Congressman Walter Capps dies of heart attack in Washington D.C.

By Megan Long
Daily Staff Writer

Recent visitors to Robert F. Kennedy library experienced a giant technological leap backward.

Polycat, the online card catalog, was down since Sunday morning due to a disk drive failure.

The problem was scheduled to be fixed on Monday, but plans were changed when the new disk drive didn’t arrive. When the part came Tuesday, technicians expected to have Polycat up and running again by late afternoon.

"Drive failures happen to every computer system," said Systems Administrator Greg Wilson. "We’ve had this system for three years and this is the first time it’s happened."

Wilson said the symptoms of a failure began on Friday when the system crashed but was rebooted and appeared to function normally. But on Sunday before the library opened, a second failure permanently closed the system.

Library technicians worked with the system provider, Innovative Interfaces, Inc. of Emeryville, to get Polycat, which has over 1.3 million records, on-line again.

"We’re working with the company to get all the defective files off the new drive," Wilson said. "We don’t anticipate any records being lost."

Wilson said that despite the crash, Polycat is one of the best library systems available.

Polycat crash stalls students

"It’s not something you can really prevent," he said.

While the system was down, students were sent to the reference room to use the California State University link system, a pilot program between Cal Poly and five other CSU campuses — Hayward, Fullerton, Pomona, San Jose and San Diego — which gives the schools access to each other’s on-line catalogs.

Students and faculty had to visit reference desk to have librarians help them with their searches.

"We’re circumventing Polycat by checking other books that we checked out or returned since the system went down."

"It’s definitely inconvenient for users because the instructions are a bit complex," Talpa Clay said.

While the heavier-than-normal usage of the CSU link affected the Polycat system, others were also examined to see what some people wait for their desired information to be called up, users didn’t seem to mind very much.

"It’s not a big inconvenience, but it would be if I had a lot to do and a time pressure," said English Department Chair Linda Hauly. "I think the Polycat will have its card cataloging just in case.

Polycat access from web and off-campus connections were also down because of the failure.

"It’s inconvenient, but it’s not serious."

By SEE POLICAT page 6

Complaints crop up about living at Mustang Village

By Kelly Victoria Yunker
Daily Staff Writer

Residents have complained — some even to the point of filing lawsuits — about Mustang Village Apartments.

The complex on Football Boulevard houses almost 800 people, primarily Cal Poly and Cuesta students. Although the complex is popular among students, some past and present residents feel their rights as renters were neglected by Mustang Village’s management.

Kelly Williams, a former resident, said she had serious problems at the complex that started the day she moved in.

“We settled everything out of court to our satisfaction with the help of a lawyer," said Williams. "But we had to have the lawyer and we made no money from anything."

In the spring before Williams moved in, she won $150 off her last month's rent in a promotional contest. When she moved in that next fall, the management at Mustang Village told her that they would not be able to honor that promotion. Kelly and her parents challenged this in move-in day.

“They (Mustang Village management) don’t like when parents get involved. They feel threatened," said Susan Williams, Kelly’s mother. "Students need to be more aware of their rights because they are being taken advantage of."

The complex has a monopoly because there is no other housing in San Luis Obispo.

Williams’ problems at Mustang Village only worsened.

During finals week of the first quarter Williams lived at Mustang Village, she came home to find a pink eviction notice on the door. She talked to the management who told her the eviction was the result of some people waiting for their desired information to be called up. She didn’t seem to mind very much.

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By SEE MUSTANG page 3
A woman who seems to be intoxicated staggers out of the bar, clinging to the arm of a stranger. By the time they arrive at his place, the woman has completely passed out. He picks her up and carries her, slumped over on his shoulder, through the dark to his bedroom. Hours later she awakens in his bed, unclothed. She doesn't know where she is or how she got there — she doesn't even know if she's had sex with the unfamiliar man who's now leaning over her.

