Tomato Mania is on, mealybug still present

Jemma Wilson
MUSTANG DAILY

Inspections are still on-going throughout Cal Poly’s horticulture units as investigators sample more plants in search of the passio-vine mealybug that was discovered two weeks ago.

“The majority of greenhouses have been inspected,” pest control professor Robert Rice said.

Cal Poly’s Plant Shop and several other areas on campus are remaining closed to the public as further samples and inspections are being conducted.

In total, eight of the passio-vine mealybugs have been positively identified out of roughly 135 samples taken. The pest was discovered during a routine inspection of Cal Poly’s greenhouses.

“Fewer than half have been sampled because it is a three-hour process for each pest,” Rice said.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture is funding the investigation and does not have any new information to share on how the pest came from or how it arrived at Cal Poly. Rice assumed that investigators will probably never find out who brought it here but they are trying to trace all the plants that have come in and out of the greenhouses.

The plants that were identified as containing the pest are being sent to a lab for further analysis.

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SLO to make ‘Global Night Commute’

Amy Asman
MUSTANG DAILY

More than 350 people will make the night commute to Santa Rosa Park this Saturday to sleep under the stars and make a stand with the humanitarian organization, Invisible Children. The Global Nightly Commute is a non-profit event geared toward pressuring the American government to put an end to the ongoing civil war in Uganda.

“Americans are closing their eyes to the World’s to an unseen war. By lying down, we are joining the invisible children in Northern Uganda, and demanding that our government help put an end to the longest running war in Africa’s history, and one of the worst crises in the world today,” according to the organization’s Web site, www.invisibllechildren.org.

The brainchild of three Southern Californians, Invisible Children was started after co-founders Bobby Bailey, Jason Russell and Loren Poole went on vacation to Northern Africa in spring 2003 and made a horrifying discovery.

According to the site, “The start of Invisible Children came in 2003 when three naive film makers, from Southern California, flew to Africa in search of a story that would change the world. What they found was a situation in Northern Uganda that disgusted and inspired them. They documented their findings of a 20-year-long war where children are the weapons, and the victims.

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Cal Poly’s Chris Goong expects to be taken in the third round of Saturday’s NFL Draft

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Business fraternity hosts annual golf tournament to benefit community programs

IN DIVERSIONS, 5

ASI presidential candidates debate

Kristen Marschall
MUSTANG DAILY

At the ASI presidential debate on Thursday in the University Union, the blue shirts were out in full force, wearing bright blue for Todd Maki — as the presidential candidates answered questions about transportation, sustainability and why they would make a good president.

Current ASI President Tyler Middelstadt opened the event by saying that “it’s really important that everyone understands” the responsibilities of the ASI president as a person who represents the students and knows how they feel about issues.

Audience members were allowed to write down questions that would be given to the candidates throughout the debate.

A coin toss determined that Maki would answer first and the issue of transportation was discussed immediately. Both Maki and Giuppa showed concern for the recent termination of the campus’ Safe Ride services and for students abandoned on campus late at night.

For Giuppa, the “Blue Light” emergency phones on campus just don’t cut it.

“I’m a female, I get worried,” she said, “I want to know that I can rely on a safe service to get me home.”

She also noted that San Luis

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Wine connoisseurs to spend ‘An Afternoon Amidst the Oaks’

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MUSTANG DAILY

Good wine, good food and great entertainment will be offered this Saturday at Cal Poly’s fourth annual Wine Festival at the historic Santa Margarita Ranch.

The “Afternoon Amidst the Oaks” takes place from 1 to 4 p.m. and will feature 75 wineries from all over California plus 10 local restaurants while the band Joose performs.

“It’s a great place for wine enthusiasts to taste wine from all over California and for students to network with other companies,” Molly Strobel, an agricultural business senior and the marketing and public relations coordinator for the event and this second year involved.

Last year we had about 500 paid guests and this year we’re expecting a little over 600,” she said.

Transportation is now being provided for those who wish to have a designated driver. There will be three pick-up destinations in town at the Comfort Inn and Suites, La Cuesta Inn and the Embassy Suites Hotel at 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. The shuttles will return from the Wine Festival at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 each way.

