Mishap in oil transfer pollutes Stenner Creek

by Teresa Mariani
Staff Writer

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 the 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.

The cost to 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 spill soon after the spill was discovered.

There has been some controversy over the reports 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.

Cal Poly Conservation Committee spokesman Eric Barham says the only people who can say the spill did not 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 present.

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 and 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. "We just didn't do a good enough job of it," he stressed.

Gerard said and 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 respond- ed much more slowly 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 or the architectural design classes on campus? Not much, but tonight's dance clinic will be held at 9 p.m. in the Student Union ballroom.

The clinic will be held on four consecutive Fridays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The cost is $3 for students, $6 for the dance and lesson.

The Clinic will be held at the Maraget Harloe Grammar School multi-purpose room on Fair Oaks Avenue, the Western swim team's locker room, and the Future Farmers of America's locker room.

For more information about either event or the Arroyo Grande class, call 541-6043.

Architecture instructor dies

Architecture design Professor Carleton Winslow died Tuesday afternoon at Sierra Vista Hospital— he was 64.

He had been ill for two years and was a retired professor of architecture at Cal Poly. Winslow was born in 1907 in New York City and attended the University of Southern California.

He also worked as an architect in New York City and later in Los Angeles, where he was a member of the American Institute of Architects.

The cause of Winslow's death remains unknown.

Funeral services for Winslow will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in the Student Union ballroom and the final resting place will be at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Los Angeles.

Winslow's body will be cremated and his ashes will be buried in a family plot.

The family extends its thanks to the teachers and students who have helped in their time of need.

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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
The Dietetics Club will hold an International Cuisine Potluck tonight at 6 in the Home Ec Living Room. Sign up on the Dietetics Club board to bring your favorite ethnic dish or dessert.

Bio Sci Lecture Series
A lecture by Dr. John Hampton titled "To be or not to be: The Physiology and Politics of Birth Control" will take place today at 11 in the Science Building, Room E-27.

Disabled Students Unlimited
Representatives from the Placement Center will speak about summer job opportunities at a program meeting held today at 11 in the University Union, Room 216.

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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 highlighted as "Club of the Week" at Tuesday's meeting of the Agriculture Council. Club President Rob 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 for today at 11 a.m. in the University Union Plaza.

Ag Council Chairman Rick Gambrell 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.

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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 rescind another wrong.

And if the mention of habeas 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 40 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 embrace, splitting a twi-night double-header Tuesday with visiting Cal State Northridge at San Luis Obispo Stadium.

"Splitting a double-header is like tying a single game," complained Mustang head coach Roddy Harr.

Following a 12-hit effort in their 13-9 opening game victory, the Mustangs had some tired bate 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 Spilliotis his first win against no losses. Scott Bakker picked up his second save of the season.

Please see page 7
Double play ends baggers' chances of a perfect evening

Shortstop Kent Bachman beats the throw from outfield to help Poly beat Northridge, 13-9. Catcher Bruce Carrico's single sent Bachman home from first in the Game 1 second inning.

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Opinion

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 government to the press. Greenpeace demonstrators are in the process of disrupting an oil exploration boat working in coastal waters.

While the Department of the Interior and oil companies burn to explore the Central Coast oil—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 apparently hopelessly 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 sea could cause the 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 tourists.

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. If KPCC-D's Offshore program succeeds in their demand for an environmental impact study before drilling begins.

The issue has been discussed for years on the Central Coast, but now there is little time left for talk. Take the initiative: tell your county, state and federal representatives that you don't want major oil development in this county. Join a 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's transmission was refused by President Warren Baker due to Communication Arts and Humanities Dean Jon Erickson's recommendation that the quality of programming at the station is below standard. The quality of KCPR is too much for the station to have an accurate professional broadcast news department.

I have listened to the programs the station has played on the wrong speed, recorded mistakes, too. Copy is misread, records are played on the wrong speed, recorded commercials don't play, etc. Everyone can listen to a radio station, be it student-run or professional, and hear mistakes and errors. I can attest to the mistakes, too. Copy is misread, records are played on the wrong speed, recorded commercials don't play, etc. Everyone can listen to a radio station, be it student-run or professional, and hear mistakes and errors. I can attest to the mistakes, too.

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