Cal Poly receives grant to monitor ocean currents

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Cal Poly has been awarded a $3.4 million grant to install a high-tech system to monitor near-shore currents. UC San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography and the San Francisco State University provided the grant. Cal Poly is one of eight institutions that has received funding to combat pollution, and aid in hazard response and record more information about California's ecosystem.

Associate biology professor and director of the Center for Coastal Marine Sciences Mark Moline will direct the effort and oversee operations, many of which are scheduled into 2009.

"One of our biggest applications for the program will be search and rescue," Moline said.

"We are currently working with the Coast Guard to track boats, people and increase the response factor."

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New engineering buildings under way

Chris Gunn  
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First Constitution Day coming

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Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts will hold its first ever Constitution Day Thursday in the business rotunda. The area next to the library, which used to be a parking lot, is now being transformed into Engineering IV and the $104,000 square foot-state-of-the-art building scheduled to hold classrooms and offices for the engineering department.

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"Students should attend because at the very least, all citizens should be minimally informed about what the United States Supreme Court is actually doing when it exercises the power of judicial review and, for better or for worse, sets a political course," he said.

Detweiler said the speakers will not spend their time just praising the document, but they will "spend some time thinking about the fundamentals, and that includes the strengths and weaknesses." He also said the Constitution is constantly changing, and a discussion will take place "focus on what it might be, rather than what it is.""I don't have a lot of patience with see Constitution, page 2
Google offers new services to students

Jodie Oxman

LOS ANGELES — Google Scholar and Google Talk are two new additions to Google's services designed to cater to college students' needs.

Another change is that anyone who has an e-mail address ending in .edu can now use Gmail, Google's Web mail service, for free without an invitation. Gmail has always been free, but before Sept. 4 an invitation was required to obtain a Gmail account.

Partly because of feedback from students, Google, an Internet search engine, has recently decided to make its applications more useful to college students, said Debbie Jaffe, the group product marketing manager for Google, in a conference call Thursday with several students who are having trouble doing research, Jaffe said.

Google Scholar is similar to Google Web Search because the results are ordered by their relevance to the user's request. Google Scholar is structured to help students sort through their e-mail.

Google Talk is another aspect of Google that should be of interest to students, Jaffe said.

It is a downloadable Windows application that allows users to talk or send instant messages to friends and family for free.

The calls are made through a computer using voice technology. A user of Google Talk needs an Internet connection, microphone and speaker, Jaffe said.

This simple and accessible form of communication will benefit students whether they are talking to friends on campus, family at home or friends studying abroad, Jaffe said.

Another addition is a Web page translator that can translate documents from Spanish, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and other languages into English, Jaffe said. She thinks this feature is a good place for students to start when doing research.

Scholar is structured to help students sort through their e-mail accounts and those who find important information for paper topics that have not been printed in English.

With Gmail, users get continuously growing storage space so they never have to worry about exceeding their memory capacity, Jaffe said. Students never need to delete e-mails, so they can search for an e-mail they wrote to a professor freshman year, Jaffe said.

Gmail also provides conversation threading that aims to help students sort through their e-mail quickly, she said.

"The university gives you an e-mail account to use," said Courtney Trull, a junior majoring in communication. "Although the free service is a good idea, I don't think many college students would use it.

Another skeptical student, Jessica Goldberg, an undeclared sophomore, said that she uses Google but thinks she will stick with what she is used to.

"I think it is important from time to time to remind ourselves of the real significance of this document — and of the process of its formation — since it has guided what, for the most part, at least, has been a noble experiment in human and human governance," she said.

Though he emphasized that the Constitution is not perfect by any means, Detweiler said it is still good to discuss it. "We probably do underestimate how important the constitution is," he said. "It is tree and open to the public."

Constitution Day is sponsored by the Cal Poly President's Office, Provost's Office, and the College of Liberal Arts. It is free and open to the public.
Crews search for four people missing in New Hampshire after floods hit the Northeast

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ALSTEAD, N.H. — Where Sally and Tim Canfield's home once stood, a cranberry bog stretched out. Their home was washed away by floodwaters, and two days after the rains, the couple's family found no trace of them.

Rescue crews and police dogs searched rivers and woods Tuesday for the Canfields and two other missing in New Hampshire after a weekend of heavy downpours that left at least 10 people dead from flooding.

