Dusk ‘til Dawn a wild ride

Students at Associated Student Inc.’s Dusk ‘til Dawn enjoyed a night of activities including an obstacle course, sumo wrestling, a surf simulator and a concert.

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Cal Poly’s fourth annual Constitution Day lecture had a timely edge this year as voters prepare to pass judgment on Proposition 8 The California state ballot measure would amend the state’s constitution to define marriage as solely between a man and a woman.

Eileen Scallen, law professor for William Mitchell College of Law, examined the reasoning behind the California Supreme Court’s 78-page decision to recognize same-sex marriage as a fundamental right last May. During her speech “Family as a Fundamental Right: The Constitutional Right to Same-Sex Marriage in California,” she explained what she said is the fundamental misunderstanding of the decision.

“This was not simply, to paraphrase a notorious politician, a ‘Like it or not, gay marriage is here’ decision,” Scallen said, alluding to the often repeated line of a speech by San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom.

“This was a very elaborately considered and argued decision by the California Supreme Court. It was however hotly contested,” she said.

The real issue for the court to decide was not about who claims marriage as a constitutional right, but whether or not the decision by the California Supreme court abridged the right to marry, Scallen argued.

On Constitution Day, the key question was whether the court wanted to define marriage as a right that could not be abridged by the state, she said.

The court’s reasoning was that because the state didn’t abridge the right to marry, the state could not abridge the fundamental right to same-sex marriage.

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Feds reject protest to Diablo Canyon waste storage plan

This April 12, 2001 file photo, shows the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant near San Luis Obispo. Federal regulators on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008, denied an activist group’s objections to a radioactive waste storage plan at Diablo Canyon.

Erica Werner

Federal regulators ruled Thursday that a radioactive waste storage plan can go forward at a Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant without further study of whether it’s safe from terror attacks.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission voted 3-1 to deny the novel objection from the activist group San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace, which had won a federal court ruling forcing NRC to consider its arguments.

The decision OKs PG&E’s plans to store spent nuclear fuel in aboveground casks at its Diablo Canyon power plant near San Luis Obispo. Dry cask storage is increasingly common at nuclear power plants around the country.

Mothers for Peace had contended there wasn’t sufficient study of whether the casks planned for Diablo Canyon could withstand potential terror attacks while protecting human health and the environment, but the NRC said no more study was needed.

“The NRC staff and PG&E provided essentially unconstrained evidence that the probability of a significant radioactive release caused by a terrorist attack was low, and that the potential latent health and land contamination effects of the most severe plausible attack would be small,” commissioners wrote in their order.

NRC staff studied what they said were plausible attack scenarios that couldn’t be made public for national security reasons, and concluded that even the worst-case scenario would result in a low dose of radiation that it wouldn’t cause health problems for plant neighbors.

Commissioner Gregory Jaczko dissented, contending that NRC staff didn’t address potential attack scenarios raised by Mothers for Peace and made insufficiently supported assumptions that the probability of a terror attack was low.

“Combining this with the fact that the agency’s message all along has been ‘trust us to have looked at this information that we refuse to give you access to,’ I would say the agency is standing on a very weak foundation to reject the position of...”
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PGE spokeswoman Sharron Cavn said, "We are pleased with the com­mitment and decision to respect the process that was used to make it which has acknowledged and respected the pub­lic." She said the ruling would allow the company to remain on-schedule to begin moving spent fuel into dry cask storage in 2009.
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Paul Ames

A jailed Chinese activist won the European Union’s top human rights prize on Thursday despite strong pressure from Beijing, which scorned the honor and said it would cause serious harm to China’s relations with the 27-nation bloc.

Ignoring repeated warnings from China, the European Parliament chose Hu Jia over two other nominees for the Sakharov Prize.

“Hu Jia is one of the real defenders of human rights in the People’s Republic of China,” said EU assembly’s president Hans-Gert Poettering. “The European Parliament is sending out a signal of clear support to all those who support human rights in China.”

