Report shows Cal Poly freshmen rank highest in college readiness

Jennifer Hall

Freshmen Cal Poly students ranked highest in the recent California State University 2005 annual report in mathematics and English proficiency and high school grade point average for entering freshmen. The study, published on March 15, 2006, analyzed freshmen students’ readiness for college based on three components.

- Cal Poly freshmen ranked the highest among all the CSU schools in all three areas.

"Our newly-selected students are college-ready," said Jim Malaviglia, assistant vice president for admissions, recruitment and financial aid at Cal Poly. Ninety-five percent of freshmen Cal Poly students were proficient in mathematics and 91 percent were proficient in English, according to the CSU Web site.

The report also included the percentage of Cal Poly students that required remediation in mathematics and 9 percent required remediation in English during their first year.

Five percent of freshmen required remediation in mathematics and 9 percent required remediation in English.

Forestry and Natural Resources

Jennifer Boudewin

While lumberjack Paul Bunyan and his big, blue ox Babe are characters of myth, the sport of logging is no tall tale.

The Cal Poly Logging Team knows this firsthand, carrying on the legacy of traditional forestry field skills on campus.

Created two years ago by then-Harvard sophomore Mark Zuckerberg and his friends, Facebook's owners had already turned down a $750 million offer. The article also strongly suggests that corporate media giant Viacom might be interested in the matter, said一种 senior industry executive, who asked not to be quoted further on the issue.

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Created two years ago by then-Harvard sophomore Mark Zuckerberg and his friends, Facebook is now one of the most popular Web sites in the world. Market researcher comScore Media Metrix ranks it as the seventh most frequently visited site, behind sixth-place Google, second-place MySpace, and first-place Yahoo.

MySpace sold for $580 million last summer to News Corporation, a media company headed by tycoon Rupert Murdoch. ComScore reports show that the site has not negatively affected MySpace's popularity.
Proficiency  
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English.
According to a Cal Poly press release, 98 percent of the students admitted to Cal Poly who required remediation were proficient at the end of their first year.
"Remediation really isn't an issue," Matavaglia said.
The average high school grade point average for entering Cal Poly students was 3.74 according to the Web site.
Systemwide, 63.2 percent of CSU freshman were proficient in mathematics and 53.4 percent were proficient in English. The mean high school grade point average was 3.3.
The Maritime Academy held the second-highest ranks with 81.1 percent of first-time freshman proficient in mathematics and 74.1 percent proficient in English.
The second-highest mean in high school grade point average was San Diego State with an average of 3.49.
At Cal Poly Pomona, 71.2 percent of freshman were proficient in mathematics and 80.6 percent were proficient in English. The mean high school grade point average was 3.29.
In the 2004 CSU annual report, 95.6 percent of freshmen Cal Poly San Luis Obispo students were proficient in mathematics and 89.2 percent were proficient in English. The mean high school grade point average was 3.77.
The CSU Trustee policy requires that new students show proficiency in math and English before they can enroll in college-level math and English courses.

Logging  
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Cal Poly Logging A-Team placed fifth overall. The Cal Poly Logging II Team came in 12th.
The event, held March 22-24 at Cal Poly's Swanton Pacific Ranch, invited teams from forestry depart­ments at universities in Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming and Utah to compete in a series of con­tests involving both physical skills and technical knowledge.
This year, 12 teams from 10 uni­versities and community colleges entered 110 student loggers in three days of competition and contests including compass use, plant and tree identification, pole climbing, axe throwing and chopping, among oth­ers.
The event was "spectacular to say the least," said Doug Pirro, the log­ging team IRA program manager. "I am very, very proud of the Cal Poly forestry and natural resources (FNR) and Logging Team students."
When the team is not engaging in competition, its members keep busy with a number of exhibitions held throughout the school year. Logging Team students can also take the FNR 290 class, forestry skills, to enhance their abilities.
"The FNR 290 class meets a couple of times per week with scheduled "learn-by-doing" activities the class comes up with," Pirro said in an e-mail, adding that the AWFC Contest is one of the "learn-by-doing" activities the class provides.
The team sources and sells firewood annually as its main fund-raiser, and sets up a booth during Cal Poly's Open House where anybody can try their hand at axe throwing.
For detailed results of the AWFC 2006 competition, including the results of individual Cal Poly competitors who placed in events, visit the Mustang Daily's Web site at www.mustangdaily.net.

Hazing  
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If all eight committees pass the bill, Matt's Law will make hazing a misdemeanor, even if the hazing doesn't injure anyone. And it will make hazing illegal for everyone, not just students.
California state Sen. Tom Torkelson said the bill will be more likely to pass in future committees of people continue to show up in sup­port.
"It's important that you stick together so strongly," Torkelson said.
Thirty people wore red shirts to the hearing to show support for the bill.
Jim Moon, vice president for stu­dent affairs at Chico State, was among the supporters and will con­tinue to go to the hearings, he said.
"The unanimous passage today was wonderful and showed the broad-based support," Moon said.

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— Marge Piercy

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— Will Rogers (1879 - 1935)

Wordly Wise

Metier: An occupation, especially in which one excels.

Supernumerary: Exceeding a necessary or usual number.

The Face of Cal Poly

Name: Maricecar Mendoza
Year: senior
HOMETOWN: San Jose
Major: journalism

Bar: Black Sheep
Drink: Ummm, too much to choose from, but considering the deadline, I'm going to have to go with a mango mojito.

Movie: If I'm feeling a little violent it is "Kill Bill Vol. 1" for sure. If I feel like a hustler, it's "Pool Hall Junkies" all the way.

