Aerospace engineering students are working on the RV-7 airplane at the Oceano Airport. The aircraft comes in a kit, which costs about $25,000 and was paid for by last year's student fee initiative and donations.

The sky's the limit for Poly engineers

Natasha Toto
MUSTANG DAILY

At the Oceano Airport, in hangar no. 13, aerospace engineering students are working hard to complete a project that began almost two years ago.

Students enrolled in AERO 572, aircraft manufacturing and fabrication, have the opportunity to build their own two-seater, experimental single-engine aircraft.

Jojo Kim, aerospace engineering graduate student, said that the course presents a great challenge for students.

"Many of us have no prior experience with aircraft manufacturing," Kim said. "With such a large-scale project like this, we are able to recognize a lot of hidden talents that students did not know they had."

The RV-7 aircraft comes in a kit, and students must spend thousands of hours building it.

The course's instructor, Dr. Dan Bezd, a former pilot instructor at the USAF Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base, said that the course is especially unique in that it is entirely student initiated and funded.

"It is important to emphasize that without student interest, involvement and funding that this course would not have been started by faculty, college or university initiative," Bezd said.

Each RV-7 kit costs about $25,000, plus $800 per tool kit that each student team must obtain before beginning to work.

Aerospace engineering students used last year's student fee initiative and donations from industry contacts to put their idea to work.

The laboratory course was first seen Aircraft, page 2

State budget proposal cuts funding for education

The governor plans on taking $2 billion from what schools would receive as well as money that would go to the state's health and human services agency.

Tom Chorneau
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO — Targeting what he called the lunacy of the budget system, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger unveiled a $111.7 billion budget plan Monday that increases overall spending but limits state support for many services, including schools and public health programs.

The plan closes an estimated $8.1 billion shortfall next year by holding the line on spending growth in virtually all levels of government but still relying on nearly $3 billion more in borrowing and a bet that California's economic climate continues to brighten.

The budget contains no new taxes and a promise that the proposal is void of the kinds of accounting magic that helped paper over deficits in the recent past, including last year.

Schwarzenegger said he was taking aim at the "lunacy of our current budget system," which he said would take in $5 billion in additional revenues while raising spending $10 billion.

"If we don't get control of our autopilot spending, there will be deficits as far as the eye can see. Cruise control spending is out of control spending," Schwarzenegger said. "We will never catch up."

Schwarzenegger packaged the spending plan with a series of reform proposals the Republican brought the Legislature last week with promises to go to the voters in a special election this summer, with or without action by lawmakers.

Included in the package are constitutional amendments to impose a new spending cap, take authority for redistricting away from the Legislature and base teacher pay on merit.

The risky political strategy sets the stage for Schwarzenegger's re-election bid in 2006 and perhaps his legacy as governor.

So far, leaders of the Legislature's Democratic majority are being cautious in response.

"Hopefully this is a worst-case scenario," said Assemblyman John Lund, a Santa Cruz Democrat and chairman of the Assembly Budget Committee.

Indeed, last year Schwarzenegger initially proposed big cuts to public health and welfare programs but backed away after running into strong opposition. By the time the budget agreement was reached in late July, the governor had given in on more modest plans to trim funding to state universities, salaries for home health care workers and cost-of-living increases for welfare recipients.

The final budget totaled $105 billion, some $6 billion less than this year's.

Still, the state had the luxury last year of spending nearly $10 billion in bonds that voters approved in March to refinance the state deficit and help solve the budget problem. Using only house-fund the governor is expected to take about $2 billion from what schools might otherwise be entitled.

The second is the state's massive health and human services agency that

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At 3:45 a.m. on Jan. 10, a male intruder entered an unlocked window at Yosemite Hall and assaulted a resident before fleeing the room.

Allison Terry
MUSTANG DAILY

An attempted rape and burglary occurred early Monday morning in the Yosemite Residence Hall, campus authorities said.

