**incoming CSU students unprepared, numbers show**

By Courtney Witt  
**Mustang Daily Staff Writer**

After continuous attempts to prepare students for college-level work, many high school administrators and staff are falling short of the academic challenge, according to a California State University report.

Of students enrolling in CSUs during the last academic year, 54 percent demonstrated proficiency in reading and/or writing skills. The test results came from students who took the English Placement Test (EPT), an exam given to CSU freshmen before enrollment in their first term. It is designed to place students in appropriate classes that will help them succeed in college-level work.

Although this year’s overall test results were 3 percent higher than last year, a drop in reading and comprehension scores proved that students are not excelling in all areas, said Mary Kay Harrington, Writing Skills Program director.

“Comprehension is an important skill needed for every class that has assigned reading, not just English classes,” Harrington said. “It is even more important for many things we do on a daily basis.”

The remaining 46 percent who did not score high enough were placed in appropriate remedial courses.

Harrington attributes much of the fall in comprehension abilities to the constant stimulation many high school students are used to.

"Solitude is not something we treasure," Harrington said. “It seems like we are constantly looking for stimulation. These ideas do not encourage people to just take some time to sit and read which is a skill that is great...”

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**Crime, crowds mark Mardi Gras**

**Transient fatally stabbed Saturday; mobs swarm Cedar Creek Sunday**

By Andy Fahey  
**Mustang Daily Staff Writer**

A murder in downtown San Luis Obispo Saturday afternoon sparked off one of the busiest weekends for the San Luis Obispo Police Department in recent memory.

SUSPECT Robert Bowens, 40, a transient of San Luis Obispo, was arrested and charged with the murder of Keith Logan, Lagoon, a 39-year-old transient, who was last seen alive on Higuera Street. Bowens will likely be arraigned Tuesday, Miller said.

The homicide occurred about three and a half hours after a dispute on the same block of Nipomo Street. The altercation involved Bowens, Logan, Logan’s 39-year-old son Wesley and a woman whose name was not released.

An investigation revealed that Wesley had kicked Bowens in the head several times while he was on the ground. Wesley was arrested from the San Luis Obispo County Jail on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Police did not reveal any further information except that the investigation will continue.

The events of Friday afternoon did not affect how police dealt with the Mardi Gras tenorities, Miller said.

Police made 139 arrests and issued 75 citations during Mardi Gras weekend, between Friday and the early hours of Monday morning.

About three-fourths of the arrests were for drunkenness in public, said Sgt. Rocky Miller of SLOPD. Witnesses to the incident pointed Bowens out to police, who led to his arrest on Higuera Street. Bowens was likely be arraigned Tuesday, Miller said.

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University Police Department.

Although the party at Cedar Creek
was relatively tame compared with past
years, police said the complex did not
fail through with an out-of-court
agreement with the city.

There was supposed to be security
staff on hand who would only allow resi­
dents of the condo complex to enter the
complex. In addition, there were supposed
to be barricades set up to prevent out­
siders from wandering in, but that didn’t
occur Saturday night, Bryn said.

Other areas that drew special atten­
tion this weekend were the Kris Kar
apartments, the neighborhoods directly
around campus and a house at 71
Palomar Ave., formerly a fraternity
house. The parties in these areas attract­
ed an unusually large amount of foot
traffic around town and resulted in sev­
eral fights, broken car windows and other
incidents of vandalism, Blanke said.

Police also responded to a distur­
bance at The Graduate nightclub Saturday
night. Twenty officers and deputies were
sent to break up a fight that had gotten out of hand, Bryn said, and police were forced to deploy a pep­
per ball gun on a hostile crowd in the
camping lot.

Sunday afternoon’s parade, however,
occurred with relative calm. An estimated
crowd of 35,000 showed up for the parade,

The lack of crime behavior made for
less labor for the parade’s workers.

Interviewing skills learned during
recruitment

"When someone is able to express
themselfs and get across how they
want to present themselves, it’s
impressive,” Kupec said.

Clubs and other organizations
that students are involved in do pro­
vide opportunities, but not to the
same extent, he said.

"We have to be a leader and a rep­
resentative of our house 100 percent
of the time,” Fujisawa said.

"There were no problems, so it made
it a lot more fun for us,” said Matt
Ano, who worked security for the event
with his teammates from the Cal Poly
television team. “It was pretty cal­
"We should definitely have
a more successful parade.

