Organic Farm fertilizes futures, Cal Poly Eggs come sunny side up

Tonya Strickland

Some at Cal Poly think the addition of an ethnic studies major means more than just another heading on a resume. They believe the new major may help deal with many underlying issues on campus concerning race and diversity.

"The purpose (in 1992, when the program was introduced) was to help with the diversity challenges we have on our campus, make us all more aware to the issues related to American minority groups and provide a home for students who are interested in studying that," College of Liberal Arts Dean Emada Hilelisky said.

The students have signed up, and the project farm gives students an understanding of what it is like to try to earn a living in agriculture, said John Phillips, a horticulture and crop science professor.

"This insight serves them well regardless of where their careers take them after graduation from college," he said.

Cal Poly Eggs cares for 14,000 chickens and more than 3.3 million eggs per year. The eggs are sold at grocery stores on the Central Coast and at Campus Market.

Students run to assist displaced students

Nick Coury

Where would you go if your school was washed away by a hurricane? Fourteen students from Louisiana now attend Cal Poly after Hurricane Katrina destroyed their campus, and four seniors from the communication studies department at Cal Poly are helping to make their stay as pleasant as possible.

Cal Poly students Lauren Fleming, Alaina Brown, Melissa Porter and Kirsten Amarisea are hosting a 5k fun run in order to raise awareness and support for housing and financial aid for the 14 students from Louisiana. The project originally started for SCOM 322 (Rhetorical Criticism).

"The (assignment) said that we had to do a philanthropic act by either persuading people to sign a petition or do something towards the community," Brown said. "So (with the 5k) we are using a persuasive tactic for the greater good." Brown expressed how they wanted to do a project that would make a difference to the lives of others.

"We were thinking of a local issue that we could deal with and discovered on the Cal Poly Web site different stories of people who were supposed to go to school in places of Louisiana that were affected by the hurricanes," Brown said. "Some of them have families that are living in hotels, so we decided we wanted to help them."

All proceeds will be given to the Cal Poly Foundation and given to the students. As of 2 p.m. Tuesday, 62 people had signed up, and the women have confidence that the run will be a success.

"It started slow but we saw a lot of interest in the beginning and recently there has been a lot of people acting on it (their interest) and signing up," Fleming said.

All participants will receive a T-shirt and chances to win gift certificates from local businesses to San Luis Obispo that sponsored the project. The event will take place on Saturday at See Canyon Fruit Ranch beginning at 9:30 a.m. Those interested in participating can sign up for $25 at the event or online at http://active.csu.edu/event_detail.event?event_id=1263461.
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Cal Poly. Although the Academic Senate
overwhelmingly passed the new
major, one member of the Senate
opposed to the major for
monetary reasons.
"I personally think that an eth­
ic studies degree only prepares
you to teach ethnic studies. It
doesn't really prepare you for a
job," mechanical engineering pro­
fessor James Locacino said.
Locacino said he thinks resources
would be spent better if minorities
were recruited in to engineering,
which would prepare them to earn
more money.
"If we're going to spend money
from the state, I think the money is
better spent on some kind of
degree program that leads to a
good-paying job with upward
"According to several students,
there are many benefits besides
money for students who enroll in the
new ethnic studies major.
"In terms of working in the cor­
porate world, it's getting more
diverse and also working interna­
tionally with other companies
where you'll have to interface with
different cultures. I think having
some knowledge or base of knowl­
dge in respecting someone else's
culture and manners is impor­
tant," said industrial engineering
senior Fanny Chavez, who minors
in ethnic studies and volunteers at
Cal Poly's multicultural center.
Serafin said this major will help
people break down stereotypes and
understand others, in addition to
giving students a better back­
ground of where other students
come from.
"It's almost like tools equipping
students (to have a successful
future, because these are people
they're going to be dealing with
throughout their life," Serafin said.
Although some would assume
minorities would take the most out
of ethnic studies courses, white
students, who make up 64 percent
of Cal Poly's population, would
potentially receive benefits too.
"The studies of people of color
should not just be of interest to
people of color," Cheney said.
"White students should also bene­
fit from understanding and having
knowledge of the cultures and
experiences of people of color in
the United States."
Middelstadt also said white stu­
dents who have not had exposure
to other races and cultures will
benefit greatly from an ethnic
studies major.
"I think this is a landmark event
for this campus, specifically,
because of our demographics," he
said. "Some people say, 'There's no
point in having an ethnic studies
major when most of your students
are white, or when you have so few
students of color,' but the point is
the students who need that educa­
tion the most are those who have
never been exposed to (diversity)."
According to Halisky and ethnic
studies department Chair Charise
Cheaney, the addition of this major
sends the message that diversity is
important to Cal Poly in terms of
student relations and academic
pursuits.
"It's small, and it's not going to
solve all our problems with diversi­
ity by having this major, but it's
not in a direction of understand­
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dents to be exposed to," Halisky
said.
Middelstadt said he sees the
addition of an ethnic studies major
as part of what, Cheney calls, a
"historical moment," of an ongo­ing
movement of enhancing diver­
sity at Cal Poly.
"Since I've been here, there's been a kind of change that's start­
ced on campus and there's a lot of different things that have
attributed to it," he said.
"The Change the Status Quo
conference that began about four
years ago served as an eye opener
for a lot of people on campus who
had never been exposed to those
issues," he said. "The establishment
of 'Another Type of Grove' has
built a huge community around
cultural issues and issues of identi­
ty, all of the things that get inter­
 twined in a cultural environment.
Last year, some people speculate
this was the feather that broke the
camel's back to get the major."
Kehri Milligan is a theater
sophomore who said she thinks an
ethnic studies major is crucial to
Cal Poly because of the racial
inequities that still occur.
"If we are going to really learn
from what happened (in the past),
and prevent tragedies and atrocities
from repeating again, it's important
to keep those issues relevant ...
the 'black only' and 'white only'
conferences of color have been
taken down, but invisible ones still exist," she said.
Milligan said she believes change
will occur at Cal Poly with the
addition of the new major.
"By having this ethnic studies
program on campus I think there's
probably going to be an increased
engagement in the diversity and
appreciation to all things that differ," she
said.
Ford ordered to pay $61 million to teen's family in SUV crash

