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DIRTY WORK: Sheriff's investigators sift through dirt Friday between the North Mountain dorms and Santa Lucia Hall, looking for clues in the Kristin Smart case. Smart was last seen in the area near Santa Lucia Hall in May 1996.

Officials search for Smart clues

Investigation turns area near dorms

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San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's deputies spent Friday digging for clues in the 1996 disappearance of Cal Poly student Kristin Smart. The dirt underneath the Student Academic Services building became the latest focus in the investigation of the missing student.

Sheriff's deputies squeezed into a crawl space under the building and removed dirt by the bucket-full. They then offered through the soil on the road and searched for evidence.

The building under which deputies searched is between Mountain Road and Santa Lucia Hall, the dormitory where Smart was last seen by former Cal Poly student Paul Flores.

Flores had allegedly walked Smart to her dorm after an off-campus party May 25, 1996. Flores said he had parted from Smart at Santa Lucia Hall, where he lived.

Sheriff's department investigators were unable to be reached for comment Sunday.

NASA pilot started at Poly

By Sara Henrikson  

Mustang Daily

A recent task of auto burglaries in Cal Poly's residential parking lots has Cal Poly police on the lookout for suspects. The burglaries have a pattern of happening on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Raymond Bennet, an investigator for the Cal Poly Police Department, said there are two suspects in the break-ins.

There are two possible suspects who we stopped and talked to who were in the area," Bennet said, "but we haven't made any arrests yet.

According to Bennet, the most common items that have been stolen are CD players and high-quality speakers.

Bennet said there were two methods of entry. The thieves either poked the back sliding window of the tracks or busted the "wind wing," a smaller window located at the front of tracks.

Robberies have also occurred adjacent to the parking lots. The Slack Street parking lot had break-ins as well.

Bennet said the R-2 lot, located next to the Performing Arts Center, had a series of robberies last quarter involving three or four vehicles at a time. One victim had a detachable-face CD player and placed the face in the glove compartment. The thieves pulled the CD player out and searched the glove compartment to find the other piece.

Bennet said the Cal Poly police plan to pay more attention to the areas at the patterned times.

Bennet declined to comment whether police plan to place Community Service Officers in the lots to prevent further robberies.

Bennet said if anyone sees any suspicious activity, to call Cal Poly police at 756-2281.

HIGH-FLYING ALUMNUS: NASA astronaut Rick Sturckow, a 1984 Cal Poly mechanical engineering graduate, talks to students at Los Ranchos Elementary School in San Luis Obispo Friday. Sturckow was the guest speaker at the College of Engineering's annual banquet.

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New computer stolen from radio station over weekend

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KCPR, Cal Poly's student-run radio station, is looking for the thief who stole a new computer from the station's offices this week.

Trevor Becker, general manager of KCPR, said the computer was used to broadcast over the Internet with RealAudio. It was brand new, he said, and was worth several thousand dollars.

Becker believes the machine was taken between 1 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturday. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the station at 756-5277.

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Share the experience!
Finding out where to fit in

One of the most important things that can happen in college is finding your true self-identity. As college students, we are faced with decisions that test our values and beliefs. I am currently trying to decide where my Mexican identity fits in.

I was born and raised in a Mexican majority neighborhood. Not knowing where to fit in together, I had no idea where that let me. Being "Mexican" has been negative in many ways, but not in all situations. I realize now that the work is art, but that does not give me the right to post whatever he wants on the school walls, especially when it is so obvious how controversial the flyer would be.

I appreciate when a few weeks ago Cal Poly removed flyers which were embraided "F***+ Foundation." Funny and expressive as they were, they simply were not proper. Imagine if someone posted morose photos of Rachel Northouse and Amanda Crawford, to make a statement about personal safety. Something like that would definitely not be right, and would not be allowed to be posted, no matter what the expressive value. Clearly, free speech has bounds when it comes to whether or not the expression is appropriate.

Richards cannot tear down any more flyers anytime soon, wait until the university decides whether or not the flyers are appropriate. If the university decides the flyers are inappropriate, then they come down. Free speech is not without bounds, the government knows that, the university knows that, but apparently, Richards does not.

I am happy with where being Mexican fits in my life.

