Training machines: Cal Poly track and field prepares for season.

Death by skis: Snow-sport accidents will happen.

Krebs pretrial hearing focuses on evidence

By Janelle Fossett
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Judge Barry Lahrabuda made rulings yesterday on the defense pretrial motion to exclude particular evidence from the Rex Allan Krebs trial, scheduled to begin Feb. 14 in Monterey. Krebs is charged with kidnapping, raping and murdering 19-year-old students Rachel Newhouse and Amanda Crawford. If convicted, Krebs faces the death penalty. He has pleaded not guilty to the accusations.

The pretrial motions centered on three computer-generated illustrations that showed Crawford bound with ropes and on numerous photos of the decomposed bodies and the grave sites in which they were found.

Each computer-generated illustration depicted Crawford from a different angle showing the positions in which she was buried and how a rope mechanism was used to bind and possibly kill her. Lahrabuda admitted one of the three illustrations into evidence, citing that it properly depicted the back-pinned position Crawford was in when she was buried. The illustration showed Crawford in her stocking, with her hands, waist, back and ankles connected by a mechanism of ropes.

Lahrabuda said he would not admit the other two illustrations as evidence because they appear as if Crawford was in a kneeling position, which is not how she was found.

District Attorney Jim Maguire previously argued that a kneeling position makes it appear as if Crawford was being held. He said a kneeling position would limit his client's rights to a fair trial by creating prejudice in jurors.

Lahrabuda agreed and ruled that the illustration's uses were outweighed by their prejudicial effects.

Lahrabuda also ruled on photos taken at the autopsy and at the scene of the grave-site excavation. Photos included shots of the partially decomposed bodies of Newhouse and Crawford in the graves, and injuries on Crawford, the location of the graves in relation to Krebs' residence, items of clothing recovered from the graves, a billboard, Crawford bound with ropes and Newhouse covered in garbage bags and chicken wire.

Prosecutor John Trice argued that all the photos be admitted in evidence.

"These photos aren't pleasant," he said. "But this is the kind of evidence that makes this a death penalty case."

Trice said that the prosecution would use particular photos to prove malice, negate the motive of robbery and show premeditation of murder.

He argued that the photos help illustrate premeditation because of the meticulous work that went into the burials.

"This was not a casual body dump," he said.

Maguire argued that certain photos should not be admitted because they are gruesome enough to influence jury members and cause prejudice against his client. He also said adequate testimony from law officers at the scene of the excavation could replace such photos.

"These photos could arouse the passion of the jury," he said. "There are more prejudicial than negligent photos.

After hearing the arguments, Lahrabuda excluded most of the 51 photos.

Lahrabuda excluded photos of the rope mechanism used on Crawford, a watch worn by Newhouse and certain autopsy photos that he said may create a prejudice in jurors. Other photos were excluded because they duplicated others.

The next pretrial motion will center on the analysis of mitochondrial DNA that compares a hair found near the "Gerber Street Bridge to the hood of Newhouse's mother and father.

The trial resumes today in Superior Court department 10 at 8:30 a.m. The final day of the pretrial motions is expected to be Thursday, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The trial will then move to Monterey for jury selection.

CSU uses strategies designed to prevent campus power crises

By Byron Samayoa
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Even with the energy crisis going on in California, there are no worries for the California State University system.

The CSU system has implemented many strategies to manage the energy crisis.

Over the years, campuses in California have made many energy-saving efforts, including careful management of energy consumption systems, energy efficient tools and heat and air conditioning equipment.

The biggest effort is a four-year agreement with Enron Energy Services, through which Enron is the sole provider of energy for most CSU campuses. In return, the university system has a reduced and fixed rate which has saved an estimated $8.3 million.

"We don't know what the total effect of this energy crisis will be," said Ken Swisher, CSU media relations manager. "But we are not likely to be affected as most Californians."

To make sure that it doesn't happen, the CSU system has recently taken further steps for energy conservation.

The CSU system has received $2.6 million from the legislature and the Public Utilities Commission to implement energy-saving plans.

The system has also submitted a list of additional plans that will save campuses $147.2 million.

Cal Poly would not be affected by the crisis because it has its own substation.

By Brian Milne
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Applying for financial aid is just a mouse click away thanks to the Cal Poly Financial Aid home page. With the March 2 priority deadline right around the corner, now is the time to log on.

"File now, don't wait until the last week in February," said Mary Spady, Financial Aid office associate director.

"Too many problems can occur during processing. If students fail to fill out everything, we might not get their application done before the deadline."

The quickest way to apply for financial aid is via the online Web site at http://www.calpoly.edu/financial. The home page provides links for applying online, checking financial aid status, downloading documents, loan counseling, scholarship links, work study information and e-mail addresses for contacting the office.

