**Governor says global warming a top priority**

Samantha Young
ASSISTANT PAGES

SACRAMENTO — California’s landmark effort to set a cap on greenhouse gas emissions is just one step in a long-term strategy by the nation’s most populous state to combat global climate change, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Tuesday in an interview.

The governor said the global warming strategy for California, the world’s 12th largest producer of greenhouse gases, will include further industrial reductions and initiatives such as placing greater emphasis on renewable energy and hydrogen-fueled cars.

Schwarzenegger said he hopes California’s efforts on global warming will inspire other states and the federal government, which has done little to curb the emissions scientists blame for warming the Earth.

“We are trying to bring other people in and inspire them and work with them,” Schwarzenegger said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. “We want to be in the forefront. California has always been known for that.”

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**Sheriffs find body of missing student near site of accident**

Kristen Marschall
MUSTANG DAILY

After searching for several days, the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Department uncovered the body of Enrique Jimenez among the rocks at Montaña de Oro on Monday afternoon.

Jimenez visited the popular beach Spooner’s Cove with a freshman orientation group on the afternoon of Sept. 22. Cornel Morton, vice president for Student Affairs, said the group had visited the state park to hike and enjoy the park as an opportunity to see more of San Luis Obispo County.

Jimenez and a fellow student in the program — Orientation for United RASA (OUR), a sub-committee of the Movimiento Estudiantil Xicano/a de Aztlán (MEXA) and an alternative for Hispanic students to the Week of Welcome (WOW) program — climbed out onto a rock only to be overtaken by what Morton described as “a rogue wave.” While the other student escaped danger, Jimenez wasn’t as lucky.

“He could have happened anywhere,” said Ken Barclay, director of Student Life and Leadership. A nearby WOW group happened to be on scene and heard the screaming. A freshman in the group, who had previously been a lifeguard, ran to help but was unsuccessful, Barclay said. The WOW leader promptly called the WOW advisers, who alerted various university organizations to the situation.

Jimenez remained missing and was presumed dead until Monday when the Sheriff’s Underwater Search and Recovery Team found the body approximately 100 yards from where he supposedly entered the water, a news release from the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Department said.

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“Jimenez went missing ‘just to be together,’” Barclay said. “It was very sad.”

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On Wednesday in San Francisco, the governor is scheduled to sign a bill imposing a first-in-the-nation emissions cap on utilities, refineries and manufacturing plants. Two years ago, the state imposed tight regulations on automobile tailpipe emissions, an initiative that is being challenged in federal court by automakers.

Schwarzenegger’s endorsement of the global warming issue has helped burnish his green image and elevate his environmental credentials during a year in which he faces re-election. His plan for additional state action rests on whether he wins in a year in which he faces re-election.

The industrial emissions cap has been praised by environmentalists as the state weans itself from fossil fuels.

On Tuesday, he signed three other bills related to global warming.
Question of the day:

Do you agree with facebook's latest changes?

“I don’t like it. Facebook should be for intelligent people, not stupid high schoolers. Facebook is my life.”

-Garrett McDaniel

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sophomore

“Facebook was supposed to be a separate college network and now it’s just like MySpace. I don’t want to be poked by a 4-year-old.”

-Brienne Bethel

psychology

junior

“I’m really pissed. It was for college students and I feel violated by these younger facebookers. I can’t live without facebook.”

-Douglas Johns

political science

sophomore

“As much as I feel that facebook’s gotten out of hand, I’m tired of hearing people complain about it. If you use common sense it’s still a good communication tool.”

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Suburban homes in California turned into marijuana hothouses

Don Thompson

ELK GROVE, Calif. — Leonard Nunz stepped out his front door one recent afternoon only to be waved back by a squadron of drug agents using a battering ram on a neighbor's home.

The half-million-dollar home in the quiet subdivision was found to be stuffed with high-grade mari­juana plants, growing in soil-free hydroponic growing systems.

Nunz and his neighbors were shocked, to say the least.

"We had no idea," said Nunz, an associate minister at Elk Grove's Progressive Church of God in Christ. "We never saw them or heard from them. It was a real quiet house on the block."

The Nuns have since installed security lights and cameras and said some of their neighbors are talking about moving away.

"Now people are noticing, every time we see something around here," said the minister's wife, Patricia. "You pay this much money, you don't expect those sorts of things to happen."