Strobel said that every winery involved has some type of connection with Cal Poly as each establishment has at least one Cal Poly alumni working for their company.

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the transition to industry easier.”

Aimee Satyan, coordinator, is one of
these students who hopes to make the
transition. “I would like to get a job out of
this,” he said. “The workshop builds a lot of connections.”

He estimated that he has been involved with the program for
nearly five years and said he spends
about 30 to 40 hours a week
working in the program.

Many companies and universities
come to Cal Poly to test their prod-
ucts because Cal Poly has the tech-
nology to do so, Lee said. In the
mechanical engineering depart-
ment in building 103, there is a
vibration table to which the
picosatellite is mounted on to see
how the unit endures a simulated
shuttle launch. The welding department
in building 58 houses a
dheated vacuum chamber, which
removes the air within the chamber
and tests the picosatellite with
flowing temperatures from heaters
and liquid nitrogen. This gauges
whether the picosatellite can with-
stand the heat of the sun or the
coldness of the moon’s absence.

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The result was a film called
Invisible Children: Rough Cut.

“For a long time, nothing was
done (about the war) because no
one knew about it,” office manager
Susan Shriiikle said. “But in the last
few years there’s been a lot of aware-
ess raised about the civil war in
Uganda.”

Shriiikle added that “Invisible
Children: Rough Cut” has played
a large role in raising awareness of
the war occurring in the African
country.

The event will begin with partici-
pants making the eight commute to
a designated place in each individual
city that is involved with the project.

Men, women and children are
encouraged to write letters to
President Bush asking for assis-
tance in ending the war, or making per-
sonal art projects that will be used
in a future film about the project called
“National Town: Suburban Nation.”

“We are gathering in the cities
and asking the government two
things: to ask the president to pres-
sure the United Nations into ending
the conflict and protect civilians in
Uganda,” Shriiikle said. “And we
want (President Bush) to pressure
the president of Uganda to ensure
adequate humanitarian assistance to
the children.”

A harrowing documentation of
civil injustice and raw human pain,
the movie follows the stories of two
brothers who have just escaped from
the Lord’s Resistance Army, a rebel
military group that has涩血
trol of much of Uganda. The LRA is
known to kidnap children and vig-
ously force them into becoming sol-
ders or sex slaves. Those who refuse
are either severely maimed or killed.

The three co-founders were
recently flown out to Chicago, Ill, by
Opal Winfrey to appear live on her
talk show. The episode, which aired
Wednesday, highlighted the efforts of
Invisible Children and multiple celeb-
brities, including National
Geographic correspondent Lisa Ling
and George Clooney, who are work-
ing diligently in support of the orga-
nization’s cause.

“The organization is dedicated
to ending the war in Northern Uganda
where children are abducted and
forced to fight with the rebel army
as child soldiers. For fear of being
hunted by the LRA (Lord’s
Resistance Army), these children
commute on foot every night to
find safe places to sleep in their
town centers. To date, more than
30,000 children have been abducted
and forced into war. That’s why
Invisible Children is calling on the
world to take a stand,” the Web site
said.

Approximately 138 cities are par-
ticipating in the event and more
than 18,000 people are signed up to
make the Global Night Commute.
That number, according to a mass e-
mail sent out by the Invisible
Children organization, is expected
to increase drastically following the
appearance on the Oprah Winfrey show.

The Global Night Commute in
San Luis Obispo will take place
Saturday from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
Suicide Park. Volunteers are
encouraged to walk from their
homes in order to experience the
full effect of traveling to a “safe
devoting place.”

For more information about
the event and Invisible Children, visit
its Web site at www.invisiblechildren.com, or call
1-800-984-2022.

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containment facility at UC
Riverside for DNA analysis and
further research. Because this is the
first pass-through mealybug found
in the United States, studies will
most likely be conducted for quite
some time.

Tomato Mania, which was sup-
posed to have been held April 8
and 9, will now be held today and
Saturday at the horticulture unit
park, across from the Cal Poly
Plant Shop on Via Carta Drive.

