Mishap in oil transfer pollutes Stenner Creek

by Teressa Mariani

Cal Poly officials don't know what caused the recent spill of university heating oil into Stenner Creek, but it is suspected that an air bubble in underground storage tanks might have done the damage.

The spill occurred on Mar. 19 and was noticed around 7:45 that morning. Cal Poly Executive Dean Doug Gerard said approximately 70 to 80 gallons of heating oil ended up in Stenner Creek. An estimate printed in the Mar. 21 Telegram-Tribune said the spill could have been as much as 200 gallons.

As of the university of the spill cleanup could be as much as $15,000, according to Gerard. Cal Poly is still working on the figures.

Gerard was quick to stress that environmental damage to the creek was minimal, and crews arrived at the creek soon after the spill was discovered.

There has been some controversy over the effects of slight damage to the creek, however. The local affiliation of the Fly Fishermen's club says officials are ignoring the fact that fish in the creek had already been devastated by a toxic spill of unknown origin last November.

California Conservation Committee spokesman Eric Barham says the only reasons officials can say the spill didn't do a lot of damage is that there was virtually nothing left in the creek to kill.

Gerard said cleanup crews from Cal Poly, the San Luis Obispo Fire Department, and the Forestry Department worked all day Mar. 19 and 20 and succeeded in cleaning up the spill. The Coast Guard, which has jurisdiction over oil spills, was pleased with the way the Stenner spill was handled, Gerard said.

"The Coast Guard had given us a clean bill of health," he added.

The spill was caused during a transfer of oil in underground tanks near the university power plant. The university has been burning old heating oil as part of an energy conservation program. Workers were heating the semi-solidified oil to ready it for burning, and then transferring it to different tanks.

During the underground transfer, the overflow valve in the safety trough was closed because oil was not being unloaded, only transferred. The storm drainage valve is routinely closed during unloading of oil, but when the spill occurred the valve was open to prevent the trough from filling with water during the rainy weather.

When the spill occurred the oil filled the trough end then spilled through the university storm drainage system into Stenner Creek.

"To tell you the truth, we're not really sure why it happened," Gerard said. "That's what we think we know."

Gerard said there is no inherent flaw in the system drainage which allowed the spill to happen. "There was an accident," he stressed.

Gerard said the fact that the spill occurred after the regular operating engineers were off for the weekend did not contribute to the spill.

"I don't think we could have responded much more quickly had it happened during a weekday," he said.

Dance clinics to raise money for architects, women athletes

What does Western dancing have to do with the Cal Poly women's soccer team and the cotton-eyed fraternities? The connection will be clear when those two organizations benefit from Western dance clinics to be given tonight and tomorrow by Mary Figueredo and Jon Becker.

Tonight's clinic--at $3 per person--will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Crane Hall. Piolets will go to the women's soccer team.

Tomorrow night the Western dance lesson will begin at 8 and be followed by a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monte Mills and the Lucky Horseshoe Band will perform at the benefit for Alpha Rho Chi in the Veterans Memorial Building, 801 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo.

The cost is $5 for the lesson, $4 for the dance or $6 for the dance and lesson.

Both events are open to the public, and people need not bring partners. Dances such as the Western swing, two-step, the 27-step, the scotch-tie and other dances.

For more information about either event, call the Arroyo Grande class, 541-6043.
Young Democrats Club
Richard Overhouse, secretary of the California Young Democrats, will speak to the Cal Poly chapter of the Young Democrats today at 11 a.m. in the Science Building, Room E-29. Everyone is welcome.

Dietetics Club
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Food Processing Club spotlighted
Tours, trips and bylaws are discussed by Ag Council

by Marilyn Freeman
Staff Writer

The Food Processing Club was spotlighted as "Club of the Week" at Tuesday's meeting of the Agriculture Council. Club President Bob Shimamura presented a slide show of some of the club's activities, and samples of the club's frozen banana product were distributed after the slide show.

Other business conducted at the Ag Council meeting involved the announcement of the California Future Farmers of America's Poly Royal button kick-off set for today at 11 a.m. in the University Union Plaza.

Ag Council Chairman Rick Gambrill handed out a copy of the council's new bylaws. According to Ag Council advisor Professor John West, bylaws have not been reconstructed for the council since 1974.

