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Students creatively celebrate Valentine's Day

By Adrena Benjamin

The story goes that when the Roman Empire wars broke out, men didn't want to leave their wives or sweethearts. Since enlistment in the wars was low, Claudius the Cruel ordered that no more marriages or engagements be celebrated. A priest named Valentine defied the order and married young couples in secrecy. Claudius found out and had Valentine put in jail, where he later died. What Valentine did for young lovers is remembered and still celebrated on St. Valentine's Day.

Ever since the days of the Roman Empire, the romantic side of people has found new energy in the midst of winter despair. Poets take out their pen and paper and sweet words flow in streams of eloquence.

According to www.lovingyou.com, people these days are not spending so much money on Valentine's Day. Instead, they are making craft-type gifts on their own, baking cookies for their loved ones or getting something meaningful for that special someone.

"This year I'm doing a scavenger hunt for the guy in my life so he will understand what having him in my life means to me," said Naharain Merza, a political science senior.

Merza will be spending Valentine's Day giving her man a present from her heart, not something that was bought with money.

"New technology offers even more ways for lovers to say 'I love you,'" said Viren Patel, an economics senior. "I always send greetings through the Internet, like Valentine's cards."

Those who live a great distance from their significant others can send a love letter via e-mail or send an animated e-card.

New yogurt swirls out of Cal Poly

By Adam Jarman

A new type of tomato has hit several Cal Poly students. A team of food science and agriculture students has developed a new yogurt product and has won first place recognition for its development.

The students were competing in the California Egg Commission's New Product Development Contest in which teams of college students are challenged to create new products containing eggs, according to a press statement.

"The contest is to encourage food science students in product development," said Helen Busch, food technologist and contest coordinator for the CEC. She said they have been holding this contest for about five years.

Busch said entries were due Dec. 1, and winners were announced at the end of December. The contest has only one winner, Busch said, and the contest does not disclose how many teams entered.

The Cal Poly team took the contest criteria and came up with both a candied-yogurt swirled with chocolate custard and a cheesecake-flavored yogurt. Their concept is to sell the "Tomato Tornado" to be sold in three-packs and packaged in clear containers so the swirls can be seen. Their product is also meant to serve a dual function: it can be eaten (next to the refrigerator as a snack), or from the freezer as a dessert.

"The project was a great opportunity for students to learn to work together as a team," said Amherst Khome, a food science and nutrition senior.

To be considered for the contest, the team developed a complete proposal containing everything from the product concept to packaging ideas and the actual product.

Busch said the CEC food science staff judged the entries.

"They read the submissions and decided which ones they thought were best," Busch said.

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Out to dry – in the rain

A miniature clothesline with tiny paper cutouts just a few inches off the ground decorated Dexter Lawn Monday. The artists are, as of yet, unknown.
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Magnifying the options

IBM recently donated more than $1 million to Cal Poly programs

By Ryan Ballard
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

After years of squinting, Cal Poly students can finally see clearly.

Cal Poly recently received donations totaling more than $1 million from IBM. The initial donation included $100,000 worth of microscopes and $900,000 worth of robots equipment. At the time of publication, an agreement was being worked out for another $100,000 worth of microscopes to be donated.

Professor Sema Alptekin, department chair for industrial and manufacturing engineering, heard through some of her professional colleagues that IBM was planning to donate some of its used equipment. She contacted Darrick Smith, a Cal Poly graduate in mechanical engineering and current senior engineer in IBM's research and development department.

First, Alptekin visited IBM in Sun Lore to look at the robotics equipment, which will be used for several classes, including IME 356, manufacturing automation, and IME 416, automation of industrial systems.

"I went up there, visited the facility and saw the equipment, because we don't want to accept junk," Alptekin said.

The equipment is approximately two years old and is in very good condition, Alptekin said.

While talking with Smith about the equipment, she saw a bunch of microscopes, which Smith told her was also available. During a meeting with the Interdepartmental Head Council, of which Alptekin is the chairman, several professors expressed a need for microscopes.

Alptekin contacted Smith again to inquire about obtaining the microscopes. Among the departments looking to get their share of the microscopes were food science and nutrition, eye science, kinesiology, physics, animal science, environmental horticulture, civil engineering, electrical engineering, and construction management.

