POLY FARM SERVES UP ORGANIC PRODUCE

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There's no need to spend hours searching Farmer's Market or sifting through the bins at local grocery stores to find fresh, organic produce. In fact, you don't even have to leave campus. The only thing students need to do is sign up for the community supported agriculture (CSA) program at the Cal Poly Organic Farm.

Each week throughout the quarter, program participants receive a box filled with fresh, organic fruits and vegetables. One box feeds approximately two to three people, said CSA manager and Cal Poly graduate Leah Bauer. Participants can pick up their produce at the farm itself, Poly Canyon Village, or the main desk at Cermo Vista.

“Eating locally-grown food reduces the energy it takes to get food from the fields to your plate, which benefits the environment,” said Cindy Douglas, manager of the farm.

The farm, which is certified organic by the United States Department of Agriculture, grows enough crops to support 280 subscribers; currently 50 of those spots are filled with a whole program with students.

Though the CSA project is only one aspect of the farm, it accounts for 90 percent of the profit and employees depend on produce sales for their salaries.

"By signing up, you are supporting education, your campus and your fellow students," Douglas said.

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Brian Rogers said McCain didn't prepare the message that he used with Republican leaders afterward.

A few hours later, the rivals attacked the press White House meeting, which officials in both parties described as contentious. They see three weeks away from the president, McCain to his right, Obama to his left. As the meeting broke up, it became apparent that any tentative agreement had started to dissolve.

Afterward, Obama said he tried to understand the objections to the approach being taken by congressional leaders and the Bush administration.

"The question I asked was, 'Well, do we need to start from scratch or are there ways to incorporate some of those concerns?'" Obama said. "At this point the president, the secretary of the Treasury and those who are expressing some of these concerns have to provide some clarity.'"

Several Republicans and Democrats briefed on the White House meeting, said House Republican Leader John Boehner raised the concerns of some of his rank and file about the emerging plan, and McCain urged cooperation by all parties to craft a compromise proposal to pass the House and Senate.

Obama, for his part, held a news conference at a Washington luncheon and suggested McCain was part of the problem.

"I'm not clear that in a very difficult situation like this that doing things in the spotlight and injecting presidential politics is necessarily useful," Obama said.

Before heading to Washington, both candidates spoke to President Clinton's Global Initiative — McCain in person in New York, Obama via video.

McCain again portrayed his announced halt to campaign events, fundraising and advertising as an example of putting the country before politics. But in doing so he also hoped to get political credit for a decisive step on a national crisis as polls show him trailing Obama on the economy and siding in the presidential race.

Despite his stated hiatus, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, poised a highly visible visit to memorials in lower Manhattan to those killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and McCain campaign aides appeared on news programs. Chief strategist Steve Schmidt said all television advertising was "down."

Industry officials said Obama's campaign was inquiring about buying airtime made available where McCain was absent. But McCain's campaign also has indicated to TV stations that it may soon return to the airwaves.

Obama, for his part, didn't curtail any of his campaign activities. In fact, the Democrat also rolled out a new 60-second, TV ad in which he cited economic policies endorsed by Bush and McCain as "entirely to blame for the troubles."

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Obama says in the ad. "Well now we know the truth."

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The organic farm employs Cal Poly students and community members for both full-time and part-time work. Students enrolled in the Organic Farm Enterprise Project (OFCAP) also help work the 11-acre land. The class is held every quarter and accepts all majors.

The CSA program is currently accepting applications for all quarters and will do so until the program is full.

More information on the organic farm, volunteer opportunities and how to sign up for the CSA program, go to www.calpolysf.org or call 805-756-6139.

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New, green California museum unveils Saturday

A living roof is shown with special skylights at the new California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, one of the most green museum buildings in the world opens its doors to the public on Saturday. The new academy in Golden Gate Park is insulated with nontoxic, second hand blue jeans and capped with the 2.5 acre living roof planted in native wildflowers. Thousands of live species of flora and fauna and 20 million specimens are housed in the new building.

WORD ON THE STREET

“What are your thoughts about Nader running for President again?”

