**Organic produce done the Poly way**

The student-run Organic Farm offers organic produce, such as squash, lettuce, broccoli, onions and carrots.

**Thao Tran**

**CSA Manager Sandra Sarrouch picks peppers at the Cal Poly Organic Farm located behind the Cal Poly dairy unit.**

**Tough weekend for women's soccer**

**‘Emily Rose’ scares moviegoers**

**Professors publish irrigation book in five languages**

**Thao Tran**

Two Cal Poly professors wrote a book on irrigation after 15 years of research that will soon be translated into five languages. "Drip and Micro Irrigation for Trees, Vines, and Row Crops," a 285-page book, is available in Spanish and English, and will soon be published in Dutch, German and Italian.

"We've just been very fortunate," co-author Stuart W. Styles said. "It's been well received by the industry." Charles M. Burt and Styles wrote the book to provide the agriculture industry with methods and techniques for design and management of micro and drip irrigation systems.

According to the publication, "The information in this book was obtained over the years from discussion with literally hundreds of growers, system designers, installers and professionals." Irrigation designers, farmers and managers mainly use the book. "It's a wonderful reference and technical text," said Susan Rathburn, a designer working for Cal West Irrigation. "As a designer, it provides all the technical tools to complete a drip irrigation system. It's very practical and easy to follow the path of design parameters and through the subscription you get the best of what's available in the county," farmer Terry Hooker said. "We bring in what the climate doesn't allow us to produce, so you can sample produce from local farmers as well.

According to the CSA, subscribers receive their own "harvest box" — an offering of organic fall bounty reaped by the students. Subscribers can pick up the boxes weekly at the experimental farm. The program runs eight weeks for students, beginning October 3 and ending November 21.

The harvest boxes come in two sizes. The larger size, or "full share," is a serving of 10 to 12 vegetables designed to feed 3 to 6 people. The "half share" size will provide enough vegetables for at least two people.

The cost to sign up is $128 for students, with an additional $32 charge if they want to receive a dozen eggs each week for the full quarter. The price of organic vegetables and a dozen free-range eggs is about $20 per week.

**Los Osos still divided over septic tanks versus sewer system**

**Tim Molloy**

**LOS OSOS — This is a small town with a big plumbing problem, and a vote that could bubble down to how residents want to solve it.**

The issue is bubbling over because the town never modernized its plumbing as it grew from a post-War II retreat to a 15,000-person bedroom community of San Luis Obispo, located near the midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Signs supporting and opposing a $155 million sewer project line the streets and dirt roads where houses use septic tanks to cope with waste. Colorful protest signs range from an environmentalist who waves signs at drivers to a local artist who has done a series of paintings of a "sewer dragon" threatening the town. Public meetings about the project often start at dusk and drag into early morning.

On Tuesday, residents voted whether to recall three officials who support the new sewer and replace them with project opponents.

The regional water quality control board ordered Los Osos to replace septic systems two decades ago, saying the town pollutes the groundwater supply and the picturesque Morro Bay Estuary.

Since then, projected costs of the sewage solution have more than tripled as townpeople debated what kind of system to build.

The Los Osos Community Services District, founded in 1998 to deal with the problem, has begun construction of a sewage treatment plant near what many consider the town’s center in the "cypress pocket."
California governor signs charity motorcycle

The form er Cal Poly pledges have abandoned their plans to start a Lambda Phi Epsilon chapter and will instead organize a campus community service group to honor Luong.

Officials from the Orange County Coroner's Office said an autopsy is pending.

Members of the UC Irvine Lambda Phi Epsilon chapter decided to comment on the incident.

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Researchers discuss stem cell use

Sumayya Ahmad
Daily Trojan [USC]

LOS ANGELES — The California Science Center held a program titled "Promise and Pitfalls of Stem Cell Research" Saturday that featured researchers and speakers promoting a greater understanding of the science, legality and ethical debate that revolves around the research.

