By Andy Castagnola
Mustang Daily

Investigators have picked up six new pieces to the Kristin Smart puzzle from Spring 1996 dorm residents.

FBI agents began interviewing residents last month, and started a second round of questioning this week.

Two pieces of information came from Tuesday's questioning, although Cal Poly Police investigator Mike Kennedy said he could not discuss the new material.

Kennedy initially e-mailed about 1,100 students who lived in Sierra Madre and red-brick dorms this week, asking students to come to the Kristin Smart hotline from Spring 1996, when Smart disappeared.

About 425 students responded to the e-mail and showed up for questions between Feb. 1 and Feb. 5.

"There was a tremendous response after the story appeared in the Mustang Daily," Kennedy said.

"We were very happy with that amount," he said. "We didn't know what to expect."

To reach those who did not respond at first, investigators mailed letters to students' homes, stressing the importance of the interviews.

Kennedy said investigators will begin knocking on students' doors Friday and Saturday if no one responds to the interview this week.

Investigators also sent questionnaires last Wednesday to 2,550 faculty and staff employed in 1996. Kennedy said 900 of those people have seen SMART, page 2

FBI questions students on Smart case

Rodeo, tractor pull move into new home for '99 Open House

By Lauren Nowensteim
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly's Open House rodeo will move to a new location because of sports complex construction.

William MacNair, sports complex project manager for the facilities planning department, said rodeo sponsors are happy with the new site, which will take the place of three fields east of the dairy unit.

The rodeo site used to be near the railroad tracks between Highland Drive and the main unit.

"It's a large improvement over what they had before," MacNair said, adding the old site used to flood when it rained.

Shelton said the College of Agriculture's land use committee looked at five sites on campus owned by the university and that the current site was chosen because of its proximity to the campus core, the land is within an agricultural area and because the site was not prime crop-growing land.

According to Mark Shelton, associate dean of the College of Agriculture, rodeo sponsors will pay the dairy science department for the loss of feed from the site due to construction of the new rodeo arena.

Shelton said the estimated cost is about $5,000.

Shelton added that so far, rodeo sponsors and the College of Agriculture have spent $150,000 to build the new arena and may spend between $100,000 to $150,000 to complete construction of it.

However, Shelton said the rodeo does not bring in enough funds to support the building of the new arena.

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Poly launches new graduate program in creative writing

By Julie O'Shea

Starting this summer, Cal Poly and four other California State University system schools will debut a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing Consortium. The five-campus consortium will take turns hosting the graduate program each summer.

According to English lecturer Paula Huston, who is Cal Poly's Masters of Fine Arts Advisory Committee member, this flexible, part-time degree program was set up to cater to those students who work full time or who can't attend classes during the normal school year. By allowing students to only take classes during the summer, the MFA program was designed to be earned over a seven-year period, assuming students will not go to school for three consecutive summers, Huston said.

"The MFA should not be looked at as a job degree," Huston said. "It should be for people who are wanting to devote their lives to creative writing." The MFA in Creative Writing is considered a terminal degree, which means students will be receiving the highest degree available to them in their specific field of creative writing.

"The new MFA in Creative Writing is an excellent terminal degree program that responds to the needs of writers in the West," said Stanford MeNill, Provost for CSU, Chico, lead campus of the consortium. "Summer classes are divided into two-three week sections, where students can choose up to two classes, with a maximum of four if they decide to take both three-week sections back to back. Classes are three hours a day, five days a week. In essence, students will more than likely be attending classes every day for six hours," Huston said.

During the regular school year, students in the program correspond with a facility adviser via e-mail, allowing students to improve and study the quality of their portfolios, which, Huston said, is an integral part of the program. The requirements for admission are an undergraduate degree in any field, a score of 500 or better on the Graduate Record Exam, and a portfolio, including at least one critical analysis.

Cal Poly will host the program in 2000. Contact Paula Huston at 756-2294 for an application.

Study: Horror effects linger into adulthood

DETROIT (AP) - It "Jaws" scared you out of the water or "Psycho" changed your shower habits, a study suggests you probably aren't alone.

A survey of 150 students at the University of Michigan and Wisconsin found that one in four had some lingering "fright" effect from a movie or TV show they saw in a child or a teenager.

