Cal Poly bids farewell to Vice President Koob

Some of Cal Poly's top personnel take the time to reflect on Koob's accomplishments

By Jason D. Piamons

Cal Poly bids farewell this week to Senior Vice President Robert Koob for five years and was instrumental in the development of the university's strategic plan — a precursor to the Cal Poly Plan.

Koob came to Cal Poly in 1990 from North Dakota State University and took charge of making tough budget decisions as well as ensuring the academic standards of the university stayed high.

“Eighty-five to 90 percent of university (entities) that want money, make their request through this office,” Koob said.

Those entities include each of the six colleges, Research and Graduate Programs, Enrollment Management and Technology Services, Extended Education, Information Technology Services, Athletics and the library.

Koob said he considers his two most important accomplishments at Cal Poly to be the development of the university's strategic plan and his decentralization of the budget process.

“Now, instead of allocating line by line, we give block grants,” Koob said.

However, not everything went according to Koob's plan over his five-year stay.

“[I] wanted to develop a sense of community among all the departments,” Koob said. “To have each one of them interested in each other, but I don’t feel I completed the task.”

Baker agreed that development of the strategic plan was an important accomplishment both for Koob and the university.

“[I]t was something I felt very strongly that we needed to do to change the university,” Baker said. “It was important that (Koob) established the plan as a dynamic plan so that each year we could progress and make adjustments.”

Baker also praised Koob's efforts to provide greater decentralization of decision making on campus.

“Each college became more responsible for its own decisions without needing approval from the VP’s office. That kind of system establishes more accountability within the colleges,” Baker said.

According to Baker, Koob constructed a strong relationship with Koob.

“I was able to delegate a great deal of responsibility to him,” Baker said. “[W]e would agree on the general principles and he would make the decisions.”

Baker also applauded Koob's skill of uniting people behind solutions.

“(Koob) worked well in developing consensus. He did not make decisions until he was able to get the feelings of the people involved.”

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Bomb victims remembered

By P.M. Ferguson
Associated Press

NAGASAKI, Japan (AP) — The bomb detonated at about the height of the soaring bell tower — and only about 500 yards away. In a fraction of a second, what had been Asia’s largest cathedral was destroyed.

The brunt of the plutonium bomb that fell on Nagasaki half a century ago Wednesday was taken by the city’s northern district of Urakami — and the cathedral that lay at the heart of it.

All told, the blast left about 70,000 people dead. Among them were about two-thirds of the church’s 14,000 parishioners.

Two Japanese priests and 24 parishioners were inside the church when the bomb struck. They were killed instantly.

“I remember as a child thinking that surely their souls must have gone right to heaven,” said Makoto Nagai, 61, a Nagasaki survivor.

Wednesday morning, marking the moment of the blast, parishioners bowed their heads in prayer at a solemn ceremony in a park near the cathedral’s bricks and stone were scattered like leaves by the force of the explosion. Chalices and other crucifixes were broken into dozens of pieces.

Many airports tighten security

WASHINGTON (AP) — Citing the potential for criminal or terrorist acts, the government is ordering tougher security precautions for the nation’s airports.

Other means of travel may also face increased scrutiny, officials said. They refused to say what prompted the move.

The airlines encouraged passengers to come to airports early, though federal officials contended that the new precautions should not disrupt travel.

The new security requirements were announced Wednesday by Transportation Secretary Federico Peña, a day after the Federal Aviation Administration notified airline and airport officials of the steps. Peña said the measures "will be maintained as long as necessary and will be adjusted as necessary."

"I want to emphasize that we do not have any specific information indicating that airlines or airports or any other part of our national transportation system is specifically threatened," Peña said at a news conference in Des Moines, Iowa. "I believe, however, that it is prudent and reasonable to take these additional measures in order to prevent and deter any possible criminal or terrorist acts."

Peña said the move was prompted by "information provided by federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies, which I am not at liberty to discuss."

While officials declined to discuss any specific threat, several factors reportedly played a part in the decision to strengthen security, including the planned visit of Pope John Paul II to the United States and a meeting of the United Nations General Assembly next month, the recent arrest of alleged Islamic terrorist leader Mousa Abu Mousok and the New York trial of 11 people charged with conspiring to plot terrorist acts.

"We have to be cautious," Peña said. "I believe, however, that it is prudent and reasonable to take these additional measures in order to prevent and deter any possible criminal or terrorist acts."

Montgomery Ward and Mervyn’s, which refuses to comment on specific investigations, said Wednesday it had been notified of potential links to a company, SK Fashions of El Monte.

Mervyn’s began a search for connections to the sweatshop on Thursday. SK Fashions is accused of forcing nearly 60 Thai nationals to live and work under harsh conditions in an El Monte sweatshop. Some of the workers told investigators they were held in indentured servitude for years to work off immigration costs as garment makers.