Chinese astronauts Fei Junlong, left, and Nie Haisheng wave before they walk to the launch tower at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China's Gansu Province Wednesday.

Two-man Chinese crew blasts off for space mission

Stephanie Hoo

JIAYUGUAN, China — Two years after China became only the third nation to launch a human into orbit, a pair of astronauts blasted off Wednesday on a longer, riskier mission: receiving a farewell visit from Premier Wen Jiabao.

Wen said the "glorious and sacred mission" would demonstrate China's national confidence and ability.

A rocket carrying the Shenzhou 6 capsule and the astronauts blasted off Wednesday from the remote base in China's northwest. In a break with the space agency's typical secrecy, the launch was shown live on Chinese state television.

The mission, reportedly due to last up to five days, is a key prestige project for China's communist leaders, who have justified the expense of the space program by saying that it will drive economic development. It will be more complicated than the first flight in 2003, which carried one astronaut and lasted just 21 1/2 hours.

Minutes after liftoff, mission control announced that the first stage booster had successfully separated from the rocket and that the flight had entered its preset orbit.

The official Xinhua News Agency said the two astronauts, or "taikonauts," will take off their 22-pound spacesuits to reach back and forth between the two halves of their vessel, a re-entry capsule and an orbiter that will stay aloft after they land.

"Feeling pretty good," Fei said in the first broadcast comment from the astronauts.

Xinhua said the crew was picked from a field of six finalists. Nie was one of three finalists for the 2003 mission, which made China the first ever nation to land a spacecraft on the moon.

The two taikonauts will conduct experiments in orbit, Xinhua said without elaborating.

China is the third nation to put a man into orbit, more than 20 years after the launch of its first space satellite. China's official Xinhua News Agency said the astronauts will work on experiments in space, including developing technology for future missions.

"We didn't find any bodies," said a brother-in-law, Rick Mason, who said his brother and sister-in-law were the worst the state had experienced in a quarter-century, and he sought a federal disaster declaration.

Teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency were expected to arrive later this week.

In Greenwood, Mass., where floods wreaked 40 trailers in a mobile home park, the mayor said repairs would cost more than $1 million. The flooding damaged a bridge and a dam, washed out a road, cracked sewer mains and left at least 71 residents homeless, Mayor Christine Forgay said.

She declared a state of emergency and said the area would need state and federal help. "There is no way we could foot this bill," she said.

From Friday evening through Sunday, storms dumped as much as 10 inches of rain on New England and the mid-Atlantic states. In New Hampshire, Himdale got 10.8 inches and Keene 10.5.

Just as the region began to dry out, forecasters warned that there could be another of flooding if rainfall exceeded the 1 to 2 inches expected through Wednesday.

The floods forced the evacuation of 1,000 New Hampshire residents.

Residents of the town of Croydon were to check on the condition of many homes. A stretch of at least 80 dun road had some type of damage; officials said a dozen houses were washed away.

"There's four feet of mud on our first floor," said Wendy Gendron, who was evacuated with her family on Sunday. "There's no backyard anymore..."

Police in Alstead discovered that the flood had washed away their station.

"All of our police records, computers, weapons ... everything that was in there is gone. It's destroyed," said Police Chief Christopher Louis.

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Study indicates liars' brains made up differently

Elaine Wu

LOS ANGELES — Even wondere why some people are just so much better at lying? A New University of Southern California study suggests that the brains of some people are simply more wired for deception.

In the first study of its kind, researchers have found that there are structural abnormalities in the brains of people who habitually lie.

Pathological liars have more white matter and less gray matter than nonpathological liars, which is located right behind the forehead, according to the study. The research was led by the University of the British Journal of Psychology.

Gray-matter-neural connectivity between brain cells, enabling quick and complex thinking, while gray matter — the brain cells that are affected by white matter — plays a role in mediating substitutions.

In other words, if a part of the human brain is analogous to a computer, working together, the "white matter" is the networking that connects the computer's parts, according to USC psychology professor Adrienne Raine, one of the principal researchers leading the study.

Researchers have found that there included researchers from USC's psychology department, the Keck School of Medicine and Hilhly Hospital in New York.

A group of 108 subjects, under age 25, was tested, with a total of 35 pathological liars and the individuals were grouped into three categories: Those who had a history of repeated lying, those who exhibited levels of antisocial behavior but had no history of lying, and those who were normal controls. Subjects were then scanned using Magnetic Resonance Imaging to obtain detailed structural images of their brain tissue.

