Four attacks have same suspect

By Brad Hamilton
Staff Writer

A recent string of "strikingly similar" sexual assaults has led police to believe a rapist is lurking in the Cal Poly area. San Luis Obispo Police Detective Isabel Funaro said all four victims — three of whom were Cal Poly students — described their attacker as a male, between 18 and 25 years old, with short, dirty-blond hair and long fingernails.

San Luis Obispo Police Cpt. Bart Topham said Thursday no arrests have been made, but police are following a number of leads.

The most recent incident, which occurred about 9 p.m. on Nov. 18, involved a 19-year-old female Cal Poly student as she began her winter quarter. She reported hearing a noise from her dorm room, which she thought was a possessor. After she did, the man refused to exit. She then said a passerby heard the victim's screams and pulled her from the assailant, who fled.

One day later on Nov. 19 at 8:50 p.m., a 19-year-old female Cal Poly student was raped and robbed in a parking lot in the 100 block of Santa Rosa St. near Paddoll Blvd. The woman told police a man approached her from behind and wrapped his arms around her. Funaro said the victim attempted to kick the attacker while he grabbed her face and tried to kiss her. The victim told police the man became angry and knocked her unconscious with an unknown object before sexually assaulting her.

Funaro said the assailant also stole $20 from the victim's coat pocket.

Police believe the same attacker struck again Dec. 12. Funaro said a 21-year-old Cal Poly student was getting into her unlocked car at about 3:30 a.m. in the 700 block of Higuera St. when she found a man sleeping in the car's back seat.

Funaro said the victim was directed to drive to the 100 block of Steamer Street. After she did, the man refused to exit.
Bush sees grave budget future

Washington, D.C.

President Bush predicts unrelentingly huge federal deficits and underscores how difficult it may be for President-elect Clinton to reverse the trend of rising deficits.

Clinton called the figures projected Wednesday by Bush's Office of Management and Budget "irrelevant." He signaled that he was not abandoning his plans to "rebuild America" through stepped up government investment.

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Spill's tolls can last decades

Los Angeles, Calif.

Environmental damage can last decades after oil spills such as the one off the Shetland Islands, but there still is no evidence of permanent, widespread harm to the world's oceans, experts say.


They include oil thickness, water temperature, wind and wave conditions, the intensity of cleanup operations, whether the spill happened during bird- or fish- or spawning seasons, and whether open sea or shallow-water spills occur.

After the Liberian-registered Braer lost power Tuesday, hurricane-force winds pushed it aground off the Shetland Islands. Authorities feared it might spill its entire cargo of 24.6 million gallons of oil.

"That's more than twice the amount spilled when the Exxon Valdez ran aground in 1989 in Alaska's Prince William Sound, but less than one-tenth the amount intentionally spilled into the Persian Gulf by Iraq during the 1991 Gulf War," said Richard Farrington, an oil pollution expert.

"If you want to talk about an ecosystem going completely back to the way it was before a spill, then it might take 10 or 15 or 20 years," biochemist John Farrington said.

red ink the administration was estimating in July.

The new deficit figures were challenged by Clinton aides and Democrats in Congress who said Bush had "massaged" the figures to understate the deficit by as much as $719 billion in 1997 alone by applying an arbitrary freeze on all government spending outside of entitlement programs.

Yugoslav premier plans return

Costa Mesa, Calif.

Milan Panic, the ousted prime minister of war-torn Yugoslavia, said he is disheartened by the election victories of hard-liners but will return and may work with opposition groups.

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States is thwarted around the wreckage, and controversy swirled as to whether the crew caused the disaster by abandoning the tanker too soon.

There also was concern that the ship might be breaking up, and a spokes­woman for the Department of Transport said the bow seemed to be moving.

Lord Caithness, Britain's shipping minister, flew over the site and said the Liberian-registered Braer still was in one piece. "It doesn't look distorted in any way," he said.

High winds and rough waters prevented divers from getting close to the tanker to assess chances for salvaging at least some of the oil.

Caithness said cleanup crews would try again Thursday to board the ship.

Six planes took advantage of lighter winds to dump deterrents to break up two oil slicks covering a two-square-mile area, but damage had even spread inland.

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Stars Tak, the Dutch salvage company hired by the ship's owner, said that as soon as weather permits its teams will board the vessel to start pumping the remaining oil into a second tanker.

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Two of its tugs, the Star Sirius and the Smit Lloyd 121, were already at the site along with 12 salvage experts, and a sal­vage vessel was expected to arrive Thursday loaded with pumps, hydraulic lifting equipment and cranes.

