Bridges built with glue and popsicle sticks

By Ron Nielsen
Staff Writer

Bridges came tumbling down Tuesday in Chumash Auditorium during the first event of Engineering Week.

The Society of Civil Engineers sponsored the annual popsicle-stick bridge-building event, with 17 entries putting their stick and glue creations to the test of a hydraulic jack. The winner was determined by the weight of the bridge in relation to the maximum amount of force the bridge could take before cracking.

"Waste it! Waste it!", yelled some of the crowd of 40 as the first struts gave way under weights of up to 300 pounds. The glue was barely dry on some of the bridges that ranged from elaborate suspension structures to simple plank roadways with lower supports.

Computer science junior Keith Hearn placed first, with his bridge withstanding 330 pounds of force. Civil engineering senior John Ahn came in second place.

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Cost debate stalls parking lot construction

By Gillian Gregg
Staff Writer

A state parking fund should provide $680,000 for a new parking lot where the rodeo arena now stands, but the administration and the School of Agriculture are at a standstill because an agreement can't be reached about the cost of relocating the arena.

The master plan, developed by administration officials, states the parking lot was to be built where the sheep unit is located. Members of the School of Agriculture explained to the administration that this land was too valuable to give up because it would be destructive to the teaching curriculum. An agreement was made to relocate the rodeo arena instead.

Executive Dean Doug Gerard said, "We hope to have the parking lot available for fall of next year." The parking lot would provide 620 spaces for general parking.

The administration has $180,000 to relocate the arena in its present condition, Gerard said. School of Agriculture officials want to improve the arena when it is moved, increasing construction costs.

"The fund will not provide for a larger rodeo or additional courses," said Larry Rathbun, associate dean of agriculture. The School of Agriculture would like to build a facility that would cost $350,000. Improvements would include a modified tear drop-shaped arena, an increase in the size of the arena and a redesigning of the speaker booth.

Rathbun said, "If money is available, we can go out and get the additional money needed to improve the facilities." Rathbun said fundraisers would be held to pay for the improvements, but there would have to be some money from the state because the School of Agriculture can't raise all the money needed.

"We need the parking money for initial stimulus," Rathbun explained.

In April 1985, President Warren Baker asked Rathbun to address the possibility of using some of the land in the School of Agriculture for a parking lot. The relocation of the rodeo arena was proposed last summer and sketches were drawn. Rathbun said a purchase order was drafted for surveying, but the process was stalled.

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Dorm students forgo meal

By Rebecca Manner
Staff Writer

While most Cal Poly students will sit down and eat dinner Thursday night, many dorm residents will be giving up their meal in an effort to help combat worldwide hunger.

More than 1,000 dorm residents, at least one-third of the total on-campus resident population, will participate in the fourth Dorm-Aid program by not eating dinner at campus dining facilities and donating the monetary equivalent of the meals to a hunger organization.

The cost of each meal not eaten, which is about $1 per dinner, will总共1000个字。
Senior projects: we do need them

Editor — This letter is in response to T. Williams’ column of Friday, Feb. 14 titled “Senior Projects: Who needs them?” I believe we all need them. According to Williams, “Senior projects are a final checkpoint to make sure students can do research and write before they graduate from college and enter the real world.” This, however, Is not the purpose of the senior project. Instead, that is the purpose of the Graduation Writing Requirement. The senior project is an opportunity for students to apply what they have already learned to an everyday, useful situation. This may or may not be a research project. The senior project also provides an opportunity for a student to research an interest not covered in major or support courses. It is what you make it. 

Secondly, Williams’ "facts" do not support his argument. It simply shows that there have been 2,600 students who have graduated in the past ten years who are lazy and uncreative. They should have utilized this opportunity to further their education. In my college career I have seen a variety of senior projects which have benefited many, such as videotapes of performed literature and the creation of department newsletters, both demonstrating knowledge and skill. Senior project is a requirement of our university. If Williams (or any other student) doesn’t approve, I suggest he transfer to another, less demanding school.

MOIRA A. PRENDERGAST

Senior projects called rewarding experience

Editor — This letter is in response to the Feb. 14 column concerning the value of the senior project. We find it "kind of ironic" that such an articulate and accomplished writer as the sports editor would be intimidated by a mere senior project. It seems that the Duplais a Duvalier's gone, but Haitians aren't free

Almost three decades of Duvalier despotism has finally come to an end. This has come as a surprise to many, but hopefully not to Duvalier himself. The people of Haiti have every right to party in the streets. Gone with Duvalier is "a legacy of brutality and fear," reports John Moody of Time Magazine. 

