Local students take law into their hands

By Andy Fahey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Three local college freshmen took the law into their own hands last Tuesday and it nearly cost them their lives when a teenager flashed a gun.

The incident occurred at the Shell gas station on Santa Rosa Street about an hour after Cuesta College freshman Matt Cauley found out his 2003 Chevy Duramax pickup truck was stolen from his residence on Henderson Avenue. He had left his keys in the vehicle after returning from the store.

Cauley and his roommates, John Tamez and Jordan Wyrick, also Cuesta College freshmen, tracked down the two suspects who had stolen the $50,000 truck along with an additional unidentified person and yelled at them to vacate the pickup. After forcefully removing the 17-year-old driver from the vehicle, 19-year-old Casey Langhout pulled out a Colt .45-caliber revolver and pointed it at Cauley and Tamez.

"I had what seemed to be a lot of time to think about what I would have to do if she didn't pull the trigger," Tamez said.

Langhout, however, did pull the trigger but the gun wasn't loaded. A loaded magazine was later found in his front pocket.

"Once he pulled the trigger and it went 'click,' you could see that he was scared and he kind of panicked," Tamez said. "He walked away, trying to hide the gun like he shouldn't have done it. After that, it was on. He pulled the trigger on me. He intended to kill me or scare the shit out of me so I was going to do the same."

Upon hearing Tamez yell "Gun," Wyrick, who had been dealing with the driver, got up and rushed around the rear of the truck toward Langhout.

"If anybody goes down, it's going to be me instead of my friends," Wyrick said.

When the shot did not go off, Tamez and Wyrick took advantage of the situation.

"Me and John just did what we had to do to get the gun away from him," Wyrick said.

Cauley, Tamez and Wyrick maintained control over the suspects until officers from the San Luis Obispo Police Department arrived and took the suspects into custody.

"We didn't think it was time to go to far where we had to do anything with them or he was going to pull the gun," Tamez said. "It just went a step further where we had to take action."

Cauley reported his 1 1/2-month-old truck stolen at about 8:30 p.m. and shortly after called see THEFT, page 2

Program emphasizes art in schools

By Meghan Nowakowski
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly Crop Science Department has teamed up with three agricultural corporations to create internships that pay $6,000 a year.

"The best part is, you don't even have to leave campus," said Robert McNeil, who works as the internships coordinator and supervisor.

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These companies really like Cal Poly's learn-by-doing program," McNeil said. "They would obviously like to keep that going. They really like to hire our students; in fact, they say that Cal Poly is the first university in California that they come to because they like to hire our graduates."

Before being able to apply for the internship, students must first complete a list of prerequisites, including FRSC 131 or 230, and they have to have completed a full year with the department's enterprise project.

"By the time they are able to apply for these internships, they are pretty prepared," McNeil said. "After working on the enterprise projects and taking the proper courses, those who receive these positions are ready for them."

Students hold the internships for an entire year and are paid by the hour. They must remain in town during all school breaks, including summer.

"Because it is such a time commitment, we do not have a huge volume of applicants, but it is growing," McNeil said.

First-year student Colleen Dettling is currently working as the intern for Paramount Citrus. Dettling heard about the internship through McNeil, and began working about two months ago. Dettling is writing her thesis on Sanum Mandarins, and

wanted the internship for the experience.

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Poly aggies get down, dirty

By Emily Laubacher
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Mission Avocado intern Shannon Gledhill works in the fields.

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A group of Cal Poly students and professors want to prove that art education is one part of the budget that needs to stay.

A Cal Poly Arts Education Outreach Program, designed to put art education back into elementary schools, has received national recognition for its efforts to combat the necessity of art education in a student's well-rounded education.

"Our purpose is to put art into classrooms and show that it's a discipline worth knowing about," said Deborah Spitafare, an artist and school coordinator for the San Luis Obispo County Arts Council.

The California Arts Council Demonstration Project is the outreach program that has been selected to be part of the Arts Education Partnership, a national coalition of arts, education, business, philanthropic and government organizations that demonstrate and promote the value of the arts in learning and development in children.

The program, headed by Susan Daffy and Kathleen Fried of the liberal studies department, allows six resident artists to teach 22 hours of visual arts to students in the Lucia Mar Unified School District. It is a three-year program that assesses the influence of arts on academic achievements of 818 students from third to fifth grade.

