Subpoenas issued in Smart case

By Remi Skler
Daily Staff Writer

The District Attorney's office subpoenaed eight individuals to testify before a grand jury beginning Thursday in the investigation of Cal Poly freshman Kristin Smart's disappearance.

District Attorney Barry LaBarbera said the subpoenas must remain confidential.

"I can't really tell who is subpoenaed because the process itself still retains its confidentiality," LaBarbera said.

According to an anonymous source in a San Luis Obispo County Telegram-Tribune article, among those subpoenaed were Paul Flores and his immediate family members.

Flores, 19, walked home from a party with Smart and another student on the night she disappeared, police said. Flores' attorney was not available for comment at press time.

LaBarbera said the grand jury will hear testimony drawn from the prosecutors' questions.

"What we are doing is using the city grand jury. They present full reports and our office ultimately makes the decision to charge anyone," he said.

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Givin' it up

By Mary Hadley
Daily Staff Writer

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Also important, Dalton said, is that the funding for the plan was not based on students' fee increases alone.

"We received $1.9 million in matching for all of the projects," she said.

Dalton continued, saying that the additional money came from private donations, grants and internal re-allocations of funds.

Some projects on campus that are already up and running with new services are projects like Academic Record's Mustang Info. As Mustang Info develops, students will no longer have to go to the administration building to take care of simple problems like address changes and transcript requests.

The following projects received funding: $442,969 for chemistry, physics and agriculture studio lab classrooms; $357,884 for a CAD-CAM lab, multimedia workstations, an environmental protection engineering lab and a rendering lab; $405,099 for World Wide Web applications and education; $214,980 for automated degree audit and student electronic access to institutional information programs; $247,600 for multicultural agriculture and new student success programs; a math work shop and supplemental instruction for high risk classes.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the plan or the allocation of money for first year programs can visit the Cal Poly homepage at http://www.calpoly.edu/ then clicking on "The Cal Poly Plan" link.

Senate hears input on performance-based faculty raises

By Mary Hadley
Daily Staff Writer

All of those evaluations students fill out that assess their professors' performance may have actually made a difference.

The committees that evaluate Cal Poly professors' Performance Salary Step Increase (PSSI) applications, take students' evaluations into consideration when they make their recommendations.

This, as well as other details pertaining to the PSSI policy, were discussed at the Academic Senate meeting Tuesday.

The senate struggled with the wording of the PSSI policy, which determines who among faculty get raises and how much they receive. The PSSI "awards" are given in steps, ranging from one to five, with each successive step consisting of a larger salary increase.

Each professor who wants a PSSI award this year must fill out an application, which will be reviewed by two committees before making it to President Warren Baker, who has the final approval of awards.

Baker must make at least 50 percent of his awards based on committee recommendations. The first committee is a group of professors from each particular college, and the second is a university-wide committee.

Academic Senate member Johanna Brown was a member of the university-wide committee that reviewed PSSI applications last year.

"We did take students' evaluations into con-
Blaze chars Coastal Hills south of Big Sur

Associated Press

BIG SUR—The U.S. Forest Service on Tuesday offered a $5,000 reward for help in finding those responsible for setting a wildfire that has ravaged the coastal hills south of Big Sur.

The 21,800-acre blaze was expected to be contained by 6 p.m. Tuesday, eight days after it began.

The reward will go to anyone who provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of the arsonist, Los Padres National Forest spokeswoman Kathy Good said. U.S. Forest Service officials would not discuss the investigation.

Meanwhile, the cost of fighting the fire reached $4.5 million and was expected to reach $6.3 million by the time it is controlled, Good said.

The fire -- 25 miles south of San Luis Obispo -- was first reported the night of Oct. 6.

A large contingent of firefighters from across the state had pushed smoke lines to contain the blaze.

The fire, which quickly expanded from 6,000 acres on Oct. 6, had consumed 10,000 acres by Monday afternoon.

Wildfireouding the coastal hills south of Big Sur.

TODAY

The physics colloquium will feature Dr. Richard Frankel presenting a lecture titled "The Question of Life on Mars" on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 11 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center, Room 121.


