Sigma Chi not suspect in death

Police are waiting for results of toxicology report

By Cynthia Neff
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

As the investigation into the death of 19-year-old Brian Gillis continues, the San Luis Obispo Police Department has talked to several members of the Sigma Chi fraternity to ascertain the events of April 3, which may have led to Gillis' death. The journalism sophomore was found around 11 a.m. at his Stenner Glen apartment by his roommate who had gone the night before.

Although further information could not be released, police department Lt. Gary Orback said that the investigation team is waiting for the toxicology test results, which will be available April 19, to determine the cause of death.

Orback said that he has already ruled out the possibility of murder and that there is no evidence to suspect Sigma Chi of having anything to do with Gillis' death.

Orback added that the coroner's office will take the normal routine tests to test for alcohol and other drugs in Gillis' system. However, he would not comment on whether or not the coroner's office would be testing for specific drugs, such as GHB (gamma hydroxy butyric acid), that do not normally show up on basic toxicology report.

"The coroner's office is doing the tests that it feels will further the investigation," Orback said.

Many Cal Poly students may be anxious to hear the results of the toxicology report, especially since rumors have continued to spread around campus ever since Gillis' death.

Sources who originally spoke to Mustang Daily said they have been asked by members of the Sigma Chi fraternity to not disclose information to the press concerning the events of April 3.

Matt Soderstrom, a member of Sigma Chi, would not comment on the events of that night, nor would he comment on whether Gillis was a habitual drinker.

Soderstrom, a political science freshman and Gillis' pledge brother, said that he did not see Gillis' actions on April 3. He also said that there was no "official fraternity stuff going on" at the Sigma Chi house, and that the members were "just all catching up after break."

He added that Gillis enjoyed seeing GILLIS, page 7

Huerta urges students to get involved

Dolores Huerta speaks about her experiences with Cesar Chavez and her role in the advent of the United Farm Workers union Wednesday night. Many of the attendees of the speech bore UPW flags like this one, which was signed by Chavez three times throughout the years in many different marches.

By Bryan Dickerson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the United Farm Workers union, addressed an eclectic crowd in a near-capacity Chumash Auditorium on Wednesday night.

Huerta, dwarfed behind the giant podium with just her face and red belt visible to a standing and cheering crowd, called on the assembled — particularly the Cal Poly students — to "make a difference."

"When you come to college, make your voice louder," Huerta said. "Students like yourselves ended the Vietnam War, and it's students like you who can change things."

Among the diverse assembly of scholars, farm workers, union members, students and political activists was social science junior Ali Schлагeter, who attended the event for motivation.

"I'm a person who wants to get involved in activism for all people who suffer," Schлагeter said. "You always want to look for inspiration."

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Fee disagreement freezes meeting

Gail Wilson, a Cal Poly alumna, points out a problem she had with the college-based fee referendum proposal to an Academic Senate representative, middle, and Bob Detweiler, interim vice president of Student Affairs, at a meeting Thursday. The gathering was part of a Campus Fee Advisory Committee meeting that discussed problems with the closure of last month's meeting.

Forum gives candidates opportunity to take a stand

By Kelly Foster
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

ASTF's budget increase from $600,000 to $1.4 million is the reason behind the Sunday's vote format, which will be held in the Sierra Madre main lounge at 9 p.m.

Associated Students Inc. presiden­ tial candidates will speak about what the extra money can be used for next year and introduce their platforms for the upcoming election.

"With the fee referendum increase, ASTF's budget is going to be almost doubled," said Lillian Andrade, Sierra Madre Hall resident advisor and organizer of the event. "This is pretty important."

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'MIT of the Philippines' visits campus to set up exchange

By Theresa Ngo-Anh
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The president of the Mapua Institute of Technology (MIT), along with two other university representatives, paid Cal Poly a visit Thursday to discuss the possibilities of starting an educational foreign exchange program between the two colleges. The visit from the Philippine university was made possible through a joint effort by the Philippine Cultural Exchange and Cal Poly's Cultural Exchange Program.

MIT is a technology school in the Philippines. Nieves Villanum, advisor of PCE, was very enthusiastic about the visit.

