Governor terminates college fee increases

Gov. Schwarzenegger eliminates the approved 8 percent fee increases for the CSU system in a new state budget plan that he announced Wednesday.

Tom Chorneau

SACRAMENTO — California’s tax revenues are surging ahead of expectations, giving an election-year jolt to the state budget and providing more money for public schools, health services and higher education, according to a budget proposed Tuesday by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The Republican governor revealed a $125.6 billion spending plan for the 2006-2007 fiscal year that does not raise taxes while providing a 7 percent boost in spending over the current fiscal year.

The plan also marks the first time in several years that the state projects enough tax revenue to cover spending without significant borrowing, a reversal from budget deficits that reached into the billions.

The governor’s budget proposal includes $97.9 billion in general fund spending and $25 billion in spending from special funds, which is money such as a gas tax that is dedicated to specific programs such as highway repairs. The rest of the spending, $2.7 billion, is to repay bonds.

“This budget continues California on the path toward fiscal responsibility and economic recovery,” Schwarzenegger told reporters in releasing his budget.

Among the highlights of the governor's spending plan:

- Does not raise taxes.
- Reduces the state’s structural deficit by two-thirds, from $16.5 billion when Schwarzenegger took office in 2003 to $4.7 billion in the next fiscal year.
- Fully funds Proposition 42, which dedicates a portion of the sales tax on gasoline to road and highway improvements.
- Repays $1.7 billion the governor says is owed to public schools.
- Eliminates fee increases at colleges and universities.

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Women in Engineering

In a world of their own

Caitlin Donnell

Trudging along in her steel toes, boots, her long blonde hair concealed under a construction hard hat, Betsy Sale grips her set of tools. She is one of the few women in a male-dominated engineering world.

“I have always used the difficulty of being a woman in engineering as a positive energy, a positive motivation to show people that there is no need to single me out simply because I am a woman. I am just as capable as the other people in my classes,” she said.

Sale, civil engineering senior and Society of Women Engineers (SWE) president, said she is just as capable as the men in her classes, and that qualification should not be based on gender.

Instead of feeling timid and burdened by often being the only woman in a classroom and/or professional setting, more and more women engineers say they feel empowered by their individuality. As a result, many have found ways to come together to support one another.

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California insurance act seeks to provide universal health care

Jessica Jeffrey & Michael Johnson

Los Angeles — The California Health Insurance Reliability Act currently in the California State Senate, seeks to provide universal health care coverage for individuals residing in California.

Over 6 million people in California, of which many as 80 percent are employed, live without health insurance.

Currently, California law provides health services for people with various eligibility requirements, such as low-income. But programs like Healthy Families and MediCal only benefit a small portion of Californians. The rest of the population not receiving public medical assistance must face the quickly rising cost of insurance premiums.

Universal health care coverage in California will ensure that all individuals living in the state for more than 90 days have health coverage. The California Health Insurance Reliability Act utilizes a publicly funded, single-payer health care model. Under this act, the newly created California Health Insurance Agency will negotiate to get set fees for health care services provided through the system.

Health care services covered under this new system include hospital, medical, surgical, and mental health; dental and vision care; prescription drugs and medical equipment, such as hearing aids; emergency care, including ambulance services; nursing care after hospitalization; substance abuse recovery programs;
The problem in recent years is that the state spends more money each year than it takes in. By proposing increases in social services — especially education and health care — that tax increase on the middle class and lower-income residents.

The governor also tempered fears that he would neglect spending on social services as he sought to placate education groups with a huge spending boost. His budget proposes spending $72 million to enroll more children in the Medi-Cal and Healthy Families programs. The additional money is expected to provide medical services to about 300,000 uninsured children over two years and is part of a $1.2 billion funding increase in health and human services programs.

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That plan is separate from the state budget proposal revealed Tuesday and seeks to raise money over a 10-year period to repair California's freeways, transit systems, levees, schools and government buildings. As part of that plan, Schwarzenegger wants voters to approve nearly $25 billion in bonds this year.