At 3:45 a.m. a male intruder entered an unlocked window and surprised the two residents who were asleep, according to a crime alert bulletin released by the University Police Department.

The assailant grabbed one resident and struggled with her, but she was able to break free. The suspect then fled the room.

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Aircraft
implemented in 2003 and is offered only two quarters of every academic year for students of junior status or above.
Beitzel said one of the main objectives of the course is to make students more than just kit builders.

"It is important to provide a hands-on demonstration and practice of the techniques used in aircraft manufacturing and fabrication," Beitzel said. "This may include seminar topics, field trips to aircraft designers and actual construction of an aircraft." Students in the course do not have to pay. They may excel in the early stages of the course in order to have the opportunity to construct the aircraft itself.

The beginning of the course offers basic familiarity with tools, safety procedures and expertise in reading plans. Then students must build a duplicate wing section from a "mini kit." Only students who excel in this project may work on the aircraft itself.

Aerospace engineering senior Theo Coetree said students must do more than half of the work on the aircraft themselves.

"The RV-7 kit comes 49 percent complete," said Coetree, who completed his portion of work on the plane last quarter. Coetree said he believes it is important for engineering students to have physical, hands-on experiences in college before stepping into the work force.

"Today's trends seem to have engineering students spending most of their education on computers rather than working with a more hands-on approach," Coetree said. "This course offers the kind of experience we need."

Yosemite
may have been riding a red and white, beach cruiser-style bike.

"We are following a few leads, but are unable to comment on what exactly they are," Watton said. He would not comment if the assailant was a Cal Poly student.

But Watton said that Cal Poly is a safe campus.

"Crimes like this one are down 46 percent over the last five years," Watton said. "There are very few incidents each year, and they are typically acquaintance issues. There are hard­ly ever strangers who attempt this type of crime."

In response to the incident, Housing and Residential Life posted the UPD patrol bulletin on all the outside doors of the residence halls, said Carole Schaffer, associate director of Housing and Residential Life.

"We work closely with UPD in the investigation, and we distribute accurate information so students can be aware of the situation," Schaffer said.

Housing and Residential Life is also posting additional information, known as community alerts. The community alerts review safety tips for students living in the residence halls including closing and locking your windows and doors, traveling in pairs and knowing where your roommate is.

Each residence hall will hold community meetings to talk more in depth about the situation with the residents. They will also reiterate the safety tips residents received at the beginning of the school year.

"Students need to be more aware about safety and who they are letting into buildings," Schaffer said. She also said there will be enhanced window locks available for students who want extra security.

"Cal Poly is like any other community and when situations like this occur, we need to remember that safety is a shared task," Schaffer said. "Any suspicious activity should be reported to UPD or call 911."

"Anyone who may have knowledge of the suspect or crime is asked to contact UPD at 756-2281."

Budget
spends close to $26 billion a year.

Already advocates are lining up in opposition.

A coalition of education interests, teachers, school administrators and other employees, has accused Schwarzenegger of breaking his promise last year to provide schools with all of the money they're guaranteed under Proposition 98, a 1988 ballot initiative that says schools will actually increase next year, enough to cover coming expenses.

The governor also wants to overhaul the state's pension system for teachers, school administrators and other employees, has argued Schwarzenegger of breaking his promise last year to provide schools with all of the money they're guaranteed under Proposition 98, a 1988 ballot initiative that says schools will actually increase next year, enough to cover coming expenses.

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"All we know is that it will be ugly," said Anthony Wright, executive director of Health Access, a coalition of health care organizations. "There's nowhere else she can turn to get the help that they need."

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STATE NEWS
LOS ANGELES — The toll from the storms pounding Southern California grew Monday with the discovery of the body of a 2-year-old girl who slipped from her mother's grasp as firefighters were trying to rescue them from a raging wash.

Nine deaths have been linked to a series of storms that have unleashed flash floods and mudslides, forced evacuations and closed roads and schools. A tornado watch was posted in Ventura County, northwest of Los Angeles, but no twister touched ground, officials said.

