Poly sophomore who lost battle with cancer this summer remembered as inspiration to others

Nikol Schiller

After a vigorous three-year battle with bone cancer, mechanical engineering sophomore Chris Champion died on Aug. 5 before he could enter his third year at Cal Poly. While he was fighting cancer, Champion started a blog and began posting stories about his experience of fighting cancer and his faith. The blog reached thousands of people from across the nation and the world with posts about his cancer treatment, relapses and his faith in God.

Emily Baker, Champion's high school sweetheart and girlfriend at the time of Champion's passing, said that she would receive words of encouragement from people across the nation and world.

"This blog was one more way to let his story inspire people, and to show them how much he was trusting in God for his safekeeping," Baker said.

After being diagnosed with cancer in his left femur in 2006, Champion had a hip and femur replacement his senior year at Stockdale High School. The summer before he came to Cal Poly, he went through chemotherapy and finished his treatment right before WOW.

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"I remember a couple months before he died, my friend and I went to visit him in the hospital. When we first saw him, I expected him to be depressed and dealing, but he greeted us with a giant smile and shouting. He was so excited we were there, not just because he missed us, but he truly wanted an In-and-Out burger and was trying to convince us to bust him out of the hospital by tying his bed to my friend's truck. That was who Chris was," said Webster.

"He was a man of faith that could not be rocked by any circumstance. When he was told by doctors he wouldn’t live much longer, he didn’t cash in his chips,” said Baker.

Michael Pollan packs PAC

Students and San Luis Obispo community members lined up on Thursday morning to see the panel discussion with Michael Pollan at the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

David Webster, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Resources, said 1,400 people attended the event and the PAC was filled to capacity. A portion, with a 200-person capacity, had been set up out for overflow and that was filled as well. Nearly 400 viewers also watched a live stream of the event on the Mustang Daily Web site.

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Senior projects go online

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The Robert E. Kennedy Library implemented a new policy this September that senior projects may now only be submitted to the library electronically through DigitalCommons, a new software that serves as a digital catalog for student projects. After having their work published through DigitalCommons, students will be able to search and find their project through any online search engine. The library will no longer be creating a microfiche catalog of senior projects. They were stored on a small card with micro images and text.

"Before DigitalCommons was implemented, the old procedure began with students filling out a senior project requirement form and paying a $12 senior project fee to the cashier's office. Each department collected the senior projects and sent them to the library to be cataloged. The senior projects were then sent to get microfiched. Two to four weeks later, the senior project returned to the library in its original form with two copies of the microfiche in the library's senior project collection, they sent the original project along with the second copy of the microfiche back to the department. The department
Champion

whichever by the fourth of July. In August, his sickness suddenly came back and he went into a decline. His family held a memorial service for him on Aug. 15.

Before he was diagnosed with cancer, Champion led an active life. He played the trombone in the marching band and on family vacations he enjoyed wakeboarding.

“His lost his ability to run and jump. I met him once, but that never slowed him down. He was a fighter until the day he died,” Safina said.

Champion remained as active as he could while he was sick. After his father, John Champion, died in January 2009 from an aggressive form of brain cancer, Champion put together a team to participate in Relay for Life, an American Cancer Society charity that raises money for cancer research by having teams get sponsors to pay a fee, or run, for a given amount of time. Though Champion was still fighting cancer and dealing with the physical part of his sickness, he still participated and dedicated his team to his father. The team raised $1,157.15.

“I did our dad a proud mischievous streak,” Barber recalled. “One day, his mom was chiding them both about how fast they went through orange juice, and she bought a huge container and told them to make it last. Soon after, when she wasn’t looking, they poured out all the orange juice into another container and left an empty jug on the refrigerator. His mom discovered it and flipped out. Chris and his dad high-fived and basked in their achievement for days,” Barber said.

On one of his most popular blog posts titled “When I Don’t Pay Attention,” Champion commented, “The effect I’ve already on people’s lives is enough to make my job worth doing. I know that I would do it again, just for the choice.

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Karzai calling at proposal to end election dispute

Hal Bernton and Jonathan S. Landay

KABUL, Afghanistan — The United States and other powers struggled Saturday to persuade President Hamid Karzai to accept a deal to resolve the dispute over the country’s tainted presidential election and avert a political crisis that could spark civil unrest and jeopardize the U.S.-led insurgency.

The Afghan leader’s closest challenger, former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah, told U.S. officials earlier this week that he’d agree to a deal under certain conditions, said three U.S. officials, who all requested anonymity because they weren’t authorized to speak publicly.

