Powerful storm tears through San Luis Obispo

Crews work to repair damage done by high wind, heavy rain, fallen trees

By John Hubbell and Liz Weber
Mustang Daily Staff

A subtropical storm packing powerful winds and torrential rains made for wild conditions in San Luis Obispo Wednesday and Thursday, bringing prolonged power outages, overflowing gutters and falling trees to the city and county.

As students in evening classes at Cal Poly were dismissed to meet howling gusts and pounding rain, lights in much of San Luis Obispo flickered — and then died.

"We began to get outages when high winds began at about 6:30 p.m.," said PG&E spokesman Brad Thomas.

Darkened areas included much of downtown through Monterey, Higuera and Chorro streets west of Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa.

Many student apartments and houses near and around the university were affected, including Mustang Village, Valencia, Stenner Glen and Foothill Hacienda.

Despite nearly 25,000 city residents being left without power, Cal Poly stayed lit thanks to the university having its own generator.

More than an inch and a half of rain fell between 7 a.m. Wednesday to 7 p.m. Thursday on campus, according to Cal Poly Public Safety.

The university braved the storm large­ly without incident, but one student playing street hockey behind the school's tennis courts shortly after 5 p.m. slipped, hit­ting his head on a wall.

As Wednesday night gave way to Thursday morning, uprooted trees and debris were found scattered throughout the city as crews worked (literally) to clear them.

PG&E called crews from as far away as the San Francisco Bay Area and Bakersfield to help restore power, Thomas said.

The period was one of the busiest ever for the San Luis Obispo Fire Department, Rosenberger.

Rosenberger said the department responded to 29 calls Wednesday night, 20 of which came between 6 p.m. and 12 a.m.

The San Luis Obispo Police Depart­ment reported 83 calls, approximately 65 of which were storm-related. Twenty-one calls were related to fallen trees, and 11 were flood reports.

Fire Battalion Chief Lew Schmutz called 11 off-duty firefighters to assist the 12 on-duty personnel, fire officials said Thursday.

The huge storm that knocked power out over San Luis Obispo brought some unexpected excitement to an otherwise boring Wednesday night for several Cal Poly students.

Pacific Gas and Electric employee John Rabensborf said he and his crew were "all over" trying to restore power to customers.

One outage was caused by a limb which fell on power lines across the street from Mustang Village near the corner of Foothill and California boulevards.

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Bush said air strike on Iraq accomplished objective

Washington, D.C.

The White House said today that the military strike against Iraq took out only about half the targeted missile sites and radar installations. But President Bush called it "a big success."

Bush's national security adviser, Brent Scowcroft, estimated that U.S. and allied planes destroyed "in the neighborhood of half" the eight targets they attacked Wednesday. But, he added, "We accomplished our objective."

The president himself told reporters in the Oval Office, "I think the mission was a big success. The skies are a little safer the Oval Office, "I think the mission was ruled Wednesday."

"What about it? The skies are a lot safer today for our pilots." White House Press Secretary Marta Fitzwater said, "In terms of accomplishing its political and diplomatic purposes, it certainly did send a strong message to Saddam Hussein that we are prepared to act to enforce the resolutions, that we have the political will and the military ability to do it."

"We made essentially one run; it lasted about a half-hour to 45 minutes. It's clear that we could have done much damage as we wanted to if we'd wanted to spend more effort and military might," Fitzwater said.

He said Iraq's United Nations ambassadors have been given indications that the country now will comply with the U.N. resolutions. "We'll have to wait and see," he added.

"Any further military action will depend heavily on Saddam's behavior," Brent Scowcroft, national security adviser

Homeless Cinderella invited

Harvard, Calif.

Her gown is donated, her carriage a free airline ticket and there's no pumpkin in sight. But a homeless woman who campaigned for Bill Clinton is feeling every inch a Cinderella as she gets ready for the inauguration.

"I keep waiting to find the glass slipper," said Myrna Lewis. "It was out of sight," she said. "I haven't been to a store in a long time, a real, live store that has price tags and stuff like that. I didn't know how to act at first."

The story of Lewis' trip to Washington began last June when she came to the South County Homeless Project in Hayward, a step toward a better life. She left Iowa "with no money, no job, and not really looking towards the future."

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Clinton holds Haiti policy

Washington, D.C.

