**Student takes role in FFA**

Agriculture business freshman Erica Flores, who will take the position of secretary for California State Future Farmers of America, plays with calves in the dairy unit.

**By Emily Fryndzal**

Instead of earning money, taking classes or volunteering with friends, Erica Flores, will begin extensive training as the new California State Future Farmers of America secretary. After a selection process that sponsored the course of a five-day convention in Fresno, Flores, an agricultural science freshman, emerged as one of six new state officers who will serve California’s 57,000 FFA members in the next year. There were 61 applicants competing for the six positions, and, as Flores explained, the process of elimination was entirely structured.

"Immediately following the leadership dinner that took place on April 1, we were given 12 interview questions, a test on the knowledge of the FFA that included questions on parliamentary procedure and general history and an impromptu essay, and that was just the first day," Flores said. The Nominating Committee conducting the process consisted of past State FFA President Jacob Wenger, State FFA Advisor Bob Houseal and two representatives from each of California’s six regions.

After the initial cut narrowed the pool from 61 to 22 candidates, the process continued. For the rest of the weekend, Flores faced more interviews, impromptu group assignments, informal campaign sessions, a round of speeches and one seven-minute pressure round.

"In the pressure round, each of the now 16 candidates answered questions asked by the committee, but everything you say they contrived to test your strength and composer," Flores said.

Finally, after several more cuts were made, the six state FFA officers were announced Tuesday afternoon. As FFA state secretary, Flores will take leave of absence from Cal Poly. She will live in Elk Grove, near Sacramento, with the five other state officers, but more than 300 days of the next year will be spent traveling throughout California. They will prepare for what lies ahead with intense training in the upcoming summer months. The training will teach them to tackle industry tours, conferences and high school workshops, among many other events and responsibilities.

Additionally, Flores has her sights set on the success of arguably the most popular facility on campus — open more hours than Robert Kennedy Library.

"I want it to continue," Long said. "We want it to continue."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.
**Students say cheese: PolyCards updated**

By Jenny Hubbard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Concerns over having social security numbers prominently displayed have prompted a redesign of Cal Poly identification cards. For these reasons, Cal Poly administrators would like every student to have a new identification card.

"To enhance student security, social security numbers aren't printed on the new cards," said Paul Schneider, PolyCard system administrator.

Students who have cards issued before fall 2002 are being asked to turn in their old cards. To receive a new PolyCard, students, staff and faculty must present their old card for a one-to-one exchange.

PolyCard holders can take a new picture or keep their old one. A new PolyCard photo is only required if the photo cannot be converted to the new design or if there are significant changes in appearance.

Existing PolyCard holders are not required to get a new card. Representatives from the PolyCard office would like everyone to obtain a new card during the campus re-carding campaign.

Doug Scheel, PC/LAN coordinator for Cal Poly, said the new cards are more durable and more aesthetically pleasing.

"Various campus organizations agreed that the new card better represents the beauty of Cal Poly," he said.

In addition to having an aerial view of campus on them, the new cards can still be used for Campus Express accounts, door access, Cal Poly Rec Center access, PolyCard printing and SLO Transit access.

As a new service, the PolyCard can be used to validate students, staff and faculty as "current members" of the campus community. When boarding buses, PolyCard users can swipe their card, where encrypted data will be used to maintain a "Valid ID ride list" that is updated nightly.

Because the new cards do not have barcodes, barcode scanners at the library have been replaced with PolyCard readers. This new method will be compatible with old and new PolyCard designs.

Students, faculty and staff can get their new PolyCard at re-carding stations in the library. The stations are located between the reserve room and the Poly Connect Lab, in front of the PolyCard add-value machine. The stations will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until the end of the quarter.

Seventy-five percent of the Cal Poly community, about 14,000 students, faculty and staff, have not obtained a new card.

"The re-card project is considered a priority," Scheel said. "We want everyone to be safe."
Washington, D.C. — Periodic fasting can be just as good for the health as sharply cutting back on calories, several recent studies have reported.

