Sustainability spotlight on Cal Poly campus

Lauren Rabaino
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A feeling of empowerment seemed to be the overriding sentiment of students at the UC-CSU-CCC Sustainability Conference on campus last weekend. The event, which had never been hosted at a CSU, drew 1,100 students and faculty from the state's colleges and universities.

"The biggest difference from prior years is just the overall sense that the speakers gave the feeling," said student Christie Pomplun from Cal State Long Beach. "It was about encouragement. It was just really impressive and it made me want to get out there."

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Once completed in 2009, the 30 acres with nine buildings and two parking lots will have 615 student apartments, 2,661 student beds and 1,926 parking spaces.

However, this fall, only five of the nine buildings will be completed, with 356 apartments and 1,541 beds available. Sophomores were the first students given the right of refusal, Allen said.

Then, housing options will open up to the remaining students.

The total budget for the project, which began in January 2003, is nearly $300 million, said Joel Neel, senior associate director of Capital and Environmental Planning.

"We have remained on budget, I believe, due to the extremely capable project management team the university assembled as well as having an incredible contractor in Clark Construction," he said.

Once completed, the Village will consist of 30 acres with nine buildings and two parking lots. To keep the Village partially open to students, faculty and staff this fall.

With almost 3,000 beds, the new Poly Canyon Village is pampered student living on a grand scale. The massive new on-campus student living complex — the first LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certified project for new construction on campus — will partially open to students, faculty and staff this fall.

The Mustang Daily recently took an exclusive tour of Poly Canyon Village, beginning where two bridges cross Brizelula Creek into the complex's southeast perimeter. To keep the Village and its surroundings as natural as possible, it was built around the creek, said Preston Allen, director of Housing and Residential Life.

Each building is named after a California canyon, beginning with Aliso and going alphabetically around to Loyo.

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Politicians use Poly to discuss progress

For an audio slide-show of the Lt. Gov.'s speech, go to mustangdaily.net.

Are you suffering from a recent ANKLE SPRAIN?

Doctors are evaluating investigational, medicated patches to see if they relieve pain when applied directly to the ankle.

Ankle sprain is the most common injury in sports. A study published in The New England Journal of Medicine found that ankle sprains are treated with a wide variety of over-the-counter remedies. The study also found that more than half of the athletes who treated their own sprains were not treated at all. The lack of treatment may be due to a lack of awareness about sprain treatment.

To learn more about this local study, please contact:

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LAWREN RABANO
staff writer

Garavand did encourage students to push innovative ideas to school and state officials.

"You're going to change America," Garavand said. "You are currently at the greatest intellectual systems in the entire world: the California University and community college systems."

Garavand said national security is no longer an issue of the "star on forever" but about changing the nature of the nation's economy from being petroleum-based to renewable-based.

"We can do that," he said. "We don't have any choice but to do it." Instead, students were on a mission to do just that. Throughout the weekend, they attended various workshops to share ideas and learn about how to take sustainability homes—"from energy to green buildings to transportation to social equity."

It was Matthew McGeeve's first time attending the conference. He works at Sonoma State's residence hall, which he said was one of the few sustainable facilities on campus.

"There's actually a lot of work to do, it's what I'm coming to realize," McGeeve said.

One workshop he found especially helpful was geared toward a shared democratic process as opposed to top-down decision-making for green issues. The workshop has inspired him to start a student activist group at Sonoma when he returns from the conference, he said.

"I definitely want to get a campus-wide group involved with issues of sustainability," he added.

"We can do our part at the Sonoma State Rec Center and through the cafés on our campus...but there isn't a campus-wide, collective community,"

Suzie Udwin, an education research co-ordinator at UCSB, was a speaker at the conference. She is advocating for a new project she started at her university.

Instead of simply recycling old books, Udwin's group redistributes them to jails and prisons across the state.

"It's an educational and environmental thing because we're educating people by giving them access to education, and at the same time for every pound of book that's raised, rather than recycled, we save 10 pounds of carbon dioxide," Udwin said.

Her presentation was part of a new theme at the conference—social equity and green economics, which Udwin said is the important next step in environmentalism.