The workers were freed and 10 people were arrested during a raid on the sweatshop last week. If investigators find direct links between the retailers and the sweatshop, the companies could be held liable for the workers’ back wages, estimated at more than $3.5 million, California Labor Commissioner Victoria Bradshaw said.

A subpoena was served on Mervyn’s, a subsidiary of Minnesota-based Dayton Hudson Corp., on Monday. One is scheduled to be served on Montgomery Ward later this week, she said.

Mervyn’s spokeswoman Sarina Butler said Wednesday that the company doesn't do business directly with SK Fashions and, if so, to contact its attorney. The letter also was released to news organizations.

Montgomery Ward and Mervyn’s addresses were discovered on shipping labels on boxes of garments found during last week’s raid.

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SUMMER HOURS

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It was a foggy, calm morning in Morro Bay as county lifeguards huddled in their jacket and sweat pants, discussing the events they were going to compete in. The 10th annual central coast lifeguard competition commenced at 7:30 a.m. north of Morro Rock and continued for five hours on Monday.

County lifeguards in this competition were from Pismo Beach, Avila Beach, Morro Bay, Cal Poly Recreation Sports and SLO County guards who work at Cayucos Beach, Lopez Lake and county pools.

The San Luis Obispo County chapter of The California Surf Lifesaving Association sponsored the contest. Neil Whalen, the local chapter's president, organized the nine events, which were:

• 100 yard ocean paddle.
• 100 yard ocean swim.
• 1.5 mile beach run.
• 4 x 400 yard ocean paddle relay.
• 4 x 200 yard ocean swim relay.
• 75 yard ocean swim.
• Ironguard: 200 yard swim, 500 yard paddle, 0.5 mile run.
• Taplin relay: same course as Lifeguard, plus as a relay.
• Beach flags.

A point system was used to score the competition in each event contributed to overall team total points. Contestants earned points toward their individual total for whatever place they finished in each event.

Avila Beach lifeguards came in first as a team, with Morro Bay and Pismo Beach guards placing second and third respectively.

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Biochemistry junior Sophia Leyden (right) closes on another competitor in the 4 x 400 yard ocean paddle relay. She participated in the competition with her team. The competition was a test of ability, to see if we’re really good at what we do every day. Second place high-point female guard went to Pismo Beach lifeguard Tiffany Seale who is a graphic design senior. She designed the logo on the entry t-shirts that were given to all participants.

Other participants spoke highly of the competition.

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Lifeguards shine in 9 county events

By David Klugman
Associated Press

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Earth to Americans
By Cristin Brady

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An evening at the Mid-State Fair: Hangin' with the 'Boyz'

By Steve Cestareman
Sumnef Staff Writer

If you've always wanted to feel the awesome acceleration of a jet fighter or the sheer power of a top-fuel dragster, head to the California Mid-State Fair for the ride of your life.

The "Ejection Seat" is the reverse answer to the traditional bungee jump. Rather than plunging from a suspended platform, the ride house two passengers seated side-by-side and launches them 150 feet into the air from ground level.

According to employee Heidi Mahle, the seat is anchored to the ground while two bungee cords are stretched from a pair of 125-foot-high towers.

Mahle explained that the ride travels at 65 mph during the first 30 feet and after that, it goes out of the range of the speed gun and is unmeasurable.

"We used a radar gun to judge the speed, but thirty feet was as high as we could measure it, so after that we don't know how fast it goes," she said.

The ride's manager, Travis Welch, said thrill-seekers experience four Gs, or four times their body weight, on board "the slinghot" as the bungee cords are stretched to three times their raising line.

The process began back in April when she took seven kids from ages nine to 19 to an aution where each picked out their own pig to raise.

The group meata year round and learns all about the different breeds and how to care for them. For some of the kids in the group this was their first year raising pigs.

According to Schicchitano, four of the pigs made it into group one, while the five that placed in top USDA grade, and the other three were in group two.

"Being one of the youngest leaders, I think the kids consider me one of their role models," she said. "Since pigs don't sweat, we are constantly having to cool them off with squirt bottles. So, the other day the kids chased me around the barn with the bottle.

"The seat actually has a policy of no squinting other each other to prevent potential buyers from being caught in the crossfire."

The Cal Poly Farm Group also has a booth at the Fair selling ice cream, jams, fresh-picked corn, fresh-squeezed orange juice, and plants from the Environmental Horticulture Department acoompanying to Phil Douh, director of farm operations.

Cal Poly Enterprises has about 70 products available including meats and eggs although some are only for display at the booth.

