Krebs trial moves on to penalty
By Janelle Foskett

The penalty phase in the Ron Allen Krebs trial begins today as prosecutors try to convince a Monterey jury that Krebs deserves the death penalty after kidnapping, raping, and murdering two female San Luis Obispo college students.

Krebs was convicted April 2 of all nine felony charges and six special circumstances involving the murder of 20-year-old Cal Poly student Rachel Newhouse and 22-year-old Cal Poly College student Audra Crawford. Because Krebs was convicted of special circumstances, he is eligible for the death penalty.

The same nine-woman, three-man jury that convicted Krebs will hear new information from defense attorneys who plan to call approximately 35 witnesses in the penalty phase. In total, 75 witnesses are on call to testify in this phase, which is expected to last two to three weeks.

Krebs can either receive a sentence to death by lethal injection or a sentence to life in prison without the chance for parole. If he receives a death sentence, he will be executed at San Quentin State Penitentiary, north of San Francisco. All of California's 572 male death row prisoners are housed at San Quentin.

Defense attorneys had conceded in the final opening statements that Krebs had confessed to the crimes. They said, however, that when Krebs was only 14 years old, he developed sexual fantasies about raping his mother, whom Krebs referred to as having an "abusive" relationship with him.

Defense attorneys will try to spare Krebs life by showing that this abuse is just kind of have fun together," she said.

The auction will be this morning at 11 at the University Union Stage. Hacker said professors will auction off a variety of things, ranging from dinner to car washes, as well as memorabilia.

The activities are designed to merge with Open House this coming weekend, Carrrier said.

"Liberal Arts Week just leads into Open House as far as we are concerned," she said, commenting that the celebration has traditionally been the week before Open House. She said the week is especially timely this year because of the Centennial Celebration.

"As the week progresses, we bring in a lot of people from the outside," Hellenbrand said.

This year's week is different than those of past years, Carrrier said.

"There are more faculty lectures this year than in the past," she said, adding see LIBERAL ARTS, page 2

Philosophy colloquium

opportunity for discussion

By Michelle Hatfield

The philosophy department's third annual spring quarter colloquium will give the community an opportunity to exchange views with professors about their research.

The colloquium will be Wednesday and Thursday and will consist of five philosophy professors talking about research they have worked on or are currently working on. The presentations are free and open to the public.

"The point of the colloquium is to highlight research that our faculty is working on," said Linda Bonstad, philosophy department chair. "It allows us to study philosophy at a much more technical level."

Professor Francisco Flores will start the series Wednesday at 4:10 p.m. with a presentation titled "A Time for Change: General Relativity and the

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what led him to these bizarre fantasies, and when combined with alcohol, what led him to murder.

Prosecutors will try to show that Krebs is a repeat offender who deserves death for the crimes he confessed to committing against the two young women.

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from the lower part of the building, but many things were lost that had a lot of sentimental value."

Among the lost items was a bell that was at least 100 years old and came from another church that was built in the 1800s, said Somers. The church contained an operating fire alarm system but was not protected by fire sprinklers, according to the press release. The building was constructed prior to the city's ordinance requiring sprinklers.

"I really want to compliment the fire and police departments for being there," Somers said. "They did everything they could to save it. I've been very impressed at the community's output."

Concerned city residents and neighbors watched Monday afternoon as construction workers and church volunteers separated soot-covered hymnals and other salvageable items from the rubble.

"We saw (the fire) on the news this morning and couldn't believe it," said Byrle Schoepf, a city resident. "I've been in the church a few times. Those stained-glass windows were really something."

The church is insured and will be rebuilt, Somers said, but is being torn down due to health and safety issues. Services will still be held Sunday mornings at 10 in the social hall in the parking lot below the church.

"If anyone wants to do anything to help, they can keep us in their prayers or they can make a cash donation," Somers said. A fund for the church has been set up at Mid-State bank on Broad Street, account #072751821.

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that there are four lectures opposed to just one.

"What makes liberal arts so strong is the quality of the teachers that we have," Hellenbrand said. The lectures highlight that quality, he added.

