Duck and cover?

UPD: Poly should not worry

A Cal Poly students crouches under her desk protected by the duct tape that police and government officials have recommended for Americans' safety in case of a terrorist attack.

By Dale Quinn

A Cal Poly student has little reason to fear a terrorist attack on campus despite being considered a higher-risk target, a University Police Department official said Monday.

Colleges and universities are among the places considered "soft targets" by the FBI, UPD Capt. Bill Watton said. This means they have a greater likelihood of suffering a terrorist attack.

Colleges and universities are "soft targets" because of the ease in which a person can enter and exit a campus and because they host events that attract large groups of people. Watton contrasted Cal Poly with a nearby "hard target," Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, which has high security.

Despite the FBI's warning, Watton said Cal Poly is a safe environment. The university's distance from population centers makes it less desirable for a terrorist attack. However, maintaining security on campus presents some difficulties.

"It does create some challenges to be diligent and watchful of events that affect the large groups of people," Watton said. "It's not a masquerade, but it does create some challenges to be diligent and watchful of the situation, as well as to be diligent and watchful of events that affect large groups of people."
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what's going on," Watton said. "We must provide a safe environment without inhibiting academic studies.

While the police department is not taking specific action in response to the FBI's warning, they are maintaining heightened awareness.

Throughout the campus community, students exhibited little concern for the threat of terrorist attacks. Mathematics junior Wes Thompson said he never considered colleges and universities to be at risk.

"I would think they would focus on something that would hurt the country as a whole, not just the people in this community," he said.

While he is concerned about the FBI's warning, Thompson said it has little effect on his everyday activities.

Civil engineering sophomore Jeremy Johnson also said the threat of terrorism has had little effect on his daily life. He never considered San Luis Obispo to be at risk of attack.

"It's always a possibility, but it never crossed my mind that they'd attack a secluded area with nothing around us," he said. "If I lived in L.A., or a bigger city, I'd be more prone to think about it."

Johnsen's comments mirrored Watton's; terrorists would want to hit an area with a larger population, impacting as many people as possible and sending a message throughout the world, Watton said.

While some have reacted to the heightened terrorist alert by buying duct tape, plastic sheeting for windows, bottled water and flashlights, many of these items would be useful in the event of any emergency, specifically an earthquake or fire. These items should be kept on hand in every household, Watton said.

"Everyone should have a plan for earthquake and fire safety," he said. "If you don't, now is the time to make one."

People are also encouraged to make contact with friends or relatives outside California with whom they can stay in the event of an emergency.

The presence of nearby Diablo Nuclear Power Plant, while considered a possible site for a terrorist attack, can be beneficial in the event of an emergency, Watton said.

The city of San Luis Obispo has sirens and a warning system that can quickly alert citizens in the event of an emergency.

Students should not drastically change their lifestyles in response to the threat of terrorism, he said. However, they should stay safe and smart by remaining conscious of their surroundings.

**Broadway to Carnegie** - The Cal Poly Wind Orchestra will perform Saturday at 8 p.m. in Harman Hall in the PAC.
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The purpose of constructing a childcare center within Kabul University is to enable the women of Afghanistan to return to higher education. Insiders say more than 6 million schoolgirls are subject to federal income tax on their overall earnings, and have to pay various county taxes and fees. But Netherlands has no state income tax.

Inspired by ethnic studies professor Maliha Zulfacar's work in "Afghanistan and her history as a professor at Kabul University, Currier teamed up with 2001-2 Associated Students Inc. president Angie Hacker to begin organizing the grassroots effort. It's a great cause," Patel said. "If you have a child's heart here on campus and you want to make that opportunity available to these women, because education is so important." Women couldn't work or study under Taliban rule, and many have been left as widows and the sole caretakers of their children due to the country's violent history. "There are a lot of young mothers with young children, some of which are the only providers left in their families," Currier said. "The country really needs the benefit of educated women, as well as men, for the mass reconstruction that needs to take place in Afghanistan."

There is a great need for a safe and nurturing facility developmentally appropriate for Afghan children from infancy to age 7, Currier said. "Many of these children have known nothing but war," she said. "Playing outside is not a good idea, as most of us knew very little about," Currier said. "I hope that it will be a very enjoyable evening for anyone who goes," Currier said. "If it's what has happened so far, we are going to be able to say that Cal Poly did this for Kabul University. It's important for us to discover that by working together, people can accomplish concrete, valuable things. I think that's empowering.