"Sustainability has been a lot about just having carbon emissions," she said, "but the way we look at the environment, there is no defining line between human and our environment." Bryan Ting, a student from San Francisco State and a member of his school's chapter of the Eco Students, said he has, in the conference, a feeling of empowerment.

"When I talk to those people, I realize this is really possible, this is a really amazing thing and we can do this together," said Ting.

While he appreciated the opportunity to talk to other students from around the world, he said one thing he'd like to see at future conferences is organized time for students to meet and brainstorm.

"If you went to a seminar and saw some people there, you could go talk to them," Ting said. "But there's not anything specifically about the networking."
Bush says US firmly opposed to China's repression

Ben Feller
ASSOCIATED PRESS

With all eyes on Beijing, President Bush bluntly told China that America is strongly opposed to the way the communist government represents its people, a rebuke delivered from the heart of Asia on the cusp of the Olympic Games.

In perhaps his last major address to Asia, Bush said that America speaks out for a free press, free assembly and labor rights not to antagonize China's leaders, but because it's the only path the potent U.S. rival can take to reach its full potential.

"America stands in firm opposition of China's detention of political dissidents and human rights advocates and religious activists," Bush said.

"We press for openness and justice not to impose our beliefs, but to allow the Chinese people to express theirs."

Along with his chiding, Bush offered praise for China's market reforms and hope that it will embrace freedom, reflecting the delicate balance that the president seeks to strike with the potent U.S. rival.

"Change in China will arrive on its own terms and in keeping with its own history and its own traditions. Yet change will arrive," he said.

Bush brought his message to Thailand, a turbulent democracy. The marque speech of his three-country trip hailed deepening ties between the U.S. and Asia. He pledged that whoever follows him in the White House will inherit an alliance that is now stronger than ever.

The president planned to quickly pivot from his speech to a full day of outreach toward the people of Myanmar, also known as Burma, who live under military rule across the border.

Yet heading eagerly on Thursday to the Beijing Olympics himself as a sports fan, Bush faced pressures all around: a desire not to embarrass China in its moment of glory; a call for strong words by those dismayed by China's repression, and a determination to remind the world that he has been pushing China to allow greater freedom during his presidency.

But his message will surely be noted in China.

Olympics clean-up hides real Beijing

Anita Chang
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It all began when my colleague Steve's favorite noodle lady was forced to close down. Soon after, the Popscicle lady was gone, followed by the scary fruit guy.

Then, a few weeks ago, the shabby apartment complex across the street from mine was covered up with a 10-foot-high sheet metal fence. The bartender blocks a row of small shops on the ground floor that offer everything from handmade Chinese bread to bicycle repairs.

The Beijing that visitors and television viewers see during the Olympics isn't the Beijing. It's unnaturally sanitized and stiffly coiffed, with much of its frenetic grittiness and earthy charm falling victim to zealous organizers who want to stage a clean event.

Since I moved here from the U.S. 16 months ago, I've found the beauty of Beijing to be that it's full of contradictions and doesn't try too hard to please.

It's an ancient capital that's constantly being reborn. It's the cultural heart of China, yet also home to hip-hop clubs packed with kids sipping cold tea mixed with whiskey. In the downtown business district where I live, I often see bare-bottomed babies, horse-drawn carts and chickens pecking the sidewalks.

That's the real Beijing. In Olympics Beijing, half the cars have been taken off the roads, and many migrant workers and students have been sent home to reduce pollution and congestion. Much of the city seems eerily quiet, much like the feeling you get driving around an American town on Christmas morning.

Almost all construction has been halted. Building sites where machinery pounded and banged 24 hours a day in the lead-up to the Olympics are quiet. I used to count nearly 30 construction cranes from my apartment window; now I only see six.

Authorities have taken pains to hide as many of the unfinished buildings as they can. The concrete skeletons are draped with giant sheets decorated with pictures of Olympic athletes or a forest scene. A structure on Wangfujing, Beijing's famous pedestrian mall, is covered with a drapery painted to look like a finished building.

Cabbies have been issued uniforms and are now among the sharpest-looking drivers in the world, with navy trousers, butter-yellow shirts and striped ties. Believe me, visitors here wouldn't normally confuse a cab driver with an office worker.