Local and West Coast law enforcement agencies have been more concerned about large-scale outdoor marijuana farms, which often are planted in public forests or parks by Mexican drug cartels.

The Drug Enforcement Agency saw a 50 percent increase nationwide in indoor operations in 2005 from the year before, said Gordon Taylor, who heads the Drug Enforcement Administration region in central and Northern California.

Growing marijuana indoors has certain advantages. The operations can't be spotted by an airplane or a hunter, and the plants can be grown year-round.

Police from Sacramento to Stockton, about 40 miles to the south, are bashing in doors at homes virtually every day as they develop new leads or are tipped by suddenly wary neighbors.

"We've been doing this almost 20 years, and I have never seen this many indoor grow operations in such a small area in such a short period of time," Taylor said. "Some people might characterize it as an epidemic."

The home on Elk Grove's Manilite Drive had a 1,000-watt light, as well as high-tech hydroponic growing systems.

Walls and ceilings were smashed to allow for complex ventilation and filtration systems that vented the telltale odor of pot through the attic. A web of extension cords and makeshift electric panels was used to illegally tap into the outside grid to avoid detection and save thousands of dollars in expenses.

Most of the targeted homes were bought for between $400,000 and $600,000. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent to convert each of them to grow millions of dollars worth of marijuana.

"They're going into these cookie-cutter communities and making cookie-cutter marijuana factories," Taylor said. All of a sudden, the neighbors "have an organized crime marijuana factory right next to them. It's alarming."

Some neighbors said they were too frightened to be quoted. Others were able to laugh about it.

"I tell the neighbors, 'You weren't even cutting me in on that fortune you had growing down the street,'" said John McAlister, who lives across from the Nuns in the six-year-old subdivision. "They look at me like, 'Don't even say that.' They were shocked, to say the least."

For all the sophistication of the operations, many neighbors said they were suspicious because the owners neglected to mow or water their lawns.

"We suspected it, when you spend $500,000 on a home, and let it go to pot, so to speak," said Marilyn Smith, who lives across from another Elk Grove home that was converted to a marijuana factory. "Nobody was ever there and the blinds were all closed."

The phenomenon was seen earlier in British Columbia, Canada, where Vietnamese organized crime outfits gutted homes to grow potent "B.C. Bud" that can sell for $5,000 or more a pound in the United States. Growers headed south to avoid increased border enforcement after the 2001 terrorist attacks, according to investigators.

It's definitely a concerted effort by Asian organized crime groups in Canada to move part of their operation down to the United States," said Rodeny Benson, the DEA's agent in charge of Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Idaho.

The homes in California's Central Valley are linked to San Francisco's Chinatown and have "all the markings of Asian organized crime," said the DEA's Taylor.

Five San Francisco residents were charged with federal marijuana crimes last month in connection with some of the busts in Elk Grove. Police in Elk Grove and Stockton have arrested several other people in recent days.

Soldier who refused to serve second Iraq tour surrenders to military officials

Robert Jablon

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LOS ANGELES — An Army medic who fled rather than serve a second tour in Iraq because he believes war is immoral turned himself in around 6 p.m. at Fort Irwin, an Army base in the Mojave Desert northeast of Los Angeles, said Army spokesman Kent Dryline.

"It is the right thing to do," said Aguayo, in a news conference in Los Angeles hours before going to the base. "I'm not a desertor or coward."

Aguayo said he expected to face a court martial and some jail time, but anything I can do, he said. "Something I can live with is being a participant of war against the people."

Aguayo has unsuccess­fully fought the Pentagon for more than two years to be declared a conscien­tious objector and win a dis­charge.

Aguayo, a U.S. citizen who was born in Guadalajara, Mexico, said he was not anti-war when he enlisted in 2001. But his military experiences changed his mind. He applied for conscientious objector status in February 2004 before he was sent overseas.

He served a year as a combat medic in Tikrit, Iraq, in 2004 after the military turned down his request.

He then jumped out of a win­dow of his base housing in Germany on Sept. 2 rather than be sent to Iraq. "I'm not going to go down this path," Aguayo said.

After being taken into custody, Aguayo was sent to either Fort Still in Oklahoma, or Schweinfurt, Germany, said John Wagstafl, an Army spokesman at Fort Irwin. Army officials would then decide whether to court martial him, said Wagstafl.