Increases social services spending that, in part, will provide more medical care to poor children.

"As far as the current budget is concerned, we made a real effort to present a really good and responsible budget that means we are going to reduce our structural deficit," Schwarzenegger told reporters.

Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez, D-Los Angeles, said he was concerned about a proposed $199 million cut to welfare programs, as well as plans to reduce cost-of-living adjustments for some public-assistance programs.

"Over the past several years, we balanced the budget on the backs of the disenfranchised, the poor and the disabled. We are not going to do it this year," Núñez said. "It is just not going to hap-

Schwarzenegger touted his budget as part of a continuing effort to eliminate a record deficit that grew in the years before he took office.

The structural deficit results from the state spending more money each year than it takes in. The problem in recent years is largely the result of decisions the state made in the good economic times of the late 1990s to expand services — especially education and health care — that tax income could not sustain. In some cases, the state was mandated to support the expanded programs. In others, the Legislature lacked the political will to make cuts.

As with previous budgets, the 2006-2007 plan proposes to spend more — $97.9 billion — than the state expects to receive — about $91 billion. But Schwarzenegger is able to avoid significant cuts because of an unexpected $7 billion in tax rev-

the state's enormous purchasing power to buy pharmaceuticals and medical equipment at discounted rates, administrative simplification, and the wider availability of primary care and preventive care will increase the funds that can be spent on universal health care.

The California Health Insurance Reliability Act provides for high-quality and efficient health care delivery. Included among those supporting the creation of single-payer universal health care are the American Medical Student Association at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, which is planning a lobby day to sup-

the students to their careers.

"The Women in Engineering Program is one in the same with SWE," Finger said. "The program has an advisory board that looks strategi-

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WONDER is what sets us apart from other life forms. No other species wonders about the meaning of existence or the complexity of the universe or themselves.

— Herbert W. Boyer

The only thing wrong with immortality is that it tends to go on forever.

— Herb Caen

Doubt: The condition or quality of being doubtful; also, a matter of doubt.

Briefs

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — This city is dreaming big as it puts together a blueprint for its rebirth in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, considering such audacious ideas as recreating a long-gone jazz district, building a network of bike paths and commuter rail lines, and establishing a top-flight school system. In the coming days, beginning Wednesday, a commission appointed by Mayor Ray Nagin will unveil a grab bag of ideas that could become part of the master plan for rebuilding this devastated city.

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran removed U.N. seals on uranium enrichment equipment and resumed nuclear research Tuesday, defying demands it must maintain a two-year freeze on its nuclear program and sparking an outcry from the United States and Europe. The International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran plans to enrich uranium as part of its experiments with the nuclear fuel cycle. An IAEA statement issued in Vienna, Austria, said Iran told the agency the scale of its enrichment work would be limited.

JERUSALEM (AP) — Doctors report progress by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, saying he moved his left hand.

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— Toilet paper — over or under: over
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If You Could...

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— be Paris Hilton or Britney Spears who would you be and why? Paris Hilton because she has "so many monies."

Other

What do you want to do when you grow up?

— Take over Bill O'Reilly's job and make it the "Haines Factor."

Name: Jon Haines  •  Year: senior
Hometown: Tiburon  •  Major: journalism

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Turkey scrambles to contain deadly outbreak
as bird flu causes jitters across Europe

William J. Kole
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey raced to contain an outbreak of bird flu Tuesday, destroying 300,000 fowl and blaming warnings from mosques and speakers, after preliminary tests showed at least 15 people have been infected with the deadly H5N1 strain.

As the country recorded the first human deaths outside Eastern Asia, jittery European governments stepped up border checks and based down Turkish trucks with disinfectant.

Fifteen cases in one week is a record for the current bird flu outbreak. Never before has such a high number of cases been seen in such a short time in Asia, where 76 people have died since 2003.

European governments, scrambling to avoid the specter of a mutation that could trigger a pandemic capable of killing millions, sprayed trucks from Turkey with disinfectant. In Italy, a consumer group urged the government to impose a ban on travel to Turkey, and in Greece, veterinary inspectors stepped up border checks.