Mustang Daily
Doll of unborn baby: creepy, not comforting

If the artist wants to create a baby for herself — fine. If she wants to sculpt a few for grieving friends — fine. But marketing these “portraits” as products on the Internet is overstepping far too many bounds of humanity.

Obviously, dressing satisfaction out of meeting with people’s moods. Just imagine a devastated mother carving a lifeless doll day after day, singing to it, calling “my sweet one,” tucking it into bed, buying it personalized premie clothing, Hoping that one day it might actually wake up and say, “Mama.”

Words aren’t needed: imagine the parents’ attention being turned upon that 2-year-old boy, his aw and suffering, but all energy is solely directed at this figment of their imagination.

Would anyone want to start such a business? The artist is very determined and clear about her reasons, however I find it disturbing to attempt to pocket $100 for the disturbing figures. She started out by making anatomically correct premie models for use by hospitals, then with her apparent success at making them look so real, she advanced to creating high-quality resin toys.

To see the models in hospitals, when a nervous mother is at the earliest stages of her pregnancy or when a woman is anxious worried in the straps for her pump to be over a real person, she needs to figure it out and have just surrendered to it. They are her fetish.

The conventional definition of the word fetish is “an abnormally obsessive involvement with something, which may become necessary for sexual gratification.” This didn’t strike me as very accurate. I don’t read men in uniform, I just pass them on the buses. I have a shockingly bad sense for extremes and extreme fixations like bondage, sadomasochism or foot fetishism, which got me hot because I felt disconnected from my Midwestern relatives. Army "unique and quirky" to "crazy and frightening." Well maybe I have, my friend, because I missed Europe and my time studying abroad. Last year, cowboys want to be. For a while, I was drawn to boys with delicate British features but we all have funny little things that lift our fire with使用網路.

I know what you’re thinking … that I’ve finally crossed the line from delightedly at all the Mustang Lily had to offer. Then, I happen to ast Thursday on campus, I was in my own private paradise. I was eating yogurt and ashes in the sun, reading my article and quacking slightly at all the Mustang Daily had to offer. Then, I happen to look toward Home Line and saw a group of people sprawled on the dewy grass, their faces contorted with mock-death. I assumed that thepentagrams at grade level they served in the Lighthouse had finally inflamed in one victim, but it was the De-In.

I watched as PSAs members slowly approached the laws, died a "blurry" death and collapsed in heaps, all in the name of anti-war protest. War is surely a terrible thing. No matter what the cause, whatever right­eousness you have on your side, live will be torn and this country will be made a little sadder. People on that lawn last Thursday had their own rea­sons for being there, and I had mine for supporting it. A war will risk our greatest natural resources: Hot Army gases.

They have an enchanting hypnotic effect over me. The sculpted biceps … the soft clink of the dog tags … knowing they can tie me up with no hope of escape … Ooo! It gives me the shakes!

They shouldn’t feel dirty or naughty (unless that’s your freaky thing!) but we all have funny little things that lift our fire withnatural text(7,10),(996,988).
Opinion

More letters to the editor

The conservative revolution' hurts America

Editor,

Jawor Stenkey cites the truthy reality TV shows we have been introduced to like "The Liberators" and "Dancing with the Stars" (Feb. 24). Let's start with who exactly is responsible for this type of television and why do we continue to contribute to a culture that seems to be void of substance? Children are NOT taught; they are fed, watered and put to bed. They learn how to understand the beliefs of others and their right or wrong. If they are right, they may be wrong, but just give them something to think about.

If someone of Islamic faith wrote in to state why they pray to Allah, would you cut them down? Would you show contempt to their beliefs and ridicule the Koran, just like Justin Fraga in his letter ("Christian groups need to stop school preaching," Feb. 28)? No, because we would immediately be accused of being prejudiced, bigoted and hateful. You would also be probably ridiculed for critiquing a non-believer who understands the beliefs we list in these letters. This is the exact same case with Christianity.

In the Bible (the book that Christians base their religion on), it explicitly states that if you are not Christian, you do not go to heaven. I'm not saying this is right or wrong, simply that it's what we believe. Rebecca Levine ("Religious scare tactics don't go far," Feb. 24) attacks this belief without even understanding where it stems from or the reasoning behind it. Before you try to slander the Christian faith, let me understand it. This is the same treatement that all other belief systems request. I also understand that some Christians are hypocritical, but so are members of all other religions. Do not judge us, just as you would not judge all American citizens by their lowest elements (criminals).

Erik Kistons is a computer engineering freshman.