Aguayo likely will be charged with AWOL, and with a sepa­rate charge of missing movement because he didn't ship out to Iraq with his unit, said James Klimaski, one of Aguayo's Washington attorneys.

Paris Hilton charged with driving under the influence

Sandy Cohen

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Los Angeles — Singer/actress/handbag designer/heiress Paris Hilton can now add one more title to her resume: defendant.

Hilton was charged Tuesday with driving under the influence and scheduled to be arraigned Sept. 28 in Superior Court on charges of driving under the influence and driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08 percent, said Nick Velasquez, a spokesman for city prosecutors.

Hilton is not required to appear at the arraignment, Velasquez said.

The 25-year-old Hilton was arrested Sept. 7 after being stopped in her Mercedes-Benz SLR. Police said her blood-alcohol level was 0.08 percent, the minimum to warrant an arrest.

"The charges are consistent with California law and the circum­stances of this case," Velasquez said.

Hilton's spokesman, Elliott Mintz, said the charges were not unexpected.

"We are going to proceed with the judicial process," he said, adding that he had not yet spoken with the star about the charges to Hilton, who was overseeing promoting her new album. "I was sent overseas to work second Iraq tour in recent years.

It was Hilton's only DUI arrest, Mintz said.

Hilton was briefly handcuffed when the arrest was made, but she was not taken to jail. She reportedly got a swarm of paparazzi to the Hollywood police station, where she was booked.

Hours later, Hilton told KTLA Channel 5 she was sober. "I just had a single margarita at a charity event the evening before," she said of the alcohol level.

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State

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is unlikely to approve a bill giving President Bush's war-taxed war-profiteering program legal status and new restrictions before the November midterm elections, dealing a significant blow to one of the White House's top wartime priorities.

House and Senate versions of the legislation differ too much to bridge the gap by week's end, when Congress recesses until after the Nov. 7 elections, according to two GOP leadership aides who demanded anonymity because the decision had not yet been announced.

NEW YORK (AP) — Google services were slow or inaccessible to some users Tuesday.

The cause of the glitch was not immediately known, nor were any details available on how widespread it was.

"We've received reports that a small portion of certain Internet service providers' users are having difficulty accessing Google services," Google Inc. said in a statement. "We are currently working with the ISPs to investigate."

Besides running the Internet's leading search engine, Google offers e-mail, chat, news aggregation and other services.

International

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Saddam Hussein's genocide trial adjourned for two weeks Tuesday after a stormy session during which the chief judge expelled all seven defendants after a shouting match. Chief Judge Mohammed Oreibi al-Khalifa declared the recess until Oct. 9 to give defendants time to persuade their lawyers to end their boycott of the trial — or acquit them.

STRASBOURG, France (AP) — The European Commission recommended Tuesday that Bulgaria and Romania join the European Union next year — but under some of the hardest terms ever faced by new members.

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Allison Linn

SEATTLE — Got three bucks? That and a nickel will buy you a coffee drink at Starbucks.

Starbucks Corp. said Thursday that it planned to raise prices of its lattes, cappuccinos, drip coffee and other drinks by 5 cents, or an average of 1.9 percent.

The increase, which goes into effect Oct. 3 at all company-operated stores in the U.S. and Canada, will mark the first time the company has boosted drink prices in two years.

Starbucks also is increasing the price of its coffee beans by about 50 cents per pound, or an average of 3.9 percent. That's the first price increase for whole beans in nine years, spokeswoman Valerie O'Neil said.

Starbucks isn't raising prices on the prepared drinks it sells in refrigerated cases.

O'Neil said the company decided to change more because costs, including fuel and energy, are going up.

"It's not one specific thing. It's part of our ongoing evaluation of business costs," O'Neil said.

Starbucks' pricing varies based on the market, but the 5-cent price increase will be across the board, regardless of drink or part of the country, O'Neil said.

Currently, a tall, or 12-ounce, cup of Starbucks coffee costs between $1.40 and $1.65. Twelve-ounce lattes cost between $2.40 and $3.10, depending on the market, and a tall mocha costs between $2.70 and $3.40.

Seattle-based Starbucks had 8,624 stores in the United States as of Aug. 30, about 5,500 of which are company-operated.

O'Neil said Starbucks has 495 company-operated stores in Canada, but she did not have a figure for the total number of stores there.

