Krebs trial moves to Monterey

By Sonia Slutzki

Krebs, accused of the murder of college student Rachel Nerhouser and Andrea Combird, will be tried in Monterey, a move that some defense attorneys have said could place undue stress on the defendant. The trial is expected to last several weeks, with opening statements scheduled for Friday.

Nader says goal is to put focus on issues, not winning

By Rhonda R. S. Schiltz

Ralph Nader has announced that he will not run as a presidential candidate in 2000, a move that some observers have seen as a tactical decision to focus on issues rather than winning votes. Nader, who has run for president six times, has said that he will continue to advocate for consumer and environmental protection.
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Structurally similar to an amphet­amine, the drug causes a variety of physical and emotional symptoms. After “dropping,” 30 to 45 minutes will pass before users begin to feel the effects. Usually they experience a generally happy feeling that is often described as “being at peace with everything.”

Common surroundings are magni­fied into strikingly beautiful objects and suddenly, the user has no problem communicating or feeling comfortable in surroundings that would normally cause him or her to be uncomfortable.

Ecstasy is often dubbed the “love drug” because it significantly enhances the five senses, especially the sense of touch. Being rubbed by another person or touching some­one’s hair or face becomes a sensa­tional experience.

Proponents of Ecstasy often argue that the drug causes almost no phys­ical side effects as do other amphet­amines. There is often dryness of the mouth, eye wiggles, sweating or nau­sea.

Users often wear pacifiers or candy necklaces to suck on when high because the drug causes jaw clenching and teeth grinding.

But users who believe that Ecstasy is without damaging side effects have overlooked one of the greatest dangers: death. The drug stimulates the central nervous sys­tem, causing high blood pressure. Users are not aware of the heat exhaustion and dehydration that is taking place, so they often forget to drink water. Thus, in turn, leads to faintness, muscle cramping or panic attacks.

“You experience an elevated heart rate, and basically the body temperature goes up to the point of death,” said Tony Aeilts, university

chief of police. “People feel so good that they end up overdosing.”

Ecstasy is most often associated with raves, which defined as an all-night party where electronic or techno music is played. The loud music and pulsating dance floors create an environment that adds to the effects of the drug.

A 1997 study by the DEA indi­cates that 4.5 percent of young adults 19 to 28 use Ecstasy, and 1.1 percent of college students have tried MDMA at least once in their lifetime.

Do Cal Poly students fit into these statistics?

Ecstasy on campus

Although the offending drug seems to be on the rise nationwide, Aeilts said that in 1999 there were no reports of Ecstasy use on Cal Poly’s campus.

In the last year, there were 48 narcotics violations on campus - 36 in the residence halls and 12 at other locations on campus. None of these deals with Ecstasy. Aeilts believes one of the reasons is because MDMA is generally a “club drug,” meaning that it is used mainly at dance parties and raves.

“We haven’t really heard much about it,” said Aeilts, who began his stint as chief of police nearly a year ago. Three years ago, he worked at California State University, Chico, where Ecstasy had begun to creep into the community. He said he experienced a “rising awareness that the drug was coming on.”

“It starts small, with a small group of people,” he said. Aeilts compared his experience at Chico with Cal Poly because on both campuses, the police received no reports of Ecstasy use.

Bob (whose name has been changed) a Cal Poly senior, has used Ecstasy twice, but has never encountered it on campus. He added that people probably use it, but only in private places.

Aeilts said the elusiveness of Ecstasy on campus is similar to a sit­uation the University Police dealt with involving Rohypnol, the “date rape” drug. At the beginning of last year, the University Police received a report of a student ingesting the drug after it was put in her drink at a party.

Although it was only one report, campus police braced themselves by bombarding the campus with infor­mation; they organized drug work­shops informing students of its dan­gers and put out pamphlets on the dangers of Rohypnol.

“When those things come up, it’s like a flickering light on a car...if it’s flickering you need to check,” Aeilts said.