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Levee break floods neighborhoods Merced

A Merced County Sheriff’s Department truck patrols at a mobile home park Tuesday in Merced, after two levees broke, flooding the trailer park and threatening other homes in Merced and inundating farmland south of Sacramento.

Cross shelter inside a high school cafeteria.

The floodwaters also swelled into a nearby residential neighborhood, peaking at about 2 feet above sidewalks, then receding, leaving a grizzly ring of debris on homes marking the high water.

Mario Ortega carried out his elderly parents’ belongings into a waiting pickup truck, wading through standing water that covered what was once their front lawn. “How long will they have to put up with this? It’s frustrating to see them in this situation,” Ortega said.

Joe and Karen Hart said their Merced neighborhood was “surrounded” by water, though their house stayed dry. They weren’t taking any chances, though, dropping by a sandbag distribution center set up by the California Department of Forestry.

“We’re doing what we can,” Joe Hart said as he loaded sandbags in his pickup truck. “We don’t want to end up like in New Orleans.” At the Golden Wheel trailer park near Merced, floodwaters crept up to doorways. Barbara Cabelut said she awoke to a knock, and found a sheriff’s deputy waiting.

“I looked out the door and said, ‘God, we’re flooded,’” Cabelut said as she waited at the Red Cross shelter for the waters to recede. The elderly woman waded through deep water to get to the deputy’s truck. By Tuesday afternoon, the Golden Wheel trailer park was cut off by the floodwaters to its east.

Reservoir operators released water from a variety of dams in the valley, including Friant Dam outside Fresno, to make way for the rainwater.

“We don’t have a concern with what the releases are right now,” said Gary Barbin, chief hydrologist for flood operations. “It’s cumulative and manageable.”

In Broadmoor, south of San Francisco, a handful of residents left their homes after a voluntary evacuation order was issued when a hillside above their neighborhood threatened to give way.

And Highway 99 south of San Francisco was closed in three places, including at Devil’s Slide, long prone to rockslides.

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**VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE** — Former first lady Nancy Reagan will be on hand as the Air Force dedicates its Central Coast missile defense complex to her late husband.

It was former President Ronald Reagan, who died June 5, 2004, who championed the weapons system — dubbed “Star Wars” when proposed in 1983 — designed to shoot down intercontinental ballistic missiles fired on the U.S.

The Ronald Reagan missile defense site includes four silos that house two interceptor missiles. Two silos are being used for testing.

— The Associated Press

**HEALDSBURG** — A 75-foot-tall oak tree crashed into a residence along the Russian River, narrowly avoiding hitting a resident in the second-story apartment of the house.

“It felt like an earthquake,” said Sam Metz, 30, who was alone in his apartment when the tree fell about 11:15 a.m. Monday.

Part of the multi-trunked tree came through the ceiling before coming to rest atop a brick wall. It did not hit Metz or damage any of his possessions.

— The Associated Press

**DEVORE** — Eleven cars on a mile-long freight train derailed in the Cajon Pass near Interstate 15, spilling at least nine carloads of kernel corn onto the railway.

No one was hurt and the cause of the derailment wasn’t known.

— The Associated Press
National briefs

WASHINGTON — The House on Wednesday voted to limit the multimillion-dollar donations to nonprofit groups that changed the face of American politics in the 2004 presidential election. Majority Republicans said they were closing what they contended was a gaping loophole. Democrats pointed the move as an effort to undercut their supporters.

— The Associated Press

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — A levee and pump system under construction nearly a decade after flooding wiped out Grand Forks is passing its first big test.

The Red River was projected to crest Thursday at 48 feet above flood stage but well below the top of the new levee.

"We're cautiously optimistic," said City Administrator Richard Daquarte. "A lot of us who went through the '97 flood are watchful, but we are very gratified to have this levee project."

— The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Now that Katie Couric is making the move from dawn to dusk, her legacy and the future of CBS News depends on an audience that, according to a new poll, prefers to see her in the morning.

Asked if they would rather see Couric in her longtime role as "Today" host or as the first woman to anchor a network weekday evening newscast on her own, 49 percent favored the morning and 29 percent said evening, according to a poll conducted this week by The Associated Press and TV Guide.

After 15 years as morning television's queen, Couric confirmed Wednesday that she is leaving NBC's "Today" show to become anchor and managing editor of the "CBS Evening News" this fall. Her audience at "Today" is about 6 million viewers; "CBS Evening News" has about 7.5 million.

— The Associated Press

Apparent human smuggling attempt uncovered in Seattle; 21 held in connection

Tim Klass

SEATTLE Twenty-two Chinese nationals were in custody Wednesday after they apparently let themselves out of a 46-foot cargo container that had been used to smuggle them from China, officials said.

The 15 men and four women, all believed to be in their 20s and 30s, seemed to be in good physical condition after about two weeks in the container, said Michael Milne, a spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Port of Seattle security guards spotted the group about 1 a.m.

Milne said there was no evidence of "any real criminal or terrorist activity ... just an alien smuggling operation."

He said the stowaways were believed to be part of an organized smuggling ring, but he had no information about how much they paid for the voyage or who ran the operation.

Milne said it could take investigators several days to determine whether they were deported, be held as material witnesses or face other proceedings, such as asylum hearings.

The smuggling container, the second from the bottom in a stack of four, had been flagged for a special examination, but that had not been conducted before the group was caught, Milne said.

It had been loaded on the ship in Shanghai and had water bottles, food, blankets and toilet facilities.

"The conditions are certainly not deluxe, but everyone came off in apparently good health," Milne said.

The group apparently paid the container owner early Wednesday and lowered themselves about seven feet to the ground, he said. About half were found within the terminal and the other half were spotted trying to get out through a gate, Milne said.

