Warning: Alcohol, drugs decrease safety, education

Date rape drugs appear frequently at Cal Poly parties

By Whitney Phaneuf
Mustang Daily

Jennifer*, a Cal Poly junior, knew something was wrong the morning she woke up with the worst hangover ever. At a party the night before, she consumed only a beer and a half on a full stomach, yet she couldn't remember how she got home or understand why her head was pounding.

Then she realized she was drugged.

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"It's hard to think about how vulnerable they were when someone took their power away. The reality is that it could have been any of us."

— Jerolyn Peery
educational services coordinator for San Luis Obispo's Rape Crisis Center

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"At the time I didn't think that much about it. I was too sick to care," Jennifer said.

The drug Rohypnol or GHB (gamma-hydroxybutyrate) was most likely put into Jennifer's beer. Both drugs can be slipped into a drink, where they are completely undetectable to the victim.

"Instead of waiting in line for the keg, I passed the cap up to some guys and asked them to fill it for me," she said. "I drank half of the beer and started feeling really weird." Jennifer couldn't figure out why she felt so intoxicated and found a bathroom to wash her face. When she came out, a man, who had been following her all night, was waiting for her.

"He started saying sexual comments to me," Jennifer said.

Sensing something wasn't right, she called a friend to pick her up from the party. The entire evening after that phone call is a blank in her memory.

"My friend said he found me walking alone down California (Street), far from the party. Then he said I threw up all night," Jennifer said.

Jennifer feels extremely lucky that she was not sexually assaulted or worse that evening.

"Everyone thinks San Luis Obispo is so safe because it's a small city, but that's what makes it really dangerous," Jennifer said.

Rohypnol and GHB, common date-rape drugs, have made their way into San Luis Obispo. According to Jerolyn Peery, educational services coordinator for San Luis Obispo Rape Crisis Center, she began receiving reports of the drug in the county in 1996.

People became fully aware of the drug's local presence when three men were arrested in 1997 for allegedly manufacturing GHB in their San Luis Obispo home. The men faced felony charges for making the illegal drug, possession and possession with intent to sell.

There have been many sexual assault cases reported to the Rape Crisis Center where the client was drugged, Peery said. These incidents of dosing have often taken place at local bars and parties. So far though, no one has been substantiated in San Luis Obispo County. Peery said that due to the short half-life of the system, it is very hard to prove they were used.

Rohypnol stays in the system anywhere from 24 to 72 hours. The drug causes drowsiness, disinhibition, and impaired judgment. It can also produce a complete or partial amnesia, especially when combined with alcohol. A sedative used in other countries, Rohypnol is illegal in the United States.

The tasteless, odorless pill is a street drug and used recreationally as well as a tool for rapists. Rohypnol is often called "roaches" or "the forget pill." Its reputation as a date-rape drug has made the manufacturer Hoffman-LaRoche begin to change the white pills to blue.

GHB is the lesser known drug often associated with sexual assaults. Sometimes known as "liquid ecstasy" on the street, the substance has similar effects to Rohypnol and is also used as a recreational drug. The colorless, odorless drug comes in a liquid or powder form. Unlike Rohypnol, it leaves a salty taste in a drink which is often masked in a sweet alcoholic beverage. GHB is especially dangerous since it is usually made in people's homes and therefore uncontrolled.

Not everyone will be affected the same by these drugs, but Jennifer's situation is typical. Peery said that if someone thinks they have been dosed, they should go to the emergency room immediately, so tests can be administered. The company Hoffman-LaRoche will pay for the $200 test, but only if a sexual assault is believed to have occurred. In Peery's experience, the drugs are most often used against young women, from teens to college students.

Health center psychologist, Andrea Brauningter, said she has worked with two female students who think they were drugged at a party and then sexually assaulted by numerous men. She thinks sexual assaults are a relatively frequent occurrence at Cal Poly, even though most people don't report it.

Martin Bragg, director of health and psychological services, has heard about several reports this year of students possibly being dosed. He still thinks that alcohol is the number one date-rape drug though.

"If you're too drunk to drive, you're too drunk to give legal consent," Bragg said. "Intoxication without consent is illegal."

"I don't just think it is clear to men at Cal Poly that it's a crime, not just a further in their cap," Brauningter said.

Peery agrees that there is often a mentality of "get her drunk and she'll be okay," but adds that not all sexual assaults are alcohol related. "Just because someone is under the influence doesn't mean anyone has the right to take advantage of them," Peery said.

She cautions students against normalizing drinking and the attitude that it is essential to college life. Peery also said that students do go to parties or bars, they should go in a group and leave together.

"It helps to increase your personal awareness of what's going on in the community and know that we are all at risk," she said.

Speculation about the disappearance of Cal Poly students Rachel Newhouse and Kristin Smart has resurfaced awareness about the impact of alcohol.

"It's hard to think about how vulnerable they were when someone took their power away," she said. "The reality is that it could have been any of us."

**This name has been changed to protect her identity.**

*Drugs* is a weekly column that covers the impact of drug use on campus.