The speakers included California State Sen. Deborah Ortiz (D-Sacramento), an ethicist on the stem cell research oversight committee, and two prominent stem cell researchers, Dean Geoffrey Cowan of Annenberg School of Communication moderated the event.

Dr. Lawrence Goldstein, professor of cellular and molecular medicine at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine and a leader in stem cell research, began the panel by explaining how stem cells are formed discussing the potential they have for assisting with disease.

Researchers get stem cells usually from invivo fertilization. When an egg cell and sperm meet, a zygote is formed. After a few cell divisions, the zygote becomes a blastocyst, which has a thin layer of cells. It is "pluripotent," which means it has the ability to differentiate into any various cell types. Stem cells are formed from the blastocyst, but not all of the blastocyst contains stem cells.

"Stem cells are actually pretty simple. They can divide to give rise to more stem cells or with proper chemicals and environmental factors, they can give rise to cells of the brain, cells of the heart, or any other cells in the adult body," Goldstein said. "As you can imagine, they can be enormously helpful for treating disease."

Goldstein called stem cells an "enabling technology" that allow researchers to get more insight into diseases such as cancer and allow scientists to provide therapies and cures to patients with severe diseases, such as leukemia and Alzheimer's disease.

"Many diseases we treat at the end stage with organ transplants. The ugly fact is that the rate of need is growing faster than the rate of supply," he said. "For some disorders, we can't find a donor match."

In such cases, Goldstein said stem cells have the potential to provide donor matches for those who are in need of transplants.

Ortiz, chair of the California State Health Committee, spoke about the implications of stem cell research from a policy perspective. She discussed the debate that is occurring about the future of the research.

One of the important issues for the legislature is ensuring that future therapies and treatments actually flow to all Californians and can be readily available to whomever may need it, Ortiz said.

"We are discussing whether or not with the $3 billion investment, there ought to be a policy to allow open scientific accessibility to the discoveries as well as access to those who may need to benefit from the treatments," Ortiz said.

The major point of contention at the moment is deciding how to best allocate the money and how and when the research can be accessible to Californians in the future, Ortiz said. She also mentioned that other states are attempting to do what California is doing, but few have succeeded.

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Professor finds little psychological difference between genders

Kelsey Willem
University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. — A University of Wisconsin study on gender found little to no difference in males and females psychological and stereotypes commonly perpetuated by the media are invalid.

UW psychology professor Janet Hyde, who conducted the study, spent more than twenty years researching what she calls "psychological gender differences," and has compiled studies, in addition to her own, that she said show no significant differences between men and women.

"I noticed in the popular press that there's such an emphasis on gender differences and that men and women are different," Hyde said. "Yet, research didn't support that; it really showed that women and men are quite similar, so I decided to survey all the different research on the topic."

Haid said all the data compiled showed many common misconceptions regarding gender stereotypes were, in reality, unfounded and misplaced.

"The striking finding is that for most psychological traits, males and females are really very similar," she noted. "It's so much in contrast to all this popular press stuff that has no science behind it."

Haid said she looked at a variety of categories in which it is generally assumed men and women are different, such as math performance and leadership skills. Studies have shown men and women actually exhibit similar performances in those categories, according to Hyde.

"In math performance, we have a stereotype that men are better in math than women, when in fact gender differences in math are very tiny," she said.

Haid herself said she believes her study has an impact on a lot of different fields and areas, especially see Gender, page 4
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regarding communication between the sexes.

"One of the aspects this study affects is within marriage or relationsh­ips," Foley said. "A lot of people get hung up on communication and that people can't communicate, which is not at all true."

UW sophomores Caitlin Foley disagrees with the findings however, and said the first thing to believe there are no significant dif­ferences between males and females, especially regarding relation­ships.

"It seems to me that it can't be completely true that there's no differ­ence between genders, especially when it comes to how they think about how to handle relationship issues," Foley said. "To me, it seems that often males and females react a lot differently when they're con­fronted with problems in their relation­ships."

