Poly student found dead at Stenner Glen

By Andrea Caberry 
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A 19-year-old Cal Poly student was found dead in his Stenner Glen apartment at 11 a.m. Wednesday, according to a San Luis Obispo Police Department press release.

From Gillis, a journalism student, was found dead on his bed by his roommate, who had been gone overnight, police said. The roommate called the police, and officers and emergency medical personnel were called the police, and officers and emergency medical personnel were immediately sent to Building 11 of Stenner Glen apartments, according to the press release.

The cause of death is currently unknown, and there was no evidence of foul play, according to the press release. An investigation is being conducted by the SLO police department and the County Sheriff's Coroners office.

Mike Holt, general manager of Stenner Glen, said emergency personnel tried to revive Gillis, but without success.

"The reality is at this point, the police have some information locked up because of the case, but in talking with them, to me, it sounds like they're saying we have to wait for the coroner to do his thing," Holt said. Gillis' death has already made an impact on some of the Stenner Glen residents.

"I know from the amount of students walking around who have been emotionally involved that it was pretty obvious the person was well known," he said. "A lot of people were already crying."

According to local news reports, Gillis was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. Police apparently went to the Sigma Chi house yesterday to ask people questions concerning what is considered a "suspicious death."

It is now Holh's primary concern to have Cal Poly's counseling services working with the students who may have been impacted by Gillis' death.

"This isn't one of those things that happens a lot," he said. "But when it does happen we have to go through and pick up the pieces and make sure everyone is OK."

In terms of protocol for situations like this, Holt said they must be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. It is important, however, to bring in professional counselors as soon as possible to help people cope with the loss, he said.

At the time he found out about Gillis' death, Holt said he was in a meeting concerning a nearby railroad crossing, where former Stenner Glen resident and Cal Poly student Jason Sy was struck and killed by a train.

Stenner Glen apartments, located at 1050 Footsbnd Blvd., houses a little more than 600 Cal Poly and Cuesta College students. Holt said more than 85 percent of the tenants are freshmen.

-- Managing editor Janelle Foskett contributed to this report

Lot changes add to first-day parking confusion

As if parking at Cal Poly wasn't already difficult enough, a parking lot change has made the situation even more of a problem for general-permit holders during the first week of spring quarter.

Closure of parking lot to general permits causes headaches for first day of classes

Cindy Campbell, associate director of University Police.

The change was implemented due to the construction of the new housing facility behind the red brick forms, Campbell said. In order for the completion of the project to be finished sooner, the contractors requested to have an area of space available next to the site, Campbell said. Instead of hauling massive amounts of brick and lumber from far away, materials are now being stored in the R-1 parking lot behind the red brick forms, she said. The R-1 parking lot, which is located next to the construction site, was seen as the "least-impact area," and that is where the construction has been allotted space.

"Moving those spaces available in R-1 down to R-2 was the solution that caused the least amount of problems," Campbell said.

The number of spaces taken away from resident-permit holders in R-1 was about 40, and a higher amount of freshmen would have been left to find housing off campus, Campbell said.

Students with general permits that normally parked in the R-2 lot are now forced to find parking elsewhere, making the search for open spots even more difficult. The parking lot change has caused discontent among some students.

"I used to always park in that lot because I could usually always find spots there," said Heath Braddixk, a senior electrical engineering student.

There are 1,414 parking spaces available to residents, and last quarter, there were 1,413 resident general permit holders, according to University Police statistics. The resident permit carriers, that parked in R-1 before the lot change were now bunched down to park in R-2. Since the R-2 lot wouldn't have enough spaces for both general and resident permit holders, officials at University Police worked with the housing staff to make the change, said Preston Allen, director of Housing and Residential Life.

"It was either we delay the new construction or work with the students who have a resident parking pass," Allen said.

Although the university is accepting more students every year than the previous year, there are no additional spaces available to residents on campus at the same time," said Allen.
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activities are done at a set time, such as processing eggs.

"The great thing about the poultry unit is that everything is automatic," Moreno said.

And, indeed, the egg-laying hens are housed in tall stacks of cages, with conveyor belts beneath each row that carry eggs up and out of the building and into a smaller building beside it.

There are also machines that aid in everything from checking eggs for flaws to packing them into egg cartons. The unit is virtually self-sufficient, Spiller said. The state of California constructed the buildings and pays the electricity bill, but the unit must pay for all other expenses, including all equipment, supplies and new birds. The Cal Poly Foundation acts as a bookkeeper and banker for the unit. It can loan the unit money, but everything must be paid back in full.

