escaped rapist caught in Oregon

By Emily Schwartz

As the 10-day search for a convicted rapist concluded Tuesday morning, the Cal Poly community breathed a sigh of relief.

Ronald Rogers, a sexually violent predator, escaped from Atascadero State Hospital Sept. 23. He was caught Tuesday and taken into custody in Klamath Falls, Ore., after being stopped for a traffic violation, said Barrie Hafler, a spokeswoman for Atascadero State Hospital. When Rogers could not produce identification, he was fingerprinted and his identity was then revealed, Hafler said.

"He has been apprehended and brought into custody," she said. "At this point, that's all the information we have." While Rogers was still at large, Cal Poly University Police took measures to heighten safety awareness on campus and in the community.

University Police was using the situation as an opportunity to educate people about safety, said Tony Aeilts, University Police chief.

"Our goal is to instill fear in the community, but to help people make informed choices," Aeilts said.

In an attempt to raise awareness of the situation to students, University Police issued a press release to all on-campus residence halls, informing students of the missing rapist. It included a detailed description of Rogers, as well as a photo.

The photo of 45-year-old Rogers had also been distributed to police officials throughout the county and region, Aeilts said.

Over the last 10 days, campus police held mandatory safety meetings in each of the residence halls on campus. They discussed with the residents the precautions to take for their personal safety.

"We take our safety and security of residence halls very seriously," said Carole Schaffer, associate director of housing and director of Residential Life and Education. "We have a very complete safety program that we implement each year. We just try to augment that when there's specific occurrences like this one.

Although there were rumors that Rogers was sighted on campus, none of them were confirmed, campus police officials said.

Last week, a student reported seeing a man with Rogers' description acting strangely at the set-up for the Centennial Celebration. But because the student reported the sighting hours later, officials were unable to confirm that it was Rogers.

Patrol officers completed nightly walk-throughs in all residence halls since Rogers was reported missing. Although this is a standard procedure, Sgt. Steve Schneider said they have been doing them more often in the past week and will continue to do so.

Despite residents' concerns for the community's safety, San Luis Obispo County has the third lowest crime rate in the state, according to statistics.

Although these statistics make the county safer than 49 other counties in California, Aeilts said it doesn't make San Luis Obispo immune to crime.

"This area has some really fine police agencies and San Luis Obispo is a phenomenal place to be," Aeilts said. "But occasionally things do happen and we still need to take safety precautions.

Another service University Police offers is an escort van that transports students within a half-mile radius of campus. The schedule for pick-up times is located in the University Union and in Kennedy Library.

In addition, campus police set up blue light phones that are located in various places on campus. The phones dial directly to a police dispatcher and students are encouraged to use them in emergencies.

New classes help students with computer skills

By Lyndsay Lundgren

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Clinton suspended from Supreme Court

By Tracy Zupancis
The Horn

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — Among the opening actions of the Supreme Court at the start of their term Monday was a suspension of former President Bill Clinton from practicing law in front of the Court.

Clinton has 40 days to show why he should not be disbarred from practicing law in the U.S. Supreme Court, according to the order, which was made public Wednesday.

The Southeastern Legal Foundation brought the demand that Clinton lose his license to practice law.

By admitting perjury, Clinton was suspended for five years from practicing law in Arkansas, a decision that initiated Monday's Supreme Court decision. Initially, the Southeastern Legal Foundation brought the demand that Clinton lose his license to practice law.

Clinton has not and was not planning to argue any cases in front of the Supreme Court.

Clinton's lawyer, David Kendall, told The Washington Post that the decision is a consequence of Clinton's admission of giving false and ambiguous statements concerning his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

"Bill Clinton, of New York, N.Y., is suspended from the practice of law in this Court," the decision reads.

"Pursuant to the Supreme Court's order, we will show cause why disbarment is not appropriate," he said.

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

Reagan National reopens
WASHINGTON - The center of the nation's business and pleasure travel - Reagan National Airport - will reopen Thursday. The Virginia airport is the only airport in the nation that is still closed since the Sept. 11 attacks. President Bush, according to the New York Times, spoke at the airport saying, "There is no greater symbol that America is back in business than the reopening of this airport."

While the plane that struck the Pentagon did not take off from Reagan National Airport, its close proximity to major government centers and landmarks made it a point of concern. The airport is the hub for lawmakers, politicians, business people and travelers alike. Any long-term closing of the airport would have led to serious economic repercussions in the Washington area. The reopening of the airport emphasize's faith in America, said the President according to the New York Times.

