Suspects in student beating could face death penalty

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — The beating death of a gay University of Wyoming student inspired concern from across the country, as President Clinton and activists asked Congress to pass hate-crime legislation.

Matthew Shepard, 21, died at a Fort Collins, Colo., hospital Monday after spending several days in a coma. His skull was so badly fractured by the beating that doctors said they could not evenoperate.

Shepard was found last Wednesday in non-freezing temperatures, lashed to a split rail post outside Laramie.

“All gay people and lesbians have felt alone and under siege at times,” gay activist Michael Wojcik told about 1,000 people attending a candlelight vigil in West Hollywood, Calif. “Thinking of him alone on that post ... it’s just horrifying. He was so young. He had not yet had the chance to live.”

Police said charges against Arthur Henderson, 21, and Aaron James McKinney, 22, will be upgraded to first-degree murder, which carries a possible death sentence.

Police said robbery was the most motive for the attack but that Shepard apparently was chosen in part because he was gay. Shepard had been beaten twice in recent months, attacks he attributed to his homosexuality.

Students rallied Monday in downpour.
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town Denver to remember Shepard. In Laramie, some students wore yel­
low and green armbands to send a message of peace.

Students attending a rally against a
columnist who criticized gays in the
University of Maryland campus news­
paper observed 10 seconds of silence for Shepard. And in the Castro dis­
tRICT of San Francisco, the giant rain­
bow flag that symbolizes the gay
movement was lowered to half staff.

"Americans will once again search
their hearts and do what they can to
reduce their own fear and anxiety and
anger at people who are different," Clinton said. "And I hope that
Congress will pass the hate-crime leg­
dation."

The Federal Hate Crimes
Protection Act would make federal
ofenses of crimes based on sex, dis­
ability and sexual orientation.

Current law covers crimes based on
race, color, religion or national origin.

Of the 41 states that have hate­
crime laws, 21 states specifically cover offenses motivated by the vic­
tims' sexual orientation. Efforts to pass a hate-crime law in Wyoming
have failed. Shepard died just as Gay
Awareness Week was getting under
way in Laramie.

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that he wanted to be a good dad," she
said.

"One of the things that night, the
last night that we talked, was that
he just wanted to get out of Laramie," said Arcuhy of the Friday
evening before Shepard's beating.

"I said: 'Oh, I love Laramie, I love
it so much. It feels like home­ton.'

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her something, that he had made a
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"I mean, this was a guy that I
dated for a year. Never was he vi­
te to me or around me," she said.

"Shawn Shields, 23, and Kevin
Janusofski, 29, who were friends with
Henderson from 1992 to '93 while
working at Taco Bell, said he had a
tendency of being a follower.

"There's no way that can be over­
looked," said Jim Olson, who
attended grade school with Shepard.

"If his death leads to passage of hate­
crime legislation in Wyoming, it will
be a bittersweet footnote in our state's
history."

While friends and family planned
memorial services, new details emerged Monday about a second
alleged attack by the suspects on the
night Shepard was hand from a cam­
pus hangout in Laramie, robbed and
beaten.

Two Hispanic teen-agers said
Henderson and McKinney ambushed
them early Wednesday, cutting the
one before the other retired.

"I say it was a violent person like that,"

"I think it's a heinous crime," Arcuhy said. "I feel bad for any of
Shepard's friends, for any of his fam­
ily. Definitely."

But I definitely feel like there's an
aura around town that's like, "1he
suspect did it, don't worry about a
trial, it's over." And I think his family
just really wants to say, 'Hey, all his
friends aren't out the door. They're
still friends, still backing up."

His family is backing him up —

THE INFORMATION AGE STARTS HERE"
Poly groups host sex assault fair

Organizers hope to raise awareness

By Whitney Phaneuf
Mustang Daily

One out of every three American women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime. Campus organizations are trying to end this violence with awareness.

Phi Beta Sigma fraternity will present the Sexual Assault Awareness Fair today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Victor Glover, Phi Beta Sigma service programs chairman, had the vision for the fair from the education he received while participating in the "Real Men" program.

Glover, a general engineering senior, thought it was important to have the fair in the beginning of the year to educate freshmen and new students about the resources available. Glover also has personal reasons for wanting to educate people on sexual assault.

"After talking with my friends who were victims, my understanding increased and it made me more aware of what was happening," he said. "Women's programs and Cal Poly's Sexual Assault Free Environment Resource program co-sponsoring the day of awareness."

The fair will include informational booths, a film in Bishop Lounge and personal testimonials. Representatives from Rape Crisis Center, Suspected Abuse Response Team, Safe-SLO Model Mugging, and the San Luis Obispo Police Department will be there along with many other community and campus organizations.

An introduction by the president of Phi Beta Sigma at 11 a.m. will be followed by informational speakers and an open microphone session where anyone can speak about personal experiences concerning sexual assault.