The coffee retailer has said it expects to open as many as 30,000 stores worldwide.

The price increase does not affect Starbucks stores overseas, where Starbucks mainly operates its stores in partnership with other companies in those markets.

O'Neil said Starbucks and its overseas partners could choose to raise prices in a certain country or local market at any time, but wouldn't have an across-the-board increase like this one because of the different operating structure.

Starbucks shares fell 26 cents to $35.75 in midday trading Friday on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

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I wish I could have been at the premiere of "The Black Dahlia." Not to have
seen it, in all its glory, with all its flaws, and felt the excitement of
having the opportunity to attend such a major event. The screening
was a testament to the power and allure of film, and I felt privileged
just to be a part of it.

The film, directed by Brian De Palma, is based on the true story of
the 1941 murder of Elizabeth Short, the Black Dahlia. The film
follows the investigation of police officers into the murder, and
features a star-studded cast including Scarlett Johansson, Sami
Freeman, and Josh Hartnett.

While the film received mixed reviews, I found it to be a
compelling and well-crafted piece of cinema. The performances
were strong, especially from Scarlett Johansson, who
brought depth and emotion to her role as Elizabeth Short.

The film's stylish and visually stunning aesthetic
complemented the story, and the score
enhanced the overall atmosphere.

Overall, "The Black Dahlia" is a film that
should not be missed by fans of
the genre or of the director's work.

Inspired by the 1940s unsolved Los Angeles murder, Kay Lake (Scarlett Johannson) and
Dwight Bleichert (Josh Hartnett) star in director Brian De Palma's "The Black Dahlia." The
movie had mixed reviews and brought in $104 million in its opening weekend.

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Is facebook about to become the new MySpace?

Facebook is now open to everyone, which caused frustration among many students.

Kathrene Tiffin  
WEDNESDAY, Sept. 6

The world of poking and wall posts has now been opened up to everyone as the facebook creators decided to allow anyone to join Tuesday morning. The change was a touchy topic for a while before users were notified that all their friends could now use the site.

"We are planning on opening up facebook so that you don't have to be affiliated with a college, high school, or place of business to get on," creator Chris Hughes said in an online chat with college editors on Sept. 14. "We're doing this because one of the top suggestions we get from our users is 'make it so that my other friends can get on.'"

This change has created concerns among many users who think it will be too much like MySpace. But Hughes and co-creator Zuckerberg remain adamant that it will only be a positive change.

In a Cal Poly survey, seventy-two of the 100 students surveyed said they have an account. Eighty percent of those with a facebook account do not think that the site should be opened up to everyone.

"I'm an avid MySpace and facebook user already," said civil engineering senior Alex Ulbaldo. "I don't think it will change me at all. I have friends on both networks."

Some students worry that making their profile viewable to everyone as the facebook creators posts has now been opened up to everyone will be harder to control.

"I think it's good if you want to have connections with more people, but I think it could open up a lot of problems," psychology senior Laura Reed said. Users do have the option of making their profile viewable to only their friends or people in their network, so the new change would not have an effect on them.

"(The change) would be good, but it would also kind of suck," said civil engineering junior Justin Depero. "I think it should just be the colleges and the junior colleges. Those are the people that should be using it. Not 40-year-old stalkers, (like) on MySpace."

With so many people opposed to the expanding network for the site, why did the creators decide to make this decision?

"The idea here is to allow everyone to get their friends on the site. A lot of people have friends who don't have a .edu email address, but they still want them on the site," Zuckerberg said. "Since our goal is to help people get a sense of what's going on with their friends, we want these people to be able to get on the site too."

The creators said that since they developed the privacy controls, they have been working well to alert users of people who are violating the terms of use.

"The high schoolers are already coming in and creating problems," said architectural engineering senior Marcela Opie. "Now anyone can go into network-wide discussions. It will be like any other chatroom."

Others worry this is another opportunity for employers to visit applicants' profiles before hiring. Since facebook allows more than 300 pictures and a lot of personal information to be posted, some fear they will have to censor what information they post. "They're already doing it with MySpace," Opie said.

Hughes and Zuckerberg said that they have to make good ad revenue to maintain their site, but it is not their primary focus.

"Facebook is a tool that more than just college students can use, so we want to let them use it," Zuckerberg said. "If all we wanted to do was to make money, we'd put up more banners ads, but as you can see we're not doing that."

