Student arrested for attempted car theft

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A Cal Poly student was arrested over the weekend for assault and attempted vehicle burglary. Police took electrical engineering freshman and former Cal Poly wrestler Matthew Wykoff into custody after he was apprehended by several citizens at the intersection of Kentucky and Stassen streets on April 22 at approximately 2:30 a.m., according to the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

Wykoff allegedly attempted to break into a car when the car’s owner, Andrew Chisamore, 20, walked by with two other people. Chisamore and the two other citizens saw Wykoff using his fist to break the driver’s side window and attempted to stop him, said Keith Stonston of the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

“(Wykoff) happened to be in an area where the victim, the owner of the car, happened to see him breaking into his car,” Stonston said.

Chisamore and the two other citizens wrestled Wykoff to the ground, according to police. Wykoff allegedly resisted, punching Chisamore several times, police said.

The noise alerted neighbors of the struggle, and they called the police.

Both Wykoff and Chisamore had minor facial injuries, according to the police report, and were treated at the scene before Wykoff was taken to San Luis Obispo County Jail.

Environmental engineering sophomore Peace Swerdfeger, who met Wykoff at the beginning of the school year when Wykoff was briefly on the wrestling team, was surprised when he got the news.

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Swerdfeger lives in the same neighborhood where Wykoff was arrested, but said the alleged attempted vehicle burglary doesn’t cause him to worry for his car’s safety. The biggest disturbance the block usually sees is the occasional rowdy college party, Swerdfeger said.

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Wykoff was unavailable for comment at the time of publication.

Event to raise Cal Poly autism awareness

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When Marie Conley, a psychology senior, was 3 years old, her younger brother Tom was diagnosed with autism.

“When he was diagnosed, my parents didn’t really know what autism was,” Conley said. “It’s a good thing for people my age to learn about autism as future parents.”

One in every 110 children born in the United States is diagnosed with autism. With the cause of the disease still unknown, and a cure not yet discovered, there is still information to be learned.

This week, for the first time at Cal Poly, two special education credential program students are hosting Autism Awareness Week. Both students of the program, Melissa Quinon and Nicole Kocik organized and planned a day of events.

“I’m excited to talk to students about autism because there is a need to raise awareness,” Kocik said. “There’s a lot of things that can make life for people with special needs easier, and the best way is to spread the word.”

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Autism

Some Cal Poly students have autism, and the number is increasing every year. The Disability Resource Center could not release the exact number of students with the disorder because of confidentiality reasons.

"We want students on campus to know how common autism is," said Julie Miller, the executive director of the Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center. "I'd also love to see student volunteers from other departments get involved in our program."

During the month of April, the Autism Society hosts Autism Awareness Month with the goal of improving the lives of all affected by autism.

"Since it is already the month of awareness, we decided to host our event on campus in April," Quinn said.

Quinn and Kocik have been planning the awareness event since the beginning of spring quarter.

It was something we decided to take on ourselves," Quinn said. "We couldn't have done it without the Cal Poly staff, members of our class and our professors."

The purpose of the event is to give people a better understanding of what autism is and how to interact with people who have the disorder.

"As an educator, there are different strategies I use while teaching autistic kids," Quinn said. "Certain settings can be overwhelming for autistic students, but most people don't know that."

There are 20 students currently involved in the special education credential program at Cal Poly. In addition to earning a masters in education and a special education teaching credential, the students will earn autism spectrum disorder authorizations upon completion of their coursework.

Cal Poly is the first university to make this certification possible as part of graduate study, and the class of 2011 is the first to graduate with this distinction.

Michael Roef, professor and coordinator of Special Education Programs at Cal Poly, was responsible for raising the funds for the awareness event.

"We plan to make this an annual event," he said. "Next year will be on a grander scale than this."

The students involved with the credential program will also appear at the "Life Without Limits" fair on Garden Street at 6 p.m. to promote special needs programs in the community.

More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with AIDS, diabetes and cancer combined, according to Conley. With a growing number of children diagnosed, parents and family members are taking action in their communities.
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NEW CLANCY NEWSPAPERS

Newly released Wikileaks documents detail how the U.S. government held many Guantanamo detainees based on shaky evidence. Even so, the revelations are unlikely to dramatically change their fates. Rather, the disclosures highlight the flaws of the current system set up by the U.S. government to detain suspected al-Qaida terrorists, said attorneys involved in the cases.

The more than 750 individual assessments of former and current Guantanamo detainees obtained by McClatchy Newspapers and a handful of other news organizations show a detention system dependent on prisoner-confessions and alleged al-Qaida rumors.