And then there's Steve's noodle lady.

The food stalls that crowded many side streets have been ordered closed and a lot of sidewalk dining has been banned, because they're considered unsightly or unsanitary. Meanwhile, the menus at popular eateries now have officially approved English translations. No more "the temple explodes the chicken cube" (kung pao chicken) or "fried curl."
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nu, which has already knocked Bush for intruding in its affairs by host­
ing Chinese dissidents at the White­
House ahead of the games.

"The leadership in Beijing will almost certainly find his comments
irritating or objectionable," said So­
phie Richardson, the Asia advocacy
director for Human Rights Watch.
"But they will clearly understand
that the United States will not im­
pose any real consequences if they
do not make progress on human
rights."

Seeking an event scrubbed free
of protest, China has rounded up
opponents and slapped restrictions
on journalists, betraying promises
made when China landed the host­
ing rights.

"I don't think he really has
intelligent things to say. So I
wouldn't want him to represent us."

James Alexander, architecture
senior

"I think he would be an
embarrassment, actually."

-Kristi Shammer, '94 alumna

"Yeah, I think he should, you
know with all that stuff going on
with China — the
human rights stuff... this is the
one time for the world to
get together, and I think the
American president going
there sends the right
message."

-Donnell Patei, business
senior

"Well, I don't like him, so
no, the show will be
better anyway."

-Business senior

"It's a good question. I
guess so, because we want
them to be on our
side."

-Darrick Yamaguchi,
animal science senior

International Briefs

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egyptian scientists are carrying our DNA tests on two mummi­fi ed fetuses found in the tomb of King Tutankhamun to determine whether they are the young pha­araoh's offspring, the antiquities
authority said Wednesday.

The two tiny female fetuses, between five to seven months
of gestational age, were found in King Tut's tomb in Luxor when it was
discovered in 1922.

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel is building up its military
among growing anxiety over Iran's nuclear ambitions, and appears confident that a military attack would cripple Tehran's atomic pro­gram, even if it can't destroy it.

Such talk could be more threat than reality. However, Iran's refusal to accept Western conditions is worrying Israel, as is the percep­tion that Washington now prefers
diplomacy over confrontation with Tehran.

GUANATAMO BAY NA­
VAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — The conviction of Osama bin Laden's
driver by a U.S. military court after a 10-day trial provides an indica­tion of what to expect as dooms­more Guantanamo prisoners go to
court; shifting charges, secret testi­mony — and quick verdicts.

Najib Hamdan held his head in
his hands and wept Wednesday as
the six-member military jury
declared the Yemeni guilty of aid­
ing terrorism, which could bring
a maximum life sentence. But in a
split decision, the jury in America's
first war-crimes trial since the af­
termath of World War II cleared
Hamdan of two charges of con­
Nine missing, feared dead in fire helicopter crash

Tuesday, August 7, 2008

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — How many cheerleaders can cram into an elevator?

Nine people are presumed dead in the crash of a helicopter that was carrying firefighters over the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, officials said Wednesday.

The crash happened Tuesday night just after the helicopter picked up firefighters, who had been battling a blaze north of Junction City, from a clearing in a remote, rugged region of the forest, said Jennifer Rabuck, spokeswoman for the U.S. Forest Service.

The helicopter was carrying 11 firefighters and two crew members when it went down, according to the Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board. Four people were airlifted to hospitals with severe burns, according to the Forest Service.

FAA spokesman Ian Gregor said the Sikorsky S-61N chopper was destroyed by fire after crashing "under unknown circumstances." The NTSB, which is leading the investigation, was headed to the scene, about 215 miles northwest of Sacramento.

Firefighters who were waiting to be picked up helped rescue the four injured people after the helicopter crashed around 7:45 p.m. and caught fire, Rabuck said. About three dozen firefighters had to spend the night on the mountain because it became too dark for other helicopters to land, she said.

Nine people — a co-pilot and eight firefighters — were still missing in the wreckage and presumably killed.

Recovery efforts have been complicated by the crash site's remote location, and the wreckage is still burning, Rabuck said.