Jennifer Kay
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — A jury has ordered the Ford Motor Co. to pay more than $61 million to the family of a 17-year-old boy killed in a roll-over accident when his friend fell asleep while driving an Explorer.

Ford was liable in the accident because it sold a vehicle with poor handling and stability, the jury said Tuesday.

The company planned to appeal, a spokeswoman said Wednesday.

The family of Lance Crossman Hall claimed Ford knew the Explorer was prone to roll-overs and failed to warn consumers about the vehicle's defects.

Ford blamed defective Firestone tires for the Explorer's handling and stability problems, and the company knowingly continued to produce unsafe vehicles, Bruce Kaster, an attorney for the family, said Wednesday.

"This tragic accident occurred when the driver of the vehicle fell asleep at the wheel while traveling at highway speeds. Real-world experience and testing show that the Explorer is a safe vehicle, consistently performing as well or better than other vehicles in its class," Ford spokeswoman Karen Shinagawa said.

Hall was reclining in the front passenger seat and wearing his seat belt when the Explorer rolled over four times on State Road 93 in Collier County on April 20, 1997. He was ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene.

The driver of the 1996 Explorer, Melahn Barker, was charged with careless driving. Barker attempted to regain control of the vehicle, but a handling problem with the Explorer caused it to turn sideways, which triggered the roll-over, Kaster said.

"Ford vehicles are supposed to be designed to slide out in an emergency situation, not roll over, and that's according to Ford's own criteria. It will roll over," Kaster said. "But the Explorer is one of their vehicles that will not meet their own criteria. It will roll over."

The jury ordered Ford to pay the family $1.2 million in damages, and $60 million for the pain and suffering of Hall and his mother, Joan Hall-Ewards.

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Delta Air Lines, pilots in court over reduced pay

NEW YORK — Delta Air Lines Inc. asked a U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge Wednesday to void its contract with Delta's pilots' union so that the beleaguered airline can impose deep wage and benefit cuts and avoid further financial erosion.

In a hearing that lasted into early evening and was to continue Thursday, Delta attorney Jack Gallagher said the airline valued its pilots and tried to negotiate reductions, but ultimately failed.

Faced with rising fuel costs, Delta is seeking to slash $325 million from its collective bargaining agreement with its pilots, saying the money is needed to keep operations running.

The ALPA, which has offered $90.7 million in concessions, has threatened to strike if the court grants Delta's request.

"The need is $325 million of cash. That is what our investment bankers tell us. That is what our creditor committee tells us," Gallagher said. "ALPA is fervently urging the court to say no. We're telling them it is so. We wish we didn't need $325 million of cash. But the need is real."