"I approve of some info," said art and design junior Russell Shinpo. "But as far as my actions ... when it becomes that detailed, it kind of feels like it's a public record of my activities and I don't want that on facebook."

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As the seventh most frequently visited site on the Internet, facebook is trying to stay updated with the rapidly changing times while keeping its users happy and satisfied. The site recently added news feeds and mini feeds, which allow users to see all the changes their friends have made to their pages while only looking at their home page instead of searching around on everyone's individual site.

"I don't like the news feed, so I put all of my stuff on private," Reed said. "I don't like how everyone can see what I change."

This change caused a rapid outcry among many users who felt that facebook was stalking them or making their information too public. Many upset users sent letters to Zuckerberg and Hughes.

"It's really annoying," Opie said of the feeds. "They have a lot of useless information. I don't care if 200 of my friends break up with their boyfriends. If they are my friend, they'll call me anyway."

Zuckerberg and Hughes responded to the letters and added settings that allows users to control what information is made public. But some feel it is still not enough.

"The feed products make sense as the next evolution of facebook," Zuckerberg said. "People generally use facebook to get a sense of what's going on with the people around them and understand their world a little better. Up until (a few weeks ago), people had to browse around the site and read through people's profiles to get a sense of all this, but with these new products we can surface a lot of the information for people. It makes using facebook a lot more efficient for seeing what's going on."

While the new feeds do make it easier to get information, some users feel it goes too far in the information it provides. In the days after the site added news and mini feeds, users had no way to censor what their latest activity was. Members now have the ability to privatize their settings but a lot of information remains open to their network and friends.

Hughes said that they have seen an increase in new accounts since the feeds were added. While some of these accounts are probably due to new students enrolling in college, he also believes the hype of the feed has generated more people to join as well.

"Some people have said they think the feeds are too much, but I think they just surface information that was already there in an easier way," Zuckerberg said. "Over the past week, we've received a lot of feedback from people that they learned things about their friends that they would've otherwise missed. And since their friends put that information up for them to see, that seems like a good thing to me."

Zuckerberg admits that his Web site's management team is still adding the new feeds by not allowing any control over them. "We messed up," he said.

To check out facebook, visit www.facebook.com.

**TIME CAPSULE**

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• 1889 New York's first skyscraper opened at 50 Broadway with 13 stories.
• 1954 The Tonight Show, starring Steve Allen, debuted on NBC-TV.
• 1963 At 10:39 a.m. the census clock recorded US population at 190,000,000.
• 1995 The US Treasury unveiled its design for a new $100 bill.
Perfecting German flirting

In my first month abroad, I have discovered one of the great dichotomies of German romance: men versus sex. Now, I understand that flirting and actual sex are two very different things, but last time I checked, flirting is often the first in a series of steps to having sex. So, good readers, you understand my assumption that types of flirting and types of sex go hand in hand; stereotypically, a "girl" will probably have a more active sex life than a "swallower." 

Now that we've got that straight, let me introduce Andrew, my roommate here in Lüneburg. He's 6 feet 4 inches tall, about 180 pounds, with dark hair and eyes. He's a good-looking, amiable guy who's usually pretty successful with the ladies. So you can imagine what a shock it was when we welcomed him to our residence and he got rejected by literally every German woman he approached. What did Andrew do wrong?

Everything! If you need to know one thing as a single man in Germany, it's this: German flirting is about as simple as writing a book without any vowels. You're expected to get your message across without any of the classic flirting tools, from flashing that dazzling smile to offering to buy a girl a drink to coming up to her and saying, "You must have a mirror in your pocket because I can see myself in your pants." To illustrate my point, I give you the start of a typical German flirting session, starring: A man catches a woman's eye, holds her gaze for a moment, and that's it. Maybe he'll do it once more. Anything more than that is considered too forward or disrespectful. So poor Andrew went from "nice guy" in America to that same girl avoiding him in Germany without even trying.

I would chalk this one up to just another cultural difference if it weren't for one little thing: German culture is more sexually open than America's, especially when it comes to young people. I mean, there's a weekly column in the German magazine, Bravo, which gives teenagers advice on sex. Not like, "Am I ready for sex?" kinds of questions, but "How can I tell if a girl is having an orgasm?" kinds of questions. Each week features the stories of two German teens with accompanying nude pictures. Call me crazy, but this little Lutheran girl did a double take when she saw Commonweath articles with what in America is considered child pornography in the supermarket checkout line.