Before the announcement, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said Hu Jia was a criminal and that honoring him would constitute interference in China’s internal affairs.

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Beth Foulk

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The Obama campaign was also charging new organizations $935 per person for a spot in its press filing center, as opposed to $495 per person at the McCain gathering.

SACRAMENTO (AP) — While Washington debates the merits of financial bailout packages, California lawmakers are getting their own economic stimulus.

A state compensation board on Thursday approved a $3 daily allowance increase for all 120 members of the Legislature. The annual increase is required under state law to keep up with travel reimbursement rates for federal employees traveling to Sacramento. Lawmakers now will be entitled to receive $173 for each day they travel to the Capitol, up from $170.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — State regulators blame the pilot of a container ship for causing an oil spill in San Francisco Bay when the vessel rammed a bridge tower.

The state pilot commission approved a report Thursday that says Capt. John Cota committed several errors, including leaving port in thick fog on the morning of Nov. 7 and sailing the ship too fast. The Conco Basin crashed into a support tower of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and leaked more than 50,000 gallons of oil.

The spill killed thousands of birds and fouled 26 miles of shorelines. Despite the findings, the commission has no authority over Cota because he already has surrendered his pilot license and retired.

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One of Oakland's most respected underground hip-hop duos will stop by the Central Coast to perform at Chumash Auditorium Oct. 26 with an opening act by Cal Poly alum Brian McMullen, also known in the hip-hop community as B-Man.

Zion I and B-Man will make their debut performances at Cal Poly along with acts like DLabri, Rahman Jamal and local group Public Defender.

Tour manager Tim House knew Zion I had a strong following on the Central Coast when the duo drove into town to play at Downtown Brew for their last visit. "Zion I has love in San Luis Obispo because the first thing we heard when we came into town was someone bumping Zion I in their car," he said.

House also mentioned that college shows have more energy compared to a typical show because the audience is made up of "forward thinkers.

"It's different in general because everyone is on the same page. The lyrics challenge people with thought and (college) students get it versus those who don't."

The duo has released several albums and EP's and has been featured on mixtapes and collaborations. House says that each one is different. "(Zion I) takes a lot of risk with their music," he said.

For the past decade Zion I has been making a mark in the hip-hop scene. Producer/DJ Amplive and emcee Zumbi are the two performers that make up the duo. The two are acclaimed for combining positive and poetic lyrics with Amp's use of live instrumentation and sample mix. The duo is currently on a nationwide tour.

"Zion I is highly respected in the hip-hop community and we're glad to have them here," said Adam Rouman of Alpha Epsilon Pi. "It is good music, we all love Zion I and I think it's going to promote campus unity by bringing more campus vibe. We're also trying to promote socially conscious music and all acts do that."

Cherny said that Zion I's manager got in touch with Hip Hop Congress about building a greater fan base on the Central Coast. "Zion I's manager contacted me over the summer about putting on a show here, and obviously we accepted because we love those guys," Cherny said.

Zion I isn't the only headliner taking the stage on Sunday. Public Defendaz, a five-man group out of San Luis Obispo which started in 2006, will also perform. Their music has been described as counter to the stereotype that rap is all money and flash. Hip-hop artist B-Man's music has been described in a similar manner. "It's true hip-hop because he raps over his own beats and that's rare in hip-hop. His music is very progressive, old school brought to 2008 and beyond," said Cherny.

Tickets will be sold today in the University Union from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Let's face it, we haven't really had big hip-hop acts here, so I'm excited that our first show will be historical," Hip Hop Congress president Rachel Cherny said.

"We're trying to make SLO a stop for big hip-hop acts to perform between L.A. and San Francisco," she added. "It seemed like a perfect fit to host the event with the guys of Alpha Epsilon Pi because I knew we would have their local support."