Originally, the sale was supposed
to have been in the plant shop, but
after investigators discovered the
pest on one of the plants inside,
they then promptly closed the shop,
and it has been closed since the
afternoon of April 12. All tomato
plants have since been inspected
and were found to be free of the
pest.

Three students were involved in
Tomato Mania by growing all the
different types of tomatoes, includ-
ing greens, beefsteak, and tomato
hybrids. Two-thirds of the profit
made over the weekend will go
directly to those students, with the
remaining third going back to the
horticulture program, said
Ellen Black, an instructional sup-
port technician for the horticulture
department.

The Tomato Mania will be held
from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and
Saturday. For more information on
what type of tomatoes will be sold,
go to www.polyplantshop.com.

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Also what makes the event
unique is the lack of other wine
festivals with such a broad range of
wineries. With 75 wineries
involved, it gives wine con-
noisseurs an opportunity to compare
and contrast different
varieties from different regions.

Along with the band Joss
performing, there will also be a
direct auction and an art show.

“As of the wine and vintner program, which is a
year old and so it is a way of giving back,”
Bratton Malone, a senior wine and viticulture
major, and the event coordinator, said.

Jason Robideaux, a wine and
viticulture senior, is planning on
taking the Wine Festival this
Saturday because he said he is
hoping to meet some potential
employers plus taste a variety of
wines.

“It will be a good way to taste wines from the area plus
I could get some ideas of places I’m
interested in to work,”
Robideaux said.

Tickets are $30 for students
and $50 for the general public.
They can be purchased at the
Cal Poly Box Office, through
valiris.com and are also available
at the Wine Festival. Doors open
to 12:30 p.m.

For more information go
WHO SAID THAT?

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— Waiter Kant

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Annual SLO Tour hits the green to benefit community

Kathrene Tiffin

Cal Poly's business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi, will be hosting its third annual SLO Tour, a golf tournament to help benefit the Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo's Family Self Sufficiency Program and at-risk children.

"This year we wanted to have a much bigger impact on our community," said William Hills, an economics senior and executive director of the golf tournament.

"We thought if we did an event that encompassed everything that we do in the school of business — the management, the budgeting, the marketing and have a great cause tied in with it, donating to the charity, it would be the best way to hone our skills, which is what the organization (Delta Sigma Pi) is supposed to do."

The event will take place Saturday at the Avila Beach Golf and Resort with a shotgun start, best ball at 8:30 a.m. Registration fees for the general public are $125 for one player, $225 for two players and $425 for four players. Students are $75 each. Day-of registration is available beginning at 7:30 a.m., but will be $25 more than pre-registration.

The Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo supplies tutoring and many other activities to at-risk children in the community. The money raised from the event will help the program get computers for the children as well as help the program keep tutors already at the center, Hills said.

"It's really going to go a long way for the kids," he said.

The non-profit housing program's mission is "to assist the county's lower income citizens secure and maintain long-term housing. It is a mission the Housing Authority takes very seriously and executes creatively and diligently," according to the program's Web site.

Registration includes a box lunch, cart and green fees, driving range warm-up, wine, cheese, refreshments and grab bags. Prizes include overnight stays at Sycamore Mineral Springs, The Cottage Inn and wine and gift baskets which will be awarded after the event.

More than 70 people are expected to be in attendance for the event which has been in the planning stages since June and is hoped to raise between $5,000 and $10,000, Hills said.

For details, contact Hills at whills@calpoly.edu, or call 441-0181 or visit www.sodeltasig.com/slotour.
Arbor Day is for pinkos?

THERE are many arguments forallow­

ging illegals immigrants to work in

America; here are some against illegal immigration. Though illegal immigrants contribute to the economy, they lower working wages for American workers. Why is it that some busi­ness owners don't hire illegal immigrants? Is it because they are better work­ers or more educated? No, it is because they are cheaper than Americans. Thus, if an American should want to break into an industry at the ground level, he/she is now forced to compete with illegal immigrants who are willing to work illegally for less. Americans cannot work for less by law, thus they are forced out of a job they could have had, until they want to do work illegally. Since businesses compete, once one reproduce capitalist breaks the law, the rest must either follow suit or be outcompeted. This is a major problem with illegal immigration today.

