Birds construct nest of problems

by JACK SCHMIBER
Daily Staff Writer

Not only do spring and baseball season open in spring, but the snow melts, flowers bloom and unwelcome birds return to Cal Poly.

Small, long-winged swallows, which migrate north in spring, lodge under the eaves of many campus buildings exercising strict hovering that stains walls and sidewalks. Native pigeons dump potentially dangerous bacteria in cattle feed bunkers.

Both the Poh Maintenance and Crop Science Department have adopted a non-intrusive approach to alleviating bird problems.

Prior to the arrival of swallows, said Dick Tartaglia, chief of Plant Operations, the maintenance department sprays the eaves of buildings with Roost-So-More, a repellant liquid that gives the birds a harmless bite. The liquid easily lasts a season or two and is very effective.

"Because a nest often includes eggs, we will not destroy it unless it's in direct line of a doorway. We allow swallows to nest on the east side of the Men's Physical Education building and some areas of the dorms. Swallows don't create a drastic problem on campus, it is the pigeon who is our biggest culprit," Tartaglia said.

Swallows are a persistent group of birds. The overhanging eaves afford a home protected from the wind and rain where they can lay their eggs. If you destroy one nest, the birds immediately start a new one nearby. If that one is disturbed, he will not hesitate to start another. This cycle pattern continues for weeks and weeks until the bird leaves that it is time to leave. The frenzied activity of nest building can end overtime.

Just up the highway, Cuesta College has a similar problem with swallows.

"Our theory," said Douglas Gabriel, Cuesta's maintenance officer, "is to destroy the nest early in the season while it is still under construction. The Department of Fish and Game does not allow the elimination of a completed nest with eggs."

"We do not touch the nests on the old campus. This might encourage swallows to stay there instead of flying over to the new campus," Gabriel said.

"The architectural style at Cuesta is not feasible for Roost-So-More. This substance stains the white concrete of our buildings. In addition, Roost-So-More only prevents birds from perching. The birds here don't perch, they suspend their nests from the underside of the roofs," Gabriel said.

This season, Cuesta is experimenting with the Ultrason UE-128 T, an electronic high frequency steter that emits an intolerable sound to the birds, but at a decible range high enough to prevent human irritation, Gabriel said.

"The nesting period of swallows is our only concern. They tend to visit the same area each year. If we continue to discourage them, I think the problem will diminish," Gabriel said.

The pigeon problem at Cal Poly, however, is an annual headache.

(Continued on page four)
BY JOSEPH KRAFT

President Carter's presentation of his energy program, this week touches the deepest nerves of American life. It shows how much the deity to whom we all burn incense is an unknown god.

The striking feature of the energy unveiling is the hard-sell quality. The President began the unveiling last night with a fireside chat to the country on nationwide television. He will next present the program formally to the Congress in a nationally televised address. He will then take the matter up again in a nationally televised series of conferences.

Joseph Kraft writes a syndicated column in Washington.

Even before the formal presentation, the package was put on display for interested parties in the Congress. From those briefings it was only a step—and a predictable step—to mass leaks. Which is how come you've been reading authoritative sources based on possession of government working papers for the past 10 days.

But why is this intense merchandising of the energy package necessary? Certainly not because political leaders, television and the press have been deficient in talking about the subject. On the contrary, at least four years ago the phrase "energy crisis" attained exalted status in the dictionary of celebrated riches.

Since that time no national political figure has been complete without an energy program of sorts. No network, major paper or news magazine has been self-respecting without a special series of documentaries on the crisis.

But that Niagara of publicity has all been unused. In that earlier experience. Back in 1973 there was an Arab embargo on oil shippers to this country. That generated first a wave of talk about the energy crisis, underlined by long lines to buy gasoline.

Six months later, however, there was plenty of gasoline. The one difference was that the price had risen by 50 cents a gallon. So millions of Americans came to the conclusion that the "energy crisis" was a con job conspired by the Arabs and the oil companies as an excuse for raising prices.

