A mural to mend

By Kat Corey
mustang daily staff writer

A new sea scalpe mural in the medical-surgery unit in the Sierra Vista Medical Center is aimed at hav­ ing a calming effect on the patients in the unit. Painted by Franny Harvey, a registered nurse at the hospital, the piece is 28 feet long, 8 feet tall. Harvey started painting the mural Sept. 1 and expects to complete it soon.

House leaders debate aviation bill

By Stephen Curran
mustang daily staff writer

A Senate bill designed to make the nation's airports safer is running into unexpected turbulence in the House of Representatives.

The Aviation Security Act, Senate Bill 1447, is expected to go to the House on Wednesday. The bill was introduced Sept. 24 as an immediate response to the Sept. 11 attacks and received bipartisan sup­ port in the Senate.

“(Sept. 11) showed that there were some gaps in our security,” said Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-California). “There's still a long way to go.”

Since Sept. 11, employee training and screening has become a key issue. The bill would federalize air­ port security operations, creating civil service positions for security personnel in airports throughout the country. It would reduce the high turnover of low-level security employees, Sanchez noted.

“The screeners didn't fail Sept. 11, the standards did,” Crist said. “I don't know a Democrat who is appropriate.”

According to Armey, leaving air­ port security in the hands of private firms would allow for greater flexibility. House Republicans propose a multi-tiered, involving both private and federal employers. In the Republican plan, security opera­ tions would be multi-tiered, involving both pri­ vate and civil service personnel. Each level would then be responsi­ ble for a different aspect of passen­ ger screening, allowing for greater specialization within each tier.

“The bill isn't about racial pro­ filing, it's about people doing a good job,” she said.

Sanchez, however, declined to comment on specific attributes employees would be trained to look for. She said pas­ sengers who appeared generally nervous or under scrutiny and those who purchased their tickets late would be singled out.

“This isn't about one level of employees,” Crist said. “It's about many employees serving different func­tions.”

President George W. Bush has proposed putting government employees in charge of baggage handling, but keeping security tasks in the hands of private companies. Bush indicated that he would not veto the measure even if it does include federalizing airport security, said House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt in a Washington Post report.

Rumsfeld defends airstrikes

By Esther Schrader
are u s daily staff writer

WASHINGTON — Seeking to rebut the growing perception in the Islamic world that U.S. bombs are targeting Afghan civilians, U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld on Monday offered his most aggressive defense yet of what he called the painstaking care the Pentagon is taking to avoid nonmilitary casualties.

"Let there be no doubt: Responsibility for every single casualty in this war, be they innocent Afghans or innocent Americans, rests at the feet of Taliban and al-Qaida," Rumsfeld said.

"Their leaderships are the ones that are hiding in mosques and using Afghan civilians as 'human shields' by placing their armor and artillery in close proximity to civilians, schools, hospitals and the like," he said. "When the Taliban issue accusations of civilian casualties, they indict themselves."

Rumsfeld's emotional words at a Pentagon briefing were a clear indi­ cation that images of stray U.S. bombs striking civilians are jeopardizing Washington, D.C.'s efforts to win support in some Islamic countries for its war on terrorism.

But U.S. efforts to fight the propaganda war have been severely limit­ ed, constrained by squabbling over the best way to project the right mes­ sage.

"What have we done so far? Drop leaflets with food packets? That's a pretty darn poor effort on the part of a country like the United States; they are capable of a far more sophisticated effort than they've shown to date," said Jay Farhat, a former congressional liaison for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the National Security Council. "We don't have a concentra­ tion effort that points out our successes and points to what we are doing right."
International students’ past subject to INS searches

By Sarah Mcclellan

(U-WIRE) FORT WORTH, Texas (9/25) — Immigration and Naturalization Services will implement a database tracking the background of international students, while American students do not face such scrutiny because of protection under federal law.

Laws that protect students’ privacy don’t apply to international students, said Eyleen Schmidt, an INS spokeswoman.

Schmidt said the Coordinated Interagency Partnership Regulating International Students (CIPRIS), a pilot program designed to collect information on international students without their consent, was developed as a pilot program in 20 higher education institutions.

U.S. citizens are protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which states the “eligible student shall provide a signed and dated written consent before an educational agency or institution discloses personally identifiable information from the student’s education records.”