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**Watching out for your friends**

- Appoint a designated "sober" person when you go to parties, clubs or bars. Have a plan to periodically check up on each other.
- If one of your friends appears very intoxicated gets sick after drinking a beverage, passes out and is difficult to awaken, seems to be having difficulty breathing, or is behaving in an uncharacteristic way, take steps to ensure your friend's safety. If necessary, call 911 for emergency medical assistance.
- If you see or hear that someone is "dosing" a drink or a punch bowl intervene. Confirm the person, warn potential victims, discard the drink, and/or get help.
- Warn friends about high-risk situations, such as clubs where "dosing" is known to have occurred.

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- You feel a lot more intoxicated than your usual response to the amount of alcohol you consumed.
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*Taking care of yourself*

- Don't drink beverages that you did not open yourself.
- Don't share or exchange drinks with anyone.
- Don't take drink from a punch bowl.
- Don't drink from a container that is being passed around.
- If possible, bring your own drinks to parties.
- If someone offers you a drink from the bar at a club or a party, accompany the person to the bar to order your drink, watch the drink being poured, and carry the drink yourself.
- Don't leave your drink unattended while talking, dancing, using the restroom, or making a phone call.
- If you realize that your drink has been left unattended, discard it.
- Don't drink anything that has an unusual taste or appearance (e.g. salty taste, excessive foam, unexplained residue).

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Information from Rape Treatment Center, Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center.

- "Watch for our for friends" section.
- "Signs that you may have been drugged" section.
- "Watching out for your friends" section.

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*This name has been changed to protect her identity.***
THINK TWICE: This poster is one in a series of four that the Violence Intervention Project is posting on campus.

Study says alcohol lowers GPA

By Steve Noone

Mustang Daily

A series of posters depicting alcohol poisoning, sexual assault, impaired judgment, and failure in class are the Violence Intervention Project's latest tool for educating Cal Poly students about the potentially harmful effects of drugs and alcohol.

The four posters, which feature simple but powerful black and white photographs and cigarette style warning labels, were designed for the VIP by graphic design student BJ Behlers with photography by art senior Cole Bebee.

Health Educator Rojjan Dominguez said the posters were created to show the consequences of irresponsible drinking and to raise awareness of alcohol as the primary factor involved in physical and sexual violence at Cal Poly. She said that every incident reported to the Sexual Assault Free Environment Resource (SAFER) hotline has involved alcohol.

"The intent is to help students see that there are ways to socialize and enjoy yourself without alcohol," she said. "Last year's survey showed something like 68 percent of those who reported being victims of assault also reported they had been drinking at the time. The purpose of these posters is to make students more aware of these risks."

The study of Cal Poly students also showed that students who drink more often have a lower average GPA than those who drink less. These results form the theme of one of the VIP posters.

"It shows a student laying on a bed like they've passed out from alcohol and are missing class," Dominguez said. "And the warning says that at Cal Poly, for every two drinks per week, a student's GPA goes down on average one full grade point."

Dominguez said that almost everyone knows they shouldn't drink in excess, but what they don't know are the consequences. This series of posters will get people thinking more carefully about the choices they make.

Abhay Maniar, a business sophomore and Student Coordinator of the VIP, said 500 copies of each poster will be up for six weeks around campus. The response to the first poster, which shows someone kneeling over a toilet in a bathroom, has been primarily positive.

"Some of them have been taken down," he said. "But we've had people come and ask for copies for their rooms or for other things. They really seem to get people's attention."

The second poster in the series will be posted early next quarter, and the VIP is keeping another 500 copies of each poster for future events.

"Our mission at VIP is intervention, we want to educate people before they go out and get in trouble," Maniar said.

According to Dominguez, the survey showed that binge drinking is common among Cal Poly students, and that excessive use of alcohol often leads to physical, sexual, and emotional violence and other types of crime. On a positive note, more than half of the students reported drinking only about one day per week, even though students predicted the average would be closer to 2.5 days per week.

"The purpose of violence intervention, and of these posters, is to get people to look at the choices they make," Dominguez said. "VIP is just telling students, if you choose to drink, then drink responsibly."

"If you let people know the rules from the beginning, they'll only decide if they want to play. All I try to do is establish the rules."

— Jennifer Estelle
Cal Poly police officer

Cal Poly police say binge drinking is campus problem

By Britt Fekete

Mustang Daily

Binge drinking and alcohol consumption by minors continues to be an issue many universities and college towns face. Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo are not an exception.

Whether it is drinking in the residence halls, going to parties or socializing in bars, statistics show when students drink, they are drinking to get drunk.

According to a 1997 survey by Harvard University's School of Public Health, 44 percent of students surveyed at Cal engaged in binge drinking during the two weeks before the survey. Of the men who were surveyed, 50 percent drank five or more drinks in a row. For the women, 39 percent drank four or more drinks in a row. Findings also showed that about half the binge drinkers, one in five students overall, binged frequently — at least three times in a two-week period.

"Alcohol is one of our main concerns," said Jennifer Estelle, a Cal Poly police officer. "Binge drinking is a problem."

