Salinas family donates $1.5 million for new building

Ronnie Meehan
SCIENCE DAILY

The Cal Poly College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences is $1.5 million closer to having the proposed Agriculture Technology Center built thanks to the Oreggia Family Foundation.

The donation was made to help start the construction of the center, which will provide faculty and students additional lab space to conduct applied research and work on senior projects.

"It's a major significant donation towards our department," said David Webster, dean for the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. "The donation shows the continuing support from the Oreggia Family Foundation."

The Oreggia Family Foundation was founded by Salinas grower Arden Oreggia and his sister, Sabina. After a student-led tour through the Cal Poly creamery during the Open House 2005, Arden Oreggia became so impressed with the department that he started the foundation to help support the development of agricultural facilities and programs. Arden Oreggia passed away in August 2005.

"Mr. Oreggia felt agriculture was very important nationally and of course locally," Oreggia Family see Oreggia, page 2

Weekend auction: a bunch of bulls

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SCIENCE DAILY

Cattle ranchers throughout California will come to the Central Coast this weekend to buy Cal Poly's bulls.

The event, Cal Poly's 50th annual Field Day and Bull Sale, will be held Saturday and Sunday at the animal science department's new Beef Center in Escuela Ranch, near Cuarto College.

Agriculture students prepared the bulls for the auction by running tests that help predict the health of their potential offspring. The results were then catalogued and sent out to cattle ranchers. The auction, scheduled for Sunday, is the only one in California to run and document these genetic predictability tests.

Janet Abbott, an agricultural business senior, learned how to vaccinate, ID and weigh bulls in her two years of participating in the program, called Bull Test Enterprise. The program usually starts in May, but was delayed until July this year.

Abbott said the long hours spent preparing the bulls pays off at the auction.

"It's exciting to watch the bulls that you've worked with since July sell after you've gotten them ready and to watch them go across the block," Abbott said.

Michael Hall, beef cattle specialist for the animal science department, said a bull usually sells for around $3,200. He said cattle buyers look for low birthweight, high intramuscular fat and a high lean-to-fat ratio in a bull.

Approximately 500 people are expected to attend the event, Hall said, including a host of alumni see Bulls, page 2

Schwarzenegger may terminate Education Opportunity Program

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SCIENCE DAILY

F U L L E R T O N. Calif. — When senior Berenice Dimas was a high school student, a college education seemed beyond her grasp. Born to immigrant parents, she never thought she'd have the financial means to attend college.

"My high school wasn't really a place where very many people talked about college," Dimas said. "You only got that information if you were in AP classes."

After learning about the Education Opportunity Program at California State University-Fullerton, her life began to turn around for the better.

"I was very clueless about college," Dimas said. "I didn't really know what it was about or what to expect until I was admitted into EOP."

Dimas, a Chicano/Chicana studies and women's studies double major, spoke to directors, administrators, alumni and fellow students last week during the program's first annual information panel as part of an effort to increase awareness of its importance on campus.

Founded during the civil rights movement in 1969, the EOP is a statewide program that assists low-income students with the financial and academic resources they need for a successful college experience.

Currently, the EOP program is providing financial assistance to about 2,000 CSUF students. The program offers services such as preadmission counseling, admission assistance, tutoring, career guidance and financial aid advisement. Through the program, students may qualify for a grant of up to $800.

Jeremiah Moore, director of Student Academic Services and the CSUF EOP, said that EOP and Outreach programs have always been in danger of elimination because of budget cuts, but as much as they have been since Gov. Schwarzenegger took office.

CSUF's EOP is given $635,000 a year, an amount Moore said has not increased in many years.

Moore said that even though EOP is among the first programs to be considered for budget cuts every year, CSUF manages to make up the loss.

Veggie sales provide fresh produce

Amy Dierderoff
SCIENCE DAILY

The Cal Poly Organic Farm offers boxes of fresh campus-grown vegetables on a weekly basis.

Just two weeks into the 26-week program, running from Sept. 18 through March 12, the program is already full and offering a wait list to interested subscribers.

Vegetable lovers can sign up for a weekly full-share harvest box that feeds four to five people for $650, which works out to $23 per week. Another option is the weekly half-share harvest box that feeds two to three people for $460, or $18 per week, for the entire length of the program.

Students can subscribe to a special 11-week program on a quarterly basis for $118, or $18 per week, to receive a half-share of produce each week. Since the current fall quarter program is full, interested students will be able to sign up for the winter program in December.