"It's difficult to access," she said. "It's very remote, very steep and heavily forested." The firefighters had been working at the north end of a more than 27-square-mile fire burning in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, part of a larger complex of blazes that total 135 square miles. The complex was about 87 percent contained.

"We are praying for the swift recovery of all the victims, and our hearts go out to their loved ones," Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Wednesday.

Some of the firefighters, including those in the hospital, were employed by firefighting contractor Grayback Forensics, based in Meridian, Ore. Mike Wheelock, Grayback's founder and owner, did not confirm any deaths.

Record number of US voters may cast paper ballots

Allison Hoffman

Come November, more Americans might cast their ballots on paper than in any other election in U.S. history.

That wasn't supposed to happen.

If the past is any guide, an intense election season will suck millions of dollars into Internet and television advertising and help the nation's most active political groups gain ground in dual campaigns in Florida.

According to a new Associated Press-GfkR Polk survey released Wednesday, 57 percent of the nation's registered voters likely will be relying on paper ballots this fall.

The number of registered voters in jurisdictions that will rely mainly on electronic voting machines has fallen from a high of 44 percent during the 2006 midterm elections to 36 percent. (Most of the rest of the electorate consists of voters in New York state, who will be using old-fashioned pull-lever machines.)

In fact, because of growth in the electorate over the past decade, expansion of absentee voting rules, and expectations of high turnout for the contest between Barack Obama and John McCain, some experts are predicting a record number of Americas will cast ballots on paper this fall.

"More people will be using computer-readable paper ballots than at any other time in the nation's history," said Kenneth Branham, a former acting director of election services at the Social Security Administration.

In 2004, just 27 million registered voters lived in counties that relied on some form of paper ballot. "The figures are expected to top 100 million this fall, according to the AP data," he said.

The return to paper creates extra stress on an already-stretched election system.

"Of course, if we had access to the AP data," said Rabuck, "we could be doing better, but unfortunately we do not have access to..."
Lauren Rabaino

Concealed at the very end of an old alley in downtown San Luis Obispo is a place where guitarists are trained and music is created.

Owned by married couple Darren and Jessie Clarke, the newly renovated and expanded interior of Music Lab Guitar School is nothing like the building’s run-down exterior would suggest.

Lavished with modern purple walls, top-quality recording equipment, and a maze of rooms, the studio provides a professional learning environment for both children and adults.

“I always loved meeting people and kind of investing people,” said Darren, who has been in the music industry his entire life. “It’s always exciting to see people grow as musicians.”

The five-year-old guitar specialty school’s Friday open house will showcase its student musicians.

“People hear about us, but they don’t know where we are because we’re tucked away down this alley,” Jessie said. “And it’s a good opportunity for the people in the community to come and have a look around and see our place.”

But even more importantly than publicizing their school, the Clarkes want to give their students a chance to shine on stage.

“We’re always trying to create opportunities for our students, and so it’s all about giving them a platform to practice performing,” Jessie said.

About 20 students will perform at the open house from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., including anything from what Jessie described as “crazy fast guitarists” to “sensitive songwriter types.”

“We kind of approach it like it’s a gig or a concert, rather than like it’s a recital,” Darren said. “It’s more of a real-life experience of what it’s like to perform at a showcase.”

In total, there are about 100 students enrolled at Music Lab and sessions are on a quarterly rotation. Students enroll in labs based on skill level and learn all different aspects of music industry—from songwriting, to production, to recording, to performance.

“Basically, our philosophy is that it’s more than education,” Darren said. “When you come here you learn a lot of stuff, but music is about so much more than just learning theory—it’s about interacting with people. It’s about being creative.”

The local school has an exclusive affiliation with the Academy of Contemporary Music in London where Darren got his music business degree.

“I’m not exaggerating when I say that they’re world leaders in music industry education,” Jessie said.

Through the affiliation, Music Lab is able to host a Rock Band Academy on Saturdays Sept. through April where students ages 12 to 15 learn practical live performance techniques.

Jonathan Sorbello is one of the lab’s newest teachers. He joined the team after teaching private lessons for 11 years.

“The experience has been great,” Sorbello said. “There’s a lot of resources here from recording to sheet music to tabs. It’s just really tailoring to the individual need of the student. That’s what I really like.”