Letter misrepresented Christians, groups

Editor,

This letter is in response to Justin Fraga's rash and malicious letter (Feb. 28). I have read many of your paper's letters and I can say with complete confidence that your letter is not reflective of the majority of Christians. You make the assumption that Christians are just as a whole, of the opinion that you are trying to convey. However, when the solution to this tyranny involves killing thousands of innocent people, the remaining truths are very hard to think about. To make a point that 100,000 Iraqi civilians were killed during the Gulf War, is misleading for many reasons. It is killing all the civilians. What many anti-war protesters are rallying for is a peaceful solution. It is possible and it can be done when our government doesn't target the civilians living under horrible situations, nor the nuclear weapons that still cannot be controlled. If these are the true concerns, our government should be a lot more worried about North Korea, which poses a much larger and more detrimental threat. It is about oil and greed.

Carolee Peck is an animal science senior.

Unnecessary war really about oil

Editor,

I am writing in response to Justin D. Kuchel's letter ("Liberal wrong about foreign policy," Feb. 24). I am a liberal who is very serious about this war. I do not agree that no person should live under tyranny. However, when the solution to this tyranny involves killing thousands of innocent people, the remaining truths are very hard to think about. To make a point that 100,000 Iraqi civilians were killed during the Gulf War, is misleading for many reasons. It is killing all the civilians. What many anti-war protesters are rallying for is a peaceful solution. It is possible and it can be done when our government doesn't target the civilians living under horrible situations, nor the nuclear weapons that still cannot be controlled. If these are the true concerns, our government should be a lot more worried about North Korea, which poses a much larger and more detrimental threat. It is about oil and greed.

Carolee Peck is an animal science senior.

War serves to protect American lives

Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to Daniel Nutting's letter titled "Bush policies anything but patriotic" (Feb. 20). Although I disagreed with almost everything he wrote, there was one thing he said in particular that bothered me. It was when he stated that (Bush) is using a phony war on terrorism as the prop. Phony War? Hmmm. I don't know where you were born, but I was in New York City, about five miles from the World Trade Center. I will never forget what I experienced that day. Just let me say it was anything but phony to me.

Many believe we should not be attacking the entire Middle East. I think most people were bright enough to know that these attacks meant the United States was still very much a part of what's so phony about this war? It is not true that the Taliban is out of power in Afghanistan? How about the eight men linked to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist group that were recently rounded up in Florida? Or the countless others terrorists in U.S. custody? None of them had intentions of harming Americans. It's about semantics and propaganda. All I have to say is thank God the Bush administration was able to track their every step and stop them from carrying out another attack. But then again, maybe that's what we all and the other liberals need to be, convinced that this war isn't so phony.

Cory Comstock is a social science sophomore who whits of liberal America.

Editor,

I think it's very ironic that anti-war advocates at Poly have chosen to draw chalk outlines of bodies all over campus. They are trying to make a point that a war will cause the loss of innocent men and women. I see the chalk outlines differently; they could one day represent the innocent Poly students that have died on campus due to terrorism and the recent attacks.

Iraqi is led by an evil leader who supports terror groups. Saddam is alluring and terror and target is the United States. Right now, U.S. citizens are at risk because Saddam is in power. War is an unfortunate thing; it will lead to the death of innocent Iraqi civilians. However, more than 3,000 American innocent civilians have already died because of terror. I support our president in his quest to protect American life. I wish war could be avoided, but support it as a means to protect American lives.

I urge you anti-war advocates to take a second look at the chalk outlines. If you argue to imagine an Iraqi citizen in Iraq dying, try imagining your best friend dying dead across the steps outside the faciltiy building.

Paul Mason is an electrical engineering freshman who supports the president in his quest to protect America.

Students should speak out, demonstrate

Editor,

I am very proud of the Progressive Student Alliance members who protested the recent oil price. I have been very concerned that while the president has put us into a mad and tragic race toward a preemptive strike, a bloody war and a staggering financial deficit, the majority of people most directly affected have already died or I haven't even thought about what's happening. Thank you for speaking out.

Jim Franklin is a Cal Poly photographer.

Protesting the disrespectful protest

Editor,

This is in response to the campxiut that was organized to promote "social change." I agree that hate crimes are criminal and immoral, and discrimination should never be tolerated. However, I am also of the opinion that campxiuts are meant for the deep woods, not my front yard. As a resident of a dorm hall directly across the street from where the campxiut took place, I am not the only one who feels that the protest was loud and disrespectful to those trying to study, sleep or enjoy a tasty serving of "friendship."