“I think it’s great he’s at Cal Poly. But honestly I don’t know much about his campaign.”

-Elizabeth Johnson, animal science senior

“I’ve heard he’s ran for president like six times. He should just stop.”

-Clyde Barkley, mechanical engineering senior

“I think it’s redundant. If you didn’t get elected once you won’t again.”

-Heather Rayford, business junior

“I think it’s important that people like Ralph Nader and Ron Paul run. It’s a good thing that they run and express their views.”

-Brian Riley, business senior

BRIEFS:

State

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says the San Joaquin Valley now meets federal clean air standards for small particle pollution. The announcement Thursday drew strong rebuke from environmentalists, who called it a “truce” and said air pollution continues to threaten the health of valley residents. They said the decision effectively sweeps the valley’s dust problems under the rug.

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Levi Strauss & Co. is putting its famous pockets behind defeating a ballot initiative that would outlaw same-sex marriage in California. The San Francisco-based jeans maker said Thursday it will contribute to a group trying to drum up opposition to Proposition 8 in the business community.

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) — Moreover, Holocene PETA wants world-famous Ben & Jerry’s Homemade Ice Cream to stop making their dairy products using the milk from cows' udders. For the milk used in its ice cream, the group is asking the ice cream maker to begin using breast milk in its products instead of cows’ milk, saying it would reduce the suffering of cows and calves and give ice cream lovers a healthier product.

WATERBURY, Vt. (AP) — People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is asking the Holocene ice cream maker to begin using breast milk in its products instead of cows' milk, saying it would reduce the suffering of cows and calves and give ice cream lovers a healthier product.

WASHINGTON (AP) — JPMorgan Chase & Co. Inc. acquired the assets of Washington Mutual Inc.'s banking operations Thursday after federal regulators seized the ailing thrift, the company's largest.

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The favored ANC-nominee Kgalema Motlanthe was voted into office with 269 votes to 50 for the main opposition party’s nominee.

INTERNATIONAL

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Angered by U.S. raids into Pakistan in search of terrorist, Pakistan's new president warned Thursday that his country cannot allow its territory to be violated by its "friends.

After placing a picture of his assassinated wife, former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, on the podium, President Asif Ali Zardari told world leaders that such attacks strengthen the extremists the U.S. and others are trying to destroy.

MOSCOW (AP) — Prime Minister Vladimir Putin says relations with Latin America will be a foreign policy priority for the Russian government.

Putin, who is meeting with visiting Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, says Russia is willing to discuss further military contacts with Venezuela and help it develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

Chavez said during Thursday's meeting that close ties between Venezuela and Russia would strengthen a multi-polar world.
Music, dancing, and food will be abundant at the third annual SLO Music Festival on Saturday. The all-day event at Mission Plaza will feature local artists and musicians as well as those from around the world.

"I wanted to bring all that joy that comes from being at a festival," said producer Wendy Oliver. "Life is too short. You need to have fun."

The third annual event is held as a way to welcome new and returning students to the community. Previously, the event had been held on the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends, but Oliver decided that schedule didn't give students enough time to settle in.

"I just really want to bring what the students want," Oliver said. "I don't want to berade: I like that fresh outlook and I want (the festival) to grow."

Reggae is the predominant style of music at the Music Fest this year, but it wasn't intentional.

"The artists just all want to pitch in so every year it will change," Oliver said. "Last year there was more world music."

Oliver said she wants to support more local artists, such as The Kicks, who have played at the event since the beginning.

"As a band full of locals and Poly alumni we do everything we can to promote music in our hometown," said The Kicks' lead singer Reese Galdo. "Plus, it's a great excuse to get out and play some music outdoors in one of the most beautiful stages in the city."

The band's saxophone player, Mike Galtress, said the SLO Music Fest is one of the band's favorite events to play.

"The range of different musical and dance performances along with the variety of food and clothing vendors make the festival a day full of culture, which is really great to see in (San Luis Obispo)," he said.