"Because of the legislation像 Proposition 13, California has had three generations of teachers with little art education," Daffy said. "We need to understand that arts education is just as important as reading, science and math."

The project began in fall 2001, with third-grade students receiving 28 supplemental visual arts lessons. The idea behind the project is that after a year's worth of special instruction, the third-grade teachers will be able to teach this year's incoming students what they learned last year, Spitafare said.

"Student confidence levels have boosted and students with learning disabilities are responding positively to arts in the classroom," Daffy said.
Compost production practices, along with weed and insect management, are a couple of the many issues to be covered in a new general education course available spring quarter.

Organic Agriculture (AG 315) fulfills the Area F requirement and will include hands-on activities, discussion of growing and management techniques, regulations, market trends and sustainable agriculture.

The course was offered experimentally in spring 2001 and will be added to the course catalogue when it comes out again in June, said crop science and horticulture professor John Phillips. Phillips will also teach the course.

Along with Phillips, guest lecturers will teach about half the classes in areas such as the organic certification process. One of the reasons the course was added is the growing rate of organic agriculture, which is increasing at 20 percent each year, Phillips said.

"Although organic production makes up about 5 percent of the organic stream, the growth rate is phenomenal right now," Phillips said.

Student interest in the course when it was previously offered was another reason it was considered as a general education option.

"When it was experimentally offered last year, the two classes of 40 and 25 were full even though they were not required," Phillips said. "That's when we decided to seek approval for the course to be offered as a general education requirement.

Agribusiness sophomore Christina Johnson said the course will benefit students in all majors because it is a general class.

"I will probably take the course because it applies to my major and would be interesting to me, but I think that other students would benefit from taking the course as well," Johnson said.

"Organic Agriculture is a legal term that includes certain prohibited matter such as synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, along with growth hormones for livestock.

"The organic industry is not limited to crops and plant products," Phillips said. "Livestock products will be reflected in the course with an organic dairyman that will be one of the guest speakers.

However, crop science, forestry science and soil science majors do not have the opportunity to take it as a general education option.

The course will be offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 2 p.m., with a lab option of either Monday or Tuesday from 3 to 5 p.m.

For more information about the course, call Phillips at 756-4146 or Hunter Francis at 756-5056.

The program has been seeing the tremendous amount of enthusiasm the students take on for art.

"They start of thinking that they can’t do it, but we bring them through a simulating learning process, so they end up proud of their work," Spatafore said.

As an artist, Spatafore goes into the classroom trying to teach art with meaning. She is a conceptual artist and practices teaching ideas that are expressed through the means of visual art.

Friend said one of the students' most noticeable benefits from the program has been the outside involvement of their families with the art education program.

"The students are encouraged to take their sketch books home and involve their parents," Friend said. "Having their parents acknowledge their work makes it even more meaningful to the child."
National Briefs

BLM to demolish infamous Mustang Ranch brothel near Reno

MUSTANG, Nev. — The federal government announced plans Monday to demolish the Mustang Ranch, Nevada's first legal brothel and its best known. The ranch's pink stucco main building and a smaller unit will be destroyed rather than renovated, said Mark Strubel, spokesman for the Bureau of Land Management.

"The buildings were built for a specific purpose in mind and they reluctantly can't be used for anything else," Strubel told The Associated Press. The structures along the Truckee River violate building safety codes.

"They certainly didn't pump their profits back into the buildings," Strubel said.

"It would take too much money to rehabilitate the buildings because they're of shoddy construction, he said. Details of the demolition haven't been worked out.

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Proposal to store nuclear waste in Utah's west desert blocked

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators blocked a proposal by private utility companies to store high-level nuclear waste Monday on an Indian reservation in Utah's west desert, citing the dangers posed by a nearby Air Force training range.

Private Fuel Storage, a consortium of eight utilities, had sought to store uranium rods from nuclear reactors in casks on the Skull Valley Goshute reservation, 45 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, until a permanent storage facility could be built at Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

Utah officials objected to the proposal, raising a series of safety concerns, including the threat posed by military aircraft and its potential for earthquakes and other problems.

The Air Force flies thousands of training missions each year over the sprawling Utah Test and Training Range near the Skull Valley Goshute reservation.

Latest flight timeline shows out-of-control shuttle in final seconds

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Columbus began exhibiting problems earlier than previously thought and experienced the bulk of its breakup later than previously thought, according to the latest flight timeline released by the shuttle accident investigation board Monday.

