Fees bring up student concerns

By Olga Berdial
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A fee increase passed by the California State University Trustees will hit students living on a tight budget hard, a CSU student trustee said.

CSU student trustee Erene Thomas voted against the increase, saying she represents student interests on the board of trustees. Student trustees are appointed by the governor for two-year terms. The CSU trustees ultimately voted 13 to 3 in favor of a fee increase in lieu of funding service reductions.

“When we raise fees, we are affecting the accessibility of students to afford tuition,” she said. “Therefore we are not providing a service by adding fees.”

Cal Poly President Warren Baker addressed student concerns at the ASI Board of Directors meeting on Jan. 6 and said although there was a 10 percent increase in the number of undergraduate students, it negated two 5 percent reductions that went into effect during the 1998 and 1999 academic school years.

“If you see very little impact other than the $48 fee increase,” Baker said.

In fact, the increase will restore a fee that went into effect in 1997, said Lawrence Kelley, vice president of administration and finance at Cal Poly.

Yet, with more California budget cuts on the horizon, the university is preparing for even deeper cuts, Baker said.

“I’m worried about next year, because there is some uncertainty. Economic cycles come and go, and the faster this one goes, the better off we’ll be,” Warren Baker
Cal Poly President

Anti-aging technology topic of local speech

By Abbey Kingdon
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A seminar for health care professionals and the general public promises to reveal the secrets of Ponce de Leon and the fountain of youth.

William Wong, an exercise physiologist and naturopath from San Antonio, will speak at the San Luis Obispo Public Library Jan. 18 about the aging process and anti-aging technology.

“The Hollywood crew has been using something much like this in Botox for the last 25 years and paying a lot of money for it,” said Donald Adams, a nutritional counselor in San Luis Obispo. “New technology has made this affordable to the common man.”

The first of two sessions, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., addresses the issue of increasing longevity and managing chronic diseases. The second session, 2 to 4 p.m., covers tackle sports medicine.

“He speaks to a broad audience,” Adams said. “It is an interesting and dynamic program.”

Systemic enzymes and their effects on fibrosis and immunosuppression among other conditions are explained, according to a press release.

“The body functions totally by enzymes, and this seminar explains how to fine-tune their role,” Adams said.

Ailments that plague athletes and gym buffs, such as degeneration and inflammation, are on the seminar syllabus. Wong is scheduled to explain why U.S. sports medicine is 30 years behind the Europeans.

“Systemic enzyme research began in 1912 with John Beard, a Scottish physician, who experimented with feeding sheep pancreas to prevent pancreatic cancer patients,” Wong said in a taped lecture.

Until the 1930s, systemic enzyme therapy was forgotten, and now hardly anyone is familiar with the role of enzymes systemically

Events to celebrate MLK, diversity

By Jordan Schultz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

“I'm worried about next year, because there is some uncertainty. Economic cycles come and go, and the faster this one goes, the better off we’ll be.”

“Milton Luther King Jr. has never really gotten a lot of recognition on our campus,” said journalist senior Sierra Fish, student director coordinator for SCS. “We wanted to step up and create an opportunity for students to reflect on and commemorate his work.”

A planning committee met weekly to create a series of events that would cater to different people's interests, Fish said.

“Martín Luther King Jr. was a human being and a Christian,” Fish said. “He was not a political leader... He was a human being and a Christian.”

“People have more in common than they think sometimes.”

By Andy Fahey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly will eventually get a new information system that does not rely on the Social Security numbers as the main identifier. When it will happen remains to be seen.

“We know we want to do some new things,” said Thomas Zuur, registrar and director of the Office of Academic Records. “It’s too soon to say what approach we’re going to take to go there.”

The current information system was implemented in the late 1980s and it was last modified in 1990. Under this system, the Social Security number is the key that connects everything (including academic records, student accounts and financial aid) in the integrated system.

“They built all these programs around Social Security numbers so change to that, it’s going to be a really significant effort across campus,” said David Ross, director of application and information management for Information Technology Services.

California State University is currently under a system-wide implementation of PeopleSoft, a vendor whose student information system does not depend on Social Security numbers as the connecting key. New systems are already in place at California State University at Fresno and California State University at Sonoma, and California State University at Long Beach has plans to incorporate a new system around Social Security numbers to so change that, it’s going to be a really significant effort across campus,” said David Ross, director of application and information management for Information Technology Services.