Goane with Duvalier is his privy aide who served as "bogeyman" of repression and torture. Gone is Madame Michele Duvalier with her $3 million wedding and international shopping sprees. Here for now is the Western Hemisphere's poorest country in political and economic transition. Most Haitians earn less than $150 a year, 90 percent are illiterate and the nation is devoid of a middle class. What next for Haiti? The country is being run by a provisional government headed by Lt. Henri Namphy. As part of Communist Cuba's "five principles" approved by Duvalier, Namphy has promised to work for a "genuine and functional democracy with popular presidential elections." He called for "a more just distribution of wealth" and "absolute respect for human rights."

To eliminate Duvalianism, Namphy stated in his six-minute speech to the nation: "We are going to work for freedom of the press, the existence of free labor unions and the functioning of structured political parties." With no elections in sight and human rights being restored it seems the growth of leftist political activities is likely. Although Duvalier had ameliorated nearly all political dissension, his time is up and Haiti's people are hungry for the fruit of democracy something they've tasted in three decades. 

U.S. News and World Report quotes a senior official in Washington as saying, "The problem is that Haiti has no institutions left on which to build democracy. The Duvalier's killed them off one by one." As of yet, there is no leftist organization in Haiti. As far as Castro and the Cubans go, they may look twice before invasion because of Haitian/U.S. relations and the devastating poverty with which the Cubans would have to deal.

Things must change in Haiti politically before the people even begin to see a rise in their standard of living. If the Haitians won't receive revolutionary support from Castro or from the island itself, where will it get its strength for a social revolution? Revolutionary potential lies in the hands of Haitian refugees who have been harbored and indoctrinated here in the U.S. who may be encouraged by the U.S. to go back.

Duvalier is gone, but Haitians are not yet free. One businessman dismissed the junta saying, "It's a Duvalier government without Duvalier." It's now up the the junta to fulfill its obligation to the Haitian people.

Peter Irwin, guest columnist, is a former Cal Poly student and resident of San Luis Obispo.

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Newsbriefs

Wednesday, February 19, 1986

Car bomb explodes at embassy

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — A car bomb exploded Tuesday night on the grounds of the U.S. Embassy, sparking a smoky fire in the garden and flames a story high. Embassy guards and other witnesses said there were no injuries.

This reporter arrived seconds after the blast as passers-by were running to the Embassy gates to stare at the burning hulk of the car used to launch the bomb onto the grounds.

A Portuguese security guard employed by the Embassy to check all vehicles entering the area said a man drove into the compound, jumped from the car and ran out the gates in a matter of seconds.

Reagan wants to up aid to rebels

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, saying Nicaraguan rebels cannot fight the Sandinista government with “Band-Aids and mosquito nets,” opened a campaign Tuesday for $100 million in aid to the Contras.

In a meeting with top Republican congressional leaders, Reagan bemoaned the $27 million in “humanitarian” aid approved for the rebels, known as Contras, and urged an end to restrictions on military support.

Although the president said that the humanitarian assistance has helped “maintain the pressure of resistance” to the Sandinistas, he added that “more effective” aid is necessary.

Shuttle expected to draw crowd

LOMPOC, Calif. (AP) — The first California launch of a space shuttle may draw more spectators than expected because of morbid curiosity spurred by the fatal explosion of Challenger in Florida, a Santa Barbara County official says.

“The crowds could be bigger, wondering if that’s going to happen on the first launch from Vandenberg” Air Force Base, said county Supervisor DeWayne Holmdahl.

Officials in northern Santa Barbara County are braced for an influx of anywhere from 50,000 to 1 million tourists into the 10-by-3-mile Lompoc Valley when a space shuttle is launched for the first time from Vandenberg Air Force Base, 10 miles away.

Many believe 200,000 visitors is a conservative estimate, and officials have predicted huge traffic jams in the 30,000-population town of Lompoc, as well as inadequate motel and parking space, possible food shortages and problems with litter and drunken drivers.

Whatever the total, Holmdahl believes the turnout might be larger than it otherwise would have been, because the first Vandenberg launch will be more suspenseful in light of the Jan. 28 explosion that destroyed Challenger and killed its seven crew members after launch at Cape Canaveral.

“It’s terrible,” he said. “That’s the same reason people go to auto races.”

The Air Force doesn’t plan to allow public viewing of launches from Vandenberg property.