Most of us, accordingly, drifted back to business as usual. Which meant driving long distances at high speeds, and keeping the thermostats turned high.

The political currents of business as usual was administered sense of urgency in the White House and the Congress which ranged from the irrational to the irresponsible, but no one would impose penalties on constituents.

President Carter's energy package is not at all that big a departure from the past. An implicit philosophy features such familiar values as promoting economic growth, maintaining international independence for America and concerns with inflation. But there is a stress on environmental considerations and on conservation. The package does call for higher prices for gas and oil, and for more conservation of energy. So the President faces a double task of public education.

First, he has to dispel the comfortable notion that the crisis is a cocked-up job. He has to demonstrate that, even if there has been some withholding by suppliers, the basic fact is that there just isn't all that much oil and gas out there. He has to convert an instinctively dubious public that the country faces the prospect of a physical shortage of oil and gas so acute that it would lower living standards and reduce national independence.

If he can generate a sense of urgency, the President must next show that his energy prescription for meeting the energy problem is a fair one. That means demonstrating that the conflicting interests of consumer and producer generally can be fairly accommodated; that the national interest in ecological balance is preserved; that adverse inflationary impacts are contained; and that the costs being brought into the autumns are only minimal.

It is a very tall order. It demands skill of rhetoric and public persuasion which President Carter—as his decision to withdraw the plan for a $50 tax rebate indicates—has not shown. It requires fears of leadership akin to that evinced by Franklin D. Roosevelt in preparing the country for World War II. Even he was only partly successful, which teaches that nobody can be fully confident when it comes to placating the unknown god.

Editor:

This letter is directed to the irresponsible student(s) involved with the latest massacre of Poly's "P." What kind of person or group would want to exhibit such a graphic display of pure hostility?

Cal Poly's Rally Committee has been working on upgrading the "P" for over a year now. Within the last four months a resolution was considered by the student Affairs Council to remove the "P." At that time Rally Committee led the crusade to save it. The student body was overwhelmingly in favor of its salvation, as substantiated in surveys and from school council's support.

As a result, Rally Committee was forced to speed up its restoration work. We have been working hard to get the "P" repaired prior to Poly Royal, so that it would show Poly's pride and heritage. We had to replace a portion of the concrete that was destroyed in January of this year.

Endless hours have been dedicated to see that this project was completed. Now, just a couple days before Poly Royal, on day before Rally Committee was going to give the "P" a brand new coat of paint, someone or some people have ripped out a large portion of the "P". There was no need for this senseless action to take place. Why is it that only a few would destroy what others have cherished for so long?

Unfortunately, there is no way that any legal recourse can be taken against the responsible person(s). The student body will have to pay out of its own pocket to repair these damages.

Dan Denz
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Rally Committee Members
Vandels hit Poly's 'P' once again

by DEIR BROERSMA

Daily Staff Writer

After several weekends spent refurbishing it, Cal Poly's 'P' was hit by vandals Monday night after the lower leg of the historical landmark.

According to Steve Riddell, alumni services coordinator, the vandals used a sledgehammer, to break up the concrete structure.

A note apparently left by the vandals was found nearby. It read:

"Dear Rally Club—I just wanted to commend you on the excellent job you've done vsaying the "P." I am so glad to see it pulled back into shape and once again an asset (not an eye-sore) to the mountain. Thank you for your work."

The note was signed "unknown."

The damage was discovered Tuesday morning by a member of the Rally Committee, which is responsible for the maintenance of the "P." The "P" had been scheduled for a fresh coat of paint today crowning many years of work by the Rally Committee which has hoped to have the refurbishing completed by Poly Royal.

The Rally Committee had spent several hundred dollars restoring and replacing deteriorated concrete.

"They also had planned to put plans in the inner core of the "P" and Riddell. Although he couldn't estimate the amount of damage done, Riddell said, "I do know the damage is considerable."