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MONDAY
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TUESDAY
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Today's Sun
Rise: 6:11 a.m./Set: 5:14 p.m.

Today's Moon
Rises: 2:45 p.m./Sets: 4:54 a.m.

Today's Tides
Low: 1:25 a.m./-2.8 feet
High: 7:13 a.m./+1.2 feet
Low: 9:42 p.m./-0.5 feet
High: 12:53 a.m./+6.5 feet

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encourage dialogue, Fish said.
The Cal Poly Filipino Cultural Exchange club and Students for Social Change will host an event featuring a social justice speaker next Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, room 124.

Next Wednesday's events include a slideshow of Cal Poly art and design professor Sky Bergman's trip to Cambodia from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in building 52, room B03. The show will be followed by an open discussion focusing on issues such as globalization and the international political economy.

A fund-raiser to support Cal Poly's Multicultural Center will be held at Torilla Flats next Wednesday from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Industrial engineering sophomore Edgar Diaz, a director of Raise the Respect, said proceeds will be put into leadership retreats and outreach.

Next Thursday evening, Witt Week's keynote speaker, George Lipsitz, will address issues of culture and diversity from 6 to 9 p.m. at the business silo (building 3, room 213).

A senior project documentary focusing on diversity issues at Cal Poly will be screened next Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. in Yosemite Hall.

Witt Week will conclude next Saturday with MLK Service Day. SCS and Cal Poly Americorps have teamed up to recruit volunteers to assist in community activities.

Charlente Rosales, interim coordinator for SCS, said volunteers will be painting the inside of the Prado Day Center and possibly providing service at the AIDS memorial grove.

Rosales said students involved with the Multicultural Center and SCS have established a strong sense of wanting to inform the campus about important issues, and she would like to see them keep expanding on their objective.

"We want to continue to bring awareness to the campus community about different races, religious and social issues that not only affect us as a community, but also on a worldwide level," she said.

MLK and Witt Week Activities
1/16 - The March: 11 a.m. at Dexter Lawn
UU Hour: Speaker Terence Roberts, poets and opens mic in UU Plaza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
1/21 - A - WE A R N E S S Day: all day T-shirt making in UU Plaza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
1/22 - Sky Bergman Cambodia photo presentation: Bldg. 33, room 206 from 6 to 8 p.m.
1/23 - George Lipsitz will speak in bldg. 3, room 213 from 6 to 9 p.m.
1/24 - Jerry Burge: A video in Yosemite Hall from 6 to 9 p.m.
1/25 - MLK Service Day: Painting inside the Prado Day Center.

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(body wide), he said.

Adams is working with concepts similar to Wong's work, in generating positive results in pre- and post-surgery patients. Adams' interest in systemic enzymes developed after he used the product for a problem with fibrous growths on his feet.

"They were like calluses, and they disappeared shortly after he began taking the enzyme pills," Joan Adams said of her husband. "These methods increase healing time. I have seen interesting results I can quantify."

Wong has devoted 12 years to chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia, which is the natural aging process, according to a press release.

A book by Wong addressing anti-aging is scheduled for publication this summer.

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National Briefs

Blood banks issue urgent appeal for nationwide donations.

WASHINGTON — The nation's blood banks issued an urgent appeal for blood donations Tuesday, saying much of the country has less than a two-day supply on hand.

Some hospitals are postponing elective surgeries because blood supplies are so low, with less than a single day's supply in certain areas. Banks try to keep a five- to seven-day supply on hand.

In an unusual appeal, the nation's two main blood suppliers — the American Red Cross and America's Blood Centers — joined Tuesday to urge prompt donations. The Red Cross said that during the past two weeks, its blood supplies have dropped by nearly half, while more than 60 percent of America's Blood Centers' banks report supplies of two days or less.

January is a traditionally tight month. The American Association of Blood Banks, in announcing the joint appeal, said this January seems worse than usual, partly due to winter storms that clogged collections in some areas.

Music, technology groups agree on copyright plans

WASHINGTON — Hollywood and Silicon Valley closed Tuesday between leading music and technology companies aiming to protect copyrights on digital movies and music without new government involvement.