Previously, international students had assumed privacy rights under FERPA, Schmidt said. However, new immigration laws would create programs that would provide governmental agencies with background information without forcing the U.S. attorney general to obtain a subpoena.

The program will be implemented as the Student Exchange Visitor Program in December 2002, as a result of an anti-terrorism bill the Senate passed Thursday, Schmidt said.

Schmidt said INS will collect visa information from the Department of State, such as addresses, date of arrival, degree plans and credit hours, as well as any information on people who don’t show up for classes, change their major or drop out.

That information will be forwarded to the INS where it will be compiled into the SEVP database.

“We are not sure yet how this information will be used,” Schmidt said. “We’re working with schools and educators to outline the protocols of what information we’re looking for and what to do with it.”

Manochehr Dorraj, a Texas Christian University associate professor of political science who specializes in international politics, said the program could be misuse.

“The immigration office being able to track every international student is acceptable,” Dorraj said. “But an intrusive monitoring of their lives would be objectionable on the grounds of their civil liberties. I don’t like the idea of treating every international student as a terrorist, if that’s what it would entail.”

Dimitar Petrovski, a freshman business major from Sofia, Bulgaria, said the database will be a way to spy on international students.

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National Briefs

Civil rights artifacts sold in auction

DEARBORN, Mich. — The bus that Rosa Parks rode the day she refused to give up her seat to a white man was sold through an Internet auction to the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich. The museum purchased the 1946-model bus for $492,000.

The president of the museum, Steve Hamp, described the vehicle as the "most important artifact in the history of the civil rights movement."

There is some debate as to whether the bus is in fact the one that Parks rode on Dec. 5, 1955, the day she refused to give up her seat, because there was no bus number mentioned in the police report of the arrest. But the museum has said that experts have determined that the bus is the one in which the protest occurred.

The Henry Ford Museum plans to put the bus on permanent display after it has been restored. Parks is now 85 years old and in poor health. Her protest sparked a year-long boycott of Montgomery's public transit system, and led to a U.S. Supreme Court decision that forced Montgomery to desegregate their bus system.

— BIC News

FBI issues second terrorism warning

WASHINGTON — Monday, FBI officials issued another warning asking law enforcement and all Americans to be on highest alert possible for terrorist attacks this week. The warning is based on information that was cited as being credible, but was not specific to intended targets or methods.

Attorney General John Ashcroft requested that citizens report any suspicious activities, unusual circumstances or inappropriate behavior. President Bush has urged people to remain alert, but to continue to "go about their lives."

— Associated Press

Senate building to be gassed for anthrax

WASHINGTON — The Hart Senate office building, in which anthrax has been found, will be decontaminated over the course of 16 days. The Environmental Protection Agency has recommended that chlorine dioxide gas be pumped into the building through its ventilation system, and described the method as being "the most protective and least disruptive."

Fifty senators' offices are in the Hart building, including Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle's, D-S.D., and Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott's, R-Miss. Experts believe that the machines have been sealed off and that the rest of the building is safe.

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— Associated Press

15th case of anthrax confirmed

WASHINGTON — The 15th person to have a confirmed case of anthrax is a New Jersey woman whose name has not been released. She is the first victim to not have a connection to the mail service or the media. She does work at a business that is close to the Trenton-area Hamilton Township multi-processing center, which handled the anthrax-laced letters sent to Tom Daschle and Tom Toomey. The processing center has been shut down. She was successfully treated for the skin version of infection and was released from the hospital Sunday.

The New York Area Postal Union has filed a suit against the Postal Service, trying to force the closure of a processing and distribution center where four machines were found to have anthrax on them. The Postal Service has said that the machines have been sealed off and that the rest of the building is safe.

The anthrax found in the letter to Daschle has been reported as being stronger than that which was found in the letters to Toomey and the New York Post. President Bush has told reporters that the letter also contained a substance that the others did not — silica. Silica is used as drying agent in food and drug production and helps control caking and clumping in powdered products.

— Associated Press

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.

International Briefs

Israel

PALESTINE — Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben Eliezer said his forces will pull out of four more West Bank towns if the Palestinians guarantee security there. Troops have already pulled out of Bethlehem and Beit Jala.

The Israeli withdrawal came despite two shooting attacks by Palestinian militants on Sunday that killed five people in northern Israel. Israeli radio reported that the army was building up its forces around Jenin, the site of the latest anti-Israeli attacks.