The first of those was Hodgen's Monday night presentation. The remaining lectures are: "From the Chumash to the Chancellor: The History and Use of Cal Poly Land," presented by Steven Marx and Alison Preston today at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Pavilion; "From the Mission to the Plaza ... The Music of Early California," presented by Craig Russell Wednesday at 7 p.m. in room 124 of the Performing Arts Center; and "Mexican Cuisine: Food as Culture," presented by Victor Valle Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Pavilion.

Admission is free to all faculty lectures. A career forum will be held Sunday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center, room 124.

Hacker said that five recent alumni will offer their experiences, showing that liberal arts students have a wide variety of options. She said that it will be a good event for current students, not just those visiting for Open House.

"I am hoping that students here will go, too," Hacker said. Currier said this panel is important because students are often concerned about the career options available to liberal arts students, where majors may not be industry-specific.

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By Whitney Kellogg

USTUDENTs take senior project to TLC’s ‘Robotica’

A tired, hungry team, bloody injuries and a struggle to be the best — it may sound like an episode of “Survivor,” but it’s not. For five Cal Poly engineering students last quarter, it was a senior project.

The team designed and built a robot for The Learning Channel’s (TLC) televised robot competition, “Robotica,” which premiered this month. Despite their confidence in the machine, its performance did not meet their expectations.

“For (the team) it was really awful,” said Nicole Lowe, business senior and team spokeswoman. “Everything that could go wrong did.”

“Robotica” is based on Comedy Central’s "BattleBots," a weekly robot-fighting show. TLC’s version focuses on the technical aspects of robot design.

Last quarter, TLC sent an e-mail to the mechanical engineering department inviting students to apply for the show’s first season. Dave Dymsa, mechanical engineering senior, took the challenge and recruited three mechanical and one electrical engineering students to work with him. “We wanted a diverse team,” said Aaron Wiener, "Robotica" segment producer. “We liked that the Cal Poly team had a lot of students and that they were doing it for a school project.”

In early January, TLC notified the team they were accepted. They were one of 24 teams chosen from 600 applicants.

“I thought it was a good chance to put our engineering classes to work,” said Michael Stephani, team member and mechanical engineering senior. “Plus it was with my friends, so we had a good time doing it.”

The group had seven weeks to finish the project.

“Stephani’s roommates had to sleep with earplugs in because they were cutting and grinding all night in Mike’s garage,” Lowe said. “They were lucky the neighbors didn’t call the cops on them.”

The team spent about $10,000 producing the robot. Companies in the community donated parts and services, but team members paid at least $5,000 themselves.

“They ended up putting a lot of their personal money into it,” Lowe said. “Everyone had their credit cards maxed out.”

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The team members arrived at ABC studios in Hollywood on March 2 to compete on the show’s second episode, but seven weeks of hard work were over within a few minutes of the first stage of competition.

The robot broke down a few feet into an eight-lap race. Noll spun in circles while its competitor smashed into it. Due to a rule change producers made after the first day of competition, the team could not use their weapons to disable the other robot.

“The worst part was, when we were stuck there everybody said, ‘Throw the hammer, throw the hammer,’ but we couldn’t use the weapons,” Stephani said.

The show allotted 30 minutes to fix Noll, but the machine was still improbable when the time ran out. The students worked feverishly to weld the machine back together, injuring themselves. One student smashed his thumbnail open. One caught his pants on fire. Another cut the pad of his finger and superglued it shut to avoid a trip to the emergency room. After 45 minutes and a 10-point deduction, the team accepted defeat.

“We put it down on paper right, but it wasn’t assembled correctly,” Stephani said. “We had an hour of testing before we put it on the track. I was learning to drive the thing while we were in the pits.”

The team will reassemble the robot and plans to enter it in competition on ‘Robotica’ this summer or fall, where they think it will be more successful.

“We built a fighting robot and took it to a race,” Deuster said.

The episode of “Robotica” featuring Cal Poly’s team will air Wednesday at 9 p.m. on TLC.
Most people have somewhere that is home to them. Somewhere that they can go home and feel at home, at least for a while. There are places where they are in life: Home is a place where you keep your heart and your memories, and that you know will always be there. So what happens when you go home and suddenly your home isn't there anymore? What would you do if your home burned down? Where would you go? Do you have neighbors that would take you in? Friends? Relatives? How would you get there? How would you replace everything you have lost? Sure, insurance might cover some or all of the possessions you lose, but what about the sense of security you felt when you got home? Could insurance replace that? What would you do?