But, with the eggs that are sold to Cal Poly dining facilities, restaurants and grocery stores from Cambria to Santa Maria, the unit normally makes a modest profit. This year's projected operating costs and profit are about $10,200.

Most of the profit made usually goes to equipment, Spiller said, although the program receives regular equipment donations from the poultry industry. Choretime, a company that makes livestock equipment, recently gave the poultry unit a feeding system worth between $25,000 to $30,000 to ensure the frying chicken facility is as modern and up-to-date as the industry.

Students who live at the unit receive a unique, hands-on education that focuses on commercial production, and it gives them a place where they can experience all aspects of the business, Spiller said.

"It was a huge shock to me when I first moved here," Moreno said. "Doc (Spiller) would say, 'Hey, you need to do this,' and when I told him I didn't know how he said, 'OK, go ahead and try. I'll be over here if you need me.'"

By Stephen Harvey

"The same will be done again this summer," Bonnie Krupp, deputy director for Institutional Planning and Analysis, said that besides enticing returning students to go to summer school, the unit change was done to facilitate a new program started last summer for incoming freshmen. The Jump Start Program is an eight-unit course offered to freshmen that want to get a head start on their undergraduate classes.

Even though students passed the college-based fee increase last month, Krupp said that she doesn't see an impact on summer school enrollment. She said she hopes to have more students attending smaller classrooms, but doesn't expect any changes.

Krupp emphasized that the university is trying to get more returning students to take advantage of year-round school. She said that students could take off during winter instead of summer if the program was utilized more.

"It's difficult to get students to stay for summer," Krupp said. "Many urban campuses have higher turnouts because they are commuter schools. At Cal Poly, there are students from all over the state and many go 'home' for summer."

This last year, because of the new program for freshmen, there were 4,077 students attending summer school. Krupp said that compared to the 18,079 enrolled for fall quarter, that number is smaller than the university is expecting. She said that they are hoping the colleges will offer more classes during summer quarter to give students more reasons to stay.

"There is more parking," Krupp said. "Classes are usually smaller, too."
National Briefs

No more worries for kissing cousins
NEW YORK — Scientists reported yesterday that there is no biological reason to discourage first cousins from marrying or having children. First cousins are actually more likely than unrelated couples to have a child with a serious birth defect, mental retardation or genetic disease, but their increased risk is nowhere near as long-standing beliefs in America have held.

According to the report, the risk that a child will be born with a serious birth defect, mental retardation or genetic disease is 1 percent to 4 percent but first cousins must add another 1.7 to 2.8 percentage points to that risk.

A professor of medicine and genome sciences at the University of Washington said that, although the increase represents a near doubling of the risk, the result is still not considered large enough to deter couples from having children.

But, there is still a taboo surrounding cousin marriage in America, and 24 states have laws forbidding first cousins from marrying.

Seven more have limits requiring genetic counseling.

The report advises genetic counselors to counsel those who want to have children in the same way when they do every other couple, and that no genetic tests are required before conception.

The researchers, a panel assembled by the National Society of Genetic Counselors, based their report on a review of six major studies involving thousands of births, from 1965 to August 2000.

— The New York Times

Powell sent to Middle East to carry peace message
WASHINGTON — In an effort to stop the violence in the Middle East, President Bush demanded Thursday that Israel pull back its troops from Palestinian cities it has recently occupied and ordered Arab nations to do more to stop terrorism.

Secretary of State Colin Powell will travel to the region to carry the message.

Bush hopes, through Powell, to persuade Israel to stop its military invasions and soon push the parties toward a cease-fire and beginning talks on political issues. Powell has been given free reign to debate issues including discussions about long-range political sticking points and talks about a truce and cease-fire, senior officials said.

He also asked Israel to stop building settlements in Palestinian areas and "show a respect for — and concern about — the dignity of the Palestinian people."

However, Bush restated his warning toward Palestinians, and warned that nations that help terrorism will be treated as the same terrorists.

In a Rose Garden speech, Bush praised Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and warned Syria and Iraq against promoting more violence.

He said that Israel is proceeding with its Arab's ability to halt terrorism, and is warning Arab leaders to fulfill their promises.