Estelle, who patrols the residence halls, said her main focus regarding alcohol is education. Every year, Estelle does a number of presentations in the residence halls about drinking, informing students about the law, how alcohol affects the body and driving drunk.

Estelle said there has been a great turnout this quarter for the presentations, but doesn't know exactly how many people turn out this quarter for the presentations, but doesn't know exactly how many people go to their dorms, in their rooms, drinking a little before going out.

"I'd say most people just get buzzed in the dorms," Rangel said.

While Rangel said he wouldn't classify the drinking he's seen as a problem, he said most people know that if they choose to drink, there are consequences. He said so far this year he's seen the resident advisor give written warnings to a few people.

He said his RA told the residents to go straight to their rooms if they come home drunk, but if they make noise or pass out on the floor, they'll get written up.

"If they have an empty beer bottle (in the room), residents can be written up. If we get word there is drink-
America, the Aborted Renaissance

I have noticed an increase in holiday nostalgia and an increase in pro-conservatism from the media (Mustang Daily included), an increase in drama in the White House, and in the presence of the Christian Right, and an increase in Y2K panic. These seem to be indications of controlling organizations falling apart.

I believe the structure of a controlling organization consists of five components: 1) Perpetration of its members; 2) Controlling information that gets to its members; 3) Perpetuating (if not increasing) the amount of control over its members; 4) Perpetuating and increasing control of its actions of its members. A revolution (something that Americans profess to have been nostalgic about at one time) obviously goes against the grain of most of the above components. When the Renaissance, individualism, and democracy became more and more desired in the 17th and 19th centuries, one could easily predict high casualties. These were a necessary result of attempting to wrestle power from a controlling organization.

The French Revolution and the Renaissance are revolutions that we are proud of. People were inspired by ideals and yet it is extremely difficult to make any significant change without the system of checks and balances.

Jon Wilson is a philosophy senior.

Letters to the Editor:

Cal Poly does not condone any discrimination

Editor:

Last month at a statewide youth conference, hosted by the student organization MEChA, anti-Semitic and other discriminatory language was included in the event’s program and in remarks by the keynote speaker. This incident has challenged both Cal Poly’s commitment to sustain a campus climate supportive of all its members and university policy to provide an open environment for the exchange of diverse ideas and opinions.

MEChA has issued a letter of apology that states the incident “in no way reflects” the group’s philosophy. While not all MEChA members were involved in the writing of the program, and while the invited speaker may have breached his contract by his comments, this type of occurrence is not, in any way, acceptable at Cal Poly. We strongly reject and disavow any discriminatory statements and actions. They violate and undermine the standards of civility required to sustain the reasoned discourse at the heart of our university community. Moreover, it is the responsibility of each and every sponsor of a campus event or speaker to ensure that the campus policy of nondiscrimination and civility is upheld.

Discrimination or intolerance of any kind, through any expression, is abhorrent to the fundamental values of the university. Hateful rhetoric and abusive behavior undermine Cal Poly’s responsibility to foster free speech and dialogue in an atmosphere that is open and respectful.

It is the university’s obligation to enlighten our students as to how discrimination affects many different people in society. Anti-Semitic remarks are particularly harmful and hurtful because of the long history of persecution the Jewish people have endured. It is a history that everyone should remember so that such events are never repeated against any person or group of people.

Cal Poly has an obligation to be a community of trust, respect and civility. We ask you to join with us in this endeavor by reaffirming our policy of non-discrimination at all times and working toward an environment in which diversity is valued and respected.

Warren J. Baker is the President of Cal Poly. Myron Hood is the Chair of the Academic Senate, and Any Luke is the Chair of the ASI board of Directors.

MEChA offers an apology

Editor:

We are writing this letter to address the unfortunate circumstances surrounding MEChA’s Statewide Conference, held November 6-8, 1998. We understand that a number of groups and individuals were disturbed with several aspects of the conference, including the program and some comments made by the keynote speaker. We do not seek to excuse or condone these incidents. However, we hope that those entries who contributed time, money, and materials, as well as anyone else who was offended will accept our apology and understand that the negativity expressed in the program and speech in no way reflect the philosophy of MEChA.

The theme of the MEChA Statewide Conference was, “Rediscovering the Heart of the Movement: La Jovencia (The Youth).” MEChA does not advocate anti-Semitism or violence, and we are saddened by the fact that certain individuals within MEChA took it upon themselves to alter the contents of the original program. There was a delay in the printing process, which resulted in the late arrival of the program and did not allow us to proofread them. The statements printed in the program were not brought to our attention until after they were distributed to conference attendees. We understand that this oversight on our part is unacceptable, and we are deeply sorry for it.

We would also like to state that the individuals responsible for altering the program have been stripped of their positions within MEChA, and will not be allowed to use MEChA’s name or resources, effective immediately.

The keynote speaker was informed of the theme of the conference and was instructed to focus his address on the importance of the youth to traditional indigenous societies. We regret the fact that the speaker chose to ignore the theme of the conference and instead discussed other issues. As a result of his failure to comply with the instructions of the MEChA Statewide Organizing Committee, the speaker was not paid for his services. We felt that he breached his contract and was not entitled to payment. In addition, he will not be invited back to speak at any future MEChA event.

