World AIDS Day calls on Cal Poly

Nicole Small

World AIDS Day is Dec. 1, however, Cal Poly is having its own AIDS event today through Thursday by offering free HIV testing and education. This is the first year free testing is offered thanks to Pride Alliance. The testing will take place at the Cal Poly Health Center from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. all three days.

Peer Health Education and the Pride Center put on this event to talk about safe-sex education, promote getting tested and offer support.

Approximately 1 million Americans are living with HIV, and of the 40,000 new cases each year, half are people under the age of 25, according to Until There’s a Cure Foundation.

“The only way to stop the spread of the HIV virus is to protect yourself,” said Angela Kramer, an English sophomore and student coordinator of the Pride Center. Kramer said it is the goal of Peer Health Education and the Pride Alliance to educate Cal Poly students and the community on how to protect themselves against the pandemic.

“People should take advantage of the free testing. It can be scary getting tested alone, but offering this, students know other people are getting tested as well,” said Lizzy LaMotte-Mitchell, a Peer Health Educator and political science senior. The number of people who pass it onto someone they love because they didn’t know is shocking, LaMotte-Mitchell said. In fact, one in four people pass HIV onto someone else because they are unaware they are infected.

One test being offered, OraSure, only checks for HIV. The test is simple: A small pad on a plastic stick is placed between the gum and cheek, a swab is taken and the pad

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Former professor finally fills ambassador position

Tyler Wise

After minor complications, Cal Poly social sciences professor Maliha Zulfacar, a native of Afghanistan who has actively spent her summers aiding the rebuilding of the country, has finally assumed her role as Afghanistan’s ambassador to Germany.

Zulfacar, who taught classes about global ethnic conflict and geopolitics during the academic year, had left Cal Poly bound for Afghanistan and then Germany on Sept. 1 to become Afghanistan’s first female ambassador.

Yet, due to a dispute with the former Afghan ambassador to Germany who refused to relinquish his position, Zulfacar was not able to assume the role immediately after her appointment.

However, the former Afghan ambassador has since relieved his post and on Oct. 26, Zulfacar was able to commence her tenure as the new Afghan ambassador, social sciences department chair Barbara Mori said.

“It is a great honor for me,” Zulfacar said in a press

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Poly Rep with a passion

Christina Casci

Who the heck are the people on the Cal Poly Web site? So many people wonder this as they go the home page and just move on, never knowing the images are of Poly Reps. Lana Smith took this and turned it into a passion.

Now, Smith, a psychology senior, is president of Poly Reps. Poly Reps is a volunteer student organization that is the public relations for the school, she said.

“We talk to prospective students, parents and alumni,” Smith said. “We are the people that give tours — we represent Cal Poly.”

Smith got involved in the program because of her desire to do something for the school that she loved, she said.

“I love volunteering and helping others,” Smith said. “It’s
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must remain in a closed mouth for three minutes. Since the test must be sent to a lab off campus, results will take two weeks. Students can also choose to take a blood test to test for HIV and STDs.
Usually all tests cost around $8 at the Health Center, but the Pride Alliance is supplying the free testing from its own budget. Results are confidential, but not anonymous. In order for students to get their results they must leave their name and phone number with the Health Center so a consultation can occur once results are received.
During the three days, visual displays will be hung up around the University Union and on Thursday in the UU Plaza from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A booth will be set up with pamphlets, condoms and a list of community resources. Kramer is reminding everyone to wear red on Thursday and Friday to support World AIDS Day. LaMotte-Mitchell is part of the E.R.G.S. (Educational Resources on Sexuality) team, a group that educates students about birth control and safe sex.
Peer Health Education also offers teams to assist students with nutrition and a T.L.C. (Thoughtful Lifestyle Choices), going to dorms to teach about substance abuse.
Located just below the Health Center, Peer Health Education is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.
Free condoms and dental dams used for oral-vaginal or oral-anal sex (to reduce transmission of STIs) are available at the front of the office so students don't even have to walk all the way in.
"I keep very busy," Smith said.
The Pride Center is located behind the University Union in building 32T, room 104. The center "is the safe space on campus for anyone to come," Kramer Smith said. Students are welcome no matter their gender, sex or race.
The center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
To further support education about AIDS, the Pride Alliance ordered a limited amount of necklaces from the YouthAIDS campaign to sell for $5 at the center. The necklaces say "hear, see, speak" on them, and all proceeds go back to the foundation.
In the community, the AIDS Network of San Luis Obispo organized "Eat Out, Save Lives" for Dec. 1 in honor of World AIDS Day. There is a list of local eateries, available at www.sas.org, that will donate 10 percent of all proceeds to the AIDS Support Network's Food Pantry Program.
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great to be able to do something for Poly." Her enthusiasm to volunteer pushed her to get involved in many other school activities. Currently, Smith is a co­committee representative on the ASI Board of Directors, a member of both the Cal Poly Choir and a college-based fee committee, and she works for the Family Care Network as an in­house counselor.
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The Poly Reps advisor, Terrance Harris, said Smith is ambitious. "She is the kind of person that makes improvements where they're needed," he said.
"Every leader has their own style," Harris said. "Her style is very effective with her personality."
Smith wanted to be president, so she just did it without any experience on the executive board, she said.
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Question of the day:

Do you ever shop online?

"Yeah, it's delivered straight to your door and you have a wide selection that's easily comparable to other stores."

-Kevin Sullivan
music
senior

"No, I just view it as being unreliable."

-Brittney Lahlum
psychology
senior

"Yes, for eBay. You can find cheaper stuff and there are used deals."

-Jessica Pollitz
civil engineering
senior

"Yes, but only for products that are too racy for San Luis Obispo County."

-Jared Sousa
economics
sophomore

"I have before. You don't have to leave your house, but I don't like that you have to wait for it."

-Catie Carmody
liberal studies
freshman

Mortar attack sparks huge fire at Iraqi oil facility; U.S. jet crashes

Baghdad, Iraq — A mortar attack ignited a huge fire Monday night at an oil facility in northern Iraq, shutting the flow of crude oil to a major refinery, and a U.S. Air Force jet with one pilot aboard crashed in Anbar province, a hotbed of the Sunni-Arab insurgency, officials said. Al-Jazeera reported that the pilot was killed.

As Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki prepared for a summit meeting with President Bush this week in Jordan, Britain said it expects to withdraw thousands of its 7,000 military personnel from Iraq by the end of next year, and Poland and Italy announced the impending withdrawal of their remaining troops.

Iraqi President Jalal Talabani arrived for an official visit in Iran, where he is expected to seek its help in preventing Iraq's sectarian violence from sliding into an all-out civil war. His departure was delayed by a three-day curfew, which the government lifted Monday.

Two mortar rounds hit the pipeline filtering facility 15 miles northwest of Kirkuk, according to an official at the North Oil Co., speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to reporters. The fire was burning out of control and could take hours or longer to extinguish, and the flow of oil from all of Kirkuk's rich fields has been shut down to the massive Beiji refinery to the southwest, the official said.

After the F-16CG jet went down, a witness said other U.S. warplanes rushed to the crash site about 20 miles northwest of Baghdad and circled above it. The U.S. military, which released a statement on the crash, did not have any information on the suspected cause or the fate of the pilot.

But Al-Jazeera television showed videotape of the wreckage in a field and what appeared to be portions of a tangled parachute nearby, and the broadcaster said the video included scenes of the dead pilot but that they were too graphic to air.

One shot showed an Air Force seal that said Air Combat Command.

Mohammed Al-Obeidi, who lives in the nearby town of Karmah, said by telephone that he saw the jet flying erratically before it nose-dived and exploded in a field.

Separately, police and witnesses
The number of Californians who could afford a median-priced home as their first housing purchase fell to 24 percent in the third quarter, a trade group said Monday.

The figure represents a 4 percent decrease from the same quarter a year ago, the California Association of Realtors said.