Under the plan, Karzai would accept the fact that if fraudulent votes are thrown out, he failed to win more than half the vote in the Aug. 20 election. In return, Abdullah, the second-place finisher, would forgo a runoff by withdrawing and endorsing a Karzai-led unity government that included some of his allies, the officials said. Karzai also would have to pursue key political reforms to root out official corruption and improve public services.

“If you can mediate a settle­ment which leads to a stronger and more unified government, our sense is that that would be a means of garnering the most significant support by the Afghan people and enhancing the perceived legitimacy of that government,” said a senior Obama administration official in Washington.

The war in Afghanistan entered its ninth month this week, with U.S. commanders acknowledging that the 100,000-strong U.S.-led international contingent and Afghani forces are at risk of losing. A recent U.S. intelligence assessment estimated that there now are at least 25,000 full-time Islamist guerrillas in Afghanistan, 20 percent more than there were a year ago.

The stable Kabul government is crucial to President Barack Obama’s efforts to reframe his Afghan war strategy. Officials led by Vice President Joe Biden favor shifting the focus to decapitating al-Qaeda in neighboring Pakistan, but top U.S. military command­ers are seeking as many as 80,000 additional U.S. troops to help stabilize Afghanistan and double the size of the Afghan National Army.

Karzai, however, appeared to be digging in his heels Saturday, giving no indication that he’s willing to accept a deal expected Sunday from the United Nations Election Complaints Commission that could take out as many as 1.5 million questionable votes for him. That would drive his preliminary tally of 44.6 percent below the 50 percent mark and require a runoff.

Karzai’s refusal to accept the EEC’s decision, perhaps by turning to the country’s Independent Elec­tion Commission, whose members he appointed, or to its Supreme Court, which he dominates, could ignite a potentially violent backlash by Abdullah’s supporters, the bulk of whom are Tajiks and other ethnic minorities who dominate Kabul and northern Afghanistan.

“Karzai is refusing to accept the EEC’s decision, which is a serious blow to his credibility,” said a U.S. defense official said Saturday.
Sliding dollar may be something to cheer about

Don Lee

WASHINGTON — The falling dollar is stoking fears of inflation and worries about the country's eroding power in the world. But for now it may just be the tonic that's needed to help the U.S. economy get back on its feet.

By making American products cheaper for most foreign buyers, the weakening dollar also gives domestic businesses a competitive edge at home, making their products cheaper than rivals imports.

The greenback's value slipped for a fourth straight day Thursday, to its lowest level in more than a year against other major currencies. It now takes $1.49 to buy one euro, compared with $1.26 seven months ago. Many experts expect the dollar to help the U.S. economy get back on track.

That decline has its downside, however. The falling dollar makes imports, like oil more expensive for U.S. businesses and consumers. The price of crude rose to $77.58 a barrel Thursday, a nearly one-year high.

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Even U.S. companies that don't sell any products abroad can benefit from the falling U.S. currency. The U.S. tourism industry, including hotels, restaurants and stores, could see a bump in business from foreigners sleeping and eating and shopping at what may seem like bargain prices to them.

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Although currency exchange rates are notoriously volatile, there are good reasons traders and economists alike are betting on a sliding dollar.

The currency has been weakening steadily since 2002 in a trend that reversed temporarily last fall only when the escalating global financial crisis prompted frightened investors to move money into dollar-denominated assets such as Treasury bills for their perceived safety.

But since March, as the global recession has shown signs of easing, investors have been selling dollars or borrowing them to plow money into faster-growing places overseas, particularly Asia, and that has driven the greenback's value back down.

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The sinking dollar comes with some immediate downsides, of course, but travelers may be more inclined to visit, but Americans heading to Paris, Sydney and other cities abroad may experience a bad case of sticker shock, something that could get worse in the months ahead.

That expectation is one driver of the rally on Wall Street that took the Dow Jones industrials back above 10,000 points this week.

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Iraqis say they want U.S. investment, strategic support

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SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (MCT) — Some Cal Poly students Friday protested plans to reduce the university's dairy cow herd by 90 percent.

Dairy students — some dressed in cow costumes — protested in the morning outside the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Luis Obispo, where Cal Poly's dairy science advisory committee was meeting.

Protests continued in the afternoon at the school's dairy unit.