Researchers are now planning to see if what works in mice is also good for people.

Several recent studies have reported a variety of benefits from a sharply restricted diet, including longer life, increased insulin sensitivity and stress resistance.

In the new report, mice that were fed only every other day — but could gorge on the days they did eat — saw similar health benefits to ones that had their diet reduced by 47 percent, a team of researchers reports in Tuesday's online edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The cause of health improvements from cutting back on diet isn't fully understood, though many researchers had assumed that a long-term reduction in calories was involved.

Researchers develop colony of cancer-resistant mice

WASHINGTON — A colony of cancer-resistant mice has been developed by researchers at Wake Forest University.

The scientists, who hope the mice will help improve the understanding of cancer in humans, reported their findings in Tuesday's online edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The team led by Dr. Zheng Cui was studying cancer in mice by injecting a virulent form of the disease into test animals. One male mouse did not develop the disease, despite repeated exposure, they reported.

When that mouse was bred with other mice, about half the offspring inherited the cancer resistance, indicating a genetic basis for the trait, the team said.

They found that transplanting cancer into these mice provided a massive attack by white blood cells. Some of the mice never developed any cancer while other started to develop it and then destroyed it.

There are now about 700 mice in the colony.

Caus team hopes that by studying these mice they can learn more about why cancer seems to unexpectedly regress in some people and why some people don't develop cancer despite prolonged exposure to carcinoma.

"This is at a preliminary stage but very promising," Dr. Mark Willingham, a collaborator on the paper, said in a statement. "Our hope is that, some day, this will have an impact on human cancer."

International Briefs

Rumsfeld says U.S. military presence to be reduced in Persian Gulf region

DOHA, Qatar — The United States plans to reduce its military presence in the Persian Gulf region now that Saddam Hussein is gone, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Monday.

Also, Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of U.S. forces in the region, said in a statement. "Our hope is that, some day, this will have an impact on human cancer."

International Briefs

WHO: SARS contained in Southeast Asian leaders' meeting

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The United States decided Monday to support the Cabinet proposal by incoming Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, boosting the chances of winning the parliamentary approval required for release of a new peace plan.

If the Cabinet is approved Tuesday, the Palestinians will have cleared the last hurdle blocking the unveiling of the internationally sponsored plan.

President Bush has linked presentation of the plan to Abbas being installed as prime minister.

In West Bank fighting, meanwhile, Israeli troops captured two Palestinians responsible for a suicide bombing in Israel last week and, in a separate incident, killed a 17-year-old Palestinian while raiding a refugee camp.

Also Monday, the designated Palestinian foreign minister, Nabil Shaath, demanded that Israel grant Arab freedom of movement. Israeli restrictions have in effect confined him to his Ramallah office building for more than a year.

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Arts & Culture

One person's trash is another's treasure

By Graham Womack
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

It's a bright, beautiful morning at the swap meet and a salesman, no older than 25, tries to "call a deal." It's of no use, though. The man disappears into the Sunday market crowd.

The young businessman, Casey Henderson, comes to swap meets every week in hopes of selling his homemade machines that he puts together, "even if I can't sell much, he doesn't stand to lose a whole lot of money."

"Half this stuff is pulled out of dumpsters," Henderson said.

Not every salesman at the San Luis Obispo Swap Market sells junk or refurbished goods, but many aren't typical corporate entrepreneurs; the weekly swap market isn't a typical corporate institution.

Many people affiliated with the meet don't get a lot of sleep. It's an operation rain-or-shine, 6 to 10 a.m., since the early 1970s at the Sunset Drive-In on Elks Lane.

Sometimes, Jay Hinojos and Berenice Trout get up at midnight to be at the market by opening time. The drive from their Tulare County home takes two hours.

"It's a tough life," Hinojos says.

The couple sells trinkets at their spot next to the drive-in's snack bar. They also breed chihuahuas to sell at the swap meet.