The housing affordability index for first-time buyers is calculated by determining the minimum household income required to make a 10 percent downpayment on a median-priced home and secure an adjustable mortgage interest rate loan at 6.58 percent.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's agenda at a NATO summit this week will include pressing alliance members to increase defense spending. Aides say many U.S. allies are ill-equipped for modern military operations. But as Bush left Monday to visit NATO member Estonia, the rising violence in Iraq was prominently on his mind. Bush will head to Amman, Jordan, for talks Wednesday and Thursday with Iraq Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki after a two-day NATO summit in Riga, Latvia.

ANDERSON, Mo. (AP) — A fire gutted a group home for the mentally ill in southwest Missouri early Monday, killing 10 people and injuring 24, authorities said.

Firefighters brought the blaze at the Anderson Guest House under control just before daylight, but blackened Cinderblock walls were all that remained standing.

The home had 32 residents and two employees inside when the fire was reported around 3:11 a.m. Highway Patrol spokesman Kent Casey said.

The dead ranged in age from early 20s to the elderly, he said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. soldiers shot and killed 11 civilians and wounded five on Sunday night in the Baghdad suburb of Husseiniya. The U.S. military said it had no record of any American military operation in the area.

"We were sitting inside our house when the Americans showed up and started firing at homes. They killed many people and burned some houses," said one of the witnesses, a man with bandages on his head who was being treated at Imam Ali Hospital in the Shiite slum of Sadr City. The police and witnesses spoke with Associated Press Television News on condition of anonymity to protect their own security.

On Monday, about 250 people attended a memorial service outside the hospital's morgue for the 11 victims, saying it was being conducted in the slum because the dead had been followers of the radical anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. The cleric and his Madhi Army militia are both based in Sadr City.

The U.S. command also said three of its soldiers were killed and two wounded in Baghdad on Sunday, the day that Iraq's government began to lift the curfew by allowing Iraqis to leave their homes on foot to shop at their local fruit and vegetable markets. The curfew was imposed Thursday after suspected Sunni-Arab insurgents used bombs and mortars to kill more than 200 people in Sadr City in the worst attack by militants in the war.

The U.S. wants Iran's mostly Shiite government to do more to help Iraq's Shiite-dominated government stem a surge in sectarian violence.

Talbani is a member of Iraq's Kurdish minority, but he had close ties with Iranian officials before Saddam Hussein was driven out by the U.S.-led invasion in 2003.

The Bush administration has accused Tehran of arming and providing logistical assistance to Shiite militias, and British Defense Secretary Des Browne said Monday that Iran's behavior in Iraq remains a deep concern.

"Support from within Iran goes to groups who are attacking our forces, but also to groups who are simply fueling the sectarian violence," Browne said in an address to the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London.

Hard-line Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has said Iran is "ready to help" calm Iraq's fighting.

In other violence, gunmen opened fire on a crowded central Baghdad street on Monday morning, killing six Iraqis and wounding three, including some sitting in a parked car, said police Lt. Ali Abdel-Razaq. Each week, the mutilated bodies of scores of Shiites and Sunnis are found across Iraq.

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Shoppers face generous discounts as online shopping season kicks off

Anne D’Innocenzio

NEW YORK — After jamming malls on Friday for discounted flat-screen TVs and other electronics, shoppers clicked onto their computers at work Monday as retailers ushered in the start of the online shopping season with bargains and marketing hype.

With an increasing number of online players pitting prices against each other, shoppers are being bombarded with more generous discounts, free shipping offers and other enticements this holiday season.

On Cyber Monday, Nov. 27, Circuit City offered special coupons just for Monday, including additional savings of $100 on TV purchases of $1,700 and up, as well as an additional $50 savings on home audio systems purchases of $400 and up. Walmart.com, which redesigned its Web site earlier in November, unveiled Monday 50 online only specials offers, from cashmere scarves to flat-panel plasma TVs, that will be available through Dec. 1.

Online jewelry retailer Blue Nile.com is offering for the first time free overnight shipping to its best customers, a deal that runs through Valentine’s Day. It also sent out e-mails Monday offering 10 percent discounts to customers through Dec. 7.