Oliver's husband, Derrick "Ras Danny" Reid will also play at the music fest along with artists such as Stevie Culture, Leroy Shakespeare, the Reggae All-Stars, The Lambshread and many more.

Oliver, who owns Bali Isle in downtown San Luis Obispo and has sponsored reggae shows for Cal Poly's KCPR, said the event will benefit the Earth Day Alliance and give people a chance to register to vote.

"I'm not politically charged one way or the other, but I'm into responsibility," Oliver said. "It's all about expressing yourself and your voice. I really want people to care."

Oliver said she wants to reach out more and wants the event to reflect the community.

Tickets to the event are on sale now for $8 at Bali Isle and Boo Boo Records downtown, and $10 at the gate. Wristbands give people access all day long. Oliver wanted the festival to be affordable because she wants to cater to the students.

"I'll even give students a discount because I just want them to come and have a good time," Oliver said.

A Green Expo, children's area, ethnic and world vendors and artists, international cuisine, and an organic beer garden will also be available at the event.

"Wendy at Bali Isle has really done a fantastic job the last couple of years bringing everyone together," Galtress said. "As Cal Poly alumni we're really hoping to see students out on Saturday to support local music and culture here in SLO."

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Welcome back Mustang! I hope all of you had a great summer and I offer a special welcome to all new Cal Poly students. You've chosen a great institution. I know this from my many visits to Cal Poly over the years, and from the close working relationship I have developed with President Baker and many of the University's professors and students. In fact, I was able to see some of the incredible work being done on alternative energy research projects by some brilliant students on my most recent visit to campus. It's just that kind of cutting edge work that will create jobs and chart our country's energy future.

I want to applaud all of you, and your families, for having the commitment and drive necessary to attend one of the nation's premier institutions of higher learning. I know that beyond the excellent academic credentials you need to gain acceptance to Cal Poly, many of you and your families also had to overcome significant financial hurdles to attend.

Unfortunately, the cost of a college education is more expensive than ever. In just the last five years, college costs have grown roughly 40 percent. Sadly, every year some 200,000 students in America do not attend college because they can't afford the high cost. Those who do attend are graduating from college with more debt than ever before.

At Cal Poly, the average student borrower may have over $15,000 in student loans when he or she graduates. These burdensome costs for students and families are making a key component of the American Dream — access to a better life through education — more and more difficult.

Fortunately, there is hope. The Democrats in Congress have been working to ensure that access to a quality education is affordable for everyone.

For example, last fall Congress enacted into law a $20 billion increase in college financial aid over the next five years, the largest increase in student aid from 0.8 percent to 3.4 percent over the next four years. Once fully phased in, this will be twice as productive than writing a paper. It will mean more students will finish college financial aid over the next five years.

In a sit down interview, Slim to None had an exclusive look at a recently graduated Cal Poly alumnus. When asked about the benefits of having a college degree, Slim to None was quick to agree with that. I wish I had a college degree.

Slim to None traveled far and wide to find someone who would possibly take the other side. Lacking a college degree, in the jungles of the Philippines. Some of the brightest minds I have ever met have said, "Yes, I think you are right," or it could have been, "The Scarlet Letter, or they. And they are out of our minds."

While trying to get out, students are left on their own to find protection in the universities on campus in these troubled times. Cal Poly currently has a donor of more than 100 clubs, but many more are expected to be "off the grid." Slim to None is the chairperson of the Academic Senate. And after watching Sorority Boys and Juwanna Mann it hits the science building, the rebel leader, Mr. Floyd, announced, "I feel bad for you son. (You know education is our nation's wealth but I am not exactly sure.)"

"Hey, teacher, leave them kids alone," he furthered.

"Floyd demands that teachers assign less homework and more video games, believing that knowing how to defeat the incoming alien invasion will be more productive than writing a paper about the uses of helium."

Another celebrity, Mr. Jay-Z, defiantly declared that education was a good thing. "Allow me to re..."
good team, and the Grizzlies are nearing the Big Sky portion of their schedule, which they look poised to dominate.

