We want (people) to know that there's delicious, amazing beer, and this is the way they're made.

— Brad Hurvitz
Brew Crew President, psychology senior

Vice president Jeff Freitas and president Brad Hurvitz will display the beer-making process at the bookstore this week.

Club takes beer to another level

Katharine Tiffin
MUSICA DAILY

El Corral bookstore is a resource many students use to get their books and other Cal Poly related items, but this week the store will also be displaying something else—beer.

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It's a synergy (the science of brewing) experiment,” Hurvitz said.

“A lot of the beer that people drink nowadays is made in giant factories in huge kettles and very little attention is paid to them, especially to detail, and they don’t turn out the way they’re supposed to,” Hurvitz said.

Hurvitz and vice president Jeff Freitas began working on approval for the display a few weeks ago. Since Cal Poly is a dry campus, the crew had to write a mission statement explaining what they wanted to do, what the display would look like, why it would be beneficial to the campus and get a final approval from Cal Poly President Warren B育人.

Paso Robles and about 10 miles southeast of Lake Nacimiento, according to a preliminary report by the U.S. Geological Survey. It was followed by a magnitude-2.1 aftershock three minutes later.

San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Sgt. Jason Nefores said his department had not received any calls regarding injuries or damages.

The quakes were near the location of the magnitude-6.5 earthquake in December 2003 that killed two women and caused at least $300 million in damage countywide.

In InsomniacU's doors still closed: future of empty space unknown

Liza Manion
MUSICA DAILY

InsomniacU is no more, but why? One day it’s there, the next day it’s gone, just like that.

The VHS/DVD rental store located downstairs in the University Union picked up and left July of this year, with no official notice to students.

InsomniacU was locally owned by Lisa Scheideck and her husband, but they decided to shut it down.

“...as a couple, they sold off the DWDs and closed the business, and made a move to Northern California for job opportunities,” said Michelle Broom, public relations and marketing manager for Associated Students Inc.

They gave ASI notice in mid to late spring quarter of 2006. The Scheidecks owned the business for nearly 4 years, opening in fall 2002.

Insomnia co-owner John Jones sold Scheideck the business and let her keep the Insomnia name, he said.

“It was extremely popular with dorm residents,” Broom said.

She said the store, which was known for having more “eclectic” films, was a branch off of the Insomnia store in San Luis Obispo located on Broad Street.

As of now, the future of the space is not determined, Broom said. To make a decision, ASI will consider feedback, surveys and what they feel would be best for students.

“ASI is anxious to fill that space... but we are not anxious to fill it just to fill it,” Broom said.

GRE to change in length, price, content

Kristi Olafsson
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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — In September 2007, tests for the Graduate Record Exam — the entrance exam for graduate school — will increase in length, price and, for the first time, ask questions at a variety of levels, hence the new name.

The test, currently 2.5 hours long, will extend to more than four hours, Kaplan said, requiring much more stamina from test-takers.

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The two beers on display will be the Champagne Supernova and the Blonde Cal Poly Dolly, which were named by Hurvitz and Freitas.

Membership is $15 per quarter, and all members receive happy hour prices anytime at three downtown bars: Frog and Peach Pub, Downtown Brewing Company and Spikes.

"In one heavy night of drinking the ingredients and everything is made off-campus, although that will likely change next quarter," said Freitas, a civil engineering senior.

"People will pound Natty Lights like it's fast food," Freitas said. "What they don't realize is that beers have a variety much in the way of food, in that you can have fast food at McDonald's or you can have mamma's home cooking. That's what home brewing is."

The club brews a large variety of beers and uses everything from fruits to spices. "You name it, we make it," Hurvitz said. "Any wild ingredient that might cross your mind, we have thought about at one point to throw in our beer and make it unique."

The club also donates some of their kegs to local bars and ask the bars to give the proceeds to a charity of their choice. They recently gave a keg to Spikes which donated the money to a Parkinson's charity.

"We like to bring attention to different bars that are associated with the Brew Crew," Hurvitz said. Anyone can join the club, but must be 21 or older to drink.

"It gives schools another area they can evaluate students on, so students will need to make sure they're prepared for that section as well," she said.

Although Kaplan said ETS hasn't determined the new price, the current price of taking the exam is $150 and will increase, she said.

"Right now, I would tell people they should take both tests," Rohwer said. "Then you can submit whichever one you do better at."

Kaplan's best advice is to take the test early and take practice tests at any of the Kaplan centers around the country.

"It's really extensive, and it really does impact every aspect of the exam," Kaplan said.