"First-year students need to know where to go if a problem arises, so they'll have the information when they need it," said Pat Harris, coordinator of women's programs.

Susanne Kelley, business senior and event coordinator for women's programs, thinks students can never get enough information concerning these issues.

"Exposing people to the different resources available will help develop a better understanding of sexual assault," she said.

During the last few years there has been a tremendous increase in the number of cases passed dealing with domestic violence and sexual assault, according to a letter written by Senator Hilda L. Solis, 24th District. She believes the campaign to end domestic violence will never succeed without massive public awareness.

"There must be zero tolerance for this behavior. Friends and neighbors must be willing to get involved," Solis' letter said.

Glover hopes more men will get involved and visit the Sexual Assault Awareness Fair. He hopes the fact that a fraternity is sponsoring the event will increase male attendance.

"This is such an important topic," he said. "I thought it was very well done."
The real problem plaguing America

Cancer, heart attacks, bullet and drink driving tally up some of the most frightening annual death tolls in this nation. These legitimate causes of death, however, seem to be much harder to cope with for everyone involved, do not come close to America's No. 1 cause of suffering: ex-girlfriends.

Coming in all shapes and sizes, ex-girlfriends have different backgrounds, unique perspectives on life and special quirks that permanently affix themselves to our memories. The problem lies in their unpredictability. Women are like girls sometimes we hit it straight, but mostly we shirk at it or kick it.

The worst aspect of relationships is the inevitable end. Breakups can strike without warning or reason. Ex-girlfriends typically pick a time to decide it's over that has no logical necessity to kill relationships that have no authority. After all, we all know the female brain, fueled by scattered emotions and hormonal swirls, eliminates any possibility of sanity.

I believe Jack Nicholson's character said it best in "As Good As It Gets," when asked how he wrote women off. His answer, "1 killed it or hooked it."

No longer will the woman's "monthly visitor" take away reason and account­ability. Women are like tigers: with enough time to grab as much humility and pride as we can before the wave of destruction hits, casting a black shadow over our psyches.

Ex-girlfriends could at least have the decency to explain, in a coherent manner, why they deem it necessary to kill relationships that have no flaws. After all, we treat them well enough and would be capable of handling the news better if there was some sanity backing it. But, as we all know, the female brain, fueled by scattered emotions and hormonal swirls, eliminates any possibility of sanity.

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My name is Al Dunton and I have been a journalist for over 20 years. I have written for various publications and my work has been featured in national and international media outlets. I have a passion for storytelling and enjoy sharing my experiences and insights with others. My latest work focuses on the challenges and complexities of relationships, a topic that I believe is often overlooked and underrepresented in mainstream discourse.

Al Dunton

What's the farthest you've ever traveled and why?

Kyle Christensen

Computer engineering

senior

I don't care about anything but my parking space

Editor:

So, President Baker gets a raise and now earns $200,000 a year. Well, God bless him. I wish I did. In fact, I don't really care what the man makes.

I don't care if the school gives him a new Mercedes 500SL to drive every year, and the engineering department has to wash it. I don't care if he has a million-dollar home subsidized by the school, and the ag department has to mow the yard.

I don't care if he has a pond the size of Lopez Lake in his front yard, and the horticulture department has to plant water lilies in it. I don't care if the female subordinate on his staff have to dress like French maid's while their male counterparts get every Friday off. I don't care if the English department has addressed his Christmas card, and the journalism department has written his enclosed Christmas letter. But what I do care about is my one damned parking space!

I want what I paid the $36 bucks for! How does the administration of this school have the gall to strictly enforce parking rules when it does not fulfill the reciprocal part of an agreement? Fraud at an academic level is no different than a shake down in a back alley.

I want my parking space refunded and the meter maid fired until there is ample parking provided at this school. Anything less is unethical.

Mary Alice Altorate is a journalism senior

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"Why doesn't he try a guy next time?"
OPINION

Help our faculty

Editor:
The CSU Chancellor and Board of Trustees claim low salaries for campus presidents have made it difficult to attract quality individuals, and that many have declined jobs for this reason. But there is plenty of evidence to show the same is true of faculty positions. In the last several years, various departments in the College of Science and Mathematics have made offers to new faculty who rejected them in favor of more attractive offers from other institutions. The newest faculty member in the statistics department, with a Ph.D. from one of the best programs in the country and five years of teaching experience, is earning less than one of our graduating seniors was offered last year. Furthermore, the central CSU administration is fond of noting that virtually all schools in our comparison group have a substantial merit component in their salary scheme, but have said nothing about how our faculty workload compares to the workloads at the other schools (hint: it is heavier).

If attracting good administrators is so important, why isn't the same consideration given to attracting good faculty? Ask our students which is more important.

Jay Devere is a statistics professor.