Sorbello and his yet-to-be-named band will be among the performers during Friday’s open house at Music Lab located at 265 Pacific St., Unit C.

As its Web site states on a specialized directions page, “You can only see us if you look down the alley!”

And because San Luis Obispo’s city ordinance prohibits buildings from posting signs above their building’s skyline, Music Lab is likely to stay hidden.

Despite the seeming inconvenience of the lab’s location, the isolation of the building keeps the school traffic-free for a quiet musical experience, Jessie said.

“Because we just expanded, I think we’ll be here for a long time,” she said. “We have a very big vision.”
Bad craziness, great documentary 'Fear and Loathing' author immortalized on film

Scott Silvey

He was hailed as the founder of 'Gonzo' journalism. He was revered as a counterculture icon. Now, the late Hunter S. Thompson has been immortalized on the big screen in Alex Gibney's documentary, "Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson." Thompson is thoroughly celebrated in this film, which focuses on his journalism career's peak years and finishes with the late years of his life leading to his suicide in 2005. For Thompson fanatics, the documentary may not be a completely eye-opening experience. But for those who may only know him as the twisted mind behind the film "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," viewers discover there is more to the man's life than one spectacularly bad trip in the Nevada desert.

Thompson coined the term "Gonzo" in regard to his journalistic style, which involved throwing his life into the stories he covered.

The documentary follows Thompson's account of being embedded within the Hell's Angels motorcycle crew, with firsthand accounts of his experiences narrated by Johnny Depp. Thompson published "Hell's Angels: The Strange and Terrible Saga of the Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs" in 1966, thrusting the writer and his Gonzo style of journalism into the limelight.

The visual elements of the film are very solid. The personality of Thompson would not mesh well with a drab, boring narration style of people sitting in a room talking about him. Instead, interspersed in the interviews are many illustrations of Thompson, and photos taken that make viewers feel like they are being sucked into his strange version of the world.

The documentary journeys into the political realm; Gibney devotes a large portion of the film to Thompson's hilarious campaign for sheriff in Aspen, Colo, and his covering of the 1972 presidential election between George McGovern and Richard Nixon.

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As those who’ve ever gotten into their car on a hot summer’s day wearing shorts and a T-shirt, only to burn themselves on the seat or steering wheel can attest, the sun can heat things up in a hurry. But somehow, when it comes to harnessing this energy to make life easier, people need some reminding. At least that’s what Phyllis Davies, Rosemary Wilvert and Mariea Alter think.

The trio exhorted the virtues of solar ovens to save time, money and the environment in a lecture and demonstration held Tuesday at Steynberg Gallery in San Luis Obispo. The event was part of the gallery’s Tea and Talks on Tuesday at Twelve series.

“People have been using solar ovens for centuries, it’s not a new technology. It’s just that it wasn’t emphasized too much,” Davies said.

Before the event she described some of her personal interest on the topic.

“I find it just tremendously convenient,” she said. “I use it for most of the food we eat. Potatoes for instance, I just rinse them, potatoes and plop them in a black pan (in the morning) with a little bit of water and put them in the oven and they’ll be ready by dinner.”

In addition to personal convenience, Davies said she became interested in spreading the technology after witnessing the benefits of its introduction in Rwanda and Kenya, where women spend as much as seven hours a day gathering cooking wood.

In an era when fuel costs are climbing and there is increased awareness of carbon footprints, there is also renewed public interest in the ovens which in most cases are insulated boxes designed to let heat in and keep it there.

Curved parabolic cookers are the faster alternative, cooking at high temperatures with greater speed but requiring adjustment and supervision. The cookers combine elements of the two using cardboard reflectors to channel energy into the hot box. The use of heat-absorbing black ceramic pots enhances the effect.

Tuesday’s event was two-part, featuring a Powerpoint presentation and video interspersed with questions from an audience of approximately 50 individuals, followed by an outdoor tasting and examination of the cooking equipment.

The crowd was diverse and the lecture segment—despite suffering from the caterwauling of the youngest audience members—was quite informative on general solar cooking techniques and historically-used devices.