The unusual compromise, brokered among the music industry and some of the largest computer companies, lists seven "guiding principles" that the companies hope lawmakers will take into account in Congress developing future technology policies.

The agreement attempts to head off government intervention in the rising debate between Hollywood and Silicon Valley over what consumers can do with commercial music or movies they purchase.

Under the agreement, technology lobbyists will argue that record companies should be permitted to use hacker-style tactics to disrupt Internet downloads of pirated music and movies. They will caution that such tactics must not be destructive to networks or to a user's computer data, and must not violate a person's privacy.

They also will argue against efforts in Congress to amend copyright law to broaden the rights of consumers, such as explicitly permitting viewers to make backup copies of their share of digital water resources.

For years, California has used more than a share of Colorado River water because six other states were not using their full allotments.

Growing populations and a severe drought prompted the Interior Department to set a deadline for the California parties to create a plan to sell irrigation water to urban areas.

International Briefs

Venezuelan troops seize Caracas police weapons

CARACAS, Venezuela — Soldiers loyal to President Hugo Chavez seized riot gear — including submarine guns and shotguns — from Caracas' police department Tuesday in what the opposition mower called a deliberate effort to undermine him.

Federal interference in the capital's police department is one reason Venezuela's opposition has staged a strike — now in its 44th day — demanding early elections. Tuesday's strike saw already heated tensions in this polarized nation.

Greater Caracas Mayor Alfredo Peña said the weapons seizure stripped police of their ability to control street protests that have erupted almost daily since the strike began Dec. 2. Five people have died in strike-related demonstrations.

Strike leader Manuel Gana said opponents would "strengthen the struggle to topple" Chavez in response to the raids.

President Vicente Rangel and Vice President Rangel were part of an"effort to make policy answers for alleged abuses against Chavez demonstrations. The government accuses police of killing two Chavez supporters during astyle two weeks ago that involved Chavez followers, opponents and security forces.

Troops searched several police stations at dawn, confiscating submarine guns and 12-gauge shotguns used to fire rubber bullets and tear gas, said Carlos Torres, the Interior department's legal consultant.

Officials were allowed to keep their standard-issue .38-caliber pistols. It was not clear how long the seizure would last.

North Korea threatens new 'options' as China offers to mediate in crisis

SEUL, South Korea — China offered Tuesday to host talks between the United States and North Korea in a bid to end their standoff, and the North warned it was running out of patience with Washington, threatening to exercise undefined "options."

A vaguely worded statement from Pyongyang did not specify what those options it was considering, but suggested the isolation communist nation was prepared to escalate the crisis over its drive to develop nuclear weapons.

The White House welcomed diplomatic efforts but did not comment specifically on the China offer.

President Bush said Tuesday that nations in the region should "find together" a way to "bring about the North Koreans."

"We expect them to disarm — we expect them not to develop nuclear weapons. If the North does so, then Washington would consider new talks about food and energy aid to the impoverished nation.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly left for China after a warning South Korean officials that Washington would stick to diplomacy to seek a peaceful settlement to the crisis. While in Seoul, Kelly held a tense meeting with his North Korean counterparts to the North if it veritablv upfies itself in its nuclear ambitions. North Korea suffers an acute energy shortage.

Annan says pressure on Iraq can lead to disarmament without war

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Tuesday he was "optimistic and hopeful" that persistent pressure on Saddam Hussein over his disarmament without a war.

Annan said there is "no doubt" that U.S. pressure and the threat of force led to the return of U.N. weapons inspectors after four years. Egyptian and Arab nations are continuing to pressure Iraq to fill in its gaps in its 12,000-page weapons declarations, where many questions about its nuclear, chemical and biological programs remain unanswered, he said.

He said the United Nations is making contingency plans for a humanitarian operation in the event of a war and is holding preliminary discussions on a possible post-conflict political and administrative in Iraq.

Inspector resumed work on Nov. 22, two days after Iraq biological, chemical or nuclear weapons after a four-year absence.

Baghdad denies having any weapons programs, but the United States denies these claims and has begun a large military build-up near the country's border with Iran.

Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix said Monday that the United States must provide new evidence about its nuclear, chemical and biological programs or face international isolation.