Uncertainty after attacks causes fed rate cut
WASHINGTON - In an attempt to increase spending by consumers and businesses, the Federal Reserve cut interest rates for the ninth time this year. After cutting an important interest rate another half point, the rate hit the lowest level since 1962. Alan Greenspan and his colleagues announced the new rate of the federal funds rate cuts, commercial banks were expected to cut their prime lending rates by half a point. The new 5.50 percent rate affects consumer and business loans. There was a small downturn on Wall Street after the announcement was made.

"The terrorist attacks have significantly heightened uncertainty in an economy that was already weak," according to a statement by the Fed's chief policy-making group, the Federal Open Market Committee, said in a statement.

The interest rate cuts most likely will not prevent a recession, but market analysts are predicting a market upturn by at least the second half of next year.

Threats surround Sears Tower
CHICAGO - The days since Sept. 11 have been filled with false alarms and bomb threats for the 10,000 people working in the Sears Tower.

The country's tallest skyscraper received yet another threat Monday that was reported by ABC News. Shortly after, the Federal Bureau of Investigation confirmed the report as "completely unfounded." Security at the building has been doubled, according to the building's management, TrizecHahn Corporation. The 203-story building has taken on a new meaning in life after the terrorist attacks.

Army scenario hits too close to home
ANNISTON, Ala. - In a routine emergency drill seven months ago, the officials at Anniston Army Depot created the worst possible theoretical scenario - a plane crashing into bunkers containing aging nerve gas. After Sept. 11, this scenario does not seem so far-fetched.

The eight chemical arms depots in the nation have increased security, keeping in mind residents in areas surrounding the depots.

No-fly zones have been enacted over each depot and hundreds of troops are guarding the borders of the depots. Army officials have noted the widespread destruction that would occur if the aging chemical weapons contained at the depots were attacked.

The army is slowly destroying the chemical weapons and has urged the neighboring community to accept the $1 billion incinerator built at the depot to burn the chemicals. This and other measures are being taken to destroy the chemicals and prevent disasters.

INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS

Europe

BALKANS - With the adoption of a new law, the Bosnian Serb parliament will now cooperate with the international war crimes tribunal and start arresting war crimes suspects. Two of the tribunal's most wanted men, former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and military commander Ratko Mladic, are still at large for charges of genocide, but may be closer to arrest with the passing of the law.

"We would like to see action rather than words," said tribunal spokesman Jim Landale. Under the law, suspects will be arrested and brought before a local judge within 24 hours of the prosecution's request. The judge has 24 hours to decide whether to detain for future indictment.

More than a dozen suspects, including Karadzic and Miladic, are believed to be hiding in Bosnian Serb territory, according to the tribunal.

Bosnian Serb authorities formally rejected cooperation because of believed tribunal bias against Serbs. They were the last authority of the former Yugoslavia to adopt the law.

Africa

TANZANIA - Nearly 350 HIV-positive Tanzanian soldiers will not receive a potential AIDS drug. A South African state-owned company developed the drug-based formulation to combat infections by strengthening the human immune system.

Thorough laboratory testing on the drug has been conducted in South Africa, according to the drug developers. No research has appeared in any medical journals, according to the BBC science correspondent.

— BBC News

South Asia

QUETTA - "Death to America" chants initiated the Pakistani border city of Quetta from thousands of Taliban supporters. Protesters marched through the city carrying portraits of Osama Bin Laden and beat an effigy of President Bush, violating a city ban.

The Jamaat-Ulema-Islam (JUI) group organized the protest.

— BBC News

Briefs compiled from various international news services by Mustang Daily staff writer Auturjin Zernich.
Redemption for the bean with a bad rep

By Audrey Amara

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It’s 8 a.m. on Monday after a busy weekend. As the teacher starts the lecture by reading straight out of the book, your eyes slowly start to flicker in a losing battle to stay open and you wonder why you are even there. The girl beside you seems to be wide-awake and alert. “How is she doing it?” you wonder, then notice something sitting on her desk through your sleep-blurred eyes. It is a coffee cup full of steaming hot coffee.

Over the years, research has tried to prove that coffee has negative effects on health, but so far, results have turned up in favor of the popular morning beverage.

“Coffee is a delicious beverage with positive effects,” said Mike Merrell, manager of Campus Market and an avid coffee drinker. More than 19,000 scientific studies have been conducted on coffee or caffeine, according to the National Library of Medicine. Still, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recognizes coffee to be “generally recognized as safe.”