Seeking to prevent an exodus of Haitian refugees, President-elect Clinton said today he would continue for the "next six months" the Bush administration's policy of forcibly returning Haitians who flee to the United States. Clinton had raised the hopes of Haitians during the campaign by sharply criticizing the Bush administration's policy. Clinton had promised to give Haitians a "pathway" to freedom, and he vowed in his inaugural address to restore Haiti to "a path of democracy and prosperity." In keeping with his policy, Clinton ordered the dispatch of 1,000 troops and a dozen aircraft to Haiti to enforce the U.N. resolutions.

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Helicopter rescues rafters

Gilroy Calif.

After two failed attempts to rescue a pair of rafters stranded in the middle of a swollen stream, a helicopter crew wearing night-vision goggles finally hauled the teenagers ashore last night.

Joey Limon and Nick Erding, both 17, were plucked by the helicopter from a partly submerged island after clinging for about seven hours to bushes in chest-high, fast-moving water.

The pair became stranded after dark on a route they had intended to use on their annual 13-mile canoe trip. They were among about 70 people who tried to reach the island.

The coast guard received word of the situation at about 8 p.m. last night, said tarni Stock, a coast guard official. The helicopter landed in a clearing near the island about 11 a.m. this morning.

"They are typical boys," she said. "They just wanted to see what it was like to reach the summit and see the view."
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Wilson's proposed budget may triple Cuesta costs

By Chris Brandi

If you're thinking of going
to Cal Poly, university President Warren
Baker said Tuesday.

And at Cuesta College, fees
would jump from $10 to $30
per unit. A full time students' annual fees would skyrocket from $300 to $900.

For 18-year-old Cuesta stu­
dent Dee McDonald, that
would likely mean the end
of his college education.

"If that was the case, I
would not be able to go
to school," he said. "Pay­ing that
much for a junior college
education is ridiculous. I would
have to drop out."

According to Cuesta College
President Grace Mitchell, there
appears to be a contradiction in
what Californians want for
education and what they're
willing to pay for.

"The legislature and the
people of California are going
to have to make some decisions
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winter quarter and regular elec­
tions in the spring quarter could
cost the students up to $2,000
two quarters in a row, Burnett
said.

In other ASI business, a task
force has been established to give
students a voice to the ad­
ministration on where they
would like budget cuts to be
made.

Gov. Pete Wilson's proposed
budget released last Friday calls
for a 4.5 percent — $67.7 million
— reduction in funding to the
California State University sys­
tem. Cal Poly administrators have said the fund reduction will
likely mean more cuts and stu­
dent fee increases for next year.

"We want the students to have
an organized way to get to the
administration and let them
know what our concerns are," Burnett said. "If we all just let
our emotions run wild, we will
just seem noisy. The administra­
tion will tune us out."

"But if we work together, we
will be loud and they will hear
us," she said.

The task force is made up of
representatives from each of the
colleges. The group will meet for
the first time next week.

A major goal of the task force
is to produce questionnaires so
students can choose where they
would prefer cuts be made.

"I think it's important for the
administration to know if the
students would rather have a
bigger library or more classes," Burnett said. "The survey will be
through and allow the students
the opportunity to decide what
exactly they would like to have
done."

Students wishing to get in­
volved with the task force should
meet with their college councils.

Wilson's proposed budget may triple Cuesta costs

By Maria R. Van Schuyver

After more than three months of
debate, the ASI Board of
Directors hammered out a policy
Wednesday night for filling the
ASI President's office in case of
vacancy.

In the past, there has been no
policy on who would succeed the
president. The president's post
could be vacated for a number of
reasons, including academic in­
eligible or illness.

Current President Kristin
Burnett said she is not in danger
of losing her job, but agreed that
the board needed to figure out a
succession policy.

"This is something that has
needed to be done for some time,"
she said. "One of my main con­
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The board agreed to a policy
whereby the executive vice presi­
dent — who is appointed by the
president — would serve as the
interim president. The board
would then vote on whether to
accept the executive vice presi­
dent as the new president. A
new procedure approving vote
would be required to give the
executive vice president the
new job.

Should the board not approve
the executive vice president,
then a special election would
be held, if the vacancy occurred
before the beginning of winter
quarter. If the vacancy occurred
after winter quarter had begun,
then the board would accept
nominations for the post and
vote on a new president.

