Crime, crowds mark Mardi Gras

Transient fatally stabbed Saturday; mobs swarm Cedar Creek Sunday

By Andy Fasby
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 Bowles, 40, a transient of San Luis Obispo, was arrested and charged with the murder of Kenneth Davis Lagana, also a transient, was 73 years old.

Police responded to a report of a stabbing on the 1000 block of Nipomo Street in downtown San Luis Obispo at about 3:40 p.m. On arrival, they found Lagana lying on the sidewalk with chest wounds. He was taken to Sierra Vista Hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

An autopsy was scheduled to be performed Monday, said Sgt. Rocky Miller of SLOPD.

Witnesses to the incident pointed Bowles out to police, who led to his arrest on Higuera Street. Bowles 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 Bowles, Lagana, Lagana's 39-year-old son Wesley and a woman whose name was not released.

An investigation revealed that Wesley had kicked Bowles in the head several times while he was on the ground, Wesley was arrested and booked into 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 tents, 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 Rob Byrn, neighborhood services manager in SLOPD's operations division.

Thirteen of those arrested are Cal Poly students.

One of the most problematic areas in town during the weekend was the Cedar Creek condominium complex. More than 20 officers and deputies were at the scene for four to five hours. An estimated crowd of 1,200 people gathered there Saturday night, and many experienced the typical Mardi Gras behavior: Heavy drinking and flashing in exchange for beaded necklaces.

In the wake of the party, two people suffered head injuries. One fell from a balcony while the other was assaulted. Two officers were also struck with bottles that were apparently thrown at them when they were guiding EMS personnel to an injured person, said Capt. Dan Blanks of SLOPD. The officers were not injured.

Though the party was wild, it was "not as bad as anticipated," said Cmdr. Bill Watton of the SLOPD.

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Study: Greeks 'get their feet in the door'

By Olga Berdial
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

"When someone is able to express themselves and get across how they want to present themselves, it's impressive.," Rona Kupec, member of Alpha Chi Omega

Kupec noted that many women from the Cal Poly chapter have found jobs from connections made on the club site.

"They can get your foot in the door, but they don't get you the job," Fujisawa said. "You have to have skills just like everyone else."

Alpha Phi member and political science major

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Incoming CSU students unprepared, numbers show

By Courtne 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 comprehensive 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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DRC honors students, community members

By Courtney Witt
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Disabled Resource Center (DRC) Annual Awards Reception will take place this Thursday to allocate a portion of the $5,600 donated to student recipients with disabilities.

The Honorarium Committee was put together to choose 14 of the 26 applicants to receive $400 each.

The committee members were chosen from different departments to guarantee no partiality to the applicants. said Ellen Polinsky, chair of the Honorarium Committee.

The Honorarium Committee was comprised of math professor Harvey Greenwald, Luan McDonald, Federal Work-study and Scholarships Program manager, and Polinsky.

Polinsky said she was thankful for the change to give something back to the students.

"It's easy on a day-to-day basis to forget what incredible students we have at this university," Polinsky said. "Especially the students served by DRC.

Many of the students who will receive money have disabilities that keep them from making extra money through part-time jobs like many students, said Donna Weltmer, support services coordinator.

"The recipients can choose to spend the money how they want to," Weltmer said. "Whether that is on anything from books to fees is completely up to them."
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University Police Department.

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Other areas that drew special attention this weekend were the Kappa Kappa Gamma apartments, the neighborhoods directly around campus and a house at 71 Palomar Ave., formerly a fraternity house. The parties in these areas attracted an unusually large amount of foot traffic around town and resulted in several fights, broken car windows and other occurrences of vandalism, Blanke said.

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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."

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Shortly after Sunday's parade, however, the arrests began to pile up in the downtown bars and the area nearby. Between 4:20 p.m. and midnight 49 arrests were made, the majority of which were alcohol related, Bryn said.

Still, the parade scene seemed subdued. It was "a little crazier," she said. "I think some of the guys expected to make use of their beer. But I don't think it was that much different (than any other weekend)."

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"I might have had a little bit of an advantage because I attended a private school, but I really did feel prepared for college," Orr said. "My teachers came up with new ways to write and challenge our skills all the time."

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National Briefs

Senate leader rejects much of GOP budget plan

SACRAMENTO — A key state Senate 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 business-friendly bills to stop the "hemorrhaging of jobs" from California, including one to roll back higher worker compensation benefits.

Sen. John Burton, D-San Francisco, the Senate's president pro tempore, said the GOP's plan to close a $35 billion budget shortfall without raising taxes is based on faulty revenue assumptions. Burton said legislation would have to cut far more than the Republicans are suggesting, which could 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 $50 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 ease the depth of budget cutting.