Regardless of the e-commerce sites and physical stores are realizing they can “use the Internet to not only sell product but also drive traffic to their stores,” said Gian Fulgoni, chairman of comScore Networks.

Consumer electronics retailer Circuit City offered special coupons just for Monday, including additional savings of $100 on TV purchases of $1,700 and up, as well as an additional $50 savings on home audio systems purchases of $400 and up.

Throughout the holiday season, Circuit City is giving $24 gift card to customers if their online order is not ready for pick up at the stores in 24 minutes.

Walmart.com, which redesigned its Web site earlier in November, unveiled Monday 50 online only specials offers, from cashmere scarves to flat-panel plasma TVs, that will be available through Dec. 1. Carter Cast, CEO of walmart.com, said it will be replacing sold-out items with new offers this week.

Among the most popular items online, Monday on walmart.com were $299 GPS units by Garmin and 3 megapixels digital cameras by Philips.

The pure online players are fighting back with free shipping and other deals.

Online retailer Amazon.com pushed shoppers to get started early by holding an ongoing poll to select one steeply discounted gift item to be offered in limited supplies beginning on Thanksgiving day on top of other deals.

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ConScore, which excludes travel, auctions and corporate purchases in its results, expects online sales to increase by at least 24 percent to $599 million, from $484 million a year ago. ConScore reported a better-than-expected 42 percent increase in sales to $344 million on the day after Thanksgiving, from the same day a year ago.

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One exception was Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which announced Saturday that November’s same-store sales would be more disappointing than expected.

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Analysts are carefully monitoring the rivalry between online-only stores and brick and mortar stores, which are overtaking the lead in the online market share wars. According to ConScore, from 2003 to 2005, sales growth for brick and mortar stores’ online divisions grow twice the rate of that of online-only merchants.

Stores that operate both e-commerce sites and physical stores are

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Tuesday, November 28, 2006
Ballads from the bands

Sara Hamilton
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Cal Poly's University Jazz Bands are presenting the Cal Poly Fall Jazz Concert this Friday in the Alex and Faye Spanos Theatre.

"Two big bands and two combos will present "a fresh and spontaneous approach to jazz, America's great original art form," according to a press release. The University Jazz Bands No. 1 and No. 2 and the Cal Poly Jazz Combo will perform an eclectic mix of jazz standards and modern compositions.

"If you close your eyes and listen to student vocalist Matt Donner sing Sinatra's signature tune, 'I've Got You Under My Skin,' you'll almost believe that it's Frank singing," said Paul Rinzler, director of jazz studies at Cal Poly, in a press release. "We will also evoke the memory of Lucille Ball by playing the theme song from her legendary TV show 'I Love Lucy.'"

A recreation of one of Miles Davis' masterpieces, "Boplicity," will also be performed.

The University Jazz Bands are usually comprised of about 20 students from various majors who participate in a one-unit jazz band class that holds a concert at the end of every quarter. The bands regularly perform at swing dances on campus. The University Jazz Band No. 1 has been professionally contracted to perform at the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee (the world's largest jazz festival), the San Jose Jazz Society's Sunday jazz series, a Santa Barbara swing dance series, U.C. Berkeley's Pacific Coast Collegiate Jazz Festival, the Morro Bay Jazz Festival, the Jazz Jubilee in Pismo Beach, and as an opening act for comedian Bob Newhart, according to the program's Web site.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. concert are $10 for the general public, $8 for senior citizens and Jazz Federation members, and $6 for students with a PolyCard.

They are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. To order by phone, call 756-2787.

The Friday concert is sponsored by the music department, the College of Liberal Arts and the Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the music department at 756-2406.
When you get enough people of different backgrounds in a hotel, what happens? If one of them is a beloved politician, a heartwarming story may take place — at least, that's how Emilio Estevez's "Bobby" plays out. After getting kicked around Hollywood a little, Estevez seems like he might be about as honest a person as you could find in the town. Knowing this, you might go into "Bobby" predisposed to like it.

but before Robert Kennedy arrives at the hotel, you will be asking yourself "What's this movie about? Why did I trust those debonair eyes of Emilio Estevez after reading his poignant IMDB bio? Why did George Bush win in 2000?"