Based on the Wikileaks documents, McClatchy reported that the allegations and observations of just eight detainees were used to help build cases against some 255 men at Guantanamo — roughly one-third of all who passed through the prison. Yet the veracity of the testimony of many of them was later questioned.

While such details about the shady detention system may startle the public, lawyers representing the 172 Guantánamo detainees obtained by McClatchy — one of the requests the federal appeals court in Washington has not agreed. So far, the Supreme Court has declined to weigh in. Meanwhile, President Barack Obama's Justice Department has continued to assert that many detainees are too dangerous to release.

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That said, Solis said the revelations don't "give a major advantage to the defense" because it's likely they knew much of the information already.

In some cases, judges have ordered detainees released because of their doubts about the government's case, but those detainees are still being held because the U.S. has not found a country that wants to accept them.

Other detainees continue to be held based on evidence that some district court judges have found to be erroneous and unreliable, but the federal appeals court in Washington has not agreed. So far, the Supreme Court has declined to weigh in. Meanwhile, President Barack Obama's Justice Department has continued to assert that many detainees are too dangerous to release.

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Wednesday gave an official blessing to the chief Libyan opposition group, opening the way for closer ties but not necessarily formal recognition as the country's legitimate government.

Gene Cretz, the U.S. ambassador to Libya, said that a U.S. diplomat who was sent to Libya to assess Gadhafi's opposition group, called the Transitional National Council had concluded that "it is a political body which is worthy of our support."

U.S. diplomats have been studying the rebel group for weeks, trying to discern its goals and whether or not it included militia Islamists or other dangerous elements.

Cretz told a State Department briefing for reporters Wednesday that because of the new judgment the United States would encourage other countries to officially recognize the council, and to offer them more aid.

France, Italy and Qatar already have recognized the opposition group, rather than the regime led by Moammar Gadhafi, as Libya's legitimate government.

But Cretz said the administration continues to wrestle with whether it should offer recognition of the council.

He said that the issue involved a number of complicated legal questions, such as whether or not the council meets the legal definition of a government, and whether recognition of the group would be consistent with American diplomatic precedents.

"We're a very legalistic country," Cretz said in a briefing at the State Department.

U.S. officials contend, however, that the lack of recognition hasn't been an impediment to the Obama administration providing aid to the rebels.

President Barack Obama this week approved the provision of up to $25 million worth of surplus equipment to the rebels, including communications gear, medicine and bullet proof vests.

Cretz said US officials believe that the Libyan officials still supporting Gadhafi constitute a "hard core" of family and supporters that is strongly resistant to international efforts to persuade them to defect.

The United States and its allies in the war have been working hard to try to encourage defections, believing this is the most likely way to bring about the ouster of Gadhafi.

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President Barack Obama will announce Thursday a major overhaul of his defense and intelligence teams, one that analysts say has the potential—but no guarantee—to speed a drawdown of U.S. forces from Afghanistan.

He will nominate CIA Director Leon Panetta to lead the Defense Department, replacing Secretary Robert Gates, who is retiring. Gen. David Petraeus, the commander of forces in Afghanistan, will retire from the military and would become the new CIA chief.

Lt. Gen. John Allen, now the deputy at U.S. Central Command, would fill Petraeus' shoes in Afghanistan to command U.S.-led forces. Ryan Crocker, a career ambassador who served in Iraq and Pakistan under President George W. Bush before retiring in 2009, would become the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, replacing Karl Eikenberry.

The Senate must confirm the nominations. Initial reaction from Capitol Hill was positive. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said he "could not be more pleased with these selections" and they would "provide the leadership to help make our nation safer."

Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-Calif., the chairwoman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, praised Panetta and Petraeus. She signaled, however, that she will question Petraeus about his readiness to lead the CIA.

She said in a statement that she had "enormous respect" for Petraeus but until now he had been "a consumer of intelligence ... that is a different role than leading the top civilian intelligence agency."

By tapping Petraeus for the position, Obama would reward the four-star veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan with a promotion to a prestigious post. Petraeus will have a limited ability to forge and implement security policy, including setting the pace and size of the U.S. troop drawdown from Afghanistan, which begins this year and which he has indicated should be limited.

Obama advisers sought to downplay the idea that the changes would affect policy or the pace of the drawdown in Afghanistan between this summer and 2014, saying the president would make those decisions. But as he intensifies his re-election campaign, Obama and his advisers may want to accelerate the scale and speed of the pullout, and as the nation's top spy, Petraeus no longer would be in a position to resist.