No one at NASA is speculating, at least openly, how long the seven astronauts may have survived under this new scenario.

What is apparent, however, is that alarms were going off in the final two seconds of transmitted data, the left orbital manoeuvring system and the left wing were either heavily damaged or gone, and the spacecraft was swinging out of control.

Sensors registered the maximum so-called yaw rate of 20 degrees per second, and it could have been more.

Thirteen seconds after all communications ceased, a large, major piece of debris was observed falling away from the shuttle, according to the timeline. A second piece came off a second later. And the onset of the breakup of the ship's main body occurred three seconds after that and a full 17 seconds from the time the last bit of data was conveyed.

International Briefs

North Korea test-fires missile, says interception of U.S. plane was defensive

SEOUL, South Korea — In an apparent attempt to push the United States into talks, North Korea test-fired a short-range missile Monday amid tension over its suspected efforts to develop nuclear weapons.

Analysts said the widely anticipated launch from a base on North Korea's east coast fit a pattern of unusual military maneuvers in recent weeks that seemed designed to pressure Washington into dialogue.

Those maneuvers include the March 2 interception of a U.S. reconnaissance plane by North Korean fighters in international airspace off the North east coast.

The North said the move was defensive. There was no hostile fire, and the U.S. plane returned to its base in Japan.

"In the picture, North Korea is trying to draw the United States into the negotiating table," said Paik Hak-Soon, a North Korea expert at Sejong Institute, a private research center in Seoul.

North Korea wants a nonproliferation treaty and economic aid from the United States, which is preparing for war against Iraq, Washington says.

The U.N. Security Council should handle the North Korean nuclear problem.

Palestinian parliament approves creating prime minister position

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The Palestinian parliament approved the appointment of a prime minister Monday but vested the new position with only limited powers, making the reform fall short of the Arab hopes of sidelining Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Still, the move did amount to the first formal curbing of Arafat's sweeping powers, and the planned appointment of Mahmoud Abbas, a moderate who has spoken out against armed conflict with Israel, seemed to offer hope to at least easing the deadly violence of the past 29 months.

"Enough of putting our destiny in the hands of one person," said Jibril Rajoub, who was fired by Arafat as West Bank security chief last year. Abbas' expected appointment, said Rajoub, meant "it's time to end the patriarchal regime which we were suffering from."

Scientists, political leaders lay plans for global defense against 'dirty bombs'

VIENNA, Austria — Scientists, police command and government officials from more than 100 countries are converging on Vienna for the world's first "dirty bomb" conference, searching for ways to head off the threat of simple weapons that spread radiation and chaos.

Governments are concerned. A recent U.S. experts' report concludes that tens of thousands of the most dangerous radiation sources worldwide may be insufficiently protected.

A so-called dirty bomb has set to be detonated anywhere. The al-Qaeda network is reported to have been interested in trying such a terror weapon.

When it comes to safeguarding Cement, uranium and other radiation sources, "what may have been sufficient in the past may or may not be now," U.S. Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham said in an interview ahead of Tuesday's conference opening.

His departure acknowledges the dirty-bomb threat was rarely even thought of before the September 11 terrorism attacks.

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

By Lindsey Tanner
Al-Masir, Iraq

CHICAGO — Prompted by concerns about the safety of ephedra, The Journal of the American Medical Association’s editors say dietary supplements need government regulation similar to the scrutiny given over-the-counter and prescription drugs.

Ephedra likely would never have been approved had it not been for a Rand review, JAMA Editor Dr. Catherine DeAngelis said Monday. She called for legislation to require FDA regulation of supplements claiming to have a biological function — including weight loss, increased exercise endurance and enhanced sexual function.

"This has to go under the same kind of rules and regulations of any drug. That means it should not be available until its efficacy has been proven," DeAngelis said.

Existing law does not require dietary supplement makers to provide evidence of safety or efficacy before marketing their products. "It should be under the same kind of rules and regulations of any drug," she said. "That means it should not be available until its efficacy has been proven," DeAngelis said.

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Microwaves: Dorm room staple as agent of destruction

Of the foods destroyed in the microwave, Peeps (right) were the most entertaining, puffing up for several seconds before bursting. Below top, brown sugar bubbles and gets gooey after a few minutes, while below middle and bottom, the fruit family represents with an avocado and banana.