Some people who saw the thriller about a man-eating shark never went into the ocean again, said Kristen Harrison, a University of Michigan communications professor who co-wrote the study. "And "Psycho,""

"There are people who shower with the door open, even though they're quite sure there isn't a killer in the house," Harrison said.

Ninety percent said they were scared by a TV or movie from their childhood or adolescence, 26 percent said they still experience "residual anxiety."

Ranny Levy, president of the Coalition for Quality Children's Media in Santa Fe, N.M., said her own 27-year-old son was frightened of taking a swim in the sea a few years ago and blames it on seeing "Jaws."

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SMART: 2 years missing.

"I was annyoed that it took three years (for investigation) to call me," Amormino said. "Why wait three years when I could have been more helpful a couple months after it happened?"

Damon Hie, architectural engineering senior, also said he remembered little from Memorial Day weekend. He responded to the letter sent to his home because he had time available for questioning.

Kennedy said that students' participation in the questioning at this point is voluntary.

"We can't force anybody to talk to us," Kennedy said.
The rodeo currently has permission to use the site for one year. An environmental impact analysis being done on the new site, will determine if it becomes the permanent location for the rodeo. Shelton said that the new site is less environmentally sensitive than the old one because it is farther from the creek. In addition, since the new site is 20 feet lower than the old one, the rodeo will be less visible to neighborhood residents. "It’s a less intrusive site to have a rodeo," Shelton said.

The rodeo is an important part of Cal Poly’s agricultural heritage. "We’re happy continuing the rodeo program," said Beverly Dodson, an agriculture science senior who is impressed that students her age have the skill and courage to compete in the rodeo. She has seen professional rodeo in the movies. It’s real and Cal Poly students can do similar things.

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Thank you for all the memories my friends

This is my last column, kids. I’ve got to be moving on now. But before I do, I want to say thanks to the many people who have contributed to making me, me.

Looking back over the past four years (and change), I can honestly say that I have had one hell of a ride. Except for never getting the chance to reach inside the stomach of a cow, which is too bad because I heard it’s a ton of fun, there isn’t much I haven’t done. Everything considered, working for Mustang Daily has placed the most pivotal role in shaping me into the person I am today. It’s here where I learned to write, to stand my ground, to consider all options, to embrace stress and to never take crap from anyone. My warmest thanks to all of you, I’ve had the opportunities to work with and for. I know I can be difficult — thanks for the tolerance.

There’s a man who works at the paper who is deserving of much gratitude. A.J. Schuermann, business manager, always storyteller, friend and basically the “Obi-Wan Kenobi” of life. Hey A.J., if you want money, you have to go to the bank!

For my journalism teachers, Nathan, Morgan, Dustin, King, Gil and Mark, thank you for many interesting lectures, challenging courses and especially the real with which you teach.

I am lucky to have you as my guides through this crazy discipline. Also, a million thanks to Dave. Without you, nothing would ever get done.

Graduation is bitter-sweet. It’s the start of a new life, which is exciting and fun, but it’s also the end of the way things used to be. Perhaps the most difficult thing for me to leave behind are the, “friendships” I have made. While I don’t doubt that we will remain friends, I’ll just be weird not having the ability to drink a pint or catch a thick downtown Jill, we’ve been through a lot, and still remain friends, which obviously says something! Good luck with your last quarter — I sure we’ll keep tabs on each other.

Mark, I think it’s a rule that freshmen roommates must remain friends, so I’m not worried about you. And besides, I still send those photos to your mom!

Choo, you gave me my pipes, and I will always be in debt to you. Hey, morning products, what’s your story? Mr. Mantell. You are the wave, and I am the surfer. You are the wind in my sails. You are the caffeine in my coke, the sole on my shoes. You are the score on my meter. You’re made to make my time here much more interesting. Sorry about the B, just nothing but love for ya.

Kim, wish you’d do justice for what I must say to you. You’ve always been there, ready to dispense the cold, hard truth, I really wish I paid more attention. Your work ethic is worthy of its own award. Your friendship is invaluable. I can’t think of anyone I respect more.

