Sweet student project rolls out the goods on Central Coast

Cal Poly students weekly cook up the sweet stuff to supply San Luis Obispo with Cal Poly Chocolates as part of a student enterprise project. Nutrition seniors Amy Foley and Sarah Heller have worked with the food science and nutrition department for two years, melting, scooping and cutting their way to becoming the Cal Poly student chocolate managers.

Through the student enterprise project, the university supplies the money and facilities while students provide labor in production, packaging and marketing to make Cal Poly Chocolates possible. The project was established in 2000 and is under the supervision of faculty advisor and food science and nutrition professor Tom Neuhaus.

Foley and Heller currently work with seven other students to produce all of the chocolate the school sells, which has come to gross $40,000 annually. The money is used to pay for labor in production, packaging and marketing to make Cal Poly Chocolates.

"I think a lot of people may not know that all of our chocolate is completely handmade by the students. Everything is hand-dipped, cut and packaged," Heller said.

Foley and Heller both started at Cal Poly Chocolates during the holiday rush in 2005. Foley began as a volunteer for the short season and got her rewards in free chocolate.

Most students get their start in Cal Poly Chocolates through the classes FSN 201, chocolate production and packaging, or FSN 401, advanced enterprise project and then continue to stay involved in the project.

"A great thing about this program is people stick around; there is not a high turnover rate. Anyone who has

Cal Poly Chocolates manager Sarah Heller, left, makes chocolate with Andree Engelhardt. The campus business makes about $40,000 per year.

The fight continues

After a fact-finding report was issued, the faculty association and university administration have proceeded with pay raise discussions, but the chance of a strike is still possible.

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The California Faculty Association and the California State University administration are in the middle of a 30-day negotiation period, during which the two sides are trying to work out a new labor agreement. If no agreement is reached by Friday, the CFA plans to announce its strike plans for next week.

On the chances of the two sides finally reaching agreement, "I'm hopeful," said Richard Saenz, president of the Cal Poly chapter of the CFA. "I'm hoping they're serious about it. The combination of the fact finder's report and our vote were very favorable to us."

The negotiations began after March 25 when the CFA accepted recommendations from the fact finding committee, which has a representa­

tion from the CFA, the CSU and one neutral person. The report pro­

posed a 24.87 percent raise in faculty salary over a four-year period as well as 10 percent in service step increases, which are dependent on performance.

The CSU had previously offered a 24.87 percent compensation package to be paid over a three-year period, according to a press release from the CSU Chancellor's Office.

The CFA held a strike authorization vote on March 14, and 94 percent voted in favor of the strike. About 32 percent of Cal Poly's faculty are voting members in the union.

Despite negotiations, the CFA is continuing its strike prepara­

ations. If there is no agreement, six CSU campuses will have two-day strikes next week.

Although Cal Poly's strike date is still undetermined, if the CFA decides to strike, Cal Poly faculty will definitely participate, Saenz said.

Cal State Los Angeles and California Maritime Academy are scheduled to strike April 10 and 11; and CSU Dominguez Hills, CSU East Bay, CSU San Marcos and CSU Sacramento are scheduled for April 11 to 12.

"If what we did so far doesn't prod them to come to an agreement, (CSU) is probably not inclined to do so," Saenz said. "(Once it's resolved) we'll all be able to get back to the main point of business — teaching."

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been involved in Cal Poly Chocolates usually sticks with it for the rest of their time here," Foley said.
The chocolate is sold in various locations around the Central Coast, at campus market and by special order. Cal Poly Chocolates was responsible for providing the chocolate vagnols used at "The Vagina Monologues" performances on campus last month.
Every Friday Foley and Heller spend eight hours in the Food Processing building making and packaging the products. From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., their time is spent trying to get the chocolate to the right temperature to work with.
The chocolate makers then spend the entire day making the different products needed to fulfill orders for the next week. They sell as many as 300 pieces a week; a piece can range from a chocolate bar to an entire box of assorted chocolates.
Cal Poly Chocolates has a variety of different kinds of chocolate from four different types of bars, peanut butter cups and cashew caramels.
The group makes different amounts of chocolate each week based on the amount of orders received. Campus Market is the main seller of the chocolates and they become more popular around the holidays and when students are casting in their Phi Dl Dollars at the end of each quarter.
Another component to the flourishing student enterprise project came in March 2005 when they became recognized as a Fair Trade product by TransFairUSA. This means that all of the beans used to make any of the chocolates — dark, white or milk — are manufactured from Fair Trade-certified cocoa beans.
All of the Fair Trade cocoa is derived from specifically certified Fair Trade farms usually in Central and South America, the Caribbean and West Africa.
After graduation, Heller plans on pursuing a career within cooking and nutrition and Foley plans on going into culinary management.
Amy Foley, a Cal Poly Chocolates manager, works about eight hours every Friday to make and process the chocolates.

