduled at Cal Poly Tuesday and Wednesday during School District Days. The event is sponsored by Cooperative Education and Placement Services.

Considering California’s budget shortage, recently issued pink slips, the anticipated layoffs and proposed slashes in spending for education in the state, it is no surprise that fewer districts are interviewing than last year.

During the two-day event last year, more than 60 districts conducted about 1,000 interviews with 200 teaching candidates. This year, the attending districts have 700-750 interviews scheduled with about 170 hopefuls.

One local district that will not be participating is San Luis Coastal Unified School District, which recently doled out dozens of pink slips.

Being “geographically flexible” — willing to go where the jobs are — might be the best strategy for Cal Poly education students who hope to increase their chances of landing a teaching position for next year.

Jane Chamberlain, a Cal Poly career placement adviser who is coordinating School District Days, said that even though the numbers are down, attending districts “say they have existing openings” for qualified candidates who are willing to relocate.

For those not willing or able to move to another area, Chamberlain suggested that students make the most of students teaching for the required two quarters. She also suggested that students gain experience through substitute teaching.

Both experiences, she said, provide a valuable opportunity to get acquainted with teachers and principals within a district, and might eventually lead to a job.

Another option is graduate school. Chamberlain, who is also a consultant and nutritional therapist, noted that many students decide to enter a graduate program in order to do their own research or to improve their skills in a particular subject.

That may be what many have planned. Chamberlain said the number of graduating teaching candidates has not changed much from last year, but she said, “I was surprised that we had a smaller turnout signing up for the interviews compared to last year. Maybe they are going to grad school.”

Megan Parello is a liberal studies major at Cal Poly and will graduate in June with a major in Sociology, BA. Her goal is to attend graduate school to earn her Master’s degree in social work.

By Sara White

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Multi-subject preliminary credential. She has interviews scheduled with seven districts, including ones from Atascadero and Paso Robles.

Koontz said that book was probably one stolen from the Poly Phase booth at Chumash.

"I think textbook buy back is a pawn job. There should be a system of bar codes to enable El Corral to give out receipts for books sold back. We had to eat $1,900."

Additional security measures have since been taken for the cage in the engineering building. Berrett said the case is still under investigation and Public Safety doesn't have any suspects at this time. Koontz said people with an 80 series c key, which includes some custodians and staff, have access to the cage.

But this is not the only problem Poly Phase has had lately. In an unrelated incident, Poly Phase reported a stolen check... treasurer of Poly Phase, said the reason the check wasn't reported right away was that they didn't know the check was stolen until they checked their records this quarter.

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