Showers dampen drought

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A love of bread, a jug of wine...and food stamps

BY WINA STURGEON

I'd gone to the supermarket to shop for dinner. Being short of cash that night, I lingered over various expensive foods, but passed them up for chicken and head of lettuce. At the checkout counter I was right behind a young couple dressed in the latest fashions. At the checkout, I looked in their cart: six packs of soft drinks, cookies, chewing gum, ice cream, sundae topping, frozen fried chicken, frozen vegetables with butter sauce, expensive cheeses. A sour and story thought came over me: "What they pay with food stamps."

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Campus skateboarding: A thing of the past

The school year conveniently starts at a lull between the summer surging and the shingling of winter. Students planning to keep in practice by skateboarding to and from class will find a new school regulation keeping them out of the inner campus area. "Skateboards are not covered by existing codes," said Dave Clano, director of judicial affairs and member of the skateboard committee. "Officially skateboards don't qualify as vehicles, but when you're on one you are not officially a pedestrian." Over the summer a 24-hour seven-day-a-week ban on skateboards was set for the most frequented campus walkways. "Skateboarding is prohibited in any area inside the horseshoe shape of the North and South Perimeter Road and closed off at College Avenue. The campus police will not be enforcing the new regulations immediately. "We always give them a chance to make a change in people. Right now we are interested in educating the students and distributing copies of the regulations," Clano said.

Students who relied on skateboards to travel from class to class have found themselves on foot due to a new ruling prohibiting skateboards from the academic area. (Daily photo by Tony Horta.)

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Teaching talk

The Unitarian-Universal Fellowship of San Luis Obispo will sponsor Cal Poly instructor Del Venerable at their next meeting. He will speak on "Innovations in Education" on Sunday at 1 p.m. in the fellowship building of the Methodist Church, 1810 Frederick Street.

This program will contain Del's conclusions on the success of his unique and controversial teaching methods for chemistry.

Student trustee

Applications are now being accepted by the California State University and Colleges Student Presidents Association for the position of student trustee of the California State University and College Board of Trustees. Gov. Jerry Brown will appoint the student trustee for a two-year term from a list of applicants furnished by student representatives.

The applications will be available Oct. 4 in the ASI office in the University Union and must be turned in no later than Nov. 18.

ASI position

There is a position open in the student government hierarchy for an executive assistant for external affairs to the ASI president. The assistant will be responsible for establishing and maintaining a working relationship with San Luis Obispo city and county government leaders and assisting the ASI president in state affairs.

Applications for the position are available in the ASI office in the University Union and all students are eligible.
Northern front promises relief from state’s worst drought

Wet weather arrived with a vengeance yesterday, above, a student hurried to escape the wetness of the September shower. Below, the rain is taken in stride as the dowpper fails to affect the pleasures of an ice cream lover. (Daily photos by Ellen Remmer and Tony Hart."

When you looked outside at the downpour of rain yesterday you probably turned and did a double-take at the calendar to make sure it read—September 26—not February 26.

In fact the weather was anything but the warm, dry Indian summer conditions that are supposed to prevail this time of year.

This shower, which took the already unusually high rainfall total of 8.50 inches for the season, was caused by a frontal system parallel to the Northern California coast.

The storm moved at average speed yesterday morning and according to the National Weather Service in Santa Maria will continue to move inland today, leaving in its wake clear skies by tonight. The long range forecast calls for increasing showers with a 10 per cent chance of rain today giving way to clear skies Thursday, continuing through Saturday.

The storm caused nothing more than a few damp feet and some assorted grumblings from students caught unprepared by the storms sudden downpours.

"Besides the normal drain clogage and back up due to debris and fallen leaves expected this time of year, we had some damage," said Dick Tarraglia, Cal Poly plant operations chief.

The continuation of the unusual rainfall for this date was relieved with mixed emotions.

Fire fighters, faced with the prospect of a hot, dry fall increasing the already hazardous fire conditions existing because of below normal rainfall last year, are resting easier following the storm.

But the weather continues to play the devil's advocate on county farmers.

After suffering thousands of dollars in crop losses or damage due to summer harvests due to the lack of rain, county seed and garlic farmers were faced with further profit cuts due to this latest storm.

The county's bean harvest was in full operation when the storm struck Monday night, but will now be delayed until the ground and weather conditions permit harvesting to resume. The moisture could lower the quality of the roughly 10,000 acres of beans being harvested in the San Luis, Edna, Nipomo and Los Osos Valley areas.

"We hope we don't get too much," farm adviser Will Credwell said. "It's rain everywhere that's left."

The front is just one of several storms, similar to the typical winter weather pattern that brings the state its rainy season, that have moved through the Central Coast in the last month. So far most of them have been too weak to bring rain.

Yesterday's heavy rains may be signaling the end to what has been called possibly the worst drought in California's recorded history.
Baseball to start full winter schedule

by MIKE MCCLANAHAN

Fall leaves, colder days, World Series usually denotes the end of another baseball season. But despite the early winter weather, the Mustang baseball team plus a number of players are preparing for a full winter ball season.

In a letter to Coach Barry Harr, the players who are involved in what Coach Harr calls "being parallel to spring training for baseball," said, "That's how we play it at home.

The baseball program this quarter will include regular practices on the fields and in the gymnasium scheduled for the first few days of the week, with intrasquad scrimmages scheduled for the rest of each week. The first games will start at 5 p.m. today on Poly Field.

We have a very exciting group of new prospects this year, and Coach Harr, "including several out-of-state junior college transfers, is very fortunate to have Dan Gens come to us from Mt. San Antonio Junior College. Dan was drafted by the Houston Astros and was sought by many schools in southern California. He has good speed, a strong arm and has hit .340 for Harper JC. Coach Harr describes Mullins as a solid defensive infielder, who can also hit for power.

The baseball team plus a football "will be preparing for an exciting season to begin in February." For baseball enthusiasts, there will be intrasquad games played at Poly Field every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during the entire Fall quarter.

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