Daily reporter takes ‘scientific’ approach to microwaveable mayhem

By Chrissy Roth

His black eyes enlarge as his body turns around and around. His stomach bulges as he soaks in the rays. He tries to fit into his outer layers, but he’s getting bigger and bigger. He can no longer hold it in. He tries and tries as he spins and spins, but it’s too late. It’s all over for him now.

The following is a vaguely scientific documentation of what happened to each food item as the heat got the best of it.

• Marshmallow Peep

As previously described, the pink bunny blew up into great gobs of goo in just 29 seconds. Happy Easter kids.

• Hot Dog

With much apprehension, I placed the plain hot dog in the microwave oven. Expecting to shutter throughout the heating mechanism quickly, I stepped the heating process every minute to check its status. As time went on, it split apart in countless locations, thus creating dozens of crevices throughout the wiener’s surface area. After six minutes of torture, this dog came out of the microwave with more cracks than a plumbers’ union picnic.

• Twinkie

Long before Krispy Kreme’s cream-filled doughnuts made their way to our side of the country, Hostess filled our creamy cravings with Twinkies and Ho Hos. Although I didn’t exactly know what would happen to the Twinkie when put to the test, I had extremely high expectations of a good show — either a geyser explosion or a shrinking metamorphosis. After 60 seconds, I was terribly disappointed. The cream slowly oozed out of its cake encasement and frittered onto the plate. That’s all, folks — no blowing up, no shrinking, no bursting. Nothing. I never knew a cream-filled, 1,200-calorie cake could ever leave me so dissatisfied.

• Egg

As some foods created a great spectacle when put to the test, others merely folded under pressure (heat pressure, that is). Remember — this experiment was conducted in a controlled laboratory. Don’t try this at home kids, but if you do, make sure you wear your safety goggles and latex gloves. Always protect yourself.

• Marshmallow

Perhaps the easiest food to observe in the microwave was the marshmallow. After about 20 seconds, the marshmallow’s size increased dramatically. Once the door was opened and the heat was let out, the marshmallow slowly shrunk back to its original size.

• Egg

The egg posed much controversy upon being included in such a scientific experiment. Would its insides cook, expand and then force the outer shell to crack open? Or would the yolk slowly ooze out of its surroundings, much like the Twinkie cream did? A minute and 20 seconds later, I instinctively knew the answer. With a “pop” that could have been heard miles away, I ran to the microwave only to find egg splattered throughout the machine. Cooked egg yolks and cooked egg whites stuck to the microwave walls. The egg shell was obliterated into a million pieces.

Easter Peep (pink bunnies and yellow birds), a hot dog, a Twinkie, a barnyard marshmallow and an egg.

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Egg

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Faculty offices: From drab to fab

By Chrissy Roth
MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Cal Poly's architectural structures better represent California's prison system than the warm environs of faculty offices. Numerous professors and white plaster walls of the school's faculty offices, numerous professors have found ways to make their offices feel like home instead of a prison cell.

Using family photos, fabric, construction paper and a touch of canvas and incorporating spot lighting, etc., complete with fun facts about their species. These ornate paper bags are just some remnants of student projects from her former classes.

Two bookshelves are jam-packed with books for all ages. From "Shiloh" to "Where the Sidewalk Ends" to "The Great Gatsby," richison's quasi-library could keep a person busy for years. The five-person cast each plays a wide range of characters of different ages and distant personalities, anywhere from comedic to tragic. They often speak alone, performing monologues, but sometimes interact with other actors to build a cohesive, flowing production.

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"Room 25-216, Maximum Room Capacity 82 people," it says. Just like a true math professor.

By Carly Haseluhn
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Mom's diary is fodder for performance piece

Phrases not typical of theater productions at Cal Poly: "Cook ring," "Fat old, red-faced woman," "Choking," "They all smoke dope," "Bleeding from the rectum" and "Are you laughing yet?"

After the playful, romantic, fantasy-laden portrayals in "Crazy and Dolls," theater takes a step back to reality in an autobiographical way with "Chakra's Words of Wisdom."

Amada stoko, director and theatre arts senior, compiled 20 monologues written from her mother's 200 journal entries, turned them into dialogue and adapted them for the stage.

Her mother gave the journals to both Sito and her brother as a way of saying "this is who I am."

The entries, compiled over the last two years, consist of memories from childhood and words of wisdom her mom discovered along the way.

"She talks about things normal mothers wouldn't talk about," Sito said about her mother's writings.

In assembling this original piece, Sito wanted to reach beyond the characteristically mild-mannered and conservative student production and push the envelope.