Kupec said the leadership and
organizational skills she learned last
year as president of her sorority have
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"Although anything that you get
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science senior Kerensa Pearce said
being involved in the Greek system
might help, but it is not the only fac­
tor in being hired.

"The president isn’t the president
because he was Greek,” Pearce said.

"It takes a certain person to be in a
Greek,” Pearce said.

Business finance senior Laura Fuller
echoed Andre’s thoughts.

"It was definitely a lot tamer than
previous years, she said, “You could
actually walk through downtown. In
previous years, I felt that you couldn’t
even make your way through people.”

Police attributed the low number of
arrests and citations to a number of fac­
tors. Having the parade in the daytime,
along with the dance on the evening before as opposed to the evening as in
previous years, was the biggest differ­
ence, Bryn said.

Despite the parade-going being rela­tively well-behaved, more arrests were
made this year during Mardi Gras week­
end, 139, than during the same time in
2001, 120, of which 80 occurred dur­
ning the parade itself.

Shortly after Sunday’s parade, how­
ever, the arrests began to pile up in the
downtown bars and the areas nearby.

Between 4:00 p.m. and midnight 49
arrests were made, the majority of which
were alcohol related, Bryn said.

Still, the party scene seemed sub­
ger, Pearce said.

"It was a little crazier,” she said. "I
think some of the guys expected to
make use of their heads. But I don’t
think it was that much different (than
any other weekend).”

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In need.

Criteria for evaluating the scores
included clarity of thought, fluency,
carefull organization, development of
ideas and the use of clear and precise
language.

Some students had to learn these
skills through college classes and
these classes, as well as working while
writing and challenge our skills all the
time.”

Coming up this week

* American Marketing Association - The club
will host a Mardi Gras night at Tortilla Flats as a
fund-raiser. It will run from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30
a.m. tonight.

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National Briefs

Senator leader rejects much of GOP budget plan
SACRAMENTO — A key state Senator leader Monday rejected much of an alternative Republican plan offered last week, calling parts unreal­istic and liable to cause even greater financial damage to people who depend on state spending.

A group of Republican senators also unveiled a series of business­friendly bills to stop the "shameful­ly high" rate of job loss from California, including one to roll back higher worker comp­ensation benefits.

Sen. John Burton, D-San Francisco, the Senate's president pro­tem, said the GOP's plan to close a $35 billion budget shortfall without raising taxes is based on faulty rev­enue assumptions. Burton said legisla­tors would have to cut far more than the Republicans are suggesting, which would turn away thousands of college students and cause even greater harms to the state's millions of low-income residents.

The plan offered by the Senate's 15-member Republican minority accepts $20 billion in cuts proposed by Gov. Gray Davis, plus another 7 percent in cuts and two years of spending freezes to balance the bud­get without raising taxes. It also sug­gests rolling more than $8 billion in deficits for the next two years to cover the depth of budget cutting.

CIA, FBI dig through items from Osama's al-Qaida hideouts
WASHINGTON — A key state CIA expert Monday dug through piles of information Monday from the Pakistani home of alleged Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, searching for clues that new attacks might be imminent.

U.S. authorities also questioned Mohammed on Monday, seeking information about some houses and hideouts said by the al-Qaida terror net­work, a Pakistani intelligence offi­cial said.

Mohammed's exact whereabouts were unclear.

Mohammed had been plotting attacks against targets in the United States and Saudi Arabia in the weeks before his capture, U.S. counterterrorism officials contended.

Major airlines' performance continues to improve
WASHINGTON — The 10 biggest airlines arrived on time more often and canceled fewer flights in January than in December, continuing improve­ments that result from changes in air traffic control and a drop-off in passengers.

Flights on major airlines arrived within 15 minutes of schedule 84.9 percent of the time in January, up from 78.3 percent in December, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics reported Monday. The airlines' performance improved 4.6 percent from January to January.

Since early 2001, new air traffic procedures and changes in airline schedules to avoid delays resulted in continual improvement, said David Smullen, spokesman for the Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

"Our view is that we don't need to debate this very simple and straightforward resolution," the U.S. envoy said after discussing the date for the inspectors' briefing with Guinean U.N. ambassador, the council president for March. "We would expect a vote soon thereafter."