Please do not misinterpret this letter as an attempt to justify the actions taken by certain individuals to undermine the integrity of MEChA. In MEChA’s thirty-four year history, it has been demonstrated that our main goal and philosophy is the empowerment of our youth and our people through higher education. We are truly sorry to the university, contributors, the community, and any individuals who were offended by the program or by comments made by the keynote speaker.

Christina Alzivo is the President of MEChA, and Marcos Rios is the statewide chair of MEChA.
OPINION

Cal Poly has not lost its sense of community
Editor:

Those who claim San Luis has lost its sense of community or that Cal Poly students can't see past their text books or the keg must have been absent from Woodstock's on Wednesday, December 2nd.

The people in the community pulled together and exhibited their generosity in support of my cousin, Brandi Dias, who is suffering from Leukemia. All day long, $2.00 from every pizza was donated to the Brandi Dias Bone Marrow Drive Fund. The contributions enable us to provide testing to find a bone marrow donor that will match her.

My eyes were opened, and my heart warmed, as business boomed inside to sit, eat, and socialize. All of you who took time out of your busy schedules, whether you know Brandi, myself, or did this out of the goodness of your heart, I sincerly thank you. No contribution whether it be monetary, donating one's time, or just saying a simple prayer to go are small or unimportant.

Most importantly, thank you Woodstock's for providing this fundraising opportunity and working hard to make it a success.

Our community has experienced an upheaval recently, with the tragic disappearance of Rachel Newhouse. It is important we recognize the efforts made by the students to reach out to one another in times of crisis or need. Once again, thank you very much for your support.

Lori Dias is a political science junior.

Is monogamy really that difficult for men?
Editor:

What drives people to cheat?

For years I've battled at why men and woman are made so intrinsically different when it comes to love and sex.

Now, I'm not one of those left-wing feminist man-haters. I am just the opposite. I love men and what they have to offer, physically and mentally. But sometimes I wonder if men were made with a heart. I am sure nine out of ten women have had a past experience in which they can relate.

It's the typical scenario: Boy meets girl, boy pursues girl, girl falls in love with boy, and boy cheats on girl. Why do men bother having a girlfriend if they cannot have a monogamous relationship? Relationships are built on a mutual trust, respect for one another, and the actions to prove it. Cheating on your significant other is a blatant blow in the face. It is an all too common example of the sexually oriented society we live in. It is degrading to both sexes, and shows the disrespect for those humans who actually feel intense love in such a shallow world.

In today's world, we are conditioned to fulfill our internal drives by any means. It is prevalent not only in this superficial love, but also in the internal drives by any means. It is prevalent not only in this superficial love, but also in the world of the global economy and overall lack of respect for humanit. Even our nation's leader can't keep his pants on.

Whatever the reason, whether one is a product of their dysfunctional parents or a socially conditioned being, it is time to realize there is no excuse for this type of behavior.

Sex in a monogamous relationship is the ultimate, intimate expression of love for a woman. Is it that difficult to keep the monogamy? Furthermore, sex is not a game to see how many times one can score.

In today's world there are too many repercussions. Sex just would not be as much fun once you realize your "significant other" has given you a permanent or even deadly sexual transmitted disease.

I am not asking for a wave of born again virgins, but an enlightened effort for the respect of people in general. Many people may not internalize this, but for the few who do, especially women, do not make yourself a victim and be selective of the men you choose to commit to.

If you are faced with these circumstances, stand up for yourself! If he can not have respect for you, then you need to have respect for yourself! Teresa Romano is a political science senior.

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Late Thanksgiving turns to multiple murder

DALTON TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Early Sunday afternoon at Seth Privacky's home, near time for the family's delayed Thanksgiving. His mother is taking a time. His brother's watching TV. His father should arrive with granddad anytime.

His brother's girlfriend will be there soon.

Seth, 18, is loading his father's 22-caliber Ruger.

Instead of a warm family gathering, five people are gunned down in bloody succession.

Seth has confessed, authorities say, to systematically shooting each victim point-blank in the head, then calling best friend Steven Wallace, also 18, to help him move bodies around the split-level house, even lifting one out to the driveway, to make it look like a robbery.

Seth got rid of the shells; Steve owns up to tossing the gun into a pond before dropping off a video and attending a meeting of a church youth group, police say.

Seth says he was angry because his father had threatened to kick him out of the house.

Four days later, both suspects stand charged on five counts of open murder and face life in prison if convicted.

The prosecutor describes them as "extremely dangerous."

"These were good families," says Randy Allen, whose son Shane attended high school with Seth and Steve in the western Michigan city of Muskegon.

"Their families were different from any other. They offered a father and mother who were very professional, and the kids were good."

"As far as I knew, they were a Beaver Cleaver family," adds Shane, 17.

Not entirely. More than a year ago, after two arrests for shoplifting beer and a compact disc, Seth Privacky was prescribed anti-depressant medication, sentenced to 10 days in the county youth home and required to get counseling.

