Women's energy forum attracts two students

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California's first energy forum headed by an all-female panel took place Monday, two Cal Poly students attended.

Empower Poly Coalition Vice President Tyler Harrich helped organize the event and electrical engineering sophomore Mark Cabaj heard about the event from physics professor Peter Schwartz.

"I am shocked that not many students came out for the event," Cabaj said. "I learned a lot of information about policies regarding climate change."

The panel discussed new legislation affecting California's energy and climate fields, as well as how corporations affect consumer energy consumption.

After waiting 15 minutes for more students to arrive, Central Coast radio personality for KCX-FM (National Public Radio) Marisa Waddell introduced the panel, which consisted of three female experts in California's energy and climate fields. Speakers included two doctoral candidates in the Energy and Resources Group at the University of California, Berkeley and a utility consumer advocate attorney from The Utility Reform Network.

Schwartz, who helped organize the event, said the panel was comprised only of women because all three speakers have thoroughly studied renewable energy. She added that women usually provide a perspective of what energy does for society.

"They are often focused on equity and environmental issues more so than technology, which we are recognizing is increasingly important, because the purpose of converting energy is to serve society optimally," Schwartz said.

The panel said what California does will affect climate change policy because the state is responsible for 7.5 percent of the total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

Speaker and doctoral candidate Carla Peterman said of all the emissions released by the state, electricity makes up 25 percent and transportation contributes 40 percent.

She said in finding clean burning alternatives, one of the things we must do is weigh the cost and benefits of distributive and collective solar and wind plants.

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Cal Poly Dairy Team takes first place at national competition

The four members of Cal Poly's Dairy Team, (from left) Kate Rector, Brian Medeiros, A.J. Martin and Mike Wesselink, won first place at the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge in April. It's Cal Poly's first victory in eight years.

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David Cameron takes over as British prime minister

U.K.'s new coalition

Conservative David Cameron, Britain's new prime minister, announced a coalition government with Liberal Democrat Nick Clegg.

Prime minister

David Cameron
Conservative party leader

Born 1966, in London
Education: Eton College (prep school), Oxford University
Political career

2001 Elected to Parliament as Conservative Party member
2003 Deputy chairman of party
2004 Head of party policy coordination
2005 Party and opposition leader

Key points of deal

- Liberal Democrats get five cabinet posts
- Cameron agrees to hold referendum on electoral reform

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Henry Chu
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LONDON — Conservative leader David Cameron became Britain's new prime minister Tuesday, ending 13 years of Labor Party rule and opening the door to an unprecedented coalition government with the third-party Liberal Democrats.

After three days of negotiations between the parties, Cameron emerged from Buckingham Palace, where Queen Elizabeth II formally invited him to form a government. The Conservatives fell just short of a majority in last week's election and sought the support of the Liberal Democrats to solidify their grip on power.

Cameron left the palace for the prime minister's official Downing Street residence, which had been vacated earlier by Gordon Brown. Early in the day, Brown stepped down as prime minister and Labour leader, having failed in his own attempt to strike a deal with the Liberal Democrats.

Announcing his resignation, Brown said he was making way for a new leader.

"It was a privilege to serve, and yet, I love the job, not for its prestige, its titles and its ceremony, which I do not love at all," Brown said, with his wife, Sarah, at his side. "No, I love the job for its potential to make this country I love fairer, more tolerant, more green, more democratic, more prosperous and more just, truly a greater Britain.

"I have always strived to serve, to do my best in the interest of Britain, its values and its people," he said.

His voice cracked as he thanked his wife and two sons.

He then climbed into his armored car to attend one final audience as Britain's leader with Queen Elizabeth II, where he would tender his resignation and pave the way for Cameron to take over as the youngest prime minister in nearly two centuries.

Such a changeover in government would close the door on 13 years of "New Labour," the center-left experiment and party-maker pioneered by Tony Blair.

Blair, 59, served as Blair's formidable No. 2 for a decade before finally inheriting the top job three years ago.

