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Alum designs private spacecraft

By Luke Darling

Two Cal Poly graduates have developed a privately funded launch system and, if test flights prove successful, the spacecraft called SpaceShipOne will be part of the first privately funded space program.

The program is the brainchild of Scaled Private Space Ventures, founded in 1999 by aeronautical engineers and pilot for the Scaled program, Daniel Biezad. Biezad is a graduate of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where he received his degree in aeronautical engineering.

SpaceShipOne is designed to fly into space and return safely to Earth, using a reusable launch system. The spacecraft is being built by Scaled Private Space Ventures, a company founded by Burt Rutan, a prominent aeronautical engineer known for his work on the Rutan Voyager, which made the first non-stop around-the-world flight in 1999.

The spacecraft will be used to transport passengers and cargo between Earth and orbiting space stations. The company plans to develop a commercial space flight service that will provide regular transportation between Earth and space stations.

The spacecraft is expected to be ready for flight testing in 2003, and the first commercial flights are scheduled to begin in 2005.

Poly summer school funds to be cut

By Devin Kingdon

One in four. That's the ratio by which classes will be cut for the upcoming summer school session due to the current statewide budget crisis.

"The budget crisis in California has caused us to have to make unfortunate cuts," said Paul Zingg, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

"There will be a 25 percent cut across the board to programs that traditionally offer summer courses. We will not be singling out any one major."

This summer, 401 classes will be offered, comparable to 532 last summer.

Cal Poly plans on cutting around $4.5 million out of its $195.8 million general fund budget.

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By Caitlin O'Farrell

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issues at Cal Poly by sharing their cul-
ture with the university.

To kick off Asian Awareness Month,
the ninth-annual Lantern Festival will
be held on Saturday in the University
Union Plaza from 5 to 9 p.m. The
Lantern Festival is traditional-
ally celebrated in the Chinese and
Vietnamese cultures to honor the beau-
ty of the moon, said Tiffany Mine, fes-
tival co-chair and graphic communica-
tions sophomore.

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President on board aircraft carrier says 'difficult work' remains in Iraq

ABROAD THE USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN — President Bush, aboard an aircraft carrier streaming home from war, said Thursday night "the United States and our allies have prevailed" against Saddam Hussein and will confront any nation tied to terrorism.

"Major combat operations in Iraq have ended," Bush said from the deck of the USS Abraham Lincoln, which launched thousands of airstrikes on Iraq.

Bush flew to the carrier on a Navy jet and made a scrunching stop in his plane was snagged by a cable stretched across the deck. He changed out of his flight suit to address thousands of cheering Navy personnel dressed in yellow, green and powder-blue crew shirts and crowded aboard the sun-dappled deck to hear their commander in chief.

"The liberation of Iraq is a crucial advance in the campaign against terror," the president said. "We have removed an ally of al-Qaida and cut off a source of terrorist funding. And this much is certain: No terrorist network will gain weapons of mass destruction from the Iraqi regime because that regime is no more."

Students settle file-swapping lawsuit with music industry

LOS ANGELES — Four college students who were sued by the recording industry for operating computer networks that allegedly offered thousands of songs for illegal downloading settled the lawsuits by agreeing to pay damages of as much as $17,500 each, music industry officials said Thursday.

The lawsuits marked an aggressive first step by the industry to go after individuals engaging in what music executives see as online music piracy.

"We believe it's in everyone's best interest to come to a quick resolution, and that these four defendants now understand the seriousness with which we view this type of illegal behavior," said Matt Oppenheim, senior vice president of business and legal affairs for the Recording Industry Association of America.

None of the students admitted any wrongdoing under the settlement dismissed by the RIAA, the music industry's trade group.

Man paid by California for wrongful imprisonment is back in jail

LOS ANGELES — The state will pay Leonard McSherry almost $500,000 in compensation for the 13 years he spent behind bars for a wrongful rape conviction.

But he'll have to wait until he gets out of jail — where he is awaiting trial on misdemeanor loitering charges — before he can spend it.

McSherry remained in jail Thursday in lieu of $250,000 bail. He faces a May 5 trial on five counts of misdemeanor loitering at elementary schools.

McSherry has pleaded innocent. If convicted, he faces two years in jail.

