Poly Canyon Village... it's here

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 Brinza 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 Lasu.

The Village pool features outdoor lounge seating and laser-beam safety features.

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 before 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 really impressive and it made me want to get out there."

Among notable guests were leading environmentalist Jerone Ringo and California Lt. Gov. John Garamendi, who recently announced he would make a bid for governor in 2010.

Both speakers addressed the crowd at the opening ceremony, along with Cal Poly officials and students representing the University of California, the California State University and the California Community College.

Ringo, president of Apollo Alliance, one of the largest coalitions of green energy in the country, noted similarities between the green movement and the civil rights movement.

"We have an opportunity to bring the world together around this issue of resolving global warming and sustainability," he said. "It's not a color or economic issue, it is a people issue."

Ringo said that although his generation and generations before him cannot fix the environment they've broken, together, everyone can "plant a seed" and pass an energy bill that would level the playing field with respect to energy.

"Poor people cannot afford a Prius," he said. "Poor people can't afford energy as it is."
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Need said via e-mail correspondence:

Every building in the complex is different, including the furni-
ture inside, Allen said.

"We really did design this with the students in mind—their
first priority," Allen added. "We did surveys—students worked
with us on the design. We felt like it was important to get students'
voices in on it, but we tried not to bog them down with meet-
ings."

The massive archway of Building A, which houses the Village
Community Center, opens to a large plaza that is reminiscent of
Disneyland's Main Street—perfect roads and sidewalks, just the
right amount of landscaping, a post office, a market, Pony Prints,
an ATM, and even a few eateries: Juicy Juice, Porl's Coffee and
Etc, and Einstein Bagels. The complex really is, well, its own
little village.

The large pool is complete with camera surveillance and a
laser security system that detects if anyone should fall in late at
tight.

Security is an obvious priority at the complex. Entry to most
buildings is only permitted with an electronic key card and
emergency posts are strategically placed throughout the complex,
and every area will be well lit at night, Allen said.

"Staff will be able to access the controls," he added. "It's
the same thing we do currently with our existing programs. All
doors have card access, including the pool, so we can monitor
who comes and goes."

While it seems rather far from campus, the distance isn't much,
Allen said.

"Initially, a lot of people thought it was really far away, but it
really isn't," he said. "But when you're here, it feels very seeluded.
" Allan said.

Need said there are several ways for Poly Canyon Village resi-
dents to walk to and from campus.

"It is set off of campus, but the administration building and
is closer to the center of campus than Yosemite Hall," Need said.
"We have provided multiple walking options for the
students that include two accessible pathways, one that leads to
the intersection of Brickle and Village Drive, and the other that
rises into the new Via Carta Plaza in front of Campus Market."

The spacious dorms are equipped with specialty made furni-
ture, which is a slightly different color and make depending on the
building, and top-of-the-line appliances. Even the laundry rooms
are of the ordinary.

"The laundry facilities are Web ready," Allen said. "Web sites
tell [the students] which laundry machines are empty, so they
don't have to come all the way down here and wait. It will even
call them when their laundry is done, but they have to enter their
phone number."

With two half-court basketball courts, a volleyball court, large
study areas offering wireless Internet, and more at their disposal,
students may never need to leave. Except, of course, to occasion-
ally attend class.

"We try to enhance the college experience. We work with the
students very early to give them exactly what they want," Allen said.
"We wanted to know what would satisfy their experience here as a
wonderful one."

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Garandini also encouraged stu-
dents to push innovation ideas to
school and state officials.

"You're going to change America," Garandini said. "You are currently
t at the greatest intellectual systems in the entire world the California
university and community college system."

Garandini said national security is no longer an issue of the "star on
terrain" 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."
And students are a critical
component to do just that. Throughout the week-
end, they attended various workshops
to share ideas and learn about how
to take sustainability home—from
energy efficiency to green buildings to
transportation to social equity.

It was Matthew McGeevers's first
time attending the conference. He
works at Sonoma State's rec center,
which he said was one of the few sus-
fatibie facilities on his campus.

