It only takes an inch-and-a-half of rain to start problems at Cal Poly. More than 2 1/2 inches of rain have already saturated San Luis Obispo since Friday.

### UU, Architecture Building rain soaked

By John Alesiou and Meredith Svenman

Students arriving on campus Monday may have noticed how many problems only an inch-and-a-half of rain can cause when it falls on Cal Poly.

The bottom floor of the University Union was closed when rain water from the street gushed through drains and into the lower level doors that face the Administration Building.

"The drains in the U.U. are poorly designed, and between the administration building and the U.U. they can't handle the amount of water that was falling," said John Stipicevich, information and reservations supervisor for the U.U.

Stipicevich said the flooding is a common occurrence after a hard rain, but there was no damage this time thanks to the quick action of building service workers who arrived at 3 a.m.

All Executive Director Roger Conway got wet feet and legs as he helped mop the water out of the doors into the U.U. Plaza.

"A number of people volunteered (to help clean up)," said Conway. "They saw the need and just jumped in."

The U.U. wasn't the only flooded area. Rain water found its way to one of the lowest points on campus, draining into the ground floor of the Architecture Building.

Gerard Geminucci, manager of architectural trades, said the drains were too small to handle the water. They backed up, creating a five-inch duck pond.

Floyd Harfield, lead custodian for plant operations, said water was shooting up about 5 inches as it exited into the lower level of the Architecture Building.

Sandbags were laid out to prevent water from entering the building. Martha Steward of the Instructional Resource Center said students used them as a bridge to get to their classes so they wouldn't get their feet wet.

"It really seemed like a lot of fun," said Steward. "The students got really creative. They were making paper canoes and really cute cardboard ducks."

Fourth-year architecture student Dawn Rafferty took the change in the weather rather well. She giggled and said, "I had to swim to get to class."

### Students helped into professional school

Fierstine is key to rising numbers

By Meredith Svenman

Harry Fierstine just may be the best resource on campus for Cal Poly students who want to get into veterinary, medical or any other professional school. He has been advising Cal Poly students in this area for more than a decade.

According to Health Center Director Dr. James Nash, the number of Cal Poly students placed in professional schools has "just zoomed" since Fierstine became involved.

Fierstine prefers to take a much more humble stance toward the services he provides students. "Oh, I wouldn't say that! I think all the credit belongs to the students who come to see me."

Fierstine, the associate dean of the School of Science and Mathematics, is chairman of the Health Professions Advising committee and chairman of the Committee for Status of Rape on Campus.

He said it is designed to protect both victims and offenders by insuring the rights of each are protected "in accordance with due process." The committee is drafting the new policy.

The policy statement will identify the roles of the Student Affairs office, Public Safety, the Counseling Center and the Health Professions Advising office.

Also, Fierstine said "if one of the duties of the university is to provide a safe environment, then part of that duty ought to be RAPE protection policies."
Shelly Evans

A homeless night on a not-so-magic bus

The Zeidakah House bus stopped in front of Mitchell Park and the people waiting on the grass slowly helped themselves in. This was the last night the bus was making the trip. The homeless outside the city limits to speak their minds. However, I walked toward the bus from the edge of the park. Fear kept me from waiting alongside the others.

Trey, the driver that night, drove to El Chorro campground across from Cuesta College. During the ride, I balanced against the sleeping bags stuffed in the front of the bus and observed the other riders. The 15 men and two women occupying the makeshift bunks didn’t act drunk as I expected. They joked about making out to keep warm outside.

Near the front of the park at around 10 p.m. The night air makeshift bunks didn’t act drunk as I expected. They joked about making out to keep warm outside. jurly got a little outta’ hand, he take me to jail, I found out it was a man. Trey built a fire and some of the other riders. The 15 men and two women occupying the makeshift bunks didn’t act drunk as I expected. They joked about making out to keep warm outside. The 15 men and two women occupying the makeshift bunks didn’t act drunk as I expected. They joked about making out to keep warm outside.