Blix said the inspectors need months to finish searching Iraq for weapons of mass destruction, but they may not get the time if the Security Council decides to stop inspections.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily managing editor Malia Spencer.
Downtown carriage riders pony up confessions to Poly student driver

By Andrea Svoboda

It's Friday evening. My partner and I are driving through the busy downtown streets of San Luis Obispo. Everyone who sees us stops, smiles and waves; we are pretty well-known in these parts.

My name is Andrea Svoboda; I am a carriage driver and this is my story.

I became a driver for Noland's Carriage six months ago by way of an ad posted in Cal Poly's career center. I love working, but my coworkers don't ramble on about their lives, because they don't (talk) and you don't have to deal with the stresses of retail.

Unfortunately, the uniform is more practical than slumming. At least once a week, I waddle off to work in two pairs of underwear under my pants, a dress shirt hidden under two jackets, two pairs of socks and a bow tie. In trying to keep warm, I feel more like the over-clothed kid from the movie "A Christmas Story" than a college student going to work.

After I feel and clean up after Belle, Star, Granite or Dutch (depending if I am working at the Apple Farm or Madonna Inn), I harness and hitch them. Then off to work I go.

I'm a part of your life

A strange thing about being a driver is that I'm innumerable home videos and family photographs that aren't my own.

Once, a bulldog of 50 visitors approached me as I sat at my Perch to feed Belle and asked me to get on the back of her. I explained that it wasn't appropriate to ride on the back of a carriage, but they were so insistent that I gave them one to keep.

One couple spent an entire role of Polaroid film on themselves in the back of the carriage. They even gave me one to keep.

On another ride, there were four adults who sat in the back and a young, inquisitive boy who sat up front with me.

"What is that?" the boy asked, pointing to my whip.

"It is a whip, I tap her with it and use it only when I really need to," I said.

In all reality, Star would scarer to kick if you even attempted to use it.

"Oh," was the reply, but I could see the wheels turning in his head.

"So if you don't use it, then I can hold it?"

"No," I replied.

"Then I can tap her?"

"No," I insisted.

And I thought that he would be quiet and enjoy the ride for at least five minutes, but I was wrong.

"I'm just thinking of Star," he said.

"What is that?"

"Little boy," he replied.

Like every living being on this Earth, horses too go to the bathroom. It was at this exact moment that Star chose to do her business, which soon became the highlight of this boy's vacation.

"Wow, it's pooping!" the young boy squealed.

"Mom, look, the horse is pooping!" Trying hard to keep a straight face, I finally burst out laughing when he asked:

"Is she okay? Her poop is green but mine isn't."

For a carriage driver, it is all part of a day's work.

My little pony

When children go on rides, the phrase "kids say the darned things" describes most of my experiences.

On one ride a young girl no older than 4 years old turned to her mom and asked, "Are you even having fun?"

"Of course, why?" the mother replied.

"Because when you were young there was no such thing as cars so you went in carriages all the time."

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Opinion

Editor

The incorrect assumptions mentioned by the author ("Anti-SUV ads make incorrect assumptions about terrorism," Jan. 13) refer to the complete reliance upon oil that plagues our culture. In the U.S., government side flies foreign policy and explains our preoccupation in the Middle East. SUV’s exemplify this unnecessary addiction to fossil fuels. These latter ads are extremely blustery, they perpetuate the United States’ current dilemma.

The ads can be viewed online at http://www.thedetroitproject.com.

Michael Jones is an architecture senior.

Chicano needs often unmet, despite ranking

Editor

This is in response to Alecia Ratcliffe’s article on Cal Poly’s ranking as one of the top universities for Hispanics ("Poly one of top colleges, universities for Hispanics," Jan. 13). It is my utmost belief that this premise cannot be awarded until Cal Poly addresses several areas of concern.

First, Cal Poly is lacking in Chicano/a studies. Since one in three Chicano/a residents is Chicano/a, one would assume that a premier university (as Cal Poly boasts that it is) would offer a comprehensive Chicano studies program. Instead, Cal Poly simply offers a Chicano/a studies emphasis within the ethnic studies major.

Secondly, Cal Poly Associated Students Inc. promotes few cultural or entertainment venues for Chicano/a students. In the four years that I have attended Cal Poly, I cannot recall any event with a Chicano/a emphasis that was directly programmed by ASI. The Multicultural Center, the ethnic studies department and other groups have put on tokenistic events for the Chicano/a community. The fact remains that these groups must supplement the poor efforts on the part of Cal Poly to include Chicano/a students into the campus community.