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

One workshop he found especially
helpful was geared toward a shared
democratic process as opposed to top-
down decision-making for green is-
ues. The workshop has inspired him
to start a student activist

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Bush says US firmly opposed to China's repression

Ben Feller

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

In perhaps his last major address in 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 to 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."

President Bush holds a joint news conference with Thai Prime Min-ister Samak Sundaravej, Wednesday, at the Government House in Bangkok, Thailand.

with its own history and its own traditions. Yet change will arrive," he said.

Bush brought his message to Thailand, a turbulent democracy. The manque speech of his three-country trip haled deepening ties be-tween the U.S. and Asia. He pledged that whoever follows him in the White House will inherit as 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 Bei-jing 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 Chi-
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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 irritat-
ing 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.

Bush says he built a relationship with China's leaders that has built
up honor and carded and allowed him to have more influence. He cit-
ed examples of significant alliance over Taiwan, North Korea's nuclear
program and shared economic con-
cerns. He has also been adamant that the Olympics is not a time to pursue
the U.S. political agenda.

Given his setting, Bush devoted a surprisingly small portion of his speech to
Myanmar.

One of the world's poorest coun-
tries, Myanmar has been under mili-
tary rule since 1962, when the latest
junta came to power after brutally crushing a pro-democracy uprising in
1988. Mass street demonstrations, led by Buddhist monks, were again put down last September.

"Together, we seek an end to tyranny in Burma," Bush said. "The noble
cause has many devoted champions, and I happen to be mar-
ted to one of them."

First lady Laura Bush is an outspo-
ken advocate for Myanmar, drawing
attention to a southeast Asian nation unfamiliar to many Americans. On
Thursday in Thailand she will visit
a border refugee camp in Mae La,
home to thousands of people who fled Myanmar's violence.

After his speech, Bush will visit
Mercy Centre, which is based in
Bangkok's largest slum and provides help to children living with HIV or AIDS.

Bush will also get an update on the recovery from the cyclone that
devastated Myanmar's heartland and killed more than 80,000 people in
May; have lunch with Burma ac-

tivists and do an interview with local
radio journalists in hopes of influ-
encing events across the border.

Bush heralds Thailand's democ-

cracy as alive and well, but it is deeply

embattled.

Prime Minister Samak Sundara-
vey's 6-month-old coalition govern-
ment came to power in elections, but
only after a bloodless coup against predecessor Thaksin Shinawatra.

Samak faces daily demonstra-

tions demanding his resignation. He
is accused of blocking corruption
charges against Thaksin and trying to amend the constitution to cling
onto power.

Though Samak regards himself as a friend of Myanmar's generals,
Bush heaped praise on his Thai hosts
as a friend of Myanmar's generals.

"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 go-
ing over there sends the
right message."

James Alexander, architecture sopho-
more

"Well, I don't like him, so

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

-Kristin Shawler, '94 alumna

"I think he would be an

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

-Wendy Samuels, '94 alumna

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

-Darrick Yamaguchi,
animal science senior

"We'll, I don't like him, so
no, the Smithsonian World Cup
better anyway."

-Demont Patel, business senior

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

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

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Riot police used tear gas

Wednesday to block hundreds of

Venezuelans protesting the latest

moves by President Hugo Chavez
to concentrate his power. The demonstra-

tors said a blacklist of opposition candidates and a series of social


decrees are destroying what's left of their democracy.

Though the protest of about

1,000 people chanting "free-
don't" was small compared to

past marches, there is a growing

public outcry over the sidelining

of key government opponents

ahead of state and local elections

in November.

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel is building up its military

resources amid growing anxiety over Iran's nuclear

ambitions, and appears confident that a military attack

would cripple Tehran's atomic pro-

gram, 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 percep-

tion that Washington now prefers

diplomacy over confrontation with

Tehran. **

GUANTANAMO 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 indica-

tion of what to expect as dozens

more Guantanamo prisoners go to

court: shifting charges, secret testi-

mony — and quick verdicts.

Naim Hamdan held his head

in his hands and wept Wednesday as

an American military judge
denied the Yemeni guilty of aid-


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-

spiracy.
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — A hospital CEO was arrested Wednesday in what authorities said was a scheme to recruit homeless people to phony patients and bill government programs for millions of dollars in unnecessary health services.

