In the past week, California Coast Charter, after much deliberation in the past year, became responsible for the bus service. They have received a few calls from anxious students not making classes, said Maryann Tiger, Transportation manager.

Tiger relates the problem with the new changes in the transportation scheduling made by City Hall.

In the past, the Poly Shuttle rode in tandem, but now with the larger buses there isn't a need for two, Elliott said. Now, not only does the Poly Shuttle coast on campus, Routes One and Two both pass through the campus.

Another reason for the changes in scheduling is the SLO Transit buses stop at Tropicana and at Valencia.

The private bus services for these two companies have been eliminated.

The new bus scheduling allows for direct service to the campuses from City Hall via routes one, two, and the Poly Shuttle at four times during the hour, at six, nine, and 12 past, the hour, 39 part, 56 part, and on the hour. Each make their first stops on campus at 17 past the hour, 39 past, 56 past, and 62 past.

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Statistics predict a rainy winter ahead

by Linda Reff

Most Winter

Dust off the umbrellas and wrap up the books, the rainy season is on the way and it’s predicted to be comparable to last year’s tiny spell.

A Cal Poly professor, who’s been studying the weather for the past 15 years at Cal Poly says there has been a drastic increase in rainfall for the past 15 years in San Luis Obispo and this year should be no exception.

Joe Glass, professor of agricultural engineering, has been studying the weather as a hobby for years. Glass receives part of his data from a rain gauge kept outside the Cal Poly Public Safety office.

From other records and his studies, Glass has determined that the average rainfall for 114 years in this area has been 22.04 inches per year. However, since 1989, the average total yearly rainfall has increased by six inches.

“And that includes the drastic contrast right in the middle of these past years, the drought of 1976-78,” Glass said.

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Morro Bay: a fishing bonanza

by Gail Pallerin
Staff Writer

It all seems just a little fishy. Barracuda, white sea bass, yellow fin tuna and other creatures usually found in the warm waters of South America are being pulled out of the ocean by fishermen in Morro Bay.

"It's like Mexico here," said Mike Fitzsimmons, owner of Virg's Deep Sea Fish'n' Center in Morro Bay. "There's a bonanza of fish!"

And they're not only coming in variety, but also in size. Fitzsimmons reported that a 59-pound silverside was recently caught off the Central Coast.

"That's the biggest we know of caught anywhere," he said. "And it was caught on rod and reel."

The unusual surge of fish off the Central Coast (reports indicate that it extends as far north as San Francisco) has been a boon for the Morro Bay fishermen and businessmen.

"It's stimulating for people in this area," Fitzsimmons said. "They aren't used to it."

Fitzsimmons' store wasn't used to it either. In order to accommodate fishing for the warm water fish, he has had to change his tackle supplies. His now carries fishing gear suited to catch marlin, and other warm-water game.

A possible cause of this influx of tropical fish could be what is referred to as El Nino, a warm current of equatorial water that normally appears around Christmas off the west coast of South America.

El Nino was first reported last June and has lingered around since. It has caused the increase in water temperatures as well as sea levels. Fitzsimmons reported water temperatures of 66 to 66 degrees off the Central Coast, the usual temperatures for this time of year are 61 to 62 degrees.

The current blocks the Humboldt Current from the Antarctic which causes the nutrient supply for marine life along Peruvian coastline to diminish. Thus, the usually flourishing anchovy business in Peru has dropped drastically.

In the Northern Hemisphere, El Nino has also had an effect. One by-product of the condition is the significant increase in tropical fish.

Each fall a countercurrent intertines with the main California current system which flows from north to south, said Fred Clapperton, a biological oceanographer. "This year, instead of going north, the current was deflected and the oil slicks were pushed south."
outdoors

El Nino makes Central Coast fishing a reel whale of a catch

According to Assistant research meteorologist John Harel of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography’s Climate Research, if the condition does continue, it can result in anything from a drought, as it did in 1976, to a severe winter, like it did in 1983.