Most of all, I would like to use this last bit of newspaper to express my highest thanks to my parents, Pat and Paul (aka: Mom and Pop). Some of you may find it impossible to read my column once a week — imagine having to listen to my nonsense every day! Thank you for college, it has been real cool. As far as I’m concerned, you two are the best parents on the planet.

Now I am finished. Or am I just beginning? You haven’t heard the last of me. Take care, everyone.

Alan Dunton is a journalism senior who is graduating.

What do you plan on doing after finals?

[Image of Alan Dunton, Mustang Daily editor in chief]

"Catch up on life after a really tough quarter"

Ken Leef
mechanical engineering senior

"I’ll be preparing my campaign for write-in to be the ASI President"

Charles Peterson
art and design senior

Jason Rieckewald
business senior

"I’m going to Catalina Island to study the second half of Mark’s gospel and watch Duke win the national championship"

Eric Buss
business junior

"Helping my roommate pack up and ship out"

Tina Gavin
recreation administration junior

"I’m going to keep studying hard for next quarter. No rest for the weary"

Theresa Bisanta
human development junior

"Listen to some relaxing Cyndi Lauper all night long, until my true colors shine through"

Mary-Catherine Paden
environmental horticulture junior

"I’m hitch-hiking to Mammoth and riding the slopes on a sled"

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"Thank you for all the memories my friends"

"If they’re any good at all, they’ll fire them too"
Reed's remarks hit nerve
Editor:

I was in attendance at the meeting of the Cal Poly President's Cabinet on Sunday, March 2, when Chancellor Charles Reed gave the keynote address and responded to questions. The audience included many business leaders from throughout the state of California, as well as members of the Cal Poly administration. It was greatly disappointed and shocked by Reed's remarks concerning the faculty of the CSU.

Several times Reed stated that the faculty would not work for performance pay and noted they had rejected his merit pay plan proposal. He asked the business people there if they would consider hiring someone and guaranteeing them a pay raise. The implication of his remarks was that the faculty is not worthy of merit raises.

Then later in a response to a question from the floor, Reed said, "It is very likely we will not work for performance pay for the remainder of the conference. One even asked the group whether it was worthwhile investing in Cal Poly or the CSU, if the faculty is not willing to put forth any effort." After Reed's remarks, several members of the Cal Poly administration expressed astonishment and disappointment to me.

Cal Poly is not the only place, and those business leaders are not the only ones that have heard you put down the faculty of the CSU. Is it any wonder the faculty rejected the Tentative Agreement? In my opinion, many people voted "NO" in the TA because of Reed's continual show of contempt for the faculty through his public remarks, through his negotiating methods and through the contract itself. The great majority of the faculty do not oppose merit pay, we only ask that it be given with respect and not with malice.

Myron Hood works for the Mathematics Department and is chair of the Academic Senate.

Vulgarity is embarrassing
Editor:

As two devoted Cal Poly men's basketball team fans, we feel it is important to assess the behavior of Coach Schneider, now that the season is over. We have recognized a rather disturbing trend over the past five years. When the coach came in to build up a recaptured Division I basketball program, he had his hands full — but he has done an impressive job in making us a competitive team.

This season Matt Guti sold out many times, we were close enough to attract ESPN.

However, for those of us who see Coach Schneider in action on the court and in practices, his behavior is disturbing and certainly outrageous. It is common to see the coach swearing at his players during the game when they are not performing up to his standards. He curses the officials, making sure the audience can hear his tirade. In almost every game, he belittles his players publicly. Granted, we have seen this type of behavior before, but it seems out of place at Poly. While we are not implying Schneider is a bad coach (even though we did have a losing season), we are disappointed with his style. He brings down a fun game to a public humiliation for his players and the fans. This was a big-time basketball school with a big-time winning record, perhaps the coach's attitude could be overlooked, but the fact is, Cal Poly does not command the nation's attention. Rather, it holds the attention of the San Luis Obispo community, which is embarrassed by the raving and ranting of our coach. Schneider is an ambassador of the values of Cal Poly to all the teams we play, but especially to our own community. Families, children and students watch the coach put on his game face, perhaps the coach's attitude could be overlooked, but the fact is, Cal Poly does not command the nation's attention. Rather, it holds the attention of the San Luis Obispo community, which is embarrassed by the raving and ranting of our coach. Schneider is an ambassador of the values of Cal Poly to all the teams we play, but especially to our own community. Families, children and students watch the coach put on his game face. When Reed gave a lecture, she expressed astonishment and dissatisfaction to me.

