Employees raise $60,000 for United Way

Suzanne Grimmer
MUSTANG DAILY

Despite a tighter budget for California’s state universities, Cal Poly employees raised over $60,000 for the United Way of San Luis Obispo through giving portions of their paychecks for the 2004-05 school year.

The California State Employees Charitable Campaign, allows state employees to designate whether or not they would like to donate to the United Way if so a donation amount and to which organization through United Way.

“I feel fortunate that I can contribute each month and I feel it’s an easy way to give back,” said Robert Detweiler, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. “We are blessed to have steady employment and to be able to help people with greater needs than ours.”

Tony Aeilts, chief of police at the Cal Poly University Police Department, has a unique perspective of the campaign. He is a state employee and the State Campaign Manager of the United Way Board of Directors.

Aeilts said being a policeman for over 30 years has given him a valuable perspective on how needed campaigns like this are for both those who give and those who receive.

“This campaign helps me do my see Donation, page 2

Fire Department burns buildings

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The San Luis Obispo City Fire Department along with the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and the CDF conducted a “live fire training” on August 16, 17 and 18. Firefighters conducted operational training to include: search and rescue with the aid of thermal imaging cameras, ventilation drills and rapid intervention techniques. A home and four apartment buildings were set on fire for the operation.

Floral designers win top honor in national competition

Jennifer Gongaware
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Cal Poly’s student chapter of the American Institute of Floral Designers competed against 13 other schools and the group took first in both the team competition and various individual events.

All eight team members, Jennifer Hart, Dana Cuzzorto, Hilary Hirzel, Layci Gragnani, Liz Brown, Audrey Chesney, Sonny Palido and Anna Villalobos, placed in the top 15 in all categories. The categories were: sympathy, bridal bouquet, holiday arrangement and flowers to wear.

Tony Aeilts took first place in sympathy, second in holiday and third overall. Six out of the eight placed in the top spots for holiday.

“Floral designers compete against 13 other schools and the group took first in both the team competition and various individual events.

The whole atmosphere and meeting the designers was great,” said Melinda Lynch, team instructor. “So the designs have to be off the wall.”

At dinner the night before, Lynch explained the concept and theme and made the girls come up with four sketches each before they could leave. On the day of the competition they were given an hour to complete their arrangement for each category without any sketches or drawn designs.

“It’s stressful because when a judge walks up to an arrangement either they like it or they don’t,” Lynch said.

The girls also got to participate in the convention by posing as see Floral, page 2

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Quilt to benefit student scholarships

Student scholarships honoring Everett and Arlene Chander will come from a quilt raffling

Ashley Lopez
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly Student Affairs Department staff and volunteers have finished a quilt to be raffled off in honor of long-time university supporters Everett and Arlene Chander.

The quilt’s theme is “Textures of Our Community,” and it will be used to establish funding for student scholarships in the name of the Chanders.

Everett and Arlene Chander have served the Cal Poly community for several years. Everett Chander held office as the dean of students and was also chief of staff. While Everett’s wife, Arlene is credited with the creation of the Cal Poly Week of Welcome.

In addition, the couple has been involved with the ethnic studies department, the Kennedy Library, and the athletics department.

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Denise Campbell facilitated the Cal Poly scholarship quilt project.

At the Student Affairs Fall gathering, the quilt enthusiasts invited attendees to color block designs.

Of the 100 submissions made, 49 were converted and used in the final quilt that took six months to complete.

With the money received from the raffle of the quilt, the student affairs department plans to submit scholarships, which celebrates diverse backgrounds.

“There has not been a specific avenue established for the criteria of the scholarships,” Campbell said. “We want to be consistent with what the Chanders have done in their devotion to ethnic studies and diversity programs.”

The idea to assemble the quilt is also in recognition to the interest that Everett Chander’s see Quilt, page 2

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job more effectively because the more money donated, the less crime we see and more change for the better in the town," Aulakh said. "And since the money raised here stays here, by donating we are making our community better for ourselves too.