Underwriting the vulnerability neighboring countries feel, Bulgaria began issuing its citizens special instructions on how to deal with an outbreak.

Turkey's government, anxious to demonstrate to its citizens and the European Union that it was taking decisive action, ordered more than 300,000 fowl destroyed as a precaution. Health officials said Tuesday most of the 70 or so people hospitalized with flu-like symptoms had tested negative for bird flu.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan dismissed the notion that "an idea of panic was created, as though the country was invaded."

"Everything is under control," he said, adding that Turkey had no shortage of vaccine or medicines.

Erdogan spoke during a visit by Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan, whose government said Tuesday up to 77 Japanese — most of them chicken farm workers — may have become infected by H5N2, a less potent strain not previously known to infect humans.

The bird flu outbreak comes at a difficult time for Turkey.

The country has been eager to join the EU, and is working to improve an image marred by allegations of human rights abuses against minority Kurds.

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Turkey scrambles to contain deadly outbreak

Alito says he would approach abortion with open mind

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito said Tuesday he would deal with the issue of abortion with an open mind as a justice, though he defended his 1991 judicial vote saying women seeking abortions must notify their husbands.

In the second day of Senate hearings, Alito also said no president of a court is above the law — even in time of war — as he addressed questions on presidential powers.

The issue has been at the forefront of the revelation that President Bush had secretly ordered the National Security Agency to conduct wiretaps of Americans in the terror war.

The federal judge also faced tough questions about his decisions during 15 years on an appeals court, his writings on wiretaps and his membership in a college organization opposed to the admission of women and minorities.

Alito's answers and his demeanor at the hearings could be critical to his prospects of winning Senate confirmation as the 110th Supreme Court justice. The White House expressed confidence that he would prevail in the Republican-controlled Senate.

Asked why he waited the lifetime job, Alito said, "This is a way for me to make a contribution to the country and society."

Bush's choice for the high court said his Reagan-era writings opposing abortion reflected an attorney representing a client's interest and, if confirmed and faced with an abortion case, "I would approach the question with an open mind."

The conservative jurist gave no indication how he would vote if faced with the question of whether to overturn the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v.Wade decision establishing a woman's right to an abortion.

The judge defended his dissent in the 1991 case of Casey v. Planned Parenthood, in which the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down a Pennsylvania law that included a provision requiring women seeking abortions to notify their spouses.

The Supreme Court also rejected the spousal notification, but Chief Justice William Rehnquist quoted from Alito's opinion in his dissent. The high court, on a 5-4 vote, upheld a woman's right to the procedure but was divided on other elements of the case.

Alito told the Senate Judiciary Committee: "I didn't do it because that's what I thought the law required."

In a 1985 memo as an official of the Reagan administration, Alito described a legal strategy for chipping away at abortion rights. Questioned about the document, he told the committee, "That was a statement that I made at a prior period of time when I was performing a different role and, as I said yesterday, when I certainly become a judge you really have to put aside the things that you did as a lawyer at prior points in your legal career."

Bush's pick to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor told the Judiciary Committee that courts in general should follow their earlier decisions and avoid being moved by public opinion on controversial issues.

"I think that the legitimacy of the court would be undermined in any case if the court made a decision based on its perception of public opinion," Alito said.

Alito, who has been criticized by opponents for advocating broad presidential powers, said he does not believe he was undermined in any case if the court made a decision based on its perception of public opinion. "I thought that the legitimacy of the court would be undermined in any case if the court made a decision based on its perception of public opinion," Alito said.

Democratic Sen. Edward Kennedy told Alito that his judicial opinions suggest otherwise.

"Time and again, even in routine matters involving average Americans, you give enormous, almost total deference to the exercise of governmental powers," said the Massachusetts senator.

Later, asked to respond to the criticism, Alito said that he has tried to decide each case on its merits. "Sometimes that means siding with the government because it means siding with the party that's claiming a violation of rights."

Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., questioned Alito about abortion and privacy rights, divisive issues that loom large as the Senate decides whether to confirm the conservative jurist.