"Hinojos and Trout say they like the camaraderie that has developed among the folks who work near them; many fellow swap meet entrepreneurs have purchased chihuahuas of their own.

Other people working at the meet retirees or weekend hobbyists. When he's not working his other job as a full-time private security guard, Val McLeftry attests to a lifelong love of ham radios.

"Most of these ham radios can talk anywhere in the world," Val said. "(Recently) I talked to Kuwait." John Stanfield, who holds the spot next to McLeftry, knows a lot of people at the meet well; he's been coming to the event for 35 years.

"Raised my girls at this the market practically," he said.

Ramping to a Different Beat

Gay rapper looks to 'keep it real' despite negative stereotypes

By Mark F. Bonner
The Record (Louisiana State U.)

(U-WIRE) BATON ROUGE, La. - Caushun looks like a thugs. He's got the jewels. He's got the corn-rowed hair. He's got the bandannas and Timberland boots. He was even raised in the same rough New York City ry. He's got the corn-rowed hair. He's got the bandannas and Timberland boots. He was even raised in the same rough New York City...

"This is the era of realism. Every hip-hop artist hopes to "keep it real" in the most honest way."

He's gay.

"What I'm doing is true. I'm definitely keeping it real because I'm not straight, so I can't keep it real," Moosre said. "How hard you can be, I'm a real nigga and all this other stuff. This guy, who comes out openly gay? He doesn't have a chance." Even though blacks were discriminated against throughout history, Moore does not believe the black community will be sensitive to this issue because even though blacks are traditionally liberal when it comes to politics, social issues blacks are conservative.

"I think the black community will be even less tolerant because of the affiliation with the black church," Moore said. "The Bible doesn't condone homosexuality. The Bible speaks of it being sinfulness."

When reminded of the persecution blacks faced during the civil rights movement, Moore said there was a difference between the civil rights movement and gay rights movement.

"Blacks were 'persecuted for something they had no control over' - the color of their skin," Moore said. "Most folks feel homosexuality is a lifestyle. It's a choice." Many students like Jason Avant, a biologica...
Local artist taking full advantage of his ‘liberty’

**Controversial painting by Cal Poly alumnus sparks conversation, opens people’s minds**

By Devin Kingdon

The Statue of Liberty is being raped on top of a World Trade Center tower. Donald Rumsfeld has a phallic-shaped rocket positioned near his crotch. President George W. Bush is wearing an American flag tie inserted in the rapist’s rear end.

All these graphic scenes are part of a nine-panel painting currently displayed at San Luis Obispo Artists’ Gallery. The painting, entitled “Patriotism and the Rape of Liberty,” had been displayed at Linnea’s Café since early April and was recently moved to the San Luis Obispo Artists’ Gallery location at 570 Higuera St. The work has been both highly praised and criticized by students and members of the community.

“I think it’s a pretty clever piece,” said drama sophomore Michele Cannon, a Linnea’s regular. “It has a lot to say politically, but artistically as well. Everyone who comes in here can’t miss it. It sparks conversation.”

Conversation was the goal of showing the piece, said Linnea’s manager Marianne Orme. “We had no idea what to expect when the painting was hung,” Orme said. “We knew people would be upset, but controversy is good; it gets people talking for better or worse.”

While there have been some vehemently negative reactions, specifically expressed in letters to the New Times, Orme said the reaction has been mostly positive. “Students have been especially positive,” she said. “Being from a younger generation, they are more likely to appreciate the fact that it can even be hung, whether or not they agree with (its) meaning. Most of the negative reaction has come from older members of the community.

Although he has not seen the art in person, Robert Yates, president of the Cal Poly College Republicans, said he does not support the artwork on a general basis. “I think in general any anti-war sentiment here in the U.S. is damaging to the morale of the troops abroad,” Yates said. However, since it’s on private property and the clientele is okay with it, then there isn’t much anyone can do.”

The artist behind the work is Steven Deluque, a 1975 Cal Poly alumnus. Suprisingly, the artwork is not “anti-war,” according to Deluque.

