Community reacts to slayings

Handprints aren't graffiti

By Andy Castagnola and Cathy Lee
Mustang Daily

Red handprints are no longer considered graffiti, Cal Poly administrators decided Tuesday.
Associated Students, Inc. President Dan Geis and Whitney Phaneuf wrote a letter to administrators proposing that they drop the handprints from the current graffiti policy.

Instead, Geis and Phaneuf want the handprints to be an educational tool in connection with public safety, according to Juan Gonzalez, vice president for student affairs.

Frank Levens, vice president for administration and finance, responded to the letter, agreeing to establish guidelines that only allow legitimate handprints to be painted.

Levens would not comment on the letter.

For the last two years, the university has considered the handprints — which mark the location of an assault on campus — a violation of university policy.

Tess Yadani, English sophomore and red handprint advocate, said the university's decision to allow the handprints is not unwise.

"Handprints aren't graffiti," she said.

Levens said that if the university allows the handprints to remain, they would take responsibility for their use.

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Officials urge students to report stalkings

By Alexis Garbeff
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During a Cal Poly female student's sophomore spring quarter, she had several classes with the same male student. That spring she coincidentally had the same job as the male student. When she showed up for classes in the fall, she found out he changed his schedule — identical to hers.

The female student became wary of the male student's moves, even though he never made a verbal threat toward her. She would notice him driving around places, even downtown. "I always thought he was a little off key. He started showing up around places, even downtown. Everywhere I would go he would be there," said the female student, who requested anonymity.

According to California Penal Code Section 646.9, a stalker is "any person who willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follows or harasses another person and who makes a credible threat with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear for his or her safety."

Knowing this definition, the female student filed a complaint with Cal Poly Public Safety and the San Luis Obispo Police Department. "They said I could either press charges, get a restraining order or file a police report. I put it on record, then if anything happened to me, they would have a record," she said.

The man finally stopped following her after she told some of her male friends. She assumes they confronted the male student.

According to Cal Poly Investigator Mike Kenmochi, many students think they have been stalked.

Students who think they are being stalked must first file a criminal report. After a police investigation, the case moves to the San Luis Obispo District Attorney's Office to see if it is valid.

Kenmochi said most students are reluctant to reveal their identities since the suspected stalker receives a copy of the report listing the name of the accuser.

The account's name is necessary, Kenmochi said, for police to find witnesses to the stalking.

Kenmochi said some students have revealed their identities, and one case is currently at the district attorney's office.

Child development senior Megan Hulsey said she would reveal her identity if she was being stalked.

"I would I report my case and reveal my identity because if I run away, the case wouldn't be followed through," Hulsey said.

"Obviously I can't keep myself protected, I would need help."

Investigator Bill Miller of the district attorney's office believes victims should not be reluctant to file a police report.

"If they are being followed, and they feel victimized, they should file a report, regardless if (this stalker) has not made actual threats," Miller said.

Miller believes it is important for the police to investigate each stalking situation because the police may know something else about the stalker. In some cases the stalker may be a parolee.

The Office of Prevention and Victim Services lists three types of stalkers.

The erotomatic stalker, usually female, has the delusional belief that she is the object of her stalker's affection. She goes to great lengths to contact the person with whom she has no personal relationship.

Virtually all domestic violence cases involving stalking fall under obsessive stalking. The victim can be an ex-spouse, ex-boyfriend, future boyfriend, co-worker. In each of these cases, stalking activities begin after the relationship has gone sour.

SADNESS: Emy Malouthas, 23, a neighbor of Rex Allan Krebs, expresses the harm the slayings of Rachel Newhouse and Andrea Crawford have brought to her quaint, rural Davis Canyon neighborhood.