Another problem with illegal immigration is that it is a slap in the face to law-abiding poten­tial immigrants. By allowing people to flood across our two major borders, what that

tell somebody from Romania who would like to experience the American dream? It tells them that Americans value cheap illegal labor over the application process it forces on people who obey the law. I encourage all Americans to support and encourage the immigrants in our country and the very best way to do so is by opposing illegal immigration practices.

Some state that America cannot afford to round up and deport all the millions of illegal immigrants in our country. They're probably right, and the good news is that America would not have to do so. This problem could be solved by more aggressive legislation and enforcement of anti-illegal immigration laws. If business owners are fined large sums and threatened with prison sentences because of this practice, they will quickly reconsider which method of employment is cheaper: a threat that should be backed up with under­

cover agents. Once owners get on board and start obeying the law, jobs for illegal immigrants will dry up and illegal immigrants will have to emigrate somewhere else to find work. If there is an employee shortage because of this, wages will rise and the "invisible hand" will ensure that employees are found to fill these jobs.

Finally, I hear many arguments that begin "but they are PEOPLE, you can't just..." Let's get down to hard facts. The world is becoming overpopulated and more people are going to poverty and starvation every year. America is a relatively wealthy nation with room for growth and naturally people will look to America as a place of opportunity to provide for their families. How many such people can America support? 10 million? 100 million? 1 billion? I don't know where you live, but I bet you see the point is that just because we have compassion for the poor does not mean we can save every­body from poverty by bringing them to our country. This saddens me, as I'm sure it does you but this is where I part ways. I believe there is an employee shortage because of this, wages will rise and the "invisible hand" will ensure that employees are found to fill these jobs. "I hear many arguments that begin "but they are PEOPLE, you can't just..." Let's get down to hard facts. The world is becoming overpopulated and more people are going to poverty and starvation every year. America is a relatively wealthy nation with room for growth and naturally people will look to America as a place of opportunity to provide for their families. How many such people can America support? 10 million? 100 million? 1 billion? I don't know where you live, but I bet you see the point is that just because we have compassion for the poor does not mean we can save everybody from poverty by bringing them to our country. This saddens me, as I'm sure it does you but this is where I part ways. I believe there is an employee shortage because of this, wages will rise and the "invisible hand" will ensure that employees are found to fill these jobs.

Mike Matzke and Doug Bruzzone are two classy gent and Mustang Daily columnists.

Ryan Hunter is a mechanical engineering senior and Mustang Daily guest columnist.

HUMOR COLUMN

A few arguments against illegal immigration

have noticed that the puns you used were a little scatological today than it was yesterday? That's because today is Arbor Day. A filthy holiday celebrated by tree huggers. 

Here are the stats, you see. At least 2.7 rainforests have been eliminated in the last year. Though illegals immigrants contribute to the economy, they lower working wages for American workers. Why is it that some business owners don't hire illegal immigrants? Is it because they are better workers or more educated? No, it is because they are cheaper than Americans. Thus, if an American should want to break into an industry at the ground level, he/she is now forced to compete with illegal immigrants who are willing to work illegally for less. Americans cannot work for less by law, thus they are forced out of a job they could have had, until they want to do work illegally. Since businesses compete, once one reproduce capitalist breaks the law, the rest must either follow suit or be outcompeted. This is a major problem with illegal immigration today.

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Cal Poly's Chris Gocong is expected to be selected in the third or fourth round of this weekend's NFL draft.

Frank Stranz

Many NFL players come from universities in a big football conference like the Pac-10, Big 12 or Big 10. Stars are manufactured at the University of Southern California, Ohio State and Miami University — not California Polytechnic State University.

Chris Gocong, an engineering senior at Cal Poly, will try to do what most "small school" players never get to do in the NFL. Several teams have expressed interest in the 2005 Buck Buchanan Award winner, but the New York Jets told Gocong they intend to select him if he's still available in the third round of this weekend's NFL draft. The Jets pick twice in the third, Nos. 71 and 91, respectively.