“I started the painting about a year ago and it took about seven to eight months to finish,” Deluque said. “It’s about the actions of the Bush administration after Sept. 11 and fallacious statements they were making about why they were starting to restrict our rights as citizens. It being displayed right now is timely, however.”

Deluque, who said he took “every possible idea” while at Cal Poly, was hoping for even more of a reaction than what the painting has received so far.

“For the most part, it’s been a pretty positive reaction,” Deluque said. “There has been a call for a protest of the café in the New Times, but I personally thought it would have been bigger. I hoped to get people talking, but I’m happy that I was even able to express my opinion through my work at Linnea’s.”

There is a guestbook located inside the café in which patrons can write their thoughts concerning the artwork. There have been more than 15 pages written so far, ranging from anger and gratitude to disappointment.

One entry read “Thank you for putting colors and form to things and thoughts many have become afraid to think and speak.” Another patron wrote “Have you thought about the effect this will have on children? At the very least it is irresponsible.”

The painting is for sale, with a price tag of $18,000. “I’m not expecting anyone to purchase it,” Deluque said. “I hoped it would make people question their value systems, and I think it has done that to a certain extent. It might end up in a museum, but probably (will end up in) my garage. It’s way too big for my living room.”

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Free for All?

**Enough is enough: Let the internet piracy debate rest in peace**

By Jack Schneider

The issues of downloading music with Napster and the company was trying to make agreements. BMI music tried to correlate in downloading with Napster, so that every time a fee would be charged. The plan never went through, and the stellar idea fitting.

This week history is repeating itself. With yet another lawsuit against Napster.

Two record companies, Universal Music and EMI, filed a lawsuit on Monday, against Napster Inc., with major cases of copyright violations. As if the obvious statement about pirating wasn’t enough, the suit seeks $150,000 per violation. Making matters worse, this lawsuit intends to prevent other companies from creating a file-swapping service ever since Napster. Could there be a more ridiculous idea?

A good majority of students have probably heard of Limewire, WinMX, BearShare, Aimster and the ever famous KaZaa. These five companies have spawned ever since the decline of Napster. It’s been said before and it will be said again: There is no escape from Internet piracy.

However, there are ways to incorporate piracy, without depleting the usage of MP3s. Apple Computers, which is the creator of the iPod, have incorporated a way to download music, and pay a fee with the iPod. This idea also correlates with Apple’s iTunes, so people can get all the latest and greatest songs. Apple’s plan, unlike past ideas with Napster and BMI, incorporates all digital music, and could prove to be a successful plan. Best of all, Apple’s plan pays royalties to the record companies, proving to be a win-win situation for music downloaders (with enough money to pay for services) and record companies.

Free for All

The issues of downloading music with Napster are all in the past. While some people see digital music as an opportunity for profit and correspondence with downloaders and record companies, others like Universal and EMI, need to stop complaining about digital music. It’s about time both record companies and digital music stop complaining about each other, and find a common ground. If Apple’s digital music plan works, then the dispute between record companies and the people who download music won’t have to worry about who is getting the short end of the stick.
I told you: Picking apart the liberal arguments

Opinion

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Polytics

Over the past few months my "un-sophisticated" conservative views have been brought up pretty well every time I mention the history of the "intellectual elite." However, it's not very fun to say, "I won, you lost. Now act like the French and Irish that America soldiers successfully defended your rights." Actually, that's fun. However, for me to save this moment, allow me to itemize why the supporters of the United Nations failed to enforce its own resolutions and why the opposition was correct to say, "I won, you lost. Now act like the United Nations. If they do, it will cause a lot of trouble, but the vulgarity of saying these things in their columns is cause for tumult."

Liberal argument against the war No. 1: The United States has no right to go to war without the United Nations. If they do, it will cause irreplaceable damage to America's foreign policy.

Conservative counter-argument: The United Nations failed to enforce its own resolutions and the United States needs to do what's best for our national security and for world stability.