Would you like to be more involved with Open House 1997? Come to an informational meeting Thursday, Oct. 17 at 11 a.m. in Building 33, Room 289. For more information call 784-0305.

The League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo will hold small-group meeting Friday, Oct. 18, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The Village, 55 Broad St. Issues revolving around the upcoming elections will be discussed.

Lori Silvaggio and the Academy of Dance proudly present "The Crossing," on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. at ABC Performing Arts Center.

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ZPG encourages everyone to learn about overpopulation

By Mary Hadley
Daily Staff Writer

Imagine an earth where there are very few trees, the water supply is polluted and the sheer amount of people has become more than its resources can handle, causing environmental problems that threaten the existence of the human race.

This is the kind of earth the group Zero Population Growth (ZPG) wants to prevent.

World Population Awareness Week, Oct. 20-27, was designed to raise awareness of this issue.

Chairwoman Bonnie Walters has been involved with the local chapter of ZPG since its inception in 1970. The group currently has about 250 members from Lompoc to Paso Robles, Walters said.

Locally, ZPG tries to raise awareness by spreading the word about the dangers of population growth. Walters said the group's purpose is to solve this problem: although as individuals or communities we may be able to support more children, should we assume the earth can?

The group worries about the length of time it takes the earth's population to reach successive billions of people is constantly getting significantly shorter.

"People get confused about it," Walters said. "It's not no population (we want). It's no growth."

Walters said that if people worldwide would limit their number of children to two, it would eventually lead to zero population growth.

"It's our name and our goal," she said.

Walters practices what she preaches. She and her husband have no children.

ZPG is also a Washington lobbyist group, attempting to influence legislation concerning birth control and women's reproductive rights.

"Birth control and family planning should be available to anyone who wants it," Walters said.

Scott Kam, a graphic communications senior, is getting involved with ZPG on a national level.

Kam also owns Rootamental, an "environmentally conscious company" that uses purely recycled products to make items including T-shirts, hats and winter jackets.

"I wrote in to become a member of the national ZPG group," Kam said. "I'm trying to create awareness among my peers. If we have a stabilized population, if we all worked towards that, it would help cure a lot of the social problems we have now."

Part of ZPG's message is about decreasing consumption, not just decreasing reproduction.

"It is possible to decrease your consumption," Walters said, "but once the children are here, they're here to stay."

ZPG will have a booth at Farmers' Market this Thursday night, as they do about once a month. See ZPG page 6.
I want a woman. I’m talking about a life-partner — someone who shares my approach to life and is able to truly understand me. Someone who I understand and can wholeheartedly root for in any endeavor; someone who purposefully lives and fulfills her own desires; someone who uses her own rational mind to judge everything. That’s the gist of it.

So how do I find her and how do I attract such a person? Given all of the choices of finding a woman, the last thing in the world I’d choose is someone who uses her own rational mind to judge everything. That’s the gist of it.

When does the process begin? Simply put, at a moment when the man spies a woman he’s “attracted to” and after mustering the courage, he asks her out on a “date.” Before knowing much about her at all, he’s already introduced romantic goals and overtones into their new relationship. What is the woman supposed to think at this point? If she wants to be loved by her life-partner for her “looks” or “shirt,” she might be flattered, but I doubt anyone wants such a shallow relationship.

The smart woman will immediately ask, “Why? Why are you attracted to me?” Even though this may be awkward, her answer to this will speak volumes — anything from “I dunno,” to “Based on what I know of you so far, I believe you to be intelligent, independent, self-aware and confident, and these are all qualities which I value to the highest degree.” If a person doesn’t know why they’re attracted to you, it’s likely the result of a hormone imbalance and should be treated as such.

Given this, the bar scene should be left to those interested in one-nighters since this is the only thing likely to come from a relationship based on a person’s intoxicated smile. Because of the contradictions inherent in dating, these relationships usually end quickly and awkwardly in such ways as unreturned phone calls or someone having to wash their socks every Friday night for the next two months. But what can you expect from trying to find two strangers to love each other? Chances are, they’re incompatable to begin with. In contrast, true friends respect one another and are more up-front and honest with one another. Any desire to end the added romance will be communicated and understoied by both people.