"I wanted to take a risk, but still keep it grounded so people could understand it," she said. "I'm not comfortable calling it a monologue festival, but I'm not comfortable calling it a play."

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Now not the time for more tax cuts

With the public adequately distracted by a possible war with Iraq, the Bush administration has proposed a new $674 billion tax cut that would double the size of its 2001 tax cuts by more than half over this decade, sending our country even deeper into debt and endangering important public programs.

The two major components of the so-called stimulus plan are the elimination of individual taxes on corporate dividends and the acceleration of parts of the 2001 tax cut to take full effect in 2003.

First, the elimination of the corporate dividends tax will only "benefit the wealthy, who own most of the country's dividend-paying stocks," said Joseph E. Stiglitz, former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. For the average American, corporate earnings "are not double-taxed because the average working American holds stocks largely in pension funds, IRAs and other forms of investment that are already tax-exempt," he said. And, as many economists have tried to point out in recent weeks, a tax break on dividends will not provide a huge immediate boost for the overall economy.

According to Stiglitz, while a tax break on dividends will matter to "people who buy stocks for income," the average American holds stocks largely in pension funds, IRAs and other forms of investment that are already tax-exempt. As Stiglitz points out, "putting money directly into the hands of people further down the economic ladder would make more sense. They would be more likely to spend the money and thus quickly boost the economy" (The Kansas City Star, Jan. 15).

State governments will be one of the biggest losers from this new tax cut. As Stiglitz points out, "Many states and localities base their taxes on the provisions of the federal tax code, so a federal tax cut translates directly into a revenue cut for them. They will cut back their expenditures and increase their taxes, and thus quickly boost the economy." (The Kansas City Star, Jan. 15).

The administration states that the average amount saved would be $1,083 in 2003, but this doesn't mean the average taxpayer would receive about $1,000. The average amount the average taxpayer would receive is roughly $200. Apparently the Bush administration seems to think the average American does not understand statistics.

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No, we will not have. "War with Iraq would mean all the horror of death and destruction that inevitably happens to ordinary people when the United States unleashes its military arsenal. Tax cab drivers, teachers, secretaries, teenagers, elementary school children and shopkeepers - all would be among the thousands of individuals who will surely die if the United States makes war on Iraq. As the playwright Harold Pinter recently stated: "To say that we will rescue the Iraqi people from their dictator by killing them and by destroying the threadbare infrastructure of their country is an insult to the intelligentsia. We have no moral position in this matter whatever."

But we must appreciate the role Holbus falls into, for how else can one steer the masses without a haughty and arrogant prose, which skins life's surface with its weekly, occasionally banter? I salute Holbus, HELI HOLBUS! "Necessity raised up throngs, the arts and sciences have made them strong." - Rousseau.

Phil Fetzer is a professor in the political science department.

Letter to the editor

Editor, 

There is no evidence that Iraq was involved in the September 11 attacks or presents an imminent threat to the security of the United States. However, there is strong evidence that key members of the administration have been seeking this interest for war on Iraq, among other countries, for several years. See: Statement of Principles: "The Project for a New American Century" (www.newamericancentury.org), founded in 1997. Among the individuals who signed on were Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Assistant Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz.

Now is not the time for more tax cuts. The country needs these revenues to shore up Social Security and Medicare, assist state governments with Homeland Security costs and provide better unemployment benefits because of the 1.5 million jobs that have disappeared in the last two years.

If this tax cut goes through, the average taxpayer will receive little more than $200, just enough to go buy that duct tape and plastic sheets that the administration suggested for our safety. Now that we know that GOP financial contributor Jack Kahl owns the company that manufactures nearly half of the duct tape sold in this country, the question left is who's making a profit off of the plastic sheets!

Susanna Farber is a political science senior and Mustang Daily columnist.
**Gender divided athletic funding unequal**

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To look at it a different way, if the athletic budget were split equally in half with men's and women's athletic programs each receiving the same lump sum and dividing it how they wish, it wouldn't make sense to cut funding from men's programs because more of their budget goes toward student aid than does women's sports budget. Add to that the fact that men's sports programs are receiving more than their share of the athletic budget, and it wouldn't make sense to cut funding from men's programs.

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So maybe men's athletic teams should focus more on how they spend their money and if they have excess costs, instead of looking toward ratio theories and 50-50 splits as solution to a budget crunch.