Once they were intercepted, "there was no attempt to flee or hide," he said. "They were cooperative."

The ship is owned by China Shipping Line's Rotterdam and summoned federal authorities, said Michael Milne, a spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

— Associated Press

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David Cray

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John Curran

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — A jury found Merck & Co. liable on Wednesday for one of two former Vioxx users' heart attacks in a split verdict that awarded $4.5 million in damages to one of the plaintiffs.

The state jury found the company failed to adequately warn both men about the risk factors linking the now-withdrawn painkiller to heart attacks and strokes, but said the drug was a factor in one of the men's illnesses.

Jurors ruled that only John McDarby, 77, a retired insurance agent from Park Ridge, should receive compensation. McDarby was awarded $3 million for pain and suffering and his wife was awarded $1.5 million. He did not comment after the verdict.

The trial also included the case of Thomas Cona, a 60-year-old grandfather from Cherry Hill, N.J., who was stricken on a golf course after what he said was nearly two years of Vioxx use. The jury said he should receive $45 to compensate him for the cost of his medication. Cona declined comment after the verdict.

The verdict is the second court loss for Merck, against two Vioxx plaintiffs, in a retrial. The trial was the first dealing with plaintiffs who blamed illnesses on long-term use of the painkiller.

McDarby lawyer Robert Gordon called the trial, which followed less than two days of deliberations, "a victory for 100,000 Americans who had Vioxx and did not have Vioxx." "This is a victory for the tem of thousands of doctors who were led by Merck about the dangers of Vioxx," Gordon added.

McDarby, a diabetic who took Vioxx for four years, suffered his heart attack in his living room and broke his hip in a fall on a hospitalization slide that has left him sitting in a wheelchair and unable to care for himself, according to his attorneys. Merck, which faces about 9,650 suits in state and federal courts over Vioxx, said it will continue to fight each one.

"Today's split verdict is a disappointment to the thousands of employees of Merck here in New Jersey and across the country," Merck spokesman Bob Gilardi said. "This jury has spoken, but this split ruling at least suggests that the jury was confused. We are not an individual basis as we have done in the past."

Cona's case was expected to return to court Thursday to decide whether the company will pay punitive damages to Cona and his wife, who did not comment until after the entire trial ended.
Blue October's 'Foiled' brings new light to rock

Brigette Barbosa
Feature Editor

Blue October isn't a household name — at least not yet.

The once up-and-coming band from Texas has finally achieved semi-stardom. They might not have a glass case full of Grammys, or in the case of Three 6 Mafia, even an Oscar, but they do have a growing fan base and catchy singles.

"Hate me today/Hate me tomorrow/Hate me so you can finally see what's good for you," liner notes like this might not win any "Lyric of the Year" awards, but they certainly convey the message.

What message is that? Blue October let's you decide. Their storytelling songs allow listeners to relate and understand the underlying problem.

Blue October's fifth album, "Foiled," hit stores April 4, but the single "Me" recently peaked at No. 5 on the Billboard Modern Rock music chart.

The song "Me" is about a man going through the various stages of a relationship and understanding the mistakes he has made. He eventually realizes that his self-loving attitude may be the reason for the problems in his relationship. And the girl, is better off without him according to frontman Justin Furstenfeld.

You might not break down and cry based on the lyrics ... but you will find songs that rival the heart-filled, emotional lyrics of bands like Coldplay and Dashboard Confessional.

"He speaks the truth. It's all real-life experiences everyone can relate to," said fellow band mate, guitarist and vocalist CB Hudson on the band's official Web site, blueocto­ber.com. "Our music touches people in the heart. I'm really proud of that."

You might not break down and cry based on the lyrics, or even find the key to love hidden deep in the rock anthems included on this album, but you will find songs that rival the heart-filled, emotional lyrics of bands like Coldplay and Dashboard Confessional. But unlike Dashboard songs that force you to pull over for fear of hitting the car in front of you as tears stream down your face (not that anyone I know has), Blue October invites you to reflect and just listen.

The best part about "Foiled" is being able to listen and analyze the content based on personal experiences. Blue October doesn't force listeners to take their view of life, but allows the opportunity for fans to agree and add personal input to make the songs what they want.

Track No. 11, "Everlasting Friend," provides the best example of this capability. Lyrics like "Please take the message that you taught me how to live at last/But I said my confidence, it gets stronger when you're next to me/But will you respect good bye in quest for what we long to be" lead into the repetitive, but not boringly hypnotic chorus. "I might crumble and take a fall again/ I just want to know that you'll be coming home" is the chorus segment that gives the listener time to interpret their own thoughts and understand the message at their own level. This song, like the others on this album, is only what you make them. Nothing more, nothing less.

Blue October's other albums include "History for Sale," which features the track "Calling You" from "American Wedding," and "Consent to Treatment," the first album produced under their current label Universal Records.

Fans of Blue October will not be disappointed with "Foiled," and new listeners now have a springboard to enjoy the highs and lows of life in a new light.
I recently turned 22 and as I reflect back on my first year of legally being allowed to drink, I can’t help but feel guilty as I try to estimate the amount of money I have spent downtown.

One night at the bars can cost more than what a whole day’s worth of work can bring. I can’t help but feel stressed over what to wear, how much money we are spending. But let’s face it: The bars are an expensive place to be.

For the minority of Cal Poly students who actually do have to work to support themselves, being over 21 leads to a predicament. On one hand, you want to go out with your friends at every occasion no matter how much money you lose. But on the other hand, who really wants to go to work with a hangover the next day and end up broke at the end of the month?