Federal agents raided three medical centers and city attorney Rocky DelGaidillo's office said the investigation involves 50,000 patients who were less people as "human pawns."

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger says he will veto any bill that comes to his desk until lawmakers pass a state budget. There were 13 bills on his desk before he announced his decision on Wednesday.

The governor's office said he will allow the authors of those bills to pull them back, thus avoiding a veto.

... LONE PINE, Calif. (AP) — A 16-year-old boy slipped and fell to his death Wednesday while hiking by a waterfall on a popular trail leading to a lookout point in the Arid Atacama Desert in Chile.

The Arid Atacama Desert in Chile is often described as the world's driest nonpolar desert. It features environments with very low precipitation and high temperatures, making it a challenging place for human habitation. The presence of dried salt, in soil samples dug up from the desert, indicates that the environment is suitable for some extreme organisms that can use it as a source of energy.

"We know that microbes can exist quite happily in oxidizing conditions," said Phoenix scientist Richard Quinn of the NASA Ames Research Center. "The story possibly could turn out to be the same for Mars. We don't know yet."

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — How many cheerleaders can cram into an elevator? Believe it or not, 52.

Nine m issing, feared dead in fire helicopter crash

Terence Chea and Marcus Wohlsen

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 canyon, ragged region of the forest, said Jennifer Ruback, spokeswoman for the US 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.

"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 Merlin. Joe Mike Wheelock, Grayback's founder and owner, did not confirm any deaths.
Local guitar specialty school will open doors to public

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 rundown 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 naming 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," Jesse 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 really 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 counter-culture 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 strange version of the world.

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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 Welvert and Marieta Alter think.

The trio exalted the virtues of solar ovens to save time, money and the environment in a lecture and demonstration held Tuesday at Steinberg 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, put 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 member — 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 pasteurize water and kill bacteria," Welvert told the audience. "Many get up to 350 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, Welvert and Alter offered cookies and nachos to the crowd and displayed vegetables, sun tea, and even clay sculpture baked with solar power.

The two blackline 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 enjoyed their goal.

"I can't change the world by using this but it's my way to do one little, tiny part by my own cooking and in spreading the word," Wivert said.
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Which comes first: the cash or the egg?

I've been trying to think of various (legal) ways to make some fast cash, and a recent conversation led me to 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 about the process. Here are the some of the basics and risks.

The money issue is a major benefit to egg donors. A program that only seeks to produce one child, however, 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 Egg Progna Program in Studio City, Calif., shower donors with lavish gifts like ipads, flowers, and gift cards. Many pay for travel expenses and doctor appointments.

But perhaps the most rewarding benefit of egg donation does not affect the donor directly at all. Many couples cannot have children of their own. Some are same-sex couples who are 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, hundreds 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. A 2007 New Scientist magazine article by Jen

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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 expect to be hireable. The university, I believe, was more interested in having a doner who was in the habit of attending Sunday services in a Christian church, I would expect to be unable to find such a church anywhere in that country. And, if I were to pray as a Christian out in the open, is it not the custom in that community to arrest people for such practices? If an American applicant were to be called for the appointment or reappoint- ment in that Saudi program and felt the reason for such denial was religious discrimination and were abroad and filed a grievance, could that grievance go to arbitration in California?

Would the responsible Saudis, as well as subpoenaed documentation, be made to appear in the arbitration hearing at their own expense? There should be no lessening of the rights of any Cal Poly faculty who seek to participate in that program.

Gary Epstein

Response to "Saudi Arabia contract signed"

Times are tough enough, WEF! Wow, Arnold, you forget what it’s like to work for a living and wondering how the hell you are gonna survive. You’re blinded by your millions. I suppose all the trumps over the years have invited your team. Go back where you came from and screw your own people.

Big T

Response to “Budget delay won’t hurt CSLU employees"

You're going to comment on that, get your facts straight first. Ann Donavan does not pick the women’s National Team. She does invite who is on the roster to try out for the U.S. Women’s National Team. She does select the roster and when some United States ‘officials’ have selected that country. And, if the donor ever plans to have children down the road, the first question their children will ask is, 'How about our US Embassies in Saudi Arabia? Not to mention, US and Saudi businesses are dealing with each other every single day of the year. Why not the same cries for justice over these blatant cases?”