Toni Baez is a political science junior.
Letters in response to ‘ladies, help the men by covering up’, May 5, by Andrea Parker

We men are not cavemen

Editor:
The position on the inability of men to control their excruciating sex drives was dead on...for a few thousand years ago. The mere fact Ms. Parker thinks all just causes who can’t think straight when a woman shows a little skin makes me laugh. Don’t get me wrong, I appreciate the female body as much as the next man, but I refuse to believe that when women lose a little clothing, men turn into primitive beings who don’t even have the Internet.

Some men probably do have problems concerning when there are half-naked women around, but I hope at the college level women can feel confident enough of their brains, even if they have good bodies. Despite the tragedies that have occurred this year in San Luis Obispo, women have to realize that not everyone walks into a walking slab of nonstomate when a pretty girl in skimpy clothing walks by. I note that you are a virtual goddess and attract the eyes of every male in a 100-foot radius, Andrea, but give me some credit. We can control our starring hormones. There is no reason a beautiful woman should not flirt what God gave her to flirt. I’m not sure about your friends, but you won’t hear any grumblings from me.

Women aren’t responsible for what men are thinking

Editor:
Women for years have been, and continue to be, repressed. This is a fact and a shame. It’s something that needs to change. So why are we getting up on our soapbox and telling you this? Because, after reading Andrea Parker’s answer to the women of the Cal Poly campus to stop wearing revealing clothes, I began to wonder what this means.

I have to agree with Ms. Parker’s position and think that not every woman is responsible for men turning into cavemen. This is a problem with the male sex as a whole. It’s a notion that women should cover up to make them feel comfortable and not to worry about being arrested or labeled. Whether it’s a short skirt or a trenchcoat, both men and women should feel comfortable enough to leave their homes with fear of repercussion.

Let me digress just for a second, Ms. Parker, and tell you about a group of women in our world that do have to worry about how their appearance makes the men around them feel and think. Ms. Best friend traveled to Israel a few months back and got to live like everyone else. She had to wear a veil and cover her body from head to toe in layers of black cloth, and she had to dress like this for the entire time, when she went to the beach.

While the men were able to strip down to their shorts and wade in the water, my friend and the other women had to wade in their long skirts. All of this, because these women live in a society that makes it impossible to wear what men think. I’m sure but this is bias, and so should you, Ms. Parker.

You are right in the fact that men do get turned on by visual stimuli and do think about sex quite a bit during the day. But you are wrong to think it’s our responsibility to help them curb these thoughts. Women are constantly fighting the battle of what is deemed appropriate and what’s not in the workplace and in the world they live in, in general. With women like you, Ms. Parker, in our midst, who needs the head of the Taliban?

Melissa M. Geisler is a journalism senior.

Wildflower provided a safe, fun time for all

Editor:
Being able to attend Wildflower was one of the most mesmerizing experiences in my college career.

With the sun shining down on Lake San Antonio, the weekend seemed to be nothing less than picture perfect. Despite the recent tragedies that occurred in our community, students were able to come together and turn the weekend into a positive event in which everyone felt comfortable.

The campground was filled with Cal Poly students, and everyone seemed to be at Wildflower for the same reason: to have a good time. Being able to camp for the weekend gave students a chance to get away from all the unfortunate happenings in San Luis Obispo and be surrounded by friends and fellow students in a different atmosphere.

The entire time I was at Wildflower, I felt incredibly sheltered. People weren’t worried about anything, and it was the first time in awhile that I noticed students comfortably walking around alone. I think everyone felt like they were surrounded by friends, and I realized how lucky I am to be at a school filled with such amazing people. I could walk around the campground day or night and feel secure with the knowledge that others would have my back.

Throughout the weekend, everyone seemed to be so energetic and relaxed. It was one of those rare times when no one dressed up or cared what they looked like. They just wanted to have fun. Everyone’s outgoing and friendly attitudes made the experience truly genuine.

Camping in Beach City was amazing. I think everyone who wanted to was able to meet new friends. The bands and disc jockey seemed to keep the atmosphere alive, and the music was incredible. Despite the lack of sleep because of late nights, everyone seemed to be filled with energy and danced the nights away.

Attending Wildflower was an extraordinary experience, because it helped me to realize how fortunate I am to be a part of it.