The balance between the two isn’t as easy as one would think.

I like to go out with the intentions that I will only spend a certain amount of money and will be home at a reasonable hour. But before you know it, 2 a.m. rolls around and you have no money left in your wallet for a cab ride, so you start your trek home with a few friends in tow.

When you wake up the next morning with that throbbing headache and dehydrated mouth, things appear much worse as you check your online bank statement. Not only is all your cash gone from your wallet, but apparently you opened up a tab at the bar last night and surely must have bought many rounds of drinks for a bill that much.

This is the dilemma I seem to face quite often. Why do I continually go out week-after-week only to complain about how much the bars are costing me?

The solution is complex. I could either A: Find a rich mommmy and daddy to hand over my online bank statement. But I wouldn’t trade my parents for any amount of money, my only option seems to be drinking at home. But where is the fun in that?

It’s so easy to create your own bar with an array of alcohol at home in the comfort of your own home. No stresses over what to wear, how you’ll be getting home or if you’re spending too much money come into mind. Yet, no matter how much more I spend, I will never be as fun as socializing with your favorite drunk downtown.

My conclusion is that I’m addicted to downtown. No, not just to the alcohol, but to the atmosphere. It can’t be explained why the bars are so fun, they just are. No matter how much money I spend, I don’t complain about being too poor to go out, I still go.

So in the words of Hauy Lewis, “We’re not here for a long time, we’re here for a good time.” See you downtown!

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**Downloading takes away that new-CD buzz**

Josh Brodeheit  
The Oracle (Mount St. Mary’s College)

LOS ANGELES — Every time my soon-to-be-brother-in-law walks out of a record store with a new CD, I can’t help but feel guilty as I flip through the CD booklet, looking at the pictures and reading lyrics.

He craves the crunchy sound the plastic wrapper makes when he tears it off. His eyes become bigger as he flips through the CD booklet, looking at the pictures and reading lyrics.

He feels his cravings every week and spends about $60 a month at record stores. This comes to $720 each year.

Is this really who my sister is marrying? The guy has no grasp on investing. How’s he going to take care of his sister if he can’t take care of himself?

One day I brought up his spending habits, hoping I could offer some advice and ask why he wastes so much on stupid plastic circles when the Internet offers it all cheaper.

“Because I enjoy the process,” he told me.

Since the invention of music downloading, record stores have taken a hit. It’s not even illegal downloading that’s affecting the market; consumers pay cheap monthly payments for unlimited legal downloads at Napster that cost much less than the tangible albums.

I feel for my future brother-in-law just as I feel for a withdrawing drug addict. I’m embarrassed for him because he wastes so much money investing in albums that have no turnaround. I also feel sorry for him because there is a good possibility record stores will become nothing more than a tale of the past for future generations.

But for those who don’t care and download songs as frequently as porn stars have sex, get off your computer and go buy a CD. Don’t do it for the music industry. Don’t do it just to support the band. Don’t do it because it’s legal. Do it because it’s fun.

Then I let my mind take me back to my first album purchase. It was NOFX’s “White Trash Two Herbs and a Brain.”

Every time I pull out the CD it brings back memories no computer screen will ever be able to give me. One of the best music investments I ever made was that NOFX disc. I love the cover. I love the inside. I love the album name. I love the song names. I love the songs. Making memories of CDs is more rewarding than sitting and watching your belly flap flop onto your thighs and waiting for a quick download.

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**Skydive Santa Barbara**

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**THE VELVET ROPE takes on Spring Break**

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**Skydive TAF**

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**Diversions**

The Performing Arts Center will feature an array of local and national dance talent tonight and Friday.

Kelly Cope

MUSTANG DAILY

Dancer, choreographer and video editor Ashley Friend will be bringing her progressive post-modern performance entitled "One-Off Weaving" to the Spanos Theatre tonight and Friday starting at 8 pm.

Inspired by her father, who was a local visual artist, professor, gallery owner and weaver Dennis Friend, who died at age 32 from Andrus-poisoned wool used in his weaving just six weeks after his daughter was born, Friend has created a thrilling tribute to him in three parts. She will perform the first two — Weaving I and Weaving II — and will debut the third part, plus a piece showcasing what she calls the "scary body." The Conception of the tribute series will be an ongoing lifelong endeavor, as Friend plans to complete all 32 parts for each year of her father's life. Friend's "scary body." The "scary body" composition utilizes prosthetic props, which are attached to the dancers' bodies. An interesting struggle ensues when the dancers try to deal with the choreography with the extra additions. The difficulty is representational both literally and metaphorically of the limitations humans impose on themselves and each other. The "scary body" technique has also been used in some of Friend's previous performances such as in 2005's "Triage: PART I" and 2004's "Anamorphosis," both performed in Columbus, Ohio. The audience's experience will not only involve the dancers on stage, but also cutting-edge video, sound design, lighting, prosthetic props, set and costuming, which will help to convey Friend's message that dance is not only entertaining, but also stirring.

"Weaving I" performed at the Spanos Theatre is an old-new dancer piece called "Scary Weaving." Friend's "Scary body" and the "scary body of life" come together in a specificity that most of us can only dream of.

Rachell Boggia, Ohio State University, assistant professor of Music and Dance at San Diego State University, has already performed and choreographed nationally and internationally.