CIA, FBI dig through items from Mohammad's hideout

WASHINGTON — FBI and CIA experts dug through piles of information Monday from the Pakistani home of alleged Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, searching for clues that new strikes might be imminent.

U.S. authorities also questioned Mohammed on Monday, seeking information about his hideouts and buddies used 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 contend.

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 Snelly, spokesman for the Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

Storms in February may change that, said David Stempel, president of the Air Travelers Association.

"Weather is usually the factor that causes delays," he said.

Bankrupt carrier United Airlines had the best on-time performance and canceled the fewest flights of all the major airlines for the second month in a row.

Stempel said it's too soon to tell whether new security procedures are reducing the number of mishandled bags.

In January, the airlines reported a 7.7 percent decrease since December in the number of reports of lost, damaged, delayed or pilfered luggage.

International Briefs

U.S. expects vote on resolution to authorize war in Iraq 'quite soon'

UNITED NATIONS — A vote on a new U.N. resolution authorizing force against Iraq will likely come next week, after the chief weapons inspectors address the deeply divided Security Council, U.S. officials said Monday.

U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said the United States expects a vote on its resolution "quite soon" after Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei update the council Friday on Iraq's cooperation in eliminating its nuclear, chemical, biological and long-range missile programs.

"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 Giuine's U.N. ambassador, the council president for March.

"We would expect a vote quite 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 prisoners moved into new medium-security 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 high-security 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.
Inspectors never noted flammable material at club

By Michael Weissentzhou
Associated Press Writer

WEST WARWICK, R.I. — Inspectors never reported seeing the highly flammable and possibly illegal foam covering the walls of a nightclub where 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 foam covering the walls of 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 Hagerrr, who represents co-owner Michael Detersen.

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 for soundproofing behind and above the stage and roared through the club in mere minutes.

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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 Military 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 Navy EF-111A electronic-warfare aircraft, killing all 31 Americans on board.

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 pilots.

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 scopes.

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 regularly flies U-2 spy-plane missions to monitor North Korea’s military, including its nuclear facilities.

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In Kennedy Library, taking a trip without taking a trip

By Meghan Nowakowski

A test, suitcase and road maps may not be sources of inspiration for most people, but two photographers have turned their road trip across America into a work of art.

Alison Chadwick and Julie Bredderman have created an exhibition titled "GO AWOL," of their adventure, which will be featured in the Photo Option Gallery in the Kennedy Library this week.

The show is named after the military acronym for "absent without leave," something both artists said they were doing. Chadwick and Bredderman's pictures reflect the diverse subject matter found along this country's highways.

"Our pictures are of a ton of different things," Chadwick said. "They range from street signs, to basic things we saw on the road, to us after a night in New Orleans." Photos will not be the only interesting part of the artists' display. Open suitcases, pitched tents and ice coolers filled with food will also be part of their exhibit.

"We are trying to create an environment so when people come, they feel like we were on the trip," Bredderman said.

Photo Option Gallery director Jann LaPointe said the gallery enables photographers students to display their work, without the common waiting lists and other obstacles they may run into at other galleries.

"I think the gallery is so popular because it is an easy place for students to get their artwork shown," LaPointe said. "In other places throughout San Luis Obispo, there can be a waiting list of up to a year."

LaPointe, an art and design senior, also thinks that the gallery fills a cultural void on campus.

"There is a lot of artwork created on the Cal Poly campus, but most people don't get to see it," she said.

"The Photo Option Gallery is a great place for people to see what is being done." Photography senior Austin Goldin agrees.

"Art is a reflection of the culture which is creating it," he said. "So the work that is shown is a reflection of what can be on students' minds."

The gallery has been attracting students, professors and even people from out of town.

"One of the students that had his work in the gallery actually got an e-mail from a man in San Clemente that wanted to purchase one of his pieces," Chadwick said.

Liberal arts senior Lisa Wilson said she enjoys visiting the gallery whenever she needs a study break.

"It is a motivator because as an art student, the whole point of expressing yourself is getting people to hear what you have to say," Goldin said. "You get a chance to show classmates what is on your mind. For me, the photo gallery is a great opportunity to present my work in a format that is pretty professional, and anyone can see it."

LaPointe and Goldin will have a collaborative show, debuting Monday, at the Photo Option Gallery. Admission is free.

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Photo Option Gallery director

Crystal Myers/West Coast Daily

Artist Julie Bredderman snapped this self portrait somewhere in Canyon Country. This image and many others from her trip are fodder for "Go Awol," currently on exhibit at the Photo Option Gallery.