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Man’s best friend is also his lifeline to longevity

A sk yourself which is more important: the life of a child or the life of a monkey, rat or guinea pig? The future of our country’s medical advances depends on biomedical research. Many more animals are used in biomedical research than dogs. We can gain knowledge about human behavior and medicine from biomedical research. Biomedical research is making advances in Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome that wouldn’t be possible without animals. Mice were used at UC San Francisco and by other laboratory researchers nationwide to study interferon and other drugs useful in rebuilding the immune systems of AIDS patients. The University of California at Davis and the New England Primate Center in Boston found that a disease resembling AIDS occurred in some monkeys. Humans have reaped so many benefits from biomedical research. Does the so-called “Animal Liberation Front,” a minority group concerned with animal welfare, have the right to stop medical advancements by setting free animals used in long-term research? If the AIDS ALF decided to destroy their case that they deny other humans the possibility of finding a cure for AIDS or cancer.

Biomedical research was essential to the development immunizations for polio, mumps, dip­

Finally, only 3 percent of the 15 million dogs and cats abandoned in pounds become research animals. Most are put to death. Over 80 percent of research animals are rats and mice bred for this purpose. If you know someone

Humans have reaped so many benefits from animal research, But should we save the animals or continue to save people?

The stench in the bus made the air unbearable. The men stuffed dried urine soaked into the floor and filled the bus. I wished deep into the sleeping bag, nos wanting to breathe any of the stinky air. Pulling it completely over my head, I formed a small hole for my mouth, making sure to breathe without smelling. We woke after a very cold, short night’s sleep. There was no breakfast waiting for us on a kitchen table. Trey drove back to Mitchell Park, and on the way back Trey turned to me about this being his day to find a shower. We unloaded edited schoolchildren hesitant to face a day in the classroom. Un­

Shelly Evans is a reporter for the Mustang Daily.
Letters to the editor

Distressed by ungodly page

Editor: I am alarmed and dismayed at the trend I detect in the Opinion page contents, especially the letters to the editor. At the start of this quarter, subjects of discussion seemed to be predominantly those that have an impact on our community or the world at large. Of late, though, the focus has been more on the smaller things in life.

An invigorating discussion of Star Wars is getting squeezed off page by tirades against Barbie and Ken revelations long will it be before someone else establishes another section in the weekly to explain their TV-bound star. The "40 percent lesbian" column could be a comparison of a Dearly Beloved with a Significant Other. Everybody could take part, with no bothersome facts required!

What do you think? Would that be a winner or what?

— Bill Clardy

Showy signs

Editor: Why is it that every direction I look on campus, I find myself staring at a bright yellow sign planted in the ground on a wooden stake? Why do some campus organizations feel they have the right to continuously bomb the Ear with their message? It is truly arrogant for these groups to continuously bombard every student with their message.

The "General Overview of Socially Significant Intentions as Poly columns"? Yes! That's it! It is a total sham, in the G.O.S.S.I.P. Columns could be a comparison of a Dearly Beloved with a Significant Other. Everybody could take part, with much more time in the sun without adequate protection is harmful. Excessive exposure over the years will result in sagging, aging skin, increased frequency of skin cancer and occasionally, death.

Retin-A cream gains popularity as remedy for sun-damaged skin

By Marina Chang
Staff Writer

Soaking up the sun's rays is one of life’s greatest pleasures. Spirits are lifted and people flock to the nearest beach to catch that universal symbol of attractiveness, youth and fitness known as the "tan."

Unfortunately, spending too much time in the sun without adequate protection is harmful. Excessive exposure over the years will result in sagging, aging skin, increased frequency of skin cancer and occasionally, death.

Retin-A, a not-too-new prescription drug used to treat acne, has been deemed as the new "cream of creams" to wrinkle removing devotees. The cream was widely published last month after University of Michigan researchers announced the results of a four-month test on 30 subjects with sun-damaged skin. Researchers found the cream smoothed wrinkles, erased age spots and reversed some of the photo-aging changes caused by the sun. Since then, pharmacies and dermatologists have been swamped by consumers wanting Retin-A.

