Accounting professor named as new Business dean

By Alix Rhandani
Daily Staff Writer

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Inmates murder cannibal Dahmer

By Arthur L. Sib
Staff Writer

MADISON, Wis. — Jeffrey Dahmer, who confessed to murdering 17 men and boys and cannibalizing some of them, was attacked and killed today while cleaning a prison bathroom.

A fellow inmate was taken captive to the cell block, prison guard Michael Sullivan, the state corrections secretary, said. A 3-foot bloodied handle was found at the scene, but Sullivan didn't know if it was used to kill Dahmer.

"There was a great deal of blood in the area of the attack," corrections department spokesman Joe Scilwewicz said.

"Oh my God! My son! How could this happen," Dahmer's mother, Joyce Flint, told TV's "Hard Copy" from her Fresno, Calif., home.

Dahmer, 34, was cleaning a bathroom at the Columbia Correctional Institution when he was attacked. One of the two guards overseeing the three inmates on cleaning duty had just left the basketball court.

The other guard, a fellow inmate who beat his wife to death in a parking lot, was injured in the assault. The suspect was working with them, Sullivan said, adding that it was premature to discuss a motive.

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From page 3 get more recognition than he deserves.

"Gregg's exploits are the best known at Cal Poly, but I'll say it's not because he is a very good hacker, but rather because he is a lousy one," said Chris Ellwood, a system administrator for the Electrical Engineering Department's cluster of computers.

Bloom described himself as "smart enough to break into Cal Poly computer systems", but stupid enough to get caught.

Ambler, a Cal Poly physics major on leave from the university, said that in the "virtual" community, crime is an unfortunatenot avoidable problem.

"With 17,000 users, it's like a small city," Ambler said. "The system traffic jams, regional planning problems, and unfortunately, crime."

Ambler said the best protection against crime is the sense of community users feel on the network — a feeling that is harder to maintain as the system grows. Most hacking stems from curiosity rather than malice. Several users said they enjoy "poking around" the system to learn more about security.

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Serb forces bombarded Bosnian safe haven; hundreds killed

By Nina Totenberg

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Serb forces pounded a U.N.-safe haven in northwest Bosnia with heavy artillery and mortar fire today, proving what a U.S. official has already conceded: NATO is unable to stop the assault.

Serb fighters from Bosnia and neighboring Croatia continued a one-sided U.N.-declared "safe area" in Bihac and its immediate surroundings.

In hand-to-hand combat, their forces were reported closing in on a hospital after a artillery struck near the facility, which is overflowed with 3,000 patients.

The Serbs' war gains have embarrassed the international community. Three NATO air strikes on Serb positions last week were ineffective and repeated international appeals for a cease-fire have been ignored.

Serb forces were reported 250,000 yards from the Bihac town center, with the front line almost at the Bihac regional hospital's doorstep.

"I don't know how long we can hold out," Bihac Mayor Hamdija Kabiljagic pleaded to reporters in a conference call.

Tatlic said staff had run out of bandages and plasma to treat the injured, including 64 children. Bandages were being washed out and re-used, he said in a conference call from a bunker near the hospital.

The Bosnian government said it would accept a U.N. proposal for a Bihac cease-fire, demilitarization of the "safe area" and withdrawal of forces, said Michael Williams, spokesman for Vojislav Akashi, the chief U.N. envoy in former Yugoslavia.

Bosnian Serbs have demanded a nationwide cease-fire. Their answer to the U.N. council designated six Bosnian regions, including Bihac, as safe havens, but has never said how to defend the zones.

The Serbs now have more than 400 peacekeepers under their control since threatening to take hostages in retaliation for NATO airstrikes around Bihac last week.

Fear of more retaliation against the 24,000 peacekeepers in Bosnia is one reason U.N. commanders have refused to call in more air power around Bihac. U.N. officials are instead pressing the Bosnian government to accept a peace settlement offered by the Serbs on condition they keep the 70 percent of the territory they now hold.

The U.N. previously brokered a plan that would have reduced Serb territory to 49 percent of Bosnia.

Late Saturday, the U.N. Security Council again refused to call in NATO airstrikes. The council designated six Bosnian regions, including Bihac, as safe havens, but has never said how to defend the zones.

Class told Belgian television there was an "infernal contradiction" between the U.N.'s mission to keep peace and NATO's to impose it.

In Bihac, Kabiljagic called the situation "chaotic and critical.

"There is force fighting going on in the suburbs and a constant threat the Serbs could enter the center," he said.

