Local students take law into their hands

Cuesta freshmen risk their lives to save stolen vehicle last weekend

By Andy Fahey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Three local college students 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 firepower," Tamez said.

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New GE ag course to be offered at Cal Poly

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) fills the Anna F ret 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 certifying 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 why 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."

Agriculture business Chesten 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 plants 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 ed option.

John Phillips
crop science and horticulture professor

A lab activity will take place every Monday, where students will go to an experimental farm, the only piece of Cal Poly land certified for organic production.

During the activity, students will learn about production and compost practices.

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 756-5086.

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

"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."

What's On,
Coming up this week

*Gallery Reception - There will be a reception for Mike Larson's photography exhibit in the University Union Epiceric Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will be food and one of Larson's photographs will be raffled off.

*Cal Poly Choirs Winter Concert - Numerous Cal Poly students will be performing in Harman Hall Saturday at 8 p.m.

*Mostly Beethoven - The Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra will perform Sunday in the Cal Poly Theatre at 3 p.m.

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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 Stabile, spokesman for the Bureau of Land Management.

"The buildings were built for a specific purpose in mind and they readil­

"They certainly didn't pump their profits back into the build­

"It would take too much money to rehabilitate the buildings because they're of shoddy construction, he said.

The brothel 15 miles east of Reno has been closed for three years since the property was seized by the Internal Revenue Service, but in its day it was the state's largest and most famous bordello.

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 con­
sortium of eight electric 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 the 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 suspected 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 maneuvering system and the left wing were either heavily damaged or gone, and the spacecraft was swinging out of control.

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

Thirteen seconds after all com­

...Contents of Tuesday's conference opening. Analysts said the widely antici­

"Enough of putting our destiny in the hands ... of one person," said Jibril Rajoub, who was fired by Arafat as PA deputy.

"It was defensive. There was no hostile fire, " he said.

His deputies acknowledge the threat of简单 weapons that spread among the people, but few expect them to have the ability to down an out-of-control shuttle. Still, the move did amount to the first formal curbing of Arafat's sweep­

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Bush administration signals willingness to delay vote on Iraq

By Barry Schweid

WASHINGTON — Admitting a two-pronged strategy to avert a U.N. defeat, the Bush administration once again portrayed Iraq as in violation of international demands it denies, but signaled a willingness to review in mid-February legislation endorsing the use of force.

As new evidence to condemn Saddam Hussein as a deceptive thief, Secretary of State Colin Powell and his spokesmen cited its development of drone airplanes and cluster bombs, as part of a two-pronged strategy to avert a U.N. deadline proposed last Friday for Iraq also has developed a version of a South African cluster bomb that could dispense chemical weapons over a target, Boucher said. Iraq has been cited for destroying all chemical warheads.

Bush, meanwhile worked the telephone to warn Turkey, the United States, Britain and Spain.

Bush talked to Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, Chinese President Jiang Zemin, South African President Thabo Mbeki, Sultan Qaboos of Oman, Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar of Spain, Turkish government leader Rauf Denkler, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria.

Buchanan and Powell praised their diplomacy to secure at least the minimally required nine votes for adoption to require the resolution. The foreign minister of Greece, Francois Fall, said after a luncheon meeting with Powell that Greece and other council members were "in intensive consultations in order to find a compromise."

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher confirmed that revising the resolution in a bid to gain support was being considered.

"We are obviously listening to other governments as we talk to them, and we'll see where we come out on this. At this point I don't want to predict anything at this time," Boucher said.

Still, opposition by France and Russia loomed as huge hurdles for the resolution. They would vote no, and may on that same day, vote against the resolution that is being presented to the Security Council.

Bush administration leaders have been talking to other leaders to date, a ranking government official said, to ensure that the resolution is as strong as possible.

By Tuesday afternoon, Bush will have spoken to most of the U.N. Security Council members. Clark is expected to travel to Japan, South Korea and other countries.

By Lindsey Tanner

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 been machine read, a warning, 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 they market products. If these products are marketed, the FDA must demonstrate that they are unsafe before it can take regulatory action, according to an editorial to be published in the March 26 edition of JAMA.

JAMA editors concluded to publicize their editorial and the full Rand review on Monday because of increased scrutiny over ephedra following last month's death of a Baltimore Orioles pitcher believed to have used ephedra.

A tongue-lashing review on the player was expected later this week.

The editors are urging action that can't occur without new legislation, but the FDA is already working to address some concerns, including proposing warning labels, said FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan.

He said manufacturing standards for dietary supplements in general, probable required by the FDA on Friday, would help — but DeAngelis said they don't go far enough.

