Running with heart

James Mellor

Remember in "Forrest Gump" when Tom Hanks ran across the country for no particular reason? Steven Bethune, a 24-year-old Cal Poly graduate, is planning to do the same thing, only his motive is to help those with heart disease.

"By raising money for the American Heart Association it makes my lifelong hobby more meaningful," said Bethune in an American Heart Association press release. "I get the chance to do something big, the chance to help those afflicted with heart disease and others who are in danger of losing loved ones."

Bethune, who has lost his grandfather and great-uncle to heart disease, will leave Manhattan on Aug. 15, 2006, and will run 40 miles every day for three months until he reaches the West Coast. A few of his friends will be driving alongside him, providing him with a place to eat and sleep.

His primary goal is to raise $50,000 to benefit the American Heart Association and help fight heart disease.

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So far, only his close friends and family have made donations. However, Bethune plans to earn most of the $50,000 through corporate sponsorships and donations. A company on the East Coast has donated 1,200 T-shirts with a logo that he designed for Bethune to raise funds.

Bethune, who has not participated in an organized running team since he was in elementary school, began running with his brother when they were kids.

Running has not always been his main concern. However, Bethune explained, "I'm capable of. At that point, I knew what I wanted to do and I knew the cause I wanted to do it for." Currently, Bethune runs 17 miles a day, and will raise the distance he runs daily by one mile every two weeks until he is running 20 miles a day.

Once he begins his run, a nutrition professor at Cuesta College, who Bethune has been consulting for dieting guidelines, estimates Bethune will need to eat 8,000 calories a day to maintain his weight.

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Jewish lecturer discusses current state of Germany

Carolyn Ficara

World War II is over, Nazi Germany is defeated. Humanity, in an amazing unrequited spirit, begins living anew. At the end of the war, millions were dead and all but 15,000 German Jews were in foreign lands. There is to be a remarkable migration of Jews back to Germany closely following the end of the war.

Susan Stern is a renowned international lecturer of intercultural issues, author of numerous books, economist, journalist, editor and professor of English and American studies at the University of Frankfurt in Germany. She is currently on leave to present a lecture series. Monday night at Cal Poly, Stern gave a lecture of her experiences, understanding and insight into Germany's contemporary Jewish community.

Stern has done extensive research and has the perspective of a Jewish woman who spent 30 years living in the Jewish community in Germany. She emphasized in a phone conversation that her speech wasn't about religion or about Germany, although that is part of the story.

"My talk isn't concerned about religion. It is about Jews and the curious and wonderful thing of returning to live and stay in Germany after surviving the horrors of the Holocaust," she said. At the end of war, Stern said.

AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Susan Stern, a renowned lecturer, spoke to a group of Cal Poly students Monday in a presentation hosted by the College of Liberal Arts.

Budget cuts would take billions from California programs

Tom Chorneau

SACRAMENTO — A proposed federal budget bill would cost California at least $3.3 billion over the next five years as a result of funding cuts and shifting costs to the state for a variety of social service programs, according to testimony Tuesday before a legislative committee.

The bill, which is expected to pass later this month, would require the state to get more welfare recipi
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California's nonpartisan Legislative Analyst estimates the state would lose $1.7 billion over five years in direct federal support and $1.4 billion in new costs to the state.

Much of the lost funding would come from federal cuts to student loan programs. The changes would increase borrower costs and reduce profits for lenders that participate in the federally sponsored college loan programs.

California also faces penalties of $185 million in 2009 and $260 million in 2010 if the state cannot encourage more welfare recipients back to work.

Although the state has made some strides in moving welfare recipients into jobs, the proposed federal law would reduce even further the number of people California needs to get off welfare, wiping out its caseload improvements since 1995.

California's welfare population has been steady in recent years and many officials do not believe the state could easily meet the new work mandate, possibly forcing it to pay penalties.

H.D. Palmer, spokesman for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's administration, said Congress is unlikely to ever impose the penalties because current welfare rules do not allow for a federal mandate to meet the new welfare-to-work rules. He said the administration is working with the California Congressional delegation to amend the rules either before the measure is approved or after the measure is approved as part of a revision that would be taken up in the coming months.

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The state of California can no longer afford to pay a greater share of child care costs for families on welfare and pay more to support foster care.

Federal support for college loans would also be cut.

Overall, lawmakers said, the federal deficit and control costs.

Supporters have said the cuts are due to meet the new welfare-to-work rules.

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Name: Kara Fitzpatrick • Year: senior
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Favorites

Cocktail: Kamikazes, because I like the way they taste.
Band: Flogging Molly, because they are Irish and I’m Irish.
Pastime: Hanging out with friends.
Time of Day: 6 p.m. because that is when all my classes end.

If You Could …

— travel anywhere, where would you go and why?
Ireland, because I have a lot of family over there.

— meet anybody, who would you meet and why?
My grandpa, because my dad always says really cool things about him.

— have any super power, what would it be and why?
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Cal Poly vs CS Northridge
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judge's decision last month to step down after learning that one of the defendants may have been responsible for his brother's execution.

The chief judge resigned, complaining about criticism by politicians that he was not doing enough to rein in Saddam. The member of the five-judge panel initially named to replace him, was suddenly removed, and a new chief judge, Raouf Rasheed Abdel-Rahman, was brought in.