SACRAMENTO — Doria Matsui, a veteran Washington lobbyist and former Clinton White House official, plans to run for the Sacramento-area congressional seat held by her husband for 26 years, friends and political figures told The Sacramento Bee.

The Sacramento Bee's Matsui, 60, is the widow of Rep. Bob Matsui, who died Jan. 1 and was buried Saturday in Sacramento. She is expected to formally announce her candidacy this week, said friends she called Sunday regarding her intentions.

LOS ANGELES — Car thieves have a new adversary — a camera system that scans 2,000 license plates an hour and compares them to a stolen vehicle database.

The system uses tiny digital cameras — hand-held or mounted on the top of a police car — to scan license plates and compare them to a state database of 123,000 stolen vehicles. The cameras can capture up to 2,000 images an hour.

— Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS
NEW YORK — Four CBS News staffers were fired Monday following the release of an independent investigation that said a "toxic zeal" led to the airing of a discredited story about President Bush's military service.

The panel's 224-page report detailed dozens of mistakes, including the reliance on documents that were allegedly forged to a circle-the-wagons mentality that compounded the damage.

Dan Rather, who narrated the report, was faulted for "errors of credibility and overenthusiasm," but was not disciplined by top CBS executives.

WASHINGTON — President Bush offered Monday to meet at the White House with new Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas and planned to talk to him by telephone this week, putting out a welcome mat that was never there for Yasser Arafat.

Still, Bush gave no sign that he was relenting in the demands he had made of Abbas' late predecessor — that the Palestinian leader fight terror against Israel and put together a strong security system to support that stance.

— Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL NEWS
BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Indonesia's military asked aid groups Monday to draw up a list of international relief workers, and to report on their movements, as fears rose for the safety of foreign workers helping survivors in a region wrecked by rebellion long before the waves hit.

The request underlined the unease with which Indonesia has faced the growth of the biggest aid operation in history.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen on Monday assassinated Baghdat's deputy police chief and his son, police said, and al-Qaida in Iraq later claimed responsibility.

Elsewhere in the capital, a roadside bomb destroyed a U.S. armored vehicle and killed two American soldiers, the military said.

The Bradley Fighting Vehicle is one of the more heavily armed U.S. military vehicles, suggesting that the roadside bomb was more powerful than those typically used in recent months.

The Defense Department said last week that insurgents were increasing the size and power of the bombs they plant as they escalate their attacks before the Jan. 30 election.

— Associated Press

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KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's election commission declared Western-leaning reformer Viktor Yushchenko the winner of the presidential vote Monday, putting the nation on the verge of resolving its protracted election.

The commission's statement must be accepted by the Supreme Court and published in two official newspapers before Yushchenko can be inaugurated.

— Associated Press

IN OTHER NEWS
VIENNA, Austria — An Austrian woman who shouted insulting remarks about Pope John Paul II outside Vienna's main cathedral was fined $325 after a court convicted her Monday of disturbing the peace.

The 46-year-old Viennese woman, whose name was not released by authorities, repeatedly and loudly denounced the pope and other Roman Catholic leaders as "child molesters" while standing in front of St. Stephen's Cathedral in 2003.

On Monday, a Vienna court convicted her of disturbing the peace and being a public nuisance. The popular square outside the downtown cathedral was packed with visitors when she stood on the steps with a megaphone to ridicule the pope and accuse the church of trying to cover up the sexual abuse of children.

Although freedom of speech and expression are enshrined in the Austrian constitution, prosecutors charged the woman under statutes in place to preserve public order.

Overwhelmingly Catholic Austria was stung by a sex scandal last year involving the discovery of up to 40,000 lurid images, including child pornography, on computers at a seminary west of Vienna. The local bishop resigned over the affair, and a Vatican emissary ordered the seminary shut down.

— Associated Press

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Environmentalists, government argue over U.S. 95 widening

Environmentalists worry air pollution from Las Vegas interstate expansion will harm nearby school children.