Because of the changes, Kaplan suggests students try to take the exam before the upcoming changes, even if they aren't expecting to go to graduate school in the near future.

"Acorns are good for five years," Kaplan said. "If someone is thinking of going in a few years, take it before it changes."
Question of the day:

Did you ever go to InsomniacU?

“I’ve never even heard of it, so I never went there.”
-Cori Stanzl, horticulture junior

“I did because I was a freshman and poor. It was cheap and convenient.”
-Sarah Butler, theatre sophomore

“No, I never had a reason to. I download any movies I want to watch.”
-Ryan Smith, political science junior

“No, I lived in the dorms last year and I just watched TV.”
-Erika Dong, nutrition sophomore

“I have never heard of it. I have no idea what it is.”
-Alex Garcia, business senior

Recent sea lion attacks challenge animal’s cuddly and playful image

Marcus Woldsen
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SAN FRANCISCO — Tourists flock to Fisherman’s Wharf for the seafood and the stunning views of San Francisco Bay, but for many visitors, the real stars are the dozens of playful, whiskered sea lions that lounge by the water’s edge, gulping down fish.

Now a series of sea lion attacks on people in recent months has led experts to warn that the animals are not as cute and cuddly as they appear.

“People should understand these animals are out there not to attack people or humans. But they’re out there to survive for themselves,” said Jim Oswald, a spokesman for the Marine Mammal Center across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco.

In the most frightening of the recent episodes, a rogue sea lion hit 14 swimmers this month and chased 10 more out of the water at San Francisco’s Aquatic Park, a sheltered lagoon near the bay. At least one victim suffered puncture wounds.

Some scientists speculate that the animals’ aggressive behavior is being caused by eating fish contaminated by toxic algae, or by a shortage of food off the coast. But wildlife experts say even healthy sea lions are best left alone.

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Pope calls for 'brotherhood' with Islam

Victor L. Simpson

ANKARA, Turkey — Pope Benedict XVI urged leaders of all religions Tuesday to "utterly refuse" to support any form of violence in the name of faith, while Turkey's top Muslim cleric complained to the pontiff of growing "Islamophobia" in the world.

As he began his first visit to a Muslim country — a trip that drew extraordinary security but few onlookers — Benedict sought a careful balance as he extended friendship and brotherhood to Muslims, hoping to end the outcry from many Muslims over his remarks linking Islam to violence.

He expressed support for Turkey's efforts to join the European Union, moving away from opposition when he voiced when he was a cardinal.

But the German pope also hammered away at key points of his 18-month papacy, telling diplomatic leaders of all religions must "utterly refuse" to support any form of violence in the name of faith, while Turkey's top Muslim cleric complained to the pontiff of growing "Islamophobia" in the world.

The pope is expected to call for greater rights and protections for Christian minorities in the Muslim world, including the small Greek Orthodox community in Turkey.

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"All feel the same responsibility in this difficult moment in history, let's work together," Benedict said during his flight from Rome to Ankara, where more than 3,000 police and sharpshooters joined a security effort that surpassed even the visit of President Bush two years ago.

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His comments could be reinforced later during the four-day visit when the pope meets in Istanbul with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, the spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians.

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Sea lions (continued from page 3)

Sea lions, which can reach 1,000 pounds, typically bite only if they feel threatened or cornered. And they are more likely to flee than to fight if they can escape.

Researchers have described the most recent attacks, in which some swimmers were chased by sea lions.

Still, with a population numbering about 200,000 and growing, these playful, social creatures are increasingly likely to cross paths with humans. Sea lions accustomed to the easy pickings of seafood scraps in popular fishing areas can become aggressive toward people if they fear their food is about to be taken away, Oswald said.

The Berkeley attack, for example, was at a marina where fishermen dock their boats and feed fish scraps to sea lions. After they ran out of scraps, the sea lion turned aggressive and bit a crew member.

At the same time, a drop in fish stocks off the Southern California coast due to El Nino-like conditions could be driving more hungry sea lions than usual to San Francisco Bay, said Lynn Cullivan, a spokesman for San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.

Humans could also be contributing to aggression in sea lions in another way: Toxic algae blooms fed by agricultural runoff and other pollution can lead to the poisoning of marine mammals by a chemical called domoic acid, which can cause brain damage.

The Marine Mammal Center treated more than 200 sea lions for domoic acid poisoning last year.

Veterinarians at the center believe the brain damage caused by the poison could have led to the marauding animal's erratic behavior in Aquatic Park, Oswald said, though they cannot be sure without actually examining the sea lion.