HUNGER

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be donated from Foundation Food Services to OX-FAM-America, a Boston-based international hunger organization, said Polly Harrigan, coordinator of student development for the Housing Office.

The Dorm-Aid project is sponsored this year by the Student Community Service Residence Hall Committee, which is made up of one student representative from each of the nine residence halls on campus.

The service committee, which undertakes one service project each quarter, recently held a holiday canned food drive and donated more than 1,000 cans of food to Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a local service agency.

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Symposium addresses problems in L. America

By Julie Williams

Economic and political problems in Latin America were discussed by representatives of various countries at the Latin American Symposium at Cal Poly this weekend.

Participants in the second annual event, which included dignitaries from Japan, Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil and Mexico, agreed that the instability of Central America and the large foreign debt — approximately $380 billion — were two basic reasons for problems in Latin America.

Most of the experts also endorsed the Contadora proposal, named for an island in Panama where representatives from Latin American countries met to work out "peaceful resolutions to problems affecting the region." Cal Poly student Nino Savino, co-coordinator of the symposium, said ministers from Mexico, Venezuela, Panama and Colombia are working to resolve the problems from a Latin American point of view.

Mizo Kuroda, Japanese ambassador to the United Nations, said, "It is of the utmost urgency that the (Contadora) proposal be met with positive results."

Reinaldo Rasquín, Venezuelan consul general in Los Angeles, and Fernando Pena, assistant to the mayor of Mexico City, criticized the United States for not yet agreeing to the proposal for peace in Central America, saying the U.S. was placing its own economic concerns above concerns for the welfare of Latin America.

Savino, an agricultural engineering major, said it is important for Cal Poly students to understand the situation in Latin America not only because there are many Latin American students at the university, but also because what happens there affects the United States both economically and politically.

"Most people think Reagan is taking care of everything. It's not that easy," Savino said.

According to organizers, the event was a success which they hope to repeat next year.

"Everyone said (the conference) was a learning experience for them," said co-coordinator Danielle Walters. "A lot of the diplomats learned something about Latin America they hadn't known before."

Walters, a political science student, said the panelists were able to spend some time getting familiarized with Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo.

"They were very impressed with ASI, in that it is totally student-run," Walters said.

Other participants in the symposium included Fulbright scholars, a Poly Tahoe Bowl Ayme Gogue, the deputy consul general of Colombia in San Francisco, the chancellor of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil in Los Angeles, the project associate of the Institute of the Americas and a professor from the University of Texas, Austin.

The event was sponsored by ASI, the Latin American Symposium Committee, ASI Speakers Forum, the International Business Club, Model United Nations, the Multicultural Center, LASA, Haverim, Student Academic Services and the Schools of Agriculture, Architecture and Environmental Design and Communicative Arts and Humanities.

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William Little, head of the foreign languages department, speaks at a panelist at the Latin American Symposium.
It's more work than glamorous, more stress than fun, but the job of national Miss College Rodeo is one that needs to be done.

At least that's what Chrissy Sparling, a 19-year-old speech communications major and this year's Miss College Rodeo, has to say about the job. Sparling was crowned as Miss College Rodeo last June. Sparling will pass on her crown to the new queen this coming June after one full year as rodeo queen.

Her main job as Miss College Rodeo is to work with the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, participate in ceremonies at college rodeos around the country and to work with rodeo sponsors, such as Miller, U.S. Tobacco and Wrangler.

These duties take Sparling all over the country promoting the sport of college rodeo. But the demanding travel schedule can take its toll. Sparling said she is required to travel so much it is often hard for her to keep up on her other activities plus 17 units of school work. She will be traveling nine weekends out of the 10-week spring quarter.

But despite the hectic schedule, Sparling said she feels she's gained a lot of confidence and is much more independent than she was before she became Miss College Rodeo.

"I have to go to a lot of intimidating dinners and things like that with faculty and all kinds of important people, and it's almost hard not to laugh and to keep up the facade and say, 'Well, just study hard and ask me if your milk, and someday...'' "

But Sparling does take her title seriously. "I look at it more as a job that needs to be done than just a personal feather in my cap..." she said.

"Even though it has been a lot of work, it's been fun, too. I've had opportunities to do things and see places I otherwise might never have had the chance to." But Sparling does take her title seriously. "I look at it more as a job that needs to be done than just a personal feather in my cap..." she said.