Easter morning at 7:45 a.m. found me in the car on the way to church. I was about a mile from the church when I realized that my strange cloud had lifted in the distance was in fact smoke. My first thought was, “How sad, some- church” (which is right next door to Mt. Carmel). I turned to drive straight, but the online version of Monday’s “Tribute” had notic ed a second cloud, followed by a third. It was the Methist church. There were ladders all the way up, and it was spraying water from the top. All that was left was the flaming, smoking rafters of the church, it was still smoking. It was some- where that they can m »  liome anJ teel at some ikeview that it bister is d.iy to celehr.ite new-half-mile stretch of highway, a direct quote from the official Web site of the American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Apparently most, if not all, of the members of the KKK are illiterate. The Ku Klux Klan. Most people won't believe that they arc the "good Christians" and "believers in love, not hatred," which they proclaim to be in the Ku Klux Klan. Most people won’t find it hard to believe that the KKK would do such a thing as profess alleg ance to a body of government and then turn around and stab that body in the back repeatedly. However, those people might have difficulty believing that members of the KKK honestly believe that they are the “good people” and “believers in love, not hatred,” which they proclaim to be in their official mission statement on their Web site. Apparently most, if not all, of the members of the KKK are illiterate. Nothing demonstrates love more than placing the sign of a white power organi zation on one of the segments of highway where black children are bused to school. Nothing shows allegiance to the Constitution more than using the First Amendment as a defense for evil in one of its most vile forms. “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibit the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.” This is the exact text of the First Amendment to the Constitution that defended the Ku Klux Klan’s appar ently publicists stunt. The founding fathers are probably spinning in their graves knowing that the amendment they would later be used as justification to harass black children on their way to school.

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After all the fuss in March over the Missouri Ku Klux Klan being allowed to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program, the KKK ended up being kicked out for not picking up a single piece of trash. That’s right, the members of the KKK couldn’t even bring themselves to hold up their end of the deal. In neglecting to pick trash up off of a half-mile stretch of highway, they have made a mockery not only of their own beliefs, but also of the First Amendment that protected them and their right to organize hate in the first place.

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Opinion

Walk Bike Zone represents forward motion

As I walked through campus the other day, I was passed by a speedy student on a bike. I didn’t really think about it until later when I first heard the new “Walk Bike Zone” signs that seemed to be everywhere.

I laughed to myself as I pondered what would happen to the numerous bikes that I would see while walking to the library. I thought about the times when there weren’t any bike racks available in the middle of campus, and students were forced to lock up their bikes in areas far from their classes. As a result, some students improvised and locked up their bikes in illegal areas.

Debby Anderson, Cal Poly’s Commuter and Access Services coordinator, said the Walk Bike Zone was implemented to encourage the use of bikes in the heart of campus — just not for riding. Because of the previous “No Bike Zone,” there were very few bike racks available in the middle of campus. Many students were forced to lock up their bikes in areas far from their classes. As a result, some students improvised and locked up their bikes in illegal areas.

Anderson said there was one area in particular where this happened quite frequently. Unfortunately, this area included a wheelchair ramp that was being obstructed by the numerous bikes locked to the handrail. This was obviously a problem. But instead of continuing to give students tickets for this violation, University Police and Commuter and Access Services decided to change things around a bit.

With the Walk Bike Zone, there are now more bike racks available in the middle of campus, so students can take their bikes closer to their classes. Although I never get creative by locking my bike to a tree or phone booth, I did hate having to lock it up at a bike rack far from my campus — just not for riding.

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However, there will always be those who would put the rest of us in jeopardy to go top speed down every hill and jump off every curb. I’d rather not dodge those people in an attempt to stay safe just walking to class.

As Anderson pointed out, with the high number of people walking, it just isn’t conducive to let students ride bikes in the same area — at least not yet.

I firmly believe that, with the help of some signs, painted lines and a few bike racks, Cal Poly could eventually be a campus where bikers and walkers can co-exist peacefully. But until then, let’s appreciate the Walk Bike Zone for the new bike racks. This means fewer scavenger hunts for bike racks and fewer bikes chained to the pay phone we need to use.

Cal Poly is just like any other institution. To get the freedoms we really want, we have to take it step by step and appreciate the little victories along the way.