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Eckrote said he believes there is a need for metered parking on campus.
"We have a lot of people who just need to come in to drop things off," he said.
As an alternative to inserting coins in the parking meters, the University Police Department also offers cash keys, which can be used on all campus meters.
"You push in the key, pull it out and it puts some money in the meter," Eckrote said. "It basically subtracts from the key."
However, the cash keys only work on campus and not in the city of San Luis Obispo, which has its own parking meter keys.
In a parking lot survey conducted by the University Police Department in September 2004, the H-2 lot then featured 567 general parking spaces, 170 staff spaces, 21 meters and several disabled and sponsored guest spaces to total 707 spaces. After the construction of the new buildings, the lot now features 200 total spots, with 104 meters and 81 staff spaces.
Because staff parking will increase with the H-2 lot, current staff parking in the H-12 lot off of Via Carta Road will soon be reverted to general parking.
Though students often struggle to find parking, Eckrote said they are not alone.
"It's students, staff, faculty — everybody," he said. "Parking is a premium. You have to make sure you come in early enough."
In fall quarter 2006, 8,032 parking permits were sold. Of that number, 1,679 were for general annual permits and 3,385 were for general fall quarter permits. Only 297 annual staff passes were sold and 404 staff permits for just fall quarter.
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**RICHMOND (AP) —** Frustrated by Chevron’s refusal to let a San Francisco Bay area-wide hiking trail traverse its refinery, city officials are asking the state to end the company’s lease for the space.

The push to close a three-quarter-mile gap in the trail linking Point Richmond and Point Molate, which are separated by I-580 and the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, began in 2001.

Trail advocates and the city want to complete the local piece of the larger, 400-mile trail circling San Francisco and San Pablo bays. About 260 miles of the trail have been put in place since the Legislature authorized the project in 1987.

**Briefs**

**National**

**BOSTON (AP) —** Republican Mitt Romney reported raising $25 million for his presidential campaign during the first three months of the year, shaking up the GOP field and rivalling the total reported a day earlier by Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Meanwhile, the Republican front-runner in the polls, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, said his donations totaled $15 million — including more than $10 million raised during March alone. Sen. John McCain of Arizona, at one point considered the Republican to beat, trailed both with $12.5 million.

**SEATTLE (AP) —** A man and a woman were shot to death in the University of Washington’s architecture building Monday morning in what may have been a murder-suicide, university police said.

Officers responded to reports of gunfire found the two in an office on the fourth floor of Gould Hall, Assistant University Police Chief Ray Wittmeir said. He said a handgun was also found in the room.

“It’s quite possible that the suspect is one of the deceased,” Wittmeir said.

**International**

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP) —** Iran’s chief international negotiator on Monday called for an end to “the language of force” in the dispute over 15 British sailors captured in contested waters of the Persian Gulf and said there was no need to put the crew on trial.

The comments from Ali Larijani, who last week had suggested that the crew “may face a trial,” came as both Iran and Britain appeared to be seeking a way to soften their approach to the dispute. Earlier Monday, Iranian state radio said there would be no more broadcasts of the detained crew, though it said all 15 captive Britons had admitted illegally entering Iranian waters.

**HONIARA, Solomon Islands (AP) —** Bodies floated away and thousands of residents camped out overnight Tuesday on a hillside above a devastated town in the western Solomon Islands after a tsunami that struck without warning washed away coastal villages, killing at least 13 people. The death toll was expected to rise.

A wall of water reportedly 30 feet high struck the island of Choiseul and swept a third of a mile inland.

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Others shared Saenz’s desire to finally lay the dispute to rest.

“If the administration is truly committed to providing students with quality education, and if it truly cares about the future of the CSU system, it would accept the fact finder’s recommenda­tions and settle this contract dispute,” said CFA President John Travis in a press release.

The office of the vice president of academic personnel could not be reached for comment.

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Justin Timberlake swears he won't dish on Spears, Diaz

NEW YORK (AP) — Justin Timberlake blames celebrity magazine for turning his personal life into juicy gossip fodder.

"I despise what they do," the 26-year-old singer tells Details magazine in an interview in its April issue. "They create soap operas out of people's lives. ... It's a spin game, and I choose not to take part in it."

That includes not dishing any dirt about former girlfriends Britney Spears and Cameron Diaz.