"They have him driving around various places and some of them happen to be schools," said lawyer Mark Overland, who represents McSherry. "He didn't talk to anybody. One count he was driving on the opposite side of the street and looked at the school."

McSherry, 53, has filed a federal civil rights suit against the city of Long Beach and two of its police officers after DNA exonerated him and he was released from prison in 2001 in the 1986 rape of a 6-year-old girl.

Fidel Castro accuses United States of seeking pretext to attack Cuba

HAVANA — Fidel Castro accused the United States of wanting to attack Cuba, speaking at a May Day celebration on Thursday that aimed to defend the island's socialist system against criticism from abroad.

"In Miami and Washington they are now discussing where, how and when Cuba will be attacked," the Cuban president told a crowd of hundreds of thousands gathered for the celebration in Havana's Plaza of the Revolution.

"I want to convey a message to the world and the American people: We do not want the blood of Cubans and Americans to be shed in a war," he said.

The crowd responded with cries of "Whatever it takes, Fidel!" while waving handheld Cuban flags. One group bellowed an effigy of President Bush that read, "Bush. Don't mess with Cuba."

Castro spoke for less than two hours — brief for the 76-year-old president. He said U.S. officials "provoke and encourage" attacks like the recent hijackings of Cuban planes and boats.

There was no immediate response from the U.S. State Department. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said recently that "there are no plans for military action against Cuba."

Rescuers dig to find dozens of children trapped in collapsed dormitory after earthquake

CELTEK SUMU, Turkey — Listening for small voices, rescuers early Friday searched for dozens of children buried in the rubble of their dormitory after an earthquake struck southeastern Turkey. At least 100 people were killed and 1,200 injured.

Search teams working all day Thursday and into the early hours Friday were in contact with four of the children, state-owned TRT television reported from the scene. But there was little sign of 80 other children trapped in the collapsed four-story building.

The 198 students in the dorm, ages 7 to 16, were asleep when the tremor hit early Thursday morning and collapsed the building. At least 21 were killed, along with a teacher. But 93 others were pulled out alive.

Steel bunk beds and steel doors helped hold up some of the walls of the school, saving many lives, rescuers said.

The quake was centered just outside Bingol, a city of 250,000 in a largely rural area mostly inhabited by Kurds. The school was intended for the children of poor farmers from villages that have no schools.

Blair cancels Northern Ireland elections, awaits clear-cut IRA peace commitments

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — British Prime Minister Tony Blair cancelled Northern Ireland's elections Thursday, saying deepening divisions among Catholic and Protestant voters threatened to bring "complete and total chaos."

Blair said he planned to move the May 29 election for Northern Ireland's dissolved legislature to the autumn. But he warned the vote could be delayed longer if the outlawed Irish Republican Army doesn't explicitly renounce violence, cease all hostile activities and disarm.

"Giving such an IRA commitment "goes to the very soul of the Good Friday agreement," he said, referring to the 1998 pact that proposed, power-sharing between British Protestants and Irish Catholics in the province. He accused the IRA's Sinn Fein party of a "point-blank refusal" to go beyond "general assurances" on future IRA actions.

Northern Ireland legislators in 1999 overcame deep Protestant divisions to form a four-party administration that included Sinn Fein.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily managing editor Malia Spencer.
Dear Miss Mind Over Manners,

I agree, I shouldn't be putting food in my teeth to save it for later. Just kidding. I agree, pulp and chards of lingering fix-id are no laughing matter, especially when they cause you to become the joke. So when you spot a tagalong, simply tell them.

By not mentioning it, you deal with the problem, but don't even notice it. Going home after a long day and seeing that part of lunch is still with him or her would be far more embarrassing than being told to fix the situation.

If you happen to be the one with the problem, don't pick your teeth at the dinner table. According to Emily Post's Etiquette, if you are excusing yourself and going to the restroom. Once there, you can locate and remove the offending object. It isn't a good idea to do this at the dinner table, but don't worry, other people might have done it before you.

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Marriage needs to change with the times

Imagine living with the same person — your partner — for 30 years. If you have been three decades of love, support and the best relationship you could ever imagine. Tragically, one day your partner dies in a car accident.

However, when you try to take care of the arrangements afterward or get any benefits, you are denied. Unlike heterosexual relationships, gay couples do not receive the same privileges. The Presbyterian Church allows ministers to bless same-sex couples, but not marry them. However, Rev. Stephen Van Vinkel, pastor of Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, was refused for performing a same-sex marriage.