Later Tuesday, Cameron, 43, is expected to announce a power-sharing deal with the Liberal Democrats that will see the smaller, left-leaning party in government for the first time in decades.

Cameron's Cabinet is likely to include senior figures from the Liberal Democrats such as Nick Clegg, the party's leader.

Clegg, who is the same age as Cameron, has been in the position of kingmaker since Thursday's general election, which produced the first divided Parliament without a single-party majority in 36 years. The Liberal Democrats came in third, but held the balance of power.

The expected coalition government is a marriage few would have foreseen only a few weeks ago and could yet prove unstable. The two parties diverge on many policy issues, but after five days of negotiations, they were on the verge Tuesday of striking a bargain acceptable to both sides.

Part of any deal probably would be movement on the Liberal Democrats' key demand of reform to Britain's electoral system, which tends to produce

Baseball nabs its fifth win in last seven games.

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Arizona governor signs law banning ethnic studies classes
Nicole Santa Cruz

A bill that aims to ban ethnic studies in Arizona schools was signed into law Tuesday by Gov. Jan Brewer, drawing criticism from those who called such classes divisive and alarming others who said it's yet another law targeting Latinos in the state.

The move comes less than 20 days after Brewer signed a controversial immigration bill which has caused widespread protest against the state. Brewer's press office did not return requests for comment Tuesday evening.

HB 2281 would ban schools from teaching classes that are designed for students of a particular ethnic group, promote resentment or heighten ethnic solidarity over treating pupils as individuals. The bill also bans classes that promote the overthrow of the U.S. government.

The bill was written to target the Chicano, Mexican American, Chicano or Mexican American studies programs in the Tucson school system, said state Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne.

School districts that don't comply with the new law could have up to 10 percent of their state aid deducted each month. Districts have the right to appeal the mandate, which goes into effect Dec. 31.

The Tucson Unified School District officials say the classes benefit students and promote critical thinking. "We don't teach all those ugly things they live in occupied America, or occupied Mexico," Horne said last week in a telephone interview.

Last week, Augustine Romero, director of student equity in the district, said it was now politically acceptable to attack Latinos in Arizona.

Ethnic studies are taught at high schools and colleges nationwide, but the Tucson district officials say their 14-year-old program is unique because it is districtwide, offered to grades K-12 and can satisfy high school graduation requirements.

The program is supported by a coter- ordinated desegregation budget, and is part of the district's initiative to create equal access for Latinos. Board member Mark Stegman said he believes the board needs to consider the ethnic studies program carefully and whether the courses, as taught, violate the new law. Perhaps an external audit could be done to assess the program, he said.

The Tucson district plans to double the amount of students in Mexican American studies in the upcoming school year, said Sean Aye, the director of the program. Aye said now that the bill has become law, he's waiting on the district's legal department for direction.

Cal Poly and Fresno State University sponsored this year's challenge; this is the first time Cal Poly's team has won first place in its eight years of competition.

The four-member team competed as part of the Dairy Farm Consultation class taught by dairy science instructor Dr. Stan Henderson. Henderson has coached the team on and off for five years. He said he couldn't be happier with the team's performance.

"This was the first year that the challenge was held in California, and I think our team was more familiar with how to manage the land," Henderson said. "Everyone really complemented each other's strengths, and it showed.""Cal Poly's presentation was one of the first ones I saw, but in my opinion it blew everyone else out of the water," Gisler said. "I've seen the challenge evolve from the begin­ ning, and students who do work like this are exactly what we're looking for." Cal Poly's Dairy Team is small, but that only helped each member refine their particular skills to help the team as a whole. Dairy science senior Anthony Martin said the challenge brought them all much closer together.

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The Modern Music Academy will showcase some of its finest talent Friday at Downtown Brewing Co. during its first "Big Benevolent Bash." Both a benefit concert for "Guitars Not Guns," a national organization providing guitars and lessons for at-risk youth, as well as a final performance for the students in the Professional Music Certificate program, the concert will showcase some of San Luis Obispo's up-and-coming rock stars.