She said she also feels her study has implications on the field of edu­cation, primarily regarding her findings on math performance. Concerned girls may have been dis­couraged in school, Foley said she hopes her findings enable them to perform and to be held to higher stan­dards.

"Society doesn't believe girls can do math, and therefore it's probably that plenty of talented girls have been steered away from math just because they have been told [all along] that they can't do it," Foley said.

She said Foley believes society will benefit significantly from her findings, and that it is important in many areas of life.

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“We see a patchwork across the country. About 25 to 30 states have restrictive policies, which would not allow this kind of research to be done. Very few are trying to do what California is doing,” she said. “It is subject to the political winds of the states.”

Dr. Ted Peters, a professor at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and an ethicist on the stem cell citizen's oversight com­mittee, outlined the ethical argu­ments behind the research.

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Dali Lama engages Rutgers students

Catherine E. Galioto & Arielle Gansberg

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — The Dalai Lama returned to a favorite topic — compassion — for his lecture at Rutgers University Stadium on Busch campus yesterday.

The lecture "Peace, War and Reconciliation" offered the Nobel Peace Prize winner a chance to dis­cuss his thoughts on world events and Buddhist concepts.

"It seems to me, peace is not just the absence of violence," the Dalai Lama said. "Peace is something more. Peace is an attitude, a motivation, compassion and concern.

We must forgo actions that do not cultivate compassion, he said. "Any act motivated by such anger, hatred, jealousy, then these actions are essentially violence," he said.

The 75-year-old leader of Tibetan Buddhism condemned the death sentence.

"Even from a practical point of view, a judicial death sentence — even when it is abolished — killing does not solve the problem."

If killing of the one is bad, then surely the killing of the other, the Dalai Lama said, "very bad, very sad, very bad.

"War is an outdated concept, he said. The dividers of warring coun­tries don't seem to apply, as we are all connected in globalism, he said.

"National borders are not so important," he said.

There is casually — a concept cen­tral to Buddhism. "Everything is interdependent," he said.

To achieve peace, the Dalai Lama said individuals must externally disarm, but disarmament must be inter­nal as well.

"We must look at the world of emotion," he said. "When we have negative emotions, intelligence can't function.

People should cultivate a calm mind instead of one clouded with anger, jealousy and hatred.

However, this is not easy, he said. "At times am jealous. When [my translator] speaks beautiful English, I have some jealous," he said. "The spiritual leader showed humil­i­ty.

I have nothing to offer, new ideas or new views, nothing special. So, you may disappoint after listen to my lecture. If you feel boring, then I'm sorry. But at least today this weather — not hot, not cold, quite pleasant, just a few minutes you spend here OK, not my problem," he said.

His lecture was preceded by what President Richard L. McCormick called the largest crowd for a non-ath­letic event. Among the audience were people of varied religions, races and ages.

"His holiness is one of the great figures who speaks of compassion in a world gone mad, filled with selfish and self-working people," said Righten

"I think he teaches love, and that's what Jesus taught — love, the supreme principle."

Although most attendees just wanted to be inspired, just wanted to hear the world-renowned speaker for themselves, others were working and volunteering at the event.

"We are able to send our kids to band camp just by working a season here," Ron Madara, a volunteer at the stadium said.

Madara is a member of the East Brunswick Boosters Association, the school's official booster club. The concession stand is a major fundraising source. Local volunteers man each concession stand, Madara said.

Even though the stadium's con­cession stands sold a variety of food — everything from hot dogs to fries — the main attraction was the stand sold meat.

"Out of respect for the Dalai Lama, no meat will be sold at today's event," signs at the concession stands read.

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Video games not always fun and games

Candace Otis

POMONA, Calif. — A 28-year-old man in South Korea died of exhaustion and, eventually, heart failure in August — from playing a computer game for 50 hours straight. He stopped only to take breaks to go to the bathroom. But he could not leave his makeshift bed he made next to his computer.