A corridor four to five miles wide remains open to the north of town, but the region is encircled by Bosnian and Croatian Serbs.

"There is no way out," Kabiljagic said. "No one is going anywhere."

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Mom, dad — listen to us kids

Well, we have to give the Academic Senators credit for this much — at least they’re being honest. Mustang Daily conducted a telephone poll last week of Cal Poly’s faculty and staff representatives who comprise the Academic Senate. Among the questions we asked was a student referendum, which overwhelmingly rejected a possible academic calendar switch to semesters, would affect their scheduled vote on the same issue today.

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Did anyone stop to consider that this rare feature of Cal Poly — which forces students to operate at a more industrious tempo than the leisurely pace of a semester school — may be exactly what draws the caliber of students we have here?

Our position is that student opinion is always an important factor in university issues and that the senators’ resistance to student input in this issue comes from crossed purposes between what students feel the Senate says it gives little consideration to students’ wishes. How can we students make ourselves any more clear?

The editorial board strongly encourages them to reconsider the significance of 87 percent of the voting student body proclaiming their abhorrence for a move everyone else seems to insist on can only be beneficial.

The seventh annual observance of World AIDS Day will be commemorated on campus on Thursday.

Locally, San Luis Obispo County Health AIDS Program will be coordinating World AIDS Day. Worldwide, 189 countries have designated this day to draw public attention to the AIDS pandemic.

On the national level, the American Association for World Health Organization (WHO), its western regional state, the Public Health Training Organization, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are coordinating activities across the country for the event.

World AIDS Day will link communities throughout the United States in unified observance by dimming lights. In Washington, D.C., the White House will dim its lights from 7:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., as a visual demonstration of the commitment to the fight against the AIDS pandemic and in tribute to those living with, and who have died from, AIDS. Here on campus, the UU gallery will have a "Day Without Art," where a piece of art will be covered with a black sheet to commemorate all the students who have died from AIDS.

The worldwide effort to meet the challenge of AIDS will be strengthened by stressing how critical it is for individuals and communities to pledge themselves fully to the fight against AIDS. In addition, World AIDS Day will continue to promote, support and care for all HIV-infected persons and people with AIDS, their families and friends, and help combat discrimination and isolation.

As of mid-1994, WHO estimated that 17 million men, women and children worldwide had been infected with HIV and that approximately 4 million of those individuals had developed AIDS. In the U.S., as of December 31, 1993, 361,164 people had been diagnosed with AIDS, and of those, 220,736 have died. These numbers do not include all the people who have tested positive for HIV, but have not yet developed AIDS.

The ultimate goal is to have as many people as possible in U.S. communities and around the world communicating about HIV/AIDS to heighten awareness of AIDS as a global challenge and to create the unity essential to the worldwide effort against AIDS.

For more information on World AIDS Day activities that are planned for San Luis Obispo call SLO County Health AIDS Program at 781-5540.

LETTERS

Poly’s new attitude toward Islam appreciated

The Muslims Students’ Association at Cal Poly and the San Luis Obispo Muslim Community have received with great joy the news of teaching Islam in the philosophy department under the new prex Religion Studies, and not merely as a philosophy of life.

As both professors (Judy) Saltzman and (Diane) Michelfelder correctly emphasize, philosophy, in the realm of theory, is different from religion, which expresses different ideologies of spiritual realities.

Islam, for example, cannot be simply understood as a theory, but as a way of life, and a practice of concepts at the individual, family, social, political and economic levels. It bears ethical and aesthetic values that relate to philosophy but transcend it in relation to the epistemological-ontological understanding of life and the universe. This understanding affects all aspects of a Muslim’s life.

The Muslims also appreciate the explaining of the historical origins of Islam and its sources, the Quran and the Prophet Muhammad’s practice. The multicultural minority of eight million Muslims in the U.S. sees the ongoing dynamic process of diversity as enhancing the feelings of a Universal Brotherhood beyond race and color, which is closer to the nature of Islamic teachings.

Once again, on behalf of the Muslim students and the community, I deeply thank Dr. Judy Saltzman and Dr. Diane Michelfelder for a highly sympathetic and thoughtful approach to Islam which is truer to the reality of this faith.

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Also a Certified Public Accountant, Boynton earned his doctorate degree from Michigan State University in 1976.

"Our first job is to resolve our restructuring and basically sort out what our structure will be for the remainder of the academic year," Boynton said. Once that task is accomplished, he said, a committee will be established to develop a permanent structure to implement for the College.