Mel Commesso, president of GLBU, said, "We're not trying to get any special attention." By pretending a genuine sign that read, "H.N.K. 4 SOCIAL CHANGE," they expressed to me that they are striving for attention. Can repeatedly beeped or laced on their horns while only a few people were there. The noise level and car horns aren't enough to keep you disturbed and lying awake at night, perhaps loud conversations and laughter could cause some disturbance.

To the next time I am harassed by a resident advisor for having my door open and my TV too loud after 10 p.m., I will simply explain that it's a protest for social change and I should get off your score sheet.

Garrett Kautz is an agrubusiness freshman.

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A search for a solution to their problem has begun. With the help of Risser, the multicultural Greek council found Kirklin & Co., a Midwest-based insurance company specializing in risk management for the Greek organizations.

Kirklin & Co. insures more than 46 chapters of the North American Interfraternity Conference, designing general liability insurance programs for various chapters. Gomez and the multicultural Greek council received a $5,000 cost estimate from Kirklin & Co. This has been the group's best prospect but is still more expensive than its members can afford, Gomez said.

The multicultural Greek council is now asking ASI, Student Life and Leadership and community sponsors for financial support to help pay for the $5,000 policy. Risser said the multicultural Greeks have two options. The first is for each fraternity and sorority to insure themselves individually, which would mean they each have to pay for an individual policy. The second option is to insure the governing multicultural Greek council as a whole with one policy. That policy would cover each fraternity and sorority within the council. Risser said both options have pros and cons. While insuring each individual chapter would be more expensive, insuring the council as a collective unit would also mean sharing liability. That means that if one fraternity's event had a problem, all of the multicultural fraternities and sororities would be held responsible.

"It's a tough decision of high cost or high risk," Risser said. Gomez said he is impressed by the initiative Cal Poly is taking on the issue.

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Inside Mustang

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The earliest tattoos in recorded history can be stopped liking a tattoo.

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"(Art’s) aesthetic and expressive qualities enable us to experience the true meaning of life," Bryson said. "Tattoos are just another mode of self-expression with aesthetic value, so of course a tattoo is a work of art."

Although she respects those who choose to have tattoos, she said she willed never get one. "I'm not the type of person who wants to just jump on the bandwagon," she said.

The body art-bearing crowd has gradually made the transition from tattooists in the category of "fine artist." According to Bryson, "Today, tattoos are gaining popularity, placing tattooists in the category of "fine artists.""
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She likes this tattoo, but said she wouldn’t get another one because she couldn’t think of anything else she wants bad enough to permanently put on her body.

While tattoos can be considered symbols, they don’t always start out that way. Some choose the design simply because they like it.

Juliana Cousins, speech communications junior, got her tattoo in March 2003. For her, the tattoo was almost like a rite of passage, she said. Many of her older friends had done something when they were away to college, so Cousins said she decided to get a decorative sun on the small of her back. She got it because she was of an age where she could start making her own decisions, leaving the house and venturing into adulthood.

“I think that it is more than a guy’s artwork on my back,” she said. “It is a visual way of expressing myself.”

She said she likes her tattoo and is considering getting another one. The tattoo has become a part of her, she said.

“Unlike jewelry, it is something that can never be taken away from me,” Cousins said.

Keith Duggan, a tattoo artist at Tige Rose in Pismo Beach, has been doing tattoos for the last five years. As a self-taught tattoo artist, he first learned techniques by practicing on his own skin. After that, he said he used his friends as guinea pigs before working professionally.

“Everyday you are learning something new from other tattoo artists and through different skin types,” Duggan said.

If you are considering getting a tattoo, they do not come cheap. Duggan said that some shops charge hourly fees with rates around $100 to $150, while others quote a set price for the entire tattoo. Duggan said certain parts of the body could possibly increase fees.

Although the shop brings in a constant flow of customers, Duggan said summer is busiest because of tourists. Some of the most popular tattoo requests include stars, tribal and Chinese characters, he said.

Many customers come in not knowing what they want. Duggan helps them decide by showing designs in books called “tats.”

Cindy regional planning senior Jake Smith was someone who didn’t know what kind of tattoo he wanted. All he knew was that he wanted one on his arm. It wasn’t until a couple of years later, after he joined a fraternity, that he became inspired. His tattoo is a series of six stars running lengthwise down the back of his right arm. The stars symbolize the six founding fathers of the fraternity, Smith said.

“I love it,” he said. “They’re addictive. I often think about getting another one.”