Stephen Curran editor-in-chief

Mustang Daily

Squirrels rights need to be considered too

Editor

My name is Dustin Ballard and I am president of the Alibert Squadron Preservation Society. We are an international network of college students dedicated to promoting alibert squirrel rights worldwide. The reason I’m writing is because we feel that the alibert squirrel of California is very unfairly treated. We would desperately like to change this. We do not know the value of the tickets monetarily, appearing very grateful and buying them. We are asking that once in a while you follow our lead. If you sit behind us and let us know what you think, we’ll turn around and give you what you want.

You started your article by introducing that there has been widespread overclassification. This is another example of how the left hates capitalism. Capitalism allows individuals to pursue wealth through hard work. This is the American ideal—the American dream.

By Wabk Jones

Letters to the editor

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Editor

It must also be pointed out that San Luis Obispo has an invisible Chicano/a community of permanent residents in comparison to residents as a whole on campus. This community does exist but it is kept hidden. Cal Poly’s Chicano/a students must travel to Santa Maria for signs of a vibrant Chicano/a community. Since most students live off-campus, how can Cal Poly be judged one of the top universities without this community presence in San Luis Obispo? While Cal Poly’s ethnic diversity has increased over the years, it still has a long road to travel before it can be called the "home of multi­
colleges, universities for Hispanics."

Victor Roy is a crop science senior and president of M.C.H.A. de Cal Poly.

Writer gave himself undue credit for Militia

Editor, Justin Robinson ("Mustang Militia simply being enthusiastic," Jan. 13) is being a poseur. While I am always quick to acknowledge that he came up with the name "Mustang Militia" and submitted the idea that somebody should form a cheer­
group to succeed Running Thunder, he has not yet attended a single basketball game, and has definitely not bought on official T­shirts. In fact, during the only game Justin attended this year, a football game, Justin hardly cheered or got rowdy at all. (By the way, the "Duke Event"? You must have joined a different Militia, we don’t use codenames, last I checked.)

However, I must agree with his argument that most students who attend the games mainly go to socialize and get away from the noise. We see those who do come to games (we thank you for that), but it is not on the majority of students. We would be willing to let us know what you think, we’ll turn around and give you what you want.

See you Thursday.

Colin Bartolome is a computer science junior and the brains behind most of Mustang Militia’s signs and taut;

Left doesn’t want citizens to spend own money

Editor,

With Wabk’s recent tax plans making the headlines, we have been overwhelmed by those on the left criticizing the plan claim­
ing that it only benefits the rich. I think that we should all be aware of this. It is another example of how the left hates capi­
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By Wabk Jones

Letters to the editor

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Mustang Daily

Letters to the editor
Supreme Court examines Michigan admissions policy

(U-WIRE) KENT, Ohio - By next June, the Supreme Court will determine the constitutionality of the University of Michigan's affirmative action admissions policy. The issue is a direct result of a controversy over whether African American applicants have been treated unfairly.

The University of Michigan council of the NAACP, saying, "This is not to make sense is that there was no warning whatsoever. If the administration thinks that notifying stu­dents two days after finals week was warning enough, they should wait to see the reactions of the thousands of students who more than likely have absolutely no idea that they will receive a bill at the end of the month. Another question is why couldn't Cal Poly students just take the $48 out of the already paid tuition for students? Will students ever get a straight answer to where the money goes?"

The Cal Poly Web site offers many different ad­missions policies. Perhaps President Baker should have sent an e-mail to all of us simply stating the facts - the state is broke, the university promises that our money is being put to good use, but it is extremely unfortunate to learn because I am a senior, I will probably not even be around to see the results or reap the benefits.

The only positive thing I can find in this situa­tion is that those of us who are on our way out of Cal Poly will only be stuck with the increase for a couple more quarters, while the rest of Poly's students, discounting fresh­man who started with the fee increase, will have to come up with approximately $750 more a year. I can think of two words that appropriately define this situation: This sucks.

Megan Nowakowski is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

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The Bush administration is quite wealthy and derives the majority of its wealth from the exploitation of the labor of those in the townships. They paid them pennies a day, prohibited them from unionizing and offering benefits. The millions of unemployed gave the whites effective bargaining power against any worker with demands. "You want a rand more a day? There's plenty of hungry people waiting out­side for your job."