A sense of relief was shared among some of the College's faculty members when they heard of Boynton's appointment. Many said they feel he is the key to healing a program which has suffered many downturns within the past five years with the various deans who have attempted to head the College.

"We went through major restructuring, and it was a failure," said accounting professor Earl Keller. "I think he's going to take a big step into putting us back in shape."

Before coming to Cal Poly, Boynton served as associate dean for Faculty Affairs at McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia, where he also served as director of graduate studies, coordinator for the accounting area, and professor of accounting.

The search committee also interviewed four other candidates within the College, including former College Deans Walter Perlick and John Rogers, business administration professor Kenneth Reiner and industrial technology professor Fred Abitia.

According to accounting professor Jack Robison, head of the search committee, the candidates went through a minimum of eight interviews. The interviews were conducted with student groups, a staff group, and a faculty group. Separate from those, the committee conducted their own interviews, as did Baker and Koob.

The quick decision concerned business senior Brad Howard, the only student representative on the search committee. Robison confirmed that an underlying reason for bringing Boynton to the position was to bring stability to a college which has been pulled in various directions.

"I think what was seen with some of the other candidates was a political stance in taking sides," Keller said. "I just don't see that in Boynton."

Rice, who served as interim dean following Haile's departure and was also a candidate for the permanent position, said he was comfortable with the decision and saw it as a positive sign for the College.

"We went through a series of deans, so we're looking forward to a period of stability and consistency in leadership (from Boynton)," Rice said. "I think (Boynton) has the ability and the instincts to master the job at a high level."

Holiday Safety Tips

From PG&E

This is the season when many of us are preparing for the holidays. Handling lights and climbing ladders. So PG&E wants you to keep these electrical safety tips in mind.

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Keep all electrical devices from touching any water source. If you're putting up or taking down holiday lights around your trees or windows, be extra careful anywhere near a tub, basin, pool or standing water.

With the kids at home for the holidays, take time to talk with them about electrical safety. Caution them about flying model airplanes, kites, and balloons near power lines. Remind them not to climb electric towers or trees that may be near power lines.

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Your best safety strategy for the holidays and at all times of the year is to stay at least ten feet from power lines, stay alert, and anticipate hazards. For more safety tips, contact PG&E. And have a very safe holiday.
**Job outlook brightening for new year**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — American companies plan to add workers to payrolls in early 1995 at the fastest pace in six years, according to a quarterly survey by a temporary employment company.

The findings by the Manpower Inc. survey substantiated other data that show the U.S. economy is continuing to strengthen, creating more jobs as demand rises for American goods and services at home and abroad. Unemployment hit a four-year low of 5.8 percent in October and is expected to remain at that level or fall further.

Twenty-two percent of companies surveyed said they plan to increase hiring in the January-February quarter, while 12 percent said they expect to decrease the payrolls.

The hiring rate is the fastest since 22 percent of poll respondents said they'd increase hiring during the first quarter of 1989.

The latest results compare with 18 percent of U.S. employers anticipating more hiring and 13 percent planning decreased employment.

Some experts say job creation has been a lagging indicator of the economic recovery.

The new unit, one of several that recruits former gang members and residents of gang-infested neighborhoods looking to get out, has spent weeks away from home fighting fires for the U.S. Forest Service.

American manufacturers expressed the most active hiring plans. Among makers of long-lasting products like machinery and appliances, 32 percent said they planned to hire more people while 9 percent said they planned to decrease employment.

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**Study shows differences between men and women depend on questions asked**

Associated Press

FRESNO — The conventional wisdom that women can't handle some tasks as well as men may simply result from cultural differences in the way questions are asked more than genetic differences, a university professor says.

Research by his students at California State University-Fresno helped conduct suggest that a key in the way tasks are set up and questions asked, said Matthew Sharps, an associate psychology professor.

Sharps said, "There's a very strong belief out there that spatial abilities of men — map reading and so on — far exceed the spatial abilities of women.

"Our findings indicate that some of these perceived differences may result more from socio-cultural expectations than from actual cognitive differences.

"What such information was provided, when the subjects had no way of knowing they were doing a 'spatial' or 'male' task, no significant sex difference was observed.

"If we had an earthquake or a fire tomorrow," said Gregory S. Greenhoe, a Forest Service deputy fire management officer, "we'd call the Aztecs."

Manpower said all regions are showing the highest hiring projections since before the last recession in 1990-91.