In a letter sent Sept. 30, Dairy Science Department Head Brace Golden said that plummeting milk prices and state budget cuts were forcing the university to reduce the milking herd to 30 animals from 150. He promised to restore the herd once finances improve.

However, students are concerned that the cuts may be permanent and 106 years of building good genetics into the Holstein milking herd will be lost, said Theresa Machado, president of the Los Lecheros Dairy Club.

SACRAMENTO (MCT) — Arnold Schwarzenegger accomplished little for Hollywood during his first five years as governor despite industry pleas to stop film and television crews from fleeing to states like Louisiana.

Three months after U.S. troops withdrew from Iraq's cities and started packing their bags, violence against Iraqis and damage to property has increased.

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and mentor.
Iraqi military and civilian officials talk about the United States as a strategic partner in a dangerous neighborhood, the facilitator of future business investments, even the solver of problems in the provinces and the dysfunctional central government.

Ehsan Abdul Jabbar, the head of a local government investment council in Basra, told the crowd of 50 about the “Peace” the Americans are staying to lead Iraq to the place where they develop to teach with Iraq the edge of safety.”

Hill agreed with a businessman who asked for help constructing the United Nations to revoke 1991 sanctions that still thwart Iraq’s air and sea transportation. “It’s definitely on my radar screen.” Hill said just what the audience wanted to hear.

“We are sure that if the Americans are convinced of something they will do it,” someone cried out. The 50 or so businessmen nodded agreement as the mood morphed into that of a revival meeting.

It was the first trip to Iraq’s second-largest city for Hill, a veteran diplomat with experience in Eastern Europe and Korea, since he assumed his post in late April. Hill came to Basra to deliver the “tough love” message that Iraqis must start taking over the management of their own affairs, but his own takeaway was the country’s enormous problems could be solved if Iraqis learn to manage their affairs.

He had just taken place on the eve of a U.S.-sponsored conference in Washington that’s expected to attract hundreds of U.S. and foreign investors, as well as some 200 Iraqi businessmen in a delegation led by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

The top ranking-military officer in Basra, Maj. Gen. Mohammed Jaddal Hwaidi, in a separate meeting, expressed gratitude for the hearts-and-minds projects that U.S. forces and civil affairs experts are undertaking and asked the U.S. to help defend Shiite Muslim-ruled Iraq in the face of hostile Sunni-ruled countries.

“Neighboring countries in the area will not like to see a strong and secure Iraq,” he told Hill, singling out Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Syria by name. Hill responded diplomatically that some of Iraq’s neighbors “dislike us even more than they dislike you,” a reference to Iran, but added: “Others have respect for us, and I think we can do something to help you,” a reference to the Sunni neighbors.

As for the U.S. military presence, “as long as you’re people want us here, we will be here,” Hill said.

Hwaidi, who spent years in prison under the Saddam Hussein regime and in March 2008 was in charge of the operations room when al-Maliki led the military operation that freed Basra of Shiite militias, was supposed to be in Lebanon to receive medical treatment, but he delayed his departure to welcome Hill, an aide said.

When British troops were in southern Iraq, children “threw rocks at convoys,” the general told him. “Now they wave and say ‘hi.’” He added: “Iraqis realize the Americans are here to help change the country.

With your continued support, we will find benefits both in the economy and in our security.”

Have you read senior projects on microfiche at the library?”

“No, I’m just a freshman. Maybe eventually I will read them.”
Tony Kilbo, business freshman

“No, I don’t know where or what that is.”
-Brett Armstrong, computer engineering junior

“No, because I don’t know where they are and they are probably boring.”

Brittany Franz, recreation parks and tourism administration senior

“Yes, I used it yesterday for the first time. I’d use it more if it was converted; it would be a lot easier.”
-Kerstin Clauch, kinesiology sophomore

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Poly experiences Colombian perspective

Leticia Rodriguez

If there's one thing Colombians want people around the world to know, it's that there is more to their country than the current drug problem. In a panel discussion Thursday night at Lambda Theta Alpha's "A Night in Colombia" event, mechanical engineering grad student Oscar Daza reminisced about the passion for life and food the people of Colombia have in his home country. A native of Palmira, Colombia, Daza has been in America for five years and said he is still struggling to adapt to the differences of the people.

"I miss the warmth of the people, seeing more smiles in the streets, the food, the natural juices that we make over there," he said. "All (Americans) see and hear about is drugs and that hurts me (because) Colombia's not just about drugs."