This is in response to Lauren Nowenstien's article, "Cal Poly students don't realize how lucky they are," on March 5. The writer compared Cal Poly students to third world countries. She expressed how upset and frustrated she felt that Cal Poly students complained about insignificant problems, such as our campus food, stress from massive school work, not having enough allowance from their parents, etc., when there are people from third world countries at a much worse situation. She also stated that third world country citizens would be glad to be in our lifestyles any second. "Of course! What kind of comparison was that? It was redundant and wasteful to write such an obvious comparison. The writer was plain, uncreative and pointless. Also, why would she want to compare Cal Poly students to those at a disadvantage? People do not advance in life when they always compare themselves to people in bad situations. If they do, they will continue to stay where they are in life. For example, it is nice for a ganger to stay in a gang because he is still alive, compared to the one who died the day before, and keep thinking "Hey, I shouldn't complain about the situation. I'm in it, 'cause I'm better off than that dead guy." No, that isn't wise.

People should compare themselves to those at an advantage to motivate themselves to be as great or greater!

When people compare themselves to something worse to make themselves better, they do not come to know the great choices that lie in the future. It's a coward's way, because they are afraid to compare to someone greater and see that they are not "all that!"

However, I do agree that people should not complain, but instead find ways to make their situation better. My version of comparing to "greater" people is not to make myself feel worse, but to motivate myself to achieve what they have accomplished. The writer should have offered her wisdom on how Cal Poly students can solve their problems, instead of ridiculing their complaints. The point here is the comparison in the article was obvious and a given, and people should be optimistic about changes.

Thank Lu is an electrical engineering freshman.

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NCAA to pay $54.5 million in settlement

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Undergraduate college coaches agree Tuesday to the amount to about $2,500. Division I coaches are unlikely to cap at $12,000 for an academic year.

The wildest restricted-earns rule lasted three years (1992-95) before a judge struck it down. The coaches and the NCAA had been fighting over settlement ever since.

“This association-wide minimum is over,” Charles Watling, NCAA executive committee chairman, said in announcing an end to years of expensive litigation.

The settlement comes a day after another NCAA setback. A federal judge in Philadelphia threw out the organization’s minimum test-score requirement for freshmen student-athletes. It was enshrined in 1952. The NCAA is fighting the ruling.

In the settlement, the NCAA must decide how much cash of the $32 Division I schools will pay. Officials of many schools have criticized the organization for not settling the case sooner.

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were on our own horses and we had more games under our belt, which
helped us a lot."

Women’s polo coach Kristen Weltner said, “I think it is awesome
that they are going to nationals. They have really worked hard and
it’s nice to see some organization.”

Senior Megan Towle, — first position — and Smull were the
leading scorers in the Stanford game. Towle lead with 11 points and
Smull with four. Because of their performance, they were
called to the Western All-Star Team. This is the second time
Towle has been selected.

At nationals, the Mustangs will

You can say it three times:
Holdsclaw’s an All-American

Associated Press

Champagne Holdsclaw has been a standout since she
arrived at Tennessee. Now she stands alone.

Holdsclaw won a unanimous selection to The
Associated Press women’s All-America basketball team
Tuesday. Because her first player voted for the first team
times, she was chosen for the third team as a fresh­
man.

The most decorated player of her time, Holdsc­
law has led Tennessee to three consecutive champi­
onships and could very well take the Lady Vols to anoth­
er. The national player of the year last season and
received the Sullivan Award last month as the nation’s
most outstanding amateur.

“Her is going to be remembered as a player who
had a tremendous impact on the women's game,” Tennessee
coach Pat Summit said.

Holdsclaw and Indiana’s Stephanie White-McCarty
were voted to the first team on all 42 ballots from a
national media panel. They were joined on that unit by
Tennessee’s Tamika Catchings, Alabama’s Dominique
Carr and Colorado State’s Becky Harmon.