Many people have the idea that coffee is bad for their health. “Coffee is bad because caffeine is bad for you — it’s an old wives tale,” said Nathan Smith, forestry and natural resources sophomore. “Coffee makes me feel like I’m going to have a heart attack,” said Samantha Shelton, an industrial engineering junior, who works at Julian’s. Recent studies, however, have not only shown coffee is safe, but that it is beneficial to health.

The Mayo Clinic, Harvard School of Public Health, U.S. Veterans Administration and other medical centers carried out research that showed two to four cups of coffee per day may lower the risk of colon cancer, gallstones, cirrhosis of the liver and Parkinson’s Disease.

Coffee has also been shown to contain four times the antioxidants than are in green tea, making it an excellent anti-depressant and an effective performance enhancer. Cal Poly soccer player Stephanie Hedeni doesn’t drink coffee on game days.

“My coach says it dehydrates you,” she said.

Hedeni’s teammate Heidi Spink doesn’t see a difference in her soccer performance when she drinks coffee. Both Hedeni, an aerospace engineering freshman, and Spink, a business administration freshman, agree drinking coffee in moderation is fine.

Men and women have different preferences in the way they like their coffee. A survey by The National Coffee Association found that women prefer more excitement about coffee varieties. Men, on the other hand, like plain old coffee to “get the job done.”

“All I drink is the Java Blast because I don’t like the taste of coffee,” said Christine Arwood, electrical engineering major who works at Julian’s. “I might switch to coffee if I need to,” she said.

Many are scared of getting “addicted” to coffee. “Like the taste of coffee and I’m hooked on caffeine,” said Syneya Dekker, as she blended a coffee drink during her shift at Julian’s. An edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental Disorders does not list caffeine with drugs that cause dependence.

Addiction, which is described as a “strong dependence on a drug,” is characterized by three elements: 1) severe withdrawal symptoms; 2) tolerance to a given dose, or the need for more and more of the substance; and 3) the loss of control, or the need to consume the substance at all costs. Evidence shows that coffee drinkers do not exhibit these symptoms of addiction. However, people like Meredith Rogers, a nutrition senior, has “headaches and mood swings,” if she tries to go without coffee for as much as a day. Only about 5 percent of individuals experience caffeine withdrawal, which includes mild headache, and/or drowsiness, according to the American Psychiatric Association’s Task Force, who also rejected caffeine withdrawal as a separate diagnosis.

Since the first coffee house opened in Italy in 1654, coffee seems to have been a big hit with people around the world. Forty percent of Americans drink coffee every day, representing 110 million daily drinkers. Fourteen thousand pounds of coffee were sold in Campus Dining at Cal Poly last year.

Associate Director of Campus Dining Alan Cushman has seen coffee and caffeine change with the times. “People have been drinking coffee a long time. In my day it was caffeine pills and they decided to put it into a drink,” he said.

“There are more specialty drinks now,” said Cushman, comparing the recent coffee drinks bought now to when Julian’s opened in the late 1980s. “People enjoy a complicated drink every now and then.”

“Every Friday I have a double mocha latte with hazelnut,” said Cushman. “A lot of people order crazy drinks,” said Bret Torres, who was working the morning shift at Julian’s.

Even though coffee has a bad reputation for being addicting, or “being bad for your teeth,” as Torres said, a huge majority of students at Cal Poly believe coffee is fine if it is consumed in moderation.

Ecology and Systematic Biology senior Tamara Convertino serves up popular coffee beverages to customers in the afternoon at Linnea’s in downtown San Luis Obispo. Linnea’s refers to their coffee makers as “baristas.”

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3/4 teaspoon coarse salt
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
1 teaspoon coffee extract
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup whole eggs
2 ounces cocoa powder
8 ounces flour
1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.

Mix the melted butter and sugar in a mixing bowl. Blend well until smooth.

Add 8 ounces flour, 1 1/4 pounds granulated sugar, 3/4 teaspoon coarse salt, 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 cup whole eggs, and 2 ounces cocoa powder.

Combine all ingredients in the mixing bowl and form into a batter. Add 1/2 of the nuts and blend well.

Grease a 9 by 13-inch baking dish. Pour the batter into the dish. Sprinkle the surface with the remaining 1/2 cup of nuts. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes.

Rethinking the food pyramid

By Valerie Green

(U-WIRE) MEIRIUP, Mass. — Current food guides likely recognize the Food Guide Pyramid, a graphic designed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as an easy-to-follow guide to healthy eating. The pyramid’s designers thought that by featuring common foods, people would make use of it in order to achieve a balanced diet.