— Associated Press

International Briefs

Middle East
KABUL, Afghanistan — A conspiracy to mount a bombing campaign against the government of Hamid Karzai and the former king, Mohammad Zahir Shah was thwarted Thursday when the Afghan security council arrested hundreds of political opponents, officials of the security council said.

The council was formed with the help of Barry Vercoe, a professor of music, media art and science at California Polytechnic State University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and U.S. chipmaker Analog Devices.

The machine was developed with a radio-frequency coil in its base. The system, iGlassware, works by coating each glass with a clear, conducting material that allows it to measure exactly how much liquid has been consumed.

The system sends an electronic signal when it is empty that goes from the receiver in the table to hand-held computers held by staff. The computer is then similar to those used for cellular phones.

The first prototypes for the glasses are now on the market, but staff at Analog Devices hope the new glasses will catch on. He said that going up to the bar is part of the tradition and the pub experience.

— Reuters

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Ethnic tension remains in Macedonia
By Alissa J. Rubin

2002 INAUGURAL BAKER FORUM

The Imperative for Science and Technology Educational Reform

Although California is the nation's high-tech leader, its educational system is falling behind in preparing students for critical high-tech jobs.

Key findings and recommendations of a new study by the California Council on Science and Technology will be presented.

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The previously announced appearance by Stephen Jay Gould has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

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— California Polytechnic State University
The preview might lead you to expect a scary movie, but the film is a two-hour thriller that is more suspenseful than horrific.

The panic room is enclosed with several feet of concrete and reinforced steel. It is equipped with video monitors for nearly every angle of the apartment, as well as a ventilation system and a private line to the police. While this room is fully equipped and intended to keep people out, the difficulty arises when the designer is the one who wants in.

"Panic Room" is a suspenseful thriller set in the audience-toting box for the bad guys. The previews might lead you to expect a two-hour thriller that is more suspenseful than horrific.

The film's two-way burglars, Junior (Jared Leto), Burnham (Forest Whitaker) and Raoul (Twanke Yosef), have only one thing in common — the desire to get into the panic room and claim what's hidden in the secret safe. The teenagers, perhaps, intended to keep the apartment occupied with residents than Meg and Sarah are to find the burglars, Junior, who plans the burglars didn't expect the new tenants to move in to their new home for at least a few more days. Despite the drawback of their presence, the burglars agree to stick to their original plan.

Burnham, a family man and the most merciless criminal, both he and Junior are psychotic when they get their way. Although the burglars are reasonably unphilosophized, they provide some comedic relief throughout the film.

"Panic Room" was written by David Kopp, who is also the brain behind "Spider-Man" and "Strat of Echoes." While his script is well written and acted out, it doesn't allow the audience to get involved in the personal lives of the characters. However, that doesn't matter much since the plot of the movie is basically to keep the intruders out.

David Fincher becomes a master of thriller movies as director of "Panic Room." Fincher, who also directed "The Game," "Fight Club" and "Seven," gives the audience a combination of two directing styles with his latest film. Most impressive is the camera is almost completely still, then glides through a hallway and then glides through a keyhole and the handle of a doorknob. The presence of the camera is almost invisibly there as it takes the audience through the vacant apartment in one of the opening scenes.

Any director might feel restricted by the film where all the action takes place in one house, but Fincher triumphs over the challenge with impressive visual style.
By Justin Ruttkay

I f Buffy is your favorite vampire slayer, seeing "Blade 2" may convince you otherwise, as Wesley Snipes literally takes the bite out of cinema.

As a comic book hero brought to life in director Guillermo Del Toro's newest vampire flick, Snipes is back for more. You don't need to see the original "Blade" to understand the story as adapted — the storyline is easy to follow, but unfortunately, the script isn't that creative.

A few additions to the cast have been made since the original. Actor Stephen Dorff does not return to reprise his Bloody role, though Kim Kurofsenjoportunizes as Blade's vampilslaying partner. With such a cast, the film promises to keep you entertained.

The backdrop of the movie begins on the gloomy streets of Prague. Blade is the half-human, half-vampire creature that embodies all the strengths of a vampire. He even begins the film with some very funny dark comedy "Lucky Numbers," set in the phony set of "The Matrix," this film introduces a form of cinematic martial arts that I have only seen in video games. The figures are shown doing very technical, high-sounding moves while the camera rotates at different angles to provide the greatest amount of visual perspective. Everything is pure style, with a few common themes: kicking them in the head, were fairly common.

To go along with the killer action scenes, the setting and backdrop added to the mystique of the movie. The look and feel of the background added to the horrific atmosphere of the film.