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Story of gay man’s death opens in SLO

By Lesley Reo

San Luis Obispo and Laramie, Wyo., are similar towns. Both are serving life imprisonment for their robberies, severely beaten and left tied up. 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 up in a fence in a remote area just outside of Laramie. He died four days later from the injuries he sustained in the attack.

Two assistants admitted their motivations were anti-gay and are serving life imprisonment for their crime.

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 from Feb. 28 through March 22 at the San Luis Obispo Little Theater.

The play was initially inceptioned 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 theatrical production.

“The play runs kind of like a news story with emotion,” said Wendy Eidson, executive director of San Luis Obispo Little Theater. “It gives every aspect of the situation and doesn’t tell you what to think.”

The play, which contains 36 cast members, is “not a typical theater show,” according to Eidson. It’s been no similarities to high school productions such as “Grease” and “Oklahoma!” There are no musical numbers, minimalist costumes, many characters, a single set and a less conventional plot structure. The only publicity the cast received is 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 passed an 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.”

Thoughts 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 Schultz, represents a college student who is unsure of his feelings on homosexuality and spends the play coming to terms with his decision.

Actor Greg Sellars, 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,” Sellars said. “I wanted to be involved because this can happen anywhere; SLO is not exempt.”

Johnson 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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North Korea not a threat to United States

You are the leader of North Korea. You have not earned the right to play with or be treated like the other big boys. Once you are capable of feeding, clothing, providing shelter for your own people, and then only after you have a functioning, honest government controlled media capable of honestly reporting its government's lies, then we'll talk. Everyone is concerned because North Korea spends an estimated 30 percent of its available income on its military. The thing people forget is that "30 percent of nothing" is 0 percent. The North Korean economy is stagnating. Calling North Korea's economy stagnant is being far too generous (they are a threat, just not a critical one). North Korea is acting up now because they are looking for leverage. Maybe he or she 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 civil wars for civil rights in the 1960s? They should have accepted the discrimination from many whites and turned their backs on their fellow citizens. This might be a shocker to you but you aren't going to get this and you're going to be the ones who write in so let me explain.

John Holbous is a political science Junior and Mustang Daily columnist.

North Korea not a threat to United States

Letters to the editor

Opinion

Editor, Daily

Every day in the middle of signs, rallies and lectures for all, for peace and justice, there have been a few friends in Iraq as well as other places in the Middle East. However, it seems a little late for these places. I do mean to be polite with this creation but these rallies and speakers are missing the point. Just as we all pay taxes to support our local police, we pay taxes to support the armed forces. North Korea will eventually come into your home and destroy your property without calling the police. The United Nations. That's why they are there, to "protect and serve." Just as we have low enforcement, we have the armed forces to keep us safe, nationally. North Korea is not a massive threat to the United States and I hope that it will never happen. 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 Fredlund is a mechanical engineering freshman.

Gays should be proactive in fight for equal rights

Editor,

In response to Trilby 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 chose to live that way? How do you know being gay or lesbian is so "ax ill" in our society that anyone even a gay or lesbian is not a genetic trait? You know what Trilby, I think this is a case of the ends not justifying the means. What about the victims of innocent victims of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon? 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.

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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"), Laura 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 gives information on a terror attack, they tell the public exactly where they got the info and what the attack is going to be. Then they post on the Internet detailed descriptions of security measures being taken. I really should not have to connect the dots here, but I will.

This would result in: Dead informants, information leaks disappearing and attacks that are planned around our security measures.

Behind the scenes, the government is doing its best to protect us and its efforts are not always obvious. I almost feel bad that some people feel threatened by this system, which does seem rather trivial, is the best thing they can share with you. They tell you that they got new information, how credible it is and to be on your lookouts. The purpose of this is to get people to lookout for themselves and their fellow citizens. This might be a shocker to you but you aren't going to get this and you're going to be the ones who write in so let me explain.

Kevin Scheidel is an electrical engineering senior who makes duct tape origami.

Christians called by God to share their religion

Editor,

I feel that many people are focusing too much on the actions of Christians and not enough on God. Christians are not the best representatives for God, but Muslims have the desire to model their lives according to God's character. So before busing your views into a national stereotype and what you hear from others on the Christian faith seek out God for yourself.

The staple aircraft in their fighter fleets are the MIG-17 and the MIG-21. That being said, you aren't going to get this and you're going to be the ones who write in so let me explain.

Stephen J.Chee is a civil engineering senior.