"Everyone pictures it as a big party, running all over the country with expenses paid but it's not," Sparling said. "They work you hard. When I'm there, more than often than not I'm up around 4 a.m. I work all day, then I'm back in my room by 11:30 p.m. Then I have all the same homework that everyone else has to do." It is stressful, however, to be held up as an "ideal" figure, Sparling said.

"The two queens before me ended up in the hospital with nervous breakdowns... so I just decided right at the beginning of the year that I wouldn't fall into that," she said. "But it gets really, really stressful. Sometimes the promoters will call me up on a Wednesday night and ask me if I can be in Tucson by the next day. So I have to rush around and get all this stuff done before I can leave, turn in my assignments early, get money from my accountant... so much to do!"

"I think the two girls broke down because at the time, the internal workings of Miss College Rodeo Inc. were less than perfect and they probably felt that everything was coming down on them... which it does. But I just think that I do what I can do and that's the end of it."

"It is too much pressure to be perfect, maybe that's why I don't try to be anything more than I am -- it's too much responsibility."

"And it's funny, because I've worked with some younger girls, giving clinics and private modeling lessons. And I really get the impression that for some reason they look up to me, and it's almost hard not to laugh and to keep up the facade and say, 'Well, just study hard and ask me if your milk, and someday...''"

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The worst part of the whole thing is that Sparling doesn't have the time to compete in the college rodeos, she said. She tries, but it really is too busy to be competitive in barrel racing, which is her rodeo event.

Sparling said another disadvantage of being Miss College Rodeo is she doesn't get to spend as much time with her family.

She grew up in Salinas where her father is a police officer and her mother is a purchasing agent. She said both helped her with the seven rodeo queen contests she competed in before this one.

But despite her success, Sparling said she doesn't see herself going for any titles beyond that of Miss College Rodeo.

"Everyone encourages me to go on, but I really feel I can already do this, and it's time to expand into something else," she said. "I need a new challenge."
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Fraternities will donate funds to stop drunk driving

By Kristina Roscarati

The Interfraternity Council recently made a decision which they hope will change the public's perception of fraternities as promoters of social drinking.

Jim Welch, a member of Sigma Alpha Epilson and the executive council of IFC, said the council voted to donate a percentage of its rush funds to Mothers Against Drunk Driving. "This is a P.R. thing by IFC to show people that we do care about other people's cause," said Welch. The IFC does not know exactly what percentage of its rush funds will be donated to MADD. The funds to be donated are generated by the sale of rush cards.

Welch said donating money will not be a one-time thing for the IFC. However, he is not sure whether the donation will be given every rush. "We may decide to do it every rush...we may not," said Welch.

The San Luis Obispo chapter of MADD is operated by Richard and Betty Johnson. Their reaction to the donation, said Welch, was one of surprise. "I think they were shocked...they were pleasantly surprised," said Welch.

The IFC also decided to adopt during its spring rush a voluntary dry rush night. Welch said that although several fraternities had already adopted the dry rush night idea into their rush programs, the vote by IFC to initiate the dry rush night made it more official and more meaningful. If the idea proves successful, the IFC may make the dry rush night mandatory in the fall.

Jay Roceira, president of IFC and a member of Delta Tau, said the dry rush night idea was a way to show people that fraternities are not solely concerned with partying, and that they are concerned with other causes.

Welch said since the dry rush night was suggested all but two or three fraternities have adopted the idea.

Betty and Richard Johnson have been operating the San Luis Obispo chapter of MADD since August, when they received their official charter. Betty said she hopes will change the public's perception of other people's cause.

"I think it's great that they've come to an awareness of alcohol is not necessary all the time to have a party," Welch said.

Johnson said she and her husband, who is president of the chapter, became involved with MADD in September 1983, the year their nine-year-old daughter was killed by a drunk driver during the afternoon.
Films address Central America
By Angela Darnell

A four-day film series on strife and violence in Central America is being presented this week in the University Union.

The series is co-sponsored by the Central America Study and Solidarity group on campus and the Multicultural Center.

"Our objective is to bring about better awareness and educate people of the situation in Central America," said Ed Hiel, president of CASAS.

"The films do a very good job of documenting historical developments in different countries in Central America as well as presenting testimonials," said Paquita Bath, a member of CASAS.

"It's very, very important that people, especially in our age bracket, be aware of the possibility that violence will continue to escalate given increased military expenditures and increased military budget allocations for the Contras and the Salvadoran military," said Bath.

The five films provide historical background leading up to the current state of warfare in Central America. "People just don't understand what led up to the violence, what led up to different attitudes toward the government, which I think is crucial," said Bath. "When people read the regular press, they only get what's happening today and they don't see it in its historical context."