What actually happened: The war is over. Are people not trading with us? Have any sanctions been imposed? Has any country severed diplomatic relations with us?

Conservative counter-argument: OK, let's put it this way. You're a cop. There are two rooms in front of you. One room has an AK-47 put together, loaded and ready to fire. The other one is the process of assembling an AK-47 together. Which one do you take out first?

Same concept applies here. Get Saddam before he becomes a bigger threat. Also, swift and decisive action against Iraq will show Kim Jong Il that he has to begin to realize who is in charge. It has to begin to realize who is in charge. It is going to be very nice to say, "You're a cop. Here's what you have to back up in the United States."

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The coalition has lost 167 soldiers. That's one soldier for every 143,723 people freed. They gave their lives for a truly noble cause, and we will never forget. Due to the armed forces' excellent training and resolve, Iraqi civilian losses have been kept to a minimum. The International Red Cross said that due to the relative small loss of life considering the extensive damage to Baghdad, the United States did everything it could have done in order to avoid civilian casualties.

We could have ended the war sooner if we wanted to, but the means required would have violated international law. Yep, you guessed it: Broadcasting Susan Sarandon movies into all Iraqi homes and forcing a mass suicide.

Conservative counter-argument: The Iraqi people want us to stay. The United States is seen as liberators, not oppressors.

What actually happened: There were celebrations in the streets, and the Iraqi people greeted us with open arms. Yes, the press was a little too proactive, but there is only a small fraction of the population protesting. And also, are you really saying that the Iraqi people aren't smart enough to figure out that it was the American soldiers being there that gave them the right to demand that the United States leave their country? You racist! (See, I can also play the "I don't want to argue anymore so I'll call you a racist and walk away" game).

Game, set, match!

John Holbus is a political science junior and Mustang Daily columnist.

Letters to the Editor

"Sex in San Luis" satisfies its audience

Editor,

I am writing in response to Camille Marie Lucio's letter to the editor, "Sex and San Luis" columns lack depth, variety." (April 24). Whether you acknowledge it or not, Camille, the content of Ms. Lucio's columns occupies a percentage of your thoughts every day. Now I agree that it might be vulgar or immature but about genitals, but there is an audience out there that enjoys it, otherwise it wouldn't be in print. If you assume that no one would want to hear about the private matters of a college female who is more than willing to talk about them, you would be wrong. You guys either need to stop writing and be a "catch of sex talk" to captivate her audience, well I say that sex isn't a catch, it's an issue that is starring us blankly in our faces. Ms. Lucio just brings an approach to it that is not commonly seen in a college newspaper. As for her language, it is sometimes necessary to be vulgar when trying to catch someone's attention. In this case, without that controversy the "Sex and San Luis" column could have gained a lot more readership and made a lot more people think. The vulgarity of a woman saying these things is her column to the public is cause for tumult. So I might ask you, Camille, is Ms. Lucio's vulgarity really so uncalled for?

John Murphy is a construction management freshman.

Columnist needs an original style

Editor,

Recent articles have been discussing what is considered offensive or inappropriate for a college campus. This will be a difficult task to accomplish because what is offensive to one person may not be offensive to another. For example, I find the column "Sex in San Luis" highly offensive, yet the editor of Mustang Daily obviously finds journalistic value in the column.

The most offensive part is imitating the show "Sex in the City." Not only is Ms. Lester copying Carrie Bradshaw's style of writing, she is also stealing column ideas. The recent item "Equal opportunity: Taking care of the hair down there," April 17) aKxit waxing genitals while earning your degree? is Bush focusing on Iraq? North Korea it the real threat. (John's note: I'll be sure to remind you that the war we ever have to take care of is North Korea. Virtually nothing of any significance against Clinton's bombings of Iraq, so assuming that none of you are gigantic hipocites, I must therefore assume that you have poor long-term memory. Don't worry, though, my memory is impeccable. I won't let you forget. That is my favorite course to you. And people say 'm not ready to liberalize.