After a nearly five-hour delay Tuesday, court official Raji Juhi told reporters the hearing had been put off until Sunday because several witnesses and complainants were performing the hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia and could not appear in court.

The annual Muslim ritual ended nearly two weeks ago, and Tuesday's session had been scheduled more than a month ago. Juhi refused to take questions.

The two judges involved in the case told The Associated Press the real reason for the delay was disagreement over who should replace Chief Judge Ra'zoomah Amin, a Kurd who had shown patience and composure in dealing with repeated attempts by Saddam and others to delay the proceedings. According to one judge, some judges wanted al-Hammash reinstated while others supported Abdel-Rahman's appointment.

The second judge appeared to complain about outside interference with the court. When asked what the problem was, he replied: "Matters are not in our hands." — a possible reference to the influence of U.S. officials providing legal and logistical support to the Iraqi High Tribunal set up to try crimes committed by Saddam and officials of his 23-year regime.

The two judges were members of the tribunal, though not necessarily sitting on the panel hearing the current case. They spoke on condition of anonymity since court rules bar most judges from being named or speaking to the media.

"There's too much violence in the country, there's too much division and too much pressure on the court," Clark told CNN after Tuesday's postponement. "The project ought to be abandoned. It was a creature of the United States and too much pressure on the court."

He said political pressures on the court "make it impossible for fairness" and warned failure to hold a fair trial "will lead to more war, no possibility of reconciliation."
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The Kor Group is a privately held real estate investment, development, and management firm. The portfolio encompasses popular design hotels, condominiums and apartment complexes in strategic locations.

Kor Hotel Group is a leading boutique hotel company that combines desirable location, unique design, destination dining and personalized and up-to-the-moment customer service. As a boutique hotel industry leader in creativity and innovation, its hotels draw upon the diverse backgrounds and perspectives of its workforce for continued success.

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L-3 Communications Randtron Antenna Systems is a producer of high quality Department of Defense antennas specifically designed for the most challenging and exacting installation requirements. These applications involve design issues well beyond those normally addressed by generic catalog products. In recent years, L-3 Communications has increased its experience in the following areas: control of antenna RCS, antennas for the detection of LRCS targets, and high-resolution antennas.

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Lance Engineers, Inc.

Lance Engineers, Inc. evolved from J. Michael Lane & Company, which was founded in 1972. We provide civil and structural engineering, land surveying and land use policy and planning services for projects throughout the Central Valley. We are a 16 person firm with 8 licensed professionals on staff.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) is a premier research and development institution for science and technology applied to national security. We are responsible for ensuring that the nation's nuclear weapons remain safe, secure, and reliable. LLNL also applies its expertise to prevent the spread and use of weapons of mass destruction and strengthen homeland security.

Our national security mission requires special multidisciplinary capabilities that are also used to pursue programs in advanced defense technologies, energy, environment, biocenes, and basic science to meet important national needs. These activities enhance the competence of the research and development community throughout the Laboratory.

Laser Logic

Laser Logic is valued for its technology leadership and ability to provide complete solutions for our customers. We offer three enabling system-on-a-chip technologies: Platform ASICS, standard-cell ASICs, and standard products, as well as host bus adapters and supporting software for our global customer base.

We are Bamboo Pipeline. With a team of engineers that source the highest quality plant material in California and Southern Nevada for quality landscape projects, we offer the broadest and best selection of landscape materials delivered direct to the contractor's job site.

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We are looking for top-notch nursery professionals to join our team based in Camarillo, California. We also have a select number of opportunities in Las Vegas. You can view our website for a complete portfolio of industry-standard intellectual property (IP), buildings, design, advanced packaging, the expertise of more than 2500 engineers and high-volume manufacturing capabilities augmented by strategic foundry relationships.

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Maxim Integrated Products was founded in 1980, Maxim has rapidly expanded to include 9 divisions and over 250 branch offices in 38 states. We have earned a position as an innovative competitor in the health care industry through its quality of patient care, commitment to employee development and emphasis on customer service. Today, Maxim is one of the largest privately owned companies in our industry, with the most comprehensive product line in the industry, offering its customer a select number of opportunities in nearly fifty major businesses with locations in most of the fifty states and around the world.

LSI Logic

LSI Logic applies its expertise to prevent the spread and use of weapons of mass destruction and strengthen homeland security. LSI Logic is a leading supplier of custom integrated products including ASICs, standard-cell integrated circuits (ICs) and host bus adapters.
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Meadow Movers
Meadow Movers is a community-minded moving business positioning itself in other major college towns providing a revolutionary service that quickly and efficiently transports commercial and residential items locally and nationwide with professionally trained student athletes working their way through college.

Mercedino Forest Products Company, LLC
Mercedino Forest Products Company, LLC, located in Ukiah, California is a leading supplier of sustainable forest products. As one of the largest employers in Mercedino County, we manufacture and distribute primarily redwood decking and fencing products to Home Depot stores. This is a great opportunity with excellent benefits!