Olga Berdial is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

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**Letters to the editor**

**Columnist's writing needs work**

**Editor,**

For the past several weeks, it has been increasingly difficult for me to tolerate John Holbus. His writing is horrible. How the hell did he ever become a Mustang Daily columnist? He is an insult to the Cal Poly community. If he were featured in the "letters to the editor," I would tolerate him more. Holbus is a Mustang Daily columnist and represents Cal Poly. When someone reads this paper, they will read the horrible writing of Holbus.

This is not an isolated instance. He should at least attempt to respect views that are different from his by not using his idiotic sarcasm.

Holbus clearly can't use sarcasm. So don't use it, John. You may have some really good arguments, but your poor usage of sarcasm damages your argument. John, it's OK to use sarcasm, but use it appropriately; the way you are using it is awful. I'm sure we will respect you more if you just used some sense.

Here is a challenge for Holbus. The next time you write your column, write it without your idiotic sarcasm. I'm sure we can all use some sense from you. We don't crave for your brand of sarcasm, frankly we despise of it. And Mr. Holbus, you have enlisted in the army yet?

Gary Yuen is a computer science senior who thinks John Holbus writes at a freshman level.

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**Opinion**

**Gender divided athletic funding unequal**

Mustang Daily Tuesday, March 11, 2002

**Editor,**

I used to think people who called cops "pigs" were stupid. I figured they didn't realize that police were benevolent protectors of our lives and kept plume from entering our homes. Well, I also used to think there was a giant bunny that went around delivering eggs to every kid on Easter.

I'm still not sure when I stopped thinking of cops as benevolent peace officers. Perhaps it was when friends would brag to me about how they showed their dad's business card (that was a police officer) with their license when they got pulled over, they wouldn't get a ticket. Or maybe last year at Cedar Creek when a cop asked a group of kids if they saw a "peace officer" trying to join the fun.

Or maybe it was March 5, when the only violence I saw was a "pigs" crack a woman with a club because she was walking away from the crowd. Something about a cop attacking a harmless woman with a weapon just strikes me as wrong. Later, that same "peace officer" points something that looks like a gun at my friend and told him to come down to "have a talk" with him. Strange, I didn't know sitting on your bicylce was against the law.

The plain truth is that some police officers are pigs. Don't get me wrong, a lot of cops are pigs. But these same cops still don't give tickets to other cops' families or stop their colleagues from beating on kids trying to have a good time.

Aaron Favinger is a computer engineering junior. Give Bush the benefit of the doubt

**Editor,**

I am writing in response to Mac McClennen's letter "Only universal just is protecting life" (March 5). First, I want to say I am a "he," not a "she.

Your letter was the most confusing thing I have ever read. Even Plato's "The Republic" was easier to read. After making no sense of Bush's quotes, you quoted a very short story of how 10 people died into my mouth. Which, by the way, I greatly appreciated. You stated that both Bush and I feel like we have, and I quoted "special insight and moral authority" than others.

I don't recall claiming "more moral authority" than anyone. However, I do appreciate being categorized with such a great man as President Bush.

Second, you ask what Bush means when he uses the phrase "civilized world"? The Heritage dictionary defines civilized as "showing evidence of moral and intellectual advancement; humane, ethical and reasonable." Does that clear it up for you?

As far as I'm concerned, Saddam and all the other terrorists in this world don't fit in the "civilized" category. I do agree with you when you say that Bush's quote is out of context. However, I think that's exactly what Bush is trying to do. It's sad that Saddam has the wool pulled over so many Americans' eyes. At least you know you can find common ground with the French. But seriously, can we give our president a little more benefit of the doubt than we give to tyrants and terrorists?

Casey Comstock is a social science sophomore who can't wait to see the Iraqi people dancing in the streets when Saddam is dead.
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Mott Gym with a win carries over to the Tournament."

The freshmen really stepped it up tonight, and we also had great contributions from all the players to clinch the win," Mimnaugh said.

The Mustangs opened the second half with several 14-point leads and led by as many as six points. Cal Poly, however, never broke down and ended the first half with a 12-3 run and led 47-43 lead with 11:29 to play. UC Riverside then went on a 16-0 turn to the game, building a 59-47 lead with 7:15 to play. Cal Poly never got closer than five points on the rest of the way. The Mustangs outrebounded UC Riverside for 16 of their second-half floor shots, finishing with 46.4 percent while holding Cal Poly to 40 percent. The Mustangs outrebounded UC Riverside 45-28, led by Henke with 10 and freshman guard Brittney Uphoff with nine. Cal Poly turned the ball over 28 times compared to 16 for UC Riverside.

