Two Cal Poly students share realities of rape

By Anne McMahon

The pieces do not fit the same as before. They were raped. They WERE victims. They are different in almost every detail, but they may be unemployed by July.

For O'Kieffe, an English junior, it all began on her bed, at night, in her room at Tenaya Hall, early in 1988. For Knight, a psychology and human development junior, it was 1990, midday in February, just off a winding country road.

"I just remember feeling flat after" O'Kieffe said. "I was so scared, I just denied it. I didn't want to hurt his feelings," she said. "It was my grave", she read about in the paper," O'Kieffe said. "You are still supposed to say no, but without being rude. I just denied it the whole time," O'Kieffe said.

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Voice your opinion on proposed budget cuts

This letter is to be signed, clipped and sent to members of the President's Advisory Committee at their offices. It also can be taken to the Mustang Daily office in Graphic Arts Building Room 226 or put in Mustang Daily's classified ad drop box at the U.U. Information Desk so that we can deliver it for you.

Dear President Baker, James Conway, Doug Gerard, Paul Urquhart, Dr. John Dearden, Robert Koeb, Gene Manyak, Mike Martin, Hazel Scott, Rick Ramirez, Frank Lebens and Alan Yang:

I understand that budget cuts need to be made. But I disagree with the recommendations for budget cuts based on what I have read and heard about the specific proposed cuts.

I have not been given adequate time or information to make an educated decision about what would best serve Cal Poly.

I feel campus needs were not addressed during budgetary discussions.

I demand that my voice be heard.

Sincerely,

Name and Major or Position

Additional Comments:

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Poly's priorities are confused

I know I will sleep better at night knowing my ASI fees are going toward funding quality speakers like the brain dead, drugged-out, punk rocker named Jello, who tells us that our government is suppressing our individual rights and the way to remedy this situation is by burning the flag, sabotaging the government and legalizing marijuana.

Something is very wrong with the priorities of spending our money at this university.

The task force recommended a cut of more than $700,000 in the athletic department but President Baker gave in to the "Athletic Royalty" on this campus by only cutting just over $200,000. At the same time cutting the library budget by over $300,000.

The library hours will be cut even more, but why... we can spend that free time watching a Mustang football game. If Baker had stuck with the original $700,000 athletic cut we would not have to touch the libraries budget.

At the same time we have $6 million sitting in a bank waiting for our new Bee Center to be built, and we have a budget crisis?

I think it is time the students say enough! Write to the administration or President Baker himself. You can find President Baker at his new pay-raise.

Richard A. Bear
History

OPINION

Ag programs are important

By Cynthia Douglas

Recently Cal Poly experienced heavy cutbacks which severed it from many of the state's purse strings. It is true that agricultural educational programs were hit the hardest.

Californians have become disinterested in the very occupations that brought about California's prosperity. Agricultural jobs still make up one out of four occupations in California, and it seems this would make many realize its importance. However, Californians have become separated from the farm.

Cities are expanding, and Californian society has increasingly favored urban ways of reasoning. Back on the farm material objects are so important to the Californian, it is easy to see why many believe agriculture education is not important.

Californians don't know where their pork chops come from because they don't spend enough money on them to care. Californians use less of their paychecks for food than most people of the world. If food did cost more, agricultural programs would be recognized. Lawyers, businessmen and engineers all produce services that utilize more of a person's paycheck than food, and these programs were not affected much by the budget cuts. Has continually keeping the cost of food down due to agricultural efficiencies actually hurt people in agriculture? Now agricultural societies have to be built, and we have a budget crisis?

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Students, staff and faculty should be invited to the administration's decision to cover the tracks of its decision-making process that led to last week's budget-cut proposals.

John Culver, a member of the Academic Program Review Task Force, told Mustang Daily that the notes and minutes from the task force's meetings were shredded. Culver said the minutes were destroyed because the administration feared the faculty would misconstrue the minutes' contents. This action could eliminate any official record of the process and specific reasons behind the current budget cuts.