Janelle Fosset is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letter to the editor

Don’t drink and drive

Editor,

As a working student, paying my own way through school, I am aware of the importance of managing my time and money. However, one lesson that I’ve learned in the past few days is that I must always remember to drive safely.

Recently, I was driving home from work when I saw a car accident occur. A drunk driver had hit another car, and the vehicle was on fire. I immediately called 911 and stayed with the driver until help arrived.

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Dr. Jane Smith

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Chris Sell is a political science senior.
History has a way of repeating itself. Pretty cool, huh?
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Fresno State again.
"There’s always a revenge factor," Martinez said. "You never want to
drop two to a team you’re only going
to play twice during the year."
The Mustangs’ offense hasn’t been
playing poorly, Martinez said. Instead,
they’ve been the victims of circum­
stance.
"It hurts us when we have runners on
d second and third with nobody out
and we end up lining into a double
play or hit a line drive right back to
the pitcher," he said.
The Mustangs hope that Sunday’s
offensive outburst will be a preview of
things to come. The team is keeping
its hopes up in perspective.
"The fact that we lost two in a row
and then came back and sparked
them in the third game pretty much
sums it up," said senior right fielder
Phil Thompson. "Our offense had a
two-game funk, nobody’s hard
pressed. Every team has it up and
down and right now this is a down
time for us. Nobody is thinking, ’Oh,
’ crap, we’re not as good as we
thought.’"
Tonight’s game begins at 5 p.m.
at Baggett Stadium.

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This is Blankenbecler’s third year
pitching for the Mustangs. Every year,
she gets more and more starts and
improves her statistics. As of Monday
morning, Blankenbecler had pitched
131.1 innings for the Mustangs. The
next closest pitcher has 66.1 innings.
Boyer said Blankenbecler’s improve­
ments come from her personal desire
to get better.
"What sets Terra apart (from other
player) is her own decision to continu­
ally get better," Boyer said. "She
wants the team to do well."
Catcher Carra Schubert agreed that
this is Blankenbecler’s best season yet.
"She’s doing very well," Schubert
said. "She continues to do better, which
helps us out.
"Individually, Schubert and
Blankenbecler, catcher and pitcher,
are the closest friends of everyone on
the team.
"(Being best friends) helps us work
 together,” Schubert said. "It helps her trust me.
The Mustangs were swept in a disap­
pointing outing this past weekend
against Cal State Northridge.
Blankenbecler pitched 4.1 innings and
gave up seven hits in Friday’s 3-0 loss,
dropping her record to 9-9 and bringing
her ERA up to 1.64.
Boyer, who has coached the
Mustangs for 13 years, said that
despite Blankenbecler’s even temper, she
does not like to lose.
Even with the losses, Blankenbecler
wouldn’t give up the sport for anything.
"Except for my roommate, all my
best friends are on the team," she said.
"The girls on the team are awesome. It’s
the best team I’ve ever been on. We
have a great time, win or lose."
Even though Blankenbecler doesn’t
know what her future holds, Boyer
knows she’ll do well.
"Terra is very ambitious,” Boyer said.
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to. She’ll have several job offers when
she graduates.”

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Cal Poly softball's dependable arm

By Michelle Hatfield
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Whether her last game was a complete game no-hitter or a nail-biting loss, Cal Poly softball pitcher Terra Blankenhecler comes to play every time she steps onto the mound.

"Overall, she's been very consistent this year," said head coach Lisa Boyer. "Terra bounces back quickly. She's not angry if she doesn't complete a game. If it's what's best for the team, she's fine with that."

Blankenhecler, a business junior, had two tremendous games against UC Santa Barbara. April 7 and 8 when she pitched two shutouts to improve to 9-8 on the season.

She also came away with a win over nationally ranked Oregon State. March 9. Boyer said that the 3-2 win was especially big since it was against a ranked team.

Blankenhecler was honored last week by being named Big West Co-Pitcher of the Week for the week ending April 8.

The 21-year-old said the secret to her success is her determination throughout the off season to work out and get better.

"Nothing's over, I worked hard," Blankenhecler said. "It just doesn't come naturally to me. I saw my pitching coach twice a week."