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Old propaganda at work

Editor:
I've got to hand it to Arton DeFerrari—that boy sure can pack a lot of bullshit into a very short opinion column. Not only does he wrongly depict Barbara Boxer as being disinterested in the issues he also manages to slam the National Organization of Women (NOW) and he wants us to believe the ridiculous claim that Boxer and NOW have nothing negative to say about Clinton. Finally, he wants us to believe that Fong is "middle of the road" and Boxer is an "ultra-liberal extremist," when just the opposite is true. Boxer has always spoken out clearly on the issues, and continues to do so during this Senate race. (I noticed that Mr. DeFerrari did not mention or discuss any issues even once.)

Boxer, along with most Democrats, has found Clinton's behavior stupid and damaging to the image of the party. But while most Republicans are now using the "guilt by association" ploy to denigrate Democrats, most of the Democratic candidates are trying to focus on the many issues that go beyond the tabloid headlines.

Boxer supports the mainstream viewpoint that our national environmental laws are significant and worthy of protection. Fong takes the ultra-conservative extremist view that such laws should be weakened or abandoned. Boxer supports the mainstream view that women should be able to decide about an abortion. Fong supports the ultra-conservative extremist view that the government should make that decision for the woman.

Boxer supports laws which restrict assault weapons. Fong tends to follow the extremist positions of the National Rifle Association. Boxer follows the mainstream view that the defense budget should be trimmed as needed. Fong wants to continue the wasteful spending patterns of the Reagan-Bush years.

Boxer wants to strengthen federal support for education. Fong wants to follow the extremist path taken by Pete Wilson, relying more on private school, which benefits only those few who are wealthy enough to afford it.

Sadly, DeFerrari has to rely on the tired old propaganda techniques of the Reagan-Bush years. Unfortunately, we've got to hand it to DeFerrari—he sure can pack a lot of bullshit into a very short opinion column.

Michael Sullivan is an education graduate student.
NBA cancels first two weeks of season after talks break off

NEW YORK (AP) — For the first time in its history, the NBA's 51-year streak of 35,001 consecutive games to an end.

The league had been the only major professional sport that had never lost a game due to a labor dispute. The players and owners are arguing over rising salaries, among other issues.

The next move will come from the owners, who will deliver a counter-proposal later this week.

"It doesn't look promising," commissioner David Stern said. "It is the reality that the owners had no choice."

Stern and Granik made the announcement late in the afternoon at a midtown Manhattan hotel after the sides had met for two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

The players made a counterproposal in the morning, addressing the owners' concept of "cost certainty" by asking for a luxury tax that would be paid by owners who sign players to contracts.

Stern said the idea of a tax was something the owners would look at, but it was not enough to stop the league from canceling games for the first time in its history.

"We had a somewhat more constructive dialogue, but it's hard to say if we got closer to an agreement," Granik said. "We promised to come back with our own set of proposals."

The owners imposed the lockout July 1, and the summer and early fall passed with the sides meeting only twice for formal bargaining sessions. The talks Tuesday were the third between the sides.

Patrick Ewing, Dikembe Mutombo, Ray Allen, Antonio Davis and John Starks were among the players who attended the meeting. The owners were represented by Gordon Gund (Cleveland), Les Alexander (Houston), Abe Pollin (Washington), David Stern (New York) and Jerry Colangelo (Phoenix).

"We're going to try to step up and take the issues they've raised," union director Billy Hunter said as he arrived. "We've got a response, but if they're inclined to wait for David Stern then nothing's going to happen."

Arbitrator John Feerick, dean of Fordham Law School, is expected rule in a week or two on a union grievance that more than 200 players with guaranteed contracts must be paid during the lockout.

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McGwire pictured on Wheaties

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Be sure to eat your Wheaties, if you want a Mark McGwire souvenir. McGwire was honored Tuesday with the unveiling of a special Wheaties box commemorating his incredible 70-homer season. The St. Louis Cardinals slugger broke Roger Maris' single-season home run record of 61 set in 1961.

As a limited edition issue, only about 1.5 million copies of the 18-ounce McGwire Wheaties box will be made available to the public by General Mills, starting next week. Wheaties' association with sports began in 1913 — nine years after the cereal was first introduced. Among baseball stars over the years endorsing the so-called "Breakfast of Champions" have been Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, Stan Musial, Roy Campanella, Yogi Berra, Mickey Mantle and Johnny Bench — all members of the Hall of Fame.

Their stars who have endorsed the cereal are Michael Jordan, Arthur Ashe, Larry Bird, Ken Strug and Tiger Woods.

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**Sports Bar**

**SPORTS TRIVIA**

**Yesterday’s Answer**

There are 216 stitches in a major league baseball. No one got the correct answer or was even close.

**Today’s Question**

Who is the only rookie runningback to rush for a touchdown in each of his first six games?