Now let's just up the scales. In 2003, there is a predominantly white country called the USA. It is surrounded by a huge moat and sharp immigration policies. It is patrolled by the most expensive military machine on the planet (it spends 40 times more the amount of money on this apparatus than it does on health care).

Let's just say it has a penchant for blowing up stuff (Guatemala, Chile, Vietnam and Iraq are a few of the many that would concord). This country is quite wealthy and derives the major­ity of its wealth from exploiting the labor of those in third world countries. At a free trade zone in Nicaragua, a woman named Rosa is being paid 40 cents an hour to sew the jeans many of us are wearing. And believe me, there are plenty of hungry people waiting outside to take her place.

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Key venue hearing begins for 17-year-old sniper suspect

By Matthew Barakat

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Prosecutors looking to bring a death penalty case against 17-year-old sniper suspect John Lee Malvo said Tuesday that fingerprints on the murder weapon and other evidence link him to three slayings and a fourth attack that left a man critically injured.

Prosecutor Robert F. Horan Jr. also said Malvo tried to extort more than $10 million from authorities in exchange for stopping last fall's shooting spree.

"All of this was an attempt to intimidate the government to pay in excess of $10 million for these defendants and this defendant in particular to stop the shooting," Horan said at a juvenile court hearing to determine whether Malvo should be tried as an adult and possibly face the death penalty.

The extortion allegation is a key element of a new Virginia anti-terrorism law that allows the death penalty for killers convicted of trying to intimidate the public or coerce government policy. Malvo is also charged under a law that allows the death penalty for a suspect who commits multiple murders.

The hearing will continue Wednesday. Even if the judge decides against Horan, the prosecutor has the option of obtaining a direct indictment from a grand jury.

Malvo and John Allen Muhammad, 42, are accused of killing 18 people, including five more in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., last year. They are being tried first in Virginia, and Malvo in Fairfax County, followed by Mueller in nearby Prince William County.

Authorities have previously said Malvo's prints were found on the Bushmaster rifle used in the killings.

Defense attorneys did not make an opening statement during the hearing, which included tearful testimony from a man who recalled the splatter of blood against his cheek as his wife, FBI analyst Linda Franklin, was gunned down Oct. 14.

Malvo, who at times rested his head on the desk where he sat with his counsel, faces two counts of capital murder in that slaying.

Horan said prosecutors will use fingerprints found on the rifle to link Malvo to four shootings: Franklin's Oct. 17 slaying in Montgomery County; Malvo in Prince William County, the Oct. 22 slaying of Montgomery County, Md., but killer Conrad Johnson and the Oct. 19 shooting of a man near an Ashland restaurant.

Horan said Malvo's fingerprints were on a package of raisins found at the scene of the Ashland shooting, not far from where police recovered a note from the snipers that warned: "Your children are not safe anywhere where at any time."

A second note, found near the scene of the bus driver's slaying, reportedly demanded $10 million, as did the note found in Ashland. As for the phone calls, Horan said they were made by Franklin to urge the Franklin slaying and the Ashland attack.

William Franklin fought back tears as he recounted his wife's death in the parking lot of a Home Depot store. The two had been putting packages into their car when Linda Franklin was slain.

"I heard a noise and felt something hit me on the side of my face," her husband testified. Though he did not know it at the time, he said, "it was her blood."

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Women's Basketball
Flamson named to All-American team

Senior defender Brooke Flamson was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA)/Adidas NCAA Division I All-America Team after being named the Big West Conference Defensive Player of the Year for the second time. She anchored a Mustang defense that led the Big West in allowing only 0.73 goals per game. This season, she scored three goals and recorded one assist. She started all 60 games she played in during her three years at Cal Poly.

She was joined on the All-West Region team by teammate Megan Stegner, Croteau and Collins.

Women's Soccer
Dooley named Athlete of the Week

Jennifer Dooley, Ventura, is a kinesiology major. Dooley was named Athlete of the Week against UC Riverside last week.

Senior defender Brooke Flamson was named to the NSCAA Women's Scholar West Region Third Team for their performance in the classroom and on the field.

Senior Desiree Stegner and Croteau and Collins were also named All-Big West Academic selections this past fall.