"Mapua is the MIT of the Philippines," Villanum said. "We have been trying to set up a program with a university comparable to Cal Poly's cal..."
While most students were throwing back tropics in a "hurricane," or hanging out by the pool at home, six Cal Poly ROTC cadets swam and strained at the orders of special forces instructors in Coronado, Calif., during spring break.

"When most students were partying in Tijuana, these students went down to Navy SEAL land," said Maj. Paul Buechner, assistant professor and training officer at Cal Poly SEALs (Sea, Air, Land) teams go through what is considered by some to be the toughest military training in the world, according to the Navy SEALs Web site.

Two freshmen, two sophomores and two juniors successfully completed the 10-day training program held March 21 through April 2. Freshmen Michael Meyer and Ryan Adams, sophomores Samuel Bonner and David Grammin, and juniors Patrick Hune and senior Eric Goltry made up half the cadets who graduated from the program of instruction. All six cadets are now eligible to compete in the Combat Diver Qualification Course (CDQC), a four-week-long program held this June at the Naval Air Station in Key West, Fla.

"We are only offering non-credit programs, which cannot be used toward a graduation requirement," Parks said.

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National Briefs

True cost of smoking revealed by CDC

ATLANTA — For every pack of cigarettes sold in the United States, the nation pays $7 in medical care and lost productivity, the government said Thursday.

The comment was based on a study, prepared by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which reported that the nation's annual cost per smoker is $3,591, putting the annual total for all smokers at $517.7 billion.

The CDC estimated the nation's smoking-related medical costs to be $3.45 per pack. It said that job productivity loss due to premature death from smoking was about $3.73 per pack, placing the total cost per pack at $7.18. In 1999, Americans could buy a pack of cigarettes for an average of $2.92.

The agency also reported that smoking results in approximately 440,000 deaths per year in the United States, which is 10,200 more than the government's estimate in the early 1990s.

The study also reported that smoking shortens the life of an average man by 13 years and the life of an average woman by 14.5 years.

There are 22 billion packs of cigarettes sold to Americans every year.

— Associated Press

Astrophysicists report new matter on stars

STONDON, England — Astrophysicists reported Wednesday that a pair of strange stars may harbor an unusual matter that has never been seen before.

Chandra X-ray observatory astronomers said they observed the presence of two "quark" stars and that the stars could swap the understanding of outer space and the sub-atomic world.

The stars were originally thought to be supernovae, which are the highly compressed cores of exploded stars. The gravitational collapse of the stars causes their atoms to break down to tightly packed neutrons, creating an incredibly dense, hot star about 20 miles across.

The two stars in question are too cold and too small to be supernovae, causing the scientists to hypothesize that the neutrons may have collapsed even further to particles called "quarks."

Quarks were previously believed to never be in a "free state," but the stars may be "gain concentrations of quarks in free form," said one researcher from Columbia University.

Even more odd is that the quarks are likely to have transformed into "strange quarks," which unexpectedly show the radioactive decay time of some elementary particles. These "strange quarks" are not found made normal atoms.

A quark star could be two or three times more dense than a neutron star. One teaspoon of the matter that makes up a neutron star weighs as much as an ocean liner.

One of the stars is 400 light years away, while the other is 10,000 light years away. A light year is equal to 5.9 million miles.

— USA TODAY

Nicotine-spiked lollipops banned by FDA

TUCKER, Ga. — The Food and Drug Administration ordered three pharmacies to stop selling lollipops that contain nicotine.

The pharmacies were selling the flavored lollipops as a tool to aid those seeking to quit smoking. The FDA declared the lollipops illegal, saying that the type of nicotine in the druggists were adding to the candy had not been tested for purity and that the quantity of nicotine was enough to potentially endanger a small child. Anti-smok­ing groups argue that children could become hooked on the lollipops, leading them to become smokers later in life.

One of the pharmacists still believes in the lollipops because they do not have the same dangerous toxic as cigarettes and they mimic the hand-to-mouth motions of smoking.

The FDA also declared a nicotine-laced lip balm illegal, and is currently looking into other unconventional products, such as nicotine lollipops and nicotine water, that consumers are using to aid in the process of quitting smoking.