**EA Games creates a new addition to the Family**

Tae Andrews
THE ORIGINALE (TDATES DATE)

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Prior to the video game release of "The Godfather," fan speculation about its quality was high — would it do justice to the film, or was it just a money-making addendum to the film series, in pursuit of the almighty dollar? After a March 21 release, the final verdict is out: Justice is served, although the game is hardly a masterpiece. The Electronic Arts (EA) Game's adaptation of the classic film follows the preconceived notion set by the Rockstar Games hit series, "Grand Theft Auto." (GTA). Based primarily on the "GTA" format, the player has virtually unlimited free reign to explore the city map of 1940's New York. However, the game's strength lies in its storyline missions. Players can name and create their own characters, then pimp them out with customizable features such as mustaches, fedora hats and fine Italian suits. (Perhaps the most hilarious aspect is that the player is bearing a college dorm room packed with ideological gangland paraphernalia, including a "PICK THE TAN TIE, IT GOES TO THE VIDEO GAME RELEASE OF "THE GODFATHER.""

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Rachell Boggia, assistant professor of Music and Dance at San Diego State University, has already performed and choreographed nationally and internationally. His passion lies in the study of sensory communication, the human condition, personal story and new technologies.

A group directed by Liu Yu of the Washburnu Center of downtown San Luis Obispo will perform a Fan Dance, or Tachi Fan, as well. The dancer's peaceful, deliberate movements and the sharp claps of their fans as thunder rolls overhead will provide a strong contrast to the overall performance.

A question-and-answer portion will follow the show at the end of the night. Tickets are available for audience members to ask any questions of the dancers and choreographers, or express any thoughts they have on the night's performance. Tickets, $10 for students, $20 for adults, are still available at the Performing Arts Center.

**Or a Tommy Gun. To rustle up some cash, a veritable armory of dash hardware store is available for use as instruments of destruction. However, if gamers get tired of using the tools of the trade, they can simply lose the jackets, roll up those sleeves and get their hands dirty with an innovative fist-fighting system. Remember, spare the rod, spoil the child.**

Unfortunately, despite all its fun, the game has definite drawbacks. The game's playing aesthetics have a knack for the arcade — after special gangland-style executions, different catchphrases flash on-screen. For example, after whacking a guy with a baseball bat, the player is rewarded with the words "Grand Slam Execution" flashing on-screen. Also, button instructions advising players to "Press Triangle to Execute" and "Press R2 for Execution," while humorous, fail to capture the grave and somber nature of the classic film. While the game's good graphics, it recycles the same character models and builds for adults over and over again, to the point where wandering around feels like the film "Groundhog Day" — every backdoor gambling ring and back alley hustler on the street looks the same. Despite in shortcomings, "The Godfather" game video is a solid enough effort for fans of the film series to reaffirm a lesson worth learning from the film "Office Space" — "Damn, it feels good to be a gangster."

**Videos gamers can now roll up their sleeves and try their hand at playing Michael Corleone in "The Godfather."**

For example, when Michael Corleone uses a planted pistol to kill someone, a question-and-answer portion will follow the show at the end of the night. Tickets, $10 for students, $20 for adults, are still available at the Performing Arts Center.

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The player is required to earn a dishonest living by shacking down local businesses for their hard-earned cash. Having the freedom to rule with an iron fist quickly goes to the player's head, as the player hunts, execs and intimidates the various dens of New York City. Should the locals refuse to comply with diplomacy, do as any true Godfather fan would — simply make them an offer they can't refuse. Like Don Corleone, it helps in the game to speak softly but carry a big stick. Or a lead pipe.
The wingman formation

A wingman, as defined in the dictionary, is a pilot who supports another in a hostile environment filled with bogies. The wingman must support the pilot by engaging his target, as well as defending the pilot against possible intruders in a hostile zone. The "wingman," as we know it, is a buddy who makes another man look good in a hostile bar scene filled with babes. It is the wingman's duty to intercept the plus-sized, beaten-with-the-ugly-stick, or can't-and-won't-talk-to-women who present an obstacle to the pilot's pursuit. Whether they may defend the sexiest of their pack like fearless, cackling hyenas, or hunt out men in the vicious hope of satisfying their own fascinations for sexual desires, the wingman must, for his pilot, neutralize a sexy girls' friend by any means necessary.

But do not take your responsibilities as a wingman lightly. Do not enter into the position of wingman without knowing what to do. You must study up, you must train, and you must become strong, grandshopper. According to greatwingman.com, a site that offers a selection of wingmen stories and advice, "A great wingman understands the great laws of wingmanship. The laws of 'wingmanship' are laws that have been passed down for thousands of years, and a great wingman has taken a sacred oath to honor and respect those laws."

Laws like:

Law No. 7
The wingman should, wherever possible, make his pilot out to be a living legend.

Law No. 19
The wingman should always help his pilot if he believes the primary target is only looking good because of the beer goggles.

Law No. 13
The wingman is exempt from public humiliation (after the fact) if he in fact has to take the fat and/or -ugly girl home to ensure that the primary target is captured.

And my personal favorite:

Law No. 12
The wingman must never attempt to poach the primary target while his pilot is using the restroom.

A full list of international wingman laws can be found at wikipedia.org, and it would behoove you to learn them, "gus.

But, like they are at so many other things in life, such as sewing, good math and learning foreign languages, women are better at being "wingmen" than men. You should either make some friends who are girls and bring 'em to the bars, or check out wing-women.com. The New York-based Web site sells their wingwomen's time for $50 an hour to guys who want help meeting women and have lost faith in the wingman scheme. Women are used to guys and their wingman hitting on them," founder Shane Forbes said. "Women have developed reactive strategies to counteract the wingman's pickup mission."

Forbes claims that women are more likely to let their guard down when confronted by a man's lady friend instead of his buddy. The Web site boasts a history of more than 200 customers, and a "conversion rate" of 65 percent, which meant that the clients got phone numbers from the girls they picked.