Authorities said the Braer had at least two holes, one in the bow and one in the stern.

Complied from Associated Press Reports
Iraq moves missiles around as allied deadline nears

By Susanne M. Schafer
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — Saddam Hussein defiantly kept his surface-to-air missiles in the "no-fly zone" of southern Iraq Thursday, but moved them from their original position as an allieddeadline for their removal neared, U.S. officials said.

Playing a cat-and-mouse game with U.S. spy cameras in the sky, Iraq moved the SA-2 and SA-3 missile batteries from where they were Wednesday when the United States, Britain, France and Russia issued an ultimatum demanding that Saddam remove the weapons or face military retaliation.

"There's been movement. But we're not sure what that means yet," said one senior Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "To describe it as positive would be premature. Let's hope it's for the right reasons.

U.S. officials said they did not know where the missiles had been taken, but believed they were still south of the 23rd parallel which delineates the no-fly zone. Government analysts said the missiles were moved, and were probably covered by a camouflage net to hide them from reconnaissance planes and satellites.

Iraq's deputy prime minister, Thaqif Aziz, had rejected the alliance ultimatum, declaring that "it is the right of Iraq to deploy air defenses throughout the country," according to Iraq's official news agency.

President Bush was described as "very restrained" by lawmakers who met with him at the White House.

House Minority Leader Bob Michel said that in the Gulf War and other foreign policy matters Bush had prevailed by "stick ing to his guns and not backing away from a tough decision. ... He'll make (this one) if it's necessary."

In Little Rock, Ark., President-elect Clinton's spokesman emphasized that the incoming administration is behind Bush.

Asked if Saddam were trying to test either Bush or Clinton, George Stephanopoulos said, "I can't read his mind. But he's going to get the same response either way. Gov. Clinton fully supports President Bush's policy and Saddam Hussein should know that that forceful policy will be continued when President-elect Clinton takes office.

The surface-to-air weaponry had been put near the 23rd parallel in what the allies saw as a threat to their jets policing the zone set up to protect Iraq's Shiite minority from air attack.

At the Pentagon, Hall said, "the hope is that the Iraqis will respond to the demands that was given to them at the U.N. last night. Placement of the weapons near the area where Iraqi jets have repeatedly vio lated the no-fly zone puts them in "a potentially hostile deployment pattern," he said.

CIA Director Robert Gates said early Thursday defiance by Saddam of the ultimatum could well invite a military strike.

Gates, asked if he could see any alternative to force, replied: "It does not seem, after our experience of the past two years, that there is another message."

The ultimatum took effect immediately after it was delivered in writing to Iraq's U.N. ambassador, Nizar Ham dawi, at 5:30 p.m. EST Wednesday, diplomats at the United Nations said.

Iraq also was told not to use the missiles' radar units to track American planes.

Last-minute purchases lead to a long wait

Students return from break to find long lines

By Shelly Karbun
Staff Writer

If you are reading this newspaper, chances are you had to wait in line to get it.

Just before that you waited in line for coffee at Julian's.

And prior to that you waited in line at El Corral.

Animal science freshman Wendy Davis said long lines during the first week of school are inevitable.

"I bought my books over vacation to avoid them at the bookstore," she said. "But, after starting school, I had to come back to the bookstore.

El Corral's Textbook Manager Cindy Giambalvo agreed. She said students wait to buy their books at the beginning of the quarter for many reasons. "They either forget to buy something or decide to wait and purchase everything at once," she said.

El Corral encourages students to buy their textbooks during finals week or over quarter breaks. Students should be advised to sell back their textbooks immediately, especially those strapped for cash.

"The sooner we get the used books in, the sooner they are on the shelves, and the sooner the students can buy them," Giambalvo said.

Darryl Izakowitz, associate executive director of Foundation Administration, said he believes the long lines are an indirect result of the tuition increase.

"I think students are having cash flow problems," he said. "They didn't have the money to buy books earlier, pay for parking stickers, or buy meal plans. Therefore, they are doing it now and creating a lot of traffic."

Animal science senior Mary Swett waited in line only five minutes to get her parking sticker at the registration office.

"This line wasn't so bad," she said. "But, after you have waited in line after line, it gets frustrating."

Bonnie Krupp, supervisor of Enrollment Information Center, said the center (formerly the records office) has attempted to answer student's questions before they get in line.

"They often forget to buy something or avoid the lines at the bookstore," she said.

