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### **Cal Poly Student Filmmakers Premiering Romantic Comedy April 9 at the PAC**

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- A team of Cal Poly students will hold a premiere screening of their romantic comedy, complete with a pre-show concert, on Saturday, April 9, at the Performing Arts Center.

The premiere of "Leave it to Chance" will run from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Parking will be available at the Performing Arts Center parking structure.

The evening premiere will offer the first screening of the film, a live concert of various musical artists on the soundtrack, and a chance to meet the director, cast and crew. The group of Cal Poly students wrote, produced, directed, acted in and promoted the independent feature-length film.

Tickets for the "Leave it to Chance" premiere are \$22 for adults and seniors, \$17 for students and children. Tickets can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center box office or online at [www.pacslo.org](http://www.pacslo.org). For more information about the film and musical artists, visit [www.leaveittochance.info](http://www.leaveittochance.info).

The student film crew includes director/writer Bernard Badion; director of photography Benjamin Kantor; graphic artist David Stychno; producer Eileen Chiao; and technical producer Michael Taylor. The cast includes 15 major parts and more than 70 extras.

"This is not a movie that anyone can make using a regular home camcorder," said producer Chiao. "This is being produced like a high-budget independent film. We just have to stretch our dollars more."

Students have already financed \$10,000 in production costs for expenses including an XL2 digital camera and other video equipment, lighting, city filming permits and promotional materials. Production costs so far have been financed predominately by Badion and Kantor themselves, as well as by fund-raisers and donations from businesses and several sponsors.

After the premiere, the group plans on entering the film into many festivals nationwide, said Chiao.

Shooting started on Nov. 24, 2004 with filming on the tree-lined sidewalks of Murray Street in San Luis Obispo. Most of the film's scenes are set at local houses in the San Luis Obispo area. During winter break, the filmmakers also shot scenes in the director's hometown, Sunnyvale, and on the Boreal slopes near Lake Tahoe. When classes were in session, the students filmed during weekends and holidays. Recent scenes were shot in downtown San Luis Obispo at the Mission Plaza and Novo Restaurant.

#### **About the film**

The romantic comedy, "Leave it to Chance," explores love and life among today's Asian Americans. Set in a small California town, this film follows two young college students, Kailin and Charlie, after an unexplainable breakup. Charlie is unable to let go of the past or Kailin. Their friends seem to help guide the couple apart by providing plenty distracting events. The film follows what happens as Kailin and Charlie realize they have left their happiness to chance. Visit the film website, [www.leaveittochance.info](http://www.leaveittochance.info), for more details and a preview clip.

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Editors: For more information about the film, to schedule an interview with members of the cast or crew, or for pictures of film production, please contact producer Eileen Chiao at (626) 278-8511 or [eileenchiao@gmail.com](mailto:eileenchiao@gmail.com).