Wesley Snipes returns to play vampire hunter Blade, who is actually half vampire himself, in the sequel "Blade 2." To the person that doesn't like violence or has an aversion to blood, you might want to stick to watching the skinny blonde on the WB. But for the audience who is intrigued by heavy action and a fast full of violence, "Blade 2" might just be worth missing the newest episode of America's favorite teen-vampire slayer. Though the fight scenes alone were worth seeing in a big-screen, surround sound theater. Otherwise, I would just wait to rent it.

'Smoochy' deserves to die

By Joel Frady

DURHAM, N.C. —Movies like "Death to Smoochy" all begin the same question: "Why did all these talented people decide to make this movie?" It's often, mean-spirited, awkward, too long, and more frequently than not, unfunny. Even so, it stars Robin Williams, Edward Norton, Jon Stewart, Catherine Keener and Danny DeVito, who also directed.

The main problem is the script itself. Writer Adam Rossick, who also penned "Cabin Boy" and the dark comedy "Lucky Numbers," starts out with some very funny ideas but makes the mistake of cramming too much into the script.

By the midpoint, the movie is juggling too many characters and subplots, but not enough jokes. And of the jokes present, only about half of them are even remotely funny.

To illustrate this point, look at how simple the premise started: a corrupt kid-show host named Smoochy. Anybody abuzz about doing anything wrong in his time slot and later his executive, Billiny, But he only had about 20 minutes spent on the mean-spirited plot and the mean, boring crime-lord characters.

So why did all these people make this movie? The best response is also the most boring: They were probably looking for some variety in their careers. Williams has been doing sweet, heartwarming films long enough to make anyone vomit.

Keenan just needed a movie that people actually see to get her name out (even though she was excellent in "Being John Malkovich"). It had been seven years since DeVito's last directing effort, "Murphy." As for Norton, he's been stuck in really yo-dly microfeatures for far too long now and making something like "Smoochy" just makes his movies like "Fight Club" and "The Score" look that much better.

Unfortunately, those movies (and the other good movies out in theaters right now) make "Death to Smoochy" look that much worse.
Opinion

Letters to the editor

Chavez - Not all he's cracked up to be

Since some Cal Poly students have been celebrating Cesar Chavez Day, I thought I would like to briefly write about how he has so deeply touched my family's life.

Many years ago, when Ronald Reagan was the governor of California, he asked Cesar Chavez to meet with him. Prior to this meeting, Chavez, who had at that time been working directly under him in the United Fruit Company, had come forward and told the company he was going to form a union. Cesar and the company were very much opposed to this, so they decided to meet with the governor.

Cesar arrived but was not given a chance to speak. The meeting was held in the governor's office. When Cesar was not invited to speak, he sat silently in the corner of the room, watching the governor, who was meeting with some of the company executives.

As the meeting progressed, the governor became frustrated and began to lash out at Cesar and his supporters. He accused them of being communists and said that they were trying to undermine the American way of life.

But Cesar remained silent, holding his ground. He knew that he was right, and he was willing to fight for what he believed in. That's the kind of person Cesar Chavez was: a man of courage and conviction.

He was right, too. His hard work and dedication paid off, and today, farmworkers across the United States are able to demand better working conditions and pay. Cesar Chavez will always be remembered as a hero, and I'm proud to have known him.

Sarah E. Thien

Chavez - A guiding light

Editor, 

"The spirituality, energy, devotion and endless sacrifice that Chavez brought to the United Farm Workers and "La Causa" continue to be an inspiration to a diverse group of people around the world, not only farmworkers in California."

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"She's about that tall, wears a black cap and has fangs."
University housing presents challenge to LGBT students

By Jyni Ekins and Cavan Reagan

(MUSTANG DAILY) AMS, Iowa — Living in the residence halls is often the first time students have to live with or near a group of others who are drastically different. Dorms are full of different types of people, those different in age, race, ethnicity to sexually different. Dorms are full of different types of people, those different in age, race, ethnicity to sexually different. Dorms are full of different types of people, those different in age, race, ethnicity to sexually different.

Jeremy Hayes, an openly gay student, said the transition to residence halls could be a difficult one for students who are not heterosexual, particularly when living with a stranger. "When I lived in the residence halls with a roommate I didn't know previously, I wasn't out to him. I didn't feel I was ready to talk about it," said Hayes, a senior in management information systems.