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Opinion

Letter to the editor

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John Holbous is a political science Junior and Mustang Daily columnist.
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 even suggest that oil trades between two politically opposed businesspersons; one is decorated with roses from the son of a Cheyenne. This is the issue of the other. Victory. No matter who wins, the oil will be there, because the United States import from are Nigeria, Angola, and Venezuela and pays world market prices for the oil. As an attack against the idea of war with Iraq, blame is placed on the oil industry. But oil companies do not support an attack on Iraq and the devastation that would follow for the Iraqi people.

Pot should be the least of administration's worries

W ith America poised therefore against the possible war option phrases. Everything and everyone is terrorism - which targets the Middle East. Industry in the United States, in fact, does not depend upon Iraqi oil, but rather on all the world. The United States, in fact, does not depend upon Iraqi oil, but rather on all the world. In the oil refinery business, margins are

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.

In response to Jake's quote, I would just like to ask why are there still too many 't's to cross and 'i's to dot? 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 and doesn't have to be in the room. 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 could have been done last year and earlier 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 fabled 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").

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DRC
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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 honorarium 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," Weltmer 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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SPORTS
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UCLA is ranked second in the league behind Cal Poly, and is the only team to have beaten them this sea­
son. 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 trademarks that could give Cal Poly an automatic bid to nationals, team member Lindsey 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

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toward all season. We're confident that we can beat the rest of the teams in the league, so once we get past this, we're confident that we're going to St. Louis for nationals." - Lauren Chase

Women's lacrosse team member

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 getting through undefeated 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. Liz Mejia then assisted Lauren Chase's goal, who scored, making the score 8-4.

"We built this team from nothing, so this is amaz­ing. Give us two years, and we can easily be better than Cal, better than Stanford. We'll definitely be con­tenders." - Lindsey Kanewischer

Team president

The team has won the national championships for the last two years, and the chances look good for this year. With their record, the question of whether the club team should join the NCAA has been raised.

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

For now, the women are happy with the reputation they've earned within the lacrosse world.

"We're not NCAA, but we get a lot of respect from teams that are," Kanewischer said. "We've built such a good program at the club level, we're always in the lacrosse magazines and Web sites, so people back East know who we are." Team members say that the prospects look good for this team in the future.

"We built this team up from nothing, so this is amaz­ing," Kanewischer said. "Give us two years, and we can easily be better than Cal, better than Stanford. We'll definitely be contenders." - Roni Sparrey

second baseman

After junior rightfielder Chelsea Sparrey found herself at home plate in the same play trying to score from second base, Saint Mary's pitcher Kim Miller tried throwing behind Cal Poly's Roni Sparrey at second base. The ball got away, allowing Sparrey to score on the error and giving Cal Poly the lead for good at 5-3.

Pitcher Cassie Vanderbeek delivered a strong effort for the Mustangs, striking out five and scattering five hits for the complete game victory.

The pair of wins put the Mustangs at an even 12-12 for the season. Cal Poly had not won a game since Lisa Boyer saw the team's combined 23 hits in the two games as a strong building block for the rest of the season, as well as the rest of the season.

"To put that kind of offensive spark together, and the comeback in both games, definitely those are two big wins for us and gives us some serious momentum," Boyer said. "I think every time we take the field we're getting bet­ter." - Lisa Boyer

Cal Poly coach

Guels' main threat to only a walk. "The first at bat (Williams) kind of struggled with the changeup, and that's huge," Vanderbeek said. "If they can't hit the changeup, that's what I feel confident that I can get them throughout the game."
Sports

Cal Poly Women's Lacrosse

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 in been raining 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 Luyle.

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 Kiested, who scored Poly's eighth goal. Seconds later Kiested scored again, bringing the score to 9-2 Cal Poly.

"We played a little slow tonight," assistant coach Matt Lawicki said. "But once we get the fundamentals down, everything started clicking." Rhode Island managed to score twice more before Bridget Mulhern scored twice in Saturday's victory.

Although this attempt was denied, Cal Poly's Bridget Mulhern scored twice in Saturday's victory.

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.

"This is what we've been looking forward to all season," team member Lauren Chase said. "We're very confident that we can beat the rest of the teams in the league, so once we get past this, we're confident that we're going to St. Louis." see LACROSSE, page 11

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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TRIVIA

What is Woody Harrison's name in the movie "White Men Can't Jump"?

Submit answers to: jljackso@calpoly.edu

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Did you know? Sports on other college campuses

- Montana State University's biggest fans are known as "Hairy Back Guy." He goes to all the games with his shirt off, and he has "M-S-U" shaved into his back.

- At Rhode Island, the dorms overlook the football field, and students grill and watch games from the roof.


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