The demonstration and tasting phase of the afternoon, although taking place during the most overcast period of the day, successfully showcased that many types of food can be prepared using simply constructed homemade and prefabricated cookers.

In fact, the weather helped to answer a basic and common question regarding the reliability of the devices in less-than-direct sunlight.

“No matter what the sun is like it easily reaches 200 degrees in there; more than enough to pateinate water and kill bacteria,” Wilvert said to the audience. “More green up to 150 degrees quite quickly. So I can cook chicken and beans... outside, in almost the same amount of time as a regular oven.”

While the chickens was not available for public consumption, Wilvert and Alter offered cookies and nACHOS to the crowd and displayed vegetables, sun tea, and even clay sculpture baked with solar power.

The two boxlike ovens on display, featuring translucent covers and metal or foil reflectors, were manufactured from recycled materials by the Solar Oven Society.

The kit, complete with pots and thermometer, retails on their Web site, www.solarovens.org, for about $150. A portion of the proceeds go toward providing the kits to people in the third world.

While Tuesday’s event was unaffiliated with the society, the organizers are aware of a counter movement.

“I can’t change the world by using this but it’s my way to do one little, tiny part both in my own cooking and in spreading the word,” Wivert said.

Solar ovens are also on display in the gallery’s Tea and Talks on Tuesday at Twelve series.

Outlookers experience solar cooking exhibit downtown.

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“Gonzo,” the documentary about late journalist Hunter S. Thompson is playing at The Palm in San Luis Obispo.

Thompson, who killed himself just months later.

The final scenes of the film are dedicated to Thompson’s strange last request, a fitting end to the trip that was his life.

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The boys of Round Mountain in a lighter moment.

we’re trying to come from with it,” Robby said.

To that end, the audience is part of the experience.

“We don’t really do the same thing every night just because we’re playing so many different kinds of rooms. So we don’t really know what it will be like until we get to Limna’s. The songs themselves are kind of at the center of what we do and we’ll try to find the balance for that room,” he said.

Round Mountain will play tonight at 8 p.m. at Limna’s Café at 1110 Garden Street.
I've been trying to think of various (legal) ways to make some fast cash, and a recent conversation led me to consider a compelling prospect: egg donation. Heck, I'm not using my eggs. Why not sell them to someone who's willing to pay top dollar for them? It's a free-market, right? People and organizations will pay thousands for an egg donor, I was told recently. But before seriously considering becoming a donor, I did some research. Here's the rundown.

The money issue is a major benefit to egg donors. For most organizations, the recipient will pay up to $10,000 for a viable egg donor, although the average program seems to compensate about $5,000. Some companies, such as The Egg Donor Program in Studio City, Calif., shower donors with gifts like iPads, flowers, jewelry and gift cards. Many pay for travel expenses and doctor appointments.

But perhaps the most rewarding benefit of egg donations does not affect the donor directly at all. Many couples cannot have children on their own. Some are same-sex couples who are simply infertile, through no fault of their own. They want to start families, but do not have the means to do so. Eventually, they might turn to in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and other assisted reproduction programs for help. For 30 years, thousands of American families have been formed thanks to assisted reproduction, according to a recent Los Angeles Times article by Gregory Prince.

However, the process, despite what some programs say on their Web sites, involves discomfort and pain for the donor. For a 2007 New Scientist magazine article by Jeremy Dean, he wrote:

"Associate Dean Ed Sullivan is quoted as saying, "If they do ask for teaching assistance from Cal Poly, then we would have to respect their customs." If a Jew, like myself, applied to teach in that program, I would anticipate that it would clash with their customs to permit me to even set foot in their country, let alone teach their students."

In the article, Dean mentioned that he was in the habit of attending Sunday services in a Christian church, something he would want to do with Cal Poly students. He also mentioned that he had already taught in the country.

Before I decide to become a donor, I'm going to look at the research. But perhaps the most rewarding benefit of egg donations does not affect the donor directly at all. Many couples cannot have children on their own. Some are same-sex couples who are simply infertile, through no fault of their own. They want to start families, but do not have the means to do so. Eventually, they might turn to in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and other assisted reproduction programs for help. For 30 years, thousands of American families have been formed thanks to assisted reproduction, according to a recent Los Angeles Times article by Gregory Prince.

