Poll shows that undergraduates prefer smaller companies

Adam Widman

STANFORD, Calif. — Undergraduates seeking jobs generally prefer small- or medium-sized employers to larger corporations when they leave college, according to a recent poll on the student career Web site CollegeGrad.com. The poll gathered responses of about 5,000 students nationwide, and 70 percent of respondents said they preferred small- to medium-sized employers, while 30 percent said they would prefer a large employer.

According to the Web site, the results of the poll defied common industry expectations.

“This feedback is contrary to the generally held view that college graduates only want to work for Fortune 500 or Global 1,000 companies,” said Brian Krueger, president of CollegeGrad.com. “Not only are college grads interested in small and medium-size companies, they prefer them.”

Employers cited a variety of reasons for the poll’s findings. Some labeled the results as a response to increasing uncertainties associated with large employers, while others said they were an indication that the market is experiencing a new generation of job seekers.

“Today’s graduates have seen the cyclical nature of the global and national economies,” said Steven Jungman, director for Chennai.com. (FIP) in a press release. “This is slumping, layoffs, and mass-layoffs are now a part of everyone’s vocabulary and are now far more associated with larger firms.”

Heidi Hanisko, the director of client services at CollegeGrad.com, said that the poll’s results were reflective of a generational shift.

“The significance is that the results represent a change in the preference that Generation X had of choosing the giant paycheck typically associated with large international firms, to Generation Y’s (also known as the Millennial Generation) preference to work for smaller companies,” she said.

When asked for their preferences about employer size, Stanford University seniors were split between large and small-medium sized companies. Jomme Gan, an economics and international relations graduateWeb site, page 2.

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New fraternities plan to come to Poly

Jennifer Hall

The Cal Poly greek system is growing again with the addition of two new fraternities, Sigma Pi and Delta Tau Delta. Sigma Pi held informational sessions this week and last week and had a booth in the University Union for the last two weeks. They are planning to colonize this Friday.

“We have a good turnout this week at the meeting,” Jen DiVita, a Sigma Pi senior expansion consultant, said. “We’ll be colonizing with 20 to 25 men and holding elections this Saturday.”

Sigma Pi is re-colonizing at Cal Poly since they closed in 1999 due to low membership. DiVita and Jeremy Boyd are two alumni of the fraternity that are working to re-establish the chapter on campus again.

“We are looking for campus leaders, guys that want to be involved, and diverse,” Boyd, another senior expansion consultant, said.

Sigma Pi has 130 chapters and colonies in the U.S. This colony will be the 12th Sigma Pi fraternity in California.

“The real bonus here is that anyone who joins before we are chartered has the opportunity to be a founding father,” DiVita said.

As soon as they colonize on Friday, Sigma Pi will be approved by the Interfraternity Council (IFC) at Cal Poly. This will allow them to participate in all IFC events and athletics; however, they will not have a vote until they become a chartered fraternity.

On average it takes 10 to 14 months to charter; Boyd said. “It just depends on how hard they work.”

Delta Tau Delta would be completely new to Cal Poly and is still trying to make the minimum for a colony.

“To gain two more new houses is good for the greek system,” said Chris Barkdale, the IFC President and member of Beta Theta Pi.

Last year, Cal Poly lost two fraternities, Kappa Sigma and Phi Delta Theta. The addition of Sigma Pi and Delta Tau Delta would bring the total number of fraternities back up to 23 according to the IFC Web site. “For me, it’s kind of a cool thing that these other houses will be on campus,” Barkdale said. “I’m rooting for them.”

Sigma Pi is hoping to start their national Altrusian Campus Experience Project within the next year at Cal Poly.

The project has been going on for three years and hopes to build ties between fraternities and the campus by discovering university needs and doing service projects on campus.

“We want to bring all the fraternities, sororities, clubs, students and faculty together,” DiVita said. “We want to unite the campus and instill campus pride.”

Sigma Pi is holding another informational meeting today in building 52 at 7 p.m.
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Textbook cycles last approximately five years. The Board of Education approves textbooks for all subjects, but the actual textbooks are chosen by the school districts. A state will generally approve three to four textbooks major, said she would prefer a major, said she would prefer a major, said she would prefer a major, said she would prefer a major, said she would prefer a

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books are portraying history in a Western context," she said. "I am against portraying monkeys [in reference to India]. Other things are much more subtle, that many people are confused about."