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Wrestlers stage good show

By T. Williams

"Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to Polynesian championship wrestling," the emcee said Friday night in the Main Gym.

"In this corner, dressed in black tights and yellow trim, Pretty Tim Patterson." The 200 fans in the audience booed wildly and yelled "fairy" as Pretty shook his fist at them.

"And in this corner, Chief, Jay Strongbow Jr." The crowd broke into a chant of "Chief, Chief, Chief," as the Chief did his Indian war dance around the ring dressed in Indian head feathers, moccasins and a leather loincloth.

Just as the match was about to begin Pretty said, "Hey ref, make sure he stays out of my hair," as he gently stroked his blonde locks. Again the crowd broke out with a barrage of abuse and other verbal harangues.

Disgusted with the crowd, Pretty got out of the ring and started to leave, but the Chief chased after him and forced him right back into the ring.

When the match finally started, Pretty spent the first two minutes of it cowering against the ropes and protecting his hair. The crowd became progressively more vicious and continued with a battery of slanderous remarks, and when the Chief threw Pretty out of the ring, the crowd reached a feverish pitch.

At one point in the match, the Chief had Pretty down for a two-count, but Pretty pulled a reversal and threw the Chief out of the ring. The Chief tried to get back in the ring, but Pretty choked him on the ropes.

Just when it seemed the Chief was finished, he struggled to his feet and began his Indian war dance. Rejuvenated, the Chief positioned Pretty so he was straddling one of the corner poles in the ring. The Chief grabbed both of Pretty's ankles and yanked him into the pole.

Pretty tried to stage a brief comeback with a series of bear hugs on the Chief, but it was to no avail. The Chief got Pretty in a headlock, lifted him upside down by the waist and dropped him to the mat. The Chief picked him up again the same way and dropped him on his head in a brutal pile-drive move.

The ref checked Pretty's neck to make sure it wasn't broken, and then, with war drums playing in the background, he declared the Chief the winner.

After his tough loss, Pretty said, "He (Chief) got lucky. That's the only way he can beat me, is to get lucky."

When asked if he was faking it See WRESTLERS, page 11
Mustangs 10-1, hold on to first place in CCAA

By Joe Packard
Special to the Daily

The men's basketball team took care of business this weekend in Southern California, beating Chapman College 77-70 Friday and squashing Dominguez Hills 77-45 on Saturday.

The Mustangs are now 20-4 overall and boast a glossy 10-1 record in the California Collegiate Athletic Association. Second place Cal State Los Angeles (9-2) will invade the Main Gym Friday in a game that could decide the conference champions. Los Angeles is fresh off a 69-66 win against UC Riverside on Saturday.

Riverside and Cal State Bakersfield are both 8-3, which puts them in a tie for third place and are within striking distance of the Mustangs.

Against last place Chapman College on Friday, the Mustangs proved that the difference between winning and losing in the rugged CCAA is tenuous.

The Panthers threw some new defenses at the Mustangs that confused them in the first half and left Poly down by four at the intermission.

Chapman's Kelly Huston and Carl Tompkins exploited Poly underneath for 31 points in the first half. The Mustangs eventually solved things and Chapman was limited to only seven points, but pulled down eight big rebounds. Wells also had an outstanding overall game for the Mustangs. He grabbed five rebounds, made three assists and had a grand larcenous six steals.

Dominoes coach Dave Yanai came away impressed with the Mustangs. "The thing about SLO is that they don't beat themselves. Their 10-1 record is legitimate. For somebody to beat them, they'll have to beat them. They won't lose." Yanai was thinking about round two with talented Cal State Los Angeles, who beat the Mustangs 73-72 three weeks ago in Los Angeles. "I can't wait to get home in front of our crowd," he said. "That game Friday night should be a great basketball game."

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Against first place Chapman, Chapman coach Ernie Wheeler said that the difference in the second half was Poly's poise, especially that displayed by senior guards Rivera and James Wells.

They were a combined 13-14 from the foul line and are both over 85 percent in conference games.

"In the second half we played great defense and took them out of the things they tried to do," said Wheeler. "We started to move much better."

On Saturday Poly played some stellar defense of its own in shutting down Dominguez Hills. Some of Poly's usual high scorers were cold themselves, but others such stepped in to fill the void.

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Tracksters meet despite weather

Most collegiate athletic teams went through schedule changes this week due to the weather, but not the Cal Poly men's track team.