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Hip-hop duo Zion I will return to San Luis Obispo Sunday with a show at Chumash Auditorium. Tickets are still available for $15.
Check out these movies opening tonight at the Downtown 7 Cinema in downtown San Luis Obispo

**"Saw V" (Horror, R)** stars Tobin Bell, Costas Mandylor and Scott Patterson

**"High School Musical"** (Musical, G) stars Zac Efron, Vanessa Hudgens and Ashley Tisdale

**"Pride and Glory"** (Drama, R) stars Colin Farrell, Edward Norton, and Jon Voight

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**Lar Lubovitch Dancers:**
Saturday, October 25, 8 p.m. (Spoozes)
World-renowned choreographer Lar Lubovitch brings his dancers to Cal Poly as a part of his 40th anniversary year.

**Cal Poly Choirs Debut:**
Saturday, October 25, 8 p.m.
All of Cal Poly's choirs will unite for a performance entitled "American Idols," which will include songs of our American heritage.

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**Off-Campus Events**

**Slo Art Center:**
Friday, October 24, 7 p.m.
Evangelicals / The Wrecks / The Danger Girl Starship (Pocket Productions show)

**Slo Little Theater Short Play Festival:**
Oct. 24-26, 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday

**Haub Gallery**
Oct. 24, 5-9 p.m.
new art gallery opening: 956 Monterey Street

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**Downtown Brew:**
Everlast with The Lordz will perform tonight, Friday October 24 at 7:30 p.m. (18+)

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**John Meller**
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

For Flaming Lips fans, it seemed like "Christmas on Mars" would never arrive. The film has been in development since 2001, and its release date has been pushed back year after year. But The Flaming Lips' cinematic magnum opus was finally released Saturday night. The film was screened at the Alamo Drafthouse to eager Lips fans, and, unsurprisingly — it is as quirky as anyone could have expected.

Christmas on Mars is about a pioneering colony of astronauts on their first Christmas Eve on the Red Planet, anticipating the birth of the colony's first child. The story is centered around Major Syrtis, played by Lips member Steven Drozd, as he deals with the increasing isolation and paranoia caused by his surroundings and companions. The tone is increasingly claustrophobic as Syrtis confronts the weird forces controlling the minds of his fellow space explorers. Meanwhile, a silent, mysterious martian played by Lips frontman Wayne Coyne arrives, and one of the colony's main oxygen generators malfunctions. It seems their fate is sealed, but Syrtis never gives up hope for a Christmas miracle or loses faith in the power of Santa Claus.

Only The Flaming Lips could soberly convey such a story, and they do so beautifully. Depending on the viewer's familiarity with the band's aesthetics, the film is either genius or completely insane. It might not be inaccurate to call it both. The band brings forth a surprising and mostly talented cast, including the entire band Coyne's wife, J. Michelle Martin-Coyne; Fred Armisen from "Saturday Night Live"; and Steve Burns, aka Steve from "Blue's Clues."

Christmas on Mars is a remarkable film for how it was made. Much of it was shot in Coyne's backyard in Oklahoma City using sets constructed by hand, made of everyday objects and duct tape. That said, it is usually difficult to tell and has perhaps the highest production values possible for such a low budget. The camera techniques, combined with the juxtapositions of black-and-white film with vivid, bright colors, create a unique tone see Flaming Lips, page 8
Rachel Maddow talks about her new MSNBC show

Chuck Barrey

It's about 10:30 p.m. in New York and Rachel Maddow has just finished her nightly television gig at the MSNBC studio in Rockefeller Center, but she's still very much "wired." Now, she just desperately wants to cop some Zs.

"If I don't get to sleep by midnight, the prospects for a good night's rest are about one in a million," she said in a phone interview while walking briskly along Sixth Avenue toward her apartment. "I might as well hit myself over the head with a ball-peen hammer."

It's a wonder that Maddow, a Castro Valley, Calif., native and Stanford University grad, can sleep at all these days. The relentless pace that is her life consists of daily anchoring duties for the "Air America" radio network and blogging assignments for the Huffington Post. She is also penning a book on the heavy topic of American militarism since 1989.