This is a fictional account of what is known as a drug-induced rape, an act of rape where the rapist doses the victim with drugs, most commonly by adding drugs to the victim's drink. As a result, the victim may become unconscious, uninhibited and can eventually blackout. Such cases have been showing up in this country in the past two years. Just recently, the San Luis Obispo Rape Crisis Center (RCC) reported having about a dozen such cases called in within the past year where the victims' stories showed indications that they may have been dosed.

RCC's Educational Services Coordinator Derelyn Peery said she answered what she considers to be the first of these calls in this area one year ago.

Peery said the victim told her she awoke to a shrieking reality. She doesn't even know if she's had sex with the unfamiliar man who's now leaning over her.

The drugs that have been said to be commonly involved in these cases are Rohypnol and gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB).

Rohypnol, also known as Roofies, is in the benzodiazepine family of drugs which include drugs like Valium and Xanax. This type of drug depresses the nervous system and could cause blackouts. Rohypnol is legally distributed and used for medical purposes in 80 countries around the world, according to Gail Safian of Hoffman La Roche, the Swiss-based pharmaceutical company that manufactures the drug. But in the U.S. Roofies is considered a Schedule IV controlled substance. Manufacturing, distribution and possession of Rohypnol is illegal in this country.

The effects of Rohypnol are drowsiness, confusion, impaired motor skills, dizziness, disorientation, impaired judgment and reduced levels of consciousness. These side effects allow the drug to become a viable tool in date-rape situations.

"The victim usually has a huge lapse of memory with no memory of consent for sex," Peery said. "The victim usually feels extremely sick the next day, like the worst hangover they've ever had."

She also said she's fairly certain Rohypnol has made its way into the San Luis Obispo area. "It was validated for me at a presentation I was at," Peery said.

"A male participant stood up and said he had friends going down to Mexico, and bringing Rohypnol back to San Luis Obispo County."

Similar to Rohypnol is GHB, a powerful synthetic drug that acts as a depressant to the central nervous system. It has only been approved for FDA testing and has no known medical benefits in the U.S., although it's widely used in medical practices throughout Europe. GHB is most commonly a street drug, often referred to as "Liquid X." GHB can cause dizziness, nausea, vomiting, confusion, seizures, respiratory depression, intense drowsiness, unconsciousness and coma. And, like with Roofies, an individual can also become unable to recollect the events following ingestion.

GHB is especially dangerous when it's ingested with other drugs and alcohol. The result may be life-threatening. Furthermore, the GHB sold on the black market comes from "street labs." Different labs produce GHB with varying potencies, making it difficult for someone using the drug to measure doses accurately. This could lead to a possible overdose.

Reports currently indicate the distribution of GHB all around the country at clubs, bars, raves and parties. Peery said she's concerned about that.

"No one's really come out in the media saying (GHB) is used recreationally," Peery said. "And it's said that it can be 10 to 20 times more potent than Valium. It's really dangerous."

California Poison Control System's Sean Nordt said they have many drug abuse cases involving GHB. He also said the drug can be lethal.

"There have been a few deaths attributed to GHB nationwide," Nordt said. "But it can't be proved for certain because GHB isn't detectable in tests."

"The drug can cause a person to vomit which can get into their lungs and then the subsequent event can be fatal," Nordt added.

In regard to the blackout effects Rohypnol, GHB and alcohol can cause, Nordt said they are very hard to distinguish from one another.

"You really can't tell the difference," he said. "Everyone will describe their blackout a little bit differently. It's very subjective."

He added that some people who experience blackout-like effects suspect they were assaulted, but they can't be sure.

The state poison control system reported that GHB is particularly difficult to detect since it only stays in the body for about four hours.

Safian, spokesperson for Hoffman La Roche, said the company provides free, local testing for possible Rohypnol victims. As of yet there aren't any tests given locally specifically to detect GHB, though Safian said that out of 410 samples taken between June 1996 and September 1997, 30 came back with evidence of the drug.