Conservative counter-argument: OK, let's put it this way. You're a cop. There are two rooms in front of you. Ms. Lester's credibility is challenged when she comes off as a pimpyacious person. As quoted from the article, "In the end, he wouldn't comply, so I didn't put it." This statement hides her from the public's view of how credible and trustworthy she is as a source. Her column creates a huge amount of opportunity for people to follow journaling column, but doesn't hire imitators; they hire originality. I challenge Ms. Lester to find her own voice. Good luck!

Jennifer Bishop is an English graduate student.

Those who don't take risks can't judge

Editor,

As is the case of writing controversial things in Mustang Daily, I am being harrased by overly condescending opponents. I think that Matt Taylor ("Pelehan amn'ts always correct," April 23) needs help seeing things in proportion. Let's compare his Hitler example to war protesters. Hitler risked his life to kill millions of people. These war protesters risked years in prison in order to slow down a shipment of war supplies and make a statement. The body count: Hitler; millions of lives. War protesters; 307 military killed, 1,624 injured. War protesters make many other people suffer and die in order to prove their points. Two-thirds of those mentioned also think that they're going to get away with it. I'm sure the protesters haven't bothered to show that jail time might be anything close to paradise.

Considering that very few of you out there reading this will ever actually risk so much for something you believe in, you really can't call yourself a Holocaust survivor. Matt, on a side note, what's with all your mud-slinging? Good teachers have respect for their students. They don't use their own students as an example of the ignorance or stupidity that they perceive in someone else. Have you learned nothing about working while earning your degree?

James Medina is a business junior.

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National/International News

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U.S. to propose partnership to develop hydrogen energy

By Joseph Coleman

PARIS — The world's top economies should pool resources to develop hydrogen energy technology, limiting dependence on fossil fuels, the U.S. secretary of energy said Monday.

Spencer Abraham proposed an international partnership for hydrogen energy at the International Energy Agency, which began a meeting in Paris on Monday.

"Working together ... we can dramatically speed the day when every family in the world can drive vehicles that are powered by hydrogen," Abraham said.

The United States plans to spend about $17 billion over the next five years on hydrogen development, and Abraham said the European Union has committed up to $2 billion, a total that he said would rise as private and other renewable energy sources contribute.

He said the aim was to put competitively priced hydrogen cars on the market by 2020.

Hydrogen fuel cell automobiles run on electricity from a chemical reaction between oxygen and hydrogen and only emit clean water from the tailpipe rather than polluting exhaust.

The meeting also will focus on security of the world's energy supply, environmental damage and unequal access to energy sources.

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — In a chilling detail, a detective said Monday that Sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo laughed as he admitted to two of last fall's deadly shootings.

He also said the suspect read his rights before he confessed.

Prosecutors said Malvo's glowing demeanor is evidence that he freely confessed and was not coerced by police. The defense contends Malvo's attorneys were not present during the Nov. 7 interrogation and that he made it clear to police he did not want to talk about the shootings.

The testimony came during a hearing on whether Malvo's confession should be barred as evidence.

The hearing will continue Tuesday morning.

Circuit Judge Jane Munan Rosh could throw out all or parts of the confession or retain it as evidence in its entirety.

Malvo and John Muhammad, 47, are accused in at least 20 shootings, including 13 deaths, in Virginia, Maryland, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Washington, D.C.

Both could face the death penalty if convicted.

Prosecutors have said the shootings were part of a scheme to extort $10 million from the government.

The two were captured at a Maryland rest stop Oct. 24, and Malvo arrived in Fairfax County Oct. 25.

During the questioning that day, Malvo recounted two deadly attacks, including the Oct. 14 slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin outside a Home Depot store in front of her husband, Fairfax County homicide detective Jane Boyle.

"I asked where he shot her. He laughed and pointed at his head," Boyle testified.