The Israelis said the pull-out was a test case for withdrawals from four other towns they entered 10 days ago — Jenin, Qalqilya, Ramallah and Tulkarm. Further withdrawals could proceed whenever Palestinian forces will take responsibilities for the security there, Ben Eliezer said.

Israel first moved forces into the six Palestinian-run towns and cities in the West Bank on Oct. 17 in response to the assassination of Israeli Tourism Minister Rehavam Ze'evi. About 40 Palestinians have died since then and about $18 million in damages have been lost.

— BIC News

Europe

THE NETHERLANDS — Former President Slobodan Milosevic has engaged in a new verbal war at the war crimes tribunal in The Hague with the judge hearing his case.

Milosevic, refusing to enter a plea or obtain legal representation, has instead attacked The Hague, refusing to recognize the tribunal's legality, and continued shouting despite judge Richard May's attempts to override him. He was previously represented for the first time by a team of independent lawyers appointed on his behalf.

His previous lawyers have argued that the UN World Court should be asked to determine whether the international war crimes tribunal has the right to judge him.

Milosevic faces an amended indictment covering crimes against humanity in Kosovo and — for the first time — charges accusing him of war crimes in Croatia. Tribunal officials have also revealed that a third indictment, covering alleged genocide in Bosnia, will be formally announced next week.

— BIC News

Briefs compiled from various international news services by Mustang Daily managing editor Tori Walsh.

— Associated Press

CORRECTION: The Oct. 29 article, "War hits home for Poly student," should have read that Donald Hung was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and assigned as a Platoon Leader in San Diego with Alpha company 578 engineer battalions. He was selected as the aide to the assistant division commander of the 48th infantry division for the California Army National Guard.

He is currently assigned as the executive officer for Bravo 578 engineer battalion.

UPDATE: As Hung and his unit got ready to be deployed Friday, the battalion commander informed them that they had been asked to step down because they were no longer needed for the time being.

"I just remember looking out and all I could see were soldiers around the perimeter calling on their cell phones to tell their relatives that they didn't have to go," Hung said.

Hung explained that since his unit had already gone through the initial steps for deployment, they would probably be the first ones called into action if additional forces were needed.

CORRECTION: Yesterday's article about minorities by Stephen Curran identified Campus and Community Services as the publisher of the Black Community Handbook. The handbook was published by the Cal Poly Black Faculty and Staff Association.

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Taking aim at TERRORISM

Among the groups that he and the CSTI train are law enforcement officers, firefighters, military personnel emergency management coordinators, doctors/physicians, hospital personnel, and Red Cross workers. "Our job is to teach them all about terrorism from a historical, sociological, military and psychological perspective, and all of the ramifications within a one-week course," Lukin said. Training sessions include organizing and coordinating emergency personnel to form a coordinated response within their individual units. Fake disasters are set up so that emergency responders have a chance to gain practical experience, Lukin said. Terrorism training teaches emergency responders and authorities to recognize potential targets and suspects. Effective training in these areas makes it easier to identify terrorists. He

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"He is on the road a lot giving speeches on awareness," she said. "Through education, he really helps people to understand what happened. His job position heightens my awareness of recent events."

Lukin is also involved in training his own personnel, in addition to government personnel in proper and handling techniques to deal with the Anthrax scares. He has been teaching counter terrorism for more than 20 years and was called on by the Federal government to conduct research and training. For the last two years, Lukin has worked full time with the CSTI, prior to which, he consulted for over seven years.

In the 1960s and '70s, Lukin was a police officer and became involved with anti-terrorist operations. This is when he gained an interest in studying terrorism, he said. Lukin spent 30 years writing about and studying terrorism. For almost 22 years, Lukin taught terrorism, history, and counter terrorism for universities and other agencies. Lukin also taught a graduate school course about terrorism in the 20th century, a three-semester, 12-unit course at Portland State University.

In his field, the importance of a strong background in liberal arts, especially history, should not be underestimated, Lukin said. Military and law enforcement training, on the other hand, provides in the field experience that can't be replaced.

"The major message we want to hear is that knowledge helps combat panic and fear," Lukin said.

Gas masks have become such a big seller since the Sept. 11 attacks that local retailers of the masks, such as the Camp and Pack store on South Higuera, sold out of their stock of 100 in less than one month.
Opinion

Grads must execute job hunt without prejudice

[U-WIRE] LA JOLLA, Calif. — If you are a tech-obsessed appeasement in college who is thinking about a career, or if you are a recent graduate still hanging around school because you cannot find a job, then this article is written with you in mind.