But even before a woman becomes a donor, she will most likely go through a comprehensive screening process. Many legitimate donor programs screen potential donors for disease, psychological compatibility and more. Some programs also require the donor's family medical history. So, if the potential donor has a grandmother or father with a heart disease, she may not be a viable candidate.

Dear Editor,

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I would like to respond to some of the points raised in a recent guest commentary by Umny Menon that objected to the Jubail University College (JUC) partnership deal. In Menon’s first point he suggests among other things that Cal Poly should not enter into the agreement because Cal Poly will only be reimbursed for expenses and will not gain any “mutual reward” or profit.

The flaw here seems to me to be that Cal Poly should only pursue partnership deals that provide a profit. But Cal Poly is not Haliburton, Inc., profit should not be the main goal in determining the worth of pursuing international partnerships.

In point two, he deciphers the fact that Cal Poly won’t be allowed to experiment, but instead JUC will “clone” the successful Cal Poly “learning by doing” model. If the “learning by doing” model is a far superior teaching method, it shouldn’t be hoarded like the secret recipe to Coca Cola; it seems to me that it should be disseminated far and wide for the benefit of as many people as possible.

In point three, the commenter asks what reason we have to believe that education will help “chip away at current Saudi values and human rights violations.” I have no direct evidence that increased educational opportunities result in a more liberal society. I can only make the observation that there seems to be a strong correlation among countries of the world between average level of education and tolerance within a society. This may just be a coincidence, but it seems unlikely that increasing the level of education will make the country more repressive.

In point four, Menon suggests that the Cal Poly administration should make the country more repressive. I have no direct evidence that increased educational opportunities result in a more repressive society. Indeed, it would be difficult to find any meaningful project that was approved by all.

In point five, the writer complains that someone at a higher pay grade (Provost Bill Durgin) than Dean Mohammad Noori has fielded all questions from the media. I think it would be a sad thing for a university to back away from every proposal that received criticism from some segment of our society. Indeed, it would be difficult to find any meaningful project that was approved by all.

In point six, the writer states that the administration used “intimidating pressure” on the Senate Executive Committee to prevent debate on the subject. It’s hard to evaluate this charge as no evidence is given, but if the writer’s First Amendment rights have been violated then he should definitely pursue redress through the court system.

In point seven, the writer goes a bit “over the top” in comparing the deal with a hypothetical project promoting Nazi ideals or collaborating with the Ku Klux Klan. This Nazi analogy is the same sort of attack that George Bush used to disparage Barack Obama when he suggested that he would negotiate directly with the Iranians. I wonder how comfortable the writer is in coming from the same school of diplomacy as President George Bush.

Menon complains that Cal Poly faculty and staff don’t have the surplus time to work on this project. Is the implication then that faculty members will be forced to work on this collaboration against their will? That doesn’t seem to be very likely. I share the writer’s concern for the abuse and limited freedoms afforded women and homosexuals in Saudi society, but limiting better access to education seems to be exactly the wrong thing to do to remedy these ill. I would ask whether the writer also feels that organizations such as Doctors without Borders, the Peace Corps or the Red Cross should shun working in countries that have policies with which we disagree.

In withdrawing from this deal, the University would not be punishing the Saudi government, so much as they would be punishing the people of Saudi Arabia who dream of bettering themselves through education.

Jon Kern is a Cal Poly alumnus who graduated in 1979 with a degree in physics and received an MBA and MS in engineering management from Cal Poly in 1994.
Another athlete in the family

Before moving to the Central Coast in 1986, John, too, placed professional basketball abroad.

After finishing school at Marist College in New York, he played for a team in Austria, where he stayed for a year before jumping to Ireland, followed by two years in Japan.

"I was so excited and thrilled to be playing for a living that I outperformed a lot of people who had more talent than me because I enjoyed doing it so much," John says.

The overseas career was eye-opening for John as a young adult. After experiencing homesickness for the first few months, he went home to New Jersey for Christmas.

"I saw the same people sitting on the same punts and doing the same thing and complaining about it and that's when I realized what an opportunity I had," he says. "I went back and my whole outlook had changed."