"Filing electronically is the way to go," Spady said. "It can speed up the process by almost two weeks. Files are much easier to process than paper."

How you can avoid funding delays:

- Fill out forms before March 2 priority deadline.
- Use accurate information (social security number, Cal Poly federal school code - 001143).
- Carefully follow FAFSA instructions.
- Keep Financial Aid office informed of your current address and status.

Financial Aid office hours:
- Telephone: 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.
- Walk-up window: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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Financial Aid office: Administration Building, room 212 phone: 756-2927; fax: 756-7243; e-mail: finalaid@calpoly.edu
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"There's been a huge growth in Cal Grants," Spady said. "We don't know the actual dollar amount we'll benefit from, but we're looking forward to an increased funding for the grants."

Students interested in summer financial aid should make sure the office has their 2000-2001 FAFSA data on file and notify the office of their intent to enroll for summer quarter.

The office also encourages all students to fill out the Cal Poly Scholarship Application — regardless of academic status — by the annual March 2 deadline.

Some academic departments also have scholarship applications and students should check with individual departments for further information.

The Financial Aid office will hold a trio of workshops Feb. 15, 26 and 28. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 766-2927.

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station. The state can't shut off the power, but it can request the university to conserve energy.

Although the energy crisis is financially affecting the rest of California, the CSU system will not suffer. The state will not take money allocated for the CSU system to help deal with the crisis.

"The CSU trustees will not take money away from the CSU campus," Swisher said.

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"Catholic-based organizations do a great portion of the work with the needy. Some are very successful."

Charlie Johnson
office manager for Food Bank

Economic Opportunity Commission, which oversees the homeless shelter, said that it was too early to tell how the community would benefit from the new initiative, but that there is definitely a need for more money and cooperation with every sector of society.

The details on how the new proposal will be enacted are not available. In fact, the specifics for the OFBC approach will not be ready for more than a month, leaving most organizations in the dark as to how they might be affected by it.

"We are just as curious as anyone else in regards to the process," Collins said. "Some money in the federal budget will be available that we don't receive right now. If it increases the number of partners, great. If the funds get divided by building more bureaucracies, then we have diminished our ability to serve people."

A White House official said last Tuesday that any cost with respect to new or spent funding proposals would be part of an economic blueprint that will be released later, even though the executive order has already been issued.

Another concern Collins mentioned was the actual ability of religious organizations to provide all the social services the community needs.

"There is so much good that religious organizations do, but there is also questions of their preparedness," he said. "Would they have the same history of access to the training?"

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Accessibility of date rape drug increases

By Byron Samaya

It's supposed to help you sleep, stay awake, work out, relax, gain self-confidence and even enhance sexual feelings. It is the designer drug GHB, gamma hydroxybutyrate.

We know that GHB, one of the date rape drugs, can kill. What we don't hear about are the people that take it voluntarily, putting themselves at risk of death.

The once-legal drug GHB was found in a number of dietary supplements available in health food stores and gyms until 1990 when the FDA issued a warning against it. It has over 150 names, including blue nitro, dormir, firewater, FX, orange FX, ghh, jolt, pine needle and thunder nectar. Currently, GHB has moved from health stores to the Internet.

Even with warnings and bans, GHB is widely accessible through the Web. Since its ban in 1990, "kitchen" chemists have been creating GHB and its derivatives. As with any illegal drug production with no regulations, quality and purity are questionable.

To further circumvent the ban, the recent trend is to sell GBL. The derivative GBL (gamma butyrolactone), when ingested, will react in the body and change into GHB. Law enforcement is trying to catch Web sites selling this drug, but it's hard to police the whole Web.

The drug is not addictive per se, but the body gains tolerance to it and larger quantities are needed to feel an initial high.

"The most dangerous aspect of the drug is that there is a fine line between a good high and death," said Karin Rogers of San Luis Obispo County Drug and Alcohol services.

Rogers, a drug intern specialist, is concerned that people are not realizing what major harm consuming small amounts of GHB does to the body.

The body metabolizes GHB quickly and its effects can be present 10 to 20 minutes after ingestion. The effects typically last four hours. An overdose of GHB can occur quickly, and the signs are similar to those of other sedatives: drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, headache, loss of consciousness, loss of reflexes and impaired breathing.

When mixed with alcohol or other drugs, the consequences can be life-threatening. GHB is a central nervous system depressant that relaxes and slows down the heart rate. Ultimately the body forgets to breathe and dies.

Right now there aren't any real detoxification programs for this drug, and there are limited places to go for help. Adding to the problem of GHB, misleading information found on the Web increases the spreading of this drug.