Blankenhecler, originally from Salinas, first got into softball because she thought she would enjoy it.

"I thought it would be fun," she said. "My friend went out and played. Once I got started, I realized that I liked it. And I got good. When you're good at something, it's fun."

At North Monterey County High School, Blankenhecler played three years of varsity softball, but began pitching when she was in fifth grade. She played Little League softball starting in fifth grade and began playing in a travel softball league when she was 15.

Once it was time to pick a college, Blankenhecler looked at Colorado State, University of Massachusetts and Cal Poly. She said she wanted to stay in California.

"I knew that I wanted to play softball," Blankenhecler said. "I also wanted to stay in the state. Knowing that Cal Poly was building a new stadium was also a plus."

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Kings need to prove crucial win wasn't a fluke

EL SEGUNDO (AP) - The Los Angeles Kings asserted themselves in time to win a crucial game against the Detroit Red Wings. Now they have to prove their passion won't a one-shot deal.

"Isn't that how you're supposed to play?" Kings coach Andy Murray said Monday after a light workout at their suburban practice facility. "That's why the Red Wings are so good. They maintain a standard."

The Kings revived their first-round playoff hopes with a 2-1 victory Sunday night, although they trail the best-of-seven series 2-1. Game 4 is Wednesday night at Staples Center. Murray said the Kings got "stream-lined" in the series' first two games in Detroit, including a 4-0 loss in Game 2. Both times the Red Wings jumped on the Kings in the first five minutes, and Los Angeles failed to regain the momentum.

Sunday night, in front of 18,478 - the largest to see a Kings home game this season - the Kings took their first lead of the series on a second-period goal by Luc Robitaille.

"One thing we talked about was not having regrets," Murray said. "We were going to have regrets."

Andy Murray
Los Angeles Kings coach

Murray counted only five Kings who played well in the first two games, compared to the majority that he believes contributed Sunday. A feeling of desperation combined with discussion before the game had the desired effect.

"One thing we talked about was not having regrets. The way we were playing, we were going to have regrets," Murray said. "There's more left in the series. Our goal is to have a sixth game in LA."

That could happen Monday night, but only if the Kings win Wednesday or take Game 5 in Detroit on Saturday.

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Mustangs hope for revenge

Second meeting for Cal Poly, Fresno State
By Ryan Ballard
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The Cal Poly baseball team was lucky to have anti-lock brakes as it managed to stop its skid this weekend before ending up in a fiery crash.

The Mustangs struggled at the plate the first two games of its series this weekend with UC Riverside, but managed to get in offense and pitching going in the last game, salvaging the series with a 9-5 win, avoiding a sweep.

With the heart of the Big West schedule looming in the near future, the team must quickly regroup tonight against opponent Fresno State.

The Bulldogs (26-16) defeated the Mustangs (23-14) by a score of 8-5 in the previous meeting on March 27.

Even with the game being non-conference, it is still important to the Mustangs' chances of making the NCAA Championships, said head coach Ritch Price.

This is one of the more important Tuesday games we'll play this season," Price said. "The fact that they beat us the first time we played, and if they beat us again, they'll be 2-0 against us. We've got to be in a situation where it's us and them at the end of the season and it's down to five teams on the West Coast, they'll have the advantage.

Junior Greg Bochy will take the hill for the Mustangs. Bochy is 1-1 this year, including two consecutive wins over Bethany College.

Not all was bad for the Mustangs against Riverside. Junior third baseman Chris Martine had an outstanding weekend at the plate. Martine was 6 for 7, for a .857 batting average and had a .889 on-base percentage.

Martine looks forward to playing

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Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:

The Olympic discus weighs 4 pounds, 6.5 ounces.

Congratulations Eric Hougland!

Today's Question:

Who has played in the most NBA games?

TODAY:

• Baseball vs. Fresno State • at Baggett Stadium • 5 p.m.
• Men's tennis vs. UC Santa Barbara • at UCSB • 2 p.m.

THURSDAY:

• Baseball vs. University of Pacific • at Pacific • 7 p.m.
• Softball vs. San Jose State • at Bob Janssen Field • 6 p.m. / 8 p.m.

FRIDAY:

• Baseball vs. University of Pacific • at Pacific • noon
• Track and field at Long Beach, Mt. Sac Relays • at both locations • all day