A U.S. official said "there is no current plan to vote" immediately after Friday's report. "All indica­tions are that the vote would be next week," the official said, speak­ing on condition of anonymity.

Rebel group: It won't negoti­ate with United States for release of American hostages
BOGOTA, Colombia — Colombia's largest rebel group said Monday it would negotiate with Colombia but not with the United States for the release of three Americans captured after their plane crashed.

The three were seized Feb. 13: A fourth American and a Colombian army sergeant on the plane were killed near the crash site.

The four Americans were work­ing for California Microwave Systems, a division of Northrop Grumman, which has a contract to work for the Pentagon in Colombia.

The United States has said that it had no intentions of negotiating with the rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, which is on the State Department's list of ter­rorist organizations.

"White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said President Bush began his day with a phone call to Colombian President Alvaro Uribe."

Twenty Guantanamo prisoner­smoves into new medium­security prison
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The U.S. military has moved 20 terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, into a new medium-security prison block, an American official said Monday.

The detainees were moved over the weekend to Camp 4 from an adjacent high-security prison where they were held in individual cells, said Lt. Col. Barry Johnson, a military spokesman.

He said the new camp, which is still under construction, offers rewards for cooperative prisoners including dormitories for communal living, more books, additional showers and recreation time.

Currently, those in the high­security prison may exercise twice a week for 15 minutes.

There are about 650 detainees from more than 40 countries at the U.S. naval base in eastern Cuba. All are accused of having links to Afghanistan's fallen Taliban regime or the al-Qaida terrorist network, though none have been formally charged.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily news editor Andra Coberly.

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News

Inspectors never noted flammable material at club

By Michael Weissenstein
Associated Press Writer

WEST WARWICK, R.I. — Inspectors never reported seeing the highly flammable and possibly illegal foam covering the walls of a night club when 98 people were killed in a fast-moving fire last month, according to documents released Monday that raise the possibility the inspections were botched.

The documents — more than 60 pages covering three years of inspections at The Station by town building and fire officials — do not mention the egg-crate packaging material employees say was installed as soundproofing in 2000.

Town Manager Wolfgang Buer1 could not say why the foam wasn't noted in the reports. "They either didn't see it or it wasn't there. Those are the two possibilities," Buer1 said.

Fire inspector Dennis Larocque and building inspector Stephen Murray did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

The club's stage manager and sound engineer, Paul Vanier, said the foam had been there since 2000. An attorney for one of the club's owners said they had no idea the material was dangerous.

"At no time were they ever told by anyone that this foam was not appropriate. I mean, they just didn't know it until that night, sadly," said Kathleen Hager, who represents co-owner Michael Denter1on.

The foam is believed to be a key part of the investigation into the Feb. 20 fire sparked by the pyrotechnics display of the band Great White. Plans called on soundproofing behind and above the stage and routed through the club in more minutes.

Pentagon: N. Korean fighter jets intercept U.S. spy plane

> First similar incident since the April 1969 killing of 31 Americans on surveillance plane

By Robert Burns
AP National Writer

WASHINGTON — Four armed North Korean fighter jets intercepted a U.S. reconnaissance plane over the Sea of Japan and one of the Korean jets used its radar in a manner that indicated it might attack, U.S. officials said Monday.

Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said it was the first such incident since April 1969 when a North Korean plane shot down a U.S. Navy E-C-121 surveillance plane, killing all 31 Americans aboard.

The closest the fighters came was about 50 feet, Davis said. He did not know whether there was any communication between the North Korean and American crews.

"At one point one of the fighters "locked on" to the U.S. plane with its fire-support radar, Davis said. This is an action that would indicate a possible intent to fire, although in this case there was no hostile fire.

The U.S. plane broke off its mission and returned to its home station at Kadena Air Base in Japan, Davis said.

The American plane is a highly specialized version of the RC-135 series of reconnaissance planes. This version, nicknamed "Cobra Ball," is loaded with electronic receivers and features large circular windows in the fuselage for the photography of foreign ballistic missile tests at long range. The intelligence equipment aboard includes multiple infrared telescopes.

The RC-135 planes are modified Boeing 707s.

The incident happened amid heightened tensions between the United States and North Korea. The two countries have no formal diplomatic relations, and North Korea frequently complains that joint U.S.-South Korean military exercises are a prelude to a U.S.-led invasion.

