California Polytechnic State University

**2004 Laugh Olympics Earn Teams Points -- and Laughs**

Cal Poly's annual Homecoming Week is full of events both spirited and silly, all giving student teams a chance to earn points and have their Homecoming court candidates crowned king and queen at the big game.

Students decorate the University Union Plaza with team banners to start Homecoming week every year, build floats, participate in a blood drive, lip-synch tunes for Mock Rock, and transform into powder-puff football and cheer squads.

But it's the annual Laugh Olympics which usually draws crowds -- and chuckles. Student teams compete in Laugh Olympic events such as the Frito-toss, wet-sponge pass, ketchup slide, and the final event:

The Mounted Mackerel Competition (left).

The aim here is to score points by smacking opposing teammates with a dead fish. It's tradition.

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shaving cream photo

The receiving-end partners in the annual Frito-toss, coated with shaving cream.

frito toss photo number 2

Student teams use home-made blow-guns to propel chips

sponge pass photo
Fortunately for Sponge Pass participants, the Laugh Olympics took place on a very warm afternoon.

ketchup race photo

Participants ready for the ketchup (and mustard) wheelbarrow race

mackerel competition photo

And the final event of the 2004 Laugh Olympics: The Mounted Mackerel Competition, involving the traditional fish market supplies.

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