Gocong is expected to land in the third or fourth round, some analysts even projecting him to go as high as the second round of the 2006 NFL Draft. But questions remain about his ability to make the jump from Division I-AA football to the NFL.

"I'd say I proved myself against bigger guys at the East-West Shrine Game and also against the competition at the combine," Gocong said.

One of the most popular questions asked of Gocong is if he will be able to compete with seasoned NFL veterans being from a small school. At the East-West Shrine Game, Gocong had a chance to match up with some of the top seniors in the class of 2006 — among several hundred NFL scouts and other personnel in attendance.

Gocong, who roomed with USC defensive end Frostee Rucker at the San Antonio-based event, recorded three tackles in the annual all-star extravaganza. It was an impressive outing for Gocong. However, doubts about his career at a Div. I-AA school remained. Undeterred, the top pass rusher in Div. I-AA believe he is just as talented as his Div. I-A counterparts.

"Coming into the whole process (Frostee Rucker) had more clout because he was from USC, not Cal Poly," Gocong said. "But after the East-West Shrine Game, we're equals. We both played on the same level. We both went to the combine, and I think that kind of equalized (our status)."

The Santa Barbara County native, graduate of Carpinteria High School, averaged 1.91 sacks per game to lead the nation in sacks. He's also projected as an early third round pick in this year's NFL Draft.

Gocong has to keep answering that question. He's not 100 percent projected in the third round, but 1 think that kind of equalized (our status)," Ellerson said.

The most notable defensive player to make the jump from Div. I-AA to the pros in recent years was current St. Louis Rams linebacker Dexter Coakley. The first recipient and two-time winner of the Buck Buchanan Award — 1995 and 1996 — reached the NFL after four years at Appalachian State. He led the Mountaineers to the Div. I-AA quarterfinal in 1994 and 1995, recorded 616 career tackles and tallied better than 20 tackles in a game on seven occasions.

Coakley was selected No. 65 (third round) by the Dallas Cowboys in the 1997 draft. Gocong will watch the draft from his house in San Luis Obispo with friends and family. Despite the projections, Gocong knows there's still a chance he'll fall to the second day of the draft (rounds four-seven).

"I'm pretty happy (about being projected in the third round), but I won't be emphatic until it happens in the draft," Gocong said.

An illustrious Cal Poly career has given Chris Gocong a chance to play football at the highest level.

Nick Butt

Four months after winning the 2005 Buck Buchanan Award for being the nation's best defensive player in Division I-AA college football, the accolades for Cal Poly senior defensive end Chris Gocong are not slowing down. Some football experts have predicted Gocong to be selected as high as the second round of the 2006 NFL Draft, which will be held this Saturday and Sunday at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. If Gocong were to go that high, he would be Cal Poly's highest draft pick ever. Former Cal Poly line backer and 2004 Buck Buchanan Award winner Jordan Beck was selected in the third round (90th overall) by the Atlanta Falcons in the 2005 NFL Draft, the highest Mustangs dratter to date.

Gocong recorded 23.5 sacks last season, first in the nation and a Cal Poly record season, to finish with 42 career sacks (second all-time). He was also selected in the nation in tackles for loss yardage with 31, while leading Cal Poly to the quarterfinals of the Division I-AA playoffs for the school's first time.

Gocong's honors this season include being the Great West Conference Defensive Player of the Year, a Division I-AA All-American and a member of the East-West Shrine Game (in which he recorded a sack and three tackles).

A very athletic 6-foot 2-inch, 263-pound Gocong participated in the NFL Combine in February at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis and impressed several scouts. "It's hard to tell who's looking at whom," he said, and though he has met with the New York Jets and Cincinnati Bengals, he could realistically be drafted by any one of 32 teams.

But even with all the scouts that buzzed around him during his time in Indianapolis, Gocong noted the presence of his fellow athletes at the combine. "It was cool just to be around the best, with Bush and Lienart ... to be put in the same category as them," he said.

As for the pressures of performing see Gocong, page 7

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CAL POLY CHARGERS