Students taking any supplements that contain GHB or one of its derivatives, should know about the potential dangers of this drug. For further information on GHB, contact Drug and Alcohol services at 781-4275.

Would you let a STRANGER walk into your home and talk to your child? You may already be doing just that. On-line chat rooms may be a great source for entertainment and information, but they can be a way for unscrupulous adults to contact your kids.

Protect your family from strangers:

DON'T TALK TO STRANGERS

- Teach children the power of the on/off switch.
- Encourage kids to tell an adult if they are uncomfortable with an online discussion or topic.
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It's impossible to disagree with homosexuality

"Homosexuality is a lifestyle choice which I do not agree with." -- Mike Stoker, the defeated Republican candidate for our U.S. Congressional seat, said this in a debate last year. I would have laughed loud, had this not been the current mantra of many conservatives. The notion that being gay is a lifestyle choice ranges from irrational ignorance to pure absurdity.

I challenge you to think critically for a moment. What is the gay lifestyle? Most gay and lesbian people that I know attend college. They share hopes of becoming successful in their career and eventually raising families. Isn't this something we can all relate to? Should we define this as the "straight" lifestyle as well?

The argument might be made that the idea of a gay lifestyle is in reference to people who seek companionship with a person of the same gender. However, I know openly gay people who aren't seeking companionship from anyone. Aren't they on a hiatus from the gay lifestyle? Is there simply no such thing as the gay lifestyle?

How often do we hear people talk about the African-American lifestyle? Or the Christian lifestyle? Being defined by your sexual orientation is comparable to dehumanizing as being defined by your race, religion, or sexual orientation.

The notion of choice is an absurd assumption as well. Why would anyone choose to be gay? If it is to choose to be gay, then it must also be a choice to be straight -- yet none of my heterosexual friends can recall a specific date and time at which they chose to be straight.

Our natural reasoning leads us to make choices based upon an analysis of advantages and disadvantages of each option. As there are no clear, distinctive advantages to being gay, there is no logical support for sexual orientation being a trait that is chosen.

And as I've made quite clear before, the behavioral sciences community believes sexual orientation to be a trait that is neither chosen nor changeable. Their perspective is based upon serious research and thorough examination.

How much longer are we going to ignore this scientific information?

Obviously, we must appreciate the distinction between sexual orientation and sexual behavior. Sexual orientation refers to feelings and concepts, while a person's sexual behavior may or may not express their sexual orientation.

We choose whether or not to act upon our feelings, but the term "homosexuality" refers to sexual orientation, rather than sexual behavior.

The task of understanding Mike Stoker's rationalization for "disagreeing" with homosexuality would be notably more complicated than analyzing his lifestyle classifications. His statement is as logical as saying, "I disagree with ethics." Obviously, we can disagree about views that a person of a particular ethnicity may have, but the notion that their ethnicity itself is disagreeable would be completely ridiculous.

Although we can argue about thoughts, viewpoints, or ideas, we cannot agree or disagree about facts. Homosexuality is a fact, viewpoint, or idea. It is an attribute, a thing, a fact. And it's not a lifestyle — it's a life.

Mike Sullivan is a computer engineering junior.

Opinion

'Killer' isn't guilty of skiing death

As a skier, I am now afraid to fall down on the slopes. That's a bad thing. I was never crazy enough to look forward to falling down in the first place, nor did I completely accept it as a necessary part of skiing, because that's how people get hurt. Some even die.

I still fall, but I always seem to get up, empowered each time to put away this fear of corporeal doom and ruin, able temporarily to forget my mortal shell could crack in the surf into which I've pitched myself. If you fall down often enough, what you really remember is that you rode away.

Skiing is a sport that has taken lives before. If you fall down often enough, what you really remember is that you rode away.

As with anything else, skiing remains that Alan Cobb is dead, and we as a society have a need to lay blame. Whether you intended it or not, it was a human body traveling at 20 to 30 miles per hour and nothing, without the benefit of roll cages or air bags. The facts remain that Alan Cobb is dead, and we as a society have a need to lay blame.

What went on in his mind in the moments just after the collision is a mystery to all but him, but I imagine that it was similar to what someone would feel like after a car accident. The world rushes back in, the radio noise and the realization something terrible and irreversible has happened, and whether you intended it or not, it was you behind the wheel. That's why people don't drive after serious crashes.

As to disagreeing with that his fault that I lost control or was it just a freak accident? Hall had no reason to doubt he was in control. I, for one, have felt in control while skiing and still managed to wipe out because I went over some ice or grass patch that I never saw coming. Hall probably believed it was a day much like any other, a run no different than the last of the day before.