It's bizarre that we need to gang up in order to approach women in the first place. But it seems to work. Wingmen everywhere, where you salute them. Keep up the good work.

For questions, comments, or to pay Daniel $50 an hour to be your wingman, write to denginas@calpoly.edu.

What does the other sex have to say?

Although I found Vogue's cover story on Ashlee Simpson less than stimulating, one feature in March's Details awakened me to a new sexual trend sweeping the Internet...the growing popularity of Casual Encounters.

"..."
Attention illegal immigrants

All right, now I'm pissed off. I don't know about how other people feel about this, but I am about ready to go postal over this issue of illegal immigration. These little hooligans have been having over the last couple of weeks are getting old really fast. Here's a word for illegal immigrants: Stop waving the flag of your nationality in our country and get out. If you like your country so much as to wave its flag around, purposefully trying to antagonize people who actually belong here, perhaps you would do us all a favor and return to that nation and stop using our tax dollars for free education, free medical care and every other service you take for granted.

Honestly, this situation should not even be an issue. Very few Americans have a problem with immigrants, per se; we're all immigrants after all, even the Native Americans got here somehow. We are very appreciative of the contributions of immigrants and the work they have done to make America great nation, but we do not appreciate people illegally pouring into our country by the millions. And we really don't like having those same lawbreakers waving their foreign flags and holding rallies in America when it's not even an issue. Very few people are reacting to the fact that aliens reentering illegally and alien smuggling, crackdown on alien gang members, aggravated felony provisions and hunting terrorist aliens from naturalization. To me, all of these things sound like they should already be enforced. The fact is that illegal immigration is a problem in the U.S. This bill simply strives to prevent further illegal activity from happening, and to fix the problems we have. My biggest problem has to deal with the amount of money spent on illegal immigrants. Although they take advantage of some of the social services in the United States, such as schooling and hospital care, they don't put money back into the economy in the way they would if they were legal. Americans have no problem if they are over here, but if they are simply pay for the right to be here just like the rest of us. I work hard for my money and I pay my taxes. It's not fair for me to have my tax dollars going to people that don't pay themselves.

Matthew Neal
Aerospace engineering junior

Immigration policy and the pressures of economics

As a credit card-carrying member of the Aryan race, a blood relative of Native Americans and a descen-
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Currently, Facebook's main source of revenue is paid advertisements and private investments. The costs of maintaining the site consist mainly of server space. ComScore says the site had as many as 5.3 billion page views in the month of February, compared to MySpace's 23.5 billion.

Questions of privacy

In the event that Facebook undergoes a change in ownership, all the user-private information would also vanish, thanks to Facebook's privacy policy. "You use information that the Web site or statement informs users. "I am unhappy with the amount of information, your user information would remain subject to the promises made in any existing Privacy Policy."

Most students, however, seem unconcerned about the privacy implications. "People should realize that when they sign up for services like Facebook that their information could get out in the open," Bruce Halperin '88 said.

They're entitled to it, and we signed over our information willingly," Robert Katz '89 said.

Facebook's privacy policy states that it does not disclose user identities and third parties only when "(1) reasonably believes that such disclosure is necessary to protect the property or rights of Facebook, its users, or the public; (2) is legally required or (3) permitted by you." MySpace, dealing with similar issues, is currently working with Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal to enhance safety measures.

Entrepreneurship

The possible sale of Facebook means a boon for student business initiatives. "Colleges, especially Princeton, a school without professional schools, should encourage students to get into entrepreneurship, especially for some of the departments that lead themselves strictly to getting your own business, like engineering," Halperin said.

Tom Zeaky '06, one of Princeton University's most recent entrepreneurs, took an indefinite leave from Princeton three years ago to co-found TerraFyte Inc., a company that uses waste from waste as fertilizer.

"I think college entrepreneurship is an amazing way to go because you get to do anything you want," Zeaky said. "It's the safer move... There's a lot of power in being a student. People are less intimidated and are more willing to help."

"If I got an offer for two billion dollars, I'd take it," he said.

Rise of Facebook

In high school, Zuckerberg and Adam D'Angelo classmates at Phillips Exeter Academy, created Synape, a plug-in for Winamp media player that automatically creates user playlists based on previous song preferences. After the program was posted online, many large corporations offered to buy it for as much as $2 million.

Zuckerberg and D'Angelo declined those offers at first, by the time they changed their minds after entering college, the offer was no longer available.

There may be some obstacles before Zuckerberg's current product gets sold. A civil lawsuit was filed against Facebook in September 2004 by real estate ConnectL1C.

American Bar Association study: Women unequally represented in top law jobs

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BOSTON — Despite statistics showing that women are increasingly underrepresented in law firm partnerships, Boston University School of Law continues to enroll even numbers of both sexes.

According to "Facts About Women and the Law," a study published by the American Bar Association, law firms employ an almost even number of male and female associates, but this does not hold true for the higher posts. In 1997, only 14 percent of law firm partners were women. According to the National Association for Law Placement, this number only rose to 17 percent in 2005.

The School of Law has admitted women since it opened in 1872, and for the past 20 years, the number of men and women in the school has been split almost evenly. The class of 2008 is composed of 48 percent women, and the traditional three-year full-time Juris Doctor program consists of 419 men and 423 women, according to School of Law dean ad interim Maureen O'Rourke.

"Rising to the top requires a partnership and bringing in the clients for the firm requires trust and effort that a lot of women do not have, and if they do not have the right support like I did, it is very difficult to do."

For O'Rourke, another reason for the low number of female partners lies in the firm practice as a partner is one of the most incompatible with a hands-on style of parenting. Not impossible, but not easy."