Recommendations

To address the changes that needed to be made, the State Board of Education created a committee that would decide on the content of the changes. Some members of the committee were professors who supported the Hindu right-wing efforts of HEF and VEF which threatened to result in the inclusion of some controversial information.

In the Glencoe/McGraw-Hill textbook, it was recommended to change "men had many more rights than women" to "men had different duties.

Information on the "untouchables," India's lowest and poorest caste, was recommended to be changed as well. The original text stated that this group performed "dirty work" such as collecting trash and skinning animals. However, HEF recommended "its members were called untouchables because they performed dirty work such as skinning animals"

In other textbooks, it was recommended that the caste system be completely removed. Lower-caste community members from the Dalit community in Sacramento attended the Board of Education meeting to object to the literal deletion of their identity in the history books.

One change that surprised Heitzman was the HEF's effort to impose the idea that Aryans were indigenous to India.

"This would mean that Irish and English languages, for example, were not from India, but rather the other way around," Heitzman said. "No serious scholars believe this thesis."

Outcome

On Monday, the Board of Education met to decide what changes would be made. In all, 70 to 80 percent of the changes were rejected. Matsu said this is not a new issue, and that the Hindu right-wing groups have been doing a lot of planning for these edits. The South Asian population in America has well over 1 million members, who represent a potential base for lobby support.

"The money is there," Heitzman said. "It is not surprising that they are reflecting their political muscle. The whole experience was positive because good information got in."

State's population tops 37 million, state officials say

Alameda, Sacramento and Contra Costa. Riverside County had the largest percentage increase in population — 4.41 percent — in the period studied by demographers. That was followed by Yuba County with 3.85 percent, Placer with 3.43 percent, Kern with a 3.23 percent and Colusa with a 3.16 percent.

Five counties — Inyo, Modoc, Mono, Sierras and Alpine — lost population, according to the report. Nearly two-thirds of the increase was due to more births than deaths, officials said.

The state figure differs from that released in December by the U.S. Census Bureau, which estimated California's population at 36.1 million.

With the U.S. population at 296.4 million, about one in eight U.S. residents lives in California, based on the state data. California's population is roughly equivalent to that of Poland, which has 38 million people.

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US and India agree on landmark nuclear deal

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NEW DELHI — Reversing decades of U.S. policy, President Bush ushered India into the world’s exclusive nuclear club Thursday with a landmark agreement to share nuclear reactors, fuel and expertise with the energy-starved nation in return for its acceptance of international safeguards.

Eight months in the making, the accord would end India’s long isolation as a nuclear maverick that defied world appeals and developed nuclear weapons. India agreed to separate its tightly entwined nuclear industry — declaring 14 reactors as commercial facilities and eight as military — and to open the civilian side to international inspections for the first time.

The agreement must be approved by Congress, and Bush acknowledged that might be difficult because India still refuses to sign the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty.

“I’m trying to think differently, not stay stuck in the past,” said Bush, who has made improving relations with India a goal of his administration. Celebrating their agreement, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said, “We have made history today, and I thank you.”

The deal was sealed a day before Bush began an overnight visit to Pakistan, a close ally struggling with its own terrorism problem. An American diplomat, foreign service officer David Fog, was targeted.

“Terrorists and killers are not going to prevent me from going to Pakistan,” Bush said at a news conference with Singh in New Delhi.

Bush aides said there were security concerns about the president going to Pakistan but that officials were satisfied adequate precautions were in place. “But this is not a risk-free undertaking,” said national security adviser Stephen Hadley.

The U.S.-India nuclear deal was seen as the centerpiece of better relations between the world’s oldest and most powerful democracy and the world’s largest and fastest-growing one.

The United Nations’ nuclear watchdog agency, the International Atomic Energy Agency, gave its endorsement Thursday, calling the deal “an important step towards satisfying India’s growing need for energy, including nuclear technology and fuel, as an engine for development.

“It would also bring India closer as an important partner in the non-proliferation game,” IAEA Director-General Mohamed ElBaradei said in a statement.

India has more than 1 billion people, and in its booming economy has created millions of jobs along with hardships that have attracted American businesses. India’s middle-class has swelled to 300 million — more than the population of the United States.

Still, 80 percent of Indians live on less than $2 a day.