The U.S. Air Force routinely flies U-2 spy plane missions to monitor North Korea's military, including its nuclear facilities.

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**Story of gay man’s death opens in SLO**

**By Lexey Ree**

San Luis Obispo and Laramie, Wyo., are similar towns. Both are agrarian communities with a heavy male population and in both areas, the predominant race is white.

On Oct. 8, 1998, Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old openly gay college student at the University of Wyoming, was kidnapped from a bar, robbed, severely beaten and left tied to a fence in a remote area just outside Laramie. He died four days later from the injuries he sustained in the attack.

Shepard's death and the effect it had on the population of Laramie will be offered to San Luis Obispo in “The Laramie Project,” presented Feb. 28 through March 22 at the San Luis Obispo Little Theatre.

The play was initially conceived from the Tectonic Theatre Group, originating in New York and led by Moises Kaufman, who spent a year in Laramie conducting more than 200 interviews with residents. The result: A theatrical production that probes all ranges of the spectrum of emotion and opinion produced as both an HBO film and in smaller-scale theatre. The inspiration allows the viewer a chance to question his or her own values and beliefs.

Dir. Wendy Eidson

**Wendy Eidson**

Director, SLO Little Theatre

receives in their names in the program, the traditional curtain call is omitted.

“The play is about so much more than gay rights and a murder,” Eidson said. “It’s about how you really feel.”

Director Jeffrey S. Johnsen found himself intrigued with the play from the first mentions of it. Although his initial suggestion to produce the play in San Luis Obispo fell short, he was later informed that the city had earned the rights to the piece.

“I’m not your Neil Simon kind of guy,” Johnsen said. “If it’s a drama, then it had better make you think.”

Thought is the main provocation of the play. The presentation of a gamut of sentiments from the Laramie population allows the viewer a chance to question his or her own values and beliefs. One character, named Jedadiah Schulze, represents a college student who is unsure of his feelings on homosexuality and spends the play coming to terms with his decision.

Actor Greg Sellaré, who plays Jedadiah, describes himself as hailing from a venereal family and is glad for the opportunity to contribute to the production.

“I wanted to be involved in some way, shape or form and show support for our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters,” Sellaré said. “I wanted to be involved because this can happen anywhere; SLO is not exempt.”

Johnsen agreed that the communities are similar.

“San Luis Obispo is a community very much like Laramie, Wyo. They’re the same size, some political make up, and the gay and lesbian community are inside,” Johnsen said.

“What the violence did to the town and how tolerance was faced creates a political and personal climate that is timely right now.”

Due to recent discriminatory events the GLBU has been faced with, president Mel Commuso is concerned about the comparison of the two towns. Her organization will participate in one of four benefit nights made possible by the Growing Together Initiative funded by the San Luis Obispo Community Foundation. Other organizations include the AIDS Support Network, Gay and Lesbian Acceptance (GALA) and Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).

Tickets are available from the GLBU and at the San Luis Obispo Little Theater box office at 766-2440.

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- Brett Witzel

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North Korea not a threat to United States

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K, so in the past I've been trying to ignore North Korea like a Frenchman ignores diarrhea. People who live near it don't want to hear about it. The government-controlled media constantly releases statements like the following, it necessitates my response: "If the U.S. war hawks unleash another Korean war aggression, the army and people of the DPRK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) will mercilessly wipe out the aggressors and..." (CNN.com). Is anyone else tired of this besides me? Is anyone else sick of treating this screaming rat-ant with a real country? If you are, read on and allow me to explain why real Americans treat like the other big boys. Once you are capable of feeding, clothing or providing available incline on its military. The thing people forget is that "30 percent of nothing" is really "nothing minus 70 percent." The actual value of the "30 percent of available income" is estimated to be about $1 billion. Really, $1 billion! The American public spends an estimated $3 to $5 billion on Internet porn and the North Korea spends H billion on their entire armed forces. Yeah, I'm scared.

North Korea is setting up now because they feel America is distracted with Iraq right now and now is a great time to play up the extortion card. This is similar to how you wait until your older brother gets in trouble before you tell your parents that you were the one who started the quarrel, but that you were a "world Olivier," then we have our doors open to the "reminders" that plagues our everyday lives. How soon and think what would happen if we didn't have the armed forces? Our laws might actually resemble that of the demonstration. What about the war crimes of innocent victims of the World Trade Center and the Pentagons? I'm all in favor of peace, but by not going to war in the case, the ends most certainly do not justify the means.