"I would never say anything bad about anyone. I love a lot of those people," says Timberlake, whose latest album is "FutureSex/LoveSounds."

Timberlake, a former member of boy band 'N Sync, released his debut solo album, "Justified," in 2002. The album won a Grammy Award.

"I tried so hard to be an R&B artist and it was the pop album of the year. ... That's the last thing I wanted," Timberlake says. "But I was like, 'No one considers me a pop artist? ... I'm going to do whatever I want to do.'"

Timberlake took home a trophy as favorite male singer Saturday night in the playful, slime-drenched 20th Annual Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards, which aired on the Nickelodeon channel.

The show began with Timberlake descending from the ceiling on a large orange Nickelodeon blimp and breaking into a Broadway show tune in which he taunted the audience, saying he was too famous to be slimed.

"You'll never get a drop of slime on old J.T.," he sang.

By the end of the song, of course, he had been drenched in the green goo.
Coffee or beer: Both go well with music...

Spring break blues help columnist appreciate the finer aspects of the SLO music scene

I only say this to justify my odd choice of centering an entire Friday night around an open mic night in a Reno coffee shop. Let’s just say that I was really desperate for something to do. In my defense, the coffee shop was quite crowded because, apparently, this is the Thing to do since I left home almost two years ago. However, I’m guessing the real reason is that this coffee shop had just installed a new tap and was taking it for a test drive that night. I’m hanging out at Rudolph’s chugging free refills of coffee while everyone else is slamming down beers with some kid doing “Bright Eyes” covers in the corner. If this ended up being a “thing” for me, I’d have to cry into my pillow about my sad life.

Thank God, then, for San Luis Obispo and the Grass Roots Record showcase at Downtown Brewing Co. the following Monday, which was entirely different. The main differences are that Downtown Brew doesn’t serve coffee and that the showcase is basically an open mic night brought from Nevada City that doesn’t involve 18-year-olds singing along to reggae covers. Grass Roots Record Co. recently formed with Marc Snegg of the Snegg Band at the helm. The label is based in Nevada City and concerned with providing a place for Nevada City musicians. In honor of the formation, the label recorded a compilation over two weeks featuring artists like Hella, Alela Diane, Golden Shoulders and Marsey Sioux.

The show at Downtown Brew was held to help promote this compilation and featured six of the artists found on the album. The show gave each artist about minutes but many artists played together, sometimes in a very impromptu fashion. As usual, Marsey Sioux pulled out a great show. Locals will be happy to know she’s putting together a full length for Grass Roots Records this summer.

The real surprise of the show was Lee Bob Watson. His sound is a balance of pop-folk and country sounds. The end of his set pulled every person former on stage for some kind of afterparty.

Alela Diane puts the finishing touches on the whole night. She only played a few songs, which gave me a taste of what she will be like when she plays at my birthday party in May.

And yes, it is at least slightly awkward when I bring up the fact I booked her to play my birthday.

A case of pneumonia wiped out the possibility of doing anything fun from St. Patrick’s Day until the day I got home to Reno for spring break. Sadly, this bout of sickness required the most ultimate measures of abstinence from anything remotely sinful (even coffee!). Instead, I choked down pills and consumed an ungodly amount of non-dairy substances.

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How to lose to a girl and take it like a man

There was more on the line in the Georgetown versus Ohio State NCAA basketball game Saturday than I ever would have imagined. It came down to me not caring at all about the pools I was in and really didn’t care at all about who ended up scoring.

Still, you would be hard pressed to find anybody who would have believed me at the time. I was a man and things were good and still finished pretty well, it didn’t matter. There was one person that I needed to beat, had to beat, and I didn’t beat, would haunt me for a good long time. But, low and behold, it was just a matter of seven points that crushed me, my ego, and my ability to smile for a good long time for the reason that I lost to my girlfriend.

Yes, that’s right. I picked Georgetown. I picked Ohio State. That was all it came down to in the end if I were to have a better bracket. It because my obsession not with the tournament, but to beat her after she had been beating the crap out of just about everyone, since as of the beginning of the championship game, she was in 10th place in all of Cal Poly. Whether she was lucky or not in picking her teams, doesn’t matter; because I lost to her in one of sport’s biggest spectacles which is all that March Madness has to offer.

At one point, I was even asked if she them all on the whole tournament on facebook and took home the $25,000 grand prize, and would even dare share some of the money with me, if I would be happy for her for beating me. I instantly knew the answer. Of course I wouldn’t want her to win the $25,000.