The researchers showed that liars have a 22 percent increase in prefrontal white matter and a 14 percent decrease in gray matter compared to the control group. What these findings essentially suggest is that liars have a better-adapted brain for, well, lying.

Compared to normal people, those with pathological connectivity between neural cells, which gives them a better ability to lie, said Ya-Ling Yang, head author of the study.

"Kids are capable of lying by the age of 3, and by the age of 10 they are pretty good at it," Yang said.

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IQA-R CONSTITUTION

Iraqi negotiators say deal reached on constitution

Sinan Salaheddin

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi negotiators reached a breakthrough deal on the constitution Tuesday and at least one Sunni Arab party said it would urge its followers to approve the charter in this weekend's referendum.

Under the deal, the two sides agreed that a commission would be set up to consider amendments to the charter that would then be put to a vote in parliament and then submitted to a new referendum next year.

The agreement would allow the Sunnis to try to amend the constitution to reduce the autonomous powers that Shiites and Kurds would have under the federal system created by the charter, negotiators said.

It boosts the chances for a constitution that Shiite and Kurdish leaders support and the United States has been eager to see approved in Saturday's vote to avert months more of political turmoil, delaying plans to start a withdrawal of U.S. forces.

U.S. officials have pushed the three days of negotiations between Shiite and Kurdish leaders in the government and Sunni Arab officials, that concluded with marathon talks at the house of President Jalal Talabani late Tuesday.

A top Sunni negotiator, Ayad al-Sumari, of the Iraqi Islamic Party, said the measure would allow it to "stop the campaign rejecting the constitution and we will call on Sunni Arabs to vote yes." It was unclear if parliament would take a formal vote on the new deal with some lawmakers saying that measure may be read to the National Assembly on Wednesday.

Some other major Sunni parties were not present at the negotiations and it was not clear if they too would be willing to reverse their "no" campaign.

The Sunni-led insurgents have demanded a boycott of the election and threatened those who would vote.

The announcement was the first break in the ranks of Sunni Arab leaders, who have been campaigning against the constitution at the polls.

Al-Dabagh, a Shiite negotiator, said the sides agreed on four additions to the constitution that will be voted on Saturday that will allow for future amendments.

The central addition allows the next parliament, which will be formed in Dec. 15 elections, to form the commission that will have four months to consider changes to the constitution. The changes would be approved by the entire parliament, then a referendum would be held two months later.

Sunni Arabs are hoping to have a stronger representation in the next parliament and want to make major amendments to the constitution, particularly to take away certain provisions for federalism, which Shiites and Kurds strongly support.

Some moderate Sunni leaders, once had positions in the Baath Party and fear being barred from politics by the Dec. 15 election process outlined in the constitution.

The leaders of the political blocs have approved these additions and amendments and together they will be announced (read) to the national assembly," al-Dabagh said.
Rain halts some aid flights to quake victims as death toll reaches 35,000

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MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan — Heavy rain halted the cancel-
lation of some relief flights to earthquake-stricken regions Tuesday and
10 hours after the badly injured people needed food. Officials estimated that the death toll would surpass 35,000.

Emergency workers in the northern
town of Balakot pulled a teenage boy from the rubble, 78
hours after Saturday’s quake.

“He’s alive!” rescuers shouted as people gazed and waited for the
boy and kissed him on the head.

Two survivors, a 55-year-old woman and her 75-year-old moth-
er, also were pulled from the rubble of a 10-story apartment building in
Islamabad, 80 hours after they were buried. They did not appear to have suffered serious injuries.

A French search team on Monday rescued at least five chil-

dren buried in a collapsed school in the northern town of Balakot, said Eric Supara, an official at the French
Embassy in Islamabad.

Bob McKernon, coordinator of relief efforts for the International
Federation of the Red Cross, told CNN that “you can still keep some
hope” for survivors trapped for five to seven days, although he cau-
tioned that the cold and wet weather
would also become a factor.

In Indian-controlled Kashmir, rescue workers Tuesday found
bodies of 60 road workers in a bus that was buried in a landslide during the
quake, the army said. The bodies were cremated on funeral pyres beside the highway they were
working on, officials said.

