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Diego, Calif., discovered channels on the surface of Mars that look as if they were carved by liquid water. The discovery was made after analyzing data collected by the Mars Orbiter Camera aboard the Mars Global Surveyor, which has been orbiting Mars since September 1997. The discovery

appeared in the June 30 issue of the journal Science.

A great deal of debate regarding the origin of these channels and what might have caused them has followed the discovery.

"We already believed that there was water underground," said Mars geologist Michael Carr of the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, Calif. "However, the depths we

thought water was at were two to three kilometers at the equator and three to five kilometers at high latitudes."

The presence of water underneath the surface of Mars would make manned missions to Mars easier and more economical. Hauling water supplies would not be necessary, and water on Mars could be decomposed so that its oxygen and hydrogen could be used to make air and fuel, respectively.

"This is very exciting," Spanarkel said. "With this discovery of liquid water, you can both reduce the cost of [Mars] missions and increase the amount of time you can stay there."

"We need essential resources like water," said Lacey. "If it is there, it is something you do not have to take with you. I think the presence of water would be a huge advantage because it makes the prospects of a suc-

cessful colonization much greater."

A difficulty of the first Mars colonies will be the absence of rescue teams in case of problems.

"If something went wrong on a Mars mission, you cannot really rely on Earth," Drew said. "So the emphasis that NASA has put on these long-distance missions is that the whole system has to be self-contained, so there has to be a built-in safety."

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5 Latest fad
9 Valorous
14 Everglades denizen
16 Harmful mosquito
17 Was a good replacement
19 "Believer" (Monkees tune)
20 Disturb
21 Midwest capital
22 Hopelessly bad
24 Pie nut
25 Buddy
26 Resinous substance
27 Govt. agent
30 Northern highway, once
33 Desert stop
35 Storm heading: Abbr.
36 In charge
39 WWII craft
40 Papal court
41 Old instruments
42 Religious branch
44 "I Hate _____" (Porter song)
45 Hawaii, once: Abbr.
46 Nathan and Barbara
48 Dubbed anew
52 Hidden marksman
54 Even

55 Unrefined rock
56 "Calm down!"
59 Photo closeup
60 Vulnerability
61 Dull finish
62 Church area
63 On the calm side

DOWN
1 Word not heard in *The Godfather*
2 Out on _____
3 Soothe
4 \$1,000,000, for short
5 Tire type
6 Bikini, for one
7 Left town

8 Before
9 Underlying
10 Fix the leftovers
11 Decoration atmosphere
12 Turn sharply
13 Being: Lat.
15 Teutonic island
18 Coined money
23 Trade punches
24 Turkish official
26 Mass language
28 Pay in
29 Stack role
30 Piercing tools
31 _____ majesty (high crime)
32 Most memorable

33 Baddies
34 Excellent
37 Uno, for one
38 Subtle
43 Engine part
45 Little laugh
47 Philippine island
48 Endangers
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50 Unevenly worn
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Putnam said pre-designed programs may cost between \$10 million and \$20 million. A&M will design its own program, he said.

Putnam said that before any programs are designed, the administration must decide whether to construct a Web service that would interact with the current SIMS, or to build a new SIMS in the process.

SIMS is run from a centralized mainframe computer. However, as computer speeds and software programs become faster and more complicated, the current SIMS becomes more obsolete.

"If they design a Web-based registration system off the current one and bring in a new SIMS, they are just throwing that money down the drain," Putnam said.

Putnam said that a new way of scheduling registration times would need to be developed with a Web-based registration system.

"With the current system, the overload on the phone system causes some people in College Station to not be able to get a dial tone," he said. "If we added Web registration, it would only make things worse, unless the times were reorganized into smaller blocks."

Putnam said the times would probably be reorganized into blocks of about 15 minutes for 100 people at a time to register, instead of the current schedule of 3,000 to 4,000 people over the course of a day.

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