The answer is, of course, "I dunno." It's nice that each character is built up slowly over the course of the movie, but it becomes a pain when sentimental music strikes up every five minutes, another character aspect is revealed, and yet you're no closer to understanding where this development is heading.

Where's Bobby himself in the movie? It's appreciable that the character's lives form a patchwork representation of the work that Kennedy has done, but the movie gets lost beneath the tapestry rather than hanging it on the wall for the viewer to see.

In the end, when Kennedy does show up, the tension builds beautifully. You know what's going to happen, but when exactly will the bullets be fired? When it comes, the character builds up finally: They've been stewing the entire movie, and now we're served at last. Some cry, some throw chairs and all react poignantly.

The closing comes predictably but beautifully. The ending for each character's story is somewhat anticlimactic, but then another sequence of newsreel footage kicks in to finish the story with a Kennedy voice-over. It bookends the movie nicely, creating a moment as moving as the entry way experience.

"Bobby" actually talks about Robert Kennedy, we really get to see how esteemed the senator was. But before Robert Kennedy was assassinated, could be characterized as a disaster movie. A charismatic popular figure is shot, but there are no earthquakes, planes crashing or over-the-top tantrums, he takes the material for the popcorn fantasy it is, riding the dialogue with the sea of pointless melodramatics through the film's final act.

With the lengthy running time of 128 minutes, overabundant jump cuts and a hackneyed plot, "Deja Vu" is hardly a dramatic leap from Tony Scott's abominable last feature, "Dominic," but it succeeds primarily because it has what the former lacked: A coherent plot and confident star.

"Deja Vu" quickly devolves into the usual cat-and-mouse game of policemen shoot-'em-ups, and actually has very little to do with the phenomena of deja vu — in fact, it's never even mentioned. Carlin becomes more concerned with solving the murder of a beautiful woman (Paula Patton, "Idlewild") whose death may be linked to the Ferry bombing.

As the film moves from twist to twist, it competently builds suspense with Tony Scott's usual wall-to-wall camera tricks and Michael Bay-esque car-chase sequences, although the unecessary technical dialogue is saved by spot-on supporting-cast performances by comic relief Adam Goldberg ("Saving Private Ryan") and an underused Val Kilmer ("Alexanders") — not to mention the ferry bomber, who turns out to be none other than Jesus himself (Jim Caviezel, "The Passion of the Christ").

Most of the credit for the film's success goes to Denzel's cool-as-ice performance. Rather than boring us with pointless melodramatics through the film's over-the-top tántrums, he takes the material for the popcorn fantasy it is, riding the dialogue with the sea of pointless melodramatics through the film's final act.
I can't really explain why this review has gotten put off for so long. Port O'Brien's new EP "Nowhere to Run" has been hovering around the station and the town in general for a little while. During that time, I've seen them play twice. Still, the album has been sitting on a cabinet in the station. The album is primarily the work of Van Pierszalowski and Cambria Goodwin, both from Cambria. The town of Cambria alone seems to be one of those rich little folk towns with close proximity to the wonders of Big Sur. But whatever is given to the band by life in Cambria is supplemented by the time that Pierszalowski spends on Kodiak Island in Alaska where he works as a commercial fisherman from late May to August. One of my friends is a commercial fisherman from late May to August. One of my friends follows this same path and it has left him with a horrific addiction to coffee due to the fact that he takes in with light strumming and some of those sad bastard music vocals, but about midway it kicks and it kicks hard. Vocals are scattered and slightly off-pace from each other and it warbles so endearingly. It opens the EP well by scattering instrumentation around the song until suddenly stops midway through the speakers creating a very beautiful track. A cover of Nirvana's "Nevermind" closes the album and in context works well because it's not that hard to imagine a dirty Alaskan fisherman covering Cobain tunes. The great centerpiece of the album is "I Woke Up Today". If you invest a large amount of time into anything about this album, this is the song to dig up. The song is quite possibly one of the best that's come from any band with relations to SLO this year. It's upbeat and jostles along with shaking tambourines and a howling chorus of vocals that finds itself somewhere between tribal calls and bar chant. It pulls me in the same way I feel when listening to Animal Collective's "Grass" while still falling somewhere into the college radio territory I venture into with my mom like Destroyer and Vetiver.

