



COOKIE/CRACKER LAB — BS&T students use AIB's Cookie/Cracker pilot plant to test bake recipes for their special projects that they will present to the class near the end of the 18-week course.

WEEK 12: Class finishes bread

The end of the bread curriculum for Baking Science and Technology Class 169 loomed at the end of Week 12.

"We're just about finished with bread. We have only one lab left, which will be pizzas. We'll just skip lunch and just go in and chow down on pizza," Aron Hudspeth said "Everybody's looking forward to that. Then we'll have the bread final just before Thanksgiving. After that its all cake and science."

Aron said he was glad when the Cake and Sweet Goods curriculum got past cakes.

"We just started our cookie lab. We made the magic middles, we used the co-extrusion machine that extrudes the filling and the outside, and then you just have to cut them off (like fig newtons) and the basic chocolate chip with the wire cut machine. That was interesting after the cakes. I think there was too much on cakes. It was overkill. I would have liked a little more variety with some more interesting kinds of pastries and stuff."

Also ahead at the conclusion of Week 12 was a Production Management exam.

"Nobody has a clue what to study for. We've been doing the GAME in class and I guess we'll do that after the exam," Aron said, adding that the class has been stuck at four quarters for some time because of the demand of other classes. Everybody's a little nervous. We can't memorize all those equations. I'm certain that I won't do worse than average. If I was worried, I would have studied more than 20 minutes.

In Science Aron said he's wrapping up his unknown flour project.

"We have one more lab on that and I'm pretty certain that mine is a 70/30 patent/cake flour mix.

"My sedimentation and pH tests didn't agree and I went with the sedimentation numbers and I think I'm right. I've done the rheology NIR (near infrared reflectance), Agron, falling number. All that's left is to do the Glutomatic and the Mixograph test. I think I got the right one," Aron said

The week also saw quizzes on cookies, a couple cake quizzes, and a

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couple bread quizzes and one lab each of cake, bread, and science.

Like hunting for an apartment, Aron's goal of updating his resume "keeps getting pushed to the back burner."

He says he's confident he'll be able to find work quickly.

"With the resources they have here to help me find a job, I'm pretty confident because of my willingness to move."

He says some of his international classmates are not so lucky.

"I feel sorry for some of the foreign students, because it seems unfair that it's so easy to find a job here. They ask me 'How long will it take to find a job' and I tell them 'A week to three months and they can't believe it.' There if you get a job you have to keep it. You don't quit. I feel a little bit bad for them, but at the same time I'm not going to punish myself for being an American."