A similar incident took place earlier this year when part of the upper left corner of the "P" was destroyed. At that time controversy surrounded the structure.

Some claimed it was an eyesore and should be removed while others pointed to the historic tradition and nostalgic value of the "P."

The Student Affairs Council eventually voted to keep the "P" and have it refurbished.

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A rite of Spring: Birds drop in on Cal Poly

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Last Thanksgiving, while most of us
were eating turkey, birds were dropping
dead in the streets of San Luis Obispo. The
incident occurred when staffings,
blue klsh and other species are a mixture
of grain and poison spread at the Dairy
Unit and mended for the pigeons.

The death of these birds raised such a
controversy; that some Cal Poly teachers
will refuse to discuss it. Harmon Toone
Dairy Science Department head refused to
comment on bird control on campus.

Crop Science Department Head Corwin
Johnson, however, was eager to explain
Poly pigeon control.

"We do not externally eradicate all the
birds, but rather discourage them with a
toxic chemical called starlicide.

"Our sanction to control pigeons comes
from Earl Kaajar, San Luis Obispo
Agricultural Commissioner. The packaged mixture of grain and Starlicide is
put based from him and led to the birds
a given morning," said Johnson.

"The major problem with pigeons," said
Dr. Wallace Glidden of the Cal Poly
Veterinary Hospital, "is their infection
with a bacterial disease called submersa.

When the birds defecate, the disease
spreads to cattle feeding area.

Bird-proof feed bunkers don't work. A cow spills his feed and returns later to finish the remaining tidbits
on the ground where they may have become
contaminated. Because of their inherent
nesting tendencies, calves lick fences and
other objects that have bacteria and droppings on
them. Also, cows will lie in an area that is
covered with droppings. They then lick the
ise clean, only to contract the
disease. Glidden said.

Ex-UCLA chief target of probe

LOS ANGELES (AP)-The former chief
administration of UCLA's private fund-
raising program is the target of in-
vestigations into the possible misuse of
about $100,000 it was reported Monday.

UCLA Chancellor Charles E. Young
said in a statement that Donald M.
Bowman was cooperating with investigators
and had promised to reimburse the UCLA
Foundation for any improper expen-
ditures.
Three dozen archies to study abroad
by J. N. SIRANTI
Daily Staff Writer
Thirty-six Cal Poly architecture students have been elected to study abroad next year in conjunction with the California State University and Colleges International Program. The archies will be heading to Copenhagen, Denmark, and Florence, Italy, for nine months of training in last August. The students were selected from 15 Cal Poly applicants by the SUICU: Chancellor's office along with architecture students from Cal Poly Pomona to participate in the program which has been going since 1968.

Mexico to extradite minor drug offenders
MEXICO CITY (AP) - A foreigner caught in Mexico with a small amount of drugs for personal use was probably going to wind up on a plane home instead of in jail, the Student from the "world" to study urban design than Western Europe.

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Killer whale beached
by DOROTHY NEWELL
Daily Staff Writer
A 21-foot male killer whale washed up on the beach above Hidalgo Canyon Saturday. It was the first reported beaching of that species of whale in San Luis Obispo County, according to its warden Tom Lipp of the California Fish and Game Department.

Three dozen archies to study abroad

They will be studying fourth-year architectural design and doing their senior projects during their stay.

The students are now involved in a nine-week orientation taught by architecture instructor Ron Battleson. The sessions are designed to introduce the students to the cultures they will be placed in.

Battleson believes the European program offers fantastic learning opportunities to the Cal Poly students.

The program was named by Battleson for its excellence in instructing students in artistic design, while he complimented the Denmark program for its teaching of practical design.

The 17 Cal Poly students who will be going to Denmark will be living with Danish families during their stay, while the 19 students going to Italy will be finding places to live on their own.