But was he doing anything wrong? After all, marriage is simply a legal contract, but not everyone can get the title.

Besides the obvious benefits of professing love to your partner in front of everyone, marriage holds many benefits for a couple. Legally, a married couple is entitled to much more in the eyes of the court. Married couples together receive health benefits through the other's work. Not to mention that if one partner is sick or in danger, the other can ask for paid time off. At the time of death, a married couple is deemed entitled to divorce the body of their partner and take care of last-minute arrangements.

All these benefits are reserved only for couples that are legally married. This does not really seem fair.

When two people come together in the name of love and want to spend the rest of their lives together, what right does anyone have to tell them that they shouldn't? Every person should have the right to the same benefits if they are willing to make that sacred commitment to spend the rest of their lives together. Every person is supposedly "equal" in the eyes of the court, so it seems unfair that when two people regardless of sexual orientation, decide to get married, they can't.

A good compromise would be to give a homosexual "marriage" a different name, such as "union." Then they would not be violating the idea of marriage itself, but could also receive some of the same benefits that heterosexual couples do today.

How much do you know about it, everyone should be able to receive the same benefits if they are willing to make a lifetime commitment. Really, who's to say that one way is right and the other is wrong?

Maybe it is a time of change that we try to actually live by the words of our forefathers and make the United States a place where every man is equal.

Randi Block is a journalism sophomore and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letter to the editor

Solead home to Steinbeck, wet T-shirt contests

Editor,

As a proud resident of Soledad, this is a response to "Quit Yer Bitchin'" (April 28). First of all, Soledad is halfway between King City and Salinas, not Gihen. Secondly, the closest you can get to a strawberry field would be Chualar — there are no strawberries in Soledad. You guys seem to think that nothing ever goes on in Soledad.

I beg to differ. Just last weekend, a local bar had a wet T-shirt contest. In a way, Soledad should be compared to spring break in Cancun.

I guess you have never heard of the great author John Steinbeck, who was so inspired by the beauty of Soledad that he used it for the setting of his book "Of Mice and Men," but then again, what would he know?

In conclusion, don't hate the hand that feeds you. Oh wait, by the looks of your picture you don't eat much lettuce anyway. Didn't your parents teach you anything? There are three things that you do not do in this world: Don't tag on Superman's cape, don't pass down my back and tell me it's raining and don't slander Soledad.

Solead can still come over to my house for a barbecue, though. I'll bring the meat and you bring the grill.

Nick Panzeria is a crop science junior.

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"From the back it's a woman in a mutter, but from the front it's a man."
nichely bedraggled boy in the first film, is declared for much of "X2," in which he becomes an unlikely ally for the benevolent mutants against a human foe.

Brian Cox is the main antagonist in "X2." He plays a rogue military unit that assaults the school, which is threatened by human mutates. Professor Xavier (Patrick Stewart) in a plot to rid the world of these genetic freaks.

Kurtzjel, Magneto's minion encrusted toward humans, Stewie (Hale Berry), able to whip up climatic disturbances on a whim; Cyclops (James Marsden), whose eyes blast deadly beams; and Rogue (Anna Paquin), a juvenile X-Factor who can fatally swipe other people's life essences with a touch.

Joining the veterans are Alan Cumming as the blue-skinned Nightcrawler, a character that has incurred about $1 million in makeup costs so far, said Namor and Magneto's movie-makers on CBS "The Amazing Race." The investors were not identified. They will get $25 million will be required to get the channel up and running through its first year, the partners said.

KRS-One is somehow more pronounced this time. Fans of "American Life" finds Madonna declaring, "I don't want to lose/Screen with 'The Other Day,'" a truly awful track commissioned for the mega-

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A local meeting place

Get High on the best sandwiches in town!

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and now we’re going to have to start reducing those numbers again.”

The decision of which classes get cut will be left up to each individual department, Hellenbrand said, to cut classes that might be redundant. Classes that were paid for by the student-based fees will not be cut, according to Hellenbrand. CLA will probably have around 35 percent fewer classes, but Hellenbrand said that number could end up smaller.