The only problem with Ecstasy is that campus police officers simply don’t know what to look for, Aeilts explained. Because Ecstasy’s popular­ity has only recently grown, campus police have just become edu­cated on the warning signs. While cocaine and crack users are fairly obvious to spot, it’s nearly impossible to tell the difference between an Ecstasy user and a person who’s just having fun, Aeilts said.

That doesn’t mean they aren’t prepared to jump on any Ecstasy problem as they did on the Rohypnol scare.

“It’s far better to get into a pre­ventative mode,” Aeilts said.

Ecstasy in San Luis Obispo

While MDMA may be hiding under floor boards or in closets on campus, it’s a drug that the Police Department in San Luis Obispo has encountered in more than one cir­cumstance recently.

“It came to our attention that it was widespread a year ago,” said Sgt. Bad Silva.

In November of 1999, the police received information that people attending parties at the Forum on Marsh Street were using Ecstasy.

After being tipped off, the police organized an investigation that cul­minated in the arrest of six college­age ravers on May 11. Silva could not specify if they were Cal Poly or Cuesta students.

The undercover investigation revealed that there is a large market for Ecstasy in the San Luis Obispo area, Silva said. Investigators found college-age students buying and sell­ing the drug.

“According to some people we’ve talked to, they’ve told us that there’s quite a bit of Ecstasy in the area,” Silva said. “The one thing that makes it probably detectable is that it’s kept in secret.”

The drug usually only surfaces at raves in the community. To further investigate, the University Police teamed up with the County Sheriff’s office to study the effects of arrested students in the San Luis Obispo community. For two months, beginning in January 2000, the two entities tracked stu­dent arrests - why and for what rea­son they were occurring.

They found that in the majority of 160 student arrests, the offenses were alcohol, not drug related.

But the facts still remain that from May to October, 29 young adults in San Luis Obispo were arrested for using Ecstasy.

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Peer Health offers leadership, learning opportunities

By Jordan Roberts
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Mustang Daily Wednesday, October 25, 2000

Win a Free Pancake Breakfast with President Baker!

In 2001, Cal Poly is turning 100 years old! Help us plan the party of the century by filling out this survey and turning it in to the ASI Student Government Office (UU 202) by Wednesday, Oct. 25th, 4pm. All completed questionnaires will be placed into a drawing for the Pancake Breakfast with President Baker!

1. What type of events would you like to see during the Centennial Celebration?

2. Check each box of an activity if you would be interested in participating in the event:
   - A carnival at Open House 2001
   - A community service project in the city of SLO
   - Cal Poly Talent Showcase
   - Ice Cream Sundae on Dexter Lawn
   - Other:

3. Clubs/Organizations: How would you like your club to be represented/promoted during the Centennial Celebration?

Name: __________________________ E-mail: __________________________ Phone: __________________________ selected, will you be able to attend the breakfast scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 1st at 9am? □ yes □ no

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Learning some healthy habits from the start

By Jolie Walz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

To a majority of the university population, college means late night pizza, beer and constant snacking. This can lead to some unhealthy habits.

Variety, moderation and balance were the themes for eating on campus at a Peer Health Education seminar at Sequoia residence hall on Oct. 11.

Peer health member Dolores Dorne and Julie Hocking, nutritional science seniors, gave students suggestions on how to eat healthy on campus incorporating basic nutritional concepts.

"A lot of students had some type of sport or physical activity in high school that they don’t have now. Add dorm snacking and drinking, you have to work harder to stay healthy," said Emily Carlson, nutritional science junior.

Dorne assured the audience that it is possible to eat healthy on campus.

The presenters lectured on the key to a healthy diet and feeling more energized to face the day.

"You’ve probably been told all your life that breakfast is the most important meal of the day," Hocking said. "Well, it is.

Another tip for keeping you going during a long day on campus is to keep snacks with you. I always have some nuts or fruit with me in case I get hungry again during the day."