But the job generating the most buzz is one she has held for only a few weeks. As the liberal-minded, John McCain-bashing host of "The Rachel Maddow Show" on MSNBC, she has boldly bolted into the cable TV boys' club of political punditry while racking up mostly rave reviews and robust ratings.

"She has supernatural reserves of energy," said Bill Wolff, Maddow's executive producer. "She works harder and longer than anyone I've ever known."

She's also got smarts to spare. Maddow, 35, is a Rhodes scholar and doctorate in political science from Oxford. She is a lesbian who came out at the age of 17. She wrote her dissertation, a quick wit, a refreshing calmness and engaging smile.

"I'm just trying to pay back the universe," she said of the show's gift of less gab.

That doesn't mean Maddow runs from a fight. She adamantly loves to argue. "Going toe-to-toe and bashing things out is fun," and one of her favorite foes is arch-conservative Pat Buchanan, who appears regularly on the show.

"The fact that he will come and spar with me with such a generosity of spirit is great — even though I think 85 percent of his views are wrong," she said.

Maddow and Buchanan might be the oddest of couples. At 19, she watched the 1992 Republican National Convention on television in tears as he denounced gay rights in a fiery cultural-war speech that rocked her to her core.

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Apparently, all is forgiven. When they're not tussling for the center, Maddow and Buchanan often chat up their mutual love of spy movies. And on the refrigerator in the Castro Valley home of Maddow's parents is a photo of the two of them posing in arm in arm.

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that benefits the film.

"Some of the film's imagery is captivating, and some is plain disturbing. As Coyne said in the question-and-answer session after the screening, "It's probably the most vaginal film ever made that is actually still about Chris­

It could not be explained adequately without seeing it, but note that though Chrismons on Mars is not pornographic, it is probably best not to watch with your preschooler. It is one weird movie, and if you are a Lips fan, or just love the bizarre, you will absolutely not be disappointed.

It's about 10:30 p.m. in New York and Rachel Maddow has just finished her nightly television gig at the MSNBC studio in Rockefeller Center, but she's still very much "wired." Now, she just desperately wants to cop some Zs.

"If I don't get to sleep by midnight, the prospects for a good night's rest are about one in a million," she said in a phone interview while walking briskly along Sixth Avenue toward her apartment. "I might as well hit myself over the head with a ball-peen hammer."

It's a wonder that Maddow, a Castro Valley, Calif., native and Stanford University grad, can sleep at all these days. The relentless pace that is her life consists of daily anchoring duties for the "Air America" radio network and blogging assignments for the Huffington Post. She is also penning a book on the heavy topic of American militarism since 1989.

But the job generating the most buzz is one she has held for only a few weeks. As the liberal-minded, John McCain-bashing host of "The Rachel Maddow Show" on MSNBC, she has boldly bolted into the cable TV boys' club of political punditry while racking up mostly rave reviews and robust ratings.

"She has supernatural reserves of energy," said Bill Wolff, Maddow's executive producer. "She works harder and longer than anyone I've ever known."

She's also got smarts to spare. Maddow, 35, is a Rhodes scholar and doctorate in political science from Oxford. She is a lesbian who came out at the age of 17. She wrote her dissertation, a quick wit, a refreshing calmness and engaging smile.

"I'm just trying to pay back the universe," she said of the show's gift of less gab.

That doesn't mean Maddow runs from a fight. She adamantly loves to argue. "Going toe-to-toe and bashing things out is fun," and one of her favorite foes is arch-conservative Pat Buchanan, who appears regularly on the show.

"The fact that he will come and spar with me with such a generosity of spirit is great — even though I think 85 percent of his views are wrong," she said.

Maddow and Buchanan might be the oddest of couples. At 19, she watched the 1992 Republican National Convention on television in tears as he denounced gay rights in a fiery cultural-war speech that rocked her to her core.

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write a letter

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

California girls showing a little too much skin

With the recent heat wave I’ve noticed a flood of beachwear-clad students. Ox, to be more precise, I’ve noticed the lack of clothes on the women, which brings me to the subject of this letter: school dress codes. The only student dress code I am aware of at Cal Poly is the one at the gym. I like to see attire expectations required elsewhere on campus.