Despite the low percentage of female partners as large law firms, the School of Law's alumni have managed to succeed in other areas. Among the school's prominent alumni are Middlesex District Attorney Martha Coakley, who was involved recently in the Neil Entwistle case, Judge Sandra Lynch, who was the first woman judge on the First Circuit Court of Appeals, former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan and Florence Murray, the first African American woman on the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

According to the "Facts About Women and the Law," study, there is a "glass ceiling," a level beyond which women and minorities are unable to advance in a workplace.
Saddam Hussein dodges questions from prosecutors as he faces first cross-examination

Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein testifies during cross-examination at his trial held in Baghdad's Green Zone on Wednesday.

The trial adjourned until Thursday. Prosecutors appeared to have finished questioning Saddam.

Chief Prosecutor Iyass al-Mousawi asked Saddam about his approval of the death sentences handed down by his Revolutionary Court, which prosecutors have argued gave the Shiites a only cursory trial.

"That is one of the duties of the president," Saddam replied. "I had the right to question the judgment. But I was convinced the evidence that was presented was sufficient" to show their guilt.

Asked if he had read the evidence against the 148 suspects before referral, Saddam replied, "If the constitution requires the head of state to review documents before trial, then I abided by it." 

"At the time this crime was committed against the head of state, Saddam Hussein, we were in a state of war," Saddam said Wednesday, referring to the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s. "Don't you know that now children and women are being killed?"

Saddam asked, apparently trying to shift attention to the country's current violence. "Now, the bodies are being thrown on the street as if they were dogs... An Iraqi is not a dog."

Al-Mousawi asked Saddam if he was aware that 28 of the Shiites sentenced to death were under 18 and presented identity cards showing some were minors.

Prosecutors have said an 11-year-old boy was among those killed.

"I sentence an underage Iraqi to death! I wouldn't do it even if you were to carve my eyes out," Saddam said.

He added that identity cards can easily be forged, citing the example of an ID saying Mr. Raof is 25 years old, added, wording toward it as you wish.

During the questioning, Saddam cooperated with the court at times, grinning at the chief prosecutor and reciting poetry to the judge, whom he casually addressed by his first name as "Mr. Raof."

But at times, his relaxed demeanor gave way to a more condescending and irritable side.

Diplomats: Mideast nations held secret talks on Iraq

The four diplomats said intelligence chiefs from Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates and non-Bahraini diplomats held several meetings over the past few weeks to assess the situation in Iraq and work out plans to avoid any regional backlash that may result from sectarian conflict in Iraq.

The diplomats discussed ways of creating a more productive environment of national dialogue and of addressing the issue of Iranian influence in the region.

One diplomat whose country is involved in the talks said the officials are focusing on the proposed U.S.-Iranian dialogue on Iraq and the implications for Americans and Turkey of an "American-Iranian deal."

Government officials in Egypt and Jordan declined to answer questions on the meetings.

Reports in the Arab press suggested that any agreement between Washington and Tehran will be at the expense of Arabs.

Analysts, mostly Sunni and traditionally suspicious of Iran, are deeply concerned about what they see as Iran's growing influence in Iraq. Turkey, also a key Sunni Muslim nation, is worried about Iran's split between sectarian and ethnic entities that will give rise to Kurdish ambitions for independence.

Last year, Jordan's King Abdullah II accused Shiite-dominated Iran of trying to influence events in Iraq. He warned that Iran was seeking to create "a Shiite crescent" that would disrupt the balance of power in the region.

Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal made similar warnings.

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New Hamas government is broke, has missed its first pay day for public workers

Ibrahim Brazak
SAID YUSEF WAGHEFI

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The new Hamas-led government is broke and missed the April 1 monthly pay date for tens of thousands of Palestinian public workers, Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh said Wednesday.

It was the Islamic militants' first admission they will have difficulty running the West Bank and Gaza without massive foreign aid.

Haniyeh offered no solutions to the cash crunch, pledging only U.S. aid his government to pay the salaries of the Palestinian Authority employees despite the debt crisis that we are facing.

Finance Minister Omar Abdel Razek said he is waiting for $1.4 billion from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

"If they pay, and I hope they will, we will be able to pay salaries by the middle of the month," he told The Associated Press.

A collapse in the Palestinian Civilian Authority would devastate an economy where 44 percent of the population lives under the poverty line of about $2 a day and nearly one-quarter of the work force is unemployed, according to the World Bank.

In a symbolic step, Haniyeh said Cabinet members would not be paid until the financial crisis is solved.

"We are not going to receive our salaries until everyone from the Palestinian Authority is paid," he said.

Haniyeh's Cabinet, sworn into office just a week ago, needs to find ways to make up for foreign aid that Western donors are threatening to withhold, largely because of the Hamas' refusal to recognize Israel and renounce violence. In the past, Palestinians received about $1 billion a year in foreign aid.

Israel also froze the transfer of tens of millions of dollars in tax revenues it collects on behalf of the Palestinians since shortly after Hamas' January election victory.

The United States and Canada already announced they are severing ties with the new government, and the European Union is to decide on its aid program next week.

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Despite men's lacrosse, the team is satisfied with this season's success and looking forward to finishing strong in both the playoffs and the national championship.

The WCCI quarterfinal playoff will start April 22 at Cal Poly's home field.

The first game will likely be against rival Chico State, depending on how the last games of the season go for rival Chico State, depending on how

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work together cohesively. The Sea Otter Classic may not be a huge road bicycling race, but it serves as a great example of an event that has been going on for years, yet a majority of the population of the California, let alone the United States probably has never heard of it.