With several uniformed Delta pilots looking on in the standing-room-only courtroom, union attorney Bruce Simon said the ALPA attempted to come to an agreement on further cuts, including an offer of short-term cuts with the possibility of deeper cuts under binding arbitration, but he said the pilots were rebuffed.

"The fact of the matter is in that labor negotiations both sides understand that labor strife is counterproductive," Simon said. "Pilots don't strike for the hell of it. They don't needlessly place their employer in jeopardy."

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Prudence Carter Beattie actively questioned both attorneys, but singled out Delta for attempting to draw comparisons to other airline bankruptcies, which she said were useless in considering Delta's unique case.

"I say you are throwing darts at the pilots because they are smaller than you are and you think you can stomp on them. That may or may not be true," Beattie told Gallagher. "I don't think this matter will be resolved until I hear what the pilots have to say and what you have to say."

Delta spokesman Dan Lewis rejected the judge's assertion. "I think the one thing we agree on is that we have a deep respect for the pilots," Lewis said. "But this is not a matter of respect. This is a financial issue."

Outside the courtroom, union officials reiterated their opposition to a court-imposed contract. "The Delta pilots will not willingly work without a contract," said Delta Capt. John Culp, a union spokesman. "If Delta chooses contract rejection over negotiations, we may be forced to choose a manner of self-defense."

No union officials outside the courtroom would say whether the pilots would strike.

Michael J. Martinez
Anti-war activist pleads not guilty on protest charge

War protester Cindy Sheehan is surrounded by supporters as she arrives at the U.S. District Courthouse in Washington, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005. Sheehan said she is demanding a trial after being arrested for demonstrating without a permit outside the White House on Sept. 26.

WASHINGTON — War protester Cindy Sheehan and several others pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges of demonstrating without a permit outside the White House.

The protesters, who face fines and not jail time, were tried Wednesday afternoon by U.S. Magistrate Alan Kay after several hours of talks with court officials about how quickly their trial could be wrapped up.

Before the trial began, Sheehan, of Vacaville, Calif., announced plans to revive her protest near President Bush’s Texas ranch during Thanksgiving week, despite new county ordinances banning roadside camping.

Sheehan and other anti-war activists arrested with her Sept. 26 in Washington conducted a new conference in front of the federal courthouse Wednesday before heading to a court appearance on the misdemeanor charge.

Sheehan, whose 24-year-old soldier son Casey was killed in Iraq last year, said “2,062 people have been killed as of today in this monstrosity.”

Sheehan and at least a dozen supporters are prepared to be arrested as they return to the makeshift campsite along the road leading to Bush’s ranch, where he is expected to spend the holiday.

“It is critical for our democracy that we continue to ask the same questions that Cindy Sheehan asked this summer: What is the noble cause for the war with Iraq, and at what point do we say enough bloodshed has happened?” Hadi Jawad, co-founder of the Crawford Peace House, said Tuesday.

Bush defends the decision to go into Iraq in 2003, citing the threat posed by Saddam Hussein. The president says troops will remain in Iraq as long as necessary.

Sheehan was not arrested during her 26-day vigil that coincided with Bush’s working vacation at his ranch just outside Crawford.

But dozens of residents in the rural area complained of noise and traffic congestion as the protesters pitched tents in shallow ditches about 2 1/2 miles away from the ranch. Some traffic was from counter protests of hundreds of Bush supporters who said Sheehan’s group was hurting troop morale.

A month later, McLennan County commissioners approved the new ordinances, which prohibit parking on parts of 14 roads near the ranch — roughly a 5-mile radius — and prohibit camping in any county ditch. The laws also ban portable toilets in ditches.

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Six more American service members die in Iraq, most in fighting near Syrian border

Robert H. Reid
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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Five U.S. Marines were killed in fighting with al-Qaida-led insurgents near the Syrian border and an Army soldier died of wounds suffered in Iraq this month.

The soldier, from the Army's Task Force Baghdad, died of wounds suffered the day before when a roadside bomb exploded northwest of the capital, the U.S. command said.

The Marine statement did not give any details of the Wednesday losses, and names of the victims were withheld pending notification of their families. They were assigned to Regimental Combat Team 2 of the 2nd Marine Division.

For the Marines, it was the worst day for American forces in Iraq since Nov. 2, when seven service members died in four separate attacks. At least 51 U.S. service members have already died in four separate attacks. At least 51 U.S. service members have already died in separate attacks. At least 51 U.S. service members have already died in separate attacks.