At the CIA, Petraeus would be "in a very important position, but not one where he is directly advising on the number of troops that should remain in the country. He won't have as much leeway to be able to do that," said Lisa Curtis of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative policy institute.

For that reason, the move could strengthen Vice President Joe Biden and officials who have advocated shifting from Petraeus' counterinsurgency strategy, based on deploying large numbers of soldiers and massive infusions of reconstruction aid, to a counterterrorism approach that would cut regular U.S. troops and rely more heavily on using U.S. special forces to target al-Qaeda and Taliban operatives.

Panetta is credited with significantly improving morale at the CIA, which took serious hits over its erroneous findings that Saddam Hussein's Iraq had chemical, biological and nuclear arms programs and its use of secret prisons where detainees were subjected to interrogation methods deemed by many experts to be torture.

Since becoming director in February 2009, he has overseen the most intensive counterterrorism operations in the CIA's history, including a major expansion in missile-firing drone strikes against al-Qaeda, Taliban and other Islamic extremists based in Pakistan's tribal area bordering Afghanistan.

Those efforts also have contributed to a souring in U.S. relations with Pakistan, which contends that the strikes cause civilian casualties that boost recruitment and support for the militants. The CIA also suffered its worst antiterrorist setback in 2009, when a Jordanian doctor thought to be a spy against al-Qaeda blew himself up at a CIA base on the Pakistani-Afghanistan border, killing seven agency officers and contractors.

With some 40 years of government service — as a member of Congress from California, budget chief and White House chief of staff under President Bill Clinton, and CIA director — Panetta is a skilled bureaucrat and veteran infighter, qualities that he will find valuable as he looks to slash the Pentagon's budget as part of Obama's deficit-fighting план.

Obama's moves have been playing out for weeks behind closed doors. A senior administration official who previewed the president's plans on the condition of anonymity said the president spent months thinking about who could best carry out his strategies while working constructively together.

Obama met twice with Petraeus in mid-March to discuss the switch, the administration official said. Crocker agreed March 30 to return to government service. Panetta, who was reluctant to leave the CIA, said yes in a final meeting Monday with the president.

If all goes as planned, Gates would step down June 30. And Panetta would begin July 1. The CIA's deputy director, Michael Morell, would serve as the interim chief until September, when Petraeus would start.
Lantern Festival to shine light on diversity at Cal Poly

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Omega Xi Delta and Chi Delta Theta have teamed up to give the University Union (UU) a makeover. The plaza will be brightly lit with cultural flags and decorations while the air will include the aroma of foods from different cultural backgrounds as a celebration of the 17th Annual Lantern Festival. Live cultural performances, food and games will be set up by clubs to celebrate Asian and Pacific Islander cultures and promote diversity in the San Luis Obispo community April 30.

Chi Delta Theta member and graphic communication junior Andrea Magsaysay said she wanted to encourage the public to become aware of the various backgrounds and customs of the university because it tends to be forgotten.

"We felt that we needed something like this because our campus isn’t very diverse," Magsaysay said. "It's a good chance for people to come together and enjoy the different cultures of Cal Poly."

With the success of the previous festivals, Magsaysay said she hopes to continue that legacy and make this year unforgettable. The festival aims to educate people more about the various ethnicities and backgrounds of fellow students.

"I expect it to be more culturally based so people can learn more about diversity of Cal Poly," Magsaysay said. "The foundation of the Lantern Festival started for that reason."

Students have planned this event since the beginning of winter quarter. Magsaysay said spending five months planning for one day has led to a feeling of success.

"It's a big sense of achievement, especially after the event is over and we get feedback from people," Magsaysay said. "When they say, 'It was really fun' or 'I learned a lot,' it makes it all worth it. It's a big accomplishment for all of us."

The theme this year, "A Thousand Cranes," parallels the famous Japanese origami. Part of the proceeds made from selling food and club merchandise will be donated to the victims of the Japanese earthquake.

The event is also set to include performances from the Chinese Student Association, the United States Martial Arts Demo Team, Cal Poly Lion Dance Team and Pilipino Cultural Exchange (PCE).

Marc Perez, an electrical engineering senior and PCE member, is excited for the festival and performing a hip-hop routine with his fellow club members. As a third year participant, he said he looks forward to the event because of the cultural message it sends out to the public.