5. Northern Iowa (2-1) — Northern Iowa was able to keep its opening-day loss to BYU closer than the Pac-10's UCLA managed against the dominant-looking Cougars. After completing an impressive sweep of the South Dakota teams, the Panthers have a big test this weekend at Southern Illinois.

6. McNeese State (1-1) — After Hurricane Ike forced the cancellation of a key early-season match-up with Cal Poly, the Cowboys' first test in FCS play was washed away. Their first win of the season came against Division II Delta State, so little has yet to be learned about how they stack up with other FCS powers — although they only lost to North Carolina 35-27. A tough Southland Conference schedule could shed light on how far this team can go.

7. New Hampshire (3-0) — The Wildcats offense has looked dominant on its way to an undefeated record including a nationally televised win at Army. Junior quarterback K.J. Monan has thrown nine touchdown passes in the past two weeks and is looking like a Walter Payton Award contender.

8. Cal Poly (2-1) — The Mustangs were one kick away from knocking off Montana in week two, and held a win over San Diego State. Hurricane Ike canceled an important clash with McNeese State, putting a lot of pressure on Cal Poly to perform well in its remaining schedule to impress the playoff selection committee.

9. North Dakota State (2-2) — The Bison are coming off a tough loss at Youngstown State which they needed four yards on fourth-and-goal to attempt a game-tying 2-point conversion. It doesn't get any easier, as after a bye, they host Southern Illinois.

10. Wofford (2-1) — Wofford put quite a scare into South Carolina, which was expected to contend in the always-powerful SEC. Trailing just 16-13 late in the fourth quarter, the Terriers couldn't pull off the upset. They begin an extremely difficult stretch of games beginning Saturday against Georgia Southern.

Scott Shecy is a Mustang Daily sports editor. Cal Poly, which is ranked ninth in both the coaches and SportsNetwork media polls, is off this week before hosting South Dakota on Oct. 4.

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Mustangs take on Utah State Utah as Big West Conference play looms ahead

Cal Poly has historically dominated the play between the two former Big West rivals, compiling an 8-1 all-time record. The teams last met in Utah in 2004 in a 3-1 win for the Mustangs. "Utah State we haven't seen for quite a few years — since they left the Big West," Cal Poly head coach Alex Crozier said. "They're well-coached and they have good players, so they're going to be good to get ready for conference." Utah State is winless on the road this year at 0-4.

The Mustangs just returned from their own road trip, which included two games at the San Jose State Spartans, which was good, so we can address that this week and then get ready for the opening game in-conference."

Cal Poly will host Utah (3-5-2) at 1 p.m. Sunday. Crozier said that the two games leading into conference action are a crucial build-up to improving on last year's third-place Big West finish.

"We need to play well both of these games this weekend so we have that momentum. These games are huge for us," — Alex Crozier  
Cal Poly head coach

Wille Parker — After suffering a knee sprain at the end of last week's game, Parker has been ruled out against the Ravens. First-round pick Rashad Mendenhall will start in his place. If you're short at the running back position or are losing one to a bye, Mendenhall could be a solid start.

Denver Broncos tight end Nate Jackson stays in bounds for a touchdown in the Broncos' 34-32 win Sunday. Denver's 114 points lead the NFL.

Fantasy Football
Points aplenty in AFC West

In the third week of the NFL season we saw the Patriots lose for the first time in the regular season since 2006, Ron- nie Brown tally five TDs (four rushing, one passing) and the Bills and Titans stay undefeated. Whether or not you benefited on last week's run game they're going to be in," he said. "So that was one thing we've accomplished the last couple weeks. I want to continue that."

Fantasy game of the week:
Denver at Kansas City

Denver will face a Chiefs team that in the last two games has given up 23 points to Oakland and 38 to Atlanta. So I expect Jay Cutler to be airing it out to Brandon Marshall, Eddie Royal and Tony Scheffler, making them all strong fantasy plays. Kansas City also has its share of strong fantasy plays, as the Broncos have been in closer contests in each of their last two games. Larry Johnson got back on track last week, rushing for 121 yards and a TD, and Dwayne Bowe has been a solid fantasy wide receiver in his first three games.

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