Alito told the panel that he agrees with "the underlying thought that when a precedent is reaffirmed, that strengthens the precedent." He added, in a moment of levity, "super" precedents either.

Alito told the Senate Judiciary Committee: "I did it because that's what I thought the law required."
Autolux revs up

Chris Bellamy

SAIT LAKE CITY — "Hostel" would probably be a better name if it were about two gay cowboys shipping each other silly in the Wyoming wilderness instead of three moron adult adolescents chasing skir in Europe. It's hard to feel sorry for these jerks when they end up being the subjects of sadistic torture and murder.

The young men in question are Paxton (Jay Hernandez), Josh (Derek Richardchon) and tagging along with them is a friend they met along the way, Oh (Ehethor Giudjolon). Paxton and Josh have just graduated from college and are spending a few weeks backpacking around Europe, staying in hostels and getting as much postprashal as possible. For the first 30 minutes, "Hostel" thinks it's a sex comedy and it gets pretty old pretty fast.

They eventually get referred to one particular hostel in Slovenia, where they are promised they will find the lowest women in Europe. Only it's not just a hostel — it's a front for a vast torture chamber, featuring a cornucopia of並 and inventive ways to maim, disfigure and mutilate unsuspecting tourists.

OK, so we don't expect too much of a plot in this movie. All we want is to be scared, or horrified — or at the very least, it's quick to be expected on the edge of our seats.

That is what seems to be missing here — the suspense. The overlong expositional scenes are bad enough, but even when we get into the meat of the story (so to speak), there's nothing to really grab onto — especially considering that the protagonist, Paxton, is a thoroughly uninteresting character. "Hostel" has a few great scenes (not coincidenhally, these are the few times when director Eli Roth ratchets up the suspense a little instead of just trying to disgust us), and people die in some pretty cool ways. But that's pretty much it.

For pure horror genre fans, "Hostel" probably delivers the goods. But most truly good horror works because it builds tension and suspense — and there's little of that here.
Change your world

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Winter break with the Facebook

Stephanie Alessi
THE STANFORD DAILY (STANFORD)

STANFORD, Calif. — OK, how many of you spent all of winter break on Facebook.com? Don’t try to deny it, I saw your profiles on the “recently updated” list day after day. Did you realize I definitely did not waste away my entire vacation checking to see which of my friends developed such a love for “Late Night with Conan O’Brien” during their time at home that they felt compelled to add it to their profiles for everybody to see? Facebook is single-handedly made obsolete whatever refined procrastination tools college students of the past used to put off work. (What did they use?) Pre-readers have found yet another way they fail their chemmubers — instead of studying polar bonds, they spend the night before the test studying the variety of “Friends” groups to see which one is the best for them. (I mean we have three groups for this amazing TV show, yet the fervent debate over popping one’s collar has spawned no fewer than eight Facebook groups.) The next generation of doctors will have the same solution for every patient’s malady: “Poke him and see if he responds.”

I won’t lie; I’m just guilty of Facebook-procrastination as the next person. (Fact: There are only sixty-six members in the group “Stanford Students For Procrastination.”) The hour before my 1-H final, I did what many Stanford students do: I crammed as many John Locke quotes into my head as I possibly could. I had prepared an outline for my essay: No. 1: Did Facebook help me study?

Here’s a little bit just how easily accessible (i.e. walkable) a person makes herself simply by creating a Facebook account. I win. I win.

Any Facebook has been a great boon to the walking community here at Stanford. (Fact: The group “Stalkers Anonymous” has 41 members.) With just a first name and a decent memory for faces, that guy you flirted with at a party becomes that person that you can lom and decrease our waste stream, improve transportation and mobility on campus.