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Headquartered in Redmond, Washington, Microsoft (NASDAQ symbol: MSFT) is a leader in software, hardware, and services with more than 70,000 talented people in a wide array of fields. Our core mission: create groundbreaking technology that unleashes creativity, connects businesses, and makes learning more fun. We create products and services that people use every day, and we are the largest software company in the world. Our products include Windows, Office, and other software products, as well as services that help businesses of all sizes connect, communicate, and collaborate. We are committed to helping people and businesses around the world realize their potential to reach their highest potential.

Mazetti & Associates
We are consultants to facility owners, designers, builders and operators. Mazetti & Associates was founded primarily the healthcare, mission critical, university, and science and technology markets.

MBH Architects
M hazard is an architecture firm and armed with the philosophy, we are nice guys, we'll get work, the founding Principals of MBH left their positions at a world-renowned San Francisco architecture firm and created MBH Architects. Their initial prediction soon became reality - they did get work and a lot of it. During the following year, MBH completed a wide range of projects in nearly every state as well as in Canada, Mexico, China, and Malaysia. MBH staff bring a high level of experience and complementary skills related to their architectural design expertise. The philosophy behind the MBH concept is to provide the confidence to undertake the most complex challenges. Throughout the years, MBH has developed a reputation as a company: an architectural design practice that demonstrates a commitment to excellence, a team of professionals who are committed to excellence, a company that will continue to grow and thrive as we enter the next generation of computer technology. Best of all, you find yourself guided on your professional goals while enjoying the freedom to move around, pick up new skills, and take on new challenges.

Milgard Windows
Milgard Windows is one of the United States leading manufacturers of quality vinyl, aluminum and fiberglass windows made in the United States who export windows and patio doors. Milgard is vertically integrated in its manufacturing process with glass tempering, vinyl extrusion and fiberglass pultrusion plants, and along with over 14 window and door fabrication plants located throughout the U.S., with the largest concentration of facilities in the West. We are a high-growth industry leader with aggressive growth plans offering an excellent accentuated-recognized compensation and benefits package along with many career growth paths to pursue.

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NAVARR
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The Smucker sales force of more than 30,000 customer representatives sells and delivers nearly 200 million eight-ounce servings of Pepsi-Cola beverages per day. In terms of volume, our three largest brands in the U.S. are Pepsi-Cola, Diet Pepsi and Mountain Dew.

**Point 2 Structural Engineers**

Point 2 has been in business for 7 years with the majority of our work in the commercial building industry. We are one of the only firms providing structural engineering design for high profile glass structures such as canopies, walkways, art sculptures, and window wall systems. Much of this work is in other states, providing a candidate the possibility of travel.

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Established in 1975, Preston Pipelines has grown into one of Northern California’s leading Underground Contractors. Under the leadership of Mike Preston, PPI has built strong client(customer) relations that have been the foundation for continual growth. It takes a professional management team, supported by dedicated and experienced field personnel to earn the trust that equates to over 200 public and private projects completed each year. Preston Pipelines has earned the reputation for quality, integrity and service that is unparalleled in the Underground Construction industry.

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The company provides most drivers with competitive rates and in most service 24 hours a day, and sells its products over the phone, online, and through more than 30,000 independent agencies throughout the United States.

Progressive is a Fortune 200 company with 450 offices nationwide.

The company's headquarter is in Mayfield Village, Ohio. Progressive was the first car insurance company to provide immediate response claims service and the first to sell real-time auto insurance online. Progressive thrives on and reward innovation and creativity but not at the expense of responsible reporting and profitability.

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Project Design Consultants is a multi-discipline professional design firm with offices in beautiful downtown San Diego, Temecula and the Cambeck corridor of Phoenix, Arizona. Our staff of 230 employees is comprised of civil engineers, physical and policy planners, landscape architects, and land surveyors. Our clients include public land users, homeowners, builders, and public agencies. We offer careers opportunities and professional consulting services throughout the United States.

**R&B Brosamer, Inc.**

R&B Brosamer, Inc. constructs freeways, light rail, canal, airport and other heavy/highway projects. These projects are primarily in California and we occasionally work in the Southwest. We are a fast growing privately held company. We offer a very competitive compensation packages, including generous salaries, bonus opportunities, a 401(k), plan and medical/dental benefits.

**Raytheon Company**

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**RBF Consulting**

RBF Consulting has a staff of over 900 professionals, located in 14 offices in California and Nevada. Established in 1944, RBF is consistently ranked among the top firms in the nation, and is currently ranked 69 in the ENR Top 500 Engineering Design Firms in the U.S. by Engineering News Record (ENR) Magazine. RBF provides professional consulting services including Civil Engineering for Land Development, Water Resources, Transportation, Structures and Public Works; Surveying Services include Construction Management, GPS Surveying, Mapping and GIS; and Planning Services include Urban & Regional, Environmental, Transportation and Landscape Architecture. RBF's diversity allows us to serve our clients during each phase of a project, including advance/preliminary planning ser­vings and finally construction oversight.

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Riverbed's Steelhead appliances provide the highest level of WAN performance at a lower cost, reducing WAN traffic by up to 95% and accelerating applications by up to 100 times.

**Rockwell Automation**

Rockwell Automation is a leading industrial automation company focused to be the most valued global provider of automation, control and information solutions. With a focus on energy, the company has set a goal of growing its business by a factor of two by 2016.
**Santa Barbara County**

Santa Barbara County government is a service-oriented organization with a $600 million budget. The County has 23 departments and a workforce of approximately 4,600 employees in over 700 different jobs. Whether your career interests, you can use your talents to improve the lives of the 405,000 people of diverse socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds who live in the County.

Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc.

Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc. is focused on the ongoing development of research antibodies. It is our goal to continue to offer the broadest range of research reagents in the field.

**City of Santa Rosa**

The City of Santa Rosa is located in Sonoma (Wine Country), California, about an hour drive north of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Serving a population of 150,000, the City of Santa Rosa provides a full range of community services to its residents, including police, fire, parks and recreation, community development (planning and building), public works, utilities (water and wastewater), economic development and redevelopment, and related administrative and financial support services.

Civil Engineer jobs and careers are available in three departments: Utilities (water planning and distribution; wastewater collection and treatment; recycled water and reuse); and capital projects construction.

Public Works: streets and bridges; traffic control and management; storm water planning and management; materials laboratory and surveying services; and capital projects construction.

Community Development: private development plan check and inspection, and building plan check and inspection.

**Semtech Corporation**

Semtech Corporation is a leading supplier of high-quality analog and mixed-signal semiconductor products. The company is dedicated to providing world-class service with proprietary solutions and breakthrough technology in power management, protection, advanced communications, human interface, test & measurement, and as well as wireless and sensor products. The company’s integrated circuits (ICs) are employed in communications, computer, and computer-peripheral, automated test equipment, industrial and other commercial applications.

**Shimmick Construction Co., Inc.**

Established in 1990, Shimmick Construction Co., Inc. (SCC), a general engineering contractor based in Hayward, California, has rapidly succeeded in earning a reputation for excellence in heavy construction. While being responsible for over $1.7 billion dollars worth of work over the last 15 years, SCC has continued to grow and maintain an excellent financial profile. SCC and all in joint venture partner’s proven abilities and success have continued to aid in the betterment and safety of the greater Bay Area and the Southern California public. This is exemplified by projects ranging from a $150 million retrofit of the south end of the Golden Gate Bridge to a $150 million design-build project of the San Fernando Valley Bus Rapid Transit project for the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Shimmick is ranked the 364th largest contractor in the U.S., according to Engineering News-Record’s magazine (ENR), Top 400 Contractors listing, October 2005. Shimmick’s Core Values are Fairness, Innovation, Execution and Bringing out the Best in People.

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**Solar Turbines Incorporated**

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**Stanvac**

Stanvac, founded in 1954, provides professional design and consulting services in planning, engineering, architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, surveying, and project management. Continually striving to balance economic, environmental, and social responsibilities, we are recognized as a world-class leader and innovator in the delivery of sustainable solutions. With a roster of comprehensive services, our firm supports clients at every stage, from initial concept and financial feasibility to project completion and beyond. Our multi-disciplinary practice areas serve public and private sector clients in a diverse range of markets.

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Preston Pipelines has job opportunities awaiting the right individuals

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TPG Consulting
TPG Consulting is a multi-disciplinary consulting firm, offering a wide range of expertise in project management, staff services, transportation planning, traffic engineering, environmental planning and community planning.

Triage Consulting Group
Triage Consulting Group is a fast-growing healthcare financial consulting firm with over 170 talented professionals, located South of Market Street (SOMA), near the beautiful San Francisco Bay waterfront. Founders Rich Griffith, Jim Hebert and Pati Lee-Hoffmann started Triage Consulting Group in 1994 to meet the unique financial needs of hospitals. The three founders have accumulated over 60 years of experience as CPAs, corporate financial officers, and location consultants.

Triage provides an essential service to some of the most prestigious hospitals in the country. We help businesses control costs, and negotiate contracts with health plans. The work is dynamic, atmosphere energetic, cooperative, generous, and the growth potential unlimited.

In order to better serve our clients, Triage employees receive practical, hands-on training, have real responsibilities, challenges, and control over their destiny. They are highly-trained to become experts in healthcare finance.

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For opportunities contact

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Walt Disney Imagineering's (WDI) talented corps of Imagineers are responsible for the creative imagination through realization of Walt Disney resorts, theme parks and attractions, real estate developments, regional entertainment venues and cyberspace/new media projects.

The Imagineering organization encompasses more than 140 disciplines, including writers, model makers, computer animators, artists, engineers, sculptors, film makers, animators, programmers, special effects designers, architects, master planning, creative development, production, and Walt Disney Imagineering Research and Development.

To be part of the heritage and traditions of The Walt Disney Company by participating in a Professional Internship at WDI.

WDI is based in Glendale, Calif., and works closely with the Disney theme parks and resorts throughout the world, including Anaheim, Calif., Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Shanghai, China, Tokyo, Paris, France; and Hong Kong. WDI also has offices located at the Walt Disney World® Resort in Florida. Internships may be available at both the California and Florida locations.