Those selected for the Danish program are: James Akin, Peter Anderson, William Comstock, Martha Gowan, Peter Demenoffe, Steve Rave, Gregory Piren and Michael Gannon.

Going to Denmark will be: Jay Green, Gerald Griffin, Mark Mataro, Larry Pappas, David Rothchild, Robert Snell. Scott Vaughn, Gregory Wollers and Lewis Wood.

Picked for the Italian program were: Mark Antonio, Roger Baldwin, Randal Brown, Calvin Cousso, Joy Edmondson, Fred Glick, Thomas Hayes, Henry Hockenberger and Jeffrey King.

Also: Crystal Mischkull, Steven Rhomd, Mark Rossoni, William Schelbre, Kenneth Schroeder, Craig Shulman, James Takouma, Barry Ward, Janet Voink and Wendy Wolfe.

Alternates in Italy are: Gary Cheek, Joe Cruz and Robert Piani.

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A team of researchers from the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History arrived on the scene Monday to perform an autopsy and collect parts of the whale for study.

The found no apparent cause of death in the marine mammal which they guessed to be about 20 years old.

"Most of them get to be about 22 to 25 years old," said Paul Collins, research associate with the museum.

"About 30 percent of the animals we've have man-

caused injuries," he said. "Some whales are shot by fishermen for interfering with nets, but we haven't found anything like that yet on this animal."

Parts of the skull of the animal will be taken to Santa Barbara for further study. The remains of the whale will be left on the beach.

"The odor of this animal is going to get pretty bad in the next few days," Lipp said. "I suppose we could bury it, but I think it's important to leave it here for scavengers and other scavengers and not interfere with the natural process of decay, no matter how much it offends our senses."

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**Wrestling won't be the same with NCAA rule changes**

by CORKY BRITTON

Daily Staff Writer

Wrestling will be a little different as of the beginning of the 1977-78 grappling season. Some of the rules were changed, modified and deleted during the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Wrestling Committee meeting in Kansas City last week.

Head coach Vaughan Hitchcock noted that there were 28 rule changes, although not all of them would effect the wrestling during the regular season.

One of the more important rule changes dealt with stalling. As of last season, there were several calls made by the officials, and the NCAA has taken action.

Next season, if a wrestler has scored any points in the first period, and if no warning has been made, one wrestler must be warned for stalling at the close of the round.

"We will have to wrestle more aggressively in the early going because you can now be penalized in the first period," Hitchcock said.

A wrestler may be warned one time in the match without any points awarded to his opponent. The second time he is warned, the other wrestler receives a point. Upon the fourth warning, two points are scored and the wrestler is disqualified after five warnings.

"Before, we were getting hurt late in the match because our wrestlers were being penalized for stalling and it cost us some of our matches. We will have to be more aggressive," Hitchcock said.

A takedown, the basic maneuver a wrestler makes to gain control of the match, is now scored with the knees in bounds instead of the head.

Last season if a grappler would score a takedown, just his toes could be inside the playing area and it would be legal.

Next year the knees have to be inside the circle on the mat.

Speaking of the mat, the largest mat used is limited to 42 feet. Cal Poly went to Iowa State and wrestled on a giant 60-foot mat. The Mustangs have a mat of 52 feet.

The edge rule—the referee calls "edge" when the grappling area near the edge of the mat is thrown out and will now be ruled as stalling.

Hitchcock and three other coaches will get together and make a video-tape film of the officiating, the right way to do it, and the way to interpret the rules. Hitchcock said it "will greatly help in calling the plays."

Whenever a wrestler ends up on his elbows, a nearfall was not previously called. Next season, if a grappler finds himself on his elbows, an automatic nearfall will be awarded in his opponent.

Only two wrestlers will be qualified from the Western Regionals as wild card choices to go to nationals. This past season three qualifiers were able to go to the NCAA playoffs. The reduction was because of the poor performance turned out by wrestlers from the far West.