"Any question as to the durability of this recovery in the short term is certainly resolved in the new findings," said Mitchell S. Fromeinstein, Manpower's chief executive officer.

He said the results also suggest an underlying labor shortage looms, particularly at lower wage-level jobs.

Manpower, based in Milwaukee, is one of the world's leading temporary help firms, providing employment to 1.5 million people through operations in 36 countries.

It has been conducting the employment survey for 18 years, based on telephone interviews with more than 164,000 public and private employers in 469 U.S. cities.

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Monarch butterfly population shrinking

SANTA CRUZ — Where have all the monarchs gone? Experts say they are baffled by the continuing decline in the monarch butterfly population in California.

"Three years ago when the population fell dramatically, I said it was normal," said expert John Lane. "I can now officially say I am considering beginning to be worried."

Santa Cruz' s Natural Bridges State Park, famous as the winter home for hordes of the black and orange butterflies, is hosting the smallest collection ever, and thousands have already been killed by cold weather or birds.

"Monarch numbers are low everywhere in the state, so it's not like they just went somewhere else," said Beth Bell, a graduate student at the University of California, Santa Cruz, who has charted the monarch population in the area for 14 years.

The butterflies, which come from as far away as Canada, spend the winter huddled in eucalyptus trees.

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"It could be one of the causes, but it is not the primary cause," he said.

"But the exact cause is still a mystery, says Bell.

"It's really anybody's guess," she said.

Poly biology professor Kingston Leong. He suspects that a decline in the quality of monarch habitat in breeding grounds in states like Montana, Wyoming, Oregon and in British Columbia may be to blame. Leong says he fears the monarchs are suffering from a shortage of milkweed, the only food of monarch caterpillars. He thinks the milkweed population was decimated by recent hot, dry summers in the West, but only a survey of plants can prove that theory. The problem probably lies outside the Golden State, said Cal

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Government won't appeal reinstatement of gay sailor

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration won't ask the Supreme Court to overturn the reinstatement of a sailor who declared his homosexuality on television.

Solicitor General Drew Days, who represents the government in the Supreme Court, gave no explanation Monday for his decision not to ask the justices to overturn a court order that reinstated Navy sonar operator Keith Meinhold, Justice Department spokesman Joe Krovisky said.

Meinhold revealed on national television in 1992 that he is gay. He was discharged under old military regulations that were replaced last year. The old Pentagon policy treated declarations of homosexuality as grounds for discharge.

Krovisky said Days made no decisions on the other 10 old policy cases now in district or appellate courts. An administration official who declined to be identified said Days has no plans for appeals in any old policy cases.

One of the old cases, that of National Guard Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, a lesbian from Washington state, has been put on hold by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in the hope that a final ruling in the Meinhold case will settle hers as well. Like Meinhold, she has been reinstated pending the outcome of the court battles.

In another old policy case, the government won last week in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. That court ruled 7-3 that the U.S. Naval Academy does not have to reinstate a top student, Joseph C. Steffan, who was forced to resign in 1987, six weeks from graduation, because he admitted he was gay.

The administration would rather concentrate its attention on defending cases under the Clinton administration's new "don't ask, don't tell" policy, the administration official said. One such case is pending in the U.S. 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals.

Under the new policy, service members who declare their homosexuality face discharge unless they can prove they won't engage in homosexual acts while in service. Last month, the government told the 2nd Circuit that, in three instances under the new policy, gay service members have been able to overcome the presumption that they engage in or are likely to engage in homosexual acts, and they have been retained in the military.

In the Meinhold case, a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit unanimously upheld U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter's reinstatement of Petty Officer Meinhold, who was denied re-enlistment after disclosing his homosexuality. But the 9th Circuit overturned the judge's nationwide order banning military discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The 9th Circuit said the case should be resolved by simply forbidding the Navy to discharge Meinhold solely because of his statements expressing no desire to engage in prohibited sexual conduct.

The administration official said the 9th Circuit ruling in the Meinhold case did not touch constitutional issues and would not affect enforcement of the new policy.

In addition, the official said, Clinton administration lawyers like the part of the 9th Circuit ruling that said it is constitutional to discharge service members for homosexual acts or for statements demonstrating a propensity to engage in such acts.

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Students can nominate professors for award for job well done

By Erika Caroll

Cal Poly students who really want to let their professors know what they think have the opportunity to do just that by filling out a nomination slip for the Distinquished Teacher Award.