One of the organizations that received a grant from United Way was Liberty Tattoo Removal, a non-profit organization that removes anti-social or gang-related tattoos that are holding people back from starting a new life in exchange for them doing 16 hours of community service.

"When you support us, you are supporting many other organizations too because the people we help go out into the community to help others," said Anita Broughton, coordinator at Liberty Tattoo Removal and a Cal Poly alumnus. "With local support or United Way, we couldn't survive.

Broughton feels that her program, like many supported by United Way, "runs deeply through people's lives, so the payoff is over time." Cal Poly employees who donated over $480 in a year received the title of "Leadership Giver" by the United Way of San Luis Obispo. Aulakh also showed these teachers special recognition by sending out his offices to award them with the "Leadership Bear Award" and a teddy bear to remember the occasion.

Of the 325 employees to give to the campaign, 32 received this honor including Detweiler. He says, however, that he values anyone who donates, no matter what the amount. Having grown up without much money, he says that giving is a trait to be learned over time.

"I'm an old man myself and can afford to give now, but what about just a little amount when they're young and continue to increase over time?" Cal Poly was the largest donor in San Luis Obispo County for the campaign this year raising $60,892. Atascadero State Hospital raised just over $53,000 and the California Department of Men's Colony raised just over $24,000. The annual average raised in the county is $50,000 with this year's total being $195,000. For more information about United Way call (805) 541-1234 or visit www.unitedwayslo.org. For more information about Liberty Tattoo Removal call (905) 781-1285.

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models for professional floral designer, Ron Mulray. Mulray came to Lynch in March and asked to work with the girls and have them pose as models for his "flowers to wear" finale.

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The makeup was outrageous," Lynch said.

"We had to wear outrageous headdresses and outfits, it was a really a lot of fun for all of us," Hirsel said.

Lynch has been working with flowers for a long time. She graduated from Cal Poly with a horticulture major and concentration in floral arranging.

"Working with fresh flowers every day and making something different every day," said Lynch. "You get to be creative, it's so wonderful.

Next year's competition will take place in Washington D.C. and the team will be competing to defend their title.
DONELLY, Idaho — President Bush took on the California mother who has been defiantly protecting outside his Texas home, saying Tuesday that Cindy Sheehan doesn’t represent the views of most military families and that fulfilling demands like hers for withdrawal from Iraq would weaken the United States. Bush said he understood the anguish of the woman whose son was killed in Iraq last year.

But he disagreed with her assertion that U.S. troops should be brought home before more die in a “senseless war.”

SACRAMENTO — A federal judge Monday rejected a request for a bond hearing for a Lori father and son held on terror-related charges.

In a related development, the government’s chief prosecutor revealed for the first time why two Lodi religious leaders caught up in the same investigation were deported without being charged with a crime.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Dale Drozd ruled there were no new circumstances that would justify holding the two, Carolyn Weingarten and her husband, as they’d been held since their arrests on Oct. 31.

The report, which congressional officials had set to review Tuesday evening, is a hard-hitting chronicle of actions taken by individuals and the CIA bureaucracy before the attacks nearly four years ago.

The findings are expected to highlight failures of specific individuals, according to present and former government officials speaking on condition of anonymity. GOP had told Congress that people scrutinized in the report had been given an opportunity to review it and respond.

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Here comes the big bad band

Cal Poly Alumni band gathers for annual jam session at the Madonna Inn to swing, shake and socialize

Though no hazing is involved, he joked, Stefaniert said, "You’ve just got to be able to play." It’s an interesting phenomenon that we stayed together for so long," Stefaniert, the bassist for the Collegians, said. "I think we just had a strong bond when we were in school together. We did every thing together. It was one of those all for one and one for all type of deals." Though the band only meets once a year, Stefaniert remembers the days when the Collegians used to tool up and down California. "We used to play in Los Angeles and San Francisco at high schools and junior colleges," he said. "Back when I first started (at Cal Poly) there were only about 2,500 students so it was also a recruiting effort.