Despite rain, the Mustangs traveled south to meet Occidental College at San Diego State University at Occidental. Cal Poly defeated Occidental 87-67 but lost to SDSU 95-55.

Although the weather was cooperative and let up just before the first event, many of the overall marks were hampered by the wet conditions. But the weather not only hampered the events, but the attitude of the athletes as well.

"Many of the men didn't believe that the meet would really be run," said coach Tom Henderson. "Driving in and out of rain for 200 miles made it rather difficult to mentally prepare for a competition they were convinced would be cancelled."

But Henderson, who is an alumnus of Occidental, knew the meet wouldn't be called off.

"When I was at Occidental we never cancelled a meet and we had a dirt track. You just don't spend $200,000 on an all-weather track to cancel a meet because of a little rain."

The Mustangs won five of the day's events. Jim Halter won the hammer throw with a toss of 173'11", and also won the shot put with a put of 54'2". He also placed sixth in the discus event, finishing 13'4".

Brian Porter took the 1,500-meter race in a time of 3:54.73. "Brian is rapidly becoming the newest middle distance standout in a long tradition of Cal Poly greats," Henderson said. "He is very talented and intensely competitive. That is what will make him great." Porter was also voted "Athlete of the Week" by his teammates.

Bruce Sterling stormed away with the 5,000 meters in a time of 14:56.68, which was his first collegiate victory in the 5,000. Coming off an injury that kept him out of the Cross Country National Championships, Storms led the 5,000 from the gun to the tape.

In the pole vault, Todd Cramer battled flooded conditions to sky 14'6" to victory followed by teammates Hans Florine in second with a vault of 14' and Mike Lopez in fourth with a vault of 13'6".

Lifetime bests were also recorded by Brent Warren in the javelin (166'5"), Marc McGovan in the long jump (21'4-1/2"), Bill Freeborn in the triple jump (47'1/4"), Craig Godwin in the 5,000 meters (15:10.73), his best time by 36 seconds and Bobbe Bentley in the hammer throw (129'9").

Bentley also had his season best mark in the discus with a toss of 143'10", good enough for fourth place.

"This year's meet was much more successful than last year," Henderson said. "Last season SDSU beat us by 89 points, this year we cut that margin by more than half."

The Mustangs will travel to UC Santa Barbara Saturday for a double dual meet with UCSB and UC Davis.

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Mechanical engineering freshmen Craig Godwin and Kevin Riley finished their third-place effort the morning before the competition. Two hundred and seventy-five pounds of force was applied before the struts twisted and the supports broke. "We thought it was going to hold a lot more than that," Godwin said.

The contest was the first event of Engineering Week, a 25-year-old celebration of the contributions engineers have made to the building of America. The annual event was started by the National Society for Professional Engineers in 1949 to coincide with the birthday of President George Washington, who was also a civil engineer.

"America has been built from the beginning by civil engineers," said Duane Bruley, dean of the School of Engineering. The annual celebration, he said, honors all the disciplines of engineering that have developed since colonial times including mechanical, electrical and chemical engineering.

Bruley cautioned students that engineering was not all fun and games. "You're in a very serious profession. People's lives are in your hands when you're out there working as an engineer."

While projects such as the space shuttle or a steel and cable bridge are great engineering challenges, he said, the risks involved must be understood and weighed in relation to the benefits.

Other events scheduled for Engineering Week include Roger Johnson of the Inter-Mountain Power Project speaking at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the staff dining room on "High Voltage DC Conversion." At 11 a.m. Thursday in Science Room B-5, Peter S. Polo from Hughes Aircraft will speak on "Computers and Modern Radar." A banquet at the Madonna Inn at 6 p.m. on Friday will conclude the activities. Tickets are available at the engineering dean's office.

SENATE

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Some concern was expressed in the Senate meeting last week that such a council would only represent special interests, and that many clubs don't have enough common interest to be represented as a group.

"I don't want to have special interest senators. That's not the purpose of the Senate. I don't want people to think they have to be a member of a club to be represented on Senate," said Johnson.

One possible amendment to the bill would require that the two inter-club council senators be approved by the majority of voters rather than be appointed by the council. That way students would have a more direct voice, he said.

Johnson also said that although on the surface different clubs have different interests, "It is my opinion that since these are all students, they have similar concerns." For example, religious, cultural and social awareness clubs are all interested in the condition of mankind, even though they have different forms of expressing their concerns. Johnson said an inter-club council might help different groups work together to achieve common goals.