The Community Supported Agriculture program has been an overwhelming success for Cal Poly Organic Farm, filling up every year since it began in 2000.

"Community Supported Agriculture is a partnership really. It's an exchange for a commitment to buy a share in our farm's harvest," see Produce, page 2

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duce and staff commit to grow high quality herbs, vegetables and fruit for you,” said CNA program coordinator Elaine Genasci.

Members can pick up their harvest boxes each week at the farm located on Mt. Bishop Road, or at other locations in Morro Bay, North County and South County. Pick-up days are Mondays and Thursdays from 3-6 p.m. and the locations are determined by demand. “All the produce is harvested the same day you receive it, so freshness and nutrition are at their peak,” Genasci said.

The kinds of fruit and vegetables in each box vary weekly, depending on what is ready for harvest. Fall and winter crops include lettuce, leafy greens, onions, arugula, beets, carrots, tomatoes, eggplant, corn, hollie peppers, melons and more.

Members also receive a weekly newsletter with recipes, farm-related information, an events calendar of farm activities and workshops in their box each week.

The Community Supported Agriculture Program’s success has even reached beyond local residents and students. “We have several local restaurants and stores that order from us regularly,” Genasci said.

Clients include Big Sky and Luminos in San Luis Obispo, Giuseppi’s in Pismo Beach and Cambria Pines Lodge in Cambria. Markets like Soins and Food 4 Less in Paso Robles and Spencer’s in Morro Bay also order from the CSA Program.

Even with the expansion of services, the CSA has begun to offer several years like collaborating with local growers to provide a greater range of produce and offering free range egg subscriptions. Cal Poly’s Organic Farm does not plan to sacrifice the quality of their products for future growth plans.

There is a point in growth where you compromise the consumer service you can give,” Genasci said. The Cal Poly Organic Farm is an agricultural program jointly managed by the Horticulture and Crop Science Department, students and farm staff. According to their brochure, “Students enrolled in the Organic Farm Enterprise gain hands-on experience related to organic and sustainable crop production practices.”

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Foundation trustee Robert Taylor said, “Before he died he had decided we wanted to support Cal Poly’s department, so we are doing our best to honor that.”

To date, the foundation has donated a total of $2.5 million to the agriculture program. It is estimated that the new center will cost $15 million to $20 million dollars to complete and Cal Poly will need to raise nearly all of the money from private funding.

“State money will only build facilities used for instructional purposes, not research,” Webster said.

The new center is planned to be built between the Erhart Agricultural building and the Agricultural Engineering building. Webster is hoping the money will be raised in two to three years so construction can then begin.

The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences grants master’s and baccalaureate degrees each year, almost half of all baccalaureate degrees offered in the state. It is the fourth biggest agriculture program in the United States, with more than 3,300 students.
CAL POLY vs SOUTHERN UTAH
09.30.2006 6 p.m.
Southern Utah (3-1) at Cal Poly (3-1)

What: Great West Football Conference opener
Where: Spanos Stadium
When: 6 p.m. Saturday
Radio: KXTY Radio (99.7 FM)

About the opponent:
Southern Utah
Location: Cedar City, Utah
Founded: 1897
Enrollment: 6,672
Mascot: Thunderbirds
School colors: Scarlet, white
Stadium: Eccles Coliseum (8,500 capacity)
Surface: Natural grass
Lettermen returning: 34
Lettermen lost: 17
Starters returning: 13
Starters lost: 11
Head coach (record/experience): Wes Meier (1-9 in 3rd year)

2005 overall record: 1-9
All-time series: Cal Poly leads 13-6

Conference Standings

1. Cal Poly 3-1
2. North Dakota St. 3-1
3. South Dakota St. 1-3
4. Southern Utah 3-1

Capacity: 8,500

Great West Football Conference Standings


Quotes from the sideline:
"They're one of the best defensive teams in the country and they run a ball-control offense... The last couple of years they've lost Chris Gosccon and Jordan Beck — who are both in the NFL now — but they just seem to reload with more talent."
- Southern Utah head coach Wes Meier on the Thunderbirds' Web site

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Noble to return for No. 5
Cal Poly; QBs up in air

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"There is not much difference," he said. "We've got two hard-working, skilled guys in there, so what more could you ask for?"