"We started making available tests for anyone who thinks they may have been drugged," she said. "Any law enforcement agency, rape crisis center or emergency room can send samples into the independent toxicology lab in Mississippi. We pay for the test as a public service."

If a person suspects they might have been drugged, they can get free, local testing through any of the above mentioned agencies.

Additionally, Hoffman La Roche has developed a dye to put in a Rohypnol tablet that will turn liquid a blue color when the drug is dissolved.

Peery said the key issue is prevention.

"It's basically really important to understand that these are normal looking people who you might not think you have any..."
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At this time the Williams family
had to hire a lawyer, which stopped
the eviction from going through.

"I will say that the people in
Santa Barbara did try to work with
us, but I also left messages with
them that were never returned," said Williams' mother.

Investec, Mustang Village's management company, is aware of

some of the difficulties at Mustang Village. Since the company took
over management in December 1994 there has been a tremendous
progress difference, according to Investec.

I have only received one com­
plain in the last 30 days," said Melise Balastrieri, property super­
visor for Investec.

Balastrieri mentioned a theory in consumer service that says if one
person is treated badly, then 100 people know about it and 100 peo­
aple are treated well, no one knows. She said she feels this explains the
problems at Mustang Village.

"I really want to encourage that
problems and complaints be solved
at the beginning of this school year and she felt badly about this.

Balastrieri said last school year
the complex put out a 15-question
survey about the quality of the
facility. She said the low marks
were in customer service. Since
then, she has been working closely
with the employees and training
them to better this situation.

A few weeks ago a small claims
litigation was settled and the judge
fixed Mustang Village, according to
Balastrieri. This issue arose

"Our rules are fairly strict because we want to
make it a quiet, comfortable place to live."

— Melise Balastrieri

Property Supervisor for Investec

because the complex did not get the
security deposit back to the tenant
before the deadline.

Dan Headstrom currently lives
at Mustang Village and just settled
a lawsuit against the complex. Last
year, Headstrom lived in his apart­
ment with three others. He and one
of his roommates renewed their
lease for this year, the other two
roommates moved out. No new
roommates moved in, but Mustang
Village management insisted that
the apartment be cleaned, accord­
ing to Headstrom.

The cleaning cost the residents
$50 each, which they paid in
protest, Headstrom said. Headstrom said that the manage­
ment's action went against section
1960.5 in the law about security
deposits, so he and his roommate

Balastrieri wrote a recrmt letter
to Headstrom, saying she "apolo­
gizes personally for any unprofes­
sional or discouraging treatment
you may have received."

"I am sending Melise Balastrieri a list of 30 other stu­
dents who have complaints," said
Headstrom.

"I am quite flabbergasted that
this is an issue," said General Manager Deneczek. "There are 780
residents who live in the complex
and I say that the majority are
happy.

Deneczek said when they settle
out of court it is not an admission of
guilt but rather that they are trying
to come to an agreement because it
takes a lot of resources to go to
court.

"We are doing what we feel is an
excellent job," said Deneczek. "We
are going to have a barbecue free of
charge for students and we have a
Residents Relations Committee that
knocks up of residents."

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Making the best of campus dining

By Kari Savala

This commentary is in response to the negative tributes recently expressed about Campus Dining.

I am a firm believer in finding the good in any situation and I found good in the campus dining system a long time ago. Okay, okay, yes I work at the Lighthouse but I don't think that I am biased when I state the following. The Lighthouse feeds approximately 2,400 students, staff and faculty on a daily basis. Weekdays can put numbers higher and weekends numbers lower. Cooking for these large amounts of people is not an easy task by any stretch of the imagination. The Lighthouse and Campus Dining have made numerous accommodations to serve every type of person that walks through those doors. There is standard fare every night: the sandwich, the pasta bar, the grill, and the salad bar. There are the entrees that vary each night: the seconds line, and the options line, which serves vegetarians. I realize that it sometimes gets old—it seems like the same choices every night and day in and day out.