This is the first time that someone has died after playing computer games for a long period of time. In 2002, two young men from Taiwan and South Korea died after playing computer games non-stop for 32 hours and 86 hours, respectively.

"Issues of that nature need to be taken seriously," said Karlo Arenas, a senior business student. "They need to step away from it and come back to reality."

Escaping reality is one of the main reasons gamers play for such a long time.

"One of the things people look for in video games are fantasy, to escape issues that are going on in their lives," said Marisa Hecht Otzak, PhD, the director of Computer Addiction Study Center at McLean Hospital in Massachusetts.

"I usually ask them, what they expect to find when they turn on the computer? They usually say a sense of belonging."

Students play video games to escape the stress in their lives, such as long hours in the classroom or studying. But sometimes it can go too far and cause them to get burnt out and it can start to affect the gamer's life.

"Last quarter I had to end up quitting my classes because I just wasn't going to class," said David Collins, a senior mechanical engineering student and an avid video game player.

"There are people that can't socialize with people in real life, so they feel they can do it through a computer game," said Analisa Benavides, a senior mechanical engineering student and a frequent participant in the event, said Collins.

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Others like Benavides use video games as a form of entertainment. It is certainly healthier than the outlets chosen by some college students.

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"They feel more comfortable chatting with others," said Collins.

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Mobile music: the new iPod?

Alex Veiga
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When someone dials Leah Balecha's mobile phone, it doesn't ring. It jams with one dial.

"I love the reaction I get when people hear my phone ringing," Balecha said.

With U.S. mobile phone users like Balecha already spending hundreds of millions a year on ringtones, wireless carriers and the music industry are hoping to take the next step: using the phone as a portable music player.

Consumers in Japan, South Korea and Great Britain are already transferring songs directly from their computers to their phones, a practice known as sideloading, or download- ing full-length tracks over their mobile networks.

"It would depend a lot on how much it costs and how easy it was planning a separate download service next year. The growth of the U.S. mobile music market has been encouraging. Ringtone sales are now estimated at about $400 million and projected to launch the service in the United States this year. Verizon Wireless, which is affiliated with a British carrier that already offers full-song downloads in Britain, is also planning a similar U.S. service.

Online music retailers including Napster Inc. and Apple Computer Inc. are also vying to capture down-load sales by promoting handsets that users can hook up to their personal computer. The idea is to get users sideloading before plunging into pay-per-song downloads.

Earlier this month, Apple unveiled its ROKR, a mobile phone by Motorola Inc. that holds up to 100 songs and comes with Apple's iTunes software. It's being offered through Cingular Wireless, which is planning a separate download service next year.

Five new projects began on campus during the spring and summer quarters, and three more are scheduled to begin this winter. With these eight new projects the Cal Poly campus will experience major improvements in the next few years. For more information about campus projects, go to the Facilities Planning & Capital Projects website: http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/homefp.htm
Spin on classic proves creepy, strange

Karen Velie
STAFF WRITER

Finally, a horror movie that's not overloaded with gore, yet is still truly frightening. Although "The Exorcism of Emily Rose," directed by Scott Derrickson, is surprisingly light on special effects, the low-budget film is still effective in its ability to scare. The movie provokes viewers to contemplate the existence of evil, and in the process, they may want to sleep with the lights on.

"I thought it was really good," recollec­tion sophomore Cheyta Swartz said.

Loosely based on the true story of a modern day exorcism, the film goes back to 1976, when Anneliese Michel, 23-year-old woman, died during an official exorcism performed by the Catholic Church. Her parents and two priests were tried for the murder.

Michel ate spiders, urinated on the floor and drank her own urine. It was alleged by her priests and parents that she had supernatural strength and the ability to speak in languages that she had no training in, according to books written on Michel.

The movie focuses on the trial of Father Moore, a Catholic priest played by Tom Wilkinson, who is tried for negligent homicide following the death of Rose. The prosecution provides scientific rational for the insane behavior of Rose, played by Jennifer Carpenter.