The Distinguished Teacher Award is a way for Cal Poly students to praise teachers for a job well-done. Any full-time student, faculty or staff member may submit one or more nominations for a professor. Even though faculty and staff can nominate their colleagues, the award is based mainly on student nominations, according to Sue McBride, a member of the Distinguished Teacher Award Committee. McBride was an award recipient in 1986.

The committee reviews between 50 to 90 nominations, McBride said. "I guess they (students) just don't put forth the effort," McBride said.

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Bacteria proves deadly for college chancellor

THOUSAND OAKS — A so-called flesh-eating bacteria killed the chancellor of the Ventura County Community College District just three days after he went to a hospital emergency room with throat and leg pain.

Thomas G. Lakin, 50, died Sunday of streptococcal infection at Los Robles Regional Medical Center, where he first sought treatment on Friday, said hospital spokeswoman Jill Donahue.

Lakin was the fourth known fatality from the deadly bacteria in Ventura County, said Dr. Mark Mazur, director of infectious diseases at Los Robles Regional Medical Center.

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Deadly strains of streptococcus are rare. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 500 to 1,500 cases of severe necrotizing fasciitis occur each year in the United States.

Earlier this year, tabloid headlines screamed about the infection after 11 people died in an outbreak in England. Some lost skin or muscle as a result of the infection, which can spread as rapidly as an inch an hour.

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The new-old Volkswagen: a Beetle or not a Beetle?

By Mark Hele

FRANKFURT, Germany — Is it a bug or isn’t it?

"Well, yes, but..." Volkswagen responded Monday when asked if a new car the company plans to produce is indeed a reincarnated Beetle.

The new car, to be sold in the United States, Canada and South America, will have the familiar domed chassis. But instead of the old rear-mounted, air-cooled engine, the car will have a lean, front-mounted engine and new safety features.

"This is a whole new car," company spokesman Matt Gennrich said. "The only similarity to the Beetle would be from an aesthetic point of view."

With the new car, Volkswagen hopes to cash in on American nostalgia for a legend on four wheels that during the 1960s came to symbolize cheap, reliable transportation.

Gennrich said VW asked its California design studio in late 1992 to come up with a new car that would appeal to Americans. The car, called Concept One, was introduced at the Detroit Auto Show in January.

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Free expression, outrageous as it gets, finds a perfect medium in one place on campus - the University Union bathrooms.

By Ilde Lyons
Daily Editor in Chief

When Cal Poly speaks its true mind, the results can be crude, enlightening - even illegal.

For better or worse, the white sheets that line the walls of every University Union's bathroom stalls are the purest bastions of free speech thought to be found at Cal Poly.

In the past, the Student Affairs Division looked at the type of material on these walls to determine what types of issues are on students' minds," said John Stipicevich, director of operations for ASI.

The medium is so scrupulously honest it's deflected when important visitors come to town. Stipicevich said, and so thoughtfully straightforward at times that the

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should find out how they want to be identified," Abella said. Abella, a Filipino, is president of the Pilipino Cultural Exchange. "At least you can walk up to a person and ask them to find out where they are really from."

"It's fine to consider someone an Asian, but I personally would rather be called a Pacific Islander or a Filipino," Charles Smith, president of the Society for Black Engineers and Scientists, said it is difficult to give specific attention to a person's varied heritage.

"They are accepting all three - Chicano, Hispanic and Latino, by using none of them. 'They are using their common language as their identification. They've started picking produce!'" Martinez-Inzunza feels that La Comisión Estudiantil's decision to use their common language as a unifying factor is a progressive move.

"There is a big difference between referring to someone's national origin and someone's political or ideological association," he said. "I have a dream!" one observer wrote. "That one day people who differentiate between Chicanos, Hispanics and Latinos will see the struggle but not the color."

The ones now in the bathrooms have only been up since Nov. 10. They were replaced for the visit of the Association of College Unions International.

"We're very concerned," he said. "If someone starts talking about hate crimes and something like that, we're going to pull that board down and pass it off to Judicial Affairs." To an entire board filled with Proposition 187 arguments, "We would take down if a major convention or something of that sort is coming to Cal Poly."

The university's bathrooms have only been up since 1990, "We don't want the entire public knowing how offensive some of our students can be," Stipicevich said.

But overall, he said, the boards provide an opportunity for students to express pent-up feelings in a way that is thoughtfully amenable in such a confined venue than they would be in public.

Daily Arts Editor Pamela Slaughter contributed to this report.

LABELS: One campus organization avoids confusion and encourages unity by identifying members by common language