"Ephedra is definitely in my view the most important safety concern with dietary supplements," McClellan said.

The editors have sought a eight-day public comment period on ephedra, which should help determine if a ban is needed. Further action is expected after the comment period, which ends at the end of March, McClellan 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.

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 giant, pink Marshmallow Peep bunny blows up and spreads all over the microwave. Expecting it to shatter throughout the heating area. After six minutes of torture, the egg posed much controversy when put to the test, others merely folded under pressure. The egg shell was obliterated into a million pieces. 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, and an avocado with more cracks than a plumbers' union picnic.

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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.

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

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• Hot Dog

With much apprehension, I placed the Ball Park frank in the microwave oven. Expecting it to shrivel throughout the heating mechanism quickly, I stopped 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 gassy explosion or a shrinking metamorphosis. After 60 seconds, I was terribly disappointed. The cream slowly oozed out of its cake enclosure and filled 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.

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While the experiment created no giant Stay Puft Marshmallow Man from "Ghostbusters," the marshmallow did triple its former size for a brief moment.

By Daily reporter takes 'scientific' approach to microwaveable mayhem

Photos by Betsy Filson/Mustang Daily

PHOTOS BY BETSY FILSON/MUSTANG DAILY

Random Stuff

Peeps (right)
Classroom. Mustang Daily instructors have turned their institutional offices into higher learning spaces than the warm environs of faculty offices, numerous professors say. A sign over his head best represents his occupation—"Room 25-216, Maximum Room Capacity: 182 people," it says. Just like a true math professor.

"It's the golden glow," she said. Among Goldenberg's photos are numerous shots of him on his bicycle during one of his cross-country rides. He has even turned his passion for bike riding into a comic strip-styled calendar called "The Aerodynamic Helmer," which hangs on his desk above his desk. He says he's comfortable calling it a job. The five-person cast each plays a wide range of characters of different ages and distinct personalities, anywhere from comedic to tragic. They often speak alone, performing monologues, but sometimes interact with one another to build a cohesive, flowing production. As monodramatic scenes are complete, the actors to build a cohesive, flowing production.

"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, but I do want to take a risk."

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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 bring 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 being double-taxed because the average working taxpayer would receive is roughly $200. Apparently the average amount the taxpayer would receive about $1,000. The average amount the taxpayer would receive is roughly $200. Apparently the average amount the taxpayer would receive is roughly $200. Apparently the average amount the taxpayer would receive is roughly $200. Apparently the average amount the taxpayer would receive is roughly $200. Apparently the average amount the taxpayer would receive is roughly $200. Apparently the average amount the taxpayer would receive is roughly $200. Apparently the average amount the taxpayer would receive is roughly $200. Apparently the average amount the taxpayer would receive is roughly $200. Apparently the average amount the taxpayer would receive is roughly $200. Apparently the average amount the taxpayer would receive is roughly $200. Apparently the average amount the taxpayer would receive is roughly $200.

According to Stiglitz, while as many economists have pointed 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 tax rates, and we will all too will depred the economy." Even Alan Greenspan, who favored the Bush tax plan in 2001, has said that President Bush's new $1.3 trillion package of tax cuts would lead to a deficit cut too even worse.

So, the administration wants to spend close to $100 billion dollars on a war with Iraq and then spend another half-trillion or so on this tax cut, not to mention the $302 billion dollars lost in 2001 because of Bush's first tax cut. In addition, states will have decreased revenues, forcing them to cut down on programs like Homeland Security.

Now is not the more for 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 the country, a question left is who's making a profit of the plastic sheets!

Sussana Farber is a political science senior and Mustang Daily columnist.

Opinion

Letters to the editor

Ethnic groups deserve an apology

Editor,

I sincerely hope that Mustang Daily ceases to print commentaries by John Holbus. First, he insults the French, then the Belgians and now he takes a swing at the Koreans. I am not Korean, French nor Belgian, but I am not going to stand idly by while John Holbus spews forth more despicable comments I've ever heard in my life. Would you have ever suggested that any other group of people on this earth should eat dog? No, you would not have. Why? It is because it is a Korean stereotype, and you thought it was funny. The fact that you find that funny makes you insensitive. The fact that you would print that makes you racist.

I expect a full apology from John Holbus and Mustang Daily, addressed to every Korean, Korean-American, French, German, Belgian and everyone else who has had to suffer with reading his garbage. I demand that this ignorance stop.

Brian Takesuchi is a landscape architecture sophomore.