But then I realize that if I were living in a place of my own, I would be cooking off one of the three things I subsist on—a difficult task as it is. However, I have seen my share of Bias.

3. Go in with realistic expectations. Some of your own kitchen.

4. Be polite to the servers. The rude people get the cold things.

5. Look at the menu. They're posted for a reason. If you don't like what's for dinner, go to VG's. Go to the Campus Store. Not many people go there to eat because of its location. Find it and use them, but be careful because once they're gone, they're gone.

Kari Savala is an animal science sophomore.

Prop 209 is right on

Editor,

In response to Monday's article concerning Prop 209, I don't think eligibility points for being a certain race is exactly equitable or fair to the majority. I'm Mexican and it makes me proud that I got in based on my high schixil for being in a minority. I'm sure everyone can think of a race they think that seemed small but turned into a big deal. As far as I'm concerned, one of the reasons people are triggered is that some minorities are better than others. As far as I'm concerned, I believe in a diversity of cultures and races. I have never had a reason compelling enough to rage class. I have never had something come up that couldn't be done at another time.

Do I care when a person makes a mechanical error? It depends. In the sense that it really has no effect on my life, to some extent. In the sense that I am an educated person, that the error signifies ignorance, and that it subtracts from the overall quality of what I am reading.

At the same time, I limit my judgement to the person's education and their mistakes. I don't hold it against them personally, by any means. When communication is such a difficult task as it is, why make it any harder with the presence of error?

Jeff Mintz is a computer engineering and mathematics senior.

This means between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. This way there is usually plenty of what you want, and it isn't as busy as it gets in the last half-hour before closing time. Don't keep eating the same things every night. Have pasta one night, soup and a salad and sandwich the next. Try the entrees with something new on the menu the next night, maybe a burger. Explore the options—few people go in there on a regular basis.

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reason to fear," she said. "But if you are to count out 10 to 15 males, one out of those you might want to be careful of."

"Males can be victimized too," she added.

RCC Associate Educator Jaylene Katherly gave a warning as well. "Not everyone is a potential rapist, but there are some out there," she said. Keep that in mind. It can be someone you come into contact with.

The RCC has been distributing warning stickers and signs throughout the city of San Luis Obispo at local bars, restaurants and coffee shops.

Frog & Peach Pub Manager Paul Tye said he doesn’t think they’ve had any incidents of people dosing drinks. "We haven’t had any problems at the Frog & Peach that were brought to my attention," he said. "Most people hold onto their beverages the whole time they’ve got them. And I’ve got my eye out when I’m bartending."

Tye added that the RCC has posted warning stickers in the restrooms at Frog & Peach Pub. The New Times reported a possible drug dosing at McCarthy’s Irish Pub in downtown San Luis Obispo.

McCarthy’s bartender, Larry Ekelin, said they’ve since taken precautionary measures. "We went through the rape crisis thing," he said. "We’ve got all our signs up."

The RCC plans to distribute more warning signs and stickers throughout the north and south county areas.

For more information about Rohypnol, call the Hoffman-LaRoche information line at (800) 720-1076. For more information about drug-induced rape, call the San Luis Obispo Rape Crisis Center at 545-8888.
NUESCA

from page 8

Nuesca, who has played soccer ever since she was three, said it's her favorite sport. According to her performance record, she's telling the truth.

Some of her achievements include being named CIF MVP her senior season in La Reina High School. She was also ranked fourth on the Cal Poly women's soccer team with nine points in 1996.

So far this season, Nuesca has scored five goals and three assists.

Nuesca credits her teammates for helping her through her freshman year and considers them sisters.

"Our chemistry is amazing," she said. "I've never seen any other team act the way that we do or feel the way we do and I don't think there ever will be.

She said the team really helped her during her freshman year when she was homesick.

The soccer team is basically my sorority," she said. "I made friends out of that and everyone is great."