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Cal Poly Lacrosse

Mustangs men pound UCLA 12-6
► Poly gets back to .500 mark after overcoming 2-0 first quarter deficit
By Michael Marquez

The Cal Poly men’s lacrosse team has set goals that are quite simple: Play with commitment, unity and heart every time they step on the field.

The Mustangs accomplished all of these goals Sunday afternoon when they defeated UCLA 12-6 at the Cal Poly Sports Complex. The large crowd was treated to a great game, which showcased the team in dominant form.

However, the first half of the season involved tough losses to UCSC, Chapman, Sonoma State and University of Oregon, but the Mustangs are finally finding their rhythm and playing great lacrosse.

Senior midfielder Sean Klemashin says the team is finally stepping it up.

“As we get deeper into the season all the guys know we need to play like some wiley naked molerats,” Klemashin said.

The Mustangs battled the game with a fast offensive attack, but the shots weren’t finding the way to the back of the net. UCLA took advantage of missed opportunities and jumped out to a 2-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

“The first quarter was frustrating because we had possession of the ball most of the quarter, but the shots weren’t falling,” senior midfielder Andy Parr said. “I knew if the defense could keep getting us the ball eventually we would wear them down.”

The Mustangs regained the momentum in the second quarter. Cal Poly eventually showed UCLA how the game should be played, scoring seven goals by halftime to take a commanding 7-4 lead.

Cal Poly defender Aaron Myers said the team thrives off of confidence and active fan participation. These two elements play a huge outcome in the tone of the game.

“When the goals start falling in our favor in the second quarter the team was getting pumped up and we started using the fans energy to our advantage,” Myers said.

Tough defense in the third quarter shut down any hopes of getting back into the match for UCLA.

“My job as a defender is to force turnovers, strip the ball when the offense is attacking, set traps and be a physical presence around the cage,” senior defender Vinnie Comendo said.

Utilizing ball control in the fourth quarter led Cal Poly to the 12-6 victory.

“We lost to a couple mediocre teams in the beginning of the season, but our focus and determination is back,” senior midfielder Sean Whitacre said. “It’s great to be back on top after a rough start.”

The victory was a complete team effort.

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Cal Poly Women’s Basketball

Going out winners
► Mustangs’ three seniors are victorious in their final game in Mott Gym
By Michael Marquez

The women’s basketball team snapped a six-game losing streak in its final regular season game, defeating Big West opponent Cal State Fullerton 82-70 Saturday night in Mott Gym before 510 fans.

Playing in their last home game, seniors Kari Daperton, Heather Journey and Megan Turner were honored in a pregame Senior Night ceremony. Many fans made signs for the athletes showing their appreciation for great memories inside Mott Gym over the past four years.

Daperton and Journey each scored 10 points for Cal Poly and solid contributions on defense balanced out the team’s performance. Turner, the third Mustang senior, was held scoreless.

With the win, Cal Poly clinched the sixth seed for the Big West Tournament, which opens Wednesday at the Anaheim Convention Center. The Mustangs are 10-16 overall and 6-10 in conference games.

The Mustangs face third-seeded Long Beach State (13-14, 10-6 BWC) in a noon Wednesday game.

“We started off kind of slow, but we really came on in the second half,” senior forward Heather Hansen said.

Junior center Rochelle Ortega added 12 to the board. Uphoff made 7 of 12 floor shots, including 4 of 6 three-pointers, and all eight of her free throws. She shattered her career high of 14 points, set against Idaho and UC Santa Barbara earlier this season.

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Cal Poly Women’s Lacrosse

Mustangs rout USC 14-5
► Scooping skills vault ‘B’ team into first place in Division II South
By Olga Berdial

Scoop it like you mean it.

During Saturday’s match against USC, the Cal Poly women’s lacrosse B team definitely scooped aggressively to beat the Trojans 14-5.

The victory moved the Mustangs past USC into first place in the Western Women’s Lacrosse League in Division II South.

“We thought USC was going to be a really big challenge,” Cal Poly freshman goalie Danielle Burchett said.

Within the first minutes of the game, USC (4-2) rushed to take an early lead, setting a tempo for Cal Poly to beat. The Trojans couldn’t keep up with the fast pace they set, and the Mustangs (4-1) cruised to victory.

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