Bush began the day by paying respects at a memorial to Mohandas K. Gandhi, India’s independence leader and apostle of nonviolence. Following tradition, the president and his wife, Laura, left their shoes behind. Bush also confered with the CEOs of Indian and American businesses, religious leaders and the head of India’s political opposition.

Bush and Singh announced new bilateral cooperation on issues from investment, trade and health to agriculture, the environment and even mangoes. Bush agreed to resume imports of the juicy, large-pitted fruit after a 17-year ban.

The president ended the day at a state dinner with Indian President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam under a crescent moon in a lush courtyard of the presidential palace. Waiters in red turbans and red-and-white turbans served to scarf broccoli-almond soup, seafood and peach ice cream after toasts of mango juice by the two heads of state.

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Senior project helps local boutique

Cal Poly student Amanda Domingues’ work can be seen today at Adonis in downtown San Luis Obispo.

Art and design student takes her love for photography and uses it to market fashion line at local downtown business

Nick Coury

Amanda Domingues, an art and design senior, is using fashion and photography as the focus of her senior project. Set to graduate from Cal Poly in June 2006, her project features 16 pictures showing off the spring fashion line of Adonis, an inde-chie apparel store, formerly known as Yellow Kiss, in downtown San Luis Obispo.

"I love seeing things in a different way, through a lens," Domingues said. "It just captures a moment in time."

Domingues started taking photos in WHS as a junior in high school in Davis. She continued to cultivate her skills through a fashion photography class at Caimus River Junior College in Sacramento.

"I continued shooting fashion portraits because Kurt Brown (a photography technician at Cal Poly) said he saw me doing work in fashion," Domingues said.

While at Cal Poly, Domingues became friends with Brooke Chase, who eventually connected her with Yellow Kiss owner Alissa Disalvo.

"She asked me if she could do some photos, and I said sure," Disalvo said. "I think (her work) will bring awareness to the store."

According to a press release, after just over two years, she has realized a need for a store devoted exclusively to apparel and adopted the Adonis name to reflect the change in merchandise.

She is also working with Disalvo to make a Web site for Adonis, using Domingues’ photography.

"It's interesting how I can use photography and lighting to help promote the store," Domingues said.

Now 25, she hopes to focus more on wedding photography beginning this summer.

Domingues’ exhibit opens today from 5 to 9 p.m. at the store Adonis at 952 Chorro St.

Amanda Domingues (COURTESY PHOTO)

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Little-known war. In northern Uganda, a war led by abducted children has been taking place for 17 years. They are kept hidden at night from remote African villages and forced into a violent and militaristic lifestyle by rebel factions, becoming part of a "kid military." They are targeted at the ages of 8 to 14, making them the best candidates to be forced into an undesired lifestyle of violence. Many young girls end up raped or as rebel wives. As a result, these children hide away in major towns, hiking from their remote villages a few miles a day, sleeping together cramped like sardines in various hospitals and churches where they cannot be abducted. Proper edu- cation and nutrition are, of course, far beyond the expecta- tion of anyone. Millions have died, and it has been two decades as a result of this war, and no one in the United States really knows about this. Please become informed about this, so it will eventually become a priority of our government.

If you wish to see an amazing video regarding this subject that will help inform you, go to invis- iblechildren.com.

Wildflower: beyond the rumors

Forget Mardi Gras. It's time to focus on something that students actually have a say about. I'm talking about Wildflower. For those of you who don't know what it is, Wildflower is a Tri-County California event where Cal Poly students camp out and volunteer for the second- largest triathlon in the world. Last year you had hundreds of reasons of underdrinking. Tri-California had to change the alcohol policy, allowing no student to bring their own alcohol. This change had a dramatic effect on Cal Poly student's support of the event, and it has caused a spread of rumors that I want to put an end to. The most common rumor I heard was that there would be no alcohol at the event, which is completely false. Tri-California has made the effort to provide a "beer garden" for students of age, serving a variety of beers from Firestone to Budlight for one cheap price. (You get free beers for volunteering.) There were other rumors as well, but they all stemmed from this key issue. Basically, I want to stop the rumors, come support Wildflower and make the week- end it what it once was. How can you put up a weekend of camp for fun and leave enter- tainment, free food and good old volunteering?