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SLO live music scene loses its bite

Nick Coury

It is Tuesday night when the regular crowd, a surplus of beer-battered 20-somethings, shuffles in and slouches around the room, which contains a long skinny bar with a stage and a pint of Firestone for two and a quarter. It is a place called Frog & Peach, a local hotspot with a music community.

Some people in the crowd are yelling, some are quiet, while others discuss the latest letters to the editor in the Mustang Daily. A band's front man approaches the microphone and starts to sing while the hand strums and bangs behind him.

"San Luis Obispo used to be amazing," said Dominic Castillo, 26, singer and guitarist of the former SLO Brew. Formerly known as SLO Brew, the bar has taken new ownership. "The new ownership is really cool; it is a place with a stage and a pint of Firestone which contains a long skinny bar. For a band including the size of downtown: Downtown Brew and Frog & Peach, it is a safe bet, so that if you are coming from out of town, you get in with a production company because they'll do a lot of the publicity work for you and get a crowd there."

But getting in touch with a production team in order to put a show on can be difficult. A multitude of factors come into play when trying to get a show together for a band including the size of the bar, as well as the style of music they play. It can be problematic even for the more experienced bands.

"As far as venues go, San Luis Obispo ranks close to last as a college town with live music venues. Look at what you have got downtown: Downtown Brew and Frog & Peach! Are you kidding me?" said Shawn Hailey, bassist for Savants. "San Luis Obispo has got to come up with some more live music venues. There are great local bands that have nowhere to play, and it's a rare event when you actually get a crowd there."

Part of the reason behind the new popularity of café shows may be due to the closing of the Dwelling. "(The Dwelling) was repulsive, but there was live local music there all the time. San Luis's own CBGB! Even though the management at a bar is not a band's ideal audience," said Lawrence Mahadoo, a Cal Poly architecture senior and booking manager at KCPR.

However, with the closing of some of the larger venues, the popularity of playing small shows has gained some ground.

"It seems like coffee shops are more popular now... Not just 'coffee shop' bands, but now a full band could play there."

— CHRIS BROESAMLE

Singer for Savants

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ment was hard work, we (Red Lights) had some great shows there," Halley said.
The Dwelling was located on Osos Street between Woodstock's Pizza and Hudson's Bar and Grill.
"At the end (before it closed down), it was getting quite a bit of a following and you could safely go in there on a weekend and expect people to be there and actually make some money," Stryel said. "It didn't sound too great and there was no stage but it was kind of cool because it was that kind of indie-trashy place. It was fun to play there."

Former dwellers agree.
"I thought it was lo-fi and comfortable," said Ryan Wilson, guitarist for Los Angeles-based Division Day. "It had a nice do-it-yourself vibe that I liked; no stage, no keyboard, at the bar, it just felt scrappy and punk rock.

From the bars to the trashy clubs and the coffee shop to house shows, music will continue to be made in garages by people with a zeal for the art of live music. In order to continue local live music, places need to exist for acts to play.

"There is great potential, with many local bands as well as a lot of touring bands who want shows in San Luis Obispo for its convenient location between Los Angeles and San Francisco, lately it's been extremely difficult to accommodate for changes in the type of music the town produces."

"Any touring band will agree that in most towns, there are multiple venues to play at, which causes the local music scene to thrive and encourages the arts, giving the youth something to do," Passion said. "I love what I see in San Luis Obispo local music. It is so amazing and people are missing out on it. There are amazing bands all over the whole country that San Luis Obispo locals are missing because of a lack of venues. It's not that we need to build a music scene, but rather we need to encourage an already amazing music scene, and allow it to be heard."

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The art of doodling

Jennifer Boudeven

ARTS & LIFESTYLE

While doodling provides an avenue of distraction for most students bored in lecture, few take it to the "extreme" that Tony Kendig does. "Dreamscapes," an exhibit featuring his pen and ink doodles, will open with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday in the University Union Gallery. There will be free refreshments provided and live music by Fused. The exhibit runs through Jan. 6, and features a collection of detailed pen and ink drawings in both black and white and color.

Tony calls his artwork "doodling to the extreme," and the bulk of his work is pulled from the pages of a sketchbook he has been filling since his sophomore year. This exhibit is the first time the sketches will leave the binder.