Before I go any further, I would like to present some statistics. I cannot be a math person, and you might be bored by this proposition, but statistics go far in assisting the progress and analysis of a problem. So let's check some out and understand them.

According to The San Diego Union-Tribune, local unemployment was around 3.3 percent in June. Be kids that had not changed. Even after the Sept. 11 attacks, unemployment in San Diego was around 3.4 percent.

At this point, that sounds pretty ridiculous. The national unemployment rate is higher; 4.9 percent. Studies even show that people will take less pay just to live in San Diego.

In a recent Los Angeles Times article, writer Marc Bolland gave an example that may forecast rough times ahead.

A new Red Robin Gourmet Burgers restaurant owner in San Diego, O.C., collected more than 1,700 job applications. The owner, James Boudalis, said that college graduates stood in long lines with laid-off workers for only 16 openings, each offering pay between $6.50 and $9.50 per hour. Boudalis said it "Hey wowie, Toritures and the fear that is rampant..."

But that brings me to my main point: People cannot just keep complaining about not having a job and that finding one is so difficult. I am sick of hearing that.

There is no point in saving your dignity, my friends and fellow students. The Red Robin case was one of many that Bolland pointed out. Other restaurants and retail shops are experiencing the same thing. If all those people can pick it up and take lower pay in the meantime, so can you. Think of it as a temporary measure.

Cisco is laying off 4,000 employees. SUN Microsystems just slashed 4,000 people from its workforce. Agilent, Lucent and other tech companies are cutting jobs, too.

I know that many computer science and engi­neering students are dating each other, but a Alan Greenopoulos has said that the entire country will be hit hard.

How can I be so unselfish and uncaring! I am not. I have seen some of you folk through the last year of school with no planning. Sore, breaths and stains — sending out that resume once every two or three weeks does not cut it these days.

Letters to the editor

Recipe of the Week should not favor meat dishes

Editor,

I've been really disappointed by the Mustang Daily's "Recipe of the Week" feature. I enjoy cooking and trying new recipes, but I cannot use the Daily's recipes because they are meat-based food. I am a vegetarian, and I try to avoid dairy and egg products as well. Many students here are vegetarians or do not eat meat for religious reasons.

Although this week's recipe was for a huge hamburger, I was glad to see that Meredith Rogers' article, "Food and Politics," was next to it. It's about the time Cal Poly students became aware of the correlation between diet and health. I want to implore the community within private businesses, government agencies and dietary standards.

I would like to encourage students to try to incorporate more fruits and vegetables into their meals and snacks. I have learned the value of a plant-based diet by watching my father struggle through heart surgery and gall-stone removal. Both of his problems were very serious, and his doctors have made him cut out meat for his diet.

I must say that I am ever so grateful to the author for writing that. I took a small tour of the group he claims to represent. Throughout his experience, the logic fallacy remained unap­proachable.

His letter inspires me to reiterate my mes­sage. I mean no attack on homosexuality, as he suggests. In that sense, Ad Hominem need not apply. When the argument concerns personal considerations, it seems a fairly legitimate way of shifting the discussion elsewhere. Throughout his letters, Sullivan has done nothing to prove an argument or make a point. Time and time again, he uses fallacy and cited victory once they relented.

Rather than attack homosexuality, I intend to question the bond between Sullivan and the group he claims to represent. Throughout history, homosexuals have existed in countless forms. To anonymize personalities such as Richard the Lionhearted, John Maynard Keynes, Alexander the Great and Cesar Romero with Sullivan would be preposterous, as far as I can see. To equate all of Germany to the grotesque machina­tions of Adolf Hitler.

Since society began, groups have been associ­ated with their leadership. In this era, when homosexuals across the United States struggle for equality, their leaders must be cautious. I mean no attack on "he" and per se the logical fallacy serve no function in furthering their cause. It is far too easy for people to mistake the group for its members.

A.J. Asplund is a mathematics senior minor­ing in philosophy. Mike Sullivan has gone too far for making some blatant assumption that A.J. Asplund is now interested in a date with him. A.J. only point­ed out the obvious of his vigilant attack on people who do not hold the same views as he does. A.J. never said that things you say make you more attractive or popular. He is just stating the fact.