"El Nino has several different types of effects," Harel said, "however it doesn't necessarily mean a major climate change.

Harel reported that the temperatures in the Pacific are presently returning to near normal levels, yet it’s too early to tell what is going to happen. El Nino is one of the main causes of the peculiar weather, and even if it does diminish, there still may be some remnants of its activity noticed this winter," he said.

Harel said that no one is sure when El Nino will peter out, it may be February or it could continue until next season.

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The beginning and advanced dance classes, taught by Western Dance Unlimited, will emphasize the Western swing, the Two-Step, An Hecker and Mary Figurino, both Cal Poly students, will lead the classes.

All classes will meet one night a week for four weeks and will cost $20 per person. Twenty percent of the proceeds will go to benefit Mrs. Delta Phi's scholarship fund.

Partners are not necessary and all ages are encouraged to attend. The San Luis Obispo classes will begin on Thursday, Sept. 16, at the B.L.O.'s Yacht Club on Grand Ave. Beginning and advanced classes will meet from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The Cal Poly classes will meet on Mondays starting Oct. 3, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Mustang Lounge. For more information phone 541-8045.

Poly has high hopes for San Diego meet

Amidst some of the strongest competition they have yet to face, the Cal Poly men's cross country team travels south this weekend to participate in the Aztec Invitational meet at Balboa Park in San Diego.

Second-year coach Tom Hendricks anticipates a good season. "This year's team is potentially as talented as any team I've coached," he said.

Considered the biggest cross country meet on the west coast, the Aztec Invitational will have over 29 teams competing.

The Cal Poly team will include returnees Kevin Broady, San Ellingson, Hector Funs, Jim McCarthy and Phil Bellam.

New additions to the team that have earned spots are: Nelson Bernal, a transfer from West Valley College in San Jose; Dave Livingston, a freshman from Willow Glen High School in San Jose; Hector Nieves, a transfer from Santa Barbara City College; and Bruce Stroms, a freshman from Torrey Pines High School in San Diego.

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After Pomona, Mr. Smith goes to San Luis Obispo

by David Kraft

Staff Writer

When Jeff Smith changed his Cal Poly affiliation from Pomona to San Luis Obispo, the Mustangs knew they were gaining a solid receiver. After all, Smith was the third leading receiver in the Western Football Conference last season as a Bronco and was an honorable mention All-WFC selection.

Smith, however, has surpassed even the most lofty expectations to become an integral part in a potent Cal Poly offense. He has fit into the Mustang scheme as perfectly as the last piece in a jigsaw puzzle, and Cal Poly head coach Jim Sanderson has been more than happy to show him off.

A 21-year-old business management major, Smith is grateful to be in San Luis Obispo after Cal Poly Pomona disbanded its football program. "This program has tremendous tradition," Smith said following a workout preparing for Division I-AA opponent Boise State this Saturday. "You feel confident and strong. When you go into a game, you know you're going to win it. Coach Sanderson has a great mind. It's a great asset to have him running the show."

Second-year Mustang mentor Sanderson considers Smith a great asset on the field. "I don't think he's dropped a pass thrown to him all year," Sanderson said. "That's one of Smith's top assets--his great hands. He has pretty good speed and quickness and runs well-disciplined patterns. On top of that, he's a heady individual, both in the classroom and on the field. He was an academic All-American two years ago. What coach wouldn't love to inherit this kind of talent?"

Smith is a vital cog in the Mustang machine which has rolled to an early 3-0 record and a high national ranking. He leads Cal Poly and the WFC in every receiving category with 19 catches for 307 yards and four touchdowns, but he also enjoys a few games during last year's NFL strike. Jeff also has three sisters: Diane, who graduated from UCLA; Meghan, who's a freshman at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Molly, who at age 11 is a top-notch ballerina. Talent abounds from top to bottom.

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