As a Disney Professional Intern at Walt Disney Imagineering, you can take advantage of the Disney Difference. This Includes:

• Experienced Disney theme parks
• Discounts on select Disney merchandise and food and beverage locations
• Can exclusive sneak previews of select, new Disney parks, resorts and attractions
• And much more

Imagi-Nations University Design Competition

Imagi Nations is a university design competition created and sponsored by Walt Disney Imagineering in order to promote diversity. The competition enables students to showcase their talents and gain practical knowledge in design, with the opportunity to earn scholarship money and internships to Walt Disney Imagineering. For additional information about this exciting opportunity visit http://imagine.nys.edu/disneyinterns/

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the USDA Forest Service. Our mission is to diversify the Forest Service workforce by enhancing higher education and careers in natural resources.

USG Corporation

For almost 100 years, Chicago-based USG has been a leader in producing innovative products and systems to build the environments in which we live, work, and play.

USG is the world's leading proponent of gypsum wallboard, paper, glass compound, and a vast array of related construction products. We are also the global leader in the manufacture of ceiling suspension systems and are recognized as the acoustical panel and specialty ceiling systems innovator. Our family of products provides creative building solutions that set new standards for productivity and efficiency, helping contractors and architects deliver high quality and innovative designs.

USG is an industry leader. Our 14,000 employees working in over 30 countries are dedicated to helping our customers and partners achieve success. We are committed to being the highest levels of customer satisfaction and quality in everything we do.

Walgreens

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Founded in 1901, Walgreens serves more than 3.6 million customers daily and each store averages approximately $7.4 million in annual sales. In 2004, sales reached $37.5 billion marking our 29th consecutive year of record sales and earnings.

We're listed among Fortune's "Most Admired Companies in America," for the 11th straight year and are ranked No. 1 among food and drugstore retailers.

Walker Parking Consultants

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WD Partners

WD Partners is a multi-utility design and development company. Our uniquely integrated approach streamlines store development, and continues to set new standard for companies looking for innovative ways to improve their efficiency, profitability, and geographic reach.

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Web offers job hunting help

Reggie Brown
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (NORTHERN ILLINOIS, U)

DEKALB, I.L.—Job hunting is a job in itself, but college students and other job seekers now are equipped with effective weapons to help take down their desired prey. Although big job search services such as Monster.com, Careerbuilder.com, and Hotjobs.com are helpful, they are not the perfect resource for everyone, career counselor Bob Norwood said.

"They all provide good services," Norwood said. "They may be a valuable resource, but they are not the only ones out there and they are not necessarily the best."

Other resources are less known.

"Victor eRecruiting is an example of a resource students don't realize exists," he said. "It has state-by-state job listings and the site focuses on specific disciplines."

Norwood said the Victor eRecruiting Web site is a valuable university resource and encourages students to search for jobs through it because employers who post job openings on it are looking for Northern Illinois University students or alumni.

Norwood said there is a word search involved in the application processing stage.

"Resumes are going to be scanned for certain pieces of information and key words and then categorized," he said.

Posting a resume online is just like walking into an office and giving a resume to a potential employer, but with a few minor differences.

If an employer is interested in a resume, he or she will contact the person through e-mail or over the phone.

"Checking and reviewing resumes is not the responsibility of the Web site, but the responsibility of the company which posted the job," Norwood said. "It's the employers who actually contact you if they are interested in hiring you."

"These online job services are just a conduit," Norwood said. "It's the employers who actually contact you if they are interested in hiring you."

Some NIU students have successfully found jobs through the job-searching Web sites.

Cheron Buckle, a public health major, found success in applying online.

"Applying online is convenient because it gives me the opportunity to apply for positions at locations I can't get to at any given time," Buckle said.

Rita Nesbett, a junior family and child studies major, said applying online speaks volumes to potential employers.

"Applying online gives your potential employer the knowledge that you are capable of operating and skillfully using a computer," she said.

"Online job searches are an excellent outlet for finding a new location that you may not have otherwise had the opportunity to know about..."
Economic upswing aids graduating students

Jonas Hogg
Kansas State Collegian (Kansas State U)

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Few students enter college with the hopes of being poorer at the end than when they started.

In recent years, the post-graduation job of choice can be difficult to come by.

According to a U.S. Department of Labor news release, 2005 saw two million net jobs created, bringing the total of working Americans to 142.8 million.

Kerri Day Keller, director of Career and Employment Services, said the increases are beneficial to students.

"I think that is an indicator we see, in addition to other indicators of an improving job market over previous years," she said.

A resource for examining job outlook is the Department of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook. The handbook lists hundreds of occupations and includes descriptions of the work involved, working conditions, training qualifications and advancement, employment job outlook, earnings and related occupations.

An economic upswing during the last few years also has assisted students looking for employment, Keller said.

"We see that many of our graduates are successfully going on to full-time employment and graduate school or other career-related activities," she said.

Helping avoid a Kansas brain drain, most graduating students are choosing to stay in the state, with Missouri ranking second in importation of K-State graduates, possibly due to students returning to the Missouri side of the Kansas City area, Keller said.

As for the employers that come to K-State, Keller said there simply are not enough students to placate them.

"We have employers that would like to have even fuller schedules than they do," Keller said.

Some employers, such as Ferguson Enterprises, are not major-specific during the hiring process. Keller said CES collects data on graduates six months after graduation, and found that 94 percent either are employed, enrolled in graduate school or plan to enroll.

Although CES does not have immediate data upon graduation, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, 70 percent of college students graduate with a job.

In addition to an already positive market, the beginning of the baby boomers' retirement will create new vacancies, especially in non-profit and government sectors, which students often overlook, Keller said.