Kurt Fredland is a mechanical engineering freshman.

Gays should be proactive in fight for equal rights

Editor,

In response to Truby Barton's letter, "Acceptance by others is overrated" (Feb. 26), I would like to make a few comments. How do you know people in the GLBU choose to live that way? How do you know anyone is necessarily gay or lesbian? You know what Truby, I bet your ass that they are not. Because you called Barbara Boxer a "Bigotous left-wing nut job." (What? This only happened to me?)

North Korea's military is comprised of mainly 1950s and '60s-era Soviet technology. They do have a few friends in Iraq as well as other places in the Middle East. However, it seems a little late for these areas. It does mean to be more expensive to build up this country now, but these rappers and speakers are missing the point. Just as we all pay taxes to support our local police, we pay taxes to build up a strategic military. You know what Truby, I bet your ass if we come into your home and destroy your property without calling the police is "Dubitably. That's why they are there, to protect and serve." Just as we have law enforcement, we have the armed forces to keep us safe; nationally, the two are connected. How could you call on any country? The fact is that we don't have this option.

You mention, in your letter you tell people not to care about acceptance because "God judges us in the end." Maybe or he does - I don't know and I don't really care, but should we really turn the other cheek when the people treat us unfairly? Seriously, why did blacks fight for civil rights in the 1960's? They should have accepted the discrimination from many whites and turned blindly to their brothers and sisters who were being lynched. Or, as you say, "Maybe you still need to re-evaluate why that person's opinion bothers you so much." Yeah, you're right again! Blacks should have evaluated the color of their skin which was instead teaching for equality. As well, the people in the GLBU should evaluate the sexuality they were born with, of demanding equal rights. Overall, Truby, it makes me sad to hear about your lack of empathy and selfish nature.

Joshua Kob is a political science sophomore.

Government does its best to protect citizens

Editor,

In her article Feb. 26, "(Not enough duct tape in the world to fix peace of mind)," Lisa Newman complains about the ambiguity of the terror alert system and is upset about the vagueness of information on security measures. I propose an alternative. Each time the government gets information on a terrorist attack, they tell the public exactly when they get the info and what the attack is going to be. Then they put on the Internet detailed descriptions of security measures being taken.

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Oil industry not to blame for possible war

I'm ready to get to the bottom of this. The pro-war, anti-war movements have invaded my life. Some days, in fact, does it feel like there are two politically opposed bedrooms; one is decorated with roses from the sons of a Chevrons, while the other is garnished with hards, drooling for access to Iraq's rich oil fields. But giants like Exxon-Mobil, BP and Chevron-Texaco are focusing its energy on ptsitheads?

Norman Osborn, chief information officer for finances, human resources and the corporate environment, said that the United States import from the Middle East. Industry analysts, giants like Exxon-Mobil, BP and Chevron-Texaco are good for the oil fields in Iraq, not for anything else.

This impending war could be, the U.S. government would control the oil fields in Iraq, not for the oil, but for the good old fashioned market system would prevent this, as each industry.

Consider that some of the largest oil companies in the world are not in the U.S., there is no threat of a U.S. oil industry monopoly on Iraq. For example, Osborn said, BP has headquarters in London. The oil industry does not support the war on Iraq. War does not benefit the oil industry because the oil they are selling and the money the government gets from it. Osborn said.

The oil they are selling and the money they are getting is toward preparation for a war against the U.S., not the Iraqi people.

No one is going to make billions of dollars on Iraqi oil — more proof that the oil industry is not really as bonded to Bush as the public perceives it to be.

Letters to the editor

Hoping campaign finance reform eventually passes

Editor,

I am glad Mustang Daily finally ran a story about ASI campaign finance reform. I went in a letter to the editor about a few weeks ago. It is great how the Election Reform Committee will be conducting further research. I just wonder what took so long to get to that point.