Harley's pharmacist Dana Nelson said that he gets about four to five calls a day checking to see if he has Retin-A stocked.

"Right now, there's a huge demand," he said. "I've got prescriptions that I can't fill - I'm waiting for the supply to be met by my wholesaler who essentially is backlogged from the manufacturer."

Nelson said that the cream hasn't really been approved yet for treating aging skin, but if it is, that's primarily what it's being prescribed for.

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By Leigh Rubin

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Dr. Charles Fishman, a local dermatologist, said anybody over the age of 30 who thinks they have wrinkles wants Retin-A.

"Most of the people who come in are women," he said. "I'm sure cosmetic companies will try to capitalize on Retin-A because there are actually some cosmetics that have vitamin A-type derivatives, but it's at such low concentrations and not the same chemical. So far, most just moisturize the skin or retain moisture."

Fishman starts his patients off very slowly on Retin-A because about 50 percent of them experience some form of skin irritation. Retin-A considerably increases the skin's sensitivity to the sun's ultraviolet rays and in some cases, causes redness and peeling.

"The strengths that are available are too strong so I have patients dilute the cream with a moisturizer," he said. "People start noticing some smoothing of the skin in about three months but as far as eliminating little fine wrinkles caused by the sun, that takes about a year. Retin-A does not remove deep wrinkles caused by the natural aging of the skin."

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— Dana Nelson

The Health Center prescribes Retin-A mainly for the treatment of acne but will prescribe it for wrinkles as long as people understand how to use it properly. Dr. Carl Fullbright, Health Center physician, said that Retin-A is not the "fountain of youth" but out of all the skin care products that have come along, the cream probably comes the closest to delivering what it promises.

"It will be interesting to see what an individual's skin looks like who uses it for acne 20 years from now," he said. "Good skin results from the amount of attention you pay to it and that means consistency."

Fullbright said students should take advantage of the Health Center while they can. A 20 gram tube of Retin-A costs $17 to 18 at most pharmacies but only $6.70 at the Health Center.

"This is the biggest health care bargain that you as a consumer will probably ever have in your entire life," he said, "not only as to free health care services but also our pharmaceutical prices. All you basically pay are wholesale prices plus maybe a shipping and handling fee charge."

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Semi-secret program allows $3 tuition for seniors

By Sherry Wittmann

Friends told Myra and Daniel Sheehan that Cal Poly offers an unusual number of classes for only $3 a quarter. It was some kind of senior citizen's program, they said, and eagerly, the Sheehans investigated.

Their search brought them to the Extended Education Office. They completed forms and made plans for a Cal Poly education.

"We went to see them, and everything was wrong," said Myra, 68. "EEG misunderstood the Sheehans initial queries and later said they knew nothing of a fee waiver program — virtually, the Sheehans were directed to the person in the Admissions Office who supervises the Fee Waiver Program — Kerrie Anderson, program director.

Through the program, California residents over 60 years of age can take any number of classes for a $3 fee provided they register on the first day. However, they must pay full price for books and supplies. About 15 senior citizen students enroll in the California State University-sponsored program each quarter, said Anderson.

They usually hear about it by word-of-mouth, "she said. "It's not something a lot of people know about. It's too bad for senior citizens because they could really take advantage of it."

"It's not even in the catalog," said Myra. "It's kind of a hidden program."

Mary Whiteford in Academic Programs, who is responsible for catalog content, said the information should be included with mandatory copy sent from the Chancellor's Office.

However, Jean Easton with the Chancellor's Office public relations department, disagreed. She said the placement of the program information in the catalog is the individual responsibility of each campus.

Despite conflicting opinions, the program will appear in the next catalog, said Whiteford.

"Mystery solved, the Sheehans filled out the proper paper work and enrolled in a class on jewelry design. "Our children are thrilled that we are going back to school," said Myra.