Should the chair of the board
be selected to succeed the presi­
dent, then the vice-chair would
take over the chair position.

Burnett said the policy is a
good one because it prohibits two
elections from occurring in a row.

Elections for the following year's
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Community college fees could jump to $30 per unit

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If passed, Gov. Pete Wilson's
1993-'94 budget bill would triple
the cost of an education at
Cuesta College.

The plan calls for cuts in the
community college system as
well as the California State
University and the University of
California.

CSUs would face a 4.5 per­
cent cut which may result in
fee hikes, reduced enrollment
and the laying off of non-tenure
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By Charles DeFlanders

In shadow of White America

To many, the status of the Negro in America was determinative of the status of all Americans. Whatever that status may be, the Negro in America will forever change the fabric and history of America, and they would indubitably stamp their social, political and economic heritage upon the American soul forever.

Most Americans do not know that the Negro first arrived in America as a free person. When the white man saw that the Negro was beginning to mix comfortably with whites, they then passed and enforced laws that would keep the Negro in his place. In time, the status of the Negro changed from a free person to an enslaved being.

The hostile laws that the White man used to strip the Negro of any social, economic and political station in America. The White man also used his laws to create an empire of social, economic and political darkness for the Negro across the country.

The Emancipation Proclamation and the passing of the Civil Rights Laws were supposed to be the documents that would free the Negro from the shackles of slavery and hostility to freedom. Once freed, the Negro was promised that he would receive 40 acres and a mule to start a new life of his own. I believe this was an attempt to restore some of the dignity he or she lost during slavery. As well, you may know, the Negro never received the 40 acres and a mule — and this has been a broken promise of America to the Negro.

Since that broken promise, Negroes have been needed and defended the soil of America in five different wars, and yet he has never received full recognition for his dedication and service to America. I know that all White Americans are guilty of the ethos of slavery and racism, but I have often pondered the question, Why has America represented the Negro so much and for so long? One must wonder, is there something about the Negro that is shameful some White Americans do not see in themselves?

Well, as African-Americans, we must not wait around for the answer to these questions. It is this type of thinking that has largely deterred the White Americans from being open to the realities of their history, and not waste time and energy on being scared about our past. I know that for a brief moment in America we were made to feel ashamed of our history and not to talk publicly about ourselves. Our reluctance to do so was largely due to over 300 years of social, political and economic suppression by the Anglo-Americans. I am convinced more than ever that we no longer have the ability to compromise ourselves and our Union to the White Americans. As African-Americans, we must use the social norms of the Anglo-Americans or any other culture to measure and ascertain our status in life. Our livelihood does not begin nor end with white Americans.

The road has been paved enough for African-Americans to begin a strong quest toward expressing their beliefs and displaying more of their cultural heritage without fearing repressive threat from White America. If some people show it will towards our pride, then I believe we have come far enough to deal with this problem. I believe many White Americans see that we are an overwhelming force of people who do not resemble themselves.

The future task for many African-Americans across the country is to make a real attempt to find themselves in history. I believe many of us have lost ourselves while trying to catch the train of the American dream. As we have pursued such a dream, some of us have become lethargic about our history. There must be a realization that we have become lethargic about our history. I believe many White Americans see that we are a despicable element of the human race, a heathen. In other words, I believe many White Americans see that we are a despicable element of the human race, a heathen.

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For years to come, the Negro, to many white Americans, will be considered a "pariah," a person with tremendous shortcomings. I believe that we have been stripped of a respectable element of our human race, a heathen. In other words, the Negro must be kept in check so he or she would not be a menace to the white social order of America.

To right the wrongs of America's past atrocious history, the Emancipation Proclamation and the 1964 Civil Rights Laws were passed to dismantle intrinsic laws and behavior demonstrating intrinsic laws and behavior demonstrated by some White Americans. As we have seen in recent years several White Americans are still exhibiting the same attitudes and behavior and have surfaced once again throughout America. But I believe the nation of Negro still finds his citizenship in question.

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Late night food run ends with six injured

By Anita Kreile

When seven friends decided to take a spin late Wednesday night, they had no idea it would be a 355-degree spin in the middle of a darkened intersection.