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Cal Poly faculty lobbying in Sacramento this week
Political science professor and Cal Poly California Faculty Association President Phil Patzer marched up to Sacramento Tuesday along with hundreds of other CFA members. CFA, which represents the 20,000 faculty members of the California State University system, spent all day Tuesday lobbying with the legislature at the state Capitol. Thursday, the CFA plans to hold a news briefing, "A State of Emergency at CSU," at noon. At 5 p.m. CFA will hold a demonstration during Chancellor Charles Reed's speech at the LEMS Conference.
CFA is heading to Sacramento on Thursday with some goals in mind. The faculty wants to explain the need for additional funding based on increased enrollment and workload. The members also want the CSU to provide health benefits for the increasing number of part-time lecturers employed by the system.
ASI elections begin today with free lunch for voters
Associated Students Inc. candidates hope to set a higher voter turnout in this week's election than in previous years. Voting for the ASI election will take place today and Thursday. Voter participation hardly ever reached above 10 percent of the student population, said chair of the board candidate Rachel Raymond.
"We really try to bring students in," Johnson said.
Moffatt said offering cheap food helped lure the students in. "A good way to the mind is through the stomach," Moffatt said.
Other candidates running in the ASI elections are Darren Cordova, Kevin Genesi and Kris Ellis for the College of Agriculture; Melissa Varca, Abhay Maniar, Rishi Dhami, Sean Coolsey, Eric Held and Teddy Langton for the College of Business; Brian Caruso and Liberty Lewis for the College of Architecture; Lewis Smith for the College of Science and Mathematics; and Sam Abome, James Owens, and Patrick Finucane for the College of Engineering.

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Your state Senator/Assemblyperson is voting May 13th to revise the state budget. Write a letter to help lobby for $90 million of state money for Cal Poly.

Who: All students and faculty of Cal Poly
What: We've got the letters printed-out, just stop by and sign on the dotted line. I'll only take 1 minute!

When: Now! Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Where: ASI Executive Office, upstairs in the UU (UU220)
Why: It's your school, it's your obligation to fight to preserve its reputation.

Save us from the Poly Plan,
Write a letter today!

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Remembering our lives and our friends

Looking up into the infinitesimal distance of the ceiling, I began to think about my life. I remembered about childhood memories up until now. As I lay on my bed, I began to reflect on some experiences that have melded who I am today.

I remember going to school one early morning, and being told my mother had cancer. I was 15 years old, totally shocked and confused. During that time, it hurt, and crying was no stranger. I remember feeling our family being strong and making regular visits to the hospital, praying and hoping for the best. I watched my mother lose a head full of hair, as she covered her scalp with a scarf. During my mother’s affliction with cancer, I remember my father saying, “Cancer is nothing but a name to God.” This experience taught me to be strong and have faith in the midst of trouble. My mother is alive and healthy today, thanks to the prayers and faith of my family.

As I left high school and attended Cal Poly for my first year in college, I knew all my friends would stay healthy and grow old, just like me. I remember receiving a phone call and being told two friends were killed in two separate car accidents.

These were people I went to school with. I remember being the only one of my friends in front of my house with my buddy, Dwayne. He used to hit home runs over the apartment complex, and now he’s dead. How could this happen? We were all close friends, with someone I cared about. Beautiful and talented with a promising future, and she’s dead too. I don’t want to believe it, but it was all real — two close friends dead and gone. These experiences taught me to respect and cherish life, because tomorrow is not promised to anyone.

As I lay there on the bed, I thought about the hard work my father put into his family. Even morning he would wake up at 4 a.m., take a shower and drive to work. He always told my brother and me that he wanted the best for us. I remember he would bring us lunch at school from Taco Bell almost every day, and all the other kids would want a piece of my taco or burritos. My father did all the little things and was there for us. He favorite words to this day are, “Son, I want you to do better than I did. Work hard, love your family, and keep God at the head of your life.”

As I share some of my life experiences, I ask you to take some time to simply reflect upon your life experiences. It is important to realize the origins of who you are, and how you came to be. Never forget where you come from.

Let us keep the families of Kristen Smart, Rachel Newhouse, Amanda Crawford, Columbia High School victims and the people of Kosovo in our prayers.”

Dennis Johnson Jr. is a journalism senior.

Victim of assault says the red handprints are necessary

Editor:

I am writing to comment on the controversy surrounding the red handprints that serve as reminders of the locations where assaults have taken place on campus. I believe that the university’s negative attitude shows a great deal of ignorance and disrespect.

As a survivor of multiple assaults, I have seen how someone, even totally ignorant of culture and our peers are about assault. Like many survivors, I found that above and beyond the immediate problems surrounding the assault, I also had to deal with the lack of knowledge and awareness of the people around me, even those I cared for or helped.