The president hasn't made case for attacking Iraq

Editor,

There is no evidence that Iraq was involved in the Sept. 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 a war for Iraq on Iran, 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.

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. Taxi drivers, teachers, secretaries, teenagers, elementary school children and shop keepers - all would be among the thousands of individuals who will surely die if the United States makes war on Iran.

As Chinese Foreign Minister Li Peng 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 intelligent. We have no moral position in this matter whatsoever."

Phil Fetzer is a professor in the political science department.

Pot use isn't a bad thing

Editor,

What's the big deal with pot? I'm a recreational smoker and a good student. I work to support myself. I exercise four times a week. I'm an excellent example, but everywhere I go, I get exposed to a pocket of America's superfluously frivolous economy, not to mention the virtues of regimes and empires past which lasted longer than the American 200-plus years; or perhaps it is the ignorant and pompous who can't fathom the tragedy of war and proclaim technology as a way of life. No, no, of course -- perhaps it is Holbus.

The testosterone Bush halts preaches by seeps from Bush, through his feet, down his scepter and into the gut of homogenized idiocracy, for Holbus fails to see that America is but a child in the depth of a blank wilderness, ravaged by a blind bear and slowly stumbling and falling. It is written in the stars or bars or altars -- what have you, but it is, and will be and will be.

But we must take a look at which 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 contemporary barrage? I salute Holbus, HEL! HOLBUS! "Necessity raised up thrones, the arts and sciences have made them strong." -- Rousseau.

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"The more I read this, the more it sucks."
Gender divided athletic funding unequal

When it comes to money, less is not more. It seems that there is no clear cut, equation for Title IX advocates or opponents.

To look at it a different way, if the athletic budget were split equally in half, with men and women's athletic programs each receiving the same lump sum and dividing it how they wish, we would probably have less arguments because more of their budget goes toward student aid than does the 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 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 a solution to a budget crunch.

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

Cops versus 'pigs'

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 crime 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 not sure when I stopped thinking of cops as benevolent peace officers. Perhaps it was when friends would brag to me that they showed the seller of a bad batch of weed (this 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 Road and Grand Grass when I saw a "peace officer" tackle someone 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, this 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 balcony was against the law.

The plain truth is that some police officers are pigs. Don't get me wrong, I've got a lot of cops on my list. 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 science junior.

Give Bush the benefit of the doubt

Editor,

I am writing in response to Mac McCluggage's letter "Only universal just is protecting life" (March 5). First, I want to say I am an "he", not a "she". Your letter was the most confusing thing I have ever read.

Your letter was the most confusing thing I have ever read. Elvis Presley's "The Republic" was easier to read. After making no sense of Bush's quotes, you then go on to quote Bush's words into my mouth. Which, by the way, I greatly appreciated. You stated that both Bush and I feel like we have, and I quote, "special insight and more 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 has been nothing but a "bush". I agree with you on that, 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 comfort 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.

Letters to the editor

Columnist's writing needs work

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It's funny that the Bush administration would go to great lengths to try and manipulate or convinc­e such a group, considering that in 2002 the average Division I-A institution spent $2.2 million on grants-in-aid scholarships for men, and $1.5 million in grants-in-aid scholarships for women, according to a fact sheet from the NCAA.

Where is the equality in these figures? The figures show women's scholarships are more concerned with recruiting male athletes than they are with recruiting female athletes. So if they spend more on men's scholarships (Division I-A schools), why are they looking at women's sports as creating an inequality in athletics?

Since women's sports are so much less a threat than men's, it seems astonishing that a men's athletic department would be interested in arranging an equal split in funding. Could it be that these programs are just looking out for women's athletics? I doubt it.

Michael Abendroth is an economics junior.

Iraq war only about oil

Editor,

Thanks to Casey Comstock for giving me the opportunity to respond to his letter and describe this phony war on terrorism. ("Worries serve to protect American lives," Feb. 27).

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Cal Poly Lacrosse

Mustangs rout USC 14-5

By Olga Berdial
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly guard Michelle Henke drives to the rim during the Mustangs' 82-70 victory against Cal State Fullerton Saturday.

Senior forward Heather Hansen and junior center Rochelle Ortega led Fullerton with 12 points each.

"I wanted to play a big game tonight for the three seniors," Dooley said. "Having the seniors go out of three-point range."

Cal Poly Women's Basketball

Going out winners

By Michael Marquez
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team is finding their rhythm and playing great lacrosse.

Senior midfielder Sean Klemushin 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 mole-rats," Klemushin said.

The Mustangs started 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 Cerrato 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 in 2004 after a rough start."

The victory was a complete team effort.

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