But some researchers are not happy with the nutrition message conveyed by the USDA pyramid. They think the government’s recommendations rely too heavily on animal foods and refined grains and they give “heart healthy” vegetable oils too little recognition.

Harvard University’s Dr. Walter Willet is one critic who has gone a step further. He devised his own pyramid. His version, outlined below, represents the most recent advances in nutrition and health research.

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Letters to the editor

Elimination of nighttime bus service causing problems

Editor,

Like many of you, I dread driving to school. When cars are overcrowded parking lots are promised near my dorm. The Friday night traffic is especially bad, with hundreds of people looking for a place to park. Therefore, many students have to pay to park, but the cost of parking is only $15 per quarter. I think this price is too high and it is not fair to make students pay for parking when there are many other options available.

Sincerely,

Student

Critical senator used to be part of the problem

Laura Vega's commentary titled "Stop blaming federal agencies," Oct. 1, was right on the mark! In addition to her perceptive observations about Senator Tom Coburn's unwarranted attack on the intelligence community, a search of the news database in Lexis-Nexis (available in the library) reveals that in 1995, Senator Coburn, who was a representative back then, was spearheading efforts in Congress to ban the fusion of human intelligence operatives (quips). His actions back then may have contributed to our current lack of hand human intelligence capability today! Very interesting!

David J. Kemple, It is an industrial tech- nology lecturer.

Patriotism only means supporting the country Editor,

In response to the column, "Reader fores (sic) patriotism for peace-making,"

characterized the idea of patriotism. It is not a belief in war or owning a flag, but rather supporting one's country. I do not think people's wave and pledge for peace will not protect the United States from another malicious attack. I believe that it is not enough to not to accommodate everyone.

By bringing back the evening buses, maybe we can relieve some of the traffic pressures. I am more than willing to pay a little bit for the bus if it means less stress for me and those people who need to drive to school.

Gillian Cutshaw is a sociology junior.

Name calling won't solve terrorism

Editor,

All this name calling and "I'm right, you're wrong" writing in this paper lately has gotten tiresome. Conservatives and progressives attacking each other, trying to express the agony, fear and con- fusion inside all of us, of finding it hard to human impossible task.

That is why the PSA attacks U.S. foreign policy and conservatives name- call the PSA and demand Arab blood. But the real difference of alerting from that point to curing into Palestinian territory and the Islamic jihad movement because it is a fascist, abusive and murderous movement. The problem is that I have the "I told you so" attitude of the Noam Chomsky of the world and the "Let's kill these evil *s*" of the war sup- porter.

Progressives have a right to brave right now. Our message is not that ter- rorism actions are justifiable. Our mes- sage is that we understand what breeds hate. Hate, a close relative of evil but than one day people will be able to look back at this issue and spread like a disease? No, we have to take responsibility for our actions and deal with this monster.

According to the story, Israel moved in with a military government in Pakistan and Afghanistan as the Northern Alliance and the Islamic jihad movement because it is a fascist, abusive and murderous movement. The problem is that I have the "I told you so" attitude of the Noam Chomsky of the world and the "Let's kill these evil *s*" of the war sup- porter.

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Student wins in strip search case

By Tracy Whitehair
MONTANA LITIGATION

(U-WIRE) MISSOULA, Mont. — Missoula County said Monday that the county brings in lawyers to train employees when policies are changed.

Agreeing to settle was part of the mediation process, Luttschwager said, and avoiding the expense and uncertainty results of a trial motivated both sides to discuss the options. Through a federal magistrate who acted as mediator, both sides made requests, offers and counter-

"And $20,000 is a pretty good apology," Blakley the attorney for Eric Lynn, said Monday that changes in the strip-search policy were made between July and August, and plans to update were made before the complaint was filed by Lynn. The previous policy stated that strip searches could be performed whenever an inmate was being booked for a stay in jail, according to the settlement record.

McMeekin said the new policy, as mandated by the 8th Circuit Court, is that no strip search can be conducted unless there is a "reasonable suspicion of contraband." No additional changes to the policy would be made, McMeekin said.

Blakley said he had initially sought an official apology, but dropped the request when the county offered a settlement and agreed to remain employees on the updated strip-search policy.

"And $20,000 is a pretty good apology," Blakley said.

Luttschwager said that while not completely pleased with the settlement, he satisfied that the matter has been resolved.

"It's done; it's time to move on," Luttschwager said.

Lynn said he expects to get approximately $12,330 after Blakley's 35 percent and deposition fees. He said he's not sure when he'll receive the money, or what he will use it for, but paying of student loans is a likely possibility.

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