An insipid consequence of attempting to be successful at dating is the attack on one’s self esteem. Movies, television and media sell this image of the eligible bachelor who can “have any woman he wants.” This is set as the ideal, and anything less means that there’s something wrong with you. Since by its very nature, dating doesn’t work — even for the most physically beautiful people, daters often acquire the subconscious feeling that they’re not very attractive or they must have a dull personality. In reality, they just expected too much from an impossible task. I’m not saying that dating never works in the end, it’s just a doubtful and silly way of finding a partner.

The best romantic policy is the friends-first policy. Only through close observation over an extended period of time is one able to know if someone else truly embodies the traits they’re looking for. And the best place to go to meet potential friends are places of common interest. I don’t mean the volleyball courts or Ski Club meetings, because volleyball and skiing don’t really define what a person is all about. I mean more fundamental, idea-oriented activities such as major classes, church groups or philosophy clubs.

Sure, you’ll go on fewer dates, but social time spent with friends is more meaningful and fulfilling. And if you’re too impatient for romance and sex, there are plenty of videos designed specifically for this situation.

Jon Paul Mahaffy is a physics senior.
Arm the Homeless program dupes local television station

By Leslie Miyamoto
Daily Mustang Staff Writer

Local media was stung after a program designed to hand out weapons to the homeless turned out to be a hoax.

Armed and Homeless (ATH) claimed to be a program that gave the homeless access to weapons in order to protect themselves. The mastermind behind ATH, J. Robert Dobbs, later identified as David Gross, sent out press releases to the media claiming, "ATH Empowerment Crew" will be in San Luis Obispo to perform outreach, fund raising, firearm safety training and to distribute donated firearms and ammunition to local homeless people.

Gross contacted the San Luis Obispo County Telegram-Tribune and KSBY-TV to inform them of the program's philosophies - which included blaming society. "They are not only homeless, they are powerless. Because they have no money they are treated as though they have no rights. Government does not help them, the charitable public ignores or condemns them and the police harass them and destroy their makeshift dwellings," stated the press release.

The ATH literature also stated that a firearm works as "the great equalizer," claiming that a firearm works as "the great equalizer," stating that a firearm works as "the great equalizer," claiming that a firearm works as "the great equalizer." Gardiner.

"I thought it was dumb. It's like our crime rate is already high enough as it is. I don't see how giving guns to the homeless would benefit any community," said the recreation administration junior.

No charges have been pressed against Gross, but the police are investigating the case. Gross was involved in a similar incident, in which he placed propaganda about a "Man Boy Love Association" on utility poles.

Within 24 hours of the investigation, the department confirmed ATH was, in fact, not a legitimate program.

"We talked to (Gross) and he said it was a hoax," Gardiner said.

In the meantime, KSBY had already broadcast the story on its evening news program.

"We knew within about 24 hours that the story was a hoax and KSBY had already fallen for it hook, line and sinker," Gardiner said.

KSBY General Manager Dick Armfield was unavailable for comment as to why KSBY ran the story without waiting for the results of the background check. The Telegram-Tribune did not run an article and the editorial staff did not want to comment on the matter.

Students who saw the story on KSBY were shocked that such a program supposedly existed.

"I was sitting there watching the news and I was thinking, 'Why would someone want to give guns to homeless people?'" said business administration senior Rohit Dahvan.

Carlie Johnson agreed. "I thought it was dumb. It's like our crime rate is already high enough as it is. I don't see how giving guns to the homeless would benefit any community," said the recreation administration junior.

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Dairy Products Technology Center opens up its doors

By Dawn Kolmar
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly's $7.88 million Dairy Products Technology Center officially opened Tuesday afternoon.

In the Cal Poly tradition of "learn by doing," the new center focuses on three things: instruction, research and development, and technology transfer.

Director Dr. Philip Tong said the center will benefit everyone on campus, not just dairy students.

"This represents a big boom for our students in the program. We hope it will represent an opportunity for engineering, microbiology and chemistry students," Tong said.