David Krauss, San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO Environmentalists and highway officials squared off before a federal appeals court Monday over the widening of U.S. 95 to Las Vegas in a case with broad implications over how transportation projects are approved.

The Sierra Club maintains that environmental laws demand that the Federal Highway Administration study air pollution resulting from widening the highway to 10 lanes a five-mile stretch between the Las Vegas Strip and well-to-do bedroom communities to the northwest.

Joanne Spalding, the Sierra Club's attorney, said pollution would increase due to the widening project because of thousands of additional vehicles using the widened freeway, which is one of the top congestion-relieving projects in Nevada. And she said the highway administration has not adequately studied air pollution and its effects on neighboring school children, pregnant mothers and the elderly.

Hundreds of children in those schools will be near the highest risk zone," Spalding said at a three-judge appeal court. A study will inform the public of the risks, she said, and would require the government to possibly move schools away from the freeway and take other measures to mitigate the pollution.

But Judge A. Wallace Tashima wasn't sure whether the law required the FHA to conduct the study.

"The first question is, does the statute require those factors to be considered?" Tashima asked.

The case has attracted the attention of the transportation department in at least eight states, which maintain that the Sierra Club's position, if upheld, threatens to thwart or delay other pending highway projects. The American Road and Transportation Builders' Association agreed, and in briefs told the court that the Sierra Club's lawsuit "could set a dangerous legal precedent which could place multiple highway projects throughout the United States in jeopardy."

Highway Administration attorney Stephanie Tai said the government did explore carbon monoxide levels the increased traffic would produce.

Montana commission cancels bison hunt

Bob Anez

HELENA, Mont. — Montana's wildlife commission on Monday canceled what would have been the state's first bison hunt in more than a decade.

The month-long hunt was set to begin Saturday.

The Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission's 4-1 vote came less than a week after Gov. Brian Schweitzer expressed strong misgivings about the hunt and the potentially bad publicity he believed it would bring to the state.

While it canceled this year's hunt, the commission did endorse plans for a three-month bison hunt next season, tentatively set to start Nov. 15.

The hunting of bison that wander from Yellowstone National Park each winter is a start," Brenden said. "It's a start," Brenden said. "It's about time we started something."

Many bison in the park carry the disease brucellosis, which can cause cattle to abort. Montana ranchers fear the bison will spread the disease to their herds, although there has not been a documented case of that occurring in the wild.

About 8,200 people applied for 10 hunting licenses that were to be issued through a drawing. The commission agreed to refund about $25,000 in fees those people paid to be eligible for the drawing. The refund process is expected to cost the agency $22,000.

Commission members said Monday they were not opposed to hunting bison, but prefer a longer season and a larger area for hunting the animals. They said that would improve the chances for a fair-chase hunt and avoid congestion of hunters in the area north of the park where the bison are expected to gather.

Commissioners insisted they were not getting into thorny boycotts or protests, but want to avoid going ahead with a season that will give the state a black eye and set back long-term efforts to establish hunting as a viable option for helping manage bison.

"If you succumb to blackmail, you'll just as well die," he said.

While acknowledging that killing 10 bison will do nothing to stem the growing size of the Yellowstone herd, "It's a start," Brenden said. "It's about time we started something."

But waiting until next season for a bison hunt will give the state time to put pressure on Yellowstone officials to do more about eliminating disease in its bison herd, Commission Chairman Steve Doherty countered.

Several sportsmen's groups supported canceling this year's hunt, telling the commission that the state should first establish a free-roaming bison herd over a wide area outside the park that would ensure fair-chase hunting.

Cattlemen's group sues USDA over beef imports

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A cattlemen's group is suing the U.S. Department of Agriculture, saying the agency's plan to allow cattle and expanded beef imports from Canada would pose a risk to both consumers and U.S. livestock.