"My art doesn't really have meaning or feelings attached to it," Kendig said. "I just find it fun to get lost in.

His style has evolved from being "looser and less complex" to including increasingly colorful pieces with smaller and finer designs more recently.

"Looking back all the way to childhood I was drawing," he said.

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In this game, is there ever the perfect score?

I n the endless game of love, there is a certain out-of- boundaries area on the playing field we almost all cross into at some point — maybe out of sheer boredom for the predictabilities of young love, or maybe completely accidentally. This zone I speak of, somewhere between the sides of “relationship” and “random hookups,” is that beat up section of grass and mud most commonly known as the f— buddy (or, in nicer terms, “the friend with benefits”). Sure you may be scoring when playing on this section of the field, but are you gaining any points in the game of love and relationships? Let’s review the points, penalties and fouls of the f— buddy situation.

The initial convenient score arises easily enough. Two people like each other, feel a mutual attraction towards one another, and eventually mess around, which they both enjoy. But for whatever reason, they both realize that this newfound moony is not enough to sustain a relationship on. But that’s no reason for the good times under the sheets to stop, is it?

So the game continues. The fun cares as each person no longer has to go home unfulfilled and lonely after a slow night at the bars. The commentaters are impressed with the way the players deftly call each other when inebrinated and desparate for some no fun fun. Eventually, a routine emerges, and both players settle into that comfortable, mid-game stretch where nothing too exciting is happening, but everyone seems to be enjoying the sportiness of it all. Until the inevitable happens. At some point in this commitment free, just-for-fun carnal throw down, one of the players begins to enjoy the game a little more than the opponent. He or she begins to call more frequently and maybe even utter that most danger­ous phrase, “Where is this all going?” All of a sudden the referee is blowing his whistle as the needier player begins to suffocate the competition. The constant phone calls, the subtle attempts to force a relationship and the need of commitment are too much for the opponent to handle, and he or she eventually calls off all communations. The fans begin to boo and contemplate rushing the field as all play has been suspended while the first player cries, head in hands. All of us as players make mistakes in love and even the shrewdest participant lets the few odd points go by.

But the f— buddy situation is love-lose, because no one comes out of it happy. The game of love is rife with emotions and needs, and nearly every shot at maintain­ing a friendship with benefits, feelings get involved on one side where they are completely absent on the other. One person will always get hurt, and the competi­tor who got out scot-free by just becoming too attached loses a friend in the process and therefore gains an ambiguous acquaintance or he or she tries to avoid at all costs for the sheer awkwardness of it all. We are all bound to get a few injuries on the playing field of love, but do your very best to stay away from that mucky area where the f— buddy always kicks the ball — in fact, I’ll even talk to the ref about putting some bright idea around it for every­one’s benefit.

Stand up for your rights

Casey Childers
THE SENTINEL (KENNESAW STATE U.)

KENNESAW, Ga. — Last month our nation lost one of its most treasured and influential citizens. Rosa Parks died peacefully in her home at the age of 92, leaving behind a legacy of intense character and a nation forever grateful.

If one woman can sit down for something she believes in and, in doing so, launch the modern Civil Rights movement, why do students sit back and allow themselves to be cheated? Students can unite and make a difference — they have the right to learn and live well. Parks was arrested, fined $100 and received death threats. She did not back down, and the Montgomery bus boycott started a revolution that made a difference in the life of every American. Parks could have been murdered or her family harmed, and her life was turned upside down. Yet she marched forward, remaining firm in her beliefs and helping change the face of American equality. A woman was once considered a menace to society stood up for herself and fought to have the same standard enjoyed by all. She sat down, one of the players begins to enjoy the game a little more than the opponent. He or she begins to call more frequently and maybe even utter that most danger­ous phrase, “Where is this all going?” All of a sudden the referee is blowing his whistle as the needier player begins to suffocate the competition. The constant phone calls, the subtle attempts to force a relationship and the need of commitment are too much for the opponent to handle, and he or she eventually calls off all communations. The fans begin to boo and contemplate rushing the field as all play has been suspended while the first player cries, head in hands. All of us as players make mistakes in love and even the shrewdest participant lets the few odd points go by.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Can we say hypocrite?

Last week, National Security Advisor Stephen Hadley admitted that our pre-war intelligence about Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction was wrong: "There was collective intelligence judgment — Turns out we were wrong." Just last month, in a motivational speech, President Bush declared, "(Americans) are determined to deny weapons of mass destruction, including chemical and nuclear weapons, as well as long-range ballistic missiles used to outlaw regimes."