“We have to play it by ear,” Hellenbrand said. “We scheduled classes almost six weeks ago, way before the budget from the governor came out. We were told to cut at least 7 to 8 percent across the board. It’s hard to anticipate these kinds of things,”

Governor Gray Davis is scheduled to finalize his budget by May 24, after which time it would still need approval from the state legislature. Students that are dependent on financial aid could be especially hard due to budget concerns.

The budget crisis will also be affecting students’ financial aid for the summer quarter.

“We don’t have enough (of the State University Grant) left over,” said financial aid director John Anderson. “In the past, we were able to offer SUG funds during the summer, but because of the 10 percent student fee increase this year and knowing student fees will go up 25 percent next year, we just couldn’t do it.”

Last summer, 1,434 students were on financial aid and received more than $3 million from the SUG. Stafford loans and the Pell Grant, SUG contributed about $12,000 to that total.

The SUG fund, which last year totaled around $166 million, is split between all the California State University campuses depending on how many financially strapped students they have.

“We file a report each year during the spring and fall with the CSU, and Hellenbrand’s office,” Anderson said. “They use a formula to divvy up the money, and they have told us that they will be adding more to compensate for future fee increases.”

Cal Poly receives more than $4.4 million from the SUG for the summer, while in comparison CSU Northridge receives around $15 million and smaller schools like CSU Stanislaus receive about $3.6 million.

“I think it’s ridiculous,” said industrial technology senior Beth Parker. “I can understand raising tuition because the budget crisis is the same, but not this time. They tell me I qualify for financial aid, but because of budget problems I can’t get that money. It isn’t like I’m going on a shopping spree with it; I need it for school.”

PARKING

Hellenbrand was hoping to take 16 to 20 units this summer, but was rejected by Student Services office because of the budget crisis.

“I don’t know if I’ll be doing summer school at Cal Poly,” Parker said. “I can’t afford it without aid and to only attend one class it would be offering one IT class this summer.”

Summer is the last term of the year for the Financial Aid Office, and also last on the priority list for funding.

“We have to make sure students attending during the other three quarters get the money they need,” Anderson said. “Usually we have enough money for summer students in the fund, but we don’t have this year and we are only able to make sure it is enough for students coming back for the Fall 2003 quarter.”

The Financial Aid Office is unsure of how many students will be applying for financial aid this summer, and the office is therefore hesitant to give out money that they might not have. Numbers for how much money will be given and how many students will receive it won’t be available until at least June, Anderson said.

“I know we had students decide early that they want to take summer school and then drop out or they’ll sign up at the last minute,” Anderson said. “The budget crisis and the cuttings of classes could result in fewer students this summer.”

Zing was also unsure how the reduction in classes would affect enrollment.

“It’s hard to say,” Zing said. “For example, if only 15 to 20 percent of the classes might be combined into two classes with 30 students, which wouldn’t reduce the number of seats. There might be some decline in enrollment, but courses that were cut might have bad others that were the same. Students are clever enough, if they really need a class they’ll be able to find it somewhere else, be it another CSU, a community college or online.”

When dealing with the smaller budget, officials are also taking expected fee increases for next fall into consideration.

“More cuts are expected next year,” Hellenbrand said. “If there aren’t any cuts made now, it will only get worse.”

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(RUP) add the text “The University neither approves nor tolerates the personal viewing of sexually explicit or offensive materials by its users of State supplied computing resources.”

“If the resolution passes, (students) would not be able to download pornography for their own personal entertainment with state computing equipment,” Vanasupa said. “They are all to pay for their own Internet Service Provider and download whatever they like.”

If the computer computing resource users will be subject to penalty enforcement by the appropri­ate state agency if caught or reported using their computer to view “sexual­ly explicit or offensive materials.”

Penalties could include administrative penalties,” Zing said, “the exact action would depend on the gravity of the offense.”

According to Cal Poly’s current RUP, first offenses and minor infractions are generally resolved informal­ly by the entity responsible for the resources. However, repeat offenses and serious incidents can result in loss of computing privileges, suspension from the university or dismissal.

Vanasupa likened the anti-pornography policy to Cal Poly’s current dry campus policy.

“No one stops any of the thousands of people on campus each day to search our server for who knows what,” Vanasupa wrote on her Web site. “Individuals do not bring pornography into the university because they are aware of the policy and they police themselves.”