Earlier in the day, U.S. military
disasters, diverted from neighbor-
ing Afghanistan, helped ferry wounded from the wrecked city of
Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistan-ruled Kashmir. Indian and Turkish
rescue teams joined the search for finding survivors. Teams of British, Germans and Turks used high-tech cameras to
scan under piles of concrete, steel and wood.

Thousands of civilian volunteers
made an exodus toward quake-hit towns.

The worst-hit region was
Kashmir, a divided Himalayan terri-
yory of about 15 million people
claimed by both India and Pakistan. Islamic rebels opposed to Indian rule and of the largely Muslim
region have fought a 15-year insurg-
ency that has claimed more than
66,000 lives, India and Pakistan have
fought two wars over Kashmir.

Bad weather compounded the misery in the region, with heavy
rain and hail forcing some heli-
copters loaded with food and med-
icines to cancel or delay their flights.

That official toll in Pakistan remained at about 20,000 people, but a senior army official close to the rescue operations said govern-
ment officials were estimating that between 35,000 and 40,000 died.

The official asked not to be identi-
cified because he wasn’t authorized to disclose the estimate to journalists.

Indian army spokesman J.S. Jaiswal said his country’s death toll
did not exceed 10,000 but the discov-
er of the road workers buried in the
landslide.

The U.S. Agency for

International Development report-
ed 33,180 dead in Pakistan, 865
dead in India and four dead in
Indonesia, the official said, in own, prelimi-

nary statistics.

The U.N. World Food Program
said it had found 240,000 people would
need food. The WFP was preparing to feed 1 million people for a month.

U.N. officials also warned of a
possible measles epidemic and the spread of waterborne diseases such as cholera and diarrhea, as the water
and sanitation system is heavily damaged.

“Measles could potentially become a serious problem,” said Fadela Chaib, spokeswoman for the
World Health Organization.

Measles is endemic in the region and just 60 percent of children, for
whom the disease is often deadly, are protected. At least 90 percent
vaccination is needed to prevent an epidemic, the WHO said.

About 10 trucks brought by
Pakistani charities and volunteers
tumbled into Muzaffarabad, where
efforts by relief workers to distribute aid turned chaotic as residents
scrambled for handouts of cooking
oil, sugar, rice, blankets and tents.

It was the first major influx of aid since the monster 7.6-magnitude
quake struck, destroying most
homes and all government buildings in the city, and leaving its 600,000
people without power or water. Most have spent three cold nights
without shelter.

Two or three police looked on
helplessly as more than 200 people
packed a truck of food arranged by
relief workers at a soccer field near
Muzaffarabad’s center. One man
made off with a big sack of sugar,
another left on a motorized rick-
taxi with a big crate of bottled
water.

Relief activity has started on a
massive level,” said deputy chief
messenger Masood-ul-Rehman. He
described the scene as chaotic as aid workers were competing with each other for the limited supplies.

With winter just six weeks away, the
United Nations said 2.5 million
people in the worst-hit areas near the
mountainous Pakistan-India border need shelter.

Pakistani army spokesman Maj.
Gen. Shaukat Sultan said a total of
30 helicopters would be supplying
food, water, medicine and other items to quake victims. Two more
German and four Afghan heli-
copters were sent, he said.

Pentagon spokesman Larry De
Rita said that besides the eight heli-
copters, four more were en route.

Within the next couple of days there likely would be 25 to 30 U.S.
army helicopters sent to Pakistan, he
said, from Afghanistan, Bahrain and other countries in the region.

De Rita said the Pakistan govern-
ment has asked the U.S. military
mainly for heavy equipment like
earthmovers, forklifts, bulldozers and trucks, in addition to tents, blankets and food. The U.S. military can
also fly aerial reconnaissance missions to help the Pakistani government pinpoint areas for emergency supply deliveries,
he said.

Even longtime foe India planned
to send a planeload of food, tents and

medicine after Pakistan set aside its
faster-rival with its nuclear
neighbor and said that it would accept New Delhi’s aid, Islamabad, however, declined an offer of Indian


copters.

Indian Prime Minister
Manmohan Singh described the
earthquake in Kashmir as a national
calamity, saying the government will
spare no expense to help the sur-

vivors.

“Whatever is necessary, whatever
is needed to rehabilitate, whatever
is needed for relief, the central govern-
ment stands committed to help,” he
said. Singh earlier announced another
$111 million in assistance in addi-
tion to the $26 million already
promised by his government for relief in the Himalayan territory.