This Saturday, the Center for Sustainability in Engineering, the Otalge College of Business, ASI and the university are offering a senior project seminar to develop potential projects to improve transportation and mobility on campus. Next week, Jan. 18-20, four incredible speakers will be presenting on sustainability topics as they relate to a number of occupational clusters. That day, the Society of Women Engineers will host the first ever “Sustainability in the Corporate World” event where a diverse groups of corporations will showcase what they’ve already become an important part of their business. Whether you’re a business major interested in maximizing profits, a sociology major wanting to understand social programs, an engineering major incorporating life cycle cost assessment into your value engineering or a student of any other major wanting to make a difference in your field, chances are that learning more about sustainability and how it applies to your life and career will be of great help.

So I invite you to embrace Jane Goodall’s idea that you can “Change Your World.”

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...and vacationing in a warmer part of the world (like Bangkok where it reached an impressive 96-plus degrees in late December), the Cal Poly volleyball team is now savvily practicing and posting impressive wins.

For example, the Mustangs upset then No. 14 Nebraska and nearly upset No. 8 Iowa State in a perennial Big Ten powerhouse. The team's next home match is on Saturday at 5 p.m. and features a top-25 upset No. 8 Iowa State, a perennial upset threat.

To reserve tickets, call the Cal Poly ticket office at 528-7445.

Meanwhile, a host of talented junior-senior figures to be a serious competitor for a post-season appearance, let alone to win the Big West Conference title.

In anticipation of next year's matches, here's to hoping 2006 will be a year to remember.

3. Two simple words: "You're in," from an NCAA selection committee. The baseball and softball teams got the shaft last year. Here's no hoping 2006 will be a different story as both teams are legitimate contenders for a post-season appearance, let alone to win the Big West Conference title.

4) Now call me biased, but I foresee some serious success for the men's and women's track teams in the spring. Junior transfer Danielle Ayers-Stapler competed for the USA Senior National Team in Europe over the summer as a heptathlete, and another transfer, Diedre Byrne, figures to leave her mark in the 1500m.

On the men's side, Luke Llamas looks to pick up where fellow transfer and former teammate Ben Bruce left off. Matt Johrund figures to be a serious competitor after a successful cross country season that saw the senior qualify for the national championships. Meanwhile, a host of talented long-sprinters including Chris Frazer, Joe Pappalardo and Kevin Longo look to form one of the most talented 4x400m relay teams in the school's history.

5) I know it's early to be talking about this, but how about a Cal Poly three-peat in the Buck Buchanan Award Balloting. A year ago, Mustang linebackers Jordan Beck, now of the Atlanta Falcons, won the award. This year defensive end Chris Gogong was named the top defensive player in Division I-AA. Let's hope our campaign begins Ryan Shoessell as Cal Poly's third consecutive Buck Buchanan winner!

6) The emergence of Cal Poly volleyball as a top-25 caliber program. Word around the volleyball office is coach Jon Stevenson is putting together a schedule that includes several nationally prominent programs. And why not? If the selection committee said the Mustangs were denied a tournament bid due to strength of schedule, a tough schedule is just what the Mustangs need. You can take my word that when the schedule is announced, it will be one of the toughest in the nation.

There it is, my short Christmas wish list for our Cal Poly athletics. Among the others considered: A huge cash donation from John Madden, perhaps in the sum of $165,000,001 to top billionaire Boone Pickens' donation to Oklahoma State athletics by one dollar. Hey, a guy can dream, right?

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The NCAA wants more women and minorities in coaching and administrative positions.

The governing body has set up a task force in an attempt to address a situation in which almost 90 percent of female athletes and almost 60 percent of women's teams were coached by white men.

The statistics, presented Sunday during a Division I forum at the NCAA convention, were collected for the 2003-04 school year, the most recent study by the NCAA.

"We have not had a strategic road map with clear expectations for the membership," said Charlotte Westerhaus, NCAA vice president for diversity and inclusion and co-chairman of the task force.

The NCAA survey also showed 7.2 percent of male head coaches and 7.7 percent of female head coaches were black. 24.6 percent of male athletes and 14.9 percent of female athletes. And women were "underrepresented in the passage of Title IX legislation requiring gender equity in education.

The NCAA is seeking changes in hiring practices for coaches.

Coaching women's teams than men, Westerhaus said.