Authorities don't know if Seth was taking the medication, Wellbutrin, but say no consideration was given to amending the charges because of his mental history.

Stephen Privacky, 50, taught fifth grade. His superintendent, Glomis Lewy, described him as a dedicated teacher who had told her "Seth was a fine, young man ... and he was very proud of him."

Linda Privacky, 49, was a receptionist at a medical office. Her father-in-law, John Privacky, was 78 and lived on his own nearby.

Jedidiah Privacky and April Boss, both 19, were studying at Muskegon Community College to be teachers.

Jed apparently was the first to die. Seth "took his father's 22-Ruger, loaded it and shot his brother in the back of his head while he watched TV," says Muskegon County Detec tive Sgt. Dennis Edwards.

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Sleep often a dangerous afterthought during finals

STANFORD (U-WIRE) -- As finals week approaches, many Stanford students may be packing their bags for that quarterly trip to the 24-hour study room. Although the threat of these power students may be threatening to the less intense scholar, students who are staying home and sleeping may get the last laugh.

Research on sleep -- why we need it, how much we need it and why we can't get it -- has exploded in recent years, and the findings have some disturbing implications for the average college student.

According to a recent article in Current Health 2, people who sleep too little become better learners in general, but many college students do not get nearly enough sleep.

"Senior Pascale Gaspard was asked how much sleep she gets per night, on average. "Probably five hours - six hours maybe," she said. "Not enough," she said.

Lack of sleep or improper sleeping habits can result in reduced productivity, increased car accidents and even increased heart troubles, according to a recent study published in Vibrant Life. A recent New Hampshire study found that two out of three high school students claimed they suffered from lack of sleep, while one out of five reported they had fallen asleep while driving.

The same story is true for adults too. While adults need to sleep seven to eight hours a night, some may need more. A recent study showed that those who only slept six hours a night on average experienced more frequent health problems, and even a shorter lifespan.

An understanding of how the body sleeps -- a subject that is a mystery to many -- may illustrate why lack of sleep can be so harmful and help pinpoint what one can do really it.

A person's sleep cycle is subject to biological patterns called circadian rhythms. These internal rhythms are linked to the day-night cycle, corresponding to the fluctuation of light. Melatonin -- the hormone most closely related to circadian rhythms -- is secreted upon exposure to darkness. As darkness falls, messages are sent from eyes to the brain via nerve pathways. These end in the pineal gland, located deep in the cerebral hemispheres, which releases the hormone melatonin. Researchers suspect that melatonin is the major inducer of sleep in the circadian cycle.

Other sleep triggers may arise from the internal cycles of body chemicals, so secreted upon feeding or exercising, because nicotine is a stimulant. Smoking can also inhibit normal sleep patterns.

Alcohol can disrupt REM sleep, and sleeping pills can harmfully adjust normal sleep patterns. Smoking can also inhibit good sleeping, because nicotine is a stimulant.
Boy says teacher initiated sex acts

Teacher touched teenage during school camping trip, boy says

(AP) — A 17-year-old boy says he began having sex with a middle-aged teacher when he was 14, after she touched him in an inappropriate way during a camping trip, according to court documents.

Over the next 13 months, the two began having nightly sexual activities, including intercourse, at the woman's home, the boy told a Placer County sheriff's detective.

The interview was transcribed in court documents.

Asked whose idea it was to have sex, the boy said, "Hers. I never liked her." Cynthia Mary Wickes, a fifth-grade teacher from Loomis who is 50 years old, is accused of having sex with the boy. She is free on $10,000 bail, but has been placed on administrative leave by the Eureka Union School District, where she has taught for 18 years.

The Placer County district attorney's office contends the illegal acts took place between March 1995 and April 1996.

Wickes' attorney, Thomas Leupp, said he couldn't comment on the case because he had not conferred with his client.

In a telephone conversation with the boy that was taped by sheriffs' officers, Wickes repeatedly denied having sex with the boy. Wickes said several times on the tape that she believed the phone conversation that was reviewed by The Sacramento Bee.

"All I can say is you can deny what happened and you could just say you were bragging or you can just say you were upset with me," Wickes said, according to a transcript of the conversation that was reviewed by The Sacramento Bee.

"I never liked her," the boy says.

"Because the case is still under investigation and other suspects are being sought, there will be no further comment on the case."

— Sandi Gibbons

Teenage woman charged with German tourist killing, but she was not shooter

18-year-old was walking with the three men who confronted the tourists Oct. 12

SANTA MONICA (AP) — Although she wasn't the shooter, a teenage woman was charged with killing a German tourist during a robbery attempt outside an oceanview luxury hotel, authorities said Wednesday.

Roshana Latisha Roberts, an 18-year-old known on the street as "Baby Doll," was charged with killing Horst Fietze, 50, as he strolled with his wife and another couple near the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel on Oct. 12, district attorney's office spokeswoman Sarah Gibbons said.

She was allegedly with three men who confronted the tourists.

