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Campus Dining project put on hold

By John M. Pierson

Staff helps ASI leaders reach goals

By Ashley Wolf

Crime Roundup

Events from the week of Jan. 21

Jan. 21
• The University Police Department responded to a call from the El Corral Bookstore at 2:11 p.m. in response to a suspected theft. Officers found a 12-year-old woman detained by security for attempting to steal two baseball caps. The woman was arrested and booked into San Luis Obispo County Jail.

• A student who failed to lock his bike properly came out of the building business to find his bicycle was gone. The owner was upset and blocked into San Luis Obispo County Jail.

Jan. 22
• A staff member contacted the UPD at 4:56 p.m. regarding the vandalism of a vending machine. The incident had been reported two weeks earlier; however, the necessary repairs had yet to be completed.

• A Sierra Madre tower was the scene of an assault and battery involving at least two parties, police officials said. The altercation occurred at 12:40 a.m., but it was not reported to UPD until later for unknown reasons. The incident remains under investigation.

Jan. 23
• At 5:06 p.m., UPD was called to the Grand Avenue parking structure in response to the vandalism of a 1965 Ford Mustang. The extent of the damage is unknown, and the vandalism is still at large.

• The UPD received multiple reports of suspected fraud involving a vendor in the University Union. One student told police that some albums for sale were copies and "knock-offs." The incident is still under investigation.

By Randi Block

MARIJUANA store opens

ROSEVILLE (AP) — Despite a federal law prohibiting marijuana sales, an activist has opened a store that sells marijuana to qualified patients and caregivers in the historic district of this Sacramento suburb.

But it's unclear how long the new "cannabis club" will be allowed to remain open, even though California voters approved Proposition 215 in 1996 to legalize medicinal marijuana under state law.

The measure, the nation's first medical marijuana law, allows Californians with cancer, HIV and certain other chronic medical conditions to grow and use marijuana to ease nausea and other health problems if a physician recommends the drug.

Although Roseville Police Chief Joel Neves told the Sacramento Bee that the store can be operated as long as operators stay within state law, federal officials are not so sure.

Richard Meyer, a special agent for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in San Francisco, pointed out that federal law takes precedent over state authority and that the store could be shut down at any time.

The store owner, Richard Marin of Rancho Cordova, said he became interested in the drug after being hurt in a series of automobile and workplace accidents.

Fish and reptiles are among the most common pets for college students, All Star Pets employee Gabe Norris said.

"These animals are not loud, like a barking dog, which would keep up the neighbors, nor do they require a lot of space," Norris said.

By Pandi Block

One fish, two fish... cat, dog or none?

With college comes hectic schedules and stress, but many animal-loving Cal Poly students have found just the solution. Beginning with the ever-popular fish bowl in the dorms to an apartment cat, students are discovering the advantages of owning pets while in school. From procrastination tools to stress relievers, pets provide a companionship that goes beyond any roommate.

"Most kids go with reptiles and fish because they require the least amount of maintenance and are the most interesting," All Star Pets employee Gabe Norris said. "These animals are not loud like a barking dog, which would keep up the neighbors, nor do they require a lot of space."
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Executive staff 

"The executive staff is centered around action," Berdial said. "They person power all of our achievements this year.

ASI executive staff has people working on all areas of student issues, from sustainability to increasing partnerships between ASI and Student Life and Leadership.

This year, ASI has participated in numerous Student Life events like Make a Difference Day and the MECHA Thanksgiving celebration. They are planning on participating in the Women's Center Night Run in March.

In regards to getting more information to the students about ASI, the executive staff, Anderson and Berdial have held informational session for hall councils in Yosemite residence hall. They also had a State of the Student Forum with all club presidents and they are planning a school-wide State of the Student Forum Feb. 5 from 11 a.m. to noon on Dexter Lawn.

Before the interview, Anderson said she felt frustrated some of the goals she and the rest of ASI were trying to accomplish weren't going anywhere fast. She said that she was remanded by a co-worker that presidents at this point in the year usually get frustrated that everything they wanted to see happening isn't exactly working out as they had planned.

It's a hard time for student leaders," Anderson said. "Things happen that weren't necessarily what you were planning to be working on, but as government, you have to respond to them."