Carla Flores is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.
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momentum and grabbed the lead once again in the 75th minute. An indirect kick placed the ball at McGregor's feet in the center of the field. McGregor passed square to Clark who placed the shot for the Roadrunners.

In the 67th minute it looked like the Ambassadors would tie up the game. A direct kick sent the ball at a Roadrunner wall of seven players. The ball ricocheted out to the toot of an Ambassador who got a shot off. Sweeper Doug Gregerson stopped the ball at the goal line and cleared it for the Roadrunners.

Chowana-Bandhu would seal the victory for the Roadrunners with another goal in the 79th minute. "I wanted to stall because we were up," Chowana-Bandhu said. "I carried the ball deep down the left hand side and into the goal post. A quick tap across, and the ball was past the goalie and in the net."

The Roadrunners faced the Ambassadors five times last season, defeating them in the 1998 conference semi-finals. This game was pivotal in positioning the Roadrunners to earn a trip to the U.S. Open.

The Roadrunners travel to Nevada next weekend and return home May 22 to take on the Los Angeles Fireballs.

GOAL BOUND: Roadrunner forward Evan Clark (white) fights for the ball.

"We needed to pick up guys early instead of leaving the middle open — it puts us on the attack quicker."

— Larry Smyth
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bitter Steve Wood came up with numbers on second and third. Wood, who was 0 for 5 for the day, grounded to third where pinch runner Andrew Ecklund ran into a tag. The basemen-
ning mistake tipped off a frustrating afternoon for the Mustangs, who are struggling to stay focused with no playoff hopes.

"You don’t want to just shut it down," left-hander Josh Morton said. "I think we go out there now for per-
sonal reasons, for pride. I think it’s also to keep going for next year. Our way is seeing that we have to put a couple hits together. It’s tough seeing us not get those clutch hits, but I know they’re going to be back.

Morton led the Mustangs to a 5-2 win Saturday in what Price called "one of the best performances of the year.

Morton threw his second career complete game, scattering six hits and walking only one. Morton has become a solid starter for Price, who used the crafty lefty as a reliever most of the year. Morton broke into the starting rotation on April 13 when he threw seven innings against Fresno State and gave up one earned run.

"I think he’s better as a starter because he can get into the game,

Morton said. "I struggle a little bit mentally but more physically out of the bullpen. I’m not a guy who gets warm; I need the time and the preparation as a starter.

"Real nice," Mike Zelli said with Morton’s victory. "Awesome. He got ahead of every hitter and just did a fantastic job.

Zelli said.

Zelli, on the other hand, struggled in his Friday outing, a 10-0 loss. He allowed seven runs (five earned) in six innings. He did strike out five Tigers, which brings Zelli’s strikeout total to 59, the best in the Cal Poly career record.

The Mustangs stay home next weekend to take on UC Santa Barbara in the final home and Big West series. Sunday will be Senior Day for the Mustangs.

OUT OF REACH: Left-fielder Kyle Albright takes a stab at a foul ball that landed just out of the junior’s reach.

Softball drops two
By Steven Geringer Mustang Daily

The Mustangs dropped both games of a doubleheader to Sacramento State Saturday.

Cal Poly lost the first game 4-1 and the second game 4-3. The losses bring the Mustangs’ record to 22-29 overall and 10-7 in Big West play.

The Hornets’ Matson Whittemore went 3 for 4 in the first game, and Katie Cindy went 3 for 4 with two RBIs in the second game.

Cal Poly’s Staci Stockton went 2 for 3 in the Sacramento State’s first win of the series, the Hornets scored all of their runs in the fourth inning of the game. Cal Poly’s Melinda Lancaster got the Mustangs’ only run of the game in the second inning by driving in Chels Wells with a double.

Hornet pitcher Kelly Levato pitched her 22nd complete game of the season, allowing just one run and three hits, striking out five batters. Levato improved her record to 16-11.

In the second game of the day, Cal Poly’s Loretta hit a two-run double in the fifth inning, giving the Mustangs an early lead of 3-2.

In the seventh inning, the Hornets loaded the bases on three walks by Mustinka reliever Kristen Murray. The Hornets’ Kent Holmes hit a two-out, 2-2 pitch into the left-center gap, scoring two runners and giving the Hornets the 4-3 lead.