Malvo also "was laughing about" the fatal shooting of a man mowing grass in Maryland, Boyle said. "After he shot the man the lawn mower just kept going down the street," she recalled him saying.

James L. "Sunny" Buchman, 39, of Arlington, Va., said Oct. 3 he was mowed grass over an auto dealer shop in Rockville, Md.

According to Boyle, Malvo also chortled about a shot at a boy that missed his mark. She said Malvo claimed the shot was so close "it might have even парed his hair."

Prosecutors would only say that missed shooting had occurred in Maryland. The only known miss occurred Oct. 2, when the window of a Michael's craft store was shot out in an Aspen Hill, Md., shopping mall.

Tests cast doubt on Iraqi chemical weapons

By Louis Meixler

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unmarked vans that soldiers first suspected to be mobile chemical laboratories. Inside the vans were three cylinders for mixing liquids and a dosage chart in English and Russian. Green camouflage netting was draped across the front of one of the vans.

Novikov, however, said the vans "could be a rocket fuel mixing station."

Near the site was a low, brown sandstone building that had 150 gas masks that are of a higher quality that those usualy used by Iraqi soldiers.

The initial tests on the barrels were conducted late Friday by Lt. Valerie Phillips and Pvt. Jerome McCullah, chemical warfare experts with the 1St Squadron of the 10th Cavalry Regiment. All three of their tests pointed to nerve or blister agents. Afterward, Phillips and McCullah left the area and burned their chemical warfare suits for fear that they were contaminated.
Conference women's tennis champion Long Beach State that had never been done in school history: Bring home a Big West championship Sunday at the Blackhawk Country Club in Danville.

By Michael Marquez

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Barbara Guachos in an epic semifinal match. The Mustangs pulled out a 4-3 win in the close-fought battle. Freshman Sheila Lewis clinched the match with a 6-4, 6-4 win against Jenny Koble.

"We knew that the Guachos were playing some great tennis lately, but we stayed composed throughout the match and won the big points," Lewis said. "Clutching the final match was a great feeling. My opponent couldn't handle the pressure and broke down when it came down to the final set.

In the finals, the Mustangs proved why they were the No. 1 seed and the best team in the Big West, as they defeated the Beach State 49ers 4-1.

The doubles point was quickly decided as Mustangs Kristen Grady and Chelesy Thompson improved their record to 20-1 with a 6-1 victory over LBSU's Claudia Aspano and Almah Carroll.

Other key matches included wins at the No. 2 and No. 6 positions. Waller defeated Laura Thomas 6-2, 0-6, 6-4 at the No. 2 slot, while Kate Renn outlined Carol 6-3, 6-3 at the No. 6 spot.

Lewis again clinched the final match with a 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 against Kelly Huang.

Hustedt, the Mustangs' No. 1 singles player, overcame a suspended match as she led Alena Kovalchuk 6-3, 6-7, 4-0 in the third and deciding set.

"I'm unbelievably proud of this team," Bream said. "They deserved this hard-fought victory. We will take this win as positive momentum into our first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Earning the Big West Conference title gave the Mustangs an automatic bid in the NCAA Championships.

The first and second rounds will take place on May 9 to 11 at one of sixteen to-be-decided sites.

It will be the Mustangs' first appearance in the NCAA tournament since becoming a Division I member (1994-1995).

The Mustangs will find out Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. on ESPN News which site they will be going to.

Cal Poly Sports Information Report

Cal Poly Men's Tennis

Mustangs fall in semis to No. 1 Pacific

The Mustangs had advanced to the semifinals with Thursday's win against No. 5 Idaho.

Cal Poly made it a clean sweep for the top seeds in the championship tournament with a 4-2 win over the Vandals (6-10).

The Mustangs dropped the No. 1 and No. 2 positions, but took No. 3 through No. 6 to claim victory. The pivotal match-up came at the No. 3 position. With the Mustangs leading in the match 3-1, Davey Jones pulled out a second-set tie-breaker with Chris Faustian to win in straight sets 3-6, 7-6 (6).

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