Senior Nick Coromelas won the placekicking job at Thursday's practice by making two chip-shot field goals while redshirt freshman Andrew Gardner, who made his lone extra-point attempt last week against the Spartans.

Coromelas is 3 for 7 on the season but has a 49-yard field goal to his credit. He is 9 for 10 on extra points.

Because standout punter Tim Chicoine was injured on the opening kickoff last week, Coromelas will also handle punting duties Saturday. He boomed a 70-yarder and averaged 47.3 yards per punt last week.

Southern Utah is 3-1, having rebounded nicely from a 1-9 campaign a year ago. The Thunderbirds, however, have won this season over Division II Western State College of Colorado and NAIA Montana Tech.

"They move their linebackers around a lot so we have to make sure we see everything right and we're running the right plays," Noble said.

Cal Poly's three-game road trip is finally over. The Mustangs have three home games — including the Horseshoe Classic rivalry game against UC Davis on Oct. 7 — and a bye week from now until Oct. 21.

That's good news to Noble.

"Being able to come in and play a couple home games is really big for us," Noble said. "We've been on the road, traveling, so it's good to get in a full week of practice."
1960 Poly football team to receive honorary induction

Spanos Stadium and Mustang Memorial Field will be dedicated this weekend.

The 1960 Cal Poly football team will receive an honorary induction into the Cal Poly Athletics Hall of Fame. On Friday, Cal Poly will host two campus events honoring the team and the unique legacy it brings to the history of the university.

A late-afternoon private ceremony will be held dedicating Mustang Memorial Plaza, a 15,000-square-foot space honoring the 18 members of the Cal Poly family who lost their lives in the tragic Oct. 29, 1960, plane crash at Toledo Municipal Airport. In the plaza, each of the 18 individuals who perished will be honored with a biographical plaque mounted on a copper pillar standing at the height of each person. In addition, other plaques, including those previously placed at the University Union Mustang Plinth and the memorial rock placed at the base of the stadium flag pole, will be rededicated.

On Saturday, Alex G. Spanos Stadium and Mustang Memorial Field will be formally dedicated during a pre-game ceremony which also will include the public opening of Mustang Memorial Plaza.

Still under construction, Alex G. Spanos Stadium will be dedicated Saturday in memory of the 1960 Cal Poly football team.

The Cal Poly field, now renamed Alex G. Spanos Stadium, scheduled to open later this season, will expand seating of the former Mustang Stadium to 10,000 seats and also includes widening and improvements to the existing field, new lighting and public address systems, a press box with press and game staff areas, two radio suites, one television booth and selected reception areas.

Although Matt Bresnan is 36 of 72, his chemistry with receivers Ramos Barden (23 receptions, 402 yards, three touchdowns) is impressive.

Wes Marshall has completed 67 percent of his passes and has a touchdown-interception ratio of 10-3, but has played an NAIA and Division II team.

The Thunderbirds have four ball carriers with more than 90 yards rushing on the season. Five of their top six rushers average more than 4.0 yards a carry. More impressive than Southern Utah’s nine sacks are its 27 tackles for loss. The Thunderbirds have three players with 20 or more tackles.

Unfortunately, Cal Poly had only 6.75 points per outing, pitched two shutouts, forced nine turnovers and ran up 14 sacks. The defense might have a couple NFL prospects.

Consistent punter Tim Christion is injured, kicker Nick Coronel is 3 for 7 on field goals and four different players have returned punts or kicks.

Southern Utah has one of the best return games in college football, but its two kickers are 0 for 0 on field goals and have averaged 34.9 yards a punt.

It puts an exclamation point on some of the things we feel about our program. The guys are reverential with regard to their history.

-Rich Ellerson
Cal Poly football head coach on ceremonies
Coach K: Turnovers crucial

Cal Poly offense will need to keep turnovers to a minimum Saturday if the Mustangs are to rebound from a 17-7 loss at San Jose State.

Pinnacle Superstar (whoever gets the start), the Mustangs offense is bound to jump into mid-season form. If Noble can bounce back from last week's left ankle sprain and tighten the load for struggling sophomore quarterback Matt Brennan or senior Cordel Webb (whoever gets the start), the Mustangs should have no problem putting up points.

This week they will have to limit the number of turnovers and prove to themselves that they are a dominant offense. Southern Utah's defense, led by DJ Sexton, is currently ranked No. 3 in both rushing defense and passing defense in the Great West Football Conference.