He said what he likes best is the originality of the tattoo, that it isn’t the standard tribal band.

Unlike a math equation, art has no set definition. It can be found in the most predictable places, such as The Sistine Chapel and an artist’s canvas, to the more obscure, like in a preschooler’s crayons and on your grandmother’s arm. Art is continually evolving. A particular tattoo design can go from unique to chic in just a few years.

Unlike a dated painting, body art cannot be put in the attic. Instead, they face the test of time.

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Match the tattoo with the student
"Guys and Dolls" is one of the biggest Cal Poly theater productions in recent years.

By Carly Haselhuhn
march 8 in the Fremont Theatre.

Eighty-six auditioned. Twenty-five proved they were a "triple threat"— that is, they showed equal talent for singing, dancing and acting — the works. Twelve hours of auditions. Decisions. Twenty-four hours of rehearsal a week. No pay — well not monetary anyway.

Malkin explained that the casting and rehearsal, with students plugging dance routine to memorize and perform. Malkin explained that the casting and rehearsal, with students plugging dance routine to memorize and perform.

Kathryn Stephens, deciding how the acts are to direct, commenting on her admiration for those directing Broadway shows.

This helps keep up the fantasy element of the show, something Marx calls a "Disneyland-like quality." "Even really intense musicals are far enough away from reality that they're just fun," he said. "Musicals are really good escapism."

Since the production is set in the late 1940s, she researched the styling of characters such as showgirls and gangsters, sewed new costumes and recycled old ones. Students from the theatre department's costume construction class will help change actors' multiple outfits backstage.

"It's a huge time commitment, but all have risen to the task," she said.

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Eric Johnson, left, as Benny and Ryan Ernst, as Nicely Nicely, made the cut to become cast members in "Guys and Dolls."

Of the 25-member cast, more than half came from the widest variety of majors Malkin has seen for any production, not just the theatre, music and dance departments.

Talent resides everywhere," she said.

And talented they must be. Malkin admits to balance the six nights a week, four hours a day schedule she sets up for rehearsals.

"It's a huge time commitment, but all have risen to the task," she said.

Some actors welcomed the practise schedule, while others weren't prepared for the lack of study time. "It takes over your life," said the arts senior Sarah Bukrnick, who plays Sarah Brown. "But I actually do the best academically and in school when I'm ridiculously busy."

Jamie Marx, a music senior playing Nathan Detroit, found himself dropping every class but one to fit backstage.

"It was hard because there was so much talent," she said, as compared to the lack of talent that often plagues directors.

November marked the start of casting and rehearsal, with students having to give up part of their winter break for practice.

"Musicals bring additional complexities," Malkin said. "It reaffirms how complex and challenging they are to direct," commenting on her admiration for those directing Broadway shows.
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schools and Lopez Continuation High School are part of Lucia Mar Unified School District, a non-blu-di area, Lucia Mar faces a possible $1.5 million to $2 million cut to its $70 million budget, much less drastic compared to the possible cut for San Luis Coastal schools, and district deputy superintendent Mike Sears.

Seems speculate that 15 employees will be let go and class sizes will increase by one student per class.

"We're certainly going to be able to cope with (the cut), but they hurt," he said. "There's no doubt about that."

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"Both Joseph Risser and (Director of Student Life) Ken Barclay are really pulling for us and trying to iron things out," Gomez said.

The future of the Cal Poly Multicultural Greek System is still unclear.

Some say they are confident a solution will be reached.

"This issue is a high priority to us," Barclay said. "I don't see the multicultural Greek system coming to an end. We are going to pursue every avenue possible."

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**MOTT MANIA**

Thursday, February 27, 2003

Bob Lowe talked about what a good crowd can do for a team. "Players feed off it," said Lowe, a Mustang assistant for two years. "As a coach, you don't want to have to depend on it but it does help, especially defensively, which helps fuel runs that can be intimidating and dis-

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"If every game was like Thursday's, I'd be there all the time running around with green volleyballs on my head cheering my head off," he said.

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**Sports**

The increased enthusiasm may help lead Cal Poly athletic teams to more success, but it also should make games more fun for students, political science senior Shane Armstrong said.

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**Sports**

Cal Poly Men's Basketball

**From fans to Maniacs**

By Sean Martin

Thousands of green-and-gold clad fans pound their feet and clip in unison. Chants of "De-Fense" form an impermeable wave of noise, vibrating the atmosphere of Mott Gym. A whipped ocean of foam sticks and homemade signs cause the opposing team to lose their poise.