Another senior citizen student, J. Philip Bromley, taught agriculture management at Cal Poly 15 years ago and has now traded chalk for No. 2 pencils. Bromley, 80, enrolled in a geriatrics nutrition class. "It's an opportunity to understand more about myself," he said.

Bromley holds two bachelor's degrees and a master's degree, and Cal Poly is the seventh college he's attended. Bromley said he hopes to earn a geriatrics certificate.

"I like seeing the intensity of the young students' faces," said Jacob, "and seeing a new generation learning," Added Roger: "Just walking across campus is invigorating."

"I think there's no awkwardness of age. We make each other feel right at home. I think most young kids are glad to see some older ones."

Biochemistry student doubles as ambulance driver

EMT says she takes on many roles when trying to comfort her patients

By Meredith Svenman

Cal Poly biochemistry junior Jo Watson was studying for a chemistry test when the emergency phone rang at San Luis Ambulance. She jumped up to answer it. The voice on the other end of the line said, "Woman, 65, fell down, possible broken hip, 1264 Richard, cross streets are Laurel Lane and Richard."

Watson and her partner, both emergency medical technicians (EMTs), jumped into their ambulance and drove off. They arrived on scene about eight minutes later. The woman who was injured had fallen down in her kitchen. She was lying on the floor surrounded by people who were strangers to her.

The scene was chaotic and the woman's anxiety wasn't helping any. She was embarrassed because she fell, nervous about not knowing what was going to happen to her and in a great deal of pain. She did not understand the language that the firemen and EMTs were using.

Watson, sensing the woman's fear and confusion, knelt down and introduced herself. She asked the woman where she was hurt the most. Watson explained what was going on to the woman in terms that she could comprehend. The woman was going to be put in a scary-looking machine called a scoop that would help the medical technician move her with the least amount of discomfort possible.

As they were lifting the woman, she grabbed Watson's arm and said, "Please be careful, I'm really scared." Watson smiled and told her everything that they were doing to and when it might hurt her. In the back of the ambulance, Watson asked her the necessary questions. Then she and the woman talked about the weather and the woman's grandchildren.

At the end of the nine-minute transport, the woman asked, "Oh, are we there already?"

Watson always tries to see the situation from the patient's eyes and this has won her several compliments on fast, friendly and efficient service.

"It's a frustrating experience for them," she said and added it is important for EMTs to remember the average person only rides in an ambulance once in a lifetime.

Watson does whatever she can to comfort and calm them. She said that talking about something else to get their mind off the pain is helpful. "I'd make jokes," she said, "but I'm not really very funny." So, Watson makes conversation instead.

Watson said when she is on the scene she is unaware of herself unless she may be in danger. She becomes so focused on the person and the situation that she forgets herself.

She mentioned there are a lot of roles that an EMT has to take on. Which roles she plays depend upon what the patient needs. "I have to be able to change my face. In a way I'm an actor, I have to act to gain trust."

Watson said it is really easy for people in her position to get caught up in the emergencies side of the job. She said she feels in some situations that the patient is treated like a piece of equipment or "just something that is used to carry out the job." Watson said she has to maintain some distance and if she were to be totally drained at the end of the day.

The hardest thing for Watson is when she can't do enough to help the patient. She added that she can be challenging to encompass the entire scope of the scene and still treat the patient as an individual. She talked about a traffic accident in which 28 people were injured and felt that in situations like that it is particularly hard to meet the needs of everyone.

In addition to studying biochemistry and working as an EMT, Watson works at French Hospital. All in all, she works about 70 hours a week while going to school. To many Cal Poly students, this would seem overwhelming. But not for Watson. She shrugged her shoulders, smiled and said, "I really enjoy what I'm doing and I'm glad to be able to help."
chance of getting into a school, whether or not they have a letter of reference for the interview process. They also write letters of reference for the students. Randy Voss D.M.D., who graduated from Cal Poly in 1980 and Washington University in St. Louis in 1985, said he feels that Cal Poly's health professions advising committee has a really good reputation among professional schools. Voss has a dental practice in Arroyo Grande and volunteers at the Health Center's Oral Health Clinic.