One of the main issues is budget cuts for the ASI government. Because of proposed cuts in classes, faculty and enrollment, it is difficult for ASI to maintain their goal of increasing class availability.

"We are working toward keeping (class availability) at the same level at it is right now," Anderson said.

Anderson and Berdial are planning to meet and revisit their original goals and to evaluate where they stand and what new goals they need to start working on. But, they said they will continue to need the support from their co-workers in order to accomplish their ambitions.

"Everywhere we have accomplished has been because they've (executive staff) done such amazing work," Berdial said. "They are so motivated, they work so hard, and they are so excited about the work they do."

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"Jeopardy" host will return to show after accident

**UC lab gets one-year extension**

**BERKELEY (AP) — The University of California will operate Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory for at least another year.

The U.S. Department of Energy on Friday extended the university's contract to run the lab until January 2005, when competitive bids will be allowed.

Lawrence Berkeley is one of three federal scientific and weapons laboratories traditionally operated by the university. The other two are in Livermore and Los Alamos, N.M.

The university's operation of the labs has become increasingly controversial, and Congress has declined that contracts to run the labs must be put up for bid.

The contract for Lawrence Berkeley was set to expire Saturday, but the one-year extension means that the contracts for Lawrence Berkeley and the Los Alamos lab will both go up for bid next January.

It is not clear when the bidding will occur for the contract to run Lawrence Livermore.

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WASHINGTO N — Lawmakers from New York, California and other leading states are pressing the Bush administration not to give away the farm in negotiating a free-trade agreement with Australia.

These farmers worry that the market for U.S. butter, cheese and skim-milk powder could be seriously hurt by increased competition from Australia, where such products are much cheaper.

SAN JOSE — Mountain lion sightings are on the increase in the San Francisco Bay Area's South Bay suburbs, but the increase may reflect human awareness rather than the presence of more cats.

In the past few weeks, mountain lions have been spotted in urban rural fringe areas around Gilroy, Los Gatos and elsewhere. The latest sighting was Tuesday at a Santa Clara Valley Water District treatment plant in Los Gatos.

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WINO LAKE, Wis. — Hours after a woman called 911 saying her ex-husband had tied her up and put her in the back of his truck, police Saturday found the man and their two young daughters, but not his former wife.

The ex-husband had been seen towing the woman's car, which later turned up in Milwaukee, sheriff's officials said. Between the calls to authorities and the divorced couple's history of police intervention, Racine County Sheriff Bob Carlson said, "it doesn't give us a safe feeling."

WASHINGTON — Six U.S.-bound flights from England, Scotland and France were cancelled Saturday because of security concerns.

British Airways grounded the same flight schedule Sunday and Monday from London's Heathrow Airport to Dulles International Airport in Virginia. The event was one of a series of security-enhancement steps that come in the wake of the Dec. 22, 2001, crash of an American Airlines flight that set off a terrorist bomb.

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Most US students are familiar with what is usually on the campus dining hall menus, but lately some have seen some unusual additions.

Livingston College fourth year student Marie Anteola said she found dead fruit flies in a drink she received at Tillett Dining Hall lunch last week. She did not notice the insects in her cup until hours later.

At around 3 p.m., while Anteola was at work and sipping her drink, she noticed a foreign object in her mouth. "I found a fruit fly in my mouth," Anteola said. When she opened her cap, the fruit fly looked like "over a hundred dead fruit flies."

After the incident, Anteola became ill and later took the trip up to Health Services at the College Avenue campus to see a nurse who had ingested. Although Anteola's health is fine, she said she is traumatised and can no longer eat at Tillett.

Anteola filed a report, after which a Tillett staff member called on-site food inspectors to investigate the situation.

— University Wire
**Letters to the editor**

### "Wheels of Justice" uses biased facts

**Editor,**

Last Monday and Tuesday, people calling themselves Wheels of Justice invaded our campus, making presenta- 
tions in classes, at Dexter Lawn, at the University Union 
and the city library. If you had the misfortune to listen to 
them, you would find out how one-sided and harmful their 
"peace" message is.

The following questions should have been asked:
1. Who is behind these people? Who is paying the cost 
for them to go from campus to campus? What foreign 
government or interest is supporting them?