Hey Mr. Bush, aren't we in the process of outlawing a regime of "terrorists" in Iraq and shouldn't we also follow your doctrine of not using weapons of mass destruction against them? Or did you mean that everyone except for the all-mighty powerful Americans shouldn't have them?

Don't get me wrong. I agree with the president when he says that we need to stop the terrorists. I just don't think it's ethical or fair for the rest of the world to have to watch America use the exact same weapons that we are attempting to get rid of. What don't believe me? On Tuesday, Pentagon spokesman Lt. Barry Venable said that toxic, "white phosphorous was used in Fallujah as an incendiary weapon against enemy combatants." Veterans of Fallujah told reporters that those "phony-dope" weapons were to be an effective munion — We fired "phosphorous" as a way to get the people to leave the building.

Gautam R. Mehta
Biochemistry junior

Show some respect, Jack

Mr. Ingram, I am appalled by your disrespectful behavior. So Nick didn't go to New York in September, he went in October. Where the hell were you? Sitting safe and comfortable on your couch watching the firemen on TV?

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Dear Editor,

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Downtown's happy bar rat

I have been 21 for almost two weeks and I am now a bona fide bar rat.

I go downtown every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and sometimes — ahem — during the week (Wednesday is the new Tuesday in case you didn't get the memo).

My rebellious nature and obsession with the downtown scene stems entirely from my age. It is true that I had to wait the same amount of days, hours and minutes as everyone else to turn 21. But having my birthday fall so late in the year made the wait seem excruciatingly long.

Almost two weeks have been longer handle the freshmen boys who were drawn to me in some strange Ashton-Denny way, getting Natty Lite spilled all over my clothes by sloppy inexperienced drunks and watching my friends sail downtown after taking in the games.

Spectacular but Quick Chili

4 cloves garlic, minced (cut into small pieces)
1/4 cup chili powder, or other
1 medium onion, chopped
1/2 cup chili powder, or other
2 cans stewed tomatoes with liquid
1 medium bell pepper, chopped
1 cup chili powder, or other
1 lb ground beef
1/2 cup chili powder, or other

For instance, if I want a casual party scene: Matt's A social scene: Downtown Brew A crazy scene: Bull's. And if I feel like heading to

It was time for me to turn 21. And finally, two weeks ago, the light at the end of the tunnel came.

Was it everything I wished for? Not quite, but it was close. I still wake up with spilled drinks on my clothes, but this time, it's a vodka tonic instead of cheap beer. The freshmen boys have been replaced with sugar daddy's old enough to literally be my daddy. And now I am the one leaving parties early, saying goodbye to my underage friends to go to the bars. It's refreshing to know that there is always something going on downtown.

As a senior, not being 21 at a frat party can make you feel quite out of place. And after frequenting bars away, it's refreshing to know that there is always something going on downtown.

For instance, if I want a relaxing and sophisticated scene, I can go to Grappolos. If I want a casual party scene: Matt's A social scene: Downtown Brew A crazy scene: Bull's. And if I feel like heading to a frat party, Mother's is just two bars away.

Yes, downtown has a lot to offer, and I love every second of it. So next time you head to the bars, know that I will be there, enjoying every moment of being legal at last.

Rancer's Recipes

Cook beef in large pot over medium heat. Pour out fat and set meat aside. In same pot, heat 3-5 Tbs oil and add bell peppers, garlic and onion. Saute until onions are translucent.

Add beef and 1 1/2 cup chili powder (or add to taste). Stir in beans with tomatoes and liquid. Mix well, cover and let simmer for about 30 minutes. When ready, garnish with cheese and red onions if you'd like.

Emily's cooking tip of the week:

Chili is a versatile dish. It can be eaten out of a bowl and can be used to make chili dogs, chili burgers, chili cheese fries, chili nachos and more. After making this recipe, be creative and try to make some of those dishes without looking at another recipe.

Dreamscapes

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"In class I was always doodling on my notes or binder or the desk. So finally I decided that if I focused all my doodles for a period of time on one paper, it would grow into a dizzying mass of designs."

The exhibit is a change of pace for the UU Gallery and the pieces will be displayed in a new way.

"It will be a different type of show, than what we have displayed so far this year in terms of medium and content," said Amy Whittaker, student supervisor of fine arts. The smaller scale pen and ink drawings offer a departure from the photograpy pieces and oil paintings displayed in the gallery's past exhibits this year, she explained.