"Health teaches the importance of avoiding extreme highs and lows on your personal hunger range.

"Get to know your body," Dorne said. "You don’t always have to clear your plate. You’ll know it’s time to stop eating when you can’t taste the food anymore."
Be charitable, don’t ignore homelessness

You’ve seen them everywhere. They hang out at ATMs and ask if you could spare some change. They sit on street corners with signs that say “Will Work For Food” or the slightly humorous “Who’s That Starving A** Bitch?” In cities like Paris, they enter a converged tell their story, and then go around collecting. They range from the most aggressive types who try to gain your pity with their words or their pathetic facial expressions to the passed out sleeping type who has left his hat on the sidewalk to collect coins. You’re probably used to by now that I’m talking about homeless people.

Homeless people live everywhere. They seem to be especially noticeable, the nicest cities in the world. In some of these cities, the homeless are quite organized, selling special newspapers or magazines. One of the latest innovations in my small amount of experience with homeless people occurred when I heard a guy yelling, “This is my last for you.” The Big Issue (a homeless newspaper in the UK). “Tomorrow, I’m employed.” Another more awkward moment occurred when a group of nickels and dimes decided to tell me how Tom Batiel doesn’t know anything about homeless people and then apologized when he finished.

Experience tells us that there’s no simple solution to the problem of homelessness. I suppose in past ages, homeless people were simply homeless and there was no much of a solution in the present age. I think most of us would agree that squaring isn’t a very good solution to the problem. Even Socialists, which claim more equal distribution of wealth, can’t come to terms with this. Church-sponsored homeless shelters often offer a warm meal and bed, but they fail due to their limited nature. Some homeless people turn to begging on the streets. I’m sure all of us have wrestled with whether or not to give someone money. As far as I know, the海淀 is not in any way the right answer to my questions to this is what the homeless person is going to do with the money. Many pennies choose to think the money’s going to buy some beer or drugs. Maybe. I’d rather think the best of someone.

Here are some of the more charitable ways friends of mine have dealt with the homeless. Rich pointed to not giving out money, so he carried McDonald’s gift certificates in his wallet to give away. Thomas chose to give money to someone who asked, and thinking optimistically, didn’t ask questions. Sam also preferred not to give money; he played with a homeless guy and then bought him a drink. Whether or not you like any of these methods, there are plenty of possibilities. Pioneer your own method!

And for those of you who either have no money to give or that you’re willing to part with, I have this advice: Don’t ever be homeless person. Most won’t hate you if you don’t pick up, but they will feel slighted when you choose to look the other way, avoid eye contact, or cross to the other side of the street. They’re not subhumans, but humans deserving the same level of respect that you do. At least give a smile and a warm “Hello.”

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Students should wait to be wed

As a bridesmaid, I watched my friend and former roommate walk down the aisle and commit herself to the start of their dreams. Months and months of planning converged into an emotion filled day that came and went faster than the "I do" reality set in, though, when I first walked down the isle. Homeless people seem, to me, to start their fourth year of college at Cal Poly. I have met many students who have gone through or are currently going through the same scenarios.

Either they met that special someone during their freshman year and an engagement blossomed, or they took the plunge with their high school sweetheart, all while still going to school. Getting engaged or married as a college student can be a fairly complex experience for some, while others of it as their ideal wedding plans and spending time with their fiancé. My friend married her high school boyfriend. My roommate and I came home from a wedding a week ago. We ended up to wedding story, teasing her as she denied the notion that she would ever marry in the near future. Suddenly, it was Christmas, and she was engaged with a date set for the next summer. Everyone seemed to just fall into place. I wondered, though, why she left the need to get married so quickly. She had been her boyfriend for nearly four years. She had one or so left of college while he was still trying to decide what sort of career he would. She lived with roommates while he lived with her father. At the time of the engagement, she was 26 years old. It seemed that this might not have been the best time to go through the extremely stressful and expensive process of having a wedding. My friend told me over and over that she had never been of anything. Getting married would make everything complete for her. To me, it seemed there was no one she could love more.