Fietze, who was visiting from Loharn, Germany, was on the last night of a three-week vacation to the United States when he was confronted by three men and a woman. None of the tourists spoke much English.

"I couldn't understand the robbers' demands, and may not have known they were armed, police said.

When the robbers opened fire, the killer and accomplices fled in a white car and Fietze was taken to Santa Monica-University of California, Los Angeles Medical Center with three gun wounds in his chest. He died minutes later.

"Because the case is still under investigation and other suspects are being sought, there will be no further comment on the case," Gibbons said.

Crime experts said then that Santa Monica, with a population of 86,500, had simply been lucky to escape more violent crimes, either homegrown or a spillover from adjacent Los Angeles, where in 1997 there were 569 murder convictions, compared to one in Santa Monica.

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Redoing a classic: 'A boy's best friend is his mother'

The Associated Press

U nfold numbers of women refused to step in a shorter after seeing Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 classic thriller, "Psycho." The scene was one of the first movies to graphically depict a murder. While the camera cut from Janet Leigh's face to her stomach to the hacking knife held by the unknown figure on the other side of the shower curtain, viewers felt the horror with each cut. And because the editing was so adept, the camera did not linger on any one aspect of the killing.

The film can boast other distinctions: It was Hitchcock's only horror movie and his biggest moneymaker, and it is the only film in history to be nominated for best picture, scene-by-scene.

The new 1998 "Psycho," is said to differ from the original black and white film only by being in color and by using, of course, different actors. It reaches U.S. theaters Friday.

Universal Pictures has refused to allow the script or any writers into early screenings of the movie, so the reviews aren't in yet. But the venture has already been knocked by critics as symptomatic of Hollywood's lack of originality.

The remake is the work of Gus Van Sant, a director of quirky, modern films like "Twin Peaks: Fire Walk with Me" and "Good Will Hunting." Van Sant, who in 1960 was a 17-year-old in Louisville, Ky., was given the option to remake a film from the latecomers would have missed his mastery of the editing, which became the book "Hitchcock." The director's mastery evoked terror without any view of the knife striking the body.

"In order to kill the star in the first third of the picture," Hitchcock told Truffaut, "I purposely did the scene nude," Miss Leigh writes in her book. She pointed out that the industry's strict self-censorship allowed no nudity.

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Alarming in the cockpit nixes shuttle launch at last minute

NASA's first space station flight postponed at least 24 hours; weather will factor in re-launch attempt

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A loud, flashing alarm went off in the cockpit of space shuttle Endeavour with only minutes to go in the countdown Thursday, forcing the postponement of NASA's first space station component launch.

Both NASA and it would try again early today, though the weather outlook was unfavorable.

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"Psycho" is plainly a gimmick movie whose suspense depends on a single, specific twist," grumbled Newsweek.

"I think the film is a reflection of a most unpleasant mind, a mean, sly, sadistic little mind," sniffed Dwight McDonald.

"A shot on an honorable career," scoffed The New York Times. But the movie also received favorable reviews, and praise from the industry as well. Said filmmaker Peter Bogdanovich ("The Last Picture Show"): "Probably the most visually, most cinematic picture he ever made."

The opening box-office also was positive: $15 million. That's small change by today's standards, but in 1960, when the average ticket price was 75 cents, "Psycho" was a blockbuster. "Rain and clouds sounded, it kicked as though the weather would be the only problem. Rain and clouds moved in from the Atlantic 1 1/2 hours before liftoff, but drifted away with minutes to spare. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and other dignitaries from around the world had gathered in the White House to see Endeavour and its crew off.

"Here we have 16 countries cooperating on a venture to the future," said Albright, who couldn't stay for the cost estimate. "..."
Frame used to teach the freshman time management skills, but Welsh feels this is unnecessary.

Study groups are discouraged by Welsh. He said, “Everybody knows that you never get anything done in a study group. You just end up socializing.”

Ludwig disagrees that Welsh would do anything to threaten any student-athlete’s academic career.

“(Larry) is going to put the football program and it’s players in the best position to succeed academically, socially and athletically,” said Ludwig. “He would not do anything to jeopardize anything to do with the program or anybody that is associated with the program.”

The 11 assistant coaches leaving was one of the grievances that was part of the communication aspect of the outline.

Some other issues the players questioned surrounding the way Welsh communicated with his players were:

- Position coach telling players to forget about what Welsh just told them and run the play (another)

- Using threats as his means of motivation. For example, he would tell a player they would be benched if they didn’t run a play right and then he would change his mind on how he wanted it run and leave players with their jobs on the line.

- Coaches never tell players who is starting and who is not.

- On Thursday, McCutcheon said that because of his open door policy he wouldn’t comment on the outline provided by the players or divulge anything a player said during the meetings. However, he did comment on the legitimacy of their overall concerns.

“There’s some merit to considering many of the comments they have made and learning from those comments,” said McCutcheon. “Others, perhaps, don’t have quite as much merit.”

He also expressed his frustration with the whole process being public knowledge.

“I’m somewhat disappointed it got into a public debate before players came to see me. I don’t think there’s a necessity for it,” said McCutcheon. “If their concerns are genuine for the program then I thought they would come and share those thoughts with me. I don’t understand the potential benefit of having a public discussion.”