"Most of the reports I've seen are fairly encouraging, probably at least as good as last year, maybe slightly better," he said.

Oldfather also said he had conducted an in-class survey and found many of his graduating students already have job offers.

"Every semester I collect data on this," he said.

Tiffany Miller, senior in psychology, is using her last semester before graduation to search for a job, although she plans to use the networks she built as an intern at Prairie View Mental Health Facility.

Elizabeth Neser, senior in interior architecture, said internships, as well as the design expo put on by the College of Engineering, have helped her in her job search.

She also said one internship in exhibit design helped her narrow down her fields of interest.

"In an internship I found out I wasn't interested in that field or that profession," she said.

Both Oldfather and Keller stressed that immediate economic outlook shouldn't be a deciding factor for students looking for employment.

"World events and other things are unpredictable," Keller said. "I'm concerned that students look at a lot of the external factors and don't look enough at their own locus of control over what their future might be."
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College students need to learn basic life skills

Staff Editorial

TAMPA, Fla. - Many people come to college to prepare themselves for a career in "the real world." However, college students across the nation who are getting ready to graduate may not be as prepared as they thought, according to a recent study released by the Pew Charitable Trusts.

The study found that some of these students do not possess a great deal of "quantitative literacy" — proficiency with math-related tasks — such as the findings of the study was that "the literacy skills of college students is directly related to the education of their parents. Children whose parents graduated college or attended graduate school have higher literacy than students whose parents did not graduate high school or stopped after receiving a high school diploma or GED." Yet, the longer a person is in college, the more they learn how to look up things they do not know about in order to become more familiar about them.

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So if these students do not know how to calculate things, such as how much of a tip to leave at a restaurant, they need to look it up.

It is wonderful for students to study concepts such as the difference between modern and postmodern society during their time in college. However, students should also be learning the basic rudimentary skills that are needed for living in society. If there was no necessity to learn these skills earlier in life, necessity will soon be the mother of invention for these young men and women when they go to buy their first house or apply for their first credit card.

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Research suggests gaming may do a body good

Carlos Bergfeld

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LUBBOCТ, Texas — Some experts would like to add a new item to the list of healthy lifestyle practices: copious amounts of video game playing. Recent publications by university professors and journalists suggest video games may result in positive effects for the player, contrary to the usual implication that playing video games can lead to deleterious social consequences.

"Video games, to me, if they're played right and in a good context, are empowering in that they put you in control," said James Gee, a professor of learning sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "Author of "Why Video Games Are Good for Your Soul," Gee has devoted his research to the positive effects of video games, especially as a learning tool.

"The day will come when rather than doing biology in a book, you'll enter a world and do biology in that game," he said.

Gee was one of several researchers highlighted in a July 2005 Discover article by Steven Johnson, entitled "Your Brain on Video Games," showcasing research that points to the advantageous effects of gaming.

Unique features of the video game medium can translate games into powerful exercises in mental dexterity.

Most games have some sort of built-in training for the player as a way to get them acquainted with the software.

In addition, video games gradually increase in difficulty, challenging the player to think and act more quickly and efficiently in later levels.

Some games train players to keep track of multiple groups or assets at the same time, testing multi-tasking skills.

Last year marked a record high for high video game hardware and software sales at $10.5 billion, 6 percent higher than 2004"s earnings, according to the NPD Group.

As video games have increased both in popularity and realism throughout the years, they have been the target of increased scrutiny, mostly due to the violent or sexual content displayed in some of the more popular titles.

"Mortal Kombat" was the fighting game of the 1990s, and the video game industry's blood-bathing ancestor. Publicly denounced by Connecticut Governor John Lieberman and Wisconsin Senator Herb Kohl, the game and others like it led to the creation of Entertainment Software Ratings Board in 1994 by the newly founded Interactive Digital Software Association, now known as the Entertainment Software Association.

The ratings of ESRB, a set of "age-based" labels on the continent, from "Early Childhood" (ages 3 and under) to "Adults Only" (ages 18 and over).

In the PC realm, titles like "Doom" helped carve out the first-person shooter genre, and helped pioneer the concept of a game being more than just entertainment.

More recently, the "Grand Theft Auto" series has been the target of anti-media violence specialists for its graphic portrayal gang-related lifestyles, while also creating a new style of open world gameplay.

Gee said good can be found even in games like these, although extremely violent games are the exception rather than the rule. In fact, none of the top 10 best-selling games of 2005 garnered more than a "Teen" rating, according to NPD.

Numerous studies have suggested a connection between violent behavior in the media and violent video games, and assumptions based on these studies have led policymakers in California, Massachusetts and Illinois to pass legislation prohibiting violent games from being sold to minors.

Although he does not want minors to have access to "Mature" rated games, Gee said he believes legislation wanting to pass these restrictive laws only show their ignorance on the issue.

"When politicians are talking about movies and books, they're the generation that could have read them or seen them," he said. "Hillary Clinton never played 'Grand Theft Auto.'"

Gee said politicians and anti-media-violence advocates usually press the issue in black-and-white when there is actually a large gray area being ignored.

"Any technology is neither good nor bad by itself — it depends on how it's being used," he said.