Port O'Brien has given us a good EP that definitely proves that they are one of the great bands from the area right now both live and on album. And if you haven't caught a live show from them, you should put it on your schedule. The band opens larger to contain members of the Bloody Heads for a thrilling show. Also, they cover Luckers' "Move Bitch." Show tips: Captain Chaos and Paul Baribeau will be playing on Dec. 3. It's a show I've been looking forward to a lot as Paul Baribeau's album is a fantastic singer-songwriter piece. However, in true DIY fashion there is no venue yet. Keep on the DIY SLO MySpace for more information (myspace.com/diyslo).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Interpretations of Bible sometimes misleading

A letter disputing the article on "Sex, Lies, and the Bible" was recently posted in your letters section on Nov. 20. To quote the letter, "Such lines as ... any serious investigation negates their being a fable... are wrong. The mark" and are "not the kind of broad, sweeping claim(s) this particular author is qualified to make."

I will also "concede that there are superficial discrepancies in current bibles, but many of these are far more than superficial. The Gospel's origin gives you an idea of where these discrepancies may come from. The Gospel were told as part of Christian oral tradition for nearly a century before they were written down as collections that were interpreted differently. The current biblical canon of the four Gospels was created until 1545 at the Council of Trent, over 150 years after Jesus' death, and even these Gospels have slight differences from one another. Finally, this was all written in Hebrew, Aramaic, Latin, and for us, finally translated into English, with our own colloquialism like "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." If you want to know more, go to: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biblical_canon.

I support the message of the Bible, but it seems many Christians have interpreted it in a way to form to their beliefs, and not form their beliefs from its content. I can say, however, that coping can be made significantly easier if the break-up takes place on respectable terms, and there's a chance for an exchange of words. Breaking up may be hard to do, and "un-breaking" your heart may be even harder. But take heart; don't let it dampen your faith; and remember, there can be life after love.

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redshirt freshman quick guard Justin
Ricce, sophomore interior lineman
Mike Porter and junior tackle Perry
Kelly.

Defensive line

Though preseason first-team All-
American nose tackle Chris White
(30 tackles, five sacks) will be missed,
all the defensive ends come back.

Redshirt freshman Ryan Shawall
pursed onto the scene with 51 tackles,
tied for the team lead with seven sacks
and led the Mustangs with 10 quar-
terback hurries.

Other ends coming back are
juniors Adam Toon (28 tackles, 4.5
sacks) and Louis Shepherd (10 tackles)
as well as redshirt freshman Carthin
Gillespie (11 tackles, two sacks).

Linebackers

It might be difficult to replace
Back Buchanan Award candidate
Kyle Shotwell (132 tackles, seven
sacks, two forced fumbles), but the
same thing was said when 2004
Buchanan winner Jordan Beck
graduated.

Shotwell’s backup, junior Wes
Price (5-10, 195) plays bigger than his
size. He had 13 stops, a fumble recov­
er and blocked two punts this sea­son.

Sophomore rover Mark Restelli (57 tackles, nine pass
breakups) and junior inside line­backer Jason Rolfe (71 tackles, 2.5
sacks) are both back.

Christ White, Noble, Tolner, Samuel, Grayson, Peek and
Hall all returned kicks this season.
Five of those seven players will be
back.

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flex defense scheme, which looks
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California Polytechnic State
University was sixth among 121
1-AA teams in fewest total yards
allowed per game this season
at 248.3.

Kyle Shotwell said the system
Ellerson and his staff have honed is
what will keep the program moving
in the right direction.

“Even if we’ve already faced it,”
he said. “We have such good coaches
that they can make an average player
very good,” he said. “Coach Ellerson
is such a good coach. I can’t see our
defense suffering very much at all.

It’ll be exciting to see who the next
guys are to step up and see the next
guy on the Buchanan list. It’s only a
matter of time before that’s going to
happen.”