Please submit answer to jRichard@calpoly.edu. Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

**Schedule**

**Friday**
- Men’s soccer vs. Denver in Mustang Stadium at 7 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. North Texas in Cal Poly Rec Center at 7 p.m.

**Saturday**
- Cross Country in the Cal Poly Invitational.
- Football at Northern Iowa at 11:30 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. New Mexico State in Cal Poly Rec Center at 7 p.m.

**Sunday**
- Women’s soccer vs. UCSB in Mustang Stadium at 1 p.m.

**Briefs**

Pleasanton, Calif. (AP) — Oakland Raiders coach Jon Gruden was speeding and driving erratically when he was arrested after his team beat the San Diego Chargers Sunday, the California Highway Patrol said Tuesday.

Gruden was booked at the Santa Rita Jail for investigation of drunken driving and was released about three hours later. He was scheduled to appear in court on Nov. 9.

“Our officers saw him exceed the speed limit by about 15 or 20 mph,” said patrol Capt. Mary Harrion. She said the coach was cooperative.

The 35-year-old coach, the NFL’s youngest, told the Contra Costa Times he was going to “see if justice prevails.”

“I’m confident in what I’ll say,” he said. Patrol spokesman Steve Ceal said Gruden was traveling above the 35 mph speed limit in an area about 45 miles east of San Francisco. He said the coach was straddling lanes and officers determined he was under the influence.

**Sports Daily**

**Swimming Hard:** The Mustangs hope to capture a league title this year.

**Water polo has high expectations**

By Jon Hughes Mustang Daily

When Cal Poly students think of fall sports, chances are the Mustangs’ water polo team doesn’t immediately come to mind. But the excitement surrounding the team this year may get the club some unexpected attention.

Following last year’s outstanding 16-2 season, expectations are very high for the club sport. The team is also playing in a league for the first time this year.

“We have been emphasizing that we are capable of winning a national (club) championship,” said team manager and goalie Dave Briehan.

This goal is hardly out of reach for the team whose players from last year’s successful squad all returned for another season. In addition, a number of new faces have joined up, including four freshmen.

The season got underway Sept. 13, and so far the team has compiled a 4-3 record. While hardly a bad start, the players understand the need to focus on every game due to the brevity of the polo season, which ends Nov. 7.

“We can do it, but we have to buckle down and get serious,” said Briehan.

One of the ionses was to league rival, Cal State Monterey Bay. The narrow 7-6 defeat was disappointing, but the team feels confident about its prospects in future meetings.

“We can definitely beat them,” said Briehan, who added that the Mustangs hope to capture a league title this year.

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**Tyrone belongs in penitentiary, not in the ring**

If Mike Tyson wants to fight, he should be put in the jail yard with the rest of the criminals.

The Nevada Boxing Commission is expected to decide the fate of Tyson’s boxing career soon. Should it come to the conclusion that Tyson deserves a third chance, it should be allowed to come back in his next violent outburst.

Because it’s not a matter of if, but of when.

For those of you who need an examination to determine if Tyson should get a second chance, I have a copy of the test you gave to “Prime Time.”

Rational human being: “Have you ever been involved in a car accident, and if so, how did you handle the situation?”

Tyson: “I was in an accident recently, and I thought about exchanging insurance companies. But then I decided I didn’t want the crap out of the guy instead.”

Rational human being: “Okay, a boxing ring sounds pretty logical. How do you handle embarrassing situations?”

Tyson: “Well, one time I was getting my ass kicked by this guy for the second time, and so rather than continue and lose I munched on his ears a couple a times until they stopped the fight. I mean, how much of a guy that have looked at me and lost to him again?”

Rational human being: “Good point, losing would’ve looked much worse. Have you ever been convicted of anything?”

Tyson: “Rape, was that bad?”

Rational human being: “Well, it’s defined as a violent sport.”

Tyson: “I won. ’Cause you can’t beat second.”

Rational human being to police “I got a guy down here who handles every difficult situation with violence. My conclusion is we need to put him away — for a long time.”

For those of you who use the excuse, “Boxing is a violent sport,” to validate your desire to watch this animal in action you’re missing the point. Boxing is dangerous because it has always prided itself on being classy. There are rules. Spectators dress nicely, and in the majority of the bouts there is a high level of decorum, at least that the boxers have for each other. If you want bloody shrouded combat where hitting is okay, watch ultimate fighting, not boxing.

There is a problem with boxing’s popularity, but Tyson is not the long- term answer. Boxing needs character- ship fights and it needs to red itself of Don King and the skulks he wears around like a cloak.

Tyson is an animal. To put him back in the ring would jeopardize his ability to make the millions that he would completely tarnish an already lackluster image of the sport. For the sake of boxing and for the public’s well being, there is one only logical conclusion.

Put the animal to sleep.