As far as why Nuesca decided to come to Cal Poly, she said that after visiting the campus, she fell in love with the it and San Luis Obispo.

After she graduates, Nuesca plans to go on to become a physician's assistant or a nurse. As for soccer, Nuesca said she plans to play for the rest of her life.

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Nuesca knows her soccer

By Selene Loy
Daily Staff Writer

Her 5 foot 3 inch stature may lead opponents to think she's just small and can't do anything. I can surprise them," Nuesca said. "It helps me mentally when people think I'm just small and can't do anything. I can surprise them."

Nuesca, physical education senior, said she wasn't always this confident. During the beginning of her freshman year at Cal Poly, she said it was difficult adjusting to her new environment.

Nuesca said it was hard during her first year because she was really homesick. Not only that, but she said not playing in many games affected her confidence. She said it was hard coming from high school where she played all the time and was one of the better players and then going to Cal Poly where she felt like nothing.

"Basically, my confidence was shot," Nuesca said. "But towards the end of the year, I learned so much. Mentally I became so tough." Nuesca said she didn't have a clue about what she was getting into. She said compared to what she was used to in high school, she thought she was fit, but that all changed once she joined the Cal Poly women's soccer team.

"I didn't know what to expect," Nuesca said. "Fitness wise, I had no idea how fit you had to be or how mentally strong you had to be to make it through freshman year." Head coach Alex Crozier said Nuesca was not as strong psychologically or mentally when she was a freshman.

"When she came as a freshman," Crozier said. "She had always been the top in all her teams (in high school), but when it came to getting over the wall, as far as fitness or injuries, they seemed to get the better of her." However, Nuesca said it was hard to pull herself out of such negativity, but said she eventually did it.

"During my freshman year, I gradually started playing more and more and then I started the last four games," Nuesca said. "That was like my turning point right there. I felt incredible. I felt so fit in my last four games. I could run for days." Crozier said Nuesca's first year was a big learning year for her.

"She realized she either had to step it up or it just wasn't going to happen and she stepped it up," Crozier said. "Now if you look at her, she's probably one of the hardest-working players on the team," he said. "She won't accept that kind of thing from anyone else.

Her teammates agreed that Nuesca is a hard worker. Gina Moss, defender on the soccer team, said although Nuesca didn't play much during her freshman year, she did pick it up during her sophomore year.

"She's tougher now," Moss said. "I think Michelle brings a lot of fire (to the team). She's intense. She's one of those players that you're tired, her working extra hard inspires you to work harder."

Patty Teal, forward on the team, said Nuesca has always been someone to look up to.

"She's always given her all," Teal said. "She has a lot of heart and she really tries hard. She wants to win. She pumps everyone up. Everyone knows she's working hard and so they want to work hard too."

Nuesca said she does try to bring a spark to the team when it needs it.

"I play my heart out," Nuesca said. "I'm very intense. I hate to lose and I'm very competitive. I like getting the hard tackles. I like to work my butt off. I think about creating that spark the whole time. Sometimes the game is slow and if there's one person that can spark the whole team then the whole team can get up again."

In the seven games, De Soto recorded a .405 hitting percentage and had a career high 22 kills, with only three errors in 46 attack attempts. She also had 10 total blocks in the two matches.

Big West volleyball
co-player this week

Daily Staff Report

Cal Poly sophomore middle blocker Kari De Soto was named Big West Conference co-player.

She becomes the first Cal Poly volleyball player to win the award since the Mustangs rejoined the Big West in 1996. De Soto shares the award with U.C. Santa Barbara middle blocker Heather Brown.

De Soto, the tallest Mustang player ever, led Cal Poly in consecutive wins on the road last week-end over Boise State and the University of Idaho. In the seven games, De Soto recorded a .405 hitting percentage and had a career high 22 kills, with only three errors in 46 attack attempts. She also had 10 total blocks in the two matches.

Wednesday's Answer:
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