Students collide on bikes

Two Cal Poly students riding their bicycles collided head-on at Via Carta and Campus Way Wednesday afternoon, sending one to the hospital and the other home.

Nancy Kelly sustained a broken jaw, mild concussion and abrasions from the accident. Kelly, who was unconscious for a few moments following the 2:10 a.m. collision, was transported to Sierra Vista Hospital. At press time, she was still being examined by Dr. Edwin Kuhn, 23, sustained minor scrapes and bruises and was treated at the scene and released.

"These tours are important to Cal Poly," said Fischer. "When people think of Cal Poly, they think of the animals."

Two agriculture students are planning to run for higher ASI offices this quarter. Senior ornamental horticulture major Steve Sommer, and junior agricultural business major Jeff Sanders, asked the council for its support in their efforts. Sommer is attempting to get his name on the ballot for ASI Vice President while Sanders is aiming for the President's spot.

School of Agriculture and Natural Resources Dean Lark Carter spoke to the council concerning three trips he has recently taken. Carter's first trip was to Paris in February for a meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. "The purpose of the organization is to look at agricultural education on a global basis and to determine its obligations and responsibilities," said Carter.

Carter's most recent trip was to Washington D.C. for a meeting of the National Organization of Deans of Agriculture. The topic of this meeting was the needs for higher education in the agriculture field, said Carter.

The next meeting of the Agriculture Council will be held Tuesday, April 12 at 5 p.m. in the UU, Room 225.

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Advisory program aids in small claims cases

by Kathy Massinger
Staff Writer

Ever anticipate a security deposit refund—and get only part of it, or none at all? How about getting your car repaired—and then learning when it breaks down again that the guarantee wasn’t what you had committed to?

Instead of griping and groaning, consider filing a case with the Small Claims Court to reclaim money that is rightfully yours or to recover another wrong.

And if the mention of haebus corpus and affidavits sounds too confusing to decipher, another aid is available.

Since January, San Luis Obispo has had a Small Claims Advisory Program headed by Poly graduate Debby Trost.

Any person 18 years or older can file a claim. If under 18, a guardian is required for up to $1,500.

Many of the claims that students bring to her involve landlord/tenant disputes and auto repair disputes, said Trost.

This service is available to anyone in San Luis Obispo County, and acts as a guide to people going through the procedures of a small claim, she said.

For a $6 fee, small claims can be filed with the county clerk, and a court date is set within 30 to 45 days.

Using the advisory program, plaintiffs or defendants can prepare their cases with Trost so they don’t go in with unanswered questions. “I don’t give legal advice,” said Trost, “I just help to organize thoughts.”

Trost also shows a 10-minute film on court procedures at 1:30 p.m. every Thursday to help answer questions. She sits in the Small Claims Court and observes the types of cases that appear so she can aid the people who seek her help.

“About 25 percent of the plaintiffs and defendants throughout the county go through me,” estimated Trost.

Trost, who had 157 cases go through her office in the month of March, is in her office in the County Courthouse daily from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Any calls for appointments or answers to questions are welcome at 549-5800.

“If we can’t help you, we’ll find someone who will,” said Trost.
**Sports**

**Bats flash, fizzle in double-header split**

by Dave Wilcox  
Staff Writer

If tying a game is like kissing your sister, as the saying goes, then the Cal Poly team at least had a lengthy nightcap, managing only five hits while dropping a 4-2 game," complained Mustang head coach Randy Harr. Following a 12-hit effort in their 13-0 opening game victory, the Mustangs had some tired bats in the nightcap, managing only five hits while dropping a 4-2 decision. The loss left Poly's California Collegiate Athletic Association record at 5-2. The Matadors are now 6-4.

In the opener, the Mustangs scored a pair of runs in each of their last four at-bats to stave off a determined Northridge squad and give Spillotis his first win against no losses. Scott Bakker picked up his second save of the season.

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From page 6

Though Matador junior right-hander Jim Walker, who improved his record to 5-2 with the complete game victory, silenced Poly through much of the nightcap—retiring the first seven Mustangs to face him—the hosts still mounted threats in the last innings. Lambert led off the home half of the sixth inning slapping a triple to left and the Mustangs, down 5-2 at the time, looked to hitters three, four, and five to push the tying run across.