It is pretty clear ASI President Jake Parnell is not a fan of the reform. "I'm glad that nothing happened," Parnell said. "There are still too many 'yes to cross and 'no to do before making a decision on this." In response to Jake's quote, I would like to ask why there are still too many 'yes to cross and 'no to do? Jake being appointed as chair of the committee to look into this last year has a lot to do with it. When a committee never meets, it is hard to accomplish anything. He is helping push things in the direction he wants them to be. The Chair of the Board, Luke Parnell (yes, it is Jake's brother), should have done a better job of encouraging board members to more thoroughly research proposals. My frustration stems from the fact that research which could have been done last year and even early this year.

Hopefully, eventually, someday in the future, campaign reform will happen. I just hope the research doesn't get put off again this year.

Wendy Martin is an environmental engineering graduate student.

Find President Baker, win $20

Editor,

This is a proposal and a challenge to all Cal Poly students. Like several students, we know of the failed legend of the existence of President Warren Baker, who, like the Loch Ness Monster, has been seen by few, rumored by many. Keeping this in mind, here is the challenge, what we like to call "Where's Warren?" (after the popular book of our generation, "Where's Waldo?:")

The first one to find the (first) current Cal Poly student who takes a picture of President Warren Baker on campus (an actual photograph, not a photocopy from a book or a printout from the Internet) and send it in to us, along with a name (the picture alone would be quite a feat for any Cal Poly student), will receive $20, no other strings attached. Also e-mail your address to us at wereswarren@calpoly.edu.

Animal science junior Jake Olson and English junior Erin Bernard really need a hobby.

Americans too apathetic to the rest of world

Editor,

I am tired of all the anti-war protests around school. This Utopian crap about keeping the peace is garbage. If people actually cared about innocent African lives, why are protests only starting when American money and American lives are at stake? I did not hear any sentiment toward the lives of Iraqis when they were slowly dying due to American sanctions. For those of you who forgot or just don't know, we have already been bombing Iraq this year, and last, and the year before that. Where were the protests then?

I love being an American; where else can you live in excess and get away with it? I love having all the leisure of hand led to me and not caring about where it comes from, I wouldn't have any other way. And I admit that. I will not sleep any less if we do or don't go to war. I will not sleep any less if a bunch of people get bombed in Iraq who have nothing to do with the war. Will you say that you haven't been lost in this war? If you say that, the war will end tomorrow, and people worry about African lives will feel better. We can all live in excess.

Robert Ly is a computer science sophomore.

Pot should be the least of administration's worries

With America tensely poised against the possibility of war, the Bush administration has announced that it has identified a new threat to American citizens. Web sites selling bongs, roach clips and rolling papers.

How can our terror alert be with the government focusing its energy on ptsitheads?

Law enforcement officials said the Justice Department decided to open a multi-agency undercover operation after a recent case in Pittsburgh brought out the depth of the problem.

The action, called Operation Pipe Dreams, was the federal government's bold attempt yet to close Web sites that sell drug paraphernalia. Eleven drug Web sites have been indicted for allegedly selling illegal devices, including bongs and "holograms for marijuana cigarettes."

Ziegler said that federal law makes it a crime to sell drug paraphernalia.

Veronis, director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, said it was ridiculous for the Justice Department to be indicting bong-sellers when the United States has been on high terror alert status.

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The defense of law enforcement agencies looking for illegal drug paraphernalia, reporters covering the story or people who just have trouble spelling on the Google.

Ethan Nadelmann, executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, a New York group that favors liberalizing drug laws and legalizing marijuana, is it a wasteful and tragic use of resources.

The operation was a news conference by officials from the DEA and the White House, said the ease with which young people could get their hands on drug paraphernalia would be strengthening the price of drugs and on the administration.

Young people can readily get their hands on much worse things than bongs, Mont. Aschcroft. And pot smokers who well proven that all you need to smoke pot is a cinch, it can be acquired with little or no effort applied.

For potheads who are not deterred, they are resourceful. We can all live in excess and get away with it. We can all live in excess and get away with it.

William Retz is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.
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Of the 26 students that submitted applications, 17 were chosen for personal interviews and 14 finalists will receive $400 each at the reception. Major criteria considered in awarding the honorees were the written comments on the application (including educational plans and career goals), financial need, involvement in activities and organizations and presentation in the personal interviews.

"Many of the students chosen have excellent GPAs and are highly involved in the community, their colleges and campus activities," Polinsky said. The students receiving the honorary money will not be the only people honored at the reception.