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf
said his government was doing its
best to respond to the crisis.

“We are doing whatever is
humanly possible,” Musharraf said.

There should be no blame
game. We are trying to reach all
those areas where people need our
help.”

Late Tuesday, a 5.1-magnitude
quake rattled parts of southwestern Pakistan, causing people to rush out of their homes in panic. No casual-
ties were reported.

Tremors were felt in the remote
towns of Khuzdar and Sarrab, about
240 miles south of Quetta, said
Mohammed Adnan of the meteorol-

ogical department in Quetta.
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Carving for pumpkin perfection

Tiffany Dias
MUSTANG DAILY

After picking the perfect pumpkin, now it's time to start thinking of all the ways to carve it up. There are literally countless options to choose from such as animals, political figures, scary faces and emblems. Before you dig in, however, here are some tips from fellow students and faculty on how to turn an average pumpkin into a spooky or kooky jack-o-lantern.

Before you even begin, you'll need the right tools for the job.

"The specialty pumpkin carvers are safer (than regular knives)," mathematics senior Jessica Ellis said. "You have a smaller chance of getting cut while your carving." You should also consider the shape of your pumpkin before you decide to slice into it.

"The round pumpkins tend to be the easiest to carve," nutrition junior Lindsay Ek said. "They're also the easiest to scoop out."

Some people take a more technical approach to carving up their pumpkin. Landscape architecture associate professor Gary Clay suggests that pumpkin carving is a strategic process.

"I've learned that the trick to having a good pumpkin is the ears. They are the light to the pumpkin," Clay explained. "Lighting is key. I like to have as many holes in the pumpkin as possible, but you don't want it to look like Swiss cheese." Clay explains that carving up pumpkins is a way to reduce stress and sometimes "the pumpkins can represent stressors in life." Therefore, as you carve — or stab — the pumpkin's parts to reveal the candlelight, you can reduce tension as well. But regardless of how your pumpkin design turns out, you can always eat the leftovers.

"I love to cook up the pumpkin seeds and eat them," Ellis said.

Keep an eye out for mold and find a pumpkin with the stump still attached. If you want a pliable pumpkin, find one that has a lighter orange color. The shape will add to the overall effect of the finished pumpkin, and should reflect your design. Printing a pumpkin pattern off the internet is usually free and the design is easier to visualize versus working from your imagination. A pattern can be traced using an ice pick, kabob stick or even a knitting needle. A long boning knife will work well to trace your design from a print or from your imagination.

Instead of the typical scary faced pumpkin, try a "gun shot wound" pumpkin, a "puking pumpkin" or the "booger-eating" pumpkin. Ideas like these can be found on the Internet at www.extremepumpkins.com, or you can create your own extreme pumpkin.

Use a utility knife, held like a pencil, to cut out the larger chunks of pumpkin flesh. This tool will also help you decapitate your patient. An ice cream scooper works to scoop the inside of the pumpkin or "goop."

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When you're done carving, throw away the mess and light a candle for your jack-o'-lantern. The only thing left to do is to find the perfect spot to place your ghoulish orange friend.
the bull died right in front of us. Hooves to the sky, daggers lodged in bleeding flesh. The poor creature received one last stab to the head and rolled over. The crowd cheered manically as the matador shimmied to blaring brass celebration and I dropped a full bag of puffed rice on the spectators below.

This was obviously not in my backyard, this was in Spain on the summer Euro-trip I have yet to shut up about. Travel-mate Kimi and I had decided to channel both Hemingway and Neolithic brutality and take in a bullfight. What both of us failed to realize was that we'd see an animal get repeatedly slashed with huge spears, and people would find this exhilarating.

This came after our stay in Rome, where we learned of the Hurricane Katrina disaster while standing in violent rain outside a convenience store. Two American tour guides told us about whole cities submerged as we watched lighting snap at the ancient alleys around us. So many people were dead, and we were so far away.

This came rushing back as I sat in the arena and watched two torrorious horses drag the bull's carcass away. Workers brushed fresh dirt over the bloodstains, and it seemed clear that some creatures are only born to die and be forgotten.

Although Katrina killed thousands of people, it hasn't impacted our culture or held any thoughtfuful impression of promised change. In summary, a whole lot of people drowned because they were too poor to evacuate, and their rescue opportunity failed in ignition (as did President Bush's much-anticipated political fall-out). The drama captured all 24 hours of CNN's feed and was the most obvious illumination of the haves and have-nots in recent history — because, mostly, the have-nots died.