The lawsuit, filed Monday in federal court against R-CALF United Stockgrowers of America, is a federal judge to keep USDA from implementing the plan until the court prevails in "all like cattle of Canadian origin and all edible bovine meat products derived from cattle of Canadian origin."

This follows USDA's announcement last month that it will allow imports of cattle under 30 months and certain offals and products from Canada, including beef products, beginning in March.

Canadian officials announced Jan. 2 that it had confirmed a new case of mad cow disease.

"It's unbelievable that R-CALF has to remind USDA that the Animal Health Protection Act obligates the agriculture secretary to protect the agriculture, environment, economy, health and welfare of the people of the United States, and specifically to eradicate animal diseases," R-CALF USA President Leo McDonnell said in a statement.

A telephone message left for a USDA spokesperson was not immediately returned Monday.

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'Sideways' as great as a glass of cabernet

Director Alexander Payne has uncorked something wonderful in "Sideways."

This is a buddy film that employs great acting, great dialogue and good humor. What is even more amazing is the film's ability to endear audiences to characters with obvious flaws.

Longtime chums Miles (Paul Giamatti) and Jack (Thomas Haden Church) are setting off on one last hurrah through California wine country before Jack takes the plunge into matrimony.

Miles is a failed writer with a crippling low self-esteem and a constant self-loathing over a wine snob and Jack as just some guy who likes to drink it.

It does not take long, however, to discover their two very different agendas. Miles is intent only on the wine tour experience and his coming woes, whereas Jack proves thirsty for female companionship.

Their plans of wine tasting and playing golf change when they meet two local women, Stephanie (Sandra Oh) and Maya (Virginia Madsen). Stephanie and Jack have so much fun together that he begins to question his coming marriage.

Meanwhile, Miles is too busy with his own self-pity that he cannot see Maya opening up to him and offering him a chance at intimacy.

Payne has demonstrated a gift for offbeat comedies involving emotionally idiosyncratic characters in two of his past films, "Election" and "About Schmidt."

Aside from the brilliant exploration of life, longing and second chances, audiences get a sampling of what the Central Coast has to offer as "Sideways" offers a starring role to local wines.

The movie traces key scenes at 19 local attractions including Sanford Winery's tasting room, the Hitching Post restaurant and the "Windmill Inn," which, in real life is referred to as the Windmill Days Inn.

As a "dramedy," the film encompasses some important issues such as depression, fidelity, honesty, integrity, but it never forgets its comedy. The humor is subtle and intelligent, and the characters are real.

You will laugh, be appalled by their behavior and will probably learn a thing or two about wine. With wine serving as a metaphor for life, character, and potential, "Sideways" gives great nose. It should be noted that the film itself should be approached like a fine wine — uncork it, give it time to breathe and then luxuriate in its rich, heady flavor. Make sure you savor this one — vintages of this quality do not happen every season.

Download of the day

Belle and Sebastian  
"The Boy with the Arab Strap"

Because someone just suggested Kelly Clarkson, I felt this column needed some help. This band draws its influences from 60s pop and creates a tightly constructed, feel-good song you can't help but tap your foot to.

Courtesy of city and regional planning senior Aaron Ackerman

Have a suggestion for the Download of the Day? e-mail us at artsandculture@mustangdaily.net

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Moore, Gibson win big at People's Choice Awards

PASADENA (AP) — Filmmakers Michael Moore and Mel Gibson were all smiles after they took top honors at the 31st Annual People's Choice Awards. Both men had controversial films that fared well at the box office last year. Moore's film "Fahrenheit 9/11," which took a critical look at President Bush's actions after the 2001 terror attacks, won the favorite movie award, while Mel Gibson's explicit "The Passion of the Christ" won in the favorite drama category.

Moore dedicated Sunday's win to the U.S. troops fighting overseas and said he was "amazed" that people voted his film their favorite.

"I depended on you and you were there," Gibson said. "If it wasn't for you guys, we would have been dead in the water."