Now that my friend’s wedding has come and gone, she told me the hardest part of getting married was all the planning. Picking out invitations, trying on dresses and deciding who would be in the wedding party. The only difference is that now she lives with her husband and has a different last name. Ultimately, the process leading up to her wedding was more stressful than her marriage. Still, my friend was married for a couple months, but she is certain she made the right decision.

Although I live with my boyfriend, I nowhere near getting married, but let alone engaged. I told him this, and he asked me why I would need to take that extra step in my relationship with my boyfriend. Would anything really change? I already live with him, why should I be married to him? For my friend, taking that extra step was the definitive in her relationship with her boyfriend. She wanted to do things the simple and happy. She couldn’t imagine living in together and live happily ever after.

As for me, I am very happy for my friend, I also worried that she might have jumped into the married life too soon. College is a time to make mistakes, map out your life, and do crazy things before settling into a career and life of wedded bliss. I think if you’re truly in love with your significant other, waiting a little bit longer to get married isn’t such a bad idea. Why put yourself through the stress of a marriage when you can barely manage a full load of classes?

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"I just sold myself again!"
What are you going to be for Halloween?

- Um, myself, I guess.
- I'll probably just get a sheet and be a ghost.
- I think I'm going to be a laundry basket.
- I was Britney Spears last year, I might go as Christina Aguilera this year.
- The Mad Hatter. My girlfriend is going as Alice in Wonderland.
- I want to be a flapper, 1920s style.
- Thing #2 from Dr. Seuss. My twin sister is going as #1.

Letter to the editor

Disposable pots and pans, please

Editor,

I live with a kitchen in my bedroom. It’s not a bad arrangement. In fact, it’s a most pleasing sensation to have a full scale refrigerator poised mere 10 feet from my bed.

However, such luxury comes at a price! In order to have a plethora of tasty morsels at my fingertips, the architects were forced to rob me of precious counter and sink space. I sit here, obviously not studying for my two midterms tomorrow, pondering a better approach. My proposal is simple, merge lots of sink and counter space with a refrigerator and fit it all into a small floor plan studio. After much mental deliberation, I have been unable to devise a solution not requiring a modest amount of demolition.

Instead, the only remedy for my kitchen woes lies in the Cal Poly student body. I most adamantly ask, can someone devise one-time use pots and pans thereby eliminating the infamous dirty dish clutter? Please consider, this has senior project written all over it.

Max Roth is a computer engineering senior.
I said, "You know what, I’m going to do whatever I want to do," because the only regret I’ll have is if I’m not myself. I really feel like I was myself the entire time in the house. I wasn’t afraid to get naked and go jump-on ‘naked trampoline’ and I wasn’t afraid to dance in my underwear or have too much to drink... So the only regret I would have is if I wasn’t myself and didn’t get to be me, and I felt like I gave it my all.

What went through your mind as you entered the “Big Brother” house? I honestly thought I wasn’t going to last very long, looking around at the house. Everyone in there was an extraordinary person in some way or another, and I just felt really average... There was a UN worker in there, there was an exotic dancer, there was the National Wheelchair Basketball MVE, and I’m just like this college student guy. I think the thing that was going through my mind was finally I had a chance in my life where I was starting on even ground with everyone else. Money didn’t matter because we all came in, got rid of our wallets, our credit cards, everything. Social standing didn’t matter, it didn’t matter what your job was, and age wasn’t a factor. I was just like, OK, Josh, do what you need to do to get through this house and be a competitor, and that’s how I looked at it.

Do you regret anything you did in the house?

Oh yeah, definitely. I am only two quarters away from graduating. I’ve been here for five years, working really hard to get my degree in civil engineering. Now I have a window of opportunity, and I’m going to take it in the entertainment industry. I’ve had offers to do this and that, and a chance to be places I never would have been before, so I’m looking at probably six months to a year that I’ll be coming back.