The robotics line that the industrial and manufacturing engineering department received from IBM has ended up being more than the department needs. The extra robotics equipment will be passed on to the agricultural engineering department as well as the engineering departments of Allan Hancock College, Cuesta College, Cal Poly Pomona, and San Joaquin Delta College.

In the initial donation, IBM gave 18 microscopes to the industrial and manufacturing engineering department. Alptekin distributed an e-mail to the entire faculty asking which departments had a need for microscopes. She was surprised at the overwhelming response. More than three times the number of microscopes being donated were requested.

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Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering lecturer Martin Cech, left, and department chair Sema Alptekin, right, recently accepted a gift from IBM of $100,000 in microscopes.

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Is hooking up getting to be a big let down?

There are a few universal truths in life. 1) Italian men get hairy and wear gold jewelry. 2) All Germans love David Hasselhoff. 3) College kids are horny. In a city like San Luis Obispo, word travels fast.

Despite the some 18,000 students, Cal Poly just isn’t as socially anonymous as we’d like it to be. The speed of light and sound are no match for ... the speed of gossip.

Details of hooking up are whispered on the breeze in the University Union, foster on the trays at the Lighthouse, and lurk within layers of tri-tip. Thus, the cruel, embarrassing wheel of scandal begins to turn. Nicknames are formed, respect is lost, and feelings get hurt. So why is it that week after week, many, many, of us go out and do it all over again? Better yet, what are the green-light signals that tell us someone we barely know is a good candidate to see us naked?

Men and women have different motives for hooking up. On behalf of my gender, I think most women secretly want some sort of relationship to come out of a one-night stand. Every woman hopes that at some point in her sexual career, a random hook-up will lead to something more. Physical attractiveness is a factor for both sides, but women are also looking for someone trustworthy. In a way, we look for a man to make a preemptive promise that they won’t blab about the night they’re about to share. And because we consciously regret it before it happens. So why do it?

Women need sex just as much as men do. We need to feel like we’re not at risk of not being valued. Sometimes looking up can be an emotional report card. We all need validation, even if its sources aren’t that permanent in our lives.

But less awesome is the day after, when you wake up with a fake eyelash up your nose and your body pillow named Brad seems a bit cold and unresponsive. But then bodyguards watch over his feet and whispers words like “chlamidia” and “sht” into our young ears.

Thus, we think that if a relationship were to emerge from something random, our reputations would be safeguarded.

But just how are relationships in comparison to hooking up? Some say that they’d rather have a disease that can be cured with antibiotics than get in a relationship that could damage their heart forever. Few women know what their eventual love interests are, but a few of us just aren’t as into getting our hands all over someone as much as we used to be.

Concerns about getting arrested in the future, or even getting a friend or two, can also be a factor. Each year, hundreds of nominations are received by Nobel Prize committees for achievements in physics, chemistry, medicine, peace, economics and literature.

One of this year’s nominees for the Nobel Peace Prize is soccer - not the sport itself. Even more shocking is another nominee: a convicted murderer selected for his work on deter­ring youths to join gangs.

Stanley “Tookie” Williams was a co-founder for the Crips gang 30 years ago. He has been in San Quentin for the past 20 years. His nomination is based on his writing, peer mentoring and computer literacy programs for at-risk youths. I can understand why some people might have reservations about giving this prestigious award to a criminal, and I agree. He is a convicted murderer and he shouldn’t have any rewards in jail.

People get outraged when they hear that a convict uses the state because he doesn’t get peanut butter. People should be intrigued, or at least bothered, that a convict can potentially win the Nobel Peace Prize.

Winning the Nobel Prize would mean getting a medal, a diploma and $1 mil­lion. The biggest objection should probably come from the family of the victim. It would be understandable that they wouldn’t want the person who killed their loved ones getting this prestige and money. The only thing I could think of is that this situation is probably a different person now, and that if this person were to release his community work he has done is any indication, he is serious about helping youths.

I am bothered by the fact that this nominee’s “community work” is basically only what he has done to clean up his life.

This wasn’t a person who initially promoted peace, this was a person who made big mistakes and now feels guilty for his actions and wants to clean his conscience. He shouldn’t be rewarded.

I can understand how some past Nobel nominees might not want this criminal to win. He is a criminal who screwed up and now wants to give back to the community. Fine. Let him contribute to the community all he wants, but he shouldn’t win any award.