One passenger, whom his friends called "Skippy," received serious injuries and was taken away in an ambulance.

Contreras appeared shaken as he stood in the driving rain and explained what had happened.

"I made a stop," he said. "I stopped right there. You know, when like the lights are out you are supposed to stop; make a four way stop. I stopped, then I just went; I pushed the gas and then this guy, he just came on the side and hit me!"

The driver of the car that struck his was not available for comment. The vehicle apparently failed to stop before entering the intersection eastbound on Los Osos Valley Road.

There were several witnesses to the accident. The passenger in the car that struck Contreras said that, although he had been drinking, the driver of the car had not. The passenger, a man in his 20s, with long, blond hair, said he didn't know why the driver failed to stop.

"I don't know," he said, "I was driving, wish I was drunker, now I have to walk home."

Top 5 Rejected Mustang Daily Mottos

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So thick and chunky you can eat it with a fork
Mustang Daily
If you see Elvis, come see us
Mustang Daily
First person that finds the daily libelous statement gets a free toaster
Mustang Daily
Well get the news - even if it's in Warren Baker's closet
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All the news that's fit to print in an eight page tabloid

RALLY

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Howard made it clear that this year's wet weather was unexpected. I think I maybe wore a jacket once last year," she said.

Architecture senior James Phillips was up late working on a project for his architecture class by candlelight. "Arch keeps you busy," he said.

Landscaper Rick Stormi had his generator creating power for him.

"Hey, I've got it made," he said. "I don't think (the generator) is bothering anybody," Stormi said. "Without it I guess I'd be in the dark tonight."

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MLK's Roommates, however, weren't studying with him. "All my roommates went out and are probably getting drunk right now," he said.

"The rain wasn't kind to Lee's house, either. The backyard is a pool," he said. "(It's) completely flooded."

Howard said he realized the potential of minority students in the classroom.

"We have to have thousands of minority students defeat the purpose of ethnic studies courses because of the lack of what he calls "critical mass."

"We have to have thousands of people of color so that education becomes part of your life, not just something that happens in the classroom," said Donald Cheek, an African American professor of social psychology and education.

He added that the program may only provide a limited form of education because the classroom cannot demographically be reformed on the campus. "Some faculty and students are oblivious to the world of the people of color," he said.

Cheek said another point of concern for students and faculty alike is the difficulty in attracting and retaining professors and administrators of color.

"When you look at the total climate of Cal Poly, it is very inhospitable and very negative in terms of an awareness of trying to make a welcome atmosphere to people of color," he said.

The school's inability or unwillingness to compensate or recognize the accomplishments of minority faculty is one reason professors don't want to stay, Cheek said. He cited Sidney Ribeau, former Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, as an example.

"Ribeau left to take a promotion at Cal Poly Pomona last year, becoming the school's Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Finley said he believes Cal Poly, and in fact collegiate education in general, has a long way to go before minority students are fairly represented.

"The educational process is in general in this country, to me... wasn't created to educate people of color, period," he said. "I think that attitude is still there."

"Cal Poly wasn't built for me, anybody of color in the first place," he said. "I think (that) still holds today."
Threat shuts Engineering West

By Stephen Lamb

CAL POLY's Engineering West building was evacuated Thursday at approximately 12:45 p.m. after Public Safety was notified of a bomb inside the building.

"The call was made to the Health Center from another building on campus," said Public Safety Sgt. Bob Schumacher. "We had to evacuate this entire complex, lock the exterior doors and post signs."

Schumacher said the officers then inspected the building and looked for anything out of the ordinary.

He also indicated that no particular building has been targeted during recent bomb threats. "It's been really random," he said. "No certain building has been singled out."

When inspectors found nothing unusual, students were allowed back into the building at about 2 p.m. Many seemed annoyed at the recurring threats.

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In San Luis Obispo, an approximately 50-foot tall tree fell on the Budget Cafe at 3121 S. Higuera Street.

Owner Michael Marlowe said the tree was still on the building Thursday afternoon, but wasn't interfering with business.

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**SPORTS**

### One sport not enough for Cardoza

**By Kevin Bolinger**

**Staff Writer**

Bo Dein, Cathie Cardoza?

"Cathie? Is there a new Nike commercial out that none of us has seen?"