While Noble and Restelli each still
have two years of eligibility remain­ing,
they are starting to think about
reaching the plateau of 1-AA before
their collegiate careers are over.

“We’re going to have to step up as
the new leaders,” Restelli said. “Do
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Added Noble: “My main goal is
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right now.”

From Wolverines’ view, it’s been a wild ride

The unranked Michigan volleyball
team is 21-12 overall heading into
NCAA Tournament first-round
match at No. 15 Cal Poly on Friday.

Andy Reid

MICHIGAN DAILY (UMICHIGAN)

Emotional rollercoaster.

Those words define the Michigan
volleyball team’s entire season, and
this past weekend was no exception.

In the past week, the Wolverines
have felt the highest highs, the low­
est lows and everything in between.

Michigan was soundly defeated by
better rival Michigan State on
Wednesday, bounced back in time
to dominate at Iowa on Saturday
and accepted an at-large bid to the
NCAA Tournament Sunday after­
noon to play at 15th-seeded Cal
Poly in a first-round match at 8 p.m.
Friday.

“It’s all even in a tournament,”
Michigan coach Mark Rose said.

“I think the conference has pre­
pared us for it, because we won’t see
teams that are better than what we’ve
already faced.”

Gene Grant, a 5-10 sophomore
who had 50 tackles (seven sacks) and
two pass breakups this season, is likely
to see more playing time.

A potential replacement for Samuel
is redshirt freshman David Fullerton.

Special teams

Senior kicker Nick Coromelas was
12-19 this year, including 9-11
to finish the season. He also filled in
for injured junior punter Tim Chicoine,
averaging 41.5 yards and landing 17 of his 44 punts inside
the opponent’s 20-yard line.

Tim Chicoine averaged 42.3 yards
per punt in 2005.

Kenny Chicoine was a reliable
punt returner (8.5 average) and will
need to be replaced.

Kick returner is a mystery.

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For his part, Restelli is optimistic for both sides of the ball.

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The Mustangs will need to replace six starters on defense, including three in the secondary.

Tristan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

After a 55-0 win over Savannah State in their Senior Day season finale Nov. 18, Cal Poly football players — both on the way out and returning — predicted a bright future for the program.

Coming off a 7-4 season, the Mustangs can return up to seven players on offense and five on defense who started Nov. 18 and most of the rest of the year.

But Cal Poly knows it has to pick up the pace on offense, where it struggled much of the season. When excluding games against Division II Fort Lewis and Savannah State (2-9), which has lost 22 straight to I-AA foes, the Mustangs were held to 16.6 points per game.

That’s in contrast to last year, when Cal Poly averaged 27.2 points per contest while playing its entire schedule against 1-A and 1-AA teams.

‘It’s the same guys,’ sophomore tailback James Noble said of next season’s offensive unit. ‘We’ve just got to put it together. This year we kind of struggled a little bit, but next year I think we’ve got some guys who will step it up. Me personally, I’ll try to step up and become more of a leader. Basically, try to set the tone for the next year.’

Noble, a Walter Payton Award candidate, rushed for 1,099 yards and seven touchdowns this season. He averaged 5.1 yards per carry and 1,059.9 per outing.

Alongside Noble, the depth returning in the backfield is impressive. Here is a position-by-position breakdown of who is on the way out and what role returning players might have next season:

Quarterbacks

Sophomore Matt Brennan threw for 1,208 yards and 10 touchdowns with seven interceptions this season. He completed only 45 percent of his passes, but ran the option well with 344 rushing yards.

While backup Cordel Webb is a senior, two of Brennan’s reserves will be returning for their senior seasons in Keoni Akina and Nick Emmons. Both are transfers. Akina (Northern Arizona) and Emmons (El Camino College) rushed for 28 and seven yards, respectively, this season. Neither threw a pass.

Also entering the fold could be 6-foot-2 redshirt freshman Mike Anderson, who threw for 2,151 yards and 16 touchdowns as a senior at Los Osos High in Rancho Cucamonga in 2005.

Tailbacks

Not only does Noble return, but his backup — sophomore Fred Hires II — will also.