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Ejection Seat ride provides a treat for fair's thrill-seekers

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As the crowds released and another couple went hurtling into space overhead, Welch added that the tension on each cord is roughly 3,000 pounds.

"It's not anything like this," Welch explained. "Un­ less you've flown fighters or driven top fuel dragsters."

With her heart still pounding and a smile from ear to ear, 16- year-old Astacredon resident Julia West reflected on the wild ride.

"It was a blast," she squealed. "It felt like I was jumping from a building. Your stomach goes into your throat."

While it's not a ride for all fair-goes, some can't seem to get enough of the thrill.

"I try going on it as many times as possible," said "sensation seat" employee Hilsy Birk. "Whenever there's somebody going on it alone, I try to ride with them."

The "sensation seat" can be ridden "just once through August 13 at the Mid-State Fair in Paso Robles. The cost per person to ride is $20 or you can purchase your own "sensation seat" for $120,000 from Bungee Adventures in Montana View.

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An evening at the Mid-State Fair: Hangin' with the 'Boyz'

By Lydia M. Baez
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Last Saturday night two "boys" entertained a crowd gathered for a talent performance. The participants included a "Mark and Brian"-type duo and a 16-year-old girl who imitated the4 singer, Beyonce Knowles by screaming and beating herself on the chest in a way similar to Tareac. The duos' performance included a "Mark and Brian"-type bit and a 16-year-old girl who imitated Beyonce Knowles by screaming and beating herself on the chest in a way similar to Tareac.

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Clinton fights teen smoking, relaxed tobacco regulations

By Nancy Taus
Accused fees

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Ready to order unprecedented steps to combat teen smoking, President Clinton went to the heart of tobacco country Wednesday to make his case for stronger government regulation. People have to change their habits, and somebody has to help them. Clinton offered no specifics, but a senior administration official said the president would announce plans Wednesday to give the Food and Drug Administration power to regulate nicotine as an addictive drug as it relates to young people.

The move would represent a sharp setback for the tobacco industry and its allies, who have tried to sidestep regulations in favor of a voluntary campaign against smoking by teen-agers.

"They are making it difficult as the American farmer and the foreign manufacturer and grower are going to be the direct beneficiaries," Howard Cobles RNC.

The industry immediately said it would fight any form of FDA regulation, seeing it as the first step toward broader restrictions on smoking.

"A legal challenge is very likely," said Tobacco Institute spokeswoman Brennan Dawson. "We do not big government trying to run our lives," Democratic Gov. Jim Hunt told reporters as Clinton arrived in Charlotte. "We just need to do it in a voluntary way that works, instead of overregulating from Washington."

Connolly will immediately try to sidestep) any FDA involve-ment, pledged Rep. Howard Cobles, R-N.C., who predicted the move would severely hurt Clinton's standing in the South.

They're making it difficult on the American farmer and the American processor and the foreign manufacturer," Cobles said, "and the foreign manufacturer and grower are going to be the direct beneficiaries.

The FDA's notice of intent to regulate was published in Thursday's Federal Register, triggering a 90-day public comment period before new rules would be issued, officials said.

A senior official who spoke on condition of anonymity said it was unclear whether Clinton would specify what rules the FDA should impose. But he inten-tes to ban vending machines everywhere except adults-only environments such as bars and to require proof of age for tobacco purchases, the official said.

Sales to minors already are banned in every state, but the laws aren't enforced for lack of money, the official said, so the FDA plan did not include enforce-ment funds.

Also, Clinton planned to cur-tail advertising. He is considering banning outdoor ads within 1,000 feet of schools and restrict-ing ads in magazines whose readership is at least 15 percent teen-age, plus banning brand fea-ures of sports events — a highly controversial move in the South, where tobacco con-tributes significantly to NASCAR auto racing.

Aides said Clinton still held out some hope that the tobacco industry, faced with the threat of new regulations, would come up with an acceptable compromise, perhaps avoiding actual imposi-tion of the rules.

Philip Morris, the world's largest tobacco company, said Wednesday night it was willing to discuss alternatives with the White House, but that it would fight FDA regulation as an il-llegal move.

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A first-day offering: Netscape wows investors

NEW YORK (AP) — Netscape Communications Corp. has yet to make any money. But when the 18-month-old company went public Wednesday, investor demand was so hot its stock price doubled and the company's market value approached $3 billion. Stock in Netscape, which produces software that makes it easier to navigate the Internet, was offered at $29, closed at $47, rose as high as $75 and then tumbled as low as $53.75. It closed regular trading at $54.26 on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

At that price, Netscape's market value was $2.9 billion, close to that of Dell Computer Corp. and greater than firms like AST Research Inc., Broderbund Software Inc. and Gateway 2000 Inc.