So why is its impact gone so suddenly? There's been no analytical backlash against our culture, which seems to happen at every recent turn of tragedy. Remember September 11th's "Death of Irony," for reasons ironically never collaborated? It seems like doom forces introspection on people normally content to look outwards, but that curiously didn't happen in the hurricane's fallout — and right now, we need that reflection more than ever. We, the drooling, pork-rind-eating American consumers are fueling reverence for the opposite of Katrina's short-lived humility; we're clamoring for the mindless rich and their mindless excrement.

A lot of flyby heroes surround us, and it seems like the former prerequisites of accomplishment and talent aren't necessary. What does Paris Hilton actually do, besides act as a "stupid, spoiled whore" idol for girls (thank you, "South Park")? When did being famous for being rich make a logical equation?

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Voodoo to put a spell on Poly

Tiffany Dias
MUSTANG DRAFT

The Voodoo Glow Skulls, a punk band sprinkled with Latino flavor, will open for Flogging Molly and the Mustangs this Saturday at the Recreation Center. Tickets, $20, are available through valleyx.com or at the Mustang Ticket Office.

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The Voodoo Glow Skulls will open with Go Bye Go on Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Recreation Center. Tickets cost $20. Doors open at 7 p.m. Visit www.voodogglowskulls.com for more about the band. Check out www.asi.calpoly.edu/calendar for more about upcoming events.

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BOSTON—A few days before Microsoft launched its Xbox 360, the world's most powerful games console, I visited the company's headquarters in Redmond, Wash., to see how the next generation of computers is taking shape.

Microsoft, which has long enjoyed the loyalty of its fans, is now taking on competitors such as Sony and Nintendo, which have traditionally dominated the video game market.

The Xbox 360 has been designed to be more than just a gaming device, as it also offers streaming media capabilities, including music, video, and photos.

The console will be available for $499 in November, and it will be accompanied by a host of exclusive games, including "Halo 2" and "Perfect Dark: Zero." These games are expected to set the tone for the console's success in the US and beyond.

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Many games from third-party developers are also set to be released on the heels of Xbox 360. These include "Project Gotham Racing 3" from Blended Creations and many open games such as "Madden NFL 2005" from Electronic Arts.

In addition to providing entertainment, the Xbox 360 will also offer a new level of interactivity, allowing players to control their characters through a variety of gestures.

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track and jumping. Slalom is where skiers must maneuver around six buoys in the fastest time possible, while the boat maintains a steady pace (thus evening the competition between all skiers). Trick water skiing involves events where skiers and wakeboarders are judged on the complexity of their performance on the water. And jumping is just what it sounds like...distance is what it is all about.

Membership is open to all Cal Poly students, regardless of water skiing experience. There are no tryouts to ski competitively, but intercollegiate competition rules limit each team to no more than five skiers for each event (15 men and 15 women).

Hubbs said the team simply tries to find the best skiers in each event to represent Cal Poly in all of the competitions. Interested students can attend the weekly meetings on Mondays at 8 p.m. in Fisher Science, room 407 or visit the Web site at: www.calpolywaterski.com.

Water Ski Club Info

The team practices 2-4 times a week at Lake Nacimiento. Practice takes place with a 1992 Master Craft ProStar 190. The club accommodates for a variety of skill levels from those who are learning to ski to those who are comfortable competing. Competitions take place in both the fall and spring quarters.

Swim Instructor Lifeguards

The position requires an extensive knowledge of scuba techniques. Lifeguards are expected to maintain the comfort and safety of the student population. Participants are asked to work at least 20 hours per week, including evening hours. The pay rate is $9.25 per hour. Applicants must submit a resume, letter of interest, and three references.

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Men's golf falls to ninth
in Alister MacKenzie

Individual winner was Jon Rosa of Fresno State with rounds of 71, 67 and 67 for an eight-under-par 205 total.

Rob Grebe of Stanford (206) claimed second place while Kevin Naehfeldt of San Jose State shared third place with Brian Otenwell of Michigan, both with 207 totals. Also scoring for Cal Poly were Peter Morse with an 81 Tuesday for a 215 total and a 26th-place tie; J.J. Scriver with a final-round 77 and a 226 total for 71st place and David Lewinski, also with a 77 Tuesday for a 231 total and a tie for 77th place.