In an assault, the attacker attempts to make the woman he attacks feel that he has power to control her against her will — that she is worthless and helpless. The ignorance of those who seek help can only compound the problem. By criticizing and trying to cover up the handprints, Cal Poly is sending the message that the attackers were right, the survivor is helpless, and her message is unimportant. Taking away these symbols suggests that we, the survivors, have something to hide, that our own worth and safety is far less important than the school’s image to the public. We cannot accept this.

No handprints mark the places I was assaulted, for this happened before I came to Cal Poly. It is easy for me to recognize the value of the handprints. They serve not only to keep the families of Kristen Smart, Richelle Hendrickson and everyone else who has been assaulted, for this happened before I came to Cal Poly. It is easy for me to recognize the value of the handprints. They serve not only as memorials to wrong acts against innocent people, but to open the eyes of those who live here to recognize that assault happens everywhere.

The handprints are one beginning of empowerment, recognizing that there are ways to fight back, that we are not helpless. The administration, as well as the student community, should support and recognize the purpose of the red handprints, for until we are aware of assault, we cannot combat it. Break the silence.

An anonymous engineering student.

Reader tells patrons to stop buying items from El Corral Editor:

The convenience prices charged by The El Corral Bookstore have been an issue since the beginning of winter quarter. I contend that at that time, it was charging 15 percent higher than the publisher’s suggested retail price for textbooks. Based on two different surveys, one that I conducted and a follow-up study by two members of Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors, both came to the same conclusion. As a result, they proposed a resolution to the ASI board. The resolution was in part, “That EL Corral’s management be strongly encouraged to lower its courseware prices to a maximum ceiling of the publisher’s suggested retail price.” To head off the impending vote and possible passage of this resolution, EL Corral’s management made concessionary statements that led many of us to believe they were, in fact, going to lower prices on their textbooks in line with the resolution. Has that happened? Not! In the latest survey conducted on April 20, textbook prices at El Corral were still 10 percent higher than the publisher’s suggested retail price. Its advertisements in Mustang Daily would have us believe otherwise. The ad states in part, “Unmatched lowest prices” (March 11).

Does anyone else get the impression that our bookstore is manipulating the marketing strategy of a car dealership? That is an insult to the integrity and intellect of all Cal Poly students. I am outraged by this affront to my dignity, as should every student in this university. They overcharge us, then they offer us... EL Corral Bookstore does not deserve our patronage. Students do not have much political power at this university. What we do have is economic strength. We need to exert our dollar power. Last year the Bookstore reported more than $12 million in total income, with a gross profit of more than $3 million. It makes too much money off students last year to treat us in such a condescending manner. I propose we cease and desist from buying anything from EL Corral until it cuts back our trust and patronage. The only way we can do this is to stop overcharging for textbooks. Until it removes its 10 percent courseware premium, don’t buy anything from it unless you absolutely, positively, have no other choice. If all students stick together on this, we can effect change not only for ourselves, but students following us. Picket lines, anyone?

Jerry Zinn is a kinesiology senior.
The foundation deserves thanks for helping Poly

Editor:

Even since I've been a student here, I've had a strong dislike for the Foundation. Every time the Foundation increased its operations, I was pissed off. Whenever someone wrote to Mustang Daily about how much the Foundation sucked, I identified with them - especially Jon Wilson's anti-Foundation campaign. But I've been thinking about things for a while, and I've realized the Foundation wouldn't have gotten anywhere if it hadn't been for the administrators. I began to blame all of our problems on them. Although they do waste quite a bit of our money, they still don't have enough in the first place. That is why they invite the Foundation to help them out. If the state of California would support the higher education funds, we wouldn't even need the state had given us property tax. I've even been in issue it the administrators. I began to blame all of our problems on them. Although they do waste quite a bit of our money, they still don't have enough in the first place. That is why they invite the Foundation to help them out. If the state of California would support the higher education funds, we wouldn't even need the state had given us property tax.

Barndy Hughes is an architecture sophomore.

A vote for experience

Editor:

The recent tragedies on this campus has been faced with make it easy to ignore the college life that must continue beyond our grief. Right now the goals of increasing campus safety and awareness are some of the most important for the future of Cal Poly.