There is a movement brewing on campus to bring this scenario to more and more Cal Poly home games. It is called Mott Mania.

"We wanted to kick off an idea for a spirit (association) where the whole student body is encompassed," associate athletic director of marketing Chris Baker said. "Once students step on campus they will be a member. It gives them a pack mentality (at games)."

The athletic department is working in conjunction with Cal Poly's existing spirit organization, Running Thunder, to make Mott Mania a reality.

"Running Thunder has gotten stuck with the stigma of being a club that you have to be a member and go to meetings to participate," Thunder president Travis Ervin said. "Our goal now is to start an organization for all students."

Mott Mania made its debut Feb. 20 at the men's basketball contest against UC Santa Barbara. The athletic department unleashed the Mania at that game because of the rivalry against the Gauchos, Baker said.

Baker called the game a "success," while Ervin tried to quantify how important the crowd was.

"It was the best thing I've ever seen at a game at Cal Poly," Ervin said. "The crowd was excited the whole time. People estimated the crowd made a difference of 12 points for (Cal Poly). Everyone in athletics was extremely grateful for the difference (the crowd) made. It's what we want to see at every game."

Mott Mania continues with tonight's men's basketball game against UC Irvine at 7 p.m. Another 500 T-shirts will be given out to students before that contest.

Baker said he hopes the program will continue to grow and extend to every athletic contest held on campus. He said it is not something that will happen overnight, but Mott Mania will continue to build.

He said shirt giveaways and pep rallies for the big games will continue to be a part of the program. Baker also said a possible points program is in the works, which would award repeat attenders of Cal Poly games.

There is currently a contest to give a name to the new student cheering section in Mott Gym. Baker said. The section was established at the game and open to those fans wearing the Mott Mania T-shirts given out that day. Ervin said he wants the winning name to be used to describe any Cal Poly student who cheers at any game.

The author of the name that is chosen will win a 32-inch television from the San Luis Chiques Best Buy. Baker said. Students can enter, Watching Thunder's Website, www.calpoly.edu/rtch.

Men's basketball assistant coach Eric Henderson/Mustang Daily

**Commentary**

**Blaming the referees isn't always justified**

By Michael Marquez

Abusing sports officials is no longer just for Dennis Rodman, John McEnroe, Roberto Alomar, Nick Van Exel, Magic Johnson, Jerry Sloan and Lou Pinella. Some Cal Poly Mustang fans verbally abusing the referees to such an extreme degree.

The typical hostility toward rival fans was still present, but I also watched a Mustang Militia fan hit the referee with a foam stick. This action crossed the line.

The referee wouldn't continue the progress of the game until the spectator was removed from Mott Gym. Obviously this type of behavior was out of line and the message is clear that this type of behavior will not be tolerated.

But before judging the individual for striking the referee, we must examine why fans attack referees for doing their job — making calls.

The recent trend of violent outbursts against sporting officials by fans and professional athletes has created the need to discuss how athletes, fans and officials should interact with each other in the heat of the game.

Are the fans and players totally at fault for their behavior toward the refs? And are the referees too sensitive about verbal criticism from the fans and players?

The first question is easy to answer: Fans or players should never make physical contact with officials. The official's responsibility is to observe the game and make judgments based on what he or she sees in accordance with the established rules of the sport.

The second question can be answered by saying officials need to lighten up on derogatory remarks made about them, their family or even their sex life. There are times when instead of arguing back with a player, fan or coach, an official should just walk away from an incident.

Violence in athletics stems from two factors: The referee's implementation of the rules and the fans' perception of the game. There is lack of incentive (money) to foster professionalism and maintain the integrity required in officiating. It's no secret that referees are not highly paid.

As a collegiate athlete and avid sports fan, the "blaming the ref for everything" mentality is simply a bad excuse for attempting to blame the outcome of a game on a official.

Of course, there are instances where an official affected the outcome, like the 1986 Major League Baseball playoffs, when a fan reached over the Yankee stadium right field fence to pull over "Derek Jeter's deep fly ball. The unpise wrongly called the play a home run, and it was a huge turning point in New York's series win over Baltimore. But instances like this are rare.

The fans and players need to realize that referees are not machines; they do make mistakes occasionally. Because human beings make mistakes, their decisions are subject to disagreement. Fans and players have a right to voice their opinions about a referee's performance during the game, but under no circumstance should physical contact become a factor.

There's a fine line between rating an official and crossing the line. We should all have an idea of what crossing the line is.