So far park rangers have not been able to track the attacker down. Nevertheless, the lagoon where the attacks occurred has been turned into an resort, though with new signs warning people to stay away from sea lions.

"People who swim with the lions — though I'm sure that's nice — it's probably not the best thing to do," Oswald said. "It's a wild animal. And you want to keep them wild."
LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that a portion of a post-Sept. 11 executive order allowing President Bush to create a list of specially designated global terrorist groups is unconstitutionally vague.

U.S. District Judge Audrey Collins, in a Nov. 21 ruling released Friday, struck down the provision and enjoined the government from blocking the assets of two foreign groups which were placed on the list.

FRESNO (AP) — A former Fresno Pacific University professor and track coach was sentenced Tuesday to adult pornography led him to possess child pornography.

Cockerham said to judge Oliver that he had possessed (child pornography) knowingly, but I never went after it intentionally," Cockerham said to Judge Oliver Wangen during sentencing Tuesday to the City Council, urging them to override the十二五届全国人大会前，还将有数万 Accessibility and Stroke.

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Bush: Violence in Iraq not civil war

Deb Richeyman

TALLINN, Estonia — President Bush said Tuesday an al-Qaida plot to stoke cycles of sectarian revenge in Iraq is to blame for escalating bloodshed, and refused to debate whether the country has fallen into civil war.

"No question it's tough, no question about it," Bush said at a news conference with Estonian President Toomas Hendrik Ilves. "There's a lot of sectarian violence taking place, fomented in my opinion because of the attacks by al-Qaida causing people to seek reprisal."
Directions for dancing across campus

Sara Hamilton

Two left feet? Not to worry. No experience and no partner? They've got you covered. Cal Poly has its very own dance clubs with weekly lessons for folks just like you.

The Cal Poly Swing Dance Club has two lessons every Sunday on campus for $1 each. Intermediate lessons are from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Architecture building, room 225, while beginning lessons are 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the same place.

Swing Club president and environmental horticultural science student Kimberly Daum wanted prospective swingers to know that the skills learned at lessons have plenty of opportunity to be put to use around town.

For something a little more along the lines of "Dancing With the Stars," check out the Cal Poly DanceSport Team, a competitive ballroom dance team that represents the school at meets throughout the state. For more information on the DanceSport Team's ballroom lessons, visit www.cpdancesport.org.

The next Swing Club event will be a styling workshop held on Dec. 2. Additional information on lessons and upcoming events can be found at www.sloswing.com.

The Cal Poly Country Line Dancing Club (CLDC) has lessons Thursdays and Fridays. Members meet in the Architecture building, room 225, every Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. The club also has lessons at The Graduate every other Thursday night at 8 p.m.

The next hour-long lesson at The Graduate is slated for Nov. 30. Students at that lesson will learn the ten-step, the waltz and the drifter, which are all couples dances.

Though all the lessons are free, membership to the CLDC is based on a quarterly or yearly fee, which includes paid admission to all club events. Anyone interested in joining the club is asked to visit www.cldc.calpoly.edu for more information.

The Cal Poly Ballroom Dance Club holds lessons every Thursday in the Architecture building, room 225, for a fee of $3. The club will be teaching the nightclub two-step on Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. After class, there will be free dancing until 10 p.m. so people can practice what they've learned. More information is available on the club's Web site at www.calpolyballroom.org.

The Cal Poly Salsa Club offers salsa lessons to beginning, intermediate and advanced students Friday nights. In the Architecture building, room 225 (the same place where the Swing and Ballroom clubs meet) the Salsa Club has a $5 lesson at 8 p.m. The lesson is followed by free dancing, which starts at 9:15 p.m.

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A pirate’s life for she

The book shines brightest when Druett discusses the social philosophy and stigmas of the times that often forced women to become pirates. The ability to wear non-restrictive clothing and maintain power over a group of men must have been extremely liberating in an era when women were expected to stay home and control the domestic sphere. Somewhat surprisingly, it wasn't always simply a lust for power or adventure that drove these women to become buccaneers. In most cases, extreme poverty also played a part. In Ireland, piracy was not only an alternative to scrounging for food (or even turning to cannibalism), but was also a way of exacting revenge on the bounty of England, their country's oppressors. Women with no

Matt Belliveau
Massachusetts Daily Collegian (Al Massachusetts)

The recent launch of two game consoles — the PlayStation 3 and Nintendo Wii — has produced massive hordes of two types of shoppers: the shopper who is willing to spend long hours in line in hopes of acquiring one of the Christmas season's hottest new items, and the shopper who hopes to acquire a console to resell on an auction Web site, possibly making thousands of dollars in profit.