The party is not over for Wildflower on May 5-7, and it's open to everyone. In any of rumors you can attend all events! Kristin Zellhart

Wait, we're just kidding about our recommendation of course.

We meant opium. Consult your local 19th Chinese magi- cian.

Well, that about wraps things up for cocaine. Here's a preview of next week's edition of TCG, in honor of "Designer Drug History Month."

letters to the editor
Grand jury testimony that he unknowingly took steroids. The jerk who puts himself above the law gets away with it and the law must make a play to help his team.

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Back to Bonds: So does wearing a dress excite Bonds for his history of contempt for the media and substance-abuse program in 1996.
Cal Poly hosts San Diego for three games against Santa Clara last weekend, will host the University of San Diego (7-4) for a three-game series this weekend in Baggett Stadium.

Friday's contest begins at 6 p.m., while first pitch for the Saturday and Sunday games will be at 1 p.m. The series will be broadcast on ESPN Radio (1280 AM) as well as on the Internet at www.GoPoly.com.

Coach Larry Lees' Mustangs, ranked No. 30 by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper this week and receiving votes in the three other major Division I college baseball polls, opened the 2006 season with 6-3, 4-1 and 9-8 victories over Fresno State before a series total of 5,735 fans, the second largest total for a three-game series in Baggett Stadium. It marked the second straight year that Cal Poly had swept Fresno State. The Mustangs then hit the road for their next nine games and posted 2-1 series wins over San Jose State, Loyola Marymount and San Diego State.

University of San Diego, coached by Rich Hill (eight seasons, 240-182-3, Cal Lutheran '84), has six position starters, six pitchers and two other lettermen back from last year's 20-27-1 squad which finished second in the Coast Division of the West Coast Conference with a 16-14 record. The Toreros shocked the college baseball world Feb. 3-5 by sweeping pre-season No. 1-ranked Texas at Cunnigham Stadium by scores of 4-2, 6-0 and 12-8.

San Diego then won two of three games at UC Davis and won two-of-three games in tournament hosted by USC, moving up to No. 8 in the polls. Last weekend, San Diego was swept by unranked Georgia. Among the top returnees are junior outfielder Shane Buschini (.352, six home runs, 42 RBIs, 15 stolen bases in 2005), junior infielder Kevin Ruth (.338, 34 RBIs, nine stolen bases in 2005) and sophomore utility player Justin Snyder (.318, 31 RBIs in 2005).

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Cal Poly has a 27-22-2 lead in its series against San Diego dating back to 1965. The series tied at 16-16 since Cal Poly moved to Division I prior to the 1995 season. The Mustangs opened the 2006 campaign by sweeping the Toreros in San Diego by scores of 8-6, 10-6 and 10-4.

Junior catcher Cam Dynyo owns a team-leading .447 average, followed by junior third baseman Josh Lofland (.365), who went 7-for-12 against the Broncos.

After playing nine straight games on the road, the Mustangs are in the midst of a six-game homestand and 15 of 20 at home. Cal Poly will play three non-conference games against UC Santa Barbara next weekend — Friday and Sunday in Santa Barbara and Saturday at 1 p.m. in Baggett Stadium.

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Cal Poly will play 28 games in 2006, including 20 at home, and post a non-conference schedule that includes two of the top 10 programs in the nation in California and Oregon State.

Cal Poly improved its score by three strokes, but still finished last among the 19 schools competing in the Antoniagues Fresno State Invitational women's golf tournament, which con­cluded Tuesday at the Copper River Golf Course.

The Mustangs, who had a 320 total Monday, card­ed a 317 Tuesday for a 637 total. UC Irvine won with a 571 total, followed by Long Beach State at 580 and New Mexico State at 596.

Cal Poly's top score was an 80-77, totaling 157 total by Jessica Huss for 63rd place. Huss won the Lady Bearcliff Challenge hosted by UC Riverside last week. "It was a tremendous week, "Huss said. "We don't have any first-time players on our team. Every­body has been on the team before and they have a lot of experience, "

They will want to know who this athlete is, what makes him tick and if this person would make a game of the 2006 football season at home, facing both opponents for the first time.

The schedule, announced Wednesday by Mustang Athletics Director Alston Cone and head football coach Rich Ellerson, features five home dates and six con­tests on the road. The Mustangs will play four Great West Football Conference Games and also have the pair of non-conference games against Division I-A schools.

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