Rachel Raymond, candidate for Associated Students Inc. chair of the Board, has been an advocate for safety on campus since her arrival here in 1995. Whether she has been petitioning for stricter lights on campus or marching with Take Back the Night, her presence as a leader in these areas and many others has been steadfast. Raymond's commitment to student safety, increasing diversity and ethical leadership is evident when examining her numerous contributions to Cal Poly. Her involvement as a Public Safety Community Service Officer, Take Back the Night member, Multicultural Advisory Board member, and many positions held over the years with ASI show she has the drive and experience to make real changes on Cal Poly. Raymond understands the intricate details of serving as an ASI representative, yet she won't back down to the administration when she is fighting for the students. She has stood up to the administration in the past and will continue to do so.

Even during the stressful times of campaigning, Raymond has continued her commitment to the clubs and activities she is involved with. She has attended every Take Back the Night meeting without fail and even helped hike up the "P" and cover it with a huge red handprint. Raymond has also assisted my roommate with an event parking protest to picket the decision to put Performing Arts Center parking needs over students who wish to park with their Cal Poly permit during an event. Raymond has listened to our concerns, complaints and input for making this a better university. These are only two examples among many I know on this campus who can say Raymond has helped them in some way. Every year it seems fewer and fewer students turn out to vote, and I have to admit I am usually one of the many who don't care. This year, though, we have a chance to vote for someone different. Someone with the communication skills, experience and enthusiasm to make Cal Poly the university it has the potential to be: a safe, diverse, positive learning and growing experience. Please vote for Raymond for ASI chair of the board.

Whitney Phaneuf is a journalism junior.
Youth had pipe bomb at home, officers say

LODI (AP) — A 15-year-old boy has been arrested after police discovered an explosive device at his home, officers said.

Students at Lodi High School reported that the teenager had a pipe bomb, although school officials on Friday did not find one.

Police were contacted on Tuesday, and the boy admitted to having taken the explosive device home from school.

At the boy's home, officers discovered the device, which contained screws and nails, and detonated it, according to Capt. Jerry Adams.

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Health and Psychological Services, encouraged students who needed to discuss their feelings further, to attend the Wednesday drop-in sessions between 2 and 4 p.m.

"We need to support hope and courage. There is no one way to grieve and recover," Axelrod said.

Students will have another chance to express their feelings and discuss their experiences regarding sexual assault, Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Take Back the Night. There will be two speakers and an open microphone session.

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People expressed the need to take precautions against similar tragedies occurring in the future. Students suggested better lighting on campus and a published list of sex offenders in the area would be beneficial.

A list of sex offenders can be acquired at the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department.

Public safety officers Lori Hashim and Jennifer Estelle said there would be no way to know if there was a sex offender on campus, unless one lived and was registered there, and then dorm residents would be notified.

Ben Allen, the prime suspect in the Northridge-Crawford, was a registered sex offender.

Remember week is a collaborative effort between Women's Programs, ASI, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council and Take Back the Night. The week kicked off Sunday with a self-defense workshop and will conclude Friday with a plaque dedication ceremony in the University Union Plaza at 10 a.m.

The plaque will be in memory of all victims and survivors of assault.

Other events throughout the week include a silent candlelight walk Thursday at 7 p.m. in Mission Plaza, dedicated to Student, Newhouse and Crawford.

Confidentiality to the Nordhohe family can be brought to the student affairs office in the administration building room 209 and donations will go towards the "Remember Me" Organization and Take Back the Night.

At the same time the community gathering was taking place at Cal Poly, just a few miles away at Cuesta College, a "remembrance" was held for Crawford.

Charlotte Alexander, Director of Public Affairs at Cuesta, said that about 300 people attended the ceremony which was held in the Student Senate Courtyard, Grace Mitchell, the President of the College, and Valerie Geurtsen, President of Associated Students of Cuesta College both spoke, as well as one of Crawford's friends and a teacher.

A rose bush was placed by the fountain in the courtyard and students placed more flowers and notes around it. The rose bush has light pink roses, which were Crawford's favorite.

"Audria was a student at Cuesta, a campus which her family tells me, she loved very much. She was happy here and working very hard to accomplish her goals. Like this rose which will grow in this courtyard in her memory, she was beautiful and gave pleasure to those who knew her. Her grandfather tells me that her favorite colors were pale pink, green, and metallic silver. This rose will serve to remind us all of the energy, courage and color which she brought to our lives here at Cuesta," Mitchell said during the remembrance.
**Defying the odds, the Giants are at it again**

How do the Giants manage to win? How can a team that has lost its best player to injury, lacks a No. 1 starter, and given up a league leading 12 homrunes be leading the National League with the most wins?