Growing up in a liberal family, I have always been taught that age and wisdom make you wiser in the ways of the world only makes things much worse. I now know exactly what I want to do about that as the nudists. Honestly, we are not hippies. This kid runs track, you’ll send him deep into the back of the gym. We are not the gals of the Humane Society; we are not the gals of the humane association. It makes Cal Poly look as if it breeds small, weak and service (i.e. we should be discussing intellectual and cultural ideas).

Rob Arbousky
computer science senior

Dear Southern Utah Thunderbirds

You don’t know me, but I’ll let you in, Read this close and you just might win.

Now, where should I begin? I’ll start Mr. Barden. If you haven’t heard, or missed the tape, I’ll start Mr. Barden. If you’re on Ramses, better bring your stepladder. He’ll cause you pain, you’ll shed a tear. And make you remember, the king’s still here.

But don’t forget about his other half. Treadle Taber is a dawg. Don’t make me laugh. This kid runs track, we’ll send him deep. And Treadle will torch your defense in his sleep. If you’ve got offense, let’s get to the D. Our front line will smother, and you’ll see. Sacks from our line, and interceptions and more. Everyone on this team will do its part to score.

So if you feel brave, do what you can. 6 p.m. Saturday, you’ll meet our 12th man.

Phil Bowman
animal science senior

FRIDAY CARTOON

A SCANDAL ALLETTING
WHY SHOULDN'T I BE READY FOR THE WHITE HOUSE?

California students look dumb

I checked out this site and found it to be extremely distasteful and downright mean. I am ashamed that students from Cal Poly would partake in this Web site. As Eleanor Roosevelt once said and “Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people.”

Cal Poly is ranked among the best schools in the country and is supposed to foster “teaching, scholarship, and service” (i.e. we should be discussing intellectual ideas). This site completely diminishes Cal Poly’s great reputation. It makes Cal Poly look as if it breeds small, feeble-minded imbeciles who discuss other people rath­
er then intellectual ideas!

Bob Arbousky
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RESPONSES TO “PROP 2 THREATENS CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE”

by Ian Nachreiner

Yes on Prop 2 is just asking for larger cages so the animals can turn around and stretch, not eliminate cages. And the industry has until 2013 to do this. An egg industry bean counter (their own economist) has estimated that the cost would only cost a penny per egg, 12 cents per dozen. Almost all egg producers in California already raise both cage and cage-free. Arizona has passed a similar law and the agriculture industry hasn’t gone out of business yet. With California having such strict laws it will still continue.

Many of the newspapers quoted have also written articles in support of Prop 2, and more importantly the Ameri­
can Veterinary Association supports it. Read who is opposed to Prop 2: it is all large agriculture. All animals, even those raised for food, deserve to be treated humanely. Ian’s idea of requiring a fee and some “protection” please vote yes on Prop 2.

— Kino

This is not a conservative or liberal issue. Treating animals like factory machinery is simply wrong. All ani­
mals should have the ability to stand up, turn around and lie down. No one would put their cat or dog into a battery cage, and chickens, calves and pigs deserve the same treatment. Proposition 2 is supported by food safety groups, many of the state’s vet­

erinary associations (as well as the California Veterinary Medical Association), e­
nvironmental groups and farm workers groups because it is not only better for the animals but also for our health and our environment.

Proposition 2 is supported by thou­sands of Californians. The opposition is funded almost entirely by industry donations, a large percentage from out of state. I urge you to reconsider this important issue and vote yes on proposition 2.

— MRD

I urge you to vote yes. We didn’t import a single egg from Mexico in 2007. And these factory farms have six plus years to implement these changes — plenty of time. They are making us sick.

This isn’t just an ‘animal rights’ issue, it is a public health issue and an envi­

ronmental issue. Global vegetarianism is not the goal of the Humane Society, treating animals as living, feeling, crea­
tures is Vote yes on Prop 2.