“Four senior players, all starters, spoke in detail about all the points in the outline as well as their experiences during the season and where they see the football program heading.

According to wide receiver Ben Wintre, players would stand around during practice for a long time without doing anything.

“I coached the receivers more than anybody else, except when Welsh would come in,” Wintre said.

Lombardi said coaches would argue on the sidelines during games while staff from opposing schools would laugh. He also mentioned that during one bus ride up to the San Francisco Airport, defensive coordinator Sam DeRose was trying to insert a new defensive play that had never been practiced.

“They are all good kids and players. I’m sure if they are saying something it’s legitimate.”

— Bill Tripp

formar offensive line coach

“We’re not saying that we don’t like coach Welsh and we want him to be fired,” said free safety Harry Hardley. “We just want some changes made so that our younger brothers (teammates) can have a better season. We already have a good team. We don’t have a real team. We have a bunch of people that are not the kind that would act on emotion.”

Tripp, who had been coaching at Cal Poly for 15 seasons before being dismissed, echoed Monopolous. “They would not say anything spur of the moment. They are not the kind that would act on emotion.”

DeRose is one of the current coaches on staff who has known Welsh the longest. He has played for him and also has coached with Welsh for 12 years. After Welsh accepted the job at Cal Poly, DeRose followed since the coaching duo had a successful run at Atascadero High School.

DeRose became aware that some football players were attempting to talk to McCutcheon after the firing against Liberty. Like Welsh, DeRose was unavailable for comment since he is also recruiting.

DeRose did comment on the caliber of coach and the type of person Welsh is after the Liberty game, Nov. 2.

“He’s a father, he’s a counselor, he’s a friend and he looks out for the best interest of his players,” said DeRose. “He maybe one of the last leaders that demands things out of his kids and makes them accountable. He asks two things from his players: To conduct themselves as gentlemen at all times and be responsible for their actions.”

McCutcheon will finish listening to any other players that come to his office and then sit down with coach Welsh to go over what the players have said.

“If there is something 1 could learn from him so be it,” Welsh said. “My door has always been open. When Mr. McCutcheon and I get together we are going to talk about everything. I’m not going to accept everything (in the players’ outline).”

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Jordan rejoins labor talks with season in jeopardy

NEW YORK (AP) — Late in the locking game, Michael Jordan checked back in.

Jordan made a surprise appearance at the NBA labor talks Thursday, but whether his magic touch can save the season remains to be seen.

His presence was unexpected, however, since his agent had said he wouldn't get involved again until discussions turned promising.

"His understanding was that a new proposal was going to be made (by the owners), and he wanted to be there to listen to it," agent David Falk said. "You can read into that it's continuing to be involved and supportive of the players." 

After about six hours of talks, however, neither side had put anything new on the table.

Jordan left early in the evening, and it was unclear if he would return. He did not comment as he entered a hotel across from NBA headquarters, where the league and union were huddled in a conference room trying to end the five-month dispute that threatens to wipe out the entire season.

The sides spent the first two hours merely "feeling each other out," commissioner David Stern said, then went back to work after breaking for lunch. The bargaining session was the first in 13 days with both full negotiating committees in attendance.

If the owners and players can't come up with a solution in the next couple of weeks, the entire 1998-99 season will be canceled. Stern has steadfastly refused to reveal on what date it will be too late to save the season.

Jordan's arrival marked the first time he had joined the talks since Oct. 28, when he spent about 80 hours at the bargaining table and helped try to broker a deal.

The sides met one other time since then, on Nov. 20, and called it their most productive session to date.

In the next couple of days, however, things unraveled. The union said proposed changes to free agency timing and rules were "a deal-killer," and the owners then said the union reneged on its acceptance of a complicated tax formula.

Pressure for a settlement and panic over the fate of the season increased in recent days, with former union president Isiah Thomas going so far as to suggest that the union could replace Billy Hunter and Patrick Ewing as its lead negotiators.

"The one message I know (Jordan) is delivering emphatically is that people like Isiah can sit on the sidelines and criticize, but when you are in the game it's harder," Falk said.

The first order of major business Thursday was to decide whether to continue negotiating under the framework that the sides had discussed in two previous sessions — a six- or seven-year agreement with a complicated "escrow tax" system.

The proposals put on the table Nov. 20 would include players having 10 or 15 percent of their paychecks withheld if spending on over-all player salaries exceeded a targeted percentage of revenues.

The owners have asked for a 50-50 split, while the players have tried many of their concessions to receiving 60 percent.

The owners moved to 52 and 53 percent on Nov. 20 and the players dropped to 52 percent, but those concessions became void under the ground rules that have been set for the new talks.

"The owners won't end until the owners get as much as they can out of the players," Alonso Mourning of the Miami Heat said as he arrived for Thursday's talks. "It comes down to greed on their part."

"I think we've given up way more than enough and we've compromised way more than enough. It's time for us to dig our heels into the ground and make a stand. It's time for them to meet halfway, and I don't think they've done that at all," Mourning said.