What are you going to do with the money you won?

I’ve already put away money for my niece for college. I paid off my student loans. I wrote a check for $19,999 and that was very sweet. I’m buying a new car and the rest of it. I’m putting in investments.

What do you say to people who criticize reality-based TV shows?

It wasn’t my job to produce the thing. It wasn’t my job to edit it. I didn’t promote it. I was just being me on the show.
No postseason ban for Golden Gophers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - What was described as one of the worst cases of academic fraud in 20 years cost the Minnesota athletic department four years probation and five men's basketball scholarships. But the Golden Gophers escaped the worst penalty.

Because Minnesota acted firmly to investigate itself and punish those involved in a widespread term-paper scam, the NCAA decided Tuesday it would not bar the university from postseason play.

Such punishment would have cost the school hundreds of thousands of dollars in TV money and innumerable recruiting chances.

Members of the NCAA's enforcement committee said the scandal was among the most serious cases of academic fraud in 20 years.

"You have to determine whether you caught the attention of the university administration when you caught the attention of others," said committee chairman Jack Friesen, a law professor at George Washington University. "The University of Minnesota is and should be deeply ashamed of what happened.

"No one is going to go out and think that if you violate those rules and the penalties will not be severe," he said.

The committee added slightly to several of Minnesota's self-imposed penalties, adding to recruiting limits and ordering that all records of postseason tournaments during the misconduct from 1995-98 be erased.

"We were the worst team in baseball," Lutrin remembered.

It was 1969 when the "Miracle Mets" lost 120 games.

"It was 1969 when the "Miracle Mets" made a lasting impression on New York, when they moved from last to first place. At the time, there were a lot of significant events going on around the world, none of which were positive," Minnesota athletic director Don Martin said.

"The current day has a lot in common with the Mets' lost season," he said.

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Clemens’ action was inexcusable

Pitchers are supposed to throw balls, not bats. At least that’s what I thought.

I was amazed watching Roger Clemens fling a piece of a broken bat at Mike Piazza in Sunday night’s second game of the World Series. I thought for sure he would be ejected. I was wrong. Clemens was back on the mound the next inning.

For those who didn’t see the controversial play, I’ll give you a recap.

In the top of the first inning, New York Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens jammed New York Mets’ star catcher, Mike Piazza. Piazza’s bat split into pieces as the ball weakly rolled towards second base. A large chunk of the broken bat ended up near the first base side of the pitcher’s mound. Clemens picked up the chunk of wood and flung it off the mound.

The bat desked past Piazza, missing his feet by less than two feet. Benches cleared, words were exchanged, but Clemens remained in the game.

Why wasn’t he ejected?

Umpires said they didn’t know for sure if Clemens was actually throwing the bat at Piazza or just getting it off the field of play.

“I was an umpire in that game, Clemens would have been on the bench before he could say, ‘But I’m the rocket man.’

Why?

Earlier this season, Clemens hit Piazza in the head with a 95 mph fastball. The pitch left Piazza motionless on the ground.

You might say that pitchers hit batters all the time, even in the head. That doesn’t mean Clemens’ pitch was intentional.

But there’s more.

Coming into that game, Piazza was batting .393 against Clemens with three home runs. The last home run was a grand slam which left Clemens humiliated after getting boxed off the mound at Yankee Stadium.

Mike Gilmore

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But while speaking on a more personal level with the political science professor, one sees that admiration for the team has some history to it, and a political connection.

With the Mets currently battling the hated New York Yankees in the World Series, Lutrin’s love for the Mets has become even more apparent to students.

Lutrin grew up a fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers. He was born and raised in Far Rockaway, a suburb of Queens, NY. When they moved to Los Angeles, he was deprived of a team to follow.

The New York Giants had also left town to go West. The Yankees were not an option for Lutrin, who grew up despising the team that represented the wealthy, elite, and arrogant class. The team boasted players like Joe DiMaggio, who always had their stark, white uniforms.

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