The Cal Poly administration is not selling weapons to Saudi Arabia, Cal Poly is simply seeking to help the people through education and a positive American influence. How can you be so upset about the JUSC partnership, yet not even care that the US government is selling $20 billion in weapons to Saudi Arabia, which may actually be helping our enemies kill American troops in Iraq?

It’s very disturbing and selfish that you do not care about our soldiers dying every day to protect the very freedom of speech which you are exercising. Yet, you care about a measly few-million-dollar educational program that only seeks to help people through positive means.

Professor, the responsibilities of this partnership are likely not available for comment because their comments are often distorted and taken out of context, by people who don't bother to look up the facts. The United States Navy is about to deal with each other a lot more closely than you think.

Hamman did (get invited) back in ’96 and declined the invitation. Even though players who decline aren’t invited again. Hammon was asked again in ’97. She declined again because she had already signed her reported $2 million contract with her Russian club and had agreed to represent Russia in the Olympics. She was invited to try out for the Women’s National Team. She was treated with hormones as part of the program that only seeks to produce one child, and had agreed to represent Russia in the Olympics. She was invited to try out for the Women’s National Team. She was treated with hormones as part of the program that only seeks to produce one child, and

Morgan Bendig

Response to “Living the American dream ... sorta”
Flaws exist in argument against Poly-JUC deal

I would like to respond to some of the points raised in a recent guest commentary by Unny Menon that objected to the Jubail University College (JUC) partnership deal. I believe 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 "monetary reward or prestige." 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 decries the fact that Cal Poly won't be allowed to experiment, but instead JUC will "clone" the successful Cal Poly "learn by doing" model. If the "learn by doing" model is a far superior teaching method, I can't imagine that it should be banished as a society. Some might argue that it seems to me that it was the莹ce assisted 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 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 Erwin 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.

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Another athlete in the family

Before moving to the Central Coast in 1998, 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 couchs 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 travels.

Now, Templeton, the quaint town of about 7,000 between Paso Robles and Atascadero, is home to John, his wife and five daughters.

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But that's not the only experience he's come to cherish for John's current success. He says his sports background helps significantly when it comes to running a business. After getting married in 2000, John switched from working for San Luis Obispo Regional Recreation 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's 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.

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

Scott Silvey
MUSTANG DAILY

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 Tre'dale Tolver was also glad to be practicing again.

"It's been all summer — we've just been training and lifting," Tolver said. "I'm just happy to be back out here 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 about what's the best thing for this position next year.

Ellerson said. "We can't leave (all) those guys at quarterback very long."

Ellerson practices 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."

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 see Football, page 11

Olympics a family affair for Donovans

Lauren Rabaino
MUSTANG DAILY

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. Anne, a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame, is a three-time Olympian who earned gold medals in women's basketball during the 1980s.

John and his five 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 apprehensions 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

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Mustangs open preseason practices

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Former Mustangs head to China

Gina Miles
Graduated in 1997
Equestrian eventing (U.S.)

She and her horse, McKinnaugh, were part of a gold medal-winning U.S. equestrian team last year at the Pan-American Games in Brazil, where they won individual bronze. Matches begin Saturday; finals are Tuesday.

Jimmy
Van Ostrand
Senior
First base/outfield in baseball (Canada)

Van Ostrand, who last played for Cal Poly in 2006, is batting .306 with 60 RBI through 89 games for the Houston Astros Hi-A Salem Avalanche of the Carolina League. His personal best of 217 feet, 1 inch (May 8).

Mark Barr
Senior
Swimming at the Paralympic Games (U.S.)

Set three American paralympic records (27.15 seconds in 50 butterfly, 57.68 in 100 butterfly, 2:06.17 in 200 butterfly) at Big West Conference Championships in February. Competition opens Sept. 6.

Sharon Day
Graduated June 24
Women's high jump (U.S.)

Seven-time All-American carries a personal best of 6 feet, 4 ¼ inches (May 17). Prelims begin Aug. 21; finals are Aug. 23.

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