When knee troubles got the best of him and NBA prospects looked slim, John ended his pro career.

Now, Templeton, the quaint town of about 2,000 between Paso Robles and Atascadero, is home to John, his wife and five daughters.

"It gives you a sense of security," Hallerson added. "But I'm still young," Morris says. "I'll see if she's really broken through the glass ceiling in women's basketball."

But that's not the only experience he comes in handy for John's current success. He says his sports background helps significantly when it comes to running a business. After getting married in 2010, John switched from working for San Luis Obispo Regional Builders to starting up his own insurance company.

"Being involved in sports has helped me certainly throughout all of the jobs that I've had," he explains. "But in the business, it helped me because it's a very competitive industry. Just running the business is a lot like organizing a team."

Now that he's found a home on the Central Coast, he plans to stay where the sun shines all year.

"I don't own a snow shoe. I'm originally from New Jersey and I do not miss the cold," he says. "I love the Central Coast and I tell everyone I know that I am never going back."
Former Mustangs head to China

Six potential Cal Poly quarterbacks take part in drills Wednesday afternoon at the "T" field on campus.

Mustangs open preseason practices

After waiting all spring to get back out on the field and compete, the Cal Poly football team finally got its wish Wednesday.

The Mustangs returned to the field for the first time since they played their annual spring game in early April.

"It feels good getting back on the field, seeing all the guys again," said senior running back James Noble.

Wide receiver Tridale Tober was also glad to be practicing again.

"It's been all summer — we've just been training and lifting," Tober said. "I'm just happy to be back out there knocking the rust off and doing some football things again."

The Mustangs practiced on the "T" field wearing only jerseys and helmets. Head coach Rich Ellerson made no bones as to the light nature of the team's first session.

"That's not a football practice," Ellerson said. "But you have to do that so you can have a football practice in the near future."

There were plenty of yellow (quarterback) jerseys for the first practice as Ellerson prepares to trim the number from eight prospects down to a more manageable figure.

"We have a cast of thousands," Ellerson said. "We can't leave (all) those guys at quarterback very long."

While Ellerson will soon have to narrow his choices, he doesn't rule out the possibility of a player returning to the position next year.

"We're going to be very pragmatic about what's the best thing for this football team," Ellerson said. "But

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Olympics a family affair for Donovans

Lauren Rabaino

John Donovan is no longer the jealous child who once sat on the bench while his sister dominated the basketball court. Now, the Templeton resident and brother of Anne Donovan — Team USA's women's basketball head coach — has a deeper understanding of what it means to have a champion in the family.

"It was hard at that point in my life because I didn't recognize or appreciate what she was going through," John says. "But as we got older, when she and I would go down to the playground, I learned a lot from her because she had the best coaching in the world." John will witness Anne's coaching firsthand this week at the Olympics, where Team USA, a member of the Basketball of Hall of Fame, is a three-time Olympian who earned gold medals in women's basketball during the 1980s.

John and his four other siblings leave today to join their sister in Beijing, where Team USA will open against the Czech Republic at 5 a.m. Pacific Standard Time Saturday.

"The priority is to see the USA women's team win a gold medal because it'll be the pinnacle of our sister's success that she's had on the basketball court," John says.

Team USA enters ranked No. 1 in the world by FIBA and boasts a 25-game winning streak in the Olympics.

"She doesn't want to be the coach of the first women's team to lose the Olympics," says Don Morris, John's father-in-law, a Cal Poly grad and a member of Cal Poly Athletics Hall of Fame. "I'm not sure that she'd be first, but you don't want to lose — there's a lot of pressure."

Although Morris says the team has a good chance of winning, WNBA stars who present major concerns include Becky Hammon (who recently shamed the U.S. to represent Russia, where she plays professionally during the WNBA's offseason) and Lauren Jackson (Australia).

"I think any coach would be concerned, but I think she's very positive," Morris says. "From what she told me, they could win, but it'll be close. There are no runaways."

Despite repercussions that would result from a loss, her brother says that's not important.

"One of the hard things about my sister being a coach — anyone being a see Donovans, page 11