2. They blame the U.S. government for all theills in 
Iraq. Do they ever mention what this regime did to 
their own citizens, to the citizens of their neighbors and to 
the world?

3. In their film shown at the city library, they show 
Israelis soldiers killing civilians. A similar movie produced 
and shown in Serbia shows Jews killing little children to 
make Passover Matzo. Who made this movie? And do they 
show Israeli civilians blown away when a terrorist bomber 
explodes themselves in a bus, in a pizza 
restaurant, in a Passover Seder or in a wedding?

4. In their "peace," message, they advocate destruction 
of Israel in favor of a Palestinian government replacing 
Israel. Do they mention that since Egypt and Jordan made 
peace with Israel there has not been a single casualty 
between them? Peace is made between two parties, not by 
either one alone.

5. Do they mention that the FLO was created in 1964, 
three years before the June 1967 war when Israel captured 
the West Bank from Jordan (not Palestine) and Gaza from 
Egypt (not Palestine) and why there was a war?

Propaganda is propaganda. One has to look beyond it 
to see the facts. Look for yourself.

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Cyrus Somekhian is a business senior.

### Greeks contribute to the community

**Editor,**

I am writing in response to the cartoon so prominently 
displayed in the Jan. 30 issue of Mustang Daily. Although 
this school, as well as this paper, continues to belittle the 
Greeks on this campus, I would like to clear up 
some long-observed stereotypes.

First, the Greek community does very much need 
community service and philanthropic events to raise 
money for individuals who are worse off than many of Cal 
Poly's time students. I would like the person who drew the 
cartoon to sit and think what he has done for someone 
other than himself.

Secondly, I would like to address the constant negative 
view toward Greeks. The general student body sees us as 
nothing more than mere drunk and half-baked bimbos.

I am sad to say that this description also applies to 
many other Cal Poly students who would never be 
called dead at a Greek event. Greeks are leaders and 
innovators of the future. Some very prominent Greeks 
include Laura Busb, Kevin Cotter and Anna Harper. 
To all those people who say that Greeks are conformist sheep 
who follow the crowd and only allow "beautiful people" of 
society to join, shame on you and your ability to belittle 
what you don't understand. Greeks include people from 
all backgrounds and all ethnicities. We are doctors, 
teachers, and governors. I am a Greek, and I am proud. I 
would never be ashamed to wear my letters proudly!

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Linda Hernandez is a biology junior and a proud 
member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

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**Big Bounce a big disappointment**

By Dan Watson

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Even excluding the horror of Charlie Sheen's overly placed mustache, "The Big Bounce" is still not a good movie.

Don't go see this movie expecting to solve a mystery, improve your life, have that epiphany or laugh until it hurts. Rather, expect to feel mildly entertained and hope Owen Wilson makes it up to you in "Stansky and Hatcher."

An anti-climactic plot, bad dialogue and superfluos scenes are just a few attributes of this film which still is full of star power, including Wilson, Sheen, Morgan Freeman and, yes, even Willie Nelson.

Even with the film's shortcomings, the upside is that it is based on a novel from the incomparable Elmore Leonard, who wrote the books that became movies "Get Shorty," "Jackie Brown" and "Out of Sight."

This movie represents the second screen version of the "Big Bounce," the first of which was filmed in 1969 with Ryan O'Neal and Leigh Taylor-Young.

Leonard interweaves a plot of mis­chief and mutiny into an acclaimed novel that has been translated into a halfway watchable film — one where you only want to keep observing because of the characters' allure.

The film, however, falls flat in capturing Leonard's legacy.

And while the film's Hawaiian scenery is easy on the eyes, seeing Wilson playing the role of criminal Jack Ryan is like watching a clown and Ryan's soon-to-he nemesis, Boh, has a petty-crincon man running from his problems left on the mainland. He works for develop­er Ray Ritchie (Gary Sinise), a dis­liked millionaire who gets in bad with the locals because of his arrogance and poorly-placed construc­tion sites.

Comically, the film opens with Ryan's dispute with foreman Lou Harris (Vinnie Jones) that begins in verbal conflict and materializes into Ryan clocking Harris with a baseball bat. From here, Ritchie's enforcer and Ryan's soon-to-be nemesis, Bob Jr. (Steven), enters the scene as does mistress, the sexy bad-girl Nancy Hayes, played by model Sara Foster.