"The content deals with a variety of wildly abstract, seemingly unrelated images and ties it into a harmonious and dynamic composition," Whittaker detailed. "When viewing it, you seem to be taking a peek inside (the artist's) head."

The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. For details, call ASI events at 756-6119.
SLO Outdoor Adventures

High above the rest

Christopher Gunn

With a plant of his pole in the deep powder, George Hjelte leaped down the spine of a ridge and in doing so triggered the beginnings of an avalanche. Behind him a thick wall of snow began to fall from the almost sheer face of the mountain, trailing him and almost engulfing him as he flew down the mountain.

The snow had not yet gained full speed, but Hjelte was already in survival-mode, moving with adrenaline and natural instincts built over 16 years of skiing in all types of mountainous terrain.

In another moment, he was in the air as he jumped off of a rocky ledge away from the plummeting snow, hanging in the air for a brief moment before landing in an avalanche bubble of churned up snow, hanging in the air for a brief moment before landing in an avalanche bubble of churned up snow and continuing down the mountain.

This is just one of the scenes from the film, "Lines of Influence" by Omen Productions and filmmaker Nat Nemeciw, in which Hjelte is featured skiing some of the steepest, rockiest and craziest terrain one can find in Tahoe, Utah.

Seniors, annually takes winter quarter off to do the things that he loves most; ski. This terrain is not unlike much of the terrain Hjelte skied during his transition from the JUr.iner Olympics. For Hjelte, the decision to stop training or racing, he yielded results for Hjelte, who found a home in the film "Lines of Influence," which was released on Oct. 22 and was shown in a previous film from Omen productions, "Ah-MIG-lah-la."

"Lines of Influence," the latest film Hjelte participated in, was shot over the course of two seasons from 2003 to 2005, and features predominately Tahoe locals and mountainous terrain.

This is what the surf line report for Morro Bay alleged on Saturday last week.

This report, in addition to a first-hand account of the waves from earlier in the morning, was enough to inspire a trip to "The Rock" with hopes of a few good waves and some relaxing downtime.

There were a ton of cars in the dirty, muddy parking lot when we pulled in to the farthest parking spot available to the left. In front of us, a series of wooden stalls with a concrete base served as a perfect changing area which we jumped into immediately.

I had not even looked at the water before I pulled my wetsuit up snugly around my waist, and walked out of the stall, turning to look at the break. A huge set was rolling in and it crashed against the rock and broke to the left. It looked nice, not a close out and HUGE.

Four guys made a run at a wave in the middle of the set. Three of whom missed the sweet spot and were engulfed by a wash of white water, disappearing below the surface while their boards spun and flipped through the air.

The other brave soul, however, made it with a quick ride that lasted no longer than five seconds before he turned off the wave and began to paddle back out. He did not turn during his ride, staying straight while their boards spun and flipped through the air.

He bounced slightly with the ripples of the wave. It had to have been close to double overhead; I’m talking huge, the kind of surf that you might have seen in a magazine or a book highlighting Central Coast surf spots.

I can tell you one thing, I was not going out there. Was I scared? I don’t think so.

So, as an alternative we did something that we normally don’t do. I was equally suicidal if not worse, but I did not know it at the time.

On the other side of the rock, down a series of smaller jagged rocks, across a channel, down a beach and then out along the rocks to where we went. I had no idea what we were doing because I had never been to this spot. I fully expected something significantly less than the rock.
Congress shifts steroid focus

Howard Fendrich  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Congress is sending a message to the NFL, NBA, NHL and their players: Now that baseball strengthened its steroids policy, we're turning our attention to you.

But those other leagues and unions aren't necessarily planning to get right to work rewriting drug-testing programs that already have been made tougher since lawmakers began focusing on the issue eight months ago.

"We don't think we need to stiffen our penalties," NFL Players Association executive director Gene Upshaw said Wednesday. "Let Congress act if they want to."

Upshaw said. "We have put a responsible model in place. We didn't need Congress to tell us to put it in, so why would we need them to modify it?"

"It's actually our model that they have been holding up as the way to go."

That's true: During the series of House and Senate hearings on steroids in sports, Major League Baseball repeatedly was criticized, and the NFL praised. As NFL spokesman Joe Browne said: "Other sports have modeled their drug programs after ours, which has been around more than 15 years."