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I don't feel that Hall is guilty. I'm not a lawyer or the jury looking at the evidence, but it seems to me that there is risk involved in every sport, and skiing is no exception. Skiing is a dangerous sport that has taken lives before. As a matter of fact, according to USA Today, there were 38 skiing deaths at major resorts last year alone.

Was Hall going too fast? Some people who testified said he was; others said he wasn't.

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Next time I go skiing, I will make it a point to take it easy. I don't want to have to explain to anyone, especially myself, why I fell down.

Candice Conti is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

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Opinion

'March Madness' is the new cancer 

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Tournament. His sophomore year Harmon went 22-13, finished fourth in the Pac 10 Tournament and qualified for the NCAA Championships. "Cedric can do anything in life he wants to do. He's that type of person, and he would tell you that ..."

Lennis Cowell

wrestling coach

"We don't let a loss get the best of him, though. "I just go back to the drawing board and figure out what I need to change," Harmon said. "I don't get down on myself, because I like myself a lot." In addition, Harmon knows wins and losses during the regular season are not as important as the big picture.

"I'd rather lose all season and then place at nationals than win all season and then do bad at nationals," he said. "Overall, I don't like losing, period. Ideally, I'd just like to win, win, win, all the way through and place at nationals." Harmon's goals for the next two seasons are to win the Pac 10 Tournament, place in the top five at nationals this year and make the finals at nationals as a senior. As he chases his All-American dreams, it appears that the sky's the limit for Harmon. "He's not even touching the surface of what he could be yet," Cowell said.
New school record could be in sight
By Ryan Ballard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cedric Haymon leads the Pac-10 at 149 pounds with 29 wins, including a current 14-match win streak. With a strong finish to the season, Haymon has a legitimate shot at breaking the school record for wins in a season. The record of 41 wins in a season is currently shared by Louis Montano and Anthony Romero. Montano won 41 matches in the 1982-1983 season at 158 pounds (the weight class is now 165 pounds) on route to a second-place finish at the NCAA Championships. Romero won 41 matches during the 1987-1988 season at 177 pounds (now 184 pounds).

Haymon’s All-American chances are legitimate. Head coach Lennis Cowell said he feels good about Haymon’s chances.

“I think he’s got a great chance,” Cowell said. “It takes a lot of hard work and the right kind of draw at the tournament. He’s got the mental approach to do it.”

Cal Poly’s last All-American was David Wells in 1998. Wells placed seventh at 158 pounds. Since 1986, the Mustangs have seen HAYMON, page 7

By Larissa Van Beurden
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly’s track and field team still has another month before its opening meet, but the athletes have been practicing for the season since the first week of school.

The first outdoor track meet for both men and women is the Stanford Spring Opener on March 3.

All athletes have been training since fall, beginning slowly, then progressively intensifying the workouts.

Head coach Terry Crawford said off-season training is important for track and field athletes because they have to earn their spots on the team.

There are about 10 meets throughout the season, but not all athletes can travel to each meet.

“The number of people on the squad doesn’t necessarily impact who goes to the meets,” Crawford said.

“It’s who can be competitive.”

There are about 70 people on the track and field roster, but Crawford said only about 35 to 50 athletes travel to each meet. A number of factors go into deciding who will compete at each meet.

If someone is injured, or just not ready to compete yet, the athlete won’t travel to the meet — even if they’re just going to sit on the bench.

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Athletes must also blend training with competition. If an athlete isn’t ready to compete in the meet, he or she will stay back and train.

“The goal is to go into meets and improve their personal best,” she said.

Yesterday’s Answer:
Jim Drunkenmiller plays for XFL’s Memphis Maniax.

Congrats Mike Fatham!

Today’s Question:
Who was the woman who signed a contract for the NBA’s Indiana Pacers?

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

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Dan Littlefield, a kinesiology sophomore, competes as a long jumper and sprinter. He said he practices about two and a half hours a day with the team.

“I started practicing with the team a week after I got back, and haven’t stopped since,” he said.

He also practiced over the summer in his hometown of Somers to keep in shape and do basic conditioning.

Littlefield said he misses his workouts in his hometown of Somers to keep in shape and do basic conditioning.

“Not much yard-round conditioning,” he said. “Once the season comes around, we lift weights lighter. It’s different stages throughout the year.”

Track and field hopes to hit the ground running
By Ryan Ballard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly wrestler takes talent and timing to the mat
By Ryan Ballard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Some people are born to succeed. Some people work hard to rise to the top. And some, like Cedric Haymon, do both.

Haymon has emerged this year as the star of Cal Poly’s wrestling team. His distinct blend of raw talent and work ethic has helped him to a current record of 29-4 at 149 pounds. Head coach Lennis Cowell recognized Haymon’s gift for wrestling when he recruited him.

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