One might say that the success of the Tour of California is an indication of the growing popularity of bicycle racing in the United States.
Lacross looks for success in playoffs

Amy Dier dorff

As the Cal Poly's men's intercollegiate lacrosse team prepares for its final two games of the season and the Western Collegiate Lacrosse League (WCLL) playoffs approach, their winning spirit is unshaking, despite the challenge of practice-halting weather.

"We have to remain focused because we haven't been able to get any type of grass for a month now," said Brian Kelly, the team's president.

Recent heavy rains have soaked the practice fields for the past few weeks and confined players to parking lot drills and watching videos of previous games to keep their skills sharp. An April 15 game against Santa Clara at Cal Poly's home field will determine their seeding in the playoffs.

"Every week we're improving in the polls," Kelly said. "I'm pretty sure we're going to win the playoffs."

Cal Poly currently ranks No. 10 in the nation, according to a poll put out yesterday by the U.S. Lacrosse Intercollegiate Association. This is the highest we've been all season," head coach Marc Lea said.

It remains confident that, even though the team is missing out on valuable practice time, it's proven that they have what it takes to make it to the USILA National Championships in Dallas, Texas this May.

"We have a really good foundation we put in in the fall," Lea said.

"We're shooting for a top 5 finish.

A top-5 finish would be a vast improvement over last year's national ranking of 21. Last year was the team's first losing season in more than a decade, due in part to multiple player injuries and the departure of some key graduating seniors.

"We've definitely improved a lot from last year," Kelly said. "We didn't really know how to play as a team."

Ryan Herchenroether, head coach for the last two seasons, stepped down to pursue a graduate degree, leaving the spot to the man who previously coached the team for 7 years, Lea. Kelly credits this season's improvement to Lea, who returned to lead the program this past year.

"He taught us how to play all together, instead of as individuals," Kelly said.

Cal Poly beat the No. 7 team, University of Oregon, 14-13 on April 1.

"This last game was really big for us," Kelly said. "It showed our team that we deserve to go to the nationals."

But they still faced their share of disappointment this season. Just a day after the victory against Oregon, the team suffered a disappointing loss against No. 2 ranked Sonoma State, 12-7 on April 2.

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Excursion Club offers adventures to SLO

Jennifer Hall
MUSTANG DAILY

Outdoor enthusiasts can look forward to an increase in networking and organized trips by the new Excursion Club at Cal Poly.

The club began in January 2003 at UC Santa Barbara as an outdoor mailing list that connected people who wanted to organize trips for activities such as kayaking, backpacking and rock climbing.

"We started out as just a group of friends and from there we had a few events per week," said Jiff Yoshihara, co-founder and president of the Excursion Club.

Yoshihara and Lucy Skidmore started the club while they were students at UC Santa Barbara and it has now grown to include chapters in Westlake and the newest San Luis Obispo chapter.

The first meeting at UC Santa Barbara took place in fall 2004 and drew nearly 450 people and the mailing list now includes over 600 subscribers.

"The purpose is to bring all of the outdoor enthusiasts in an area together," Yoshihara said.

The Cal Poly club began advertising in January 2006 and plans to hold their first meeting during the fourth or fifth week of April. They are expecting a turn-out of over 400 people.

The Excursion Club has an interest list that has over 200 contacts.

"We have an awesome staff for San Luis Obispo," Yoshihara said.

"They're very committed, and based on their performance, this is going to be a pretty big thing."

The Cal Poly chapter has been organizing rock climbing trips every weekend and are currently planning a backpacking and fishing trip to Mammoth over Memorial Day weekend, as well as rock climbing trip to Joshua Tree later this month.

"The potential is endless," said Will Young, a sophomore, mechanical engineering student and president of the San Luis Obispo chapter of the club.

"It's a great way for friends to network together to find trips," Young said.

After the first meeting later this month, the club plans to start registra­ tion at a cost of approximately $20 per quarter or $40 for the year.

"You really get great people that love the outdoors," Yoshihara said.

"They really inspire you to keep going."

Many of the members have participated in numerous outdoor trips such as climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro and have a wealth of experience and equipment to share.

"They open up a window of opportunity that we never had before," said Yoshihara.

"It's a great way for friends to network together to find trips."

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In the wake of the Tour of California

When the Amgen Tour of California ended in mid-February on the streets of Redondo Beach, cycling appeared to be gathering a following in the Coastal Region and the rest, which expected nearly 1 million spectators, was widely followed in the media and on the roads. It brought cycling into the spotlight and made people more aware of the sport in California.

Cycling has been huge in Europe for years, but with sports enthusiasts focusing on more mainstream sports in the United States, it didn't seem to have a large following prior to the Tour, or at least a large following was not evident due to a lack of large races, which draw substantial crowds.

Now, just over a month and a half after the Tour of California, another bicycle racing event is ready to take center stage. The Sea Otter Classic is scheduled to begin today and run through Sunday, April 9 in Monterey.

The event offers road racing as well as a series of downhill mountain bike racing courses, including the staple dual slalom course and the ever popular dirt jump competition, which attracts an international field of competitors. However, it remains to be seen whether or not the SOC will attract large crowds.

Clearly this race has a smaller impact than the Tour of California did because of the sheer number of communities that the tour traveled through and the fact that the Sea Otter Classic is isolated to Monterey.

I for one did not know about the Sea Otter Classic until I went searching for it. I think that it is here the problem with professional bicycle racing lies.

For a sport with a large fan base across the United States, there is flat­ out too much disorganization with the sport. The events are organized individually and lack an umbrella organization, which controls adver­ tising of the events and the teams involved. So, as opposed to having an organization like Major League Baseball or the Indy Racing League, you have a bunch of sponsors and individual organizers who do not

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