But after inducing Mon- tary Wals, Poly's top hitter after the night with a .368 average, to ground out, Walker fanned Steve Neal and designated hitter Kirk Perry, leaving Lambert stranded.

Then, in the seventh, after Northridge’s Mike Perry smashed an insur- ing three, four, and five to.

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Never surrender

Pismo Beach is prepared to sue the county. Santa Barbara County plans to file suit against the state. Grover City is going to give a talking govenment to an environmental demonstration are in the process of disrupting an oil exploration boat working in coastal waters.

While the Department of the Interior and oil companies hurrying to explore for oil in the Central Coast—both on- and offshore, the natives are getting restless. "Not in our backyard" epitomizes their complaint. They should also claim John Paul Jones' battle cry when he was told to surrender: "I have not yet begun to fight!"

The Mustang Daily Editorial Board agrees with their environmental concerns, and we urge our readers to join the oil-drilling opponents in the apparently hopeless odds.

The Central Coast has a nearly pristine, tourist-pleasing environment and a small, primarily rural population. It should not be forced to bear the burden of large-scale energy production for urban areas. Besides, the industries involved—in this case, oil companies—have a history of mistake-making. Since even normal operations of oil extraction on land and near offshore could cause air pollution and disrupt the environment, all county residents should be concerned. Then there are offshore oil spills to worry about: they would be likely to harm both the environment and the tourist industry.

The offshore lease sale near Santa Barbara County is set for August; the one for the San Luis Obispo County coast is planned for October. Experimental wells will soon be drilled near Pismo Beach. It looks as if our government has demanded for an environmental impact study before drilling begins.

The oil issue has been discussed for years on the Central Coast, but now there is little time left for talk. Take the initiative: tell your city, county, state and federal representatives that you don't want major oil development in this county. Join Citizens Action group to make sure your representatives continue to listen.

And remember—John Paul Jones may have lost his ship, but he won the battle.

Comment on KCPR

Editor:
I am shocked and dismayed that KCPR, the non-commercial public radio station here in Pismo Beach, has chosen to broadcast a program that I believe is extremely biased against the company that runs the offshore oil drilling operations. This program, "The Oil Debate," aired on Saturday night and featured a panel discussion on the pros and cons of offshore drilling.

I am concerned about the way the program was presented. The panelists were selected from a list of speakers who have previously advocated against offshore drilling. The moderator, a well-known figure in the environmental movement, did not challenge any of the points made by the panelists, and the audience was not given an opportunity to voice their opinions.

Furthermore, the program was aired on a Saturday night, a time when few people are likely to be listening. This is not the way a public radio station should be representing the community.

I hope that the future programs on KCPR will be more objective and balanced.

Lit Poppin

Letters

"Friend" replies

Dear Mark Consely:
Thank you for your thoughtful, intelligent criticism of my letter. Advice from a "friend" (note the sarcasm) is as good as none at all. It seems as though people lose their sense of humor when discussing the problems of interspecies relationships. My purpose in writing to the Mustang Daily was to bring attention to a problem that I saw, I wrote a letter in a way that I felt would stimulate debate, but it seems as if you missed my point.

The idea that love and friendship cannot be forced is exactly what I was trying to get across. I have never asked someone to be my friend and I bet that you have not either. Friendship is not some kind of contractual agreement in which there must be an offer and acceptance of that offer. It is something that evolves naturally and spontaneously, a product of time, shared experiences and all the intangibles that make each of us unique.

I realize that there are some girls who are sincere when they ask to be just friends. They realize the effort that is often involved in asking someone out for the first time, so they use this as a polite way of saying that they would like a little more time to get better acquainted before going out. To those girls, I apologize if I offended them. There are many other girls who use "friendship" as a convenient method for rejection. They have no intention of trying to establish a relationship. If friendship is pursued, it is one-sided at best. This results in frustration and anger. This is the problem. The only thing I expect from anyone is honesty. If a girl is not interested, for whatever reason, she should find some tactful way of telling that person, instead of using "friendship" as a way of biding time until the attraction fades.

I hope this has helped to clear up any misunderstandings that resulted from my first letter. I would hope, Mark, that in the future you address yourself to the issues. Many of your remarks, especially those concerning the patients of the Atascadero State Hospital were inappropriate and in poor taste. Avoid insults and personal abuse when you have no insight into the feelings and motivations behind the issues.

More advice from "a friend"
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