But the landscape changed dramatically Tuesday, when baseball owners and players agreed to a 50-game suspension without pay for a first offense, a 100-game suspension for a second offense, and a lifetime ban for a third. Baseball also added testing for amphetamines.

"We have the toughest program now in American sports," commissioner Bud Selig said at the baseball owners' meeting in Milwaukee, "and I'm proud of that."

Under the new deal, a player would miss nearly a third of a 162-game season after a first failed test. The NFL's initial four-game penalty costs a player a quarter of a 16-game season, the NHL's 20-game initial penalty is about a quarter of an 82-game season, and the NBA's 10-game initial penalty is about an eighth of an 82-game season.

"The NFL's policy was recognized as the best in professional sports when they testified in April. Baseball's now adopted more stringent penalties and has a much more complete list of banned substances," Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said. "He and Tom Davis, R-Va., chairman of the House Government Reform Committee, which held the March 17 hearing with Rafael Palmeiro, Mark McGwire and Jose Canseco ... sponsored a bill with a two-year ban for a first offense and a lifetime ban for a second across pro sports. By Tuesday, though, they were supporting legislation sponsored by Sens. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., with a half-season ban, followed by a one-season ban, then lifetime ban."

While that legislation was put on hold after baseball's announcement, those four lawmakers, plus the sponsor of another House bill, Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., all made clear the threat of congressional intervention isn't disappearing.

"We'll leave it there and see what the other major league sports do," Bunning said. "We are very anxious to rid all professional sports of any steroids or amphetamines."

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VANDALISM, DRINKING in groups and boredom often go hand in hand. Would you throw that bottle or spray paint that wall if you were by yourself?

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- Think about the consequences before you take action!

Vandalism takes life down an ugly path.
Outdoor Gunn
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Of course, I was wrong. The waves were big, how­
er smaller than they were on the other side of the
Jetty, which is covered in jagged barnacle-laden
spots that you can handle. I learned it the hard way and
sucked.

As a result of this miscommunication of informa­
tion, I was most cautious about praying baseball, say­ing he wants to see a signed deal. Owners could rat­
ify the agreement at their meetings that began Wed­nesday at Milwaukee. The union’s executive board
decides what is to be done next. Dec. 5-9 in Henderson, Nev.,
whether all players should vote to ratify the agreement — or if board
approval is enough.

“This is a promise and not a poli­
cy,” Stearns said in a telephone
interview. “The deal with them
before in a hearing and they made
promises and nothing happened. I’m
not convinced.”

He also still thinks steroids rules
should be standardized across sports.

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shoulde which eventually led to
surgery in 2004. After a recovery
time of six months of intensive
physical therapy, he was back in
the back country.

Despite the danger, which
Hjelte admits that he thinks about
in the off season, he still ventures
to the limits of his ability, pushing
himself to do new things and have
more fun.

“If it makes you really happy,
then you’re not really thinking
about falling or getting hurt. It’s
about having fun,” Hjelte said.

While sking Hjelte isn’t think­
ing about getting hurt or the
money that some skiers have began
to make, as he emphasized that
there are only a few guys that
make a living doing it.

“I really love doing it so I’m
going to do it for as long as I can,”
Hjelte said. “I’m not really in it for
the money.”

Morro Rock stands between south Jetty (left) and
“The Rock” (right), two prime surfing spots.

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LINES OF INFLUENCE
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“Not in the cards”.

“Hey, did you hear? It’s me”

“Not in the cards”.

“We’re still in discussions with
some of the other sports,” Davis
said. “Hockey, in our judgment, has
a fairly weak system.”

The NHL didn’t test for steroids
until the current season, and the
league and union think they’re on
the right track, with players’ associ­
ation executive director Ted Saskin
saying Wednesday: “Our policy will
ensure that performance-enhancing
substances never become a problem
in our sport.”

NHL deputy commissioner Bill
Daly took exception to Davis’ com­
ments. “We don’t at all agree that the
program we have negotiated and
implemented is weak. To the con­
trary, we believe we have a very
strong program in a sport that has
no experience or history of prob­
lems with performance-enhancing
drugs,” Daly wrote in an e-mail to
the AP.

“We’re happy to continue to work
and cooperate with Congress to
address and hopefully satisfy
whatever concerns they might have.
It would be premature at best to
speculate at this time whether we
and the NHLPA would be prepared
to make changes to our newly bar­
gained program.”

NBA spokesman Bryan McIntyre
said the league wouldn’t comment.

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