The animated "Shrek 2" swept a number of categories, named favorite comedy, favorite sequel and favorite animated movie. The character of Donkey in "Shrek 2," voiced by Eddie Murphy, was named favorite animated movie star, while The Fairy Godmother, voiced by Jennifer Saunders, won in the favorite movie villain category.

Perennial favorites took many of the top awards, including many of this year's new categories. Julia Roberts and Johnny Depp won for favorite female and male movie stars. Matt LeBlanc and Marg Helgenberger won for favorite male and female TV stars.

"Will & Grace," won for favorite TV series, "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" was named favorite TV drama.

After votes cast via the Internet during the first hour of the live telecast were counted, "Joey" was named favorite new TV comedy.

Controversy reigned supreme Sunday night as Michael Moore's film, 'Fahrenheit 9/11,' won top honors at the 31st People's Choice Awards and Mel Gibson's "Passion of the Christ" nabbed best motion picture drama.

Female movie star — Julia Roberts
Male movie star — Johnny Depp
Female action movie star — Angelina Jolie
Male action movie star — Will Smith
Television drama series — "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation"
Television comedy series — "Will & Grace"
Female singer — Alicia Keys
Male singer — Usher
Male TV star — Matt LeBlanc
Female TV star — Julianna Margulies
Favorite group — U2
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How to lower the price of textbooks

That time of the quarter when the rush is on to get textbooks and supplies in crowded El Corral Bookstore lines. For some reason, I am always excited to see what new books I am assigned with all the profound information and cool pictures contained in them. But the initial excitement quickly leaves once I say to myself, "Oh no - that really how much I have to pay for three textbooks?"

The reality is that the evildoers are the publishers. Efforts have been made on the registrar level for price controls, but they have been ineffectual and unrealistic goals. El Corral Bookstore doesn't make a killing by any means off textbooks since they only increase the cost by roughly 2 to 3 percent. I'm frustrated with paying so much money for my books and I know I'm not alone. Here is how we can personally make changes to reduce our cost each quarter. To get you all fired up and ready to act, let me provide some background information on how much textbooks really cost.

According to a survey by the California Student Public Interest Research Group, students spent an average of $989 per year on textbooks in the 2003-04 school year, or almost 20 percent of the cost of in-state fees.

Textbook prices will only decrease if professors help by reusing books if they still uphold current academic merit. Each quarter, notices are issued to every faculty member instructing which textbooks will be needed for the following quarter and if any of the books will be reused. According to El Corral Bookstore, only 15 to 20 percent of faculty respond to these notices before the deadline, severely reducing buyback prices.

Obviously, not all professors teach the same courses every quarter and they often use more recent materials, but there are situations where faculty don't report they will use the same textbooks causing the buyback price to then be market-driven, which may be zero. If the bookstore knows a teacher will reuse a textbook then the buyback price will be about half the cost you purchased the book for. If you aren't reported you'll probably get next to nothing.

This, fellow students, is why we need to encourage our faculty members to report to the bookstore if they will be using the same textbook the following quarter. If they decide to do so, then buybacks are higher and more textbooks are available, resulting in huge savings for us.

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COMING TOMORROW

From Left Field by Mustang Daily columnist Josh Kob

A look at system changes

One week down, nine more to go. And the semester part is over — well, almost.

The first week of the quarter is always a blur — not only because reviewing four strangely similar syllabi is daunting but also because students are often running through campus in a mad dash to add classes. And at an impromptu state school, this is hardly uncommon.

The art of grading classes has long been a complex endeavor. Some teachers compelled personal writing lists from students who e-mailed them before the start of the quarter. Others gave priority to graduating seniors. Either way, it was freshmen who seemed to lose out, either not knowing the secret of e-mailing a teacher or being four years away from graduating senior status.

In an attempt to provide equal access to classes, university officials made a bold attempt to streamline the entire registration process. It began with adding another time, 11 a.m., to the registration rotation schedule. But some students forgot that they could register at 11 a.m. and ended up waiting until 1 p.m., per the old schedule. All in all, this change shortened the range of days for open, sold and made 12th priority. So, to come around a lot sooner than before.