Tucked away in an alley off Pacific Street, the 6-year-old academy is a music school that specializes in guitar training, production, songwriting and performance skills. It was co-founded by couple Jessie CTarke and Darren Clarke; the two wanted to take a practical approach to musicianship. Jessie CTarke said they wanted to emphasize putting artists in groups to give them a true "band" experience.

"It doesn't come alive until you make music with other people, so that's our sort of angle and our philosophy. That's what we specialize in — the group approach and performance skills," Clarke said.

The academy offers an array of guitar-heavy programs, from weekly lessons for all ages to more career-focused courses. The "Big Benevolent Bash" will be the graduation show for the 11 students in the 30-week Professional Music Certificate program — the academy's most demanding course. The performance, in fact, is a part of their grade.

"We are usually going to be grading them and it counts for 25 percent of their final grade for their certificate. So it's a big deal for them," Clarke said.

Clarke said this performance will emphasize their goal of grouping the musicians in bands rather than playing solo.

"The cool thing about it is that on some songs a student is the front man or the front gal, and they're showcasing their music," Clarke said. "And if they're not doing that, then they're backing up the other people and acting as session players. So it's really cool — they'll be revolving around the stage."

The students in the program have been working endless hours, trying to prepare everything from demos, to press kits, to performance improvements. Cuesta student Jaesim Poncelet said she wasn't prepared for the degree of seriousness.

"We were totally here to jam out, and then all of a sudden it became this like big serious important thing that you must be perfect. But it's great though. No one's ever whipped me into shape like that. I would have never ever been where I am right now if it wasn't for them," Poncelet said.

Some participating students feel that the academy is a more practical educational alternative to a college degree in regards to the music industry. San Luis Obispo High School graduate Erik Swanson said he is pursuing his passion rather than sitting behind a desk.

"I'm going to keep all my education just around music, because I know they say, 'If you love your job, then you never have to work a day in your life.' And I really believe in that, so that's what I'm going for," Swanson said.

Poncelet and Swanson will perform a few covers and original pieces together. Both were surprised at their newly acquired knowledge.

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Opening for the show will be the academy's music program for the
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I know it's a foreign concept to many Cal Poly students. Most of us are privileged enough to have parents provide rent and extra spending money so that we can get the true "college experience" (i.e. boozing heavily and scoped the downtown scene for the next lovely lady). But there are also a lot of us out here who work part or full time while going to school full time just to get by.

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But just because that's all the money you have doesn't mean you can't enjoy the finer things in life. So I propose the next time you're strapped for cash, don't spend it on 12 cloves and bananas. And go, "Oh my gosh, they're born to be with you there." And some people really have that. And we have some of those people in our program." All of the proceeds are benefiting the audience to witness the younger rock crowd — Rock Band Academy. Clarke said that she's excited for the audience to witness the amount of talent from the 12 to 15-year-old aspiring musicians.

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It's official: Arizona has become the new target of the liberal bloc. The Obama Administration and several liberal activist groups have taken a break from mocking the tea party movement, and have focused their attention on the state of Arizona.

The state's newest illegal immigration law demands proper immigration documentation, illegalizes the transport of illegal immigrants and prohibits people from blocking traffic as they try to solicit work. So why are so many radicals boycotting Arizona?

Aside from questioning its constitutionality, liberal spin-doctors have twisted this immigration law into a racial controversy in hopes of fostering a stronger political following. After all, the race card has been effective in gaining Democratic support for other issues. Why not try it now?

According to these folks, the new law steps on the toes of the federal government and encourages racial profiling.

This would be an excellent argument... if it was actually valid.

The truth is, President Obama knows Arizona has not broken any federal laws. Although he has severely scolded the state for taking this recent action, he really can't do anything about it. Aside from 10th Amendment protection, Plyler v. Doe (1982) affirmed the state's ability to deter the influx of persons entering the United States against federal law. If Arizona had done anything legally inappropriate, the Obama Administration would have immediately denounced it as unconstitutional. Instead, Attorney General Eric Holder claims that the Justice Department is still "considering all of our options." In other words, the Obama Administration is stalling for its own federal immigration legislation to make its way through Congress.