"I was able to hide it from him and I did, but I think a lot more people are becoming comfortable with it." Still, some are not comfortable with living with a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender student, Hayes said. He said he knew a gay student whose roommate moved out after learning about his sexual preference.

"Some people really have a problem with that," Hayes said.

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Jeremy Hayes, an openly gay student, said creating awareness is increasing, however, as is the focus on dealing with issues of diversity, such as sexual orientation.

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Baseball plays host to Pacific this weekend

By Nick Hopping

The Cal Poly baseball team takes on the University of Pacific this weekend in a crucial three-game Big West Conference series at Baggett Stadium beginning Friday at 5 p.m.

Last year, the Mustangs played at University of the Pacific and took two of three games from the Tigers. The Mustangs (16-19, 1-2 Big West) are coming off a three-game set with No. 11 Cal State Fullerton in which they played some of their best baseball of the season.

Head coach Rich Price was satisfied with the way the team came together over the weekend. "Even though we lost a couple close games, we played them the best we have in eight years," Price said.

After dropping the first two games of the series, 4-1 and 7-5, senior ace Kevin Cortez (62-6, 4.41 ERA) threw his third complete game of the season to lead Poly to a 1-2 win at newly renovated Goodwin Field. Price stressed the importance of winning the upcoming series if the team want to have any chance of freezing the race. Other players pointed out that while Pacific will be an able opponent, it's their series to lose.

"We need to put it all together, execute and do all the small things. We have a confident outlook," said senior catcher/fielder Jason Barringer. Junior righthander Tyler Fitch (4-4, 4.50 ERA) will take the hill for the Mustangs in the opener on Friday. At 1 p.m., the Mustangs will throw the first pitch at the Tigers batting order. Freshman southpaw Frank McLoughlin (62-6, 6.61 ERA) is penciled in as the starter and he will be followed by four other pitchers out of the bullpen.

"We'll give each guy a couple of innings apiece, which will benefit as because each pitcher knows exactly how many innings they will throw going into the weekend," Price said. The Mustangs (10-9 home, 6-9-1 away) will wrap up the series on Sunday at 1 p.m. All three games will be broadcast live on KKAL 99.7FM or on PPV at www.gopweek.com.

Softball hits the road to face tough UCSB

By Cynthia Neff

The Mustangs are buckling down this week to prepare for a three-game series in the Big West Conference against the Gauchos on Saturday and Sunday at UC Santa Barbara.

While Cal Poly fell in three straight games to Pacific last weekend, head coach Lisa Boyer is confident that her team will be ready for the upcoming series. "We have three full days of practice this week — that hasn't happened since before exams," she said. "We are playing well and working on getting back to basics.

Despite last weekend's three-game series loss to the Tigers, the Mustangs are confident about facing the Gauchos for a second time this year. Cal Poly beat UC Santa Barbara 5-1 at the beginning of the season in the Mustang Roundup tournament.

"We talked about players' perspectives about last weekend's games and how everyone is doing so far," she said. "We're more united as a team now.

Regardless of the three intense practices the Mustangs will have this week, Gravert said that it's more about the mind-set the team needs to be in for this weekend. Last weekend's losses didn't upset her confidence for this weekend.

"Last weekend, (Pacific) pretty much cut us in half," she said. "We played pretty solid, but they just got their hands on us without overpowering like Fullerton," Gravert said. "We didn't play our best. Other players pointed out that while Pacific will be an able opponent, it's their series to lose.

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BRIEFS

Cal Poly golf team to host collegiate tourney

The Cal Poly men's golf team will host the inaugural Fidelity National Title Collegiate Championship at Cypress Ridge Golf Course in Arroyo Grande on Sunday through Tuesday.

The Fidelity National Title Collegiate Championship is the first Cal Poly golf tournament to be hosted since reinstituting the golf program last year.

The Mustang field will play a practice round along with a college-amateur event on Sunday, April 7. The Mustangs will host 15 players from each of the participating schools and an amateur four-some for a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. Dinner and prizes will follow the event.

On Monday, golfers will play 36 holes with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament will wind up with 18 holes on Tuesday with a split tee start at 7:30 a.m.

Students participating in this year's tournament include Big West title contender UC Riverside, along with Santa Clara, Boise State and the Mustangs. The Mustangs will partner the top player from each of the participating schools and an amateur tour-<ref>for a shotgun start at 3:00 p.m.</ref>