"I bought my books over vacation to avoid the lines at the bookstore," she said. "People are finally taking the time to look at the posters we've put up. They are also checking out the forms by the office before they get in line."

Students should try to care of all their needs before the quarter starts, said city and regional planning sophomore Barry Lieb incoming.

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SUMAYA AGHA/Mustang Daily
Cal Poly student Jeff Mathis waits in line at El Corral to buy his winter quarter books.

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Commentary

Happy New Year™

By Bryan Bailey

"Well, Bill, he delivered that one in a hurry — almost as fast as Federal-Express's new overnight service." Give me a break.

Halfway through the day I began to forget what the names of the actual bowl games were. Only the sponsor's names sounded familiar.

Write me if you remember who won the 1962 Rose Bowl.

One of my co-workers informs me that somewhere in the lineup is a "Weedeater" bowl. Oh please.

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Pomp and Circumstance

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Forecasters are predicting only a slight chance of rain this morning, giving way to mostly cloudy skies this afternoon.

KSBY Meteorologist Sharon Graves said Monday morning's 29 degrees and Tuesday's 30 degrees were about 10 degrees below average for January low temperatures.

While some people cranked up the furnace and grabbed an extra blanket early this week, others were busy feeding off frost damage.

The big chill caused enough problems at Cal Poly that Dallas Day, facility services office manager, called Monday "the day from hell."

She said the phone rang off the hook with calls from shivering, irate students and staff.

"On Monday there were calls from all over campus," Day said, "so it was an all day thing."

Bob Pahlow, manager of engineering services, attributed most of the problems to the holiday weekend.

"The thermostats were shut down for four days," he said, "and then it got so cold on Sunday night, there was just no way to heat those cement monsters in the time we usually allow."

No records were broken, but it was cold enough to keep people bundled in coats and gloves throughout the morning in many buildings.

Pahlow said the computerized heating system has been reset to start earlier so buildings should be warm when students arrive.

Heating troubles plaguing the new business and agricultural science buildings go beyond cold weather and holidays. Pahlow said he suspects a design flaw.

"The systems work one day and not the next," he said. "We have constant, ongoing problems with those buildings."

Pahlow said the system develops an airlock, preventing hot water from being delivered to room heaters.

No one has yet identified the cause, Pahlow said.

Meanwhile, Sunday and Monday night, the Cal Poly frost patrol was out in force.

Crop science professor Bob McNeil fought back sleep as he and about 10 students kept heaters burning in several campus avocado orchards to protect them from below-freezing temperatures.

Thirty degrees is the danger point for avocado trees, and McNeil said the orchard required monitoring from 1:45 a.m. to 8 a.m. Monday, and 12:30 a.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday.

A thermometer on Highland Drive is checked hourly by campus police who let McNeil know when it hits 32 degrees.

Once a crew is in the orchard, the night is spent checking spot thermometers and firing up diesel-fueled heaters as needed.

Cal Poly cultivates 15 to 20 varieties of avocados and two to three dozen varieties of citrus. Citrus is tolerant down to 28 degrees so heaters weren't required in those orchards. A wind machine circulated cold air to help maintain even temperatures.

"Write me if you remember who won the IBM/OS2 bowl."

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**Keeping the Faith**

Art and design senior Jacque Buada doles out tickets for the upcoming Faith No More concert, scheduled for Jan. 24 at Mott Gym. The Bay Area-based band is due to appear with opening acts Babes in Toyland and Kyuss.

**RAPIST**

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The car, Funaaro said the assailant then removed the keys from the ignition and grabbed her.

Funaaro said that after the woman screamed, another vehicle pulled up behind her car and scored the attacker away.

Another incident occurred only an hour after the third attack.

In this attack, Funaaro said an 18-year-old Cal Poly student was awakened by a man who climbed on top of her as she lay in bed in her second-floor room in the Sierra Madre dormitory.

Funaaro said the attacker entered her room through an unlocked door. The man told the victim he had a knife, although she did not see the weapon, according to Funaaro. He fled the scene after the woman bit his tongue when he attempted to kiss her.

Topham said the locations of the incidents and the types of acts committed indicate that one assailant is responsible.

Topham said women need to be more aware of their environment.

"Be very aware who is around you," Topham said. "Don't walk alone at night."

He also recommends keeping doors and windows locked. "We don't want to scare anyone, but it's just good sense," Topham said.

He said women who are attacked should be prepared to use either full force against their attacker or none at all, since a futile attempt to fight back could anger the assailant more.