Hunter said he was hoping to continue working within the same proposed framework, but deputy commissioner Russ Granik, the owners' lead negotiator, has suggested it may be too late to throw it out and start from scratch.

"Maybe something has changed, but right now I can't be very optimistic," Granik said upon his arrival. "We've taken a few steps (back) since our last meeting, so we'll see."

There's a sense of urgency, but the owners have said they won't operate their business in a way that makes no financial sense," he said.

So far, the first two months of the season have been scrapped as the sides have fought over how to divide about $2 billion in projected annual revenues.

Probation report could lead to jail for Tyson

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Tyson's probation officer will file court papers Monday that could lead to the former heavyweight champion returning to prison.

George Walker, the chief probation officer for Marion Superior Court, said Thursday it appears Tyson violated his probation last January. Tyson served three years on a 10-year sentence or place new conditions on his probation again comes as he nears a one-year window in the future that could lead to reinstatement of his license by the Nevada Athletic Commission.

Botha in Las Vegas, his first bout since the 1997 title fight. He was reinstated by Nevada authorities in October.

Walker said his petition would not be a recommendation regarding Tyson's probation.

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**Seniors criticize Welsh's policies**

One of the seniors main concerns is coach's lack of academic support

By Jose Garcia

Mustang Daily

Throughout the week, a group of senior football players have voiced grievances regarding head coach Larry Welsh to athletic director John McCutcheon.

The seniors have expressed specific concerns about their coach and the direction of the program in a four-page outline titled "Cal Poly Seniors Address Concerns" and have met with McCutcheon individually. As of Thursday afternoon, five players have talked with the athletic director.

The point-by-point outline criticizes Welsh on such issues as organization, academic support, discipline, communication, lack of support and recruiting.

"At this time I don't want to make any comments because most of the things aren't accurate," Welsh said. "I'd rather absorb everything and go from there."

According to football players, factual information for the basis of their issues was gathered from the 1997-1998 season, the first year Welsh took control, as well as the recently completed 1998 season.

"By doing this we want to accomplish telling all the things that are going on that nobody else knows about, which we feel shouldn't be kept a secret," fifth-year senior James Lombardi said. "It's serious enough that it shouldn't be a secret."

Lombardi said he doesn't want the meetings with McCutcheon to be about just complaints of coach Welsh but to point out certain areas where he and other players believe Welsh needs to improve on.

"Our main concern is for the future of the program and for the players that are still playing," Lombardi said. "We wanted to do something to improve the situation and we felt this was our opportunity."

If next season is just as embarrasing as this last year and everything looks just as confusing out on the field with people running around and looking like they don't know what to do, then at least maybe some people will understand a little bit more of what's going on within the program."

— James Lombardi

senior strong safety

The hiring of Welsh brought immediate questions as to whether the fifth winningest high school coach in California could continue to build a program that jumped up to Division I-AA ball in 1994. Welsh also had the distraction of replacing a very popular coach, Andre Patterson, who left for the NFL and is currently the Minnesota Vikings defensive line coach.

The seniors have expressed specific concerns about the program's 14th head football coach, Larry Welsh. Welsh, the program's head coach since 1994, doesn't agree with what the players have to say after hearing every point made in the outline.

"That doesn't sound like a Larry Welsh coach team. Nothing like that ever went on while I was there," Ludwig said. "It must be frustrating for the seniors after a bad year. They're searching for answers, instead of looking for the next issue of Mustang Daily."

**Sign-stealing scheme could lead to ban for Japanese baseball legend**

TOKYO (AP) — Say it ain't so, Oh. An elaborate sign-stealing scheme has Sadaharu Oh in the middle of an investigation that could result in a lifetime ban for the all-time home run king.

Oh, who hit a record 868 home runs in Japanese baseball, now manages the Daiichi Hawks. Three current Hawks players have denied any part in the scam, and Oh was astounded by the reports.

"I can't believe it. I'd like to believe my players," he said Thursday.

While Oh has not been directly implicated in the allegations, he could be banned for life if the investigation finds that the team was behind the scandal. Japanese custom often requires those in leadership positions to step down after a scandal, even if they are not directly involved.

According to the charges, which surfaced Wednesday, a Daiichi team employee monitored TV cameras around Fukuoka Dome that were focused on the opposing catcher. Japanese media reports said the employee picked up the pitches and related them by walkie-talkie to a youngster in the stands who then related the information to the batter by using a stopwatch.

Holding the stopwatch in front of his face meant a fastball. Holding it to the right meant a curve or a slider, and to the left a fastball.

The three players questioned — infielder Koichiro Yoshinaga and Shikato Yanagita and outfielder Noriyoshi Omichi — all denied the allegations, according to Japanese media.

"There is no factual evidence to suggest that I'm involved," Oh told the media. "I told the team that I didn't do it." Yanagita told the Kyodo News agency.

The Pacific League will convene a special meeting of its board of directors Dec. 9 to discuss the results of Daiichi's internal investigation and decide what measures to take, news reports said.

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