With regard to video games causing players to re-exert their virtual actions in the real world, federal statistics present a paradox.

"The video game industry sales have been reported by a steady downward trend in violent crime, especially in juveniles.

Serious violent offenses by adults and older declined by 30 percent between 1993 and 2002, for example. Meanwhile, there has been an increase in the number of video games that are violent, which is surprising given the steady downward trend in violent crime, especially in juveniles."

"But the worst facet of music criticism is inherent to the concept: The writer is constructing a career off the weak point of a braver artist. (And this comes from a guilty soul. I used to compose cruelly specific, unfair denigrations about bands to appear "professional".) Reviews are only helpful if they offer constructive advice from an unbiased view, and that has all but expired in the last five years. They are neither mentally or brutal, and neither is helpful to the reader."

"The truth is out there, though. Honest music fans and their poison-less pens still walk among us. Try allmusic.com and www.gloriousnoise.com (which I'm biased about, but they deliver)."

"It could be, though, that "respected" music journalists venue venues will always be flawed — and maybe, like rock 'n' roll itself, always flaw-ridden, and always best left to the unprofessionals."

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Bush Little, Cheney Feney, Halliburton, Media Cheerleaders and Rubberplug Public let out one big cry: "Can't you see WMDs will fall from the sky?"

Bush Lefty said, with a disgusted frown:

"Could it be that oil is the reason to bomb that ground?"

Ignoring Zesty Lefty, Bush Little, Cheney Feney, Halliburton, Media Cheerleaders and Rubberplug Public rushed to "liber- ate" Iraq.

As they went, Zesty Lefty yelled out: "If you don't find any WMDs, don't climb all this!"

But before they were able to make a move, Zesty Lefty sent them to Guantanamo Bay.

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Pedro Hernandez

Social science junior

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change majors and they can’t there’s a lot of factors that are involved.”

At the beginning of the season I asked Bromley about the departure of his freshman guard, Low Finnegan. Bromley said that Finnegan was homesick and needed to be closer to his family, a perfectly respectable situation. There was no chance Finnegan was coming back to Cal Poly for his sophomore season, so why should that count against a school’s ability to graduate students?

What about the student-athlete who is recruited under one condition, then has homesick and needed to be closer to the player’s town, the coach is fired or takes a new coaching job? Should that count against a school if they decide to transfer?

These situations should be looked at on a case-by-case basis. While I don’t believe anybody should receive a free pass on the first season, there have been situations that should be reconsidered.

The Mustangs bring Jeff Owens to the best start in his Cal Poly career, enjoying a 16-5 start. He took second in the Fullerton Open, losing only to Pac-10 foe Anthony Baza of Cal State Bakersfield in a down-to-the-wire, 6-3 final. Owens competed in the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational, collecting two wins. Owens won out on the Mustangs’ first major road trip, with the team collecting two much-needed wins over Ryan Darsie of Nebraska (10-6) and Jason Knipp of Iowa State (6-2). He is currently ranked No. 3 in the Pac-10 conference.

At 184, Ryan Huber, the former Pac-10 champion, has competed in the Fullerton Open, where he won first place at 184 pounds, posting two opponents in the process. He defeated Tyler Bernach of UC Davis, 3-0, in the championship round. Huber is ranked No. 4 in Pac-10 and is currently 15-6 on the season.

Arizona State comes into this weekend boasting a 9-6 overall record as well as unbeaten Pac-10 record of 4-0.

The Sun Devils, like the Mustangs, have gone through a tough schedule and turned some heads in the process, scoring near wins over powerhouse teams like Iowa State and Minnesota.

Arizona State is led by Jeremy Mendoza (125) who is a state champion, having earned his first All-American in 2006 and has a No. 4 ranking nationally as well as No. 1 ranking in the Pac-10.

The talented line up the Sun Devils bring to San Luis Obispo could also include Ryan Bader (197) with an 18-3 record, Brian Smith (157) with a 17-2 and Pat Payne (149) with a 13-3 record. All three are currently ranked in the top 15 nationally and No. 1 in the Pac-10.

Arizona State currently holds a 2-10 advantage over Cal Poly lifetime, with their last victory coming in 2006, with the Sun Devils topping the Mustangs in Tempe, 33-9.

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Seattle Pacific exodus benefits Cal Poly

Jack Hoyt expects Sexton, a sophomore, to be one of the top three for heptathlon this year. "My goal for her would be to qualify for division nationals," Hoyt said.

Both Ayers-Stamper and Sexton are looking forward to a successful indoor track and field season. "We have a lot of strong athletes and once we start peaking I think you're going to see the results of our work," Sexton said.

As assistant coach, Hoyt hopes to build the indoor and outdoor track programs into top-tier Division I programs. "There's a lot of talent already here and I feel it's possible to make the top 10," Hoyt said.

The team is traveling to the University of Washington for an invitational on Jan. 27 where Ayers-Stamper will be attempting to qualify for the national indoor track team. "There are lots of young, talented athletes who are highly motivated," Hoyt said. "This team is definitely on the rise."

Hoyt's athletes seem to think these are reasons for their success so far. "He always believes in you which makes you believe in yourself," Ayers-Stamper said.