His preventing people from joining gangs is a great thing, but in perspec­tive, that was the least he could do for his community.

This issue goes back to all those oil companies and corporations that screw up ecosystems and eventually clean it up. Everyone is amazed at how clean they left the area, but they were the ones who originally caused the problem to begin with.

I am not saying that we should never forgive people for previous mistakes they made in their youths, but let’s not reward them for something they owe the world.

I would hate to see a book that used the names of Mother Teresa, Yassar Arafat and “Tookie” Williams in the same sentence.

I am glad that “Tookie” is helping at­risk youth and he is trying to make a difference.

If the Nobel Prize committee really wants to give the prize to a true peace maker, they should give it to soccer. It has done more for uniting the world than any person last year.

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Opinion

Capital punishment falls short as crime deterrent

"If Jesus would have only gotten to eighth grade, he might still be teaching today." This is an anony­
mous quote by an advocate of the death penalty. As a Christian, that statement is still brings to mind
that capital punishment is a reality today just as it was in ancient times. The United States has had the death penalty in effect since colonial times with a brief cessation between the years 1972 and 1976. It has proved to be a very controversial topic, brought to our attention recently with President George W. Bush's campaign and Rex King's trial, slat­
ed to begin in June. But, with a 70 percent approval rating in the country, why is capital punishment
brought to our attention recently as a very controversial topic, being
a skill of marketing us to the other crusaders of human dignity.

Consider what to do with a child who disobeys his parents. Some
would conclude that a spanking is needed, or perhaps grounding him, for a week. Nonetheless, a punish­
ment is necessary. But why is it
parents punish their children? Precisely for two reasons: to deter the child from disobeying, and to foster the develop­
ment of respect for the parent's authority. Now, what if I get caught
speeding? If I don't do a good
enough job of crying and acting confused, the officer will write me a ticket. My punishment will be to
pay a fine or possibly lose my license if my hobby is getting pulled over. The desired effect of my punishment is to deter me from breaking the law again, and to get me to respect the law, which in turn leads me to have a respect for society. We can safely conclude
that the reason to punish for any crime (i.e., childparent), is to deter the actual contract breaker and to fos­

The death penalty is another case of opposition to the administration of this castigation that the majority of Americans agree with me on. So what can some­
one possibly do to foster his her right to live! Commit a heinous crime? Possibly, but let us examine the tendency of punishment itself before jumping to conclusions.

The homicide rate in those states with the death penalty
is almost double the rate in states without the death penalty. I would
not call that much of a deterrent. Also, we can glance at our friendly neighbors from the north, the Canadians. Canada has no death penalty, and, since the abol­
ishment of capital punishment, the homicide rate has been rapidly decreasing. Many other industrial
nations have observed the same trend since ridding themselves of the death penalty. Makes you won­
der...

"But maybe the death penalty nurtures goodness in society," retort
the deeper death penalty people. Considering that we are one of the most violent and disorderly coun­
tries in the world, I'd say capital punishment isn't making Bob over there a better person.

Let us return to the original pur­
purpose of punishment: to deter the actual contract breaker and to fos­
	ter respect for the particular authority. If we imprison a mur­
derer for a proper duration, the mental­ity for a convicted murderer, the warning which electrocution and lethal injection have a case. You
tell me. The homicide rate in states without the death penalty is almost double the rate in states

Should student fees be adjusted to keep pace with inflation?

Read the following objective statement, financial analysis, pro statement, and con statement. You will have nine opportunities to attend a forum to voice your opinion or ask any questions. By attending any of the forums, you can voice your support or non-support of the proposal. Questions? Call the ASI Student Govt Office at 756-1291 or come by UU 202, M-F, 8am-5pm.