The shredding of these documents could outrage everyone. If the administration failed to have the mechanics scrutinized, perhaps it's because they will not hold up.
Overzealous reporters lost in volcano activity

SHIMABARA, Japan (AP) — Pursuit of spectacular pictures has left 14 Japanese journalists among the 31 people missing in a torrent of rocks, ash and gas pouring down a deadly volcano.

Missing with them were four drivers of local taxi cabs chartered by news media.

“The journalists should have paid heed to repeated warnings issued by local media,” said a local police official, “It’s very close to, the area designated off-limits to all people except police patrolmen and firefighters,” said a local police official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

“The journalists should have paid heed to repeated warnings issued by local media,” Professor Osamu Hiroi of Tokyo University said in a televised interview.

Bush lobbies to keep China’s trade status

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush was lobbying hard to preserve China’s trade status with the United States on the second anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre.

Bush invited senators from both parties to the White House to hear his arguments for extending China’s right to the lowest possible tariffs for another year.

“He’s going to make a very strong case for MFN (most-favored-nation) for China,” spokesman Martin Fitzwater said. “He’ll argue that it’s the most effective way to influence events in China ... if we really care about democracy and reform.”

White House declares Middleast weapon deals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration announced new Persian Gulf arms deals Tuesday and Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said President Bush’s plans for Middle East arms control does not mean the United States will stop supplying the region’s weaponry.

“We simply cannot fell into the trap of ... (saying) that arms control means we don’t provide any arms to the Middle East,” Cheney told reporters aboard his plane as he returned to Washington from a 10-day trip to Europe, Israel and Egypt.

Suicide center worker tries to murder caller

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Investigators say a counselor at a suicide prevention center got to know a caller and then tried to kill him, saying he was too demanding and “didn’t have the guts” for suicide.

“It’s frightening that someone like him could be working for a suicide prevention center with an undetected emotional state such as his,” said Thomas Johnson, the deputy district attorney prosecuting Frank Snyder on an attempted murder charge.

Officers say, Snyder slit Ben Carlson’s wrists nearly to the bone and then an accomplice slit Carlson’s throat, but he survived.

L.A. residents vote on new tax to fight graffiti

LOS ANGELES (AP) — City voters were asked Tuesday to join the battle against graffiti by approving a 10-cent-a-can aerosol paint tax and a 5-cent-a-marker pen tax for scrubbing tagged targeted surfaces clean.

The so-called “graffiti tax” would raise an estimated $500,000 a year for five years for the Environmentally stripped city. The money would be deposited in a trust fund and used only to clean graffiti and fund anti-graffiti educational programs. A two-thirds vote is required for passage.

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**ASSAULT**

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Then he watched her behavior change.

I watched her not eat, not sleep, overeat, drink excessively, not drink at all,” said Luckman.

Knight: "I still have nightmares …"

Knight's rape was of the sort that makes headlines, that sells newspapers.

A young, attractive woman, Knight is running near her home, on a lovely country road, in a semi-isolated area in the middle of the day.

She stops to pick up a can thrown from a car with three men inside. A comment is made.

At knifepoint, she is directed away from the road and ordered to take off her clothes.

With the knife still in his hand, one of the men rapes her while the other two watch.

She does not deny what is happening. She goes into shock.

"I was just kind of wandering around and went to the nearest house," Knight said.

The people there called the police who instructed them not to let her use the bathroom or take a shower.

"I was out of it, definitely not there. They called the police and they just took over."

"If I had gone home, I would have started questioning — What is going on? My first instinct would have been to take a shower, which is the last thing you’re supposed to do."

Before she knew it Knight was thrust into the network of San Luis Obispo agencies which carefully guide victims through the system. She was taken to the SART (Suspected Assault Response Team) office at San Luis Obispo General Hospital.