Sexton agrees, "He makes practice not feel like practice." As far as coaching goes, Hoyt feels he has a responsibility to the athletes to make sure all its academic reputation stands up. "If you can think of all the teams receiving sanctions, this is what we're avoiding, " Hoyt said.

"He's like family to me. He's like a father figure," said Ayers-Stamper, who transferred to Cal Poly last season.

"Danielle dominated Division II last year," Hoyt said. "She should be an All-American this year."

Sexton, another heptathlete, transferred to Cal Poly this season to continue training with Hoyt. "Everyone is so friendly and the team is really welcoming," Sexton said.

Cal Poly wrestling prepares to face Arizona State on Friday at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym.

The Mustang wrestling team is currently going through the toughest part of its 2006 schedule having just returned from Oklahoma. Cal Poly was dominated by the defending national champions, Oklahoma State, and lost to Oklahoma, both by the score of 38-6.

Things will not get easier for Cal Poly this weekend as the defending Pac-10 champions, Arizona State, visit Mott Gym in a battle between the highest ranked teams in the conference. Still without the services of All-American candidates, Chad Mendes (125) and Matt Montemes (197), it will be a tall order to knock off the Sun Devils.

Cal Poly currently is 7-4 overall and 4-1 in the Pac-10. The Mustangs are currently ranked No. 2 as a team in the Pac-10 behind No. 1 Arizona State.

At 133, the Mustangs have Darrell Vasquez. Vasquez sat out 2005 due to injury, but has come back in the 2006-07 season and immediately made an impact in Cal Poly wrestling competing in the highest ranked teams in the conference.

WEEKEND SPLIT

Cal Poly captured its first win of the 2006 season Sunday afternoon, defeating Santa Clara, 5-2, behind strong efforts from Samantha Waller, Danon Beatty and Carol Erickson.

The combination of Waller and Beatty took down Santa Clara's Kelly Leathers and Samantha Georgino with a convincing 8-3 victory, improving the duo record to 2-2 overall on the season and 1-1 in dual matches.

Waller and Beatty then went on to score two more victories for the Mustangs with Waller defeating Kelly Leathers in No. 1 singles play, 6-2, 6-3 and Beatty earning a comfortable 6-1, 6-2 victory over Georgino.

A day earlier, the Mustangs were defeated by No. 17 UC Berkeley, 7-0. The Mustangs are now 1-2 on the season.

Cal Poly returns to action on Friday, visiting a Big West opponent, Cal State Northridge at 11 a.m. The team's next home match is scheduled for Feb. 18 against UC Riverside in a Big West duel.

BULLDOG BITE

The Cal Poly men's tennis team fell to the Bulldogs of Fresno State 7-0 over the weekend in the team's first competition of the winter quarter.

Cal Poly's highest ranked player in school history, John Nguyen, fell to Fresno State's Jakub Cec in a tie-breaker third game (6-3, 6-7, 6-7). The Mustangs fell in doubles competition with teammate Brent Van Ling at Fresno State's duo of Sanghoo Moon and Sam Gibbs.

Men's tennis continues play Feb. 4 and 5. On Feb. 4, Cal Poly will face Pepperdine with matches beginning at 10 a.m. The team will travel to San Diego State for a 10:30 a.m. match with the Aztecs on the next day.

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Frankly Speaking

I couldn't wait to write this column after Cal Poly's basketball triumphs over UC Santa Barbara. I mean, let's face it, we're obviously superior this year, right? It was difficult controlling my Cal Poly paranoia while sitting on press row at the men's basketball game on Saturday. I attended the game as a Mustang Daily reporter, but as a Cal Poly student, I delighted in hearing the result of the weekly basketball game. And each time David Whitehill dished the crowd with an academic lay-up or three-point shot, I wanted to jump up and cheer with the rest of Cal Poly.

A win feels good; a win at home is even better; a weekend sweep of the Gauchos, now that's priceless.

As heartening as the win was, I knew what was coming this week: the article about the men's basketball team losing two scholarships.

Truth is, Cal Poly certainly won't be the only institution hit with NCAA sanctions. However, it was a shocker to discover our school, with all its academic reputation, would have one, let alone several teams under the standard Academic Progress Rate score.

"Coaches nationally have always talked academically, and the APR is causing them on a day-to-day basis to act academically and there's a difference," Cal Poly's Athletic Director Alison Cone said.

The results, of course, don't mean Cal Poly athletics is falling academically. The men's basketball team's scholarship loss is the direct consequence of several athletes leaving at an inopportune time — during the two year the APR began to collect data (2003-04 and 2004-05).

In fact, coach Kevin Bradley said his team is doing very well academically as a whole. The men's basketball team's GPA for the fall quarter was 3.74, he said.

The APR is a real-time measure of projected graduation rates, not GPA.

What you're going to see in February when the official APR two-year numbers are announced is a host of teams receiving sanctions, teams you wouldn't expect. Why? Because the APR is new and it's unrefined.

To echo the thoughts of Cone and Bradley, the APR is a more accurate gauge of a school's graduation rate than the previous system and the concept is encouraging, but there still are problems to address.

The most significant flaw with the current state of the APR is how the numbers are calculated. "There's always different circumstances for why young men don't graduate," Bradley said in an interview last week. "They want to transfer closer to home to be closer to mom and dad, or they want to...

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