— Anonymous
The New York Times Crossword

Across
1 Reversion to an earlier type
8 Shout after a knock
15 King's honor
17 Where moles may try to dig?
18 Hamburger's course?
19 Xbox 360 competitor
20 Attempt to make out
21 Actress Suwan
23 Den Nederland
24 Ones at home on the range?
27 Victory celebration of sorts
31 Integrated
32 Muralist José María
33 Understanding responses
34 An artificial satellite may have one
39 Modulate
40 Yield
41 "Friends" who aren't really being helpful
44 Basis of some discrimination
45 Exceptional
46 Bits
47 Stout
50 Halo tarnisher^
51 Follow
55 Film about an aristocrat captured by the Sioux
60 It's a square

Down
1 Clear conclusion?
2 Sweat
3 Like many of Shakespeare's rhymes
4 Very strong
5 Thicker, e.g.
6 Generates
7 circus
8 People in this are watched closely. Abbr.
9 Occasion to some light refreshments
10 Roll top?
11 Kathenne ___,
12 Place for loading and unloading
13 Book concerned with the end of the Babylonian captivity
14 Kite flying destination?
15 Smog stat.
16 "A special laurel go" Whitman
17 Plaque
18 Like the Colossus of Rhodes
19 Vegetable oil, e.g.
20 Game stopper?
21 Mastered
22 "There is no god higher than truth"
23 Flock-related
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25 Shooting option, briefly
26 War of 1812 siege site
27 Curse
28 Passing remark
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33 Fruit
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$1.75 WASH
Every Tues, Wed, Thurs

THE PROBLEM WITH BEING TALL IS THAT I NEVER GET TO WEAR HIGH HEELS

Sarah Palin and Jamie Lynn Spears' mom form a surprising friendship.
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"We had a couple of schemes we came up with specifically for South Dakota State that allowed us to be pretty efficient," Gillopie said. "And when any one guy starts getting hot, the other guys want to step up. It kind of like a competition. It becomes a chain reaction, and that's something we need to have."

They may get even more opportunities against the Thunderbirds, who've passed 13.4 percent more often than they've run.

Part of what led to the sack record, Ellerson said, was that the Mustangs' defensive backs didn't reveal their hands before necessary.

"The back end did a really nice job of being able to show one thing and play something else. And make everything develop for the quarter back after the ball was snapped," he explained.

Southern Utah, on the other hand, allowed UC Davis to complete passes to nine different receivers in a 49-29 loss Oct. 11.

The Thunderbirds will be without senior linebacker DJ Sontier, who left the contest with torn muscles in his left knee, and four sacks. He suffered a season-ending knee injury.

Cal Poly enjoyed plenty of offensive diversity of its own in Brookings, S.D.

In the absence of senior running back James Noble, who broke two fingers Oct. 13, junior Jono Garay rushed for 124 yards and two touchdowns on eight carries. Also, senior receiver Tron Dale Tober caught a career-high seven passes.

Noble, who underwent surgery was in uniform at practice Thursday with a wrapped hand.

Ellerson said there was "a chance" that Noble, who played early last season with a cast, could play Saturday.

Southern Utah, Lunsford said, put his bye to use adapting to Cal Poly's "scary" and "safeties" schemes.

"The bye week came at a good time for us," Lunsford said. "We really needed the extra week to be as prepared as possibly could.

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Injuries and solutions
Reggie Bush (RB) — He tore the meniscus in his left knee, and after having arthroscopic knee surgery earlier this week, is expected to miss up to a month. This comes as a huge blow to Bush owners, as he is the co-leader in touchdowns, with eight. For this week's game against the Chargers, to be played in London, Deuce McAllister is expected to receive the starting duties, making him the appropriate replacement add.

Are they injured or not?
Brian Westbrook (RB) — He participated in full practice Thursday and it looks like he will play this week against Atlanta. For those of you who picked up Correll Buckhalter, make sure you hold on to him for a week or two just in case Westbrook re-injures his rib.