The prosecution claims that Rose suffered from "psychotic epileptic disorder." Yet, the defense claims that she was possessed by demons and that the drugs given to her for the non-existent disorder led to her death.

Carpenter provides a compelling portrayal of the demonically-possessed college student as she accurately mimics facial and body expressions. Though Father Moore is offered a reduced sentence of reckless endangerment, he opts to go through with the trial in order to tell the young girl's story in hopes of showing that demons exist, converting non-believers.

Linney delivers a wonderful and affec­tionate portrayal of Moore's attorney Erin Bruner, a career-minded agnostic.

For Bruner, the trial is a life-changing event. She begins to question her beliefs as she experiences a variety of supernatural events.

Representing society's conflicts between faith and science, viewers are forced to either believe the priest that the drugs given to Rose died after being possessed by demons, or that she was a mentally ill young woman who died as a result of an unwarranted exorcism and the lack of medical care.

"It was creepy and strange," said Natasha Swartz, a University of California, Santa Barbara chemistry student.
Sheehan arrested during anti-war protest at White House

Jennifer C. Kerr
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WASHINGTON — Cindy Sheehan, the California mother who became a leader of the anti-war movement after her son died in Iraq, was arrested Monday along with hundreds of others protesting outside the White House.

Sheehan is carrying a photo of her son in his Army uniform, rallied with other protesters in a park across the street from the White House and then matched to the gate of the executive mansion to request a meeting with President Bush.

The protesters later sat down on the pedestrian walkway in front of the White House — knowing they would be arrested — and began singing and chanting "Stop the war now!"

Police warned them three times that they were breaking the law by failing to move on, then began making arrests. One man climbed over the White House fence and was quickly subdued by Secret Service agents.

Sheehan, 48, was the first taken into custody. She smiled as she was carried to the curb, then stood up and walked to a police vehicle as protesters chanted, "The whole world is watching.

"It's an honor to be arrested with this group of people," said Gary Handschumacher, 58, of Crawford, Colo., who was waiting for police to arrest him.

Sgt. Scott Fear, spokesman for the U.S. Park Police, said about 370 protesters were arrested over four and a half hours. All but one were charged with demonstrating without a permit, a misdemeanor. One person faced a charge of crossing a police line.

Sheehan's 24-year-old son, Casey, was killed last year in a ambush in Sadr City, Iraq. She attracted worldwide attention last month with her 26-day vigil outside Bush's Texas ranch.

The demonstration was part of a broader anti-war effort on Capitol Hill organized by United for Peace and Justice, an umbrella group. Representatives from anti-war groups met Monday with members of Congress to urge them to work to end the war and bring the troops home.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Bush "is very much aware" of the protesters and "recognizes that there are differences of opinion" on Iraq.

"It's the right of the American people to peacefully express their views. And that's what you're seeing in Washington, D.C.," McClellan said. "They're well intentioned, but the president strongly believes that withdrawing would make us less safe and make the world more dangerous.

The protest Monday followed a massive demonstration Saturday that drew a crowd of 100,000 or more, the largest such gathering in the capital since the war began in March 2003.

On Sunday, a rally supporting the war drew about 500 people. Speakers included veterans of World War II and the war in Iraq, as well as family members of soldiers killed in Iraq.

"I would like to say to Cindy Sheehan and her supporters: Don't be a group of unthinking le­m­ings," said Mitzy Kenney of Ridgeley, W.Va., whose husband was killed in Iraq.

"Ianti-war demonstrations "can affect the war in a really negative way. It gives the enemy hope.'"

Can kids' brains be trained to pay attention?

Lauren Neergaard
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The latest deaths reported by the military

A soldier was killed when his vehicle was struck by a bomb Monday, 50 miles south of Baghdad.