It’s all about putting the pieces together, and the Giants have the best man at putting together pieces in manager Dusty Baker.

Baker finds ways to win with teams that are constantly written off as basement dwellers in the offseason. They have been sticking to one strategy this year: Simply outscore your opponents. That’s easier said than done with their starting pitching, or back thereof.

Other teams, like Atlanta, count on pitching to win games. That’s not the Giants’ style, scoring as their starting rotation is about as stable as the Titanic.

The team’s supposed No. 1 starter, Mark Gardner, is on the disabled list. Kirk Rueter, the team’s most dependable starter last year, is 1-1 with a 13.50 ERA this season.

The Giants never know which Giants’ Rotation will be better. Last year, the 19-game winner of two seasons ago or the one who struggled to a 7-12 record last year.

With this situation, the Giants are forced to find starting pitchers wherever they can. They got a converted shortstop, Joe Nathan, to pitch seven innings of shutdown ball in his major league debut.

Their bullpen, however, remains one of the best in the game. If the starting pitching can somehow get the game to the bullpen, the Giants’ bullpen may breathe a sigh of relief. That sigh turns into a cheer when closer Bob Nelson comes into the game, who is as good as any in save opportunities this year.

Hitting has been the amazing part of the Giants’ 1999 season. They keep scoring runs even though their leader, Barry Bonds, is out for 10 weeks.

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Jeff Kent still seems to be hitting well, as long as he gets ahead in the count. Down 0-2 in the count, it’s Kent swinging at another ball in the dirt, striking out. When ahead in the count, any pitcher who tries to get a strike out will surely pay with a Kent double in the gap.

With Baker at the helm, the Giants will continue to surprise people, although they shouldn’t. They’ve done the same thing the last two years.

Matt Sterling, who can take Barry Bonds’ spot in left field but will hit ninth in the lineup, can be reached at mrsterk@polymail.calpoly.edu

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**Defensive line beat up**

By Adam Russo

Mustang Daily

Circumstances have limited the opportunities for defensive line improvement at the football team’s spring practices.

Injuries and coinciding class obligations have nearly depleted the Mustangs defensive line depth.

“We’re down to seven guys,” head coach Larry Welsh said. “That’s why we don’t have a green and gold game. Hopefully, we’ll get them all back, and they’ll all be well and ready to go in the fall.”

The most notable player missing from the defensive line is Steve Prejean, who is still nursing a minor knee injury suffered in the winter.

“We’re going to be stronger on defense,” Welsh said. “Most everybody played to their expectations. We didn’t get any surprises.”

Note: Last weekend’s second annual fund-raising golf tournament was a success. More than 80 former football players and staff played in the tournament, which grossed over $15,000, according to Mike Lascano, athletic assistant director for annual giving. The money should generate one full scholarship.

**Spring Notes:**

The umpires peruse over baseball’s directive to chart pitches and the Giants are at it again. How do the Giants manage to win? How can a team that has lost its best player to injury, lacks a No. 1 starter, and given up a league leading 12 homrunes be leading the National League with the most wins?

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**Umpires upset over baseball’s directive to chart pitches**

NEW YORK (AP) — Major league umpires are angry over baseball’s new directive asking teams to chart pitches and file a report about strike zones.

“It’s nonsensical when you look at it,” Richie Phillips, head of the umpires’ union, told the New York Post. “It’s juvenile. It’s just another case of Big Brother watching over us.”

The umpires perceive the directive as an attempt to undermine their authority, the newspaper said Tuesday.

“I don’t think the commissioner’s office has the right to unilaterally impose an evaluation system on umpires,” Pat Campbell, associate counsel for the major league umpires told The Associated Press. “They have to negotiate with us first.”

“They’re using club personnel to do this. That seems very ineffective to me.”

Sandy Alderson, executive vice president of the Office of the Commissioner, sent a letter to all teams earlier this month, asking that a high-ranking front-office official chart pitches, then file a report at the end of each homestand.

Alderson’s memo said the directive’s purpose is to stay on top of trends and provide as much feedback as possible to the league presidents and umpire supervisors.

In a Feb. 19 memo, Alderson told the umpires to raise the top of the strike zone to 2 inches above the top of the uniform pants — still below the definition called for in the official playing rules: the midpoint between the top of the shoulders and the top of the uniform pants.