Marques Colston (WR) — Last week, Colston was supposed to return to action. He did play but was unproductive and was eventually benched late in the game. However, he should be ready to go this week, so feel free to give him the start against a week San Diego pass defense.

Anquan Boldin (WR) — After sitting for three weeks with facial injuries, Boldin returned to practice and is looking like a game-time decision. I'd wait this one out one more week; even if he does start, he'll most likely have limited playing time.

Larry Johnson (RB) — No, he's not injured, but he certainly won't be playing this week and it is in danger of missing significant time from his "nightclub incident." At this point it may be wise to ignore the Kansas City running back situation altogether, but if you are in a deep league or desperate, the immediate pick-up is Kolby Smith.

Have any roster problems that were not addressed? Since I can't look at specific roster needs I'd be happy to give any advice on your potential pick-ups, trades and start/stop decisions through e-mail. Good luck this week. Here are the bye week games:

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"Two weeks ago the Mustangs had their last bye — their third over a five-week period."

"I like their bye week, and it helped us prepare," Ellerson said.

"It was nice to get back into a rhythm," he said. "Having a game every week usually helps your prep."
Mustangs try to ground Thunderbirds

Donovan Aird

During the Great West Conference football teleconference call Monday, a reporter introduced a question to Southern Utah head coach Ed Lamb by noting that the Thunderbirds have actually almost beaten Cal Poly in recent years. He had a point, in preparation for the two teams’ meeting at 6:05 p.m. Saturday in Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

After all, even though the Thunderbirds went just 17-59 from 2001 through 2007, and never beat the Mustangs in seven tries during that span, those defeats came by an average of only eight points.

Lamb, though, saw something different while watching films of the games. “It looks like Cal Poly kind of walked through the games,” he said. “And the Southern Utah guys showed up and played a tough brand of football. I hope our guys can put up enough of a fight for Cal Poly to take us seriously, and that Cal Poly doesn’t walk through the game and we can compete and make it a game for them.”

Perhaps the self-deprecation has merit coming from the man occupying a position from which the prospects of escaping change haven’t been too real.

Wes Meier was fired from the job after going 0-11 last season.

Gary Andersen was gone after just one year at the helm in 2003.

Even Rich Ellerson, the current head coach of the Mustangs, left in 1996 after one turn at the wheel when he was reportedly allotted 25 fewer scholarships than Division I-A teams were allowed.

But maybe the way the Cedar City, Utah school of the University of Utah system (then Division I-AA) teams were allowed.

Matt Adams

Many of you have reached the halfway point of your fantasy football seasons. That said, it’s time to assess where your team is headed. To make the playoffs, at the very least you will need a .500 record, so there is no waiting around anymore. Players sitting on your bench in the last couple weeks won’t help you win. Trade your depth on the bench for solid starting talent and ensure you make the playoffs.

Pickups and plays of the week:

Kevin Curtis (WR) — The leading Eagles receiver from 2007 is slated to start in his first game back from a sports hernia. Curtis could become a strong second

Cal Poly looks to rebound

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Coming off its first Big West Conference loss on Sunday to UC Santa Barbara, the Cal Poly women’s soccer team looks to bounce back tonight at Pacific.

The Mustangs (8-7, 3-1) are in fourth place in the conference coming into this weekend’s slate of games, but would still win the Big West if they win the remainder of their matches.

“I told the team, ‘We’re still in control of our own destiny,’” Cal Poly head coach Alex Crouzier said.

The Mustangs will have to contain forward Kristina Wavumba if they hope to get back on track.

Wavumba leads the Tigers (8-6-1, 3-2-1) with seven goals and 15 points. The freshman does not get a lot of shots on goal, but has been accurate with her opportunities, scoring all her goals on just 12 shots on goal.

The loss to UCSB provided the first road block in conference play for Cal Poly, which gave up a season-high four scores.

“As players feel like we didn’t play as well as we could have,” Crouzier said. “We made some mistakes that we paid for. Santa