"Diversity and inclusion are values of the university. They must also be the values and practices of intercollegiate athletics programs," Westerhaus said.

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The sports affected were women's gymnastics, volleyball and cross country/track and field.

"The decision by Division I delegates came during their opening business session at the annual NCAA convention. It reversed the scholarship increases approved last year by the NCAA board of directors.

"It was democracy at work," NCAA President Myles Brand said.

"This is a membership association, and members have spoken."

The only sport that failed to get the five-eighths majority of voting delegates required to override for women was soccer, in part of concerns about injuries that might require a greater number of players.

The board last year approved increasing scholarships from 12 to 14 in gymnastics and soccer, from 12 to 13 in volleyball and 18 to 20 in cross country/track and field.

The override votes were prompted by requests from more than 100 schools. This was the first time the NCAA has gone to the membership to accept or reject a board decision since Division I adopted its current structure in 1997.

"It is about equity, it is about opportunity for women," said Butler University athletic director John Parry, who supported the override. "But I can tell you the answer for those who are struggling for opportunity for women is to add more sports, don't just add scholarships in selected sports.

Many schools were concerned about the costs of adding two more scholarships in those sports.

"But there are more concerns about competitive equity," Parry said. "We've seen in a number of sports when there have been reductions that it's been much more competitive across the country. It's logical to conclude that if we go up in the number of scholarships, then a number of schools will stockpile and therefore make competitive imbalance.

The votes were 188-111 with 23 abstentions (62.9 percent) to override the increase for gymnastics; 204-117 (63.6 percent) for volleyball and 202-117 (63.3 percent) for cross country and track. Delegates favored the override for soccer 191-125-1, but the 60.4 percent approval was not enough to pass.

Long Beach State made 43.3 percent of its field goal attempts, the second-highest percentage compared with 42.6 percent of the men and 41.9 percent of the women.

Cal Poly 54-39 and were able to win despite turning the ball over 27 times, six more than the visiting Mustangs.

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BILLIONAIRE DONATES $165 MILLION TO OSU

Billionaire alumnus Boone Pickens will donate $165 million to Oklahoma State, the largest single gift given to an NCAA athletic program.

"This isn't just about football or basketball or our major sports," athletic director Mike Holder said Tuesday. "It's about every sport, giving every coach here and every athletic department room to strive for excellence.

The amount surpasses the $100 million Las Vegas casino owner Ralph Engelstad gave the University of North Dakota in 1998. Only half that sum was consumed the entire gift.

Pickens' donation is aimed at creating an athletic village north of the football stadium that already bears his name, the 77-year-old Texas oil tycoon.

Frank Stranitz
SPORTS EDITOR

The setting: Christmas Eve. I was sitting in front of a crackling fire, Christmas music serenading the room (real Christmas songs, like "Joy to the World" and "The Little Drummer Boy" — that "PC" crap doesn't fly in our house). But anyway, some childhood chums of mine were chilling and having a hearty good time while we sang along. Maybe it was the Christmas spirit, or maybe it was the eggnog we were having a grand ol' time...

OK, so the crackling fire and Christmas songs were actually coming from the TV. A Christmas tribute by the WB. And, in all honesty, the fire wasn't even crackling — it was silently flickering.

There were no childhood chums, and I sure as hell wasn't singing along as I sat alone in my room.

Most interestingly, there was no eggnog (can't stand the stuff).

But details aside, I decided to write the first Frankly Speaking of the New Year with a holiday theme, even though Hanukkah, Christmas and that other one, Kwanza, have long since passed.

Here for you now is my Cal Poly athletics 2006 wish list:

1. A clean slate for the men's basketball team as they enter Big West Conference play. The non-conference schedule might have been ugly, but it could've been worse. Take, for example, Big West rival UC Riverside. The Highlanders finished the non-conference schedule at a grussome 0-10, drawing time on ESPn.com's "Bottom 10" teams of the week on several occasions.

2. Some love for Cal Poly wrestling. While you might have been skipping the slopes at Whistler see Frankly, page 7