Basically, what's throwing Andrew off is that the same girl who learned about masturbation from a weekly periodical freaks out when he comes up to her in a bar and says he noticed her from across the room. So, assuming roommate that I am, I joined the quest to help Andrew successfully flirt with a German girl. We've researched everything from our German roommates to our professors to the Bravo Web site. Although Andrew is still a little embarrassed about the female German population, we have come to a basic understanding about this paradox.

First, the explanation of the openly sexual society. So there was this thing in 1969 called the Sexual Revolution. Apparently there was one in America too, but in Germany there was no little Belt or conservative right to slow it down. This helps explain Europe's reputation for being relaxed about the whole sex thing (think nude beaches and legal prostitution). It's just a given that everybody's going to have sex. So the issue becomes helping an overly sexualized but poorly educated youth stay safe and healthy. Articles that handle such sensitive issues may be a more common resource for sex education than parents.

Thus far, the logic is pretty easy to follow, but now let's add another factor. After all the fun of 1969, there came a new decade; and with the 70s came the Women's Movement. Like free love, Germany took to this trend a little better than America. For example, German women have the same constitutional rights as men. So when a man approaches a German woman, she expects to be treated as an intelligent person. This means that being too quick to point out her killer body won't get you any bonus points. Don't let the complaints about boring German men fool you; if you try and mix it up on the flirting scene, you will get shot down.

And now, for the conclusion: Germans are big fans of sex and women's rights. They're just more extreme about it than Americans. When all is said and done, Andrew and I say the women have the upper hand in this game, but at least now we understand the rules. Technically, I'm off to help Andrew practice his flirt-starting.

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The Mustangs were on the road to their first month of the season and started Big West play off in a big way with a fairly dominating win over Central Pacific UC Santa Barbara. This year the Mustangs finished 3-2 with losses to Portland, Portland State and Southern Methodist University. Now teams in the top-10 have to give Cal Poly their respect, home or away. If the Mustangs manage a run to the Final Four, I'll write the screenplay and send it off to Disney.

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Cal Poly wrestling head coach John Azevedo feels the experience gained from a 36-8 loss at Oklahoma State last year was a big reason why his team was able to finish 23rd in the nation.

It's no surprise to see the four-time defending national champion Cowboys again highlighting the Mustangs' schedule, which was released Sept. 21. Oklahoma State can do it again."

Cal Poly will host four-time NCAA champion Oklahoma State this weekend.

"We went there and wrestled them in their place (last year)," Azevedo said. "It's something about knowing you've done it and can do it again."

The Mustangs will unofficially open the season with the Green and Gold Meet on Nov. 16 before heading to the Fullerton Open on Nov. 18.

Cal Poly's first dual meet of the season is at home Dec. 9 against another Big 12 Conference stallwart, Oklahoma, which finished third in the country last year.

Azevedo said his team made a point last season of being in the Top 25. "They definitely take pride in knowing that they have a program that is ranked," he said. "We have individuals this year who are hoping to win national titles and as a team, they're excited about being a Top 10 team in the country and really taking another step."

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Individuals critical in those goals include returning starters Chad Mendez (125 pounds), Darrell Vasquez (133), David Roberts (149), Nick Hernandez (165) and Matt Montero (175). All five went to nationals last year.

The Mustangs, who are in the Pac-10 Conference in wrestling only, open conference competition Dec. 18 against visiting Cal State Fullerton.

"It's a good schedule," said Azevedo, a former Olympian entering his third year at the helm.

"We have a good break in January and finish up with conference teams in the Pac-10." 

Azevedo particularly looks forward to the Central Michigan Tournament, which begins Jan. 21.

"We get to wrestle some of the top teams and individuals," he said. 

Cal Poly also has home dates scheduled against Pac-10 foes Cal State Bakersfield (Jan. 26) and Oregon State (Feb. 4).

The regular season wraps up at rival UC Davis on Feb. 15. The Pac-10 Championships are Feb. 24-25 at Cal State Bakersfield and the NCAA Championships are March 15-17 in Detroit.

"I'd definitely love to have people come out and watch us," Azevedo said. "It's not every day you have the (nation's) top-ranked team coming to San Luis. It should be good competition for people to come and watch."