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Paul Rinteler, director of jazz studies at Cal Poly, was a key figure in the creation of the Collegians Jazz Scholarship. "When I came here in 1997 to teach, I met the Collegians that first August," Rinteler said. "A year after that I approached them with the idea to institutionalize them at Cal Poly with a scholarship."

The process of choosing scholarship recipients is that students play up to a 10-minute piece for a jury of three to four faculty members, similar to an audition.

The jazz scholarship is funded by the Collegians and the annual Big Band dance concert. The Collegians will also be selling a compilation CD at the event that features music from previous records the band used to cut during years at Cal Poly. Stefaniert said the CDs are free, but a $10 donation is suggested. "I’m friends with a bunch of them and they’re a great group of guys," Rinteler said. "They have a great group cohesion because they’ve played together for some 50 years. I don’t know of any other alumni group in the country like that.”

Fischer, who started with the band in 1963, said he’s proud to play with such a long-standing band. "Harold Hinkle, our piano player had a heart attack and played two weeks later because he wasn’t going to miss it," Fischer said, laughing. Remembering his old band director, Fischer said it was a great feeling to know that his father also played for Davidson back in his day at Cal Poly. "H.P. Derry was the kind of guy that made these things happen," Fischer said. "If he was still alive, he’d be amased and fairly tickled." One of the reasons why we do it, Stefaniert said, "is to keep the name and the history alive."
God and politics don't mix

Here's part of a recent conversation I had with a friend who is a Christian.

FRIEND: "So, you voted for Bush in the last election, right?"

ME: "Nope, I'm pretty much a Democrat."

FRIEND: "And you seriously call yourself a Christian?"

ME: (reply with blank stare and suppressed irritation) "Yup."

I guess the bottom line is that I'm tired of people assuming that Christian means Republican. And even more, I'm tired of many Christians feeling like you aren't a true Christian if you vote anything else.

First of all, I feel like everyone actually researches politics and the elections, they would find that one doesn't usually agree with every single issue of either of the two major parties. I find that in many cases, people vote solely on the issue of abortion. This is why Republicans have become the "Christian party." It happens to be totally against abortion, but still call myself a Democrat because if we're talking about valuing human life and God's creation, Bush has violated more human rights violations than I can keep track of.

December of 2004 states that hundreds are still being kept in Guantanamo Bay without trial or conviction. Geneva Conventions seem to come to mind. In general, I feel like Republican beliefs don't match up with what God calls me to believe (or anyone else who cares about people). I believe Big Business (as they call it) promotes unrestricted corruption in the economy, and that Jesus has called us to live with love for one another, not out of greed.

I also feel that wholesome is important because it is an amazing way to help people who have hit a hard time in their life. Just because some believe wholesome is abused doesn't mean it shouldn't exist for everyone else.

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In my opinion, you can be a Christian who loves God deeply and vote either way. Both parties have their good points, but I personally would rather vote for a party that I don't fully agree with than vote for one that gives God a bad name and that's exactly what Bush is doing. Maybe in another election I would vote Republican, but for now I think there are just too many hypocrites in office.

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An article from Amnesty International in June of 2002 calls the U.S. the world's leader in human rights violations since September 11. It also cites how the Bush administration has "traded human rights in the interest of security" by detaining many people indiscriminately, or without rights to contact anyone. It also explains how many of the Muslim detainees suffered verbal and physical abuse from guards while living in cruel conditions.

A more recent Amnesty International article from

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Another quarter comes around, and you're excited to register in order to get those classes that you need to graduate. You check your registration priority and figure out which classes you want, but wait... can you ever truly do that? POWER, short for PolyWeb Registration, is a tool that I have love and hate relationship with.