"It's a time when clubs can come together and show off the culture they represent," Perez said. "Being a part of the Lantern Festival means I don't feel so alone. Being a minority at Cal Poly has taught me to embrace it. This festival is a place where people come together and you feel welcomed."

Industrial engineering senior and coordinator of the Lantern Festival Timothy Chuc said the festival has a welcoming effect.

"It brings together all the different Asian clubs on campus and shows the community what we're about," Chuc said. "It's a time to share what we do.

Chuc wants to incorporate more of the San Luis Obispo community in the event. Attendees will experience all the different food, cultures and performances, and educate themselves on the diversity missing on campus.

"Personally, it means a lot to me to see Lantern, page 8
Variable Velocity dancer Meghan Morelli said the dance company’s special 10th anniversary performance will be “very experimental and different from any dance show most people have ever seen.”

Editor’s note: Check out the video on Variable Velocity at mustangdaily.net

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Tucked away in the dance room at Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo’s only modern dance company, Variable Velocity, has been rehearsing since fall. Directed by Diana Stanton and Jude Clark Warnisher, Variable Velocity is prepared to open its 10th anniversary show, “Extraordinary Mysteries,” Friday in the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center (PAC).

Stanton and Warnisher have selected their favorite pieces from 10 years of working together for the dancers to perform.

At Monday’s rehearsal, the dancers donned costumes and ran through the full show, which Cal Poly alumna and dancer Meghan Morelli said is “very experimental and different from any dance show most people have ever seen.”

“That’s why this show is so special,” Morelli said. “We’re filling other people’s roles. We’re acknowledging everyone who has ever danced with (Variable Velocity).”

Morelli, as well as many members of the company, got involved while dancing with Cal Poly’s dance company, Orchesis. Stanton also directs Orchesis, and pulls dancers from the fall production to work with Variable Velocity.

“Mysteries” is in honor of the 10th anniversary. Stanton and Warnisher have been working on the show since fall, but rehearsal for Stanton’s pieces did not begin until February due to her work with Orchesis.

“Mysteries” incorporates many experimental elements, said alunna Heidi Vigario, who hopes to see “Mysteries” in the PAC.

Variable Velocity dancer Aimee Warner said after working with Stanton in Orchesis, she fell in love with her director’s style of dance.

“It really expanded my knowledge of dance,” she said. “It challenged the way I thought about movement.”

Warner is in her second year with Variable Velocity and said she is especially impressed by the cohesion of the pieces in the show.

“Everything is a little mysterious,” she said. “It’s all a little quirky, a little different and very poignant.”

Despite the fact the pieces were choreographed over a span of 10 years, Warner said they flow together beautifully.

“The only bad thing about the show is that we’ve had very little rehearsal time for some of the pieces,” she said. “Having less class time definitely made things more difficult.”

The dancers have been working since fall quarter, but rehearsal for Stanton’s pieces did not begin until February due to her work with Orchesis. Morelli said the small window of rehearsal time has been the biggest downfall.

“Nerves, however, were instantly quieted once dancers took to their positions and began the run through. The show incorporates many experimental elements, said alunna Heidi Vigario, who hopes to see “Mysteries,” page 8

Variable Velocity dancer

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Students are looking forward to the Lantern FestivaL and witness- ing the multiplicity of ethnic de- velopment of students on campus. Landscape architecture se- nior Jon Bayaca is attending the festival with high hopes and ap- preciation for the expected enter- tainment. "It’s really exciting for the event and looking forward to all the par- ticipation from the clubs," Bayaca said. "It’s also great to see everyone working together and bring some- thing like this for Cal Poly."

The Lantern Festival is a free event held on campus at the Uni- versity Union from 4 to 9 p.m.

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the show will open the audience’s eyes to different styles of dance. "We’re showing you dance in a way you haven’t seen in before," Vigario said. "It’s experimental. It’s a way you haven’t seen in before."

And with that, Warner said some pieces will leave the audience con- fused. The directors incorporated singing and speaking into their choreo- graphy and added more than what is to be expected of a dance recital. "It’s not often that you see some- one incorporating speaking into a dance," she said. "Or you hear someone counting in seconds and not eight counts. But we do that."

Morelli said the best part of the show was working together with the other dancers. "Being artists together really bonds you," she said. "We’re appreci- ating the last 19 years but we’re also growing in the present."

Vigario said experimenting with the various pieces helped her to grow as a dancer but also helped create relationships with the other members of the company. "We all collaborated and we’re all working for the same goal," she said. "It’s a pretty amazing thing."