Two soldiers were killed when their vehicle was struck by a bomb Monday in western Baghdad.
Rescuers find more survivors and devastating damage

Brett Martel
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CREOLE, La. — With Hurricane Rita's floodwaters receding along the Texas-Louisiana coast Monday, rescuers pushed deeper into hard-hit towns of Beaumont, Port Arthur and Army helicopters searched for up to 30,000 stranded cattle. The death toll from the second devastating hurricane in a month rose to nearly 1,900.

Residents of the Texas refinery towns of Beaumont, Port Arthur and Orange were blocked from returning to their homes because of the danger of debris-choked streets and downed power lines, authorities said. More than 70,000 homes were out of service because of flooding, and more than 10,000 stood at nearly 90 percent of the buildings in the county's Terrebonne Parish's count of homes were unable to keep bayou residents from venturing in on their own by boat to see if Rita wrecked their homes.

"Knowing these people, most of them are hunters, trappers, farmers, they're not going to wait on FEMA or anyone else," said Robert LeBlanc, director of emergency preparedness in Vermilion Parish. "They're going to do what they need to do. They're used to primitive conditions."

And many were finding that conditions were, in fact, primitive. Across southwestern Louisiana's bayous, sugar cane plantations, rice fields and cattle ranches, many people found they had no home to go back to.

"We would use the word destroyed," Army Lt. Gen. Russell Honore said of Cameron. "Cameron and Creole have been destroyed except for the courthouse, which was built on stilts on higher ground. Most of the houses and public buildings no longer exist or are even in the same location that they were."

Homes in the marshland between the two towns were reduced to piles of bricks or bare concrete slabs with steps leading to nowhere. Walls of an elementary school gymnasium had been washed or blown away, leaving two hoops—hanging from the ceiling. A single-story white home was propped up against a line of trees, left there by floodwaters that ripped it from its foundation. A bank was open to the air, its vault still intact.

"We used to call this sportmen's paradise," said Honore, a Louisiana native. "But sometimes Mother Nature will come back and remind us that it has power over the land. That's what this storm did."

In the refinery town of Lake Charles, National Guardsmen patrolled the place and handed out bottled water, ice and food to hundreds of people left without power. Scores of cars wrapped around the parking lot of the city civic center.

Dorothy Anderson said she did not have time to get groceries before the storm because she was at a funeral out of town. "We got back and everything was closed," she said.

Louisiana's Department of Wildlife and Fisheries said its teams used small boats to rescue nearly 200 people trapped in their homes. In Chauvin, a steady stream of people were brought by small boats from flooded sections of Terrebonne Parish. Some cried as they hauled plastic bags filled with their possessions.

"This is the worst thing I've ever been through," said Danny Hunter, 56. "I called FEMA this morning, and they said they couldn't help us because this hasn't been declared a disaster area."

"Texas is a disaster area," Jenny Reading shouted. "I guess the president made sure of that, and everyone just forgot about us."

A Federal Emergency Management Agency spokesman said that Terrebonne Parish was declared a disaster area for Katrina but not for Rita. Officials were checking to see if the residents were eligible for R ita help.

Texas put the damage from Rita at a preliminary $8 billion. At least 16 Texas oil refineries remained shut down after Rita, which came ashore early Saturday at Sabine Pass, about 30 miles from Beaumont. A refinery in Port Arthur and one in Beaumont were without power, and a second Port Arthur refinery was damaged and could remain out of service for two to four weeks.

"We didn't dodge a bullet with Rita; we took a couple bullets in the leg with Katrina and Rita," said Tom Kloza, an analyst with the Oil Price Information Service of Wall, N.J. "It's still a significant loss and it's going to create some supply problems through at least mid-October."

Early estimates were that Hurricane R ita will cost U.S. refiners about 800,000 barrels a day in capacity, on top of a drop of about 900,000 barrels a day because of Katrina. Kloza said the national average for a gallon of regular gasoline could again top $3.