With all of the general education requirements at Cal Poly, fitting them in with your major classes can be tough. POWER is supposed to make registration easy, but why does it lack even the basic elements of Internet-based registration systems at other colleges and universities? Even locally, Cuesta College has WebReg, a system that could run circles around POWER. Our system here at Cal Poly lacks basic functions that we need to get the right classes at the right times. POWER will find the best schedule for you based on the classes and times you select, but what about after that? When you take in or move units, or add a class, you may need to make your own adjustments to get the classes you need. This is especially true for classes that are prerequisites for other classes. Our system only makes it worse.

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The Endowment was the first of its kind for the Cal Poly Sports Club Alumni Association and exceeded the $10,000 it hoped for in December 1999. It still provides an annual payout to meet travel, equipment and supply expenses for the team.

Sponsors also help to cover expenses for the team. A Jersey Sponsor donates $1,000 for a new set of team jerseys, and can add their company patch on the front for an additional $1,000. A corporate sponsor donates more than $1,000. A restaurant sponsor allows after game functions at their establishment, reserves seating and donates free/discounted food to players after games. A basic sponsor donates $500 to the team.

The sponsors provide banners to be recognized at games as they hang them at the top of each of the new shirts sold and on the schedule posted throughout the stadium.

Cal Poly entered their first National Final Four Tournament with an undefeated record last year, but lost to Cal Berkeley, finishing runner Tony Petruccia and Ed Pits were named to the 2005 All-American Squad and competed in a two-match tour of New Zealand and Australia in August.

For this upcoming year, there are many predictions by the players they will do very well, despite losing some great players after graduation.

"I predict this season to be very successful," Ramirez said. "We lost a lot of key players, but I think we still have some guys that will take us far."

There are a lot of new guys," Broom said. "I only have a handful of seniors that started with us."
A rugby story

Cal Poly rugby, which participated in its first final four last year, will be looking to return in 2005-06 and make its mark on the rugby world.

Jennifer Gongaware

What football symbolizes in America is what rugby represents to the rest of the world. In both, fans can be seen to see some blood, sweat and big men yelling. American football originated from rugby, but the tricks have been independent for a long time.

In rugby, the players wear only a mouthpiece and headgear for protection, can only pass laterally and the player with the ball is the only one allowed to be tackled. The term "touchdown" in football came from the rugby rule the ball has to be advanced over the line and touched on the ground by the player to count, said SLO Men's rugby player, Lief McKay, 31, a migrant from Australia.

"Rugby is non-stop compared to football," said Cal Poly Flanker/Lock Ronny Rosser, 22. "It's 80 minutes of running because there aren't any downs like in football."

This will be Rosser's fourth year on the Cal Poly team. He was named All-American along with Brian Barnard, Ed Franzit, John Kennard, captain Jon Keller, Tony Petruzzella and Jason Lavins.

"It's a great way to get out and do something. The game and the competitiveness are fun," Rosser said.

The camaraderie between the players seems to be of the utmost importance to both the teams and the tradition of rugby.

"It's definitely a team sport," said Cal Poly's head coach of five years Tony Broom. "If one guy makes a mistake, the whole team has to pay for it."

"We do a lot together on and off the field," vice president of Cal Poly's team, Thomas Ramirez said. "We are interactive in each other's life and we build a bond."

Ramirez joined the team last year after playing football for Cal Poly did not work out. He heard about a group of guys that played, and he decided to find out. Rosser agreed for good's guys that played football in high school and are not going to play in college. That's also how he got involved with the sport.

"I'll take anyone who wants to come out and play and have fun," Broom said.

Broom said that around 60 guys try out each year and it tickles down to 40 to 50 guys by the start of the season.

"It's obvious this identifies the need," coach Rich Ellison said.

Cal Poly received 20 out of 35 first place votes in the media poll for a total of 189 points. They also received five of the six first place votes in the coaches poll for a total of 32 points.

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SLO Rugby falls short

Jennifer Gongaware

The Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo rugby team battled it out on the grass of Damon Garcia Park in SLO August 20 at the 20th Annual Tri-Tip Sevens Tournament. The overall win by Fresno did not come easily.