— Associated Press

International Briefs

South Pacific

LUCENA, Philippines — At least 23 people died when a ferry engulfed in flames on the Philippines in Thursday. Of the approximately 270 people on board, at least 246 were rescued, but a few were still missing, coast guard officials said.

The board's position violated Hawaii's constitutional rights and the Hawaii Education Act, which calls for fair and equitable treatment of students without regard to sexual orientation, Corbett said.

Earlier this week, Hall appealed to the school trustees to overturn the board's decision, but it was turned down.

The federal constitution requires the Ontario government to help operate Catholic schools within the province.

— Associated Press

Europe

BRUSSELS, Belgium — A U.N. tribunal, a former Serbian military and political official, sentenced Wednesday to five years in prison for his role in leading military operations in Kosovo.

— Associated Press

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.

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By Susan Baer

(THE BALTIMORE SUN)

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Opinion

Homelessness not just a weekend problem

Everywhere you turn you can’t escape the sea of orange shirts and ribbons. Who can miss the chalk messages sprawled around campus opening out eyes to the reality of homelessness. Please, let’s not think that we are the only students concerned about the microcosm that is Cal Poly. How many of us give our time and efforts to the homeless cause year-round? If I flout an orange ribbon on my shirt for a week, donate a bottle of shampoo and toothbrush, and fast for a day, does that rid me of the daily social responsibility of helping those in need?

Before we pin on that ribbon, we need to make a promise to ourselves that caring about the homeless is not just a weekend effort. That ribbon should be a pledge to ourselves that we continue to help the homeless beyond the Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. The awareness week is definitely a necessary effort. Who can get Cal Poly “The average homeless person in the United States is only 9 years old,” according to one of the chalk messages on campus. A 9-year-old shouldn’t have to worry about his next meal and whether or not he has a place to sleep at night. As students, we can help to make a little extra pudge should be able to head toward a healthy and nutritious lifestyle habits among patients that would push them not only to lose weight, but also to keep them weight loss.

Yes, people argue that obesity is not a disease, it does contribute to several other health problems, such as diabetes, heart disease, respiratory problems. But I feel people are covered for obesity, they may be more likely to seek help and thereby eliminate the underlying cause of many diseases that do end up costing in insurance.

said in the article, “An ounce of prevention now can prevent pounds of treatment later.”

Don’t get me wrong. I’m not saying everyone who thinks they are carrying an extra 50 pounds. Obviously, I would need to undergo a $344,000 heart transplant; I could have foregone the transplant, which was covered by her insurance.

The thought of having to pay more money may cause many people to jump to the conclusion that they don’t need to worry about obesity treatment. But just because it would cost more now doesn’t mean that this plan should be given the ax.

About 54 million adults are obese (30 or more pounds over a healthy weight), and nearly 300,000 deaths are attributed to obesity each year, according to the USA TODAY article.

Racial groups of coverage should include visits to the doctor, nutrition counseling, prescription drugs and weight-loss management courses. These treatments have the potential to instill healthy lifestyle habits among patients that would push them not only to lose weight, but also encourage them to keep the weight off.

About now you may be thinking to yourself, “So what! I don’t have a weight problem.” Well, does it matter to you that 81 percent of Americans are overweight or obese?

Despite the fact that premiums would be higher for everyone, coverage of obesity treatments can prevent more costly health care in the future. Nevertheless, if the insurance plan doesn’t pan out, there is always at least one fail-safe method: diet and exercise.

Stephanie Perry is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letters to the editor

Will Cal Poly students be democratic in ASI election?

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How often have we heard about how much the world has changed since Sept. 11! Since then, the American people flew flags from their radio antennae, bought USA T-shirts and reintroduced words like "oppression," "democracy" and "patronize" to common usage. But have we gained a greater appreciation for democracy and the right to elect our representatives?

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So did huge numbers of us show our newfound democratic values? Not really. We had pretty much the same low voter turnout as always. Why not really, you say? Why not? Some students turned their nose up at the thought of having to vote, that it takes a tie to a be a president? Or will we rely on others to make decisions for you and passively surrender yourself to the will of the general?

Alexander C. Vassar is a history junior and the unconstitutional dictator of Cal Poly.

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Can students show democratic votes?