An official walks down a mud-covered street in Cameron, La. in the wake of Hurricane Rita. An estimated 80 percent of the buildings in the town with a population 1,900 were leveled.
Why don’t we all just take a break

Jake Blumberg

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — The newspaper is really bringing me down right now. Each page is full of tragedy, crime and scandals. Every time I turn the page, I just seem to get more nervous, angry or depressed — even the comics are serious lately.

Add to mild, and I really close to a breaking point; the world is just a tough place right now and I have to tell you, I need a break from it all.

My bet is you do too, judging by the faces and attitudes I have been seeing around campus; people walking around like tired robots, mumbling about tragedy or equations for their next test.

For me, one of the saving graces in my life is and has always been, my friends. Whenever I need a break or a good laugh, my buddies never seem to fail to give me one. Hopefully, their antics will serve to give me some break they gave me this past week.

Skeeter and Striker, my two roommates, have also been stressed out. At the moment, house, when we are stressed, we all seem to feel the need to throw something. Normally a ball of some sort, but if there isn’t one handy, we will make do with just about anything — socks, cups, the occasional house cat — really, whatever is easiest.

One night, we all converged in the kitchen and started talking. Striker was in the middle of baking muffins (wearing a masculine combination of Under Armor and an apron), and Skeeter was eating something. Side note: Skeeter’s second nickname is Slim Fast Shamu, because the kid is built like a rubber-ti, yet he consumes more food than Sea World’s most famous attraction.

Anyway, we started to toss a racquetball around the room while we talked. This went on without incident for about five minutes, until Striker’s muffins were done, and he turned to remove them from the oven. Skeeter, deeply involved in a ham sandwich, did not notice Striker had turned away and gazed off in deadpan at him in his muffins. Turns out, Striker should add a jock strap to his manly semblance of Under Armor and apron.

As Striker began to yelp in pain, the ball took a n bouncing that defined all physics, and spun back into the oven. We now had one of the funniest scenarios you could dream up: Striker on the ground, clutching his "baked goods," and a burning racquetball in the oven, rapidly becoming more and more flammable. Striker, in pain, could only mutter these words: "Dude, what the — oh god — ball — burning — help — someone — please!"

I must be honest here; Skeeter and I were paralyzed with laughter, and we literally could not move toward the oven, leaving the injured Striker to save his muffins from the amazing ball of destruction that was once a racquetball.

Even, we have won, and yes there is tragedy, but life is made up of the moments inbetween with friends laughing and enjoying each other’s company.

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Soccer

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son as head coach of the Saint Mary's women's soccer program. Sapford currently holds a 21-23-4 record at SMC following an 8-12 campaign in 2004 and an 8-8-3 overall mark in 2003.

After following one-year stints as the co-head coach at Stanford in 2002, Sapford led the Cardinal into the NCAA Championships in 2003. In 2002, as co-head coach of Stanford, Soccer America named Paul Sapford Coach of the Year. Sapford led Stanford into fifth place at the Pac-10 Conference Championships, finishing with a perfect 9-0 record in league play. He also guided the Cardinals to the NCAA Tournament where they fell to eventual National Champion Portland on penalty kicks. Stanford finished the season 21-2, marking the best record in the program's history.

Cal Poly holds the series edge over the Gaels 2-1-1. The two last met on Oct. 7, 2004 at Saint Mary's. The Gaels topped the Mustangs 1-0.

The Mustangs will host UC Davis at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Davis is also coming off a successful weekend that saw the Aggies tie Colorado College 1-1 and gain a 2-0 victory over Air Force.

Sophomore Megan Wall leads Cal Poly with four goals for six points on the season, which tops the Davis roster. In 2004, Wall shared the team lead with four assists and finished second in goals (3) and in points (14). She tallied her three goals on 14 shots. Cal Poly holds a 2-0-1 series advantage over the Aggies, defeating UC Davis last season, 3-2, at Aggie Field on Aug. 29 of last year.

The Mustangs open Big West Conference play at Long Beach State on Oct. 7.