In the event hosted by the Multicultural Center (MCC), Lambda Theta Alpha sorority and the Interested Ladies of Lambda Theta Alpha, the ASI San Luis Lounge looked more like the Colombian flag than a university study room. Decorated with balloons, streamers and posters in yellow, blue and red, approximately 40 students piled in to learn about the country's culture, religion and history. Posterboard displays highlighting famous Colombian natives (such as Shakira and NASCAR driver Juan Pablo Montoya) and the country's culture (such as the patron saint of the Republic of Colombia, La Virgen de Chiquinquira, and Colombian-style see Columbia, page 7

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Atlas Sound's second album
more upbeat than expected

Over the past couple of years, I have made countless irrelevant analogies, pretentious statements, contentious contradictions and flat out dick-moves. Not only that, but I've spent some years as a music director, columnist, on-air personality, public speaker and all-around attention whore. The reason is that I have always believed that I was an interestersonly that I have all-dick-moves. Not only that, but I've mored upbeat than expected of bullshit.

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It's perfectly clear from this album that Bradford Cox has "become bored with introspection." His album doesn't just speak about him and assume that's the whole story. Instead, he's opened up to the haunting and depressing things about life:"Logos," on a purely sonic level, is an absolutely beautiful and sprawling masterpiece that starts off with "The Light That Failed," a repetitive instrumental that expands, shrugs, blooms, blossoms, etc.

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Pollan saga highlights shortcomings in Poly's commitment to free speech

Michael Pollan should have known when he came to speak at Cal Poly regarding farming sustainability last Thursday. After all, that school has a policy that stated, "The University's Sustainable Agriculture Research Consortium decided to bring him to campus."

Instead, the bestselling author of "The Omnivore's Dilemma" was forced to share the stage with a hastily assembled panel, which was formed to balance out the "significant budtress" that would come with giving him center stage, according to Cal Poly dean of agriculture David Wehner in an LA Times article.

While the hot topics surrounding Pollan's appearance should have been sustainable farming practices, the real issues turned out to be more outrageous for making dents, is making its guidelines stricter years? Now the department, anxious been screwed. Outside funding and community support are good things and money allocated toward specific programs is beneficial for university enhancement. But it should be expected that donors will sometimes expect us to spend four years ofour lives learning, we should be won­dering about what's being communicated. Baker released a statement last week to offset some of the contro­versy, in which he defended his de­cision of forming the panel, saying "I believe the panel discussion served our students well and cannot even re­notely be considered a disservice to academic freedom, a core value that I have dedicated my life to protecting and defending." While academic freedom is an ad­mirable thing to aspire to, the less­ersome letters beg to differ.

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the Mustangs.
Southern Utah quarterback Dave Cooper, who was ranked 19th in the FCS for passing yardage coming into Saturday, found his rhythm — finishing the contest 27-40 and three touchdowns. The Mustangs have been the only team to hold Cooper under 250 yards passing this season.

Wide receiver Jared Urassa held on to a jaw-dropping, 14-yard touchdown catch in the corner of the end zone, soaring over one defender in the first quarter. The Thunderbirds out passed the Mustangs by 241 yards, but the Mustangs were able to gain 106 more yards than the Thunderbirds on the ground.

Cal Poly held the Southern Utah on two of four fourth-down conversion attempts and tallied three turnovers, including an interception in the end zone. The Mustang defense has forced at least three takeaways in their past three games.

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minute when Camacho settled a ball off a pass from Nadia Link and fired a shot from 10 yards out with Hoover making a diving save.

The Mustangs took just three shots in the scoreless first half, two on goal compared to six by the Thunderbirds with two on goal.

The Mustangs best scoring opportunity came in the 30th minute when Kristina Condon-Sherwood was awarded a free kick from 30 yards out. She bent it around the wall, but LBU goalie Emily Kingborough was there for the stop.

The 49ers had an opportunity in the 38th minute on a cross from the left side by Karina Camacho, but Hoover was able to punch the ball out of the box.

Overall Long Beach State was able outshot Cal Poly 15-8 with six shots on goal compared to the Mustangs four.

Hoover earned her eighth shutout of the season making six saves in the game. Kingborough took the loss for the 49ers, making three saves.

The Mustangs honored the team's seven seniors prior to the game, Coral Hoover, Kaleena Andruss, Ally Kellogg, Carissa Voegle, Kristina Condon-Sherwood, Jessica Rodriguez and Julianne Grinstead.

The Mustangs return to the field on the road when they travel to Pacific for a conference game on Oct. 23.