Unsurprisingly, seductress Hayes falls for Ryan behind Bob Jr.'s back, and Ryan soon becomes intrigued by Hayes' beauty, daring mischievousness and the "bounce" he gets from breaking and entering houses to rob alongside her.

At the same time, Walter Crowes (Freeman) plays the island's corrupt district judge who gives Ryan a place to stay and work after he is fired by Ritchie. The ultimate fix is to rob Ritchie of $200,000 dollars ... except Ryan doesn't know who's all in on it and who he can trust.

What it all amounts to is a bunch of oddballs becoming tangled in a tale of twists and turns that slowly work their way to a melodramatic, anti-climactic end.

The Hawaii shots are nice, but they do the zoom-up-on-the-waves-grinned-with-surfers-for-effect one too many times.

Otherwise, the plot does not capture you, and there's not much to talk about after it's all said and done. It's like watching Michael Jordan play baseball or Tim Hardaway do TV commentary for NBA games.

Wilson, Sheen and Freeman are great talents at what they do, but just doesn't work here.
Computer hacker pleads guilty

SAN JOSE (AP) — A former Los Alamos National Laboratory computer specialist pleaded guilty Thursday to hacking into and damaging the computers of several high-tech companies, including online auction giant eBay Inc.

Jerome T. Heckenkamp, 24, of Los Angeles, was indicted by a grand jury in February and March 1999 for defacing a Web-page and installing malicious programs that captured usernames and passwords that he used to gain access to the computers.

Heckenkamp also admitted he broke into San Diego-based Qualcomm Inc.'s computers in late 1999 and installing more so-called "Trojan" programs. At the time, he was a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He was arrested in January 2001 and lost his job at Los Alamos.

In the plea deal, Heckenkamp agreed the court could consider for him from other companies' computers he was charged with accessing. They include Exodus Communications, Juniper Networks, and CapitalOne Corp.

One of Heckenkamp's attorneys, Benjamin Coleman, did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

U.S. District Judge James Ware is scheduled to sentence Heckenkamp on May 10 in San Jose.

Haitian student killed in protest

Protesters, Aristide supporters clash

Wednesday in Haiti

By Michael Norton

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Angry students protesting President Jean-Bertrand Aristide have killed a student in a clash with police.

The students were demonstrating in protest concerning demonstrations, said government spokesman Mario DuPuy.

He said the victim was a supporter of Aristide's Lavalas Family party.

Dozens of students crowded into the waiting room of the capital's Erasme hospital's emergency room on Monday night.

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The students want the United States to help them in calling for Aristide's resignation. U.S. troops restored Aristide to power in 1994 after a coup.

The United States is an important factor in the crisis. It has to assume its responsibilities," University of Haiti student leader Herve Saumlou said.

"Officials temporarily shut down the United States Consulate because of the unrest, said Judith Trunzo, a spokes­woman for the U.S. Embassy, which remained open and is about one mile from the consulate.

Aristide has been in the Lavalas party since 2000 legislative elections that observers said were flawed. In the past four months, at least 50 people have been killed.

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Aristide and Detained

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Police arrested 44 students last week with tear gas, saying they weren't complying with a 1987 decree requiring activists to submit plans two days before and to give names of participants.

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Baseball sweeps

• Garrett Olson strikes out nine as Cal Poly beats St. Mary's 4-1.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Sophomore southpaw Garrett Olson pitched five strong innings for his first win of the season as Cal Poly swept Saint Mary's for the second straight season with a 4-1 victory Sunday afternoon at Louis G. Astle Field. Olson struck out nine — two of his short career high — and did not allow a walk as he evened his record at 1-1. Olson allowed one run and three hits in his start on the mound.

Five other Mustangs took turns on the mound. Junior right-hander Dennis LeDuc hurled two scoreless frames for his first save.

Center fielder Sam Herbert, designated hitter Billy Saul and right fielder Chadon Tierje all had two hits and one RBI for the Mustangs. Both of Saul's hits were doubles. Catcher Cory Ballin also added a pair of hits. Cal Poly, which won the first two games of the series by 10-3 and 10-0 scores, overcame an early 1-0 deficit in the deficit in the sixth inning and added an insurance run in the ninth.