Mike Sullivan is a chemistry junior not interested in a date with him. A.J. only points out the obvious of his vigilant attack on people who do not hold the same views as he does. He simply stereotyped me, more or less.

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Deep distrust of government remains among many Americans

By Darryl Fears

WASHINGTON — During a forum in Washington on war and peace, Damu Smith said the United States "is wrong for bombing Afghanistan." He believes the Sept. 11 attacks on America were the result of misguided U.S. foreign policy. When he noted that Nelson Mandela was once considered a terrorist by a wrong-headed South African government, the audience of about 150 erupted in applause.

On the telephone from Los Angeles, Rudy Acuna said a similar thing. The people suffering in the U.S. bombardment, he said, "are not terrorists. I don't think the people suffering in Iraq are terrorists." If Martin Luther King Jr. were still around, Acuna said, "he would ask questions" about how the United States could bomb countries those.

In the weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, American trust in government hit a historic high. A Washington Post poll in September found that 64 percent of Americans trusted the government to do the right thing "most of the time" or "just about all the time," the highest figure since a poll conducted in A.

A Pew Research Center poll taken around the same time found that 90 percent of Americans supported President Bush's decision to bomb Afghanistan. Support among blacks, while not as strong, registered at 70 percent.

But Smith, a community and environmental activist, and Acuna, a former director of Chicano studies at California State University at Northridge, represent minorities whose thoughts on government run contrary to popular opinion. They are attorneys, former police officers, authors and intellectuals who deplore the terrorist attacks that left about 5,000 people dead.

They also have a deep distrust of government, rooted in history of government harassment, profiling, police brutality and internment experienced by their communities.

"I'm not justifying what happened on Sept. 11," said the Rev. Grayland Hagler, pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church here. "But it's clear that when Bush said if you're not with us, you're with the terrorists — when he said the war was on, the alleged terrorist sponsor Osama bin Laden — dead or alive, he was calling out the pose, and black people know the pose. They come by and get you in the middle of the night and kill you on the street."

Hagler and Smith recently sat on a panel of 12 black activists, lawyers, students, professors and law enforcement officials at a forum here called "A Black Community National Dialogue" at Howard University's School of Law. Others at school, think tanks and churches questioned U.S. domestic and foreign policy.

Stuart Kooh, an activist for the Asian Pacific American Legal Center in Los Angeles, said he, like everyone else, wanted justice for the attacks. "But we do have to live up to ideals as Americans," Kooh said. He cited a Sierra College Research Institute poll that said a third of New Yorkers favored internment camps for Arabs.

"Asian Americans have seen internment camps, the sceapging out of Koreans during the L.A. riots (in 1992) and the scapegoating of Chinese Americans during the Wen Ho Lee case."

"My agency doesn't engage in foreign policy issues," Kooh said. "But we can see the fear in our communities that people will take out their frustrations on people who look Middle Eastern.

"But other minorities do engage in foreign-policy issues, particularly Asian American support of President Bush. Several said the treatment of Palestinians in Israel reminds them of apartheid in South Africa and segregation in the United States.

"Growing up, I remember images of people in Israel with machine guns shooting at children who were throwing rocks at them," said Gabriel Gutierrez, director of the Center for the Study of the People of the Americas at California State University at Northridge. "If that's not terrorism, I don't know what it is."

The Rev. Osagae Oshah Sekou, a black poet and author, said he could remember when white mayors, police officers and residents terrorized black communities.

"As I recall, while growing up in Mississippi in the 1950s, there were no Arabs riding horses terrorizing black folks," Sekou said. "We have known terrorists in the community. I have been stopped on some dark roads in Mississippi, and just how that police officer who stopped me told me the way he did was terrifying."

Kooh also mentioned COINTELPRO, a FBI Counterintelligence Program that set out to erase organizations described as radical. "If King to the Black Panther Party were targets of the program's initiatives, illegal wiretaps and police raids."

Smith and Acuna pointed out that different. He's a man, he can be more nurturing." That genuine devotion to life and the craft of acting seem to be the essential elements here, and the fact that the paths of the Actors' Gang and Robbins have converged once more with "Mephisto" repays the openness and effort both the group and the man are driven to embrace.