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lead changes at 24-23 following a McCormick kill.

Cal Poly, however, committed 11 hitting miscues during a third set in which the Mustangs led just once and never by more than two points. Pacific forced the deciding set by hitting .440 during game No. 4.

In the fifth set, kills by freshmen Jennifer Keddy and sophomore Cattie Smith allowed the Mustangs to build an early 4-2 advantage. Pacific, however, failed to commit a hitting error down the stretch and utilized an 8-2 run to post its first victory in Matt Gym since Oct. 2, 2004.

Friday night Cal Poly fell in five-sets to UC Davis. Against the Aggies, it was more of a back-and-forth affair. The Mustangs took the first set, the Aggies the second and the Mustangs the third. From there the Aggies controlled the next two sets for the victory.

In both games the Mustangs won two of the first three matches.

Despite a youthful team head coach Jon Stevenson is not convinced his recent teams struggles are due to a lack of experience.

‘I don’t think it’s that they’re that young or youthful,’ he said. ‘Those freshman are 21 matches old. In volleyball life that’s a substantial number of matches’.

Cal Poly resumes play at UC Riverside on Friday, Oct. 23. Match time inside the Student Recreation Center, as well as for Cal Poly’s Oct. 24 match at No. 21 UC Irvine, is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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In a game highlighted with injuries, it was the story of come-backs that headlined Saturday's contest. "In my five years at Cal Poly, I've been on the other end of [missed field goals] a couple times to many," defensive end Ryan Shotwell said.

The Mustangs edged a win against Southern Utah 24-23 after the Thunderbirds missed an extra-point that should have tied the game with nine seconds left Saturday night in Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

With the Thunderbirds trailing 17-24 and 1:47 left in the game, Southern Utah embarked on a 65-yard, 10-play drive that ended with Tyson Potts catching a 13-yard pass in between two defenders for a touchdown.

The Thunderbirds originally lined up in try for a two-point conversion, but following a timeout, a decision led Southern Utah to line up for one. The extra-point was then missed wide-left by Ryan Griffith, sending the Thunderbirds home (2-4).

"I know exactly how those guys feel, it's going to be a long bus ride home, they're a good team and I wish them the best of luck this year," Shotwell said.

Cal Poly gained their first Great West win and advances to 3-3, with an undefeated record at home.

Smith looked impressive early when he connected with Dominique Johnson for two receptions and a touchdown. Potts may be all anyone will talk about when someone brings up the Mustangs these days.

A game by sophomore Tiffany Gustin may have been the decider, but a play in the 73rd minute created the drama. Off a Long Beach State corner kick by Karina Camacho, 49er Lindsay Bullock headed the ball toward the Cal Poly goal while Coral Hooser, the Mustang goalie, deflected the ball toward the post and off a Cal Poly defender for an apparent save.

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As the Mustang passing game struggled to find its stride, the Thunderbird passing offense was able to establish consistency. Potts put on a monster performance for the Thunderbirds as he caught 12 catches for 170 yards and a touchdown. Potts may be all too familiar with multiple catches against Cal Poly; he caught 16 passes for 246 yards last year against Cal Poly.

Women's soccer pulls past Long Beach State 1-0

A goal by sophomore Tiffany Gummow in the 47th minute of play gave Cal Poly a 1-0 win over Long Beach State in a hotly contested Big West Conference game between the two women's soccer programs at Alex G. Spanos Stadium on Sunday. With the win, Cal Poly improves to 11-5-0 overall and 5-1-0 in Big West play while the 49ers fall to 5-8-2 overall and 1-3-0 in BWC.

Gummow's game winner, her fourth goal of the season, came when she dribbled the ball down the left side of the field, beating two LBSU defenders. The shot squeezed between the far post and deflected off the goalie and into the net.

The goal by Gummow may have been the decider, but a play in the 73rd minute created the drama. Off a Long Beach State corner kick by Karina Camacho, 49er Lindsay Bullock headed the ball toward the Cal Poly goal while Coral Hooser, the Mustang goalie, deflected the ball toward the post and off a Cal Poly defender for an apparent save.

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As the Mustang passing game struggled to find its stride, the Thunderbird passing offense was able to establish consistency. Potts put on a monster performance for the Thunderbirds as he caught 12 catches for 170 yards and a touchdown. Potts may be all too familiar with multiple catches against Cal Poly; he caught 16 passes for 246 yards last year against Cal Poly.