"Don't do anything that might put you hurt if you don't have (self-defense) skills or knowledge," he said.

Any woman with information about the crimes should contact Funaaro at 781-7336, or Public Safety at 756-2281.

**FEES**

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higher cost to the university.

"You're not allowed to charge more for something if somebody uses a credit card," Rosenfield said. "If you used a credit card, and we owed a $10 fee to VISA or MasterCard, we couldn't charge you $10 more for registering.

"That money would come out of our budget, and we don't have any money in our budget. That would be a huge amount of money."

Cal Poly Director of Fiscal Services Bob Dignan said money generated by the service fee covers the administrative cost of the plan and contributes to a reserve to cover defaulted payments. A portion of the money will go to the state treasurer as well.

Both Rosenfield and Dignan disagree with the CSU Chancellor's Office estimate that 30 percent of students will use the plan.

"My personal guess is closer to 8 percent," Rosenfield said. "(But) we really have no idea how many students will use it."

When offered a similar payment plan at UC Irvine last September, students responded in small numbers.

Linda Sizemore, who coordinates Irvine's program, said 4 percent of the student population is participating.

Cal Poly students interviewed Wednesday were divided on the plan.

"I am a foreign student," said architecture senior Carlos Bollewald, "so I am paying out-of-state tuition. That would really help."

Business senior Tim Leopold said he'd use the plan.

"It's just a lot easier to have two payments ... and 22 bucks is not very much to pay for a fee to have that done."

But computer science junior Troy Burton said she wouldn't use installments.

"I kind of like to pay it all at once so I don't have to worry about it," she said.
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Poly cagers hobble into CCAA season
Kirkeby to miss tonight's opener

By Brad Hamilton
Stevie Weir

As expected, he's back.
Cal Poly head football coach Lyle Setencich, whose contract expired after last year, will be returning for his seventh season, according to Athletic Director John McCutcheon.

Setencich, who has posted a 35-25-2 record in his six years as the Mustangs' head coach, signed a one-year contract in mid-December of last year — one-year contracts are the norm for about 90 percent of the Cal Poly coaching staff, McCutcheon said.

Setencich said only that he's "happy to be here another year.
"McCutcheon said he thought the team performed well last year and liked the direction Setencich had the team heading.

"Only a handful of players kept us from having a winning record," he said. "We could have easily been 6-4."

Last year's 4-5-1 (1-3 conference) record was Cal Poly's best since the 1984-85 campaign in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

"Lyle's conforming to sound practices on and off the field," added McCutcheon.

Mustangs grab rebounds; unable to grasp victory

By Kevin Bolinger
Stef Weir

The Cal Poly women's basketball team may have taken a step back in the loss column Wednesday night, but the program took a giant step forward.

Playing their only NCAA Division II Championship opener at UC Riverside (9-3) and Saturday's game at Cal State San Bernardino (7-4),

The Mustangs' 76-70 loss to Fresno State marks the team's fourth loss in five games to open the season.

Playing their only NCAA Division II opener at UC Riverside on Friday night and Saturday's game at Cal State San Bernardino on Saturday night, the Mustangs lost to Fresno State 76-70.

Despite injuries changing the formula for success every three or four days, Cal Poly must play hard as a team and keep its cool to collect victories this weekend, said Beason.

"We could be as good as anyone if we want to be," Burage said.

He said the Mustangs lost a lot of games in pressure to teams with lesser abilities because making too many mistakes.

Cal Poly's last preseason game ended in a 90-56 loss to conference foe Cal State Bakersfield, which ranked No. 1 in the nation in NCAA Division II and owns a 12-0 record. Last year the Roadrunners settled for third place in the NCAA Division II Championship after bowing out in the semifinals to eventual national champion Virginian Union.

The Mustangs play their next two games back-to-back in San Bernardino.

"The experience factor was the difference in the end," Hod- fman said. "We need to learn to react to pressure."

The most telling statistic in the loss was the free throw percentage. Although the Mustangs went to the line 10 more times than their opponents, Cal Poly converted only 61 percent of its free throws, including a dismal 47 percent in the second half.

However, the planes definitely outweighed the negatives in this one.

Wendy Bruse came off the bench to play inspired basketball and lead an aggressive defense that forced 18 Fresno turnovers.

Rodness thinks the intensity of both sides of the court paid off.

"The defense was definitely the key," she said. "It kept us in the game all night."

The Mustangs will play seven of their next nine games at home, including a contest with Cal State Stanislaus Saturday night at 7:30.