"We've been able to put aside things that have made us uncomfortable in the past... in a way, we have gone into a laboratory, working in a way that is very challenging and frightening," Robbins said. "Our commitment is sincere. I'm having a great time. I'm lucky to be directing a play."
Tim Robbins directs local L.A. group in ‘Mephisto’

By Anthony Bromberg

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — Tim Robbins is an acclaimed Hollywood actor and director who has helped create more than his share of memorable films over the last decade. The next step in his ever-expanding career is to direct a play at the local theater ensemble he helped found 20 years ago.

That may not be the logical step that most of Hollywood’s stars would take, but for the University of California, Los Angeles, alum it is the obvious choice.

“I need to do it,” Robbins said. “I’ve been directing plays since I was 12 years old.”

His current project with the Actors’ Gang, which he co-founded and for which he is now on the board of directors, is directing the play “Mephisto,” a World War II-era play by Ariane Mnouchkine adapted from a Klaus Mann novel.

The story features a German actor who yields to the Nazis in order to save his career, and then has to justify to himself the morally reprehensible state he sees rampant in the world around him.

“This play’s about choices. And what responsibilities we have in the choices we make,” said Neil Bellamy, an actor in “Mephisto,” and longtime friend of Robbins, in a phone interview.

Robbins discovered the play while on a work trip in Paris. He read it and felt it was something that should be embraced. And since then, in light of recent developments in global politics, his selection has proved particularly relevant.

“I feel like Tim is somehow subconsciously connected to the pulse,” Cynthia Ettinger, who has performed with the Actors’ Gang on and off since 1983, said in a phone interview.

“It’s not only a reminder, but there’s certainly a mirror to look at,” Bellamy said.

The play runs concurrently with the Gang’s other project, Anton Chekhov’s “The Seagull,” directed by Robbins’ French mentor George Bigot. Both are being designed by Tony Award winner Richard Hoover and the Gang’s resident costume designer Ann Closs Farley.

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sea diving was not her forte, Harvey took a day trip to the Monterey Bay aquarium and bought reference books and photographs for a little inspiration.

Despite the mural’s positive influence for the hospital, the wall is only temporary and will be torn down in February, Harvey said.

“I am very upset that they are taking it down,” said Sara Brem, a 20-year-old patient. “It makes it more cheery and happy in here.”

Harvey painted the mural knowing that the wall was only temporary, but she said it has already done much for her. The hospital’s patient satisfaction committee asked her to paint a mural of a local mountain in a patient’s room and a visitor asked her to paint a mural in his restaurant, she said.

“This was a great chance to get publicity,” Harvey said. “It is a dream come true.”

Art has always been a hobby for Harvey and now it can be a career. But as much as she enjoys it, Harvey said she would never quit nursing.

“I know that every day I am helping people to feel warm and comfortable and assist them until they are asleep,” she said. “I can never stop doing that.”

RUMSFELD

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Cross facilities mistakenly have been hit twice. Last week, bombs landed outside a home for the elderly near the western city of Herat and in a residential neighborhood northwest of Kabul.

The Pentagon has acknowledged the errant strikes, although sometimes only after several days have passed. Its attempts to publicize the goals behind the U.S. strikes have been limited to brief statements by Rumsfeld and other officials during briefings and interviews and, in Afghanistan, to leaflets dropped from planes and broadcasts that break into regular Afghan radio programs.

Fundamentalist Taliban leaders, meanwhile, repeatedly have described carnage they say is the result of U.S. bombing. Images of the dead have filled television screens, radio broadcasts and newspaper reports in Egypt, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and other Islamic countries, where public support for the U.S.-led campaign against terrorism has been tenuous.

Indeed, Pakistan’s president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who supports the U.S.-led attacks, warned last week against “excessive collateral damage” to civilians — a concern also expressed by several other world leaders, including those of China and Malaysia.

Rumsfeld was joined Monday by Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who reported that the airstrikes on Sunday and used about 65 carrier-based aircraft.

Myers noted that the military targets were now considerably fewer in number and that the bombing was now focused on six areas, mostly in northern Afghanistan.

Earlier Monday, Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke told reporters that as many as 5,000 Taliban fighters were believed to have moved north, toward Afghanistan’s border with Tajikistan. Targets included the Taliban military’s armor and troop concentrations, she said, noting that the United States was trying to zero in on the Taliban’s complex system of cave hide-outs.

A Pentagon official who wished to remain anonymous said slow progress in the propaganda war is raising concern at the highest levels of government.

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Friday night’s volleyball game brought out new fans and a new incentive for victory in Matt Gym.

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