Nearly 15 years after members of the dairy industry brought their plan to Cal Poly President Warren Baker, the center became a reality.

"The dairy industry was interested in engaging Cal Poly in a more productive relationship," Baker said, pointing out the importance of the dairy industry to California.

California is the leading milk-producing state in the nation. Baker successfully led the drive to get funding from the legislature and received an appropriation from the Department of Food and Agriculture.

Using the appropriation and matching funds from the dairy industry, Cal Poly was able to buy state-of-the-art equipment.

David Hettinga, vice president of Land O' Lakes Inc. and Cal Poly alumni, said they appreciate the equipment.

"I am very excited. (Cal Poly) had a nice facility in the food processing plant, but it was outdated and needed upgrading," he said.

"One of the key things the facility represents is some of the newer technology so that our students can be better prepared for the 21st century," Tong said.

According to Tong and Hettinga, Cal Poly's new center is one of a kind. The machinery is fully automated, programmable and logic-controlled, unlike most systems of its kind.

"There's none like it in the nation," Tong said.

During his keynote address, Hettinga described the importance of a partnership between industry and universities. He said such practical experience and education at the university level creates better applicants and prepares students for the job market.

According to Tong each student graduating from the department has five jobs.

"We have industry people calling for students to do internships," said Kamala Oliveira, marketing sales representative for the center and dairy science junior. "I think when people come out and tour this, they'll see that the students have the experience and the (necessary) background."

Tong said he sees this as an important step for the dairy science department.

"All it does is reinforce and enhance our strong program already, helping us to meet that challenge...and building an even stronger program," he said.

Dairy science major Joe Goncalves shows Cal Poly ASI President Steve McShane a butter churn in the pasteurizing room in the new Dairy Products Technology Center. Daily photo by Dawn Kolmar

BIG SUR: Wildfires are expected to increase by a few thousand acres

This scenic coastal hamlet -- has burned five single-family homes, along with nine outbuildings and two travel trailers in the Wild Castle Canyon area.

At least six firefighters have been injured, including three who were seriously injured in a fall down a steep slope. About 2,150 firefighters were battling the blaze, backed by 94 fire engines, 11 air tankers, 12 helicopters and 17 bulldozers.

Conditions have made it difficult to contain the fire, said Joanna Gottman, a Los Padres National Forest spokeswoman.

"We haven't had much help from Mother Nature fighting this fire," she said. "It is very, very steep terrain, very old brush, and the weather has not been a very big help."

Officials said they expected the wildfire to increase by a few thousand acres more as firefighters try to control the fire burning islands of vegetation and establishing fire lines along Fort Hunter Liggett, an Army training base.

"It would be nice not to have the disadvantage among faculty," said Karen Booker also believes that anything Cal Poly does to update Mott Gym will be a plus.

"Facilities in the past haven't been a selling point," Booker said. "It would be nice not to have the facilities to be a negative point."

RENOVATION

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pack the place, and a new arena was inevitable. Now the Minutemen play in a new gymnasium with baseline seating and VIP boxes.

"It's interesting how much the program can grow," Schneider said.

Schneider believes that the team has been successful with what they have given.

"We've created the best environment and best home court advantage," he said.

Women's basketball coach Karen Boeker also believes that anything Cal Poly does to update Mott Gym will be a plus.

"It's unfortunately a very divisive issue among faculty," said materials engineering professor Anny Morrobel-Sosa.
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junior high and then got more All-Conference and first team All-school which won two state championships. Thomas was first team All-Conference and first team All-state during the three years he played. "It was a neat experience," he recalled. "Football was huge. There would even be days off for games." He had over 1,300 yards and 69 catches his senior year.

Along with being a football captain at Ashland High School, Thomas was also the captain of the basketball and baseball team. "My dad started me at 4-years-old in a league that only had 5-year-olds in it," he said. "Ever since then he had me playing every sport." Thomas said his dad is a big sports fan and attends almost every one of his son's games including those in Montana and Idaho. "It's been nice to see him there," he said. Thomas has worked hard his last year improving his football skills, according to Patterson. "Ryan's number-one quality is he has a strong desire to win and succeed," he said. "It's really important to him to have the ball in his hands when it's crucial time."