Recent shortages in the number of available consoles were expected to drive the asking price of owners selling their system online sky high, but reports have shown that prices are holding strong.

On the eBay auction site on Sunday, Wiis were selling for twice the store price, indicating that supplies are still tight. The PlayStation 3 (PS3), meanwhile, was selling for around $1,500, already down about $1,000 from its launch.

On Monday, PS3 consoles in their last five minutes of auction were listed at prices between $650 and $910. Some ambitious sellers had listed consoles at prices around $1,500 but they had fetched no bids. "Prices are down now," said Mike
“Call of Duty,” schmal of duty. I'll be frank, and yes, you can still be Garth, “Call of Duty 3” is terrible. Would be more fun than the point, that I’m sadistic or anything. It just because from the very beginning, the company that produces the franchise, the main beef for the Xbox 360. The boys over at Activision, the company that produces the franchise, must have been watching a lot of John Wayne movies during the construction of “COD 3”; because from the very beginning, the game bears horror voice acting, all too much of it. The game opens with a cinematic trailer, in all its pristine, next-generation graphics, and as the scene rolled over the gray-toned French countryside, I said to myself, "God, this sure is purrrdy.

But a game like this shouldn’t just be "purrrdy." It should be so many things other than "purrrdy." It should have something new. Activision claims to have added destructible environments, to which I say, "purrrdy." The back of the box says there are new "battle actions." I say, "purrrdy." After my tongue began to tire of rolling "r's" in my proclamations of visual awe, I wondered if the mass slaughter of virtual Nazis is new "battle actions." I said, "purrrdy." The whole close-quarters combat system is a joke. It really is. It adds nothing. I want it to go away. Let me save you the time and stress. The game never changes. Kill, regroup, kill, regroup, kill, — the first level is the same in the third, which is as the same as the fifth, and so on.

So let me save you the time and stress. The game, play one level and grab a magnifying glass, pat you on the back and tell you, "you're doing a great job." It’s more fun to channel what sunlight we have left onto poor computer characters. The IBM-developed Cell chip inside the console uses seven separate processing cores, which can be used to make the physics in game worlds more realistic and which allow the creators to enhance the artificial intelligence of computer characters. The PS3 was originally supposed to go on sale in early 2006 but production problems and shortages of key components forced a delay. The European launch of the console has been pushed back to March 2007. Stuppia says demand has been high for the PS3, but many prospective PS3 buyers are turning toward the cheaper Nintendo Wii.
The modern media seems to have a morbid fascination with the rising death toll in Iraq. It is paraded about in headlines and stories as if that is the only news worth reporting from the entire conflict. Even The Tribune, San Luis Obispo’s very own newspaper, continually updates a running death tally.

During previous conflicts, the media reported on the successes of the soldiers with casualties referred to as a tragic consequence. Now it seems, death tolls make the headlines and success, or should we say, failures are portrayed as temporary and fragile. The number of Americans killed (2,875 as of Nov. 25th) 2006 is often touted as one of the main reasons that the war is going wrong.

This idea that the death count is an indication of the success of a war is completely absurd. If that were the case, then the Civil War and WWII would be our two biggest failures since the death tolls reported by CNN are 498,332 and 405,399, respectively.

We all know that death is a tragic consequence of war, but the success of war can only be measured by the degree to which we have achieved our goals. The Civil War saw the defeat of slavery, fascism and Nazism. Achieving those goals was the primary focus and sole measure of their success.

Fast forward to October of 2002 when the US Senate and House of Representatives illegally supported the Iraq war, 77-23 and 296-13 respectively. With that support, Bush attacked in March of 2003 in response to constant hostilities, non-compliance with many UN resolutions, crimes against humanity, terrorist connections and the past use of weapons of mass destruction.

Many of our initial objectives have already been achieved as Saddam has been removed from power and brought to justice by fair trial that he wouldn’t have granted to his own citizens. A free, democratic government has been formed in the place of the Stalinist-fascist Baath Party and is now working with the various sects to ensure a lasting peace. The vast majority of Iraqis live peaceful, productive lives in a recovering country,while a few hoarders of violence account for most of the news coverage.

With much of the work complete and Iraqi forces poised to take over the rest, it is not surprising that we may reduce troop numbers in the next couple of years. Make no mistake about it; this process has nothing to do with political elections at home or death toll abroad. Bush has learned from historical precedents that the only way we can lose if we quit, and he has no intention of remaining. Pandit criticizes him for using biases media opinion and its portrayal of progress, but this is his success.