Herbert tied the game in the fifth with an RBI single and Saul broke the tie with a run-scoring double. Saul came home on Tierje's single.

Ryan Cluett, a freshman right-hander for Saint Mary's, pitched eight innings in absorbing the loss. He threw 106 pitches and struck out three, walked two, giving up three runs and eight hits.

Center fielder Mike Sorensen had two of Saint Mary's seven hits.
Sports

Women’s tennis sweeps Westmost

By Leah Mori

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly women’s tennis team showed why they are the defending Big West champions when they swept the singles and doubles matches in their win against Westmost on Saturday afternoon. The Mustangs are now 4-1 overall and 1-0 in the Big West.

They started the afternoon strong with quick wins from the doubles, with Westmost only winning three games between the three matches.

Cal Poly’s Noelle Lee and Chelsey Thompson scored an 8-2 win over Jen Goebel and Ashley Alleman. Carol Erickson and Sheila Lewis also beat Westmost’s Sarah Gideon and Christie Sanghi 8-1.

In the longest doubles match of the day, which finished in less than an hour, Cal Poly’s Samantha Walker and Kristen Grady posted an 8-2 win against Kendyl Whiting and Jenny Renter. Walker and Grady are 4-0 this year in dual doubles matches.

The team effort gave Cal Poly the doubles point and an edge on Westmost. Walker and Grady won quickly in two sets.

One match ended without games won for Westmost when Kelly Nelson defeated Sanghi 6-0, 6-0.

Another three matches gave Westmost one game each, when Lee, a transfer student playing her first home match, defeated Renter 6-2, 6-0; Grady beat Alleman 6-0, 6-1 and Erickson beat Gideon 6-1, 6-0.

In the most challenging match of the day, Lewis defeated Goebel 6-1, 7-5. Lewis filled in for Thompson as the No. 2 number two player, as Thompson was sitting out to rest her back.

Walker, a sophomore and the No. 1 player on the team, defeated Whiting 6-1, 6-2.

Walker enjoys the challenge the No. 1 position brings and was satisfied with her performance as well as that of her teammates.

"I think I played well," Walker said. "Before the match, our coach gave us all goals to meet, and I think I met all my goals. Our team came out and played well."

By Spencer Marley

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

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The "defensive presence" that Bromley said. "They had to jump start to hold back aggressive on the offensive for four quarters." Bromley said. "They had to jump start to hold back aggressive on the offensive for four quarters.

The Mustangs are now in a three-way tie for first place in the conference, but face a near-impossible task with a game against conference-leading Utah State in Utah.

BRIAN KENT/MUSTANG DAILY

Senior forward Varnie Dennis goes for a layup against UC Riverside at Illinois. Dennis had a game-high 22 points.

Dooley drops bombs in road win

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Sophomore guard Jennifer Dooley set a school record by making 10 of 15 three-pointers and finished with 30 points to lead Cal Poly to its first win on the road this year, defeating UC Riverside 85-72 on Saturday night at the Student Recreation Center.

Dooley, who was averaging 8 points per game heading into Saturday’s contest, broke the mark of nine three-pointers set by Stephanie Owens against Fresno Pacific on Dec. 30, 1996. As a team, Cal Poly made 15 three-pointers, breaking the old mark of 12 set against South Florida in 1999 and duplicated with quick wins from the doubles.

Dooley’s three-pointer with 9:15 to go in the first half snapped a 17-17 tie and Cal Poly never looked back, opening up a 10-point advantage at 33-23 before settling for a 42-34 lead at the break.

UC Riverside never got any closer than six points in the second half, but faced a near-impossible task with a game against conference-leading Utah State in Utah.

The Cal Poly wrestling team finished fourth in the conference with 93 points. Owens defeated Anthony Baza of Cal State Bakersfield to take home the championship.

Congratulations to Pedrosan, Arleen Paperrry, Bret Berglund — 2 home runs.

Men’s swimming and diving scores versus Hawaii and Cal Lutheran, women’s swimming and diving scores versus UC Santa Cruz and wrestling at the California Collegiate Invaltional.

Tease me... Tuesday...

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