And then there was waiving. This process seemed a little more ambiguous but perhaps comparable to the old CRASH system, which was hosted by an off-campus group. A few students seemed to have success with this option, but it seemed more like another opportunity to once again delay the quarter started, perhaps because they didn't understand it.

This left many students seeking e-permits, which replaced the old add slips that students turned in to the administration building after obtaining the professor's signature. But the biggest change to this process was making the add process more the responsibility of faculty than students — which seems like a mistake. While some faculty remained uncertain about the new e-permit process, it was hard for students to take control and get the classes they wanted. They could either nag the teacher about it, or a good idea when this person is administering grades, or wait around and hope they turn it in.

Before it was our fault if we didn't make it up to the administration building on time. Seeing as today is the final day to request an e-permit and West Dining latest, we'll cross our fingers that faculty cared enough to let us in.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

America should start leading world with compassion, love

Is it not true in America we protect "our freedom" so we may do as we want? But in protecting our "freedoms" we do not impose on the liberties of others?

For example, when we bomb another country to protect our freedom do they not feel that their "freedom" to live in peace is in jeopardy? We know this to be true (9/11).

The "freedom" we seek it is no different then the "freedom" anyone else seeks. This "freedom" is relative, or limited freedom, and it blinds us with our self-centered desires to attain our wishes. True liberty is only realized through spiritual freedom, which is attained when you are free from your selfish wants, desires and even goals. There will forever be war and conflict unless we learn to control our limited freedom do we not feel that our "freedom" and start leading the world with compromise and love.

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Student Health Advisory Council to hold blood drive

Whether it's because of an accident, surgery, cancer or other disease, there is a need for blood every three seconds.

The Student Health Advisory Council is sponsoring a blood drive Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of Mont Calley Hall to drop by and help those in need. We are giving away vouchers to anyone who donates or attempts to donate as a thank you for your efforts.

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OPT/ED
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Tough competition downs wrestling in Oregon

Ryan Halsey, Jeff Owens and Ralph Garcia highlight a busy weekend for Cal Poly wrestling in Oregon

The Cal Poly wrestling team split two matches at Oregon on Friday before dropping a 30-12 decision to Oregon State in a Pacific-10 Conference dual meet Sunday afternoon in Gill Coliseum.

On Friday, the Mustangs defeated Portland State 36-9 and lost to the No. 1 team in NCAA Division II, Augsburg College, 25-15. Cal Poly was highlighted by Ryan Halsey, who pinned Brad Tips of Augsburg College, in 1:59 in the 184-pound weight class.

Other Mustangs to score a win against Augsburg were: Jeff Owens, Emily Barrios and Ralph Garcia. Owens defeated Ryan Swannel 15-5 at 149. Barrios defeated Ryan Venuek 8-3 at 165 and Garcia defeated Justin Swannel 4-2 in overtime at 197.

In the loss Sunday, Mustang winners were: 149-pound Owens, 184-pound Halsey and 197-pound Garcia.

Owens scored five near-fall points in the third period en route to his victory.

File photo

The Mustangs dropped to 1-2 in Pac-10 Conference dual meets with a loss against Oregon State on Sunday.
The Mustangs next face Oklahoma on Saturday and will look to improve their 2-5 overall record.

**Wrestling continued from page 10**

to a 10-2 decision over Orlando Perez while Haley scored four takedowns and eight near-fall points on the way to a technical fall over Steve Grayson. Haley secured the 17-2 win at the 3:56 mark of the match.

Garcia scored a takedown with 17 seconds remaining in the final period for a 4-2 decision over Travis Garden.

Oregon State won the other seven matches with two technical falls, two major decisions and a fall by 125-pound Eric Stevenson in 1:33 over Mustang Josh Obregon. Cal Poly, 2-3 overall and 1-2 in Pac-10 dual meets, will host Oklahoma on Saturday.

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