As the leader of this country, he needs to keep our focus on the overall goals, not the individual tragedies. That is to discount the life of any individual soldier, but to devote the ideals for which they fought.

Lincoln understood what it took to win a war and we need to remember his immortal words, “Always bear in mind that your true success in life is to be exact in the fulfilment of a promise, however small.”

In the 1950s, as a nation consumed with the cold war and the threat of communism, we needed to remember his immortal words, “Big Brother is you, is me, is your neighbor, is all of us. Of George W. Bush and Alberto Gonzales, we must also consider whether he deserves it or not.

Michael Richards’ racially charged outburst at a comedy club Richards’ words are by no means excusable, but it is entirely possible that his problem is less to do with racism than with rage. Caught in a moment of unbridled anger and knowing nothing about his heckler but the color of their skin, he may have hurt the most hurtful words he could think of. In any case, he will forever be condemned as a racist whether he deserves it or not.

In the 1950s, as a nation consumed with the specter of the brutally oppressive Soviet Union, George Orwell wrote in his famous novel “1984” of a world where the government overviews everyone’s actions, no matter how private. And while we may still rightfully worry that Big Brother exists in the form of George W. Bush and Alberto Gonzales, we must also consider whether we live in a world where Big Brother is you, is me, is your neighbor, is all of us.
Anderson named Big West Player of Week

Cal Poly's senior point guard put up 14 points, four assists and five steals per game last week.

Field Hockey

Cal Poly's Hannah Hartnett made the first goal and the Gauchos matched it. After a second goal was made by Cal Poly's Emily Kirwan, the Gauchos scored and the game was tied at 2.

The game went into strokes — similar to penalty kicks in soccer — and five alternating strokes were taken by both teams.

Cal Poly goalkeeper Adele Schoepf managed to stop two shots and called out an illegal first shot due to a technicality. Cal Poly won 4-2 to advance to the championship round.

Coming from a long first game, Cal Poly then played the previously undefeated Aggies of UC Davis. Cal Poly head coach Chris Fuller gave the team a pep talk before the game about mental toughness that it needed to make big plays at the right times and to work hard until the game's conclusion.

At first UC Davis had the advantage when it scored late in the second half.

With 15 minutes left in the game, Hana Michaelis shot the ball from the top of the 16-yard line in to the game and the Mustangs went into overtime for a second time.

Within the last two minutes of the game, Hartnett took Fuller's advice and shot in the game-winning goal. Cal Poly won the championship against UC Davis by a score of 2-1.

According to Hartnett, the referees after the game commented that the game was one of the most intense they have seen.

"We went especially crazy after the game ended," Hartnett said. "We couldn't believe we won. We jumped up and down on the field for five to 10 minutes straight."

During the regular season, Cal Poly tied Chico State 1-1, lost 2-0 to UC Davis, beat UC Irvine 8-0, beat UC Santa Barbara 2-0, beat Chico State 3-0, beat UC Davis 3-2, lost 5-4 to UC Irvine and beat UC Santa Barbara 2-0.

Follett said she is going to miss playing in the club and all her teammates. The team will also lose five other senior players — Jenny Kao, Katie Miyashiro, Hana Michaelis, Ashley Ogle and Sam Ricker.

Fuller is optimistic about next season and said even though there is a huge generational gap between the team, the freshmen players are skilled.

"I expect to win five championships in a row," Fuller said.

Raiders replace O-coordinator

The Oakland Raiders replaced offensive coordinator Tom Walsh on Tuesday, promoting tight ends coach John Shoop to take charge of the team's struggling offense.

Walsh is a close friend of coach Art Shell, having served as his offensive coordinator during Shell's first stint as Raiders coach. But Walsh had been out of the NFL since being fired with Shell after the 1994 season.

The decision was a hot-button issue for San Francisco fans, but the players also stood behind their coach's caution.

After all, this young team is still learning how to play well enough so that such small decisions aren't such a big deal.

"Look at it how you can say obviously we should have gone for it," quarterback Alex Smith said Monday. "You'd like to see us get it in (the end zone), but at the time, I think you have to kick it. You have to make it a four-point game."
The Mustangs' preseason all-conference senior forward lets his play do the talking.

Devin McClaine

Derek Stockalper has seen his share of ups and downs.

The Cal Poly men's basketball team's 6-foot-5 senior forward has yet to strike a balance between personal and team success. Although he was named to the All-Big West Conference First Team last year, he has yet to experience a winning season at Cal Poly.

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The Mustangs have taken the first steps to ensure that Stockalper will not end his career on a sour note, starting the year with a 3-2 record. Cal Poly's best start since the 2003-04 season.

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