The debut was the most sturn- ing Wall Street has seen since Boston Chicken Inc. went public in November 1993 for $25 and traded as high as $111 per share.

To many investors, Netscape represented the chance to get in at the start of another technol-ogy dynasty like Apple Computer Inc. or Microsoft.

"I'm sure this is something that people have been wanting to do," said Kathleen Smith, analyst at Renaissance Capital Corp. in Greenwich, Conn. "They see this as the Microsoft of the Internet."

Nearly 14 million shares were traded, almost three times the 5 million shares that were issued.

The company makes a program called Netscape Navigator, which allows people who use personal computers to

very simply access and manipu-late information on the Web. The

At a financial standpoint, the company is the fastest-grow-ing software start-up company ever. It had $700,000 in sales from its inception in April 1994 through December. During the first six months of this year, sales were $16.6 million and its losses narrowed. Netscape may turn profitable by the end of the year.

Nonetheless, it may take some time for the company's sales and profits to reach levels normally associated with a firm valued at nearly $3 billion.

Netscape recently began sell-ing the $40 version of Navigator for people who don't wish to bother with the technicalities of downloading an Internet.
Coaching clinic draws big names to Poly

By Michael Roisman
South Side

The smell of baseball glove oil filled the classroom that played host to one of Cal Poly's clinics for coaches and teachers.

This year's California Workshop for Physical Education, Athletics and Coaching made its 49th annual on-campus appearance July 3. The coaching clinic, which is part of an interservice education workshop, brings in educators and coaches from around the world, said Dwayne Heath, physical education and kinesiology department head.

According to Heath, five or six workshop classes have been offered during the summer. Baseball coaching, water ballet, country and western dancing, badminton, computers are just a few courses teachers and coaches can participate in.

This year's baseball coaching clinic brought in three former Los Angeles area based professional baseball players for coaches and teachers who attended the clinic.

John Scalinones, former Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher, and coaches Mike Seko and Paul Scalinas who have both spent the better part of their lives in the city of Los Angeles.

Scalinones began playing for a semipro team in Los Angeles because his high school didn't have a baseball program.

He moved into the Minors in 1962 and later signed with the St. Louis Browns. He remained there until he was called up to duty for World War II.

He enrolled in Pepperdine College with the help of the G.I. bill after he finished his hitch in the military and was asked to be an assistant baseball coach.

Scalinones remained at Pepperdine until 1969 when he was promoted to head baseball coach and head football coach.

He transferred to CSU Bakersfield where he continued as a head baseball coach as well as teaching English. Scalinones is now retired and sees coaching clinics as a hobby.

Scalinones spoke of how times were different when he was teaching and coaching at the same time.

"Now a person that teaches doesn't coach and a person that coaches doesn't teach," he said.

Some of the players he has coached in the past have made baseball a career.

Wendall Kim is currently the third base coach for the San Francisco Giants. Mark Wiley played for the Cleveland Indians, Mitchell Page played first base for the Kansas City Royals and Wayne Gose participated in the Oakland A's organization.

Scalinones is now retired and enjoys spending time with his family. He enjoys reading books, playing golf and rooting for his favorite teams: the San Francisco Giants, Los Angeles Lakers and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

John Scalinones demonstrates the proper way to throw a pitch during one of the workshops help at Cal Poly. Photo by Lawrence Roberts.

Summer Mustang
Metabolism slowing gene discovered

By Daniel Q. H concepts

*Associated Press*

BOSTON (AP) - Reassuring the millions of people who are more of a matter of sloth and genetics, a study discovered that the rate of metabolism slows down for people who are obese. The study, published in the journal *Science*, found that the rate of metabolism in obese individuals is significantly slower than in normal-weight individuals. This finding challenges the common belief that obesity is simply a matter of eating too much and exercising too little. Instead, it suggests that the gene associated with obesity is slowing the metabolism, which can lead to weight gain. The study, conducted by researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health, analyzed metabolic rates in a large population of overweight and obese people. They found that the gene associated with obesity, known as the FTO gene, is associated with a slower metabolic rate. This slower metabolic rate can lead to weight gain, as the body burns fewer calories than it consumes. The researchers suggest that targeting this gene could be a potential strategy for treating obesity. The findings have important implications for understanding the biology of obesity and could lead to new treatments for the disease. However, more research is needed to fully understand the mechanisms involved and to develop effective interventions. The study also has potential implications for understanding the biology of aging, as slowing metabolism has been associated with increased longevity in several species. Overall, the study provides important insights into the biology of obesity and aging, and highlights the potential for new treatments to target the underlying biological processes. It also underscores the importance of addressing the obesity epidemic, which affects millions of people worldwide and has significant implications for health and well-being.