The SLO men's team in Division II was underated in the cup, as they beat Santa Barbara 20-14 and stomped both North County San Diego 50-6 and Mt. Diablo 48-0, but lost in a close match to Fresno.

The Cal Poly team beat the Kings from San Diego 12-5 and the SLO men's B team 33-6 in the semifinal, but lost to Fresno 19-0. Many players on the regular season team were not in attendance for the tournament as they are gone for the summer.

The SLO women's team placed third in the tournament behind UCSD in second and Alameda taking first.

The Beer Garden played host to an impetus Cal Poly and SLO men's team afterwards and the traditional "Downtown Pub Crawl" soon followed.

"The tournament really went great regardless," said SLO men's player Lief McKay, 31, who moved to SLO from Australia five years ago. "It was a great success."

Poly alum Madden receives Pro Football Hall of Fame nomination

CANTON, Ohio — John Madden, who coached the Oakland Raiders for a decade before becoming one of the NFIs best-known television personalities, was nominated Wednesday as a finalist for the Pro Football Hall of Fame, along with former Dallas Cowboys offensive tackle Rayfield Wright.

The two, chosen by the Hall's seniors committee, will be joined by 13 other candidates from the modern era. The vote for election will be on Feb. 4, 2006, the day before the Super Bowl in Detroit.

Four of six from that group of 15 will be elected to next year's class. Madden had a record of 112-39-7 with the Raiders between 1969 and 1978. His winning percentage of .739 is second among coaches with two or more wins behind Vince Lombardi at .750. Madden, whose team won the Super Bowl following the 1976 season, has the best regular-season percentage at .750.

But he has gained even more fame as an analyst on NFL telecasts and more recently for the football video game that bears his name.

"There are some people who still call me Coach," he said Wednesday. "But there are a lot of people who know me as an announcer. Then there are the youngsters who just call me Madden. They're the ones who know me only from the game."

Wright, one of the premier left tackles of his day, played for Dallas from 1967-79 and was one of two Super Bowl winners. He narrowly missed being elected in the regular season of the voting two years ago, his last shot before going into the seniors pool. He played in six Pro Bowls and was All-Pro three times.

"I'm really happy," he said. "I'm speechless."

Great West Football

After winning the inaugural Great West Football Conference Championship, great things are expected from Cal Poly's football team this season, even those not affiliated with the school.

The team has been selected by the coaches and media repeat this year in preseason polls. The team was ranked among UC Davis, North Dakota State, Northern Colorado, South Dakota State and Southern Utah. After the ranking, points were assigned for each place in the preseason standings, according to the Cal Poly Web site.

"(It selects) the expectations that have changed surrounding the team," coach Rich Ellison said.

Cal Poly received 20 out of 35 first place votes in the media poll for a total of 189 points. They also received five of the six first place votes in the coaches poll for a total of 32 points.

"It's obvious this identifies the need," coach Rich Ellison said.

Armstrong accused of steroid use

PARIS — The director of the Tour de France claims Lance Armstrong has "fooled" the sports world and that the seven-time champion owes fans an explanation over new allegations he used a performance-enhancing drug.

"The director Jean-Marc Leblanc's comments appeared in the French sports daily L'Equipe on Wednesday, a day after the newspaper reported that six urine samples provided by Armstrong during the '99 Tour tested positive for the red blood cell-booster EPO.

"For the first time — and these are no longer rumors, or suspicions, these are proven scientific facts — someone has shown me that in 1999, Armstrong had a banned substance called EPO in his blood," Leblanc said.

"The ball is now in his court. Why, how, by whom? He owes an explanation to someone who follows the tour. Today, what the Ligero revealed shows me that I was fooled. We were all fooled," Leblanc said.

On Tuesday, Leblanc called the latest allegations of Armstrong using hormonal and/ orabolic steroids a "shocking and disturbing story."