Many argue that the local police should not be burdened with the responsibilities of federal law. However, the inactivity of the federal government has given the state no choice but to take matters into their own hands. Several Arizona citizens have been brutally murdered by illegal immigrants, the kidnapping rate has skyrocketed and drug use has dramatically increased. Sorry, but I thought the purpose of local law enforcement was to maintain and encourage a safe environment for its citizens.

Opponents of this law neglect to understand the inflexibility of Arizona police using racial profiling to control immigration. With Hispanics making up over 30 percent of Arizona's population, it would be impossible to pull over every Hispanic driver. As a result, the bill would only target those that were acting blatantly suspicious.

Even Senator Harry Reid admits that "the system is broken" when it comes to illegal immigration policy.

However, the liberal-supported policy of amnesty to illegal immigrants is no policy, and has no element of sustainability. In 1986, more than 2.7 million immigrants were granted amnesty. Statistics show this only encouraged more to cross the border. National immigration policy has failed, and Arizona has stepped up to the plate.

Obama stated that Arizona's new legislation threatens to "undermine basic notions of fairness that we cherish as Americans." But tell me, is it fair that so many illegal immigrants reap the social benefit of our government? Or is it fair that many of our own citizens get rejected to our state universities year after year in favor of students from illegal immigrant families?

We then generalize that all illegal immigrants are taking on the unskilled jobs that Americans don't want. Yet Steven Palacios, a profes­ sor at the University of Southern California, states that the "20 percent of cooks ... and about 14 percent of all workers in the construction industry are in the United States illegally." I know plenty of unemployed Americans who would leap at these job opportunities.

Furthermore, other states are indeed following Arizona's "daring" move as they are likewise tired of federal inactivity. When we think of illegal immigration, we often think of Mexico. However, Pennsylvania legislature is now applying Arizona's bill as they fight their own "illegal alien invasion" from the north.

I don't understand why this is such a sensitive matter to our government and to the general public. The government should be looking out for the rights and liberties of its own citizens. Too often, illegal aliens are generalized under the umbrella term of "undocumented citizens." They have crossed the border illegally, and they are not citizens. Immigrants are not entitled to the rights and benefits of American citizens until they are citizens.

I believe it is a blessing to live in this wonderful country and have the opportunity to receive an education at one of the nation's finest institutions. My grandfather struggled to gain citizenship in America when he emigrated from Ireland, but he worked hard for it and succeeded. He valued America for its endless opportunity and felt it was a privilege to be an American. Most of us at Cal Poly have similar immigration stories, as do millions of Mexican-Americans. Immigration can be a time-consuming process, but it is not impossible.

Kudos to the state of Arizona. It's about time the American Dream was protected.

Brendan Pringle is an English sophomore and Mustang Daily political columnist.
Pride week is certainly an excellent collection of events to raise awareness and respect throughout the community. It is one of the only events on campus that celebrates diversity on a basis other than ethnicity. Of the dozen or so events associated with pride week, there is only one with which I take issue; the painting of the P.

The events of pride week are excellent ways for different students to be informed about the LGBTQ community on campus. I would have to guess that the vast majority of students and community members are at least tolerant (this runs the full range between apathy all the way up to being an ally of the community). I think it is important for everyone here to realize that the rainbow is not just a gay rights symbol but also a symbol that is representative of diversity.

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The way I see it, the given permission to paint the P in rainbow colors this week shows that Cal Poly is tolerant (and perhaps even supportive) of the LGBTQ community. What I really don't understand is what I perceive to be your concern, that such tolerance and support could be construed as a poor representation of the university as a whole. If you could please explain that further, I'd really appreciate it.

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If you turn around the argument just a bit and let the black groups on campus paint the P black for a week or let the women groups transform the P into the female symbol, it is a bit easier to see where the other commenters are coming from.

The P to me, is a symbol that all of Cal Poly can get behind and feel represented. To paint the P to call attention to any particular group only takes away from the campus as a whole.