For the first time, Variable Veloc- ity’s show will take place in Harmon Hall in the PAC. Morelli said she feels nervous, but excited for the new venue.

"It’s a big stage to fill," Morelli said. "But I’m up to the challenge."

Tickets for "Extraordinary Mys- teries" are on sale at the PAC box office and are $22 for general admis- sion and $15 for students. The show opens Friday with another show Sat- urday at 8 p.m.

**HOROSCOPEs**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28**

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — You may have to suffer through a period of subservience before you can take charge of yourself.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Your patience may be tested a bit thin, but you must hang on a little longer before a difficult phase passes once and for all.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — The news you have to de- liver to someone who has been waiting too long for it may come as a missed blessing. Focus on the positive.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — There’s no reason to think that you won’t progress according to plan, although an early stumbling block may have you doubting yourself.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Your understanding of cer- tain complex issues will surely enable you to do what others have been unable to do — and they will benefit, too.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — You may be able to enjoy a surprise ending that has you hoping for a brighter future for yourself and those closest to you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Employ patience; you’ll know when the time is right for you to step into another’s shoes for a while. Don’t be premature.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — You’re not likely to get the positive feedback that you had hoped for, but you won’t encounter much criticism, either.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — You can accomplish something that will be remembered long after your efforts are completed. What comes naturally is best for you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — The change you seek can only be brought about if you are willing to accept certain things as they are. You’ll be in a controlling position.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)** — You may come up against someone who knows just which buttons to push to weaken you. Take care that you don’t reveal too much on your own.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — What seems as a freon is likely to become something much more serious whether you like it or not. Be ready for a complication.

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I got dealt some pretty bad hands in the last few days by forces far out of my control. I woke up April 15 to find that the feds had indicted 11 executives on multiple felony charges, including bank fraud and money laundering, at the three top sites in America's online poker market and seized their Web domains.

If you logged on to Absolute Poker, Full Tilt Poker or PokerStars, you got to see the shiny logo of the FBI. I like to play the 50-cent mini-limit game on Full Tilt, and that's what I saw that Friday instead of direct access to the $216.05 that was in my now-frozen online account.

No sooner than Monday morning comes around and Standard & Poor's downgrades the U.S. debt outlook, the Dow plummeters 140 points and boom, I'm down another six or seven thousand out of my stock-based retirement accounts.

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other ways, and a series win over Long Beach State, could possibly propel them into the national spotlight.

It's already somewhat start ed. Collegebaseballinsider.com named Cal Poly national team of the week and pitcher Steven Fischback was named Big West pitcher of the week, after throwing all nine innings in the Mustangs' 4-2 win over Cal State Fullerton last Friday.

It’s the kind of start he has been waiting for all season.

After Fischback tore his labrum his sophomore year, he’s been forced to watch the Mustangs compete on the sidelines — until this year. Now, Fischback’s making the most of his final season. He lowered his ERA to 3.60 after his last start, and upped his record to 4-2.

But when it comes to pitching, Friday starter Mason Radeke is giving the Mustangs success on the mound it hasn’t had in years. Radeke leads the team with a 2.42 ERA and is 6-1 this season. His only loss came at the hands of Oklahoma State, where he gave up seven earned runs in an 8-2 defeat.

Radeke also leads the Big West in strikeouts (75), with Cal State Fullerton's Tyler Pill coming in tied for second with 71.

And this weekend, that is what it might come down to — the Mustangs' success on the mound. With Radeke and Fischback both pitching complete games, fatigue may be a factor. The Mustangs' first game is set for Friday at 6:30 p.m.

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Jackson added that there are "some things to fix, but there’s not a ton" in terms of where the Raiders stand entering this year’s draft.

Seven projected offensive starters, six on defense, and the kicker, punter and kick returner are Raiders draft picks. Those figures will increase if the Raiders re-sign cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha and free safety Michael Huff.

Key backups such as running back Michael Bush, end Trevor Scott, linebacker Thomas Howard and safety Mike Mitchell were recent draft picks. This formula flies in the face of the one used by Davis in building the team that played in the Super Bowl nine seasons ago.

That squad featured 12 offensive and defensive starters drafted by other teams and included key free-agent signees such as quarterback Rick Gannon, receiver Jerry Rice, running back Charlie Garner, free safety Rod Woodson, linebacker Bill Romanowski, defensive tackles Sam Adams and John Parliament and offensive linemen Lincoln Kennedy and Frank Middleton.

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Taking their talents to Long Beach
Mustangs look to keep up hot streak as they travel to take on the Dirtbags

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