"There was a lady there from Rape Crisis Center and they sent a woman detective, which was really important to me. Everyone made me feel really, really comfortable and cared for. But that’s how it was — it was a terrible, terrible thing."

"The next day I went to the Rape Crisis Center," said Knight. She is still involved in a support group at the Rape Crisis Center.

I would recommend that to anybody. It’s a great place to go and get supported.

"There’s (survivors of) acquaintance rape, date rape, molest — everything — in this group. Even though you learn that what has happened to you is different, you still feel the same way. Even with people who have been molested. Our issues are still the same," she said.

Like O’Kieff, Knight tells of the fear, loss of trust and nightmares."I still have nightmares. I think it affects my life every day.

"At first I trusted no one. I trusted Hobey (her boyfriend), my mom, and that was it,” said Knight.

Even though the experience was a terribly difficult one, Knight feels the system — as at least the people in it — worked.

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**SCIENCE & AG**

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If NASA accepts it, the simulator will be used as an "extended duration orbit" to determine feasibility of a longer shuttle trip, said Ryan. The current shuttles stay in space for up to 10 days.

He said that all of the instruments will be exact replicas of those aboard the actual shuttles, and that the simulator will be able to be moved to the vertical launch position and back to the horizontal flight position.

Ryan said that SPAN hopes to conduct 13- to 28-day "missions" in which NASA researchers and students will actually stay in the Resolution. Although incapable of simulating zero gravity, the Resolution’s "missions" will simulate other flight conditions, such as space for people and supplies and the feasibility of performing experiments.

Dr. Holland, psychologist and chief of NASA’s behavior and performance laboratory at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, said that no agreements have been made to use the Resolution, but the idea has potential.

He said that NASA officials plan to come to Cal Poly in August to see the simulator and determine if it will be able to help upgrade the current shuttles’ capabilities.

Holland hopes that the Resolution can be used as a "best bed for many different things," including determining whether multi-cultural crews would affect the individuals involved in shuttle missions, he said.

Holland would also like to test the effects that crowding and confinement could have on crew members by varying the number of people on the test missions.

Holland hopes that the Resolution will provide the means to perform those tests, but he said SPAN’s simulator would have to be very similar to the actual shuttles.
The other victims of rape...

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I felt powerless because I didn’t know who this person was,” he said. “I felt so helpless because all I could do was listen and let her know that I was there,” he said. Pineda said when he later found out the identity of the rapist, his first impulse was to do something violent.

“I thought that was the last thing she needed,” Pineda said. “But I thought that was the time in high school when we would gear up at a good-looking woman. ‘I can’t do that anymore. It’s like you are basically assaulting her.”

Beck said he is much more likely to speak up when he hears another man joking about or downgrading a woman.

“But I thought that was the point to stop them and let them know where he comes from—how I’ve been hurt.”

Pineda is a journalism senior with a concentration in multimedia. This is her second quarter reporting for Mustang Daily.
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From page 6 questioned, or maybe some people thought I asked for it, or something. For me to feel like that I can imagine how that must feel (to the survivor of an acquaintance rape.)

Knight's attacker was found guilty and sentenced to 27 years in prison.

"It seemed like it was Alice that was on trial."

O'Kieff found out how it feels to be questioned.

A year after her rape, Carolyn Hurwitz, who was then a health educator at the Health Center, came to speak to O'Kieff's sorority about acquaintance rape.

O'Kieff said that as Hurwitz spoke she became more and more afraid that Hurwitz was talking about O'Kieff's own rape story.

In a telephone interview from Indiana, Hurwitz said, "She (O'Kieff) thought someone (from the sorority) had found out and that I had been invited, and she was probably not the only person in the room who had that reaction.

O'Kieff later visited Hurwitz at the Health Center and decided to file a complaint on campus against the accuser.

Her first meeting was with Carl Wallace, associate dean of Student Affairs.

"She expected to be believed, she expected to get results, she expected the system to work. Instead she was almost immediately felt like she was the one being accuse..."