The only other time one school had two first-team
players was 1996, when Connecticut’s Kara Wolter and
Jennifer Rizzotti made the top five. The AP began pick­
ing an All-American team for women in 1995.

Catchings was named to the first, second or third team
on 60 ballots, Carr appeared on 39 and Harmon on 37.

Harmon and Carr, like other teams, had 80 ballots,
but Holdsc­law, who can play any posi­
tion, has averaged 20.9 points and eight rebounds in
leading Tennessee to a 26-2 record. Her scoring is down a
little this season, but she has improved in other ways and
is still the player the Lady Vols turn to when things get
tight.
Rodman's leadership and intelligence have paid off

He brings his own brand of showtime to Los Angeles. Instead of the Lakers' trademark high-flying dunks and one-two-three three fast breaks, Rodman boxes out on face-throws and uses long outlet passes that lead to those dunks. That Eastern conference mentality Dennis brings gives the Lakers a more multi-dimensional team.

What impresses me most about Dennis is that he is a student of the game. No one spends as much time in the film room as Rodman (where he's not cross-dressing in Las Vegas). He gets his rebounds because he watches the shooters during warm-ups and sees where their shots come off the rim.

He also has that ability to get in an opponent's head — just ask Karl Malone. In last Sunday's win over the three-time defending champs, Malone allowed the Lakers to spread the floor better. Granted, Malone scored 34 points, but with Rodman, they were able to concentrate on shutting down other scorers.

Kurt Rambis, the Lakers' new head coach, is the4 winningest player in UCLA's string of the game. Rodman can be seen on the sideline giving Rambis advice, which is something completely out of the ordinary.

I know if I was a coach, I would have a hard time listening to Rodman. By listening to the warm, Rambis is admitting he doesn't know it all but is willing to learn — which is a great asset to have in a coach.

The NBA needs more players like Rodman because too many stars are simply playing to pick up a paycheck.

Matt Sterling, who is still waiting to hear back from Dennis agent about a wrestling match, can be reached at mmsterli@polymail.calpoly.edu

Polo team will head to Nationals

By Alexis Garberb Mustang Daily

After an upset win over Stanford at regionals on Feb. 28, the Cal Poly women's polo team has advanced to nationals and will represent the Western division in Texas for the first time since 1996.

"I think it is awesome that they are going to nationals. They have really worked hard," said Tristan Wetlauer, polo head coach.

Throughout the 1999 season the polo team was a dominant force on the West Coast. During the season, the team played five schools: Oregon State, Washington State, UC Davist, Stanford and UC Santa Barbara. The Mustangs lost only twice during this season, both times to Stanford. After the Mustangs defeated Davis, they advanced to regionals, where they defeated Stanford.

"Stanford has been our rival for as long as I can remember," said junior Shannon Small, who plays second position. "For the last two years we lost to them in both regionals and twice this season. It was a tough game against them, but we were ahead the whole time.

Sophomore Brooke Garton, third position, has

NCAA will fight judge’s ruling in eligibility case

Associated Press

The NCAA will fight a ruling that struck down test-score requirements for freshman athletes at issue to blacks, saying the judge’s decision could create chaos at their member colleges.

In a recent test to one of the most enduring controversies in college sports, the NCAA and California’s Santa Clara University went to court to block the ruling while it prepares an appeal. The NCAA said it wasn't ready to advance to the U.S. District Court in Philadelphia ruled in a civil suit that the NCAA may not use a minimum test score to eliminate freshmen from being eligible for athletics. He cited the NCAA's own research showing that the practice harmed black students' chances of being declared academically eligible.

The policy, known as Proposition 16, required the athletes to have a minimum score of 822 on the Scholastic Assessment Test regardless of their high school grades. The ruling did not rule out some use of the tests, which many educators say are racially and culturally discriminatory, "It is a setback, but the university is aware of the court's acknowledgment that the initial eligibility standards serve a legitimate educational goal," said Charles Weinstein, president at Kentucky and ajudice in the NCAA's executive committee.

"In addition, the judge has not precluded the use of the SAT or ACT as a part of an initial eligibility rule. The challenge for the NCAA remains as it has always been: to develop standards that meet that goal."