Cal won the 2004 NCAA title. Oregon State was the defending Alister MacKenzie Invitational champion but settled for 11th place this time around.

Cal Poly returns to action Nov. 7-9 at the Turtle Bay Intercollegiate at the Turtle Bay Golf Club in Kahuku, Hawaii.
A busy weekend for Mustang sports

It will be a busy weekend for Mustang sports, so start preparations. On Friday the men’s soccer team hosts UC Davis at 5 p.m. in Mustang Stadium and the women’s soccer team will take on Cal State Fullerton at 7:30 p.m., following the men’s game. Meanwhile, the volleyball team is scheduled to play the University of Pacific at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym Tuesday. If that’s not enough Cal Poly athletics, consider checking out the Cal Poly Invitational Saturday morning at Fairbanks Memorial Cross Country Course across the street from Cuesta College (parking available at Cuesta College). The women’s race is scheduled for 9 a.m. and the men’s race will begin at 9:30 a.m., so be sure to get plenty of rest (and lighten up on the partying) or it could mean missing the only home meet of the cross country season. And that’s not all. The volleyball team plays UC Riverside at 7 p.m. in Mustang Stadium.

Water ski team skis to success in regionals

Amanda Wilson travelling at 30 mph in a meet earlier this season. Wilson was the top female competitor at the National Collegiate Water Ski Association’s Western Regional Championships and gain access to a ski boat. Neither Cal Poly nor the actual ASE-sponsored ski team owns the boat. But in forming the partnership with the outside organization students have gained unlimited access to the vessel.

“Two years ago I came to Cal Poly as a transfer (student) wanting to compete in collegiate water-ski,” Wilson said. “The team at that time had all of about six members, no funding, no practice, no (access to) boats, and was finishing in just about last place at every tournament. Myself and Eric decided that we wanted to change that.”

Together the two organized fundraising efforts that yielded over $10,000. Since then the collegiate team has partnered with a community-based water-ski group to purchase equipment and gain access to a ski boat.

Frankly Speaking

I nearly shed a tear Tuesday night when the Yankees were bounced from the 2005 Major League Baseball playoffs.

Derek Jeter, the Yankees’ shortstop who is the master of making playoff opponents grimace with his clutch performances, will be doing some off season soul searching to figure what went wrong.

Randi Johnson, a player who was traded to the Yankees on the premise that he would win a World Series, will be watching the pinnacle of the MLB season from a coach or bar stool.

And what about Alex Rodriguez, who grounded into a double play with no outs in the top of the ninth and a runner on first on Tuesday? He must feel awful, especially being that he’s supposed to be one of the top hitters in the game—he’s supposed to be a World Series MVP candidate always there when his team needs him.

Yet, what about A-Rod and his crew of dejected teammates? A $200-plus million-team cast under the opening night lights of the Major League Baseball playoffs, I could hardly hold back the tears of joy.

But that’s just a footnote to my emotional index Tuesday. I am still reeling over the latest Division I-AA football polls.

First, who does these rankings? I understand D1-IA lacks the glitz and glamour of its counterpart, but that’s no excuse for poor rankings.

The angst to the issue is this: There’s no way North Dakota State is the 12th best team in Division I-AA, let alone the 18th best, the team’s new ranking. That game goes to show you how lousy the Div. I-AA rankings are (OK, and by the way, last week’s No. 1 team, new Hampshire, lost to new No. 11 William & Mary 42-10 on Saturday). East Coast bias anyone? The rankings make no sense.

Montana State, beaten by the Mustangs 38-10 earlier in the season, is ranked No. 8. Cal Poly dominated the game, just as they did the game against North Dakota State, and yet the Bobcats are just two spots behind Cal Poly.

Cal Poly should be in the top three teams in the nation right now. The No. 1 team, Southern Illinois, has impressive wins over a wireless team and an NAIA team. NAIA is an organization similar to the NCCA, but at a significantly less competitive level of play.

A loss against Western Michigan, a Div. I-A school, and close wins against Missouri State and Western Illinois were the buck season. No wins against top 25 teams. But they’re the No. 1 team.

No. 2 Montana has the best up on the Mustangs’ schedule, has one quality win. They beat Idaho State 32-10 on

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