Objective Statement

The establishment of campus based mandatory fees have been based on the
desire to provide programs and services to students. The General Fund Allocation process,
These fees were established without consideration for price inflation and the collateral effects on the services and programs being provided. The result is that fixed fees, without the benefit of a price index increase, gradually erode the quantity of services and programs provided. The Inflationary Fee Adjustment Proposal would provide a mechanism under which campus based mandatory fees could be adjusted annually to compensate for the effects of inflation price increases. Price indices are used to measure the rate of inflation affecting the buyer. People
are most familiar with the Consumer Price Index which measures the changes in prices paid by consumers for food, clothing, shelter, transportation, and other common goods and services. However in 1975 the U.S Department of Education began releasing the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) to measure the cost of inflation on the current operations of colleges and universities, using a basket of goods and services relevant to higher education institutions. The Inflationary Fee Adjustment Proposal proposes use of HEPI in calculating the annual adjustment of campus manda­tory fees. Campus mandatory student registration fees are "fees that must be paid in order to apply to, enroll in, or attend the university." Campus mandatory fees include the Campus Acad­
emy Fee, Health Facility Fee, Instrucational Related Activities Fee, Interscholastic Fee, and Student Fee. Each fee is a cost that students must pay in order to receive the service or benefit they provide.

Open Forum Schedule

Tuesday, February 13:
CSES College Council at 8pm

Tuesday, February 20:
CSU College Council at 8pm

Wednesday, February 21:
CSU Belk College Council at 8pm

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**Sports**

**TELEVISION**

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to do it — but once you get behind the camera you have to pay attention and listen to the announcers," said Chris Bancroft, an operator for one of the two main cameras. "I can usually tell what kind of game it's going to be in the first few minutes."

The kind of contest that Thursday's victory was going to be, however, was not so easily apparent. The gym was only three-quarters full, and the score was 28-19 10 minutes into the game. Then, just six minutes later, the Mustangs went on a 21-4 run that cracked the over-imcreasing crowd.

"People make broadcasting out to be harder than it is — it's just a lot of people working to put a show on," said Matt Lipp, associate director.

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The Mustangs went off the bench and started playing aggressively. Barnes said he thought being on television contributed to the Cal Poly win.

"We were excited about being on TV because we wanted to show people in California that we feel like we are a good team," Barnes said. "We wanted to prove that we do have a good team and that we can win."

**CAMPUS PREPARATION**

Although Barnes was confident that Cal Poly would look good on television, he had worked the week prior to the game, the athletic department handed out tickets to the day prior to the game. Running Thursday, Cal Poly's marching band, and the local band's Dead held a pre-game rally in front of Matt Gym. Also, faculty and staff got free in.

The announcers, like Barnes, were sure that the game would be a hit.

"I know this place is going to be packed," Morrison said before the game. "I think there will be a lot of energy in here and that's really good for a broadcast." Toms, also excited about the game because a lot of young couples have been telling him that Cal Poly is a prime place to be.

"Every coach wants to win, and this conference is winnable because there is no dominant team," he said. "Cal Poly is in a place where you could really get cooking."

Tompkins also wanted to cover Thursday's game because it was a day trip from his home in San Francisco. "I just got back from Tennessee yesterday, and when I got home my sons had the flu and I was up all night giving him aspirin," Tompkins said. "Today, I'll be in Oregon. I'm on perennial jet lag."

Although traveling for the announcers is hard, it could be worse, said Cory Rosenberg, the Fox crew's second engineer.

"Five of us work together a lot so we travel well and we have a good time," said associate director Matt Lipp. "People think it's a lot harder than it is — it's just a lot of people working to put a show on.

"I tend to overthink those situations. We have a great time and it gets me pumped when we do a live show," he said. "Tonight was fun."
Behind the scenes... at Mott Gym with Fox Sports

By Sarah Doub
COURIER STAFF WRITER

Television recorded the day when Cal Poly men's basketball and two teams stepped up.

Fox Sports West 2 showed television audiences the 101-88 victory over Long Beach State and the high-decibel crowd of 2,978 at Mott Gym.

The broadcasting of Thursday's game marked the second regionally televised game from Mott Gym. ESPN 2 aired the Cal Poly blowout loss by Idaho in 1999, 101-75, with a crowd that dwindled throughout the game.

This was not Thursday. It was the largest crowd of the season. Two sets of shutterless males cheered for the team and the cameras by painting "Cal Poly" and "Mustangs" on their stomachs.

This school spirit is surprising because of the record seven-game home losing streak and because the high school senior of 5:30 p.m., two hours earlier than normal. Chalk it up to television.

Fox Sports West 2 arrived on Thursday morning in a large, expandable semi-truck with a satellite dish on the top.

"Basically, the schedule is that we do pre-production in the truck and then we record shots of key plays and record the game," said Jerry Walsh, the show's producer.