Students have mixed reactions to Vanasupa’s proposed resolution.

“The (resolution) doesn’t seem relevant to me and against our whole country,” general engineering freshman Anita Crompton said. “It if people want to view pornography they will anyway. We are all adults here.”

History senior Kyle Wagner disagrees.

“My opinion is that pornography could offend people walking by, it is not just affecting the viewers,” Wagner said. “I think (Vanasupa’s) is taking the right steps.”

Although many students don’t think potential penalties for violators of the new policy will be severe enough, they agreed the resolution would send a positive message.

“Student’s should be able to do as they please,” philosophy senior Kirby Terence Johnson said. “If professors view pornography at work you deserve a little slap on the wrist. I don’t think that people do that at home.”

In order to pass the resolution the campus police or other school officials need to report the viewing of pornography at work. This would be a great blow to the campus police’s ability to police the campus.

“I don’t think it’s appropriate for professors to view pornography at school. They should take that time to practice their lectures.”

Kyle Wagner history senior

Neighborhood

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During the day.

“We need to have a couple of neighbors to keep an eye on each other’s students and report to the police in case of any suspicious activities,” said Phillip. “We need to keep our parties under control.”

During the evening, Phillip suggested asking each of his neighbors to keep an eye on the traffic to the parties and report any excessive noise coming from the parties. In order to do this, the neighbors need to get the names and phone numbers of the people that are throwing parties. They should also keep track of the types of parties that are being held.

“Instead of going to them, I started informing the property manage­ment company, who would then inform the police,” Phillip said. “I left them a voicemail when they got lines of up to $600, but it got to a point where they would no longer listen.
**Cal Poly from bullpen to no-hitter to ace**

By Graham Womack

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It was snowing, Garrett Olson had a no-hitter going and he was upset. Still relatively new to the starting rotation, the freshman southpaw was having problems with control March 28, allowing six runs in seven innings of a road series against Southern Utah.

"I just wasn't hitting my spots," Olson says. "I didn't know where the ball was going to go. I had a lot of high pitch counts."

Olson ultimately walked three people in 7 1/3 scoreless innings, and he did not know he had a no-hitter going when he left the game. Still, reliever Tony Saipe came in and finished what Olson had started.

The snow and Southern Utah's quiet offense may have had something to do with it, but Cal Poly wound up with its first no-hitter in more than 30 years - and Garrett Olson got lucky.

"Fortunately for me and Saipe," Olson said, "It wound up being a pretty good outing."

Olson had a lot of strikeouts, as he looks up to game speed. "I basically just control artists," he said. "I just love how they don't rely on speed necessarily to get outs, but mostly on location and starting the hit of the batter."

A 2002 graduate of Buchanan High School, Olson grew up near Fresno. He learned to pitch from former minor leaguer John Salles, who first tutored him when he was 11.

"He taught me control and that hitting your spots was more important than velocity," Olson says.

Olson joined Cal Poly on scholarship this season, after a vaunted high school career. Nevertheless, he said he didn't expect to start this season. He started off in the bullpen, but pitched well in several relief stints, notably against Loyola Marymount Feb. 23, where he picked up his first win.

"My outings just started getting longer and longer," Olson said. Throughout, Olson has dealt with a variety of problems. For one thing, he came in injured from the summer with problems in his forearm flexure, due to some underdeveloped extensors. He has also found it a big challenge adjusting to workouts and lifestyle, in his words, "finding my own routine."

Additionally, he only had a game-ready curveball and a fastball at the start of the year.

"Coming in, I didn't have a good grip," Olson said. "Basically, I didn't know how to throw a changeup. This whole year, I've been trying to get it up to game speed."

Olson has worked with assistant coach Jerry Weinstein and pitcher Chris Spencer, among others, to harness the potential he believes his coach, Jim Buchanan, saw in him coming out of high school.

"He keeps the mindset whether he's striking out the side or gives up a three-run bomb," Taillon says. For his part, Olson credits Taillon for helping keep him in line.

"If I'm in trouble," Olson said, "I like to come out there, tell me to relax and have fun."

While Olson idolizes control artists like Zito and Glavine, Weinstein sees the potential for him to become more of a power pitcher. "This kid," Weinstein said, "if he keeps growing, he has the chance to be something special."

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