The Thunderbirds may try to rack extra defenders in the box near the line of scrimmage and try to make Brennan beat them.

Cal Poly Defense vs. Southern Utah Offense:

What can I say about this defense that hasn't been said before? They stop the run, they stop the pass and they all over the ball.

This year's defense looks to be the best Cal Poly has put on the field in many years, even though Jordan Beck and Chris Gecong are gone. Led by All-American linebacker Kyle Shortwell, this defense has been causing problems for offensive coordinators across the country. Look for Southern Utah to come out trying to establish the run early after almost having two 100-yard rushers last week.

They will be in for a surprise when they play arguably the best defense in the nation, however.

Look for freshman defensive end Ryan Shottrell to be in the backfield all day causing havoc — and the "Band of Brothers" doing what they do best, which is causing turnovers, helping the T-Birds smack in the mouth and setting up the offense for touchdowns.

Final score prediction: Cal Poly 28, Southern Utah 10.

Compiled by Frank Strand

Karl Jenny is a former Cal Poly star who finished up his eligibility in 2004. He has shed his helmet and pads for a pen and notebook as a special football analyst for the Mustang Daily. Here is what "Coach K" has to say about this week's matchup:

Ask yourself this: What do these set of numbers have in common? Three, four 17 and seven. Simple. It represents the number of turnovers the Cal Poly offense has had in the last two games along with its respective point totals. Last week we saw the Mustangs go up against Division I-AA San Jose State where for three straight quarters, they went scoreless.

However, you have to give credit to the Cal Poly defense, which held a revamped Spartan offense to only 17 points. The Mustangs were only able to put up 220 yards of total offense to go along with three interceptions, which put the San Jose State offense on a short field. Granted, the offense was without all-everything tailback "Big Game" James Noble. Wide receiver Ramsees "The Giant" Barden was able to keep at least the Spartans' defense honest.

This week rings in the bell for the first conference game against the Southern Utah Thunderbirds, who are coming off their biggest win of the season by beating Texas State, a semifinalist in the Division I-AA playoffs last year. And by the way, the Bobcats ended Cal Poly's playoff aspirations in the quarterfinals last year as well.

Cal Poly Offense vs. Southern Utah Defense:

This week we should see the return of the "Dynamic Duo" in Noble and Barden. After two straight weeks of terrible offensive play, the Cal Poly offense is bound to jump into mid-season form. If Noble can bounce back from last week's left ankle sprain and tighten the load for struggling sophomore quarterback Matt Brennan or senior Cordel Webb (whoever gets the start), the Mustangs should have no problem putting up points.

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Thornton and Heder form a tale of two 'Scoundrels'

Andrew Johnson

RALEIGH, N.C. — It’s hard to imagine two actors that contrast as much as Billy Bob Thornton and Jon Heder, the new stars of an Oscar-winning film known for his dramatic roles. The two actors are teaming up in "School For Scoundrels," the latest comedy directed by Todd Phillips ("Road Trip," "Old School"). Even though their acting styles are remem-

bered to be different, both found the concept of the film appealing and intriguing.

Heder said he was looking to get out of Napoleon’s shadows by playing a character that has a conflict.

“You know the nerd and the dork, what are they that have a lot of conflict. So I guess I’m attracted to those charac-
eres more,” Heder said.

The film follows a shy, dorky young man who attends a confi-
dence-building class, but ends up competing with the teacher for the

affections of a girl. Both Heder and Thornton said they related to the

time, and had to risk injury for the good of the film.

"We did shoot real paintings but we had both armor that was kind of formed to our bodies underneath

our clothes. I ended up taking on a lot of the armor off, though, because it was pretty uncomfortable, and I had a number of large-size suits on my body after that," Heder said.

Though the film has a strong comedic tone, it also marks Heder’s first real venture as a romantic lead.

In the film, his character falls for the girl, played by Jessica Barlett, who lives in the apartment down the hall from him.

"It wasn’t too bad. She was a lot of fun to work with," Heder said. "She was kind of a sister in some ways, and she was actually pretty foul. She tells a lot of dirty jokes and I think that breaks the tension a little bit."

Both actors said they have various projects lined up after the release of "School For Scoundrels." Heder has a few comedies and an animated film he is currently working on, while Thornton is in three other projects.

Heder said he wants to try his hand in some dramas as well.

"I want to be the next James Bond," he said.

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Friday, September 29, 9 pm

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