Patterson recruited Thomas while he was playing for the College of Siskiyous in Weed, Calif. There he was first team All-Conference and had 10 catches for 186 yards against Butte Junior College. "He was very athletic and made plays happen," Patterson said. Thomas, who played at the junior college for two years was recruited out of high school, but wanted to wait for a better opportunity. "(Patterson) was the first coach I talked to out of the recruiting process that seemed to be genuine, sincere, not getting me there for ulterior motives," he said. "Then behind that he had a great school as it made it a pretty nice choice."

Thomas said he was more impressed with Cal Poly because of the area and academics. "I gave up a bigger backing for football, but at the same time you're not going to meet as many quality people," he said. "I'm glad with my decision." In his third year at Cal Poly, Thomas said one of the team's accomplishments is turning the program around and getting people to support athletics. "It would be nice to see in a few years, this program be really successful and know that I had something to do with that along with some other seniors who have been here longer than I have."

In addition to enjoying his last year playing with the guys, Thomas plans on graduating in June with a degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing. He's looking into master's programs, to prepare for an athletic director position or something in marketing. Either way, he wants to be involved with sports somehow. "It's been my dream to play some professional sport — football, basketball or baseball," he said. "At one time I thought I had a chance to play football, but I realize now that I'm not going to play anymore after this. It is for me."

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by Steve More
Earle named Big West Player of the Week

Cal Poly women's soccer midfielder Amy Earle was named Big West Conference Player of the Week for her performance in the Mustangs' 1-0 overtime victory over the University of the Pacific. Earle scored the only point of the game, securing the important league victory and keeping the teams' playoff hopes alive.

Earle's overtime goal marks Earle's third game-winner of the year. She also leads the Mustangs in goals (5) and assists (12).

Doughnuts let two players go free to agency

LOS ANGELES — Four members of the Los Angeles Dodgers, including third baseman Mike Blowers, and outfielder Chad Curtis, have elected to become free agents, the team announced Tuesday.

Blowers, 27, hit with six homers and 38 RBIs in 92 games for the Dodgers in 92 games this season. He started 90 games at third base before injuring his left knee on July 17. He didn't play after that.

Curtis, 27, hit .212 with two homers and nine RBIs in 45 games after being acquired by the Dodgers from Detroit on July 31 for left-handed pitchers Joel Eisenh and John Cummings. In 104 games for the Tigers, Curtis hit .261 with 10 home runs and 37 RBIs.

Mott Gym upgrade still in the plans

Jennifer B. Daly/Staff Writer

Some people must wonder how the men's basketball team is trying to "Build Something Special" in Mott Gym. But this is what coach Jeff Schneider attempted and accomplished last season.

The Division I team was expected to repeat their 1994-95 losing season. Schneider did not let the inevitable happen, and under his guidance, the team decided their own fate. And all of this was done in a gymnasium that could hold a small high school's team.

Although plans for a new sports complex are underway, renovations at Mott Gym have not been overlooked.

When the Cal Poly teams joined the Big West Conference, conference officials outlined renovations that the university needs to meet by June, 1998.

In order to raise money for the $1 million renovation, the Capital Campaign for Athletics headed by Associate Athletic Director Chuck Sleeper, has outlined several fundraising and commemorative opportunities.

Big ticket items include the court being named for a person or company. For a smaller amount, either the North Lobby or South Lobby could be named after a donor. Personal seat licenses are also available that can secure a desired seat for 10 years.

All prices are still being determined.

"Arena naming opportunities should bring in about $500,000," Sleeper said. "Another $500,000 for seating should be funded by the seat licensing.

The newly renovated Mott Gym will include 500 to 750 at-seater-style seats that will add to the floor plan to give the gym an arena-like feel.

Schneider said he believes the renovated gym would put Cal Poly basketball in the middle compared with other Big West schools.

He compared the basketball programs' situation to that experienced by the University of Massachusetts.

Former U-Mass Head Coach John Calipari started out much like Schneider. Instead of Mott Gym through, he had "The Cage," which seated less than 4,300 people. Soon enough, he was able to bring it