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8. 15 brought food
14. Form of writing of ancient Olek
15. Sought food
16. It comes in fifths
17. Foolish performance
18. Add zest to
19. "Go round and round"
20. Tom's sport?
21. Wrap up
23. Whipped up
24. "Firearm, self-mowing creature with whapping jaws"
30. 8% TIA certificate
32. "Bottle"
33. Chucklehead
35. Encircle the idol
38. Indian tourist city

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No. 0408

Down
1. Leisure hero of "GI Joe"
2. Music show
3. Certain ancient monkey
4. Aerosol blockage
5. Pakistan's so-called "Garden of Mughal"
6. Person whose work is "Meera"
7. Miss
8. Church annex
9. "Le Petit Prince" heroine
10. Variety of grape
11. Courtroom
12. "From Russia With Love" actress
13. "Freak out"
14. "Walt Disney"
15. "Beer, sometimes"
19. "Shrike, e.g."
22. "Long-running OS"
23. Beer, sometimes
24. "Woman's comedic image"
25. "O patria mia."
26. Opposite of "stingy"
27. "Drizzler in a margarita, maybe"
28. "Mats in music"
29. "Couleur and "Junopus", e.g."
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33. Kazakh river

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Yoder, Crocker fuel Mustangs past Loyola Marymount

Don't call it a comeback. The Mustangs may be out of playoff contention, but that doesn't mean they are giving up hope for the remainder of the season.

After keeping each game against UC Irvine last weekend close, Cal Poly has kept its momentum rolling, grabbing an 18-11 win against Loyola Marymount Tuesday afternoon.

With the win, the Mustangs — who have scored more than 10 runs in their past three contests — are victorious in five of their last seven games. That streak includes victories against teams like Long Beach State, UC Irvine and Fresno State.

That success carried over against the Lions, but at first, Loyola Marymount held the upper hand.

Loyola Marymount came out with a four-run effort in the first inning highlighted by a two-RBI double to right center by Colton Plaia.

The Mustangs responded with a run in the second inning followed by a Luke Yoder home run and another RBI in third. But, with the Mustangs inching closer, the Loyola Marymount's Matt Koch hit a two-run home run to left field.

After adding two more runs in the fourth inning, the Mustangs let loose with a seven-run fifth inning.

Loyola Marymount relief pitcher Martin Viramontes came in for starter John Lally, Bobby Crocker tripled to right center and first baseman David Van Ostrand brought him home with a single to left center during the next at bat.

Yoder knocked in two more runs with a triple to right center and outfielder Adam Melker capped the rally with a two-run bomb of his own.

The Mustangs added four more runs in the ninth inning to seal the victory.

Yoder finished the game 4-for-6 with five RBIs and two home runs. He lifted his home run total for the season to 11 — 28 for his career — with his home run in the third inning and a two-run shot in the fourth. He was a double away from becoming the first Mustang to hit for the cycle since Cal Poly made its leap to a Division I program.

He wasn't the only Mustang to see success at the plate Tuesday.

Shortstop J.J. Thompson, who went 3-for-6, added two singles and a two-run double while right fielder Bobby Crocker, who went 3-for-4, tripled twice and singled once.

Catcher Jordan Hadlock (2-for-6) contributed two singles and a solo home run, his first as a Mustang, and knocked in a total of three runs while Melker (2-for-5) contributed two singles and a two-run double.

In total, the Mustangs pounced out 16 hits, producing double digits in hits for the seventh time in their last eight games.

Loyola Marymount tallied 13 hits that included a pair of two-run home runs by catcher Matt Koch.

Starting pitcher Kyle Anderson allowed 10 hits and eight earned runs in 4 2/3 innings of work. Erlin finished the game with 4 1/3 innings pitched while allowing one earned run. Erlin has allowed just one run in his last 10 1/3 innings pitched in 11 appearances.

The loss went to Viramontes, who allowed seven runs and five hits, all in the fifth inning. In his previous outing against Saint Mary's on May 2, Viramontes came within one strike of a no-hitter and settled for a two-hit shutout.

The Mustangs will return to the field when they travel to UC. Davis for a three-game conference series this weekend.