Why, you may ask? Easy. My manhood is not worth a mere 25,000 bucks. Because of this embarrassing loss to my girlfriend, I’m bringing you this guide, in how to be a man.

It’s important to realize that we are all machines. It is important to realize that we have the right to make all content decisions, no matter how absurd, and the faith’s “believers” is anything and everything that we feel, and by dressing as pirates in the world has led to an explosion of pirates in the universe, and that by dressing as pirates in the world has led to an explosion of pirate related — hence the fake religion and real expression.

Rastafarianism is meant to point out the educational debacle over teaching the theory of evolution.

Good! Who cares? It’s also important to realize that these girls had out a bracket in the first place.

Moving on… no more letting my wife and mother-in-law. Wait, you know you’re a redneck if you believe dual airbags refer to your wife and mother-in-law." Wait, he makes millions off crap like that?

Heaven forbid! Why would you hide your faith? I’m not talking about the NROTA (No Religious Observance Time Act) or the First Amendment, which is a legal right for all citizens, of all faiths, to practice their religion, and to not have their religious beliefs challenged in the workplace.

As I’ve said before, I think this is a great way to lose to a girl.

My advice is to go for your religious beliefs? In hundreds of miles into exile, been fed of course, all of this is complete garbage, but it is still a belief.

Mike Heinowitz is a journalism major and Mustang Daily humor columnist. Tell him which teams he should have picked at mike@heinowitz.com.

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Todays Column

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I just went to a concert and it was a trippy week. I am a professional tripper. I took acid and I took it a little bit too far. I ended up hallucinating and seeing things that I had never seen before. It was a really strange experience. I am not sure if I will ever do it again. But, it was definitely a memorable experience.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Fake religion and real expression

Matthew Adair
Managing Editor (Men’s Tennis Editor State U)

How far would you be willing to go for your religious beliefs? In ages past, some have walked hundreds of miles into exile, been fed to the hounds. We’ve heard of this in bloody conflicts for their faith. For one young man in North Buncome High School, internal eye patch was a requirement of his belief. In Pascalariam, the faith conceived by those redneck comedians. In May 2005 as part of an argument at the time concerning teaching the theory of intelligent design in Kasama schools.

Henderson insisted that, if time was going to be given to teaching intelligent design, that students should like my brackets in the broad- way musical that was created by the Flying Spaghetti Monster, and that the world as we now it has been manipulated by said deity’s “woodly appendages” to make it seem older than it is.

Part of the religious dogma of the Pascalariam is everything and anything that is printed in Killian’s eye patch. It’s believed that the sudden decrease of the number of pirates in the world had led to an increase in the average temperature of the planet, and that by dressing as a pirate, people can stop the threat of global warming.

Of course, all of this is completely absurd, and the faith’s “believers” are well aware of it. Henderson meant his religion as a joke, a fancv on the educational debate over teaching the theory of evolution. Pascalariam is meant to point out the gaping holes in intelligent design, and nothing more.

So, why the big deal over Killian’s eye patch?

Religion is a serious topic of debate in this country, as it is the right to express oneself. Neatly all U.S. citizens know that their basic free- doms are protected under the Bill of Rights, even if few know the wording of the document or even the First Amendment.

Pascalariam is a serious religion, but it represents a serious idea. In a way, the administration of North Buncombe High School has made themselves look as fool- ish as those who support the teaching of intelligent design. The only real disruption in the school came from the decision to sus- pend Killian after repeatedly asking him to remove his pirate gear, and in punishing him, they’ve cre- ated more of a mess than if they had let him be left alone.

Killian has since decided that he won’t wear the eye patch until he’s told he can. The Constitution and legal precedents, however, both say that he can. Pascalariam may be a made-up, joke religion, but it is still a belief, and Killian has every right to express his belief, no matter how silly his method is.
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  - Invisible Children Benefit Concert
  - Tuesday, April 10th
  - 12-12 pm
  - Featuring: Boycott Bravado
  - Help the children of Northern Ugandas and enjoy the concert.
  - Envision World Peace. Educate yourself. Take action.

**AWESOME SUMMER JOB! CAMP WAYNE FOR GIRLS**
- Northeast Pennsylvania (6/16-8/12/07) If you love children and want a caring, fun environment we need Counselors and instructors for our summer camp. We will be on the Cal Poly campus April 13th to conduct interviews. Call 1-215-944-3069 or apply at www.campwaynegirls.com. Select The Camp That Selects The Best Staff!