Nope. It's Cal Poly athlete Cathie Cardoza plugging away at her own two-sport career.

Cardoza, an ag business junior from Modesto, is Cal Poly's version of Bo Jackson and Deion Sanders, starring on both the women's soccer and tennis teams.

In the fall, Cardoza roams the field as a center midfielder and co-captain of the soccer team. Once the season is finished, she trades in her cleats for a wicket to compete for a spot on the tennis team.

All of this while taking a full load of at least 16 units per quarter and being involved in her fraternity, Gamma Phi Beta. Sound like hell on wheels? Not for Cathie.

"I manage my time well," she said. "But it doesn't leave a lot of time for anything else."

That seems to suit her just fine. And she's not getting any complaints from her coaches.

Cal Poly assistant soccer coach Peggy Pendergast said Cardoza is a key component to the team's successful transition from club status to a solid NCAA Division II contender.

"Cathie displays all of the qualities you want in a player," said Eppright. "She's got that. Her teammates voted her as captain."

With the Mustangs' eventual move to Division I, Pendergast feels that taking the next step will be easier with players such as Cardoza leading the way.

"We've definitely ready for Division I," she said. "We have the confidence and skills to succeed."

**Success for Cardoza**

"I feel honored to play both sports. I just want to have fun with it."

Cathie Cardoza, Poly athlete

however, is not limited to the soccer field.

Tennis has now been added to her intercollegiate sports schedule at Cal Poly. But while making the transition physically may be smooth, the mental adjustment is more difficult and time consuming.

"I'm behind in my mental skills when tennis starts," Cardoza said. "But I'm trying to get my mental game back and go from there."

Cal Poly tennis coach Chris Eppright agrees.

"Physically she's in as good of shape as anyone out there," he said. "But it's tough sitting out most of September and October, and then jump back into it."

However, Eppright could probably take some time to relax. Relaxation, however, hasn't produced 25 Mustang All-Americans in the last four seasons.

"We have to maintain a strong work ethic," Eppright said. "Hopefully we'll be peaking in May for the championships."

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Nielsen, who won All-American honors in both singles and doubles, will be paired with All-American doubles partner Robert Deo Reyes.

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*By Chris Rogers*  
**Staff Writer**

Cal Poly women's tennis coach Chris Eppright is halfway there. By recruiting four promising high school players, he must now prepare them for the college level of play.

With no seniors on the women's tennis team this year, Eppright is looking to junior Julie Ciancio for leadership.

Racked as the fourth-best singles player in NCAA Division II, Ciancio won 20 matches for the Mustangs last year.

Freshman Tracy Arnold has come from Arizona to be paired with Ciancio, in what should be a highly competitive doubles team.

Sophomore Sheri Holmes brings her all-CCAA team honors to the net, and partners with junior Beth Reed in doubles.

Other players expected to get some action are sophomore Aline Bailey and freshman standouts Alison Light, Michelle Berkowitz and Emily Schur.

Also on this year's roster is junior Cathie Cardoza, who started on the Mustangs' women's soccer team last fall.

"The team could be much stronger than last year's team," said Eppright. "They are more focused, and we have a strong freshman class."

The fifth-ranked Mustangs open the season on Jan. 20 at Cal Lutheran University.

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### Mustang men to contend for national title

**By Chris Rogers**  
**Staff Writer**

Chris Eppright nearly had it all last season in his first year as Cal Poly's tennis coach.

He coached the men's tennis team in a 17-3 record, the season ending without a loss to U.C. Davis in the semifinals of the NCAA Division II National Championships.

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### Mustangs sideline good

**By Kevin Bolinger**  
**Staff Writer**

Due to recurring knee problems, Cal Poly men's basketball center Shawn Kirby has played his last collegiate game.

Kirby, a 6-9 senior, decided Thursday to sit out the remainder of the season as a result of a knee injury he sustained in a summer pick-up game.

"I'm sure I'll still play basketball the rest of my life," Kirby said. "But in college, this is it."

Kirby averaged 11.8 points and 5.7 rebounds in six games this year.

The injury represents the end of an illustrious collegiate career for Kirby.

Last year, Kirby averaged 17.3 points per game, earning first-team All-region and first-team All-conference honors.

"Since I originally injured my knee, there was a question as to whether I ever be able to come back and play," Kirby said.