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Shortly before the Associated Students Inc. elections a year ago, I decided that unless 50 percent of the student body voted for ASI president, I would assume that the majority of people preferred non-democratic leaders. Therefore, everyone who chose not to vote was in favor of a dictatorship, and who better to fill the role of dictator than me?

In the election, a total of 2,861 students (about 17 percent) took the time to affirm their commitment to a democratic system. So, with 85 percent of the vote in my favor, I declared myself dictator.

Now, a year into my dictatorship, we approach another ASI election. So, the question facing your next month will be: Will you spend a minute or two to vote for democracy and against oppression, for a president and...


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There are four teams signed up to run for elections, each of which will get four minutes to speak at the forum. The president/vice president teams are Alison Anderson/Wendy Martinez, Andrew Healy/Leigh Love, Metal Mamani/Carlos Carbalp and Jake Parnell/Katlin Ayers.

"All of the teams are committed to running," ASI President Angie Hacker said. She added that each speech would focus on the fee initiative.

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Palestinians at a refugee camp near Bethlehem. George Gessert has talked with his son and daughter-in-law, both 26, about returning to their home in New York — but only gingerly. In Joe Gessert's voice, his father said, he can hear a sense of pride and a feeling that he's making a difference by being there. "They're grownups. They're thinking very clearly about things," he said. "We have to respect that. They're going to do what they want to do." And he's not about to stand in their way. "We're grownups too," he said. "We have a right to disagree with each other and still feel proud of what we're doing." The feeling that he's making a difference by being there is something that Joe Gessert values. "It's important," he said. "It's important to know that you're helping others and making a difference in the world." And he's not about to stand in their way.

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being a part of the fraternity, and that he had become very involved in it since his recent initiation. "I just joined," he said. "I was interested in being part of (Sigma Chi)." Soderstrom said. "I was just getting his foot in the door.

Soderstrom described Gilles as a "dear friend," and added that many members of the fraternity had become closely acquainted with Gilles during the short time since his initiation. "He was one of those guys that everyone didn't have a choice to know," he said. Gilles was from Poway, a northern suburb of San Diego.

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After the speech, many UFW veterans milled about during the question-and-answer period. Some brought the UFW flag of a black Aztec eagle against a red backdrop. Others held up signs with phrases like "Agrarian strike!" and "No peace without justice!"

Soderstrom stayed to ask questions. "It was empowering to hear that she has faith in students and our ability to make a difference and trust that we will carry on her work," she said. "She epitomizes taking action when you believe in something."

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**Softball looks to gain in Big West standings**

By Navid Niakan

Currently, Cal Poly is sitting two-to-town, the Cal Poly softball team looking to lock up the remaining spots helping hold Northridge in sixth place in the Big West Conference.

With a 9-3 record at home compared to 2-5 on the road, the players are excited to defend their home field.

“We’re more confident at home and we get pumped up in front of our own home crowd,” said senior third baseman Jackie Wayland.

“The series

We prepare the same... Each game is as important as the other.”

Jackie Wayland
Cal Poly third baseman

The great Gonzo gum caper is just plain insanity

Ladies and gentlemen, step right up.

With Cal State Northridge coming to town, the Cal Poly softball team is looking to lock up the season this weekend.

The Mustangs (19-19, 4-8) were swept by the Matadors (21-17, 6-6) in three games last week in Northridge. Games one and two were played at home and lost 9-0 and 10-3 respectively after physically losing junior Natalie Cardillo, who is out for about two weeks with an injury in her throwing hand, and senior Christie Wells, who is out for the season due to a dedicat-

ded elbow.

“We lost two key players this last weekend,” Poet said. “Cardillo was a very good hitter for us and Wells was a big vocal leader.”

Cal Poly trails Northridge by two games in conference, and this series will have an impact on the standings.

“We still need to do very well because it’s not over,” Poet said.

The Mustangs will look to sophomore shortstop Jackie Wayland to continue her hitting success from last weekend. Junior Holly Ballard leads the team in hitting with a .336 average, and Poet has nine doubles this season, which is third in the Big West Conference.

For the Matadors, sophomore Christen Bedwell and Sandra Milchaker have carried the big bats this season. Bedwell leads the team in seven offensive cate-

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