"There were not that many changes that will drastically affect us next year. During our practices we will work on basically the same things and be on the attack more," Hitchcock said.

**Rodeo team will try to up lead at Poly Royal**

The Cal Poly men's rodeo team, traditional winner of the regional championship, will try to increase its substantial lead in the standings of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's West Coast Region at the Poly Royal Rodeo on Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23, in its home arena.

After competition at five previous rodeos this season, the Cal Poly Men's team has added up 1,406 total points, a 36-point lead over second place Central Arizona College of Coolidge, Ariz. The Poly men's team is also well represented in regional standings in all of the standard men's rodeo events.

In the bull riding, Bob has a clean sweep of the top three places, with Donald leading the regional competition.

Team captian Jim Pau has a comfortable lead in saddle bronc riding with 321 points.

In the team all-around standings, Pratt is in the lead for Cal Poly with 116 points. Other Cal Poly men's team members in the all-around standings are Donald, fifth; Gary Hawkins, sixth, and Gus Lobb, eighth.

The Poly women's team is ranked third in the regional standings, 273 points behind Donald, fifth; Gay Hawkins, sixth, and Cindy Van Horn in twelfth.

The two-day rodeo competition of Poly Royal will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 22, and 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, in the Cal Poly Coliseum.

Tickets are available at the University Union ticket office on campus. Prices are $4.50, $3.50, $2.50 and $1.

Other activities planned during the 1977 event are instructional displays in exhibits, miscellaneous athletic events, fashion show flower shows, a carnival, pancake breakfast, a show, and entertainment from a second generation hootenanny, tractor pull contest, and livestock show.

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Poly coeds battle it out on the Powderpuff football field

by PAUL JARVIS
Daily Staff Writer

Nearly all college football players dream of playing in a bowl game, and the women participating in the Powderpuff Flag Football Tournament are certainly no exceptions.

The top two finishers among the five participating teams will square off during the Poly Royal weekend in the “Powderpuff Bowl” on Saturday, April 25, at 12:30 p.m.

Offered during the fall and spring quarters, Powderpuff football provides women with a chance to play a sport traditionally associated with males. By charging admission to the bowl games following the fall and spring seasons, the Powderpuff program helps to raise money for the women’s athletic budget.

“Powderpuff football has been going on to some extent for the past ten years, it hasn’t always been offered twice a year, and it was not always a money maker,” said Mrs. Evelyn Pelzman, who oversees the Powderpuff program. “We changed the format over the last couple of years, and it’s been very successful. It is estimated that the two bowl games this year will bring in approximately $400 for women’s athletics.”

Over 100 girls are participating for the five teams this quarter.

Each team consists of 18 to 22 players in addition to a coaching staff. “We started out with two teams years ago. The freshmen and sophomores played the junior and senior girls. Now that we have four teams, we may have as many as 16 teams,” Pelzman said.

A majority of those participating in the program are not physical education majors.

“Women have always enjoyed the game of football, and now they’re allowed to play. We’ve adjusted the rules in order to limit the contact,” said Pelzman.

There are nine players performing for each team at a time.

According to Mrs. Pelzman, there have been very few serious injuries on the field. Just the usual bruises and blisters. However, one girl was j ust this year, Mary Murphy, of the “Sunshines.” Despite a cracked knee cap, she remains undaunted. “It happened on a kickoff last week. No, I’m not disenchanted with Powderpuff football. Hopefully I’ll be able to play next week,” Murphy said.

Although their main objective is to have fun, the girls take the games seriously. Most contests are highly competitive because a possible spot in the bowl game is invariably at stake.

Over the course of their four game schedule, five points are awarded for a win, three points for a tie, and no points for a loss. The two teams with the highest point totals go to the bowl game.

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in the bowl game. (Daily photo by Dennis
Steer)

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Owning and operating an automobile will cost you far more in the coming years if Congress enacts President’s Carter’s proposals to conserve energy and protect the environment.

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