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No. 5 Santa Clara too much for No. 19 Mustang women

The No. 19 Mustang women’s soccer team (6-1-3) are looking to rebound after a less than impressive weekend. The Mustangs suffered their first loss of the season, and finished with a 1-1 tie against Washington State and lost to No. 5 Santa Clara 2-0. This dropped the Mustangs all-time record against the Broncos to 0-12-3.

The Mustangs return home this weekend trying to avenge a loss from last season hosting Saint Mary’s (5-3-1) on Friday at 7 p.m. and future Big West member UC Davis (3-4-2) on Sunday at 1 p.m.

It was an overwhelmingly dominant performance by No. 5 Santa Clara (7-1-1) who out-shot the Mustangs 14-5. Santa Clara kept much of the action in the Mustang half of the field and stone-walled all attempts to sustain any offensive rhythm.

The Santa Clara defense suffocated Cal Poly’s two leading scorers, junior Shannon Day and senior Becky Clark, holding them to a combined one shot.

Clark is off to her best start as a Mustang tied for first on the team in goals with five. Clark has one game-winning goal this season, coming against Nevada in double-overtime at Mustang Stadium on Sept. 2. On Friday, Clark came through again, scoring the game-tying goal against Washington State.

Clark has already eclipsed her total of three goals in 2004. Meanwhile, Day leads the Mustangs in every offensive stat column. Day has five goals, three assists, 12 points, 27 shots, and three game-winning goals. Day’s game-winners came against Fresno State, San Jose State and DePauw in the Bomberger Cup Challenge.

Day led the Mustangs with 11 shots, 23 points, 68 shots and six game-winning goals in 2004. Saint Mary’s is coming off a successful weekend that saw the Gaels upset No. 24 Dartmouth.

Hollis and freshman Nikki Schrey from last season hosting Saint Mary’s also gave No. 19 UC Santa Barbara a tough go of it. The Gauchos were ranked 10th in the nation with a 4-2-1 record.

The No. 19 Mustangs lost their first match of the season on Sunday against No. 5 Santa Clara. The Mustangs managed a tie against a tough Washington State team Friday night at Mustang Stadium.

Brittany Ridley

With both national and local public success, Chris Gogcong, Cal Poly’s defensive end football player, was honored as player of the week after recording six sacks and one touchdown just four weeks into Cal Poly’s 2005 football season.

The general engineering fifth-year student was runner-up for last year’s Buck Buchanan award, given to the top defensive player in NCAA Division I-AA.

Gogcong fell just one-tackle shy of winning the Buck Buchanan award. Gogcong was awarded the sportswriter’s award for his third year in a row.

“Chris has extraordinary ability and to go along with that he has an extraordinary work ethic,” coach Rich Ellerson said. “He impacts how we make our game plan and how other teams make their game plans.”

Gogcong was also named 1-AA.org’s 2005 Division I-AA Preseason All-American first team.

He was also selected to the All-Under Appreciated third team by the Consensus Draft Service and had a school-record of 17.5 sacks in the 2004 season.

Despite his public and personal success on the field, Gogcong’s approach is rarely what motivates him on the field. Ellerson said.

Regardless of recognition and honors, the players are more concerned with the team’s overall success, according to Ellerson.

“We are all working together as a team. “What motivates these guys is the success of the season,” Ellerson said.

Gogcong said that he set his own goals for this season, but the team’s goals always come first.

“No individual goal is to beat my sack record this year. I had 17.5 sacks last year and my personal goal is 20,” Gogcong said. “But winning the division title would be a lot better than breaking that record.”

With daily football practice, weekly games and on-going schoolwork, Gogcong said that the combination of school and sports have often made him forgo the average college student lifestyle.

“My biggest sacrifice is time commitment. I can’t go out on Friday night because I have a game Saturday, and I don’t get to go out and party,” Gogcong said. “But I think this experience is as enriching as any other college experience.”

However, Gogcong has not only sacrificed for football, but for his education as well. According to