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- **REWARD for lost gold bracelet with diamonds**
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**STUDENT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**
- Temporary Part Time Position
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- Work SCHEDULE: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. a.m.
- Monday - Thursday
- We are seeking staff act as first responders to general noise complaints throughout the Cal Poly Campus. CHC is based in the Student Neighborhood Center.

**EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:**
- Must be a local or national candidate in good standing with an Adult Employment Skills.
- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Must be able to communicate in an enforcement setting, understand oral and written instructions and possess a valid CA class "C" driver's license. Apply at www.chc.org.

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- Must be great with children, fun and committed to teaching in the 5 Cities Swim Club Arroyo Grande. (805) 481-6399.

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- Studio apartment, 1 bedroom 1 bath in Down Town SLO. 1st month's rent $1595. 2nd month's rent $2800. Rent today! Contact: Brandi at 805-783-4060.

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- College Garden Apts. Now renting 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Close to Cal Poly. Call 805-320-2264. Also 1 bed/1 bath in an apartment complex. Contact: Cameron, 805-781-2175.

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Eddie Pells
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — A long, tough season ended with a Gator champ again. Mission accomplished for Florida. The Gators were too much to handle once again Monday night, keeping their stranglehold on the college basketball world with an 84-75 victory over Ohio State for their second straight national championship.

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By the NUMBERS

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38-27 Florida’s advantage on the boards.

Softball team leads busy spring break for Poly athletics

By all indications, 2007 is shaping up to be the best season in the history of the Cal Poly softball program.

The Mustangs opened Big West Conference play with three game series sweep at UC Riverside last weekend and have won 15 of their last 18 games overall.

Cal Poly (27-9) is yet to crack either of the two Division I polls, but has three wins over ranked teams and appears headed toward the NCAA Tournament after being controversially left out in 1997, 2005 and 2006.

At the forefront of the Mustangs’ success has been senior center fielder Lisa Modglin, who is rewriting Cal Poly’s record book left and right. On-spring break, she set the school’s all-time record for hits in a career and broke her own single-season records for runs scored and RBI.

“I was really excited for that,” Modglin said of the career hits record. “When I was a freshman, a senior (Ross Sparrey) on our team broke it. I think it meant more to break her record.”

Modglin leads the Big West in nearly every significant offensive category. She is batting .517 with 15 home runs and 39 RBI, has 11 doubles, four triples, scored 41 runs, drawn 12 walks, stolen nine bases and boasts a 1.069 slugging percentage.

She has done all that in the leadoff role.

“I really like hitting leadoff,” Modglin said. “I’ve probably always been leadoff. I feel comfortable there. I like to have the role of getting things started.”

Also starring offensively for Cal Poly are Jackie Geehr-Jones (374), Melissa Puru (359, six homers, 27 RBI), Krysten Crawford (332, 20 RBI), Kristen Lee (331) and Sarah Iwata (23 RBI).

But as impressive as the Mustangs have been at the plate, they are just as formidable in the circle.

That’s where the quartet of starters — Robyn Kontra (7-2), Helen Pelta (5-4), Jenny Maiden (8-3) and Emily Hively (7-4) — have combined for 20 complete games, eight shutouts and a 1.79 ERA.

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At a clip of .355, Brent Morel is the only other starter batting higher than .300, but five Mustang regulars are between .270 and .300.

Cal Poly’s pitching staff — which has a combined 4.85 ERA — has been in limbo all season because of youth and injuries, but one player who has emerged is sophomore right-hander Thomas Jager (5-2, 2.23 ERA).

The Mustangs begin a three-game home series against Big West foe UC Riverside opposite Northridge at p.m. Thursday.

Track and Field

Sharon Day and Cassie Atkinson finished third in respective events at the Trojan Invitational hosted by USC on March 24.

Day was in third high jump, clearing a mark of 5 feet, 10.75 inches.

Atkinson finished third in the 800-meter run in 2 minutes, 11.89 seconds.

Men’s Golf

Cal Poly won the 18-team Monterey Intercollegiate at Cypress Ridge Golf Course in Arroyo Grande last weekend.

The Mustangs were led by Geoff Gonzalez, who finished fourth. He carded rounds of 71, 69 and 74 at the par-72 course for a 214 total at the two-day event.

Gonzalez was followed by teammate Bryce Pynes (tied for sixth at 216), Dave Lewinski (tied for 15th at 221), Michael O’Brien (tied for 26th at 225) and Colin Peck (tied for 42nd at 227).

The Mustangs began the final round with a 21-shot advantage over UC Santa Barbara Invitational at Alisal River Course in Salinas at 8 a.m. today.

Women’s Golf

The Mustangs finished 12th among 15 teams at UC Irvine’s