Handy went 2 for 2 with two doubles and three RBIs. Cal Poly’s Kristal Ness was 2 for 4. Jackie Wilted was 2 for 4 with a double, and Lancaster was 1 for 3 with 2 RBIs.

RUN DOWN: Senior Catcher Kelly Duncan chases down a baserunner.

Still looking for their fourth win in Big West play, the Mustangs fell to 7-30 overall and 5-17 in league play.

In the seventh inning, the Mustangs had runners on first and third with two outs, but couldn’t cash in.

The Mustangs couldn’t get things going in either game. In the first game, the Mustangs were 0 for 9 with runners in scoring position. In the second game, the Mustangs were 3 for 9.

"It was just an off day for us all around," Price said.

"We’re just trying to keep going," Morton said. "If we keep going, we’ll be a lot better team.

Cal Poly is still looking for their fourth consecutive Big West win.

The Mustangs lost both games to UCSD on Friday, dropping the series to 2-3. The series will resume next weekend with another doubleheader.

"We need to go in there and play well," Morton said.

"I’m just going to try to have a consistent approach in every game," Price said.

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"I hope to get the hitter...
Mustangs waste Cunningham’s gem

By Joe Nolan
Mustang Daily

With the game scoreless in the bottom of the third, shortstop Craig Ritter singled to center. Ritter advanced to second on a wild pitch and to third on a passed ball. So with the game beginning to be broken open, the Mustangs had a runner on third with no outs.

Brian Cant — strikeout.
Chris Martinez — strikeout.
Brian Odley — fly out to left.

“What did we leave, double-plays on base?” head coach Rich Price said. “It’s frustrating, but we just need to get more experience and get some confidence.”

The Mustangs stranded 12 runners at San Luis Obispo Stadium Sunday in a 4-1 loss to the Pacific Tigers. The Mustangs squandered a terrific performance from right-hander Jeremy Cunningham. The junior took the loss, despite some impressive numbers. The line: eight innings, six hits, two runs, one walk and 10 strikeouts (all swinging).

Cunningham (3-8) said the lack of offensive support has been difficult to deal with.

“You have to go out there and carry your own game every time,” Cunningham said. “You just have to give (the offense) a chance to come back even if they haven’t shown that they will.”

The two runs Cunningham allowed were carried but should have been avoided.

In the top of the fourth, Tiger centerfielder Nick Giordano hit a slow grounder to Ritter. Ritter’s throw was on time, but first base umpire Chad McCandless called Giordano safe, allowing Robbie Wood to bat. Wood belted a two-run single to put the Tigers up for good.

“It was bang-bang, but he probably should have called him out,” Cunningham said.

The Mustangs threatened in the seventh, when Martinez drove a triple down the right-field line, scoring Senior Matt Ellis pinch-run for Martinez and was out at the plate when he tried to score on Odley’s two-hopper to first base.

The Tigers added an insurance run in the ninth when a Mike Shewald wild pitch allowed Willie Cunningham to cross the plate. The Mustangs sent the winning run to the plate in the ninth when cleanup batter Tony Shewald reached on an error.

“In pursuit: Roadrunner midfielder Dana McGregor dribbles the ball...”

By Kimberly Kaney
Mustang Daily

A new combination of forwards on attack gave the Central Coast Roadrunners the goals they needed to defeat the Silicon Valley Ambassadors, 4-1, Saturday night in Mustang Stadium.

“We are right back in the hunt in the West.” “The momentum from last game carried over — we jumped out and got the lead,” head coach Larry Smyth said.

This game, Smyth said Tony Chhib on a run in Bandhu and Evan Clark up top to pace the rhythm of the game. Chhomana Bandhu scored first at the 11th minute. Alone on the right side of the field, Chhomana Bandhu dribbled the ball around two defenders and up to the goal side of the box. With a clear shot, he dropped the ball up in the near side of the goal.

“I just took a shot and got lucky,” he said.

Chhomana Bandhu almost got lucky again when his shot off an assist from Dana McGregor went just wide of the goal.

The Roadrunners remained silent for the rest of the first half. The Ambassadors reached the goal in the 27th minute. Dan Fisk sent a