Community members who volunteer their time to read textbooks and record their voices on tape and administration, faculty and staff will also be honored.

"This part of the reception will honor those that have gone the extra mile to help us help students with disabilities," Welmer said.

Ann Fryer, assistant director of DRC, commented on how much dedication some of the volunteers have to the program.

"Some of them have been reading textbooks on tape for up to 17 years," Fryer said.

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UCLA is ranked second in the league behind Cal Poly, and is the only team to have beaten them this season. Not only did the Cal Poly team beat the Bruins Saturday, but they got the goal differential.

The Mustangs beat the Bruins by a larger margin than UCLA previously beat them, so goal differential is one of the statistics that could give Cal Poly an automatic bid to nationals, team member Lindsay Kanewischer said.

The team is not quite in the clear yet, though. They must remain undefeated in order to retain their lead if UCLA is victorious in the rest of their league games.

"We just have to keep focus, because last year UCLA beat us and we beat them, but they lost to a couple of other teams that they probably shouldn't have," Kanewischer said. "We have to take care of things through unbeaten so that we're in the best possible spot to go to St. Louis."

At halftime Cal Poly was ahead 5-4. But in the second half, Cal Poly put the pressure on and kept the ball on the Bruins' side of the field. After a few close shots, Bridget Mulhern increased the Mustang lead with goal number six. Later, Ashley Kiersted whipped around the back of the goal and scored Poly's seventh goal. Lia Mejia then assisted Lauren Chao's goal, who scored, making them 2-0.

"The biggest issue is the money," Kanewischer said. "There are budget cuts all over the place, and I don't think that the athletic department is very willing to take in another team."

Right now the team is self-funded, with some help from Associated Students Inc. The women plan trips, lodging and other events on their own.

"We've been talking with the athletic department, but, in terms of Title IX, we're in compliance," Lawicki said. "If they take a women's team they have to take a men's team, so we're next that's slated to go to NCAAs."

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Team president

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After junior Nightshieder Chelsea Stoufer was up to her tricks again in the same game, leading the Mustang assault with three hits and two RBIs, including a single in the sixth inning that broke a 3-1 tie. With the bases loaded, Stoufer singled to left field, driving in sopho­more leftfielder Amy Nieves.

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On the draw after UCLA made its fifth goal, Mejia said the women did not lose their composure but, in terms of Title IX, we're in compliance," Lawicki said.

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Notebook

Women's Lacrosse

Mustangs pummel Rhode Island 16-4 in offensive show

The Cal Poly women's lacrosse team soundly defeated the Rhode Island Flyers Friday night by a score of 16-4.

The reigning national champions started off slow, but took control after halftime with a series of back-to-back goals out of the draw. "We didn't get to practice this whole week because of being rain and we haven't had the field space, so I think we did pretty well considering we only had one or two practices," said team member Kim Lutz.

By halftime, Poly was up 5-2. Shannon Keane-Miller set the tone for the second half, shooting goal number six less than a minute into the half. Right off the draw, Megan Dietz passed to Associated Students Inc. Rec Sports' pre-season club player of the year Ashley Kiersted, who scored Poly's eighth goal. Seconds later Kiersted scored again, bringing the score to 9-2 Cal Poly.

"We played a little slow tonight," assistant coach Matt Lawicki said. "But once we got the fundamentals down, everything started clicking."

Rhode Island managed to score twice more before Bridget Mulhern scored twice in Saturday's victory.

"It was what we've been looking for the rest of the season," said team member Lauren Chae. "We're very confident that we can beat the rest of the teams in the league, so once we got past this, we're confident that we're going to Saint Louis."

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Leaving no doubt

By Alina Neacy

The Cal Poly women's lacrosse team all but secured its spot in the national championships Saturday, with an 11-5 win over UCLA.

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Cal Poly Softball

Strong defensive play helped lead the Mustangs to a sweep of Saint Mary's Saturday.

By Steve Hill

The Cal Poly softball team started the Mardi Gras festivities early Saturday afternoon, stringing together back-to-back comebacks to sweep a doubleheader from Saint Mary's College.

Cal Poly took the first game, 9-5 behind the strength of a Chelsea Stoufer three-run home run and a six-run inning. Senior first baseman Holly Ballard went 2-for-4 with two RBIs in the game, while sophomore pitcher Eva Nelson pitched six innings for the win.

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