"Then the game starts."

The art of announcing

This is a hard job for the game. Barry Tompkins and Stan Morrison, and the crew flew in from Los Angeles to get prepared.

"I never look at a game until I'm done with the prior show," said Tompkins, a veteran announcer who mainly covers basketball and boxing for Fox Sports. "Basically, I'm staying one step ahead of the class."

Tompkins and Morrison arrived early to prepare and watch the two teams warm up.

"The one thing I know is that Cal Poly won up at Idaho," Tompkins said on arrival. "That's why we've got Stan."

Morrison, the athletics director at UC Riverside, provides the inside information.

"I've done color for Fox for three years and I know all the coaches and all the conference people," Morrison said. "Barry's the pro; he's on TV more than Mickey Mouse."

The director, Tom Caterski, said that no big mess-ups happened on Thursday for the announcers.

"Announcing is a very subtle thing," Caterski said. "A monkey can sit in the truck and just talk, but to do it well is really a subtle art."

Inside the truck

While being an announcer is subtle, being in the semi-truck when the game sits is intense. Sixty-three monitors cover everything that is going on. The director sits in the center, the producer and assistant director to the left and the technical director to the right.

Also in the small television studio on wheels are people in charge of graphics, statistics and audio.

"Everything is high pressure, very split-second and some people don't react well to that," said Caterski, an independent director for 25 years. "There's a real divergence in the atmospheres of almost every truck you walk into. Some directors yell and scream; I like to have fun."

The atmosphere in the truck on Thursday was fun and far from boring.

"Getting to see what goes on behind the scenes was amazing," said Jennifer W Chesel, a business junior who sat in the truck during the game. "Everything was so fast-paced and exciting. There's so much that goes on that you don't even realize."

There are monitors devoted to replays, others to graphics and others to player and team profiles.

"Technical director is a really hard job," Caterski said. "All of the special effects are mind-boggling."

In addition, Fox has a lot of special effects that must be dealt with.

"The equipment and technology changes a lot," technical director Jay Alarcon said. "It's like learning to drive a different car every day, where the steering wheel is on the other side and pedals are switched."}

Camera operators

Each camera has its own monitor, and the two biggest screens in the trucks show what the home viewers see. There were two big cameras at the top of the stands and two hand-held cameras under the baskets.

One of the hand-helds was not only under the baskets, but under the cheerleaders as well. Caterski joked, "That's how we get our rutting."

Usually, one of the big cameras shows the game as a whole, while the other camera focuses on smaller parts of game.

"It's a lot of fun to do camera - sometimes I can't believe I get paid," Caterski said.

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NBA wants to build off success of All-Star game

NEW YORK - (AP) If the last nine weeks of the regular season mimic the last nine minutes of the All-Star game, then no guarantee that the Stars will stay atop the East or the Shaq-Kobe feud will endure.

As everyone learned Sunday, things can change quickly in the NBA.

The season resumes tonight with 11 games. All-Star MVP Allen Iverson and his bungled-up Philadelphia 76ers travel to Milwaukee for a matchup of division leaders, the dysfunctional defending champion Los Angeles Lakers play at New Jersey, the Minnesota Timberwolves take an 11-game winning streak into Portland and the Hornets will be trying to avoid their 17th consecutive loss as they play the Hawks.

The league can only hope it can build off the excitement generated in the All-Star game, in which the East came back from a 21-point deficit in the fourth quarter to stun the West 111-110.

"I thought the game was really a great game for the league, under the circumstances," said East coach Larry Brown of Philadelphia. "I've heard so much negative stuff about the direction of the league and all these young players not living up to the standards of the other players in the past, so it was a wonderful ending for us."

Much of that negativity has been directed at Brown's star player, Allen Iverson, who scored 15 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter to lead the East to its improbable victory.

Iverson earned All-Star MVP honors, and it's not inconceivable that he could win the regular season MVP award, too.

To do so, he'll need to carry the 76ers through another crisis. Philadelphia, which has had the league's best record for all but a few days this season, will be without center Theo Ratliff for at least a month as the league's leading shot-blocker recovers from a wrist injury. It's the latest injury to strike a Philadelphia team that has already been without point guard Eric Snow (ankle surgery) and forward Matt Geiger.