Voss said he feels Cal Poly offers a good base for further studies. "I was extremely well-prepared. I didn't know it until I was at dental school but I had to take some classes that were very similar to the courses Fierstine suggested I take. That gave me a bit of an advantage over the many students who hadn't studied those subjects before."

Voss said the experience that really helped him decide which direction he wanted to go was observation in a dentist's office. He now provides this opportunity to senior biological science majors Caesar Escudero. Escudero is an oral health peer educator at the Health Center. He said being a health educator has taught him a lot about dentistry. "I have a more well-rounded knowledge of dentistry which is an advantage the other applicants haven't had."

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Fierstine and the committee are keeping them up to date on the number of pre-health presentations has a lot to do with the limited number of pre-health students. Cal Poly students who plan to go into health services have a pretty good chance of being placed in a professional school; if not in California then somewhere in the United States, Fierstine said. The chance for placement grows larger every year because the number of applicants nationwide is decreasing and the number of spaces has stayed constant.

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Workshop focuses on questions about rape

By Lawrence Anton

If a man spends $100 on a date, does the women owe him something? If a women wears sexy clothes, is she asking for it? When a women says "no," is she playing hard to get and really mean "yes"?

Students attending an acquaintance rape workshop Feb. 22 in the TV lounge of the Sierra Madre residence hall were asked to answer these questions, moving to one side of the room or the other depending on their response. Then they were asked to defend their answers.

"There are no right or wrong answers," said Cheri Eplin, a senior biology and physical education major. Eplin is also a peer health educator and helped present the workshop as part of a campuswide effort to increase acquaintance rape awareness.

The questions were "ice breakers" designed to help students become comfortable with the topic and to explore some of the myths that can complicate relationships.

Ten students — an even mix of men and women — attended the workshop. Students were encouraged to be open and frank.

The workshops are presented by sexuality peer health educators, who are student volunteers trained by the Health Center. During the workshops acquaintance rape is defined; sexual stereotypes, which often impede clear communication between men and women, are discussed; and preventative measures are prescribed.

Ray Berrett, a detective with the Cal Poly police department and member of the Committee for the Status of Rape on Campus, said people are "finally realizing this is a problem that has been going unreported for years."

Cousins agreed, saying the number of rapes reported is "only the tip of the iceberg." The acquaintance rape is the type least likely to be reported.

Several women attending the workshop asked if acquaintance rape is the type least likely to be reported. Cousins answered, "Rape is the most underreported crime in the country because of the social stigma attached to it," he said.

An important part of the new policy, Cousins said, will be to educate students about the dangers they face and help them to identify and handle threatening situations.

Women between the ages of 18 and 26 are at high risk, he said, and freshmen away from home for the first time are especially vulnerable.

Though the new policy is still in its draft stage, the Housing Department, with assistance from the Health Center, has already begun educational programs to make students aware that acquaintance rape can happen at Cal Poly.

Carolyn Hurwitz, health educator and coordinator of the peer health educator program, said beginning this quarter each residence hall must conduct acquaintance rape workshops at least once an academic year. The workshops are presented by sexuality peer health educators, who are student volunteers trained by the Health Center. During the workshops acquaintance rape is defined; sexual stereotypes, which often impede clear communication between men and women, are discussed; and preventative measures are prescribed.

Berrett said acquaintance rape is "something that both males and females have to be concerned about," and the first step must be "open communication."

SOFTBALL

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openner, 8-0. Sorci and Missy Bausch hurled the shutout. Santa Clara returned the favor in the closer, 4-3.

The Lady Mustangs were set to host Cal State Sacramento Friday in their final game before the California Collegiate Athletic Association season, but the game has been canceled. The Mustangs will host Cal State Northridge in the CCAA opener March 11.

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