Cal Poly football players celebrate their 55-0 Senior Day win over Savannah State to end the season Nov. 18 on Mustang Memorial Field at Alex G. Spanos Stadium. The Mustangs (7-4) must replace 10 starters in 2007.

Hires II saw time at both tailback and fullback this season. The 210-pounder carried 39 times for 221 yards and two touchdowns and offered a change-of-pace back for the shifter Noble (5-6, 180).

Redshirt freshman James Troyer carried five times for 45 yards Nov. 18.

On top of all that, starting redshirt freshman H-Back Jon Hall will return. In addition to picking up 91 yards and a score on 11 touches, Hall’s blocking skills developed nicely throughout the season.

Wider receivers

Where to begin?

This is the position from which at times players have had to switch because it was too crowded.

One of the most gifted players in

Both Mustang soccer teams hope youth will be served in 2007

Cal Poly’s women’s team looks to be boosted by the return of star forward Sharon Day next season.

Josh Krane
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly’s women’s soccer team came within one game of reaching the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2004 this season, but fell short against Cal State Fullerton in the Big West Conference title game.

The Mustangs (10-7-3, 3-1-3) finished third in the conference.

Head coach Alex Crozier said his team came together particularly during the last part of the season, especially in the Big West tourney.

‘This team the last weekend in the last tournament played some of the best soccer in a couple years,’ Crozier said. ‘It’s just a shame we couldn’t get into the NCAA Tournament.’

The women’s soccer team had a combined 20 freshmen and sophomores on the roster this season, many of whom showed promise for the future.

Carrin Andrews won Big West Co-Freshman of the Year honors and, along with freshman Kalena Andreas, was named to the All-Big West First Team. Freshman Ashley Yalla was named to the second team.

Seniors Heidi McQuitty and Kreye Carrall were selected to the first and second teams, respectively.

With the loss of four seniors, the team figures to remain young next year.

Cal Poly will have key member Sharon Day back after she sat out this season with a broken foot. Crozier described Day as a constant threat on the field.

“We ended up playing very well without her, but if she were there, it could have made the difference in seven or eight games that were losses or ties.”

Crozier set a conference championship and a top-16 bid for the NCAA Tournament as the ultimate goals for next season.

I-AAA to NFL: A growing trend

Tristan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

Don’t look now, but a former Division I-AAA football player could turn MVP candidate for NFL MVP honors, although the award should undoubtedly go to San Diego running back LaDainian Tomlinson.

You might have seen him tie a Dallas Cowboys franchise record with five touchdown passes on Thanksgiving Day.

On the season, Tony Romo has completed 69.4 percent of his passes for 1,165 yards and 13 touchdowns with five interceptions. His passer rating of 110.8 leads the NFL and, more importantly, the Cowboys are 4-1 since he took over as their starting quarterback.

Romo must have played at USC, Michigan, Ohio State, Texas, Florida or some other perennial power, right?

Wrong.

In fact, Romo — the 2002 Walter Payton Award winner — went undrafted out of Eastern Illinois.

But he’s an exception, right? Pro Bowlers can’t come from I-AAA schools, right?

Wrong again.

In fact, there will likely be at least two former I-AAA standout plays defense for the AFC alone in Honolulu come February. They are bull-rushing Kansas City defensive end Jared Allen (52 tackles, six sacks) and Jacksonville bull-hawking corner Rashed Mathis (44 tackles, six interceptions for 139 yards).

Allen won the Buck Buchanan Award at Idaho State in 2003. He was the last player from a school other than Cal Poly to take the honor.

Mathis won the Buchanan as a free safety at Bethune-Cookman in 2002, a year in which he returned 14 picks for 445 yards and four touchdowns.

As ridiculous as those numbers are, Mathis is doing a lot of the same in Jacksonville — he has picked off 16 passes for 260 yards and a score in the last three seasons.

Champ Bailey and DeAngelo Hall are probably the two best corners in the NFL, but Mathis is not far back as most people think.

Having a higher rating on a Madden video game would not determine who is the better player.