Poly drenched by heavy showers

By Liza J. Hersch Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly students who parked out by the Rodeo Arena on Tuesday found the road closed when heavy rains sent water rushing through Brizolara Creek.

According to Public Safety Dispatcher Fred Mills, roads leading out to the Sheep Unit were closed by 11 a.m., and cars were forced to detour up East Creek Road, near the H-12 parking lot.

"We're just waiting for the creek to recede before we pull the barricades from the road," Mills said. "Brizolara Creek collects run-off all the way from Poly Canyon.

"Water was moving quickly and covered 10 to 12 feet of the roadway, up to about one foot at its deepest point.

"The water didn't stop Alex Hardy, a natural resources senior, from forking his way through the creek on his bicycle. "I'm already wet," he said with a grin. "I can't get much wetter."

By 3 p.m., the flood warning for San Luis Obispo County had been downgraded to a flood watch still covering the entire county. Santa Barbara County was still under flood warning conditions.

According to Kenneth Sar-geant, a meteorologist at the See FLOODING, page 2

Opening statements heard as Simpson trial gets under way

By Michael Fleemon Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The jealous, ugly "other side" of O.J. Simpson that the public never knew killed his ex-wife because "he couldn't have her" and mured her friend because he got in the way, a prosecutor told jurors Tuesday.

"The answer will be clear to jurors that the statements are true," Darden said. "Not because he didn't love her anymore because in his mind he did."

"He killed her because he couldn't have her, and if he didn't have her, he didn't want anyone else to," he said.

"By killing her, he committed the ultimate act of control," he said.

As for Goldman, he died because "he got in the way," Dar- den said.

The opening statements, originally scheduled for Monday but held up by a flurry of last-minute issues, could prove crucial. Many lawyers believe that jurors often make up their mind in the opening statements. Before they began Tuesday, Su- perior Court Lance Itos reminded jurors that the statements are not to be considered evidence, only a road map of the presentations to come.

The defense statement was to follow the prosecution's presen-tation.

Darden described Simpson as See SIMPSON, page 5

Safety officials pinpoint trends in bike thefts

By Natasha Collins Arts Staff Writer

Carelessness is the number one reason people are losing their bikes on campus, according to Public Safety officials.

"People get in a hurry and don't take the time to secure their bikes properly," said Sergeant Steve Schroeder. "It's a crime of opportunity."

The number of bikes stolen has not necessarily risen over the past few months, but for a while there seemed to be a trend occurring.

"It was as if someone was bike shopping," Schroeder said. "Expensive bikes with high resale value were being stolen."

Recently however, a variety of bikes have been stolen, not just expensive ones. This has led authorities to believe that there are more than one person involved. "Those that are most available will be stolen," he said.

According to Cal Poly Investigator Ray Berrrett, the value of stolen bikes, when added up, far exceeds that of armed See FLOODED, page 2

Clinton plan focuses on future, calls for bi-partisan support

In a speech that could deter-mine his hopes for re-election in 1996, President Bill Clinton moved overtly toward the center during his State of the Union Ad-dress Tuesday night.

Vying for support from Republicans and Democrats alike, Clinton outlined his plan called the "New Covenant," which pushes for change but focuses on the future.

Likening yesterday's govern-ment to a manual typewriter, he said today's government needs to be like a computer.

"We need to cut yesterday's government to solve tomorrow's problems," he said.

As expected, the president also proposed raising the mini-mum wage.

"You can't make a living on See CLINTON, page 3

Senate denies faculty referendum on calendar

The Senate on Nov. 29 voted 29-18 against changing to semester system. Fetter initiated the motion for a faculty referendum after the vote.

English professor John Hampey addressed the Senate's reluctance to debate the referen-dum issue, claiming the motion was not to upset the decision of the Senate but to increase the fairness of the university system by including all involved.

Some senators have argued the Academic Senate vote was not representative of the entire faculty. But those against the referendum claim the Senate did represent the faculty when the vote was made.

On Tuesday, some senators claimed the faculty had no inter-est in the debate and were tired of the constant subject. Environmental horticulture professor David Hannings arg-ed that his department was "tired of the issue and if the mo-tion comes to a vote, the Senate is setting itself up for embarrass-ment."

Clinton's Main Points

In his State of the Union Address, President Bill Clinton:

- Clearly shifted his stance toward the center.
- Called for an increase in the minimum wage.
- Introduced a "Middle Class Bill of Rights."
- Pledged support for a reformulation of the welfare system, but stressed compassion in doing so.

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Brown resumes reign as speaker

By Jennifer Kerr

SACRAMENTO — Democrat Willie Brown was re-elected speaker of the California Assembly early today, ending a 50-day deadlock but beginning a likely long stretch of bitter partisan fighting.

Brown, the speaker since 1980, was elected 40-39 after a bizarre 15-hour session of caucuses, an abortive attempt to elect a maverick GOP speaker and the ouster of Republican Dick Mountjoy.

"The current process by which this speakerhip has been decided has been a painful one," Brown, D-San Francisco, said after he was sworn in at 1 a.m. "This house cannot be left leaderless, cannot be left without the capability to do the job it is expected to do," he said.

But a set of rules adopted by a 40-12 vote immediately after assured that the Assembly will be leading will be very different one. The rules shift much of the power once held by the speaker to an evenly divided Rules Committee and set the stage for political fights.

Republicans intensified opposition both Brown's election and the rules and vowed reprimands against Democrats and the one independent who supported them. Republicans have already launched a recall against Independent Paul Horcher of Whittier and had threatened recalls against several Democrats in close races.

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Clinton targets U.S. assets to freeze out terrorist groups

By Ron Fournier

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Last Friday in a Harvard University speech, Secretary of State Warren Christopher proposed new laws and procedures to combat terrorism, international narcotics traffickers and immigration fraud.

Among the groups targeted was Hezbollah, also known as the Party of God, suspected in the suicide truck bombing of the U.S. Embassy and Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983 and the embassy annex in 1984.

Another was the Abu Nidal Organization, which the State Department accuses of carrying out more than 90 terrorist attacks in 10 countries since 1974, killing or injuring some 900 people. Major attacks included those on the Vienna and Rome airports in 1985.

CLINTON: President promises to protect poor

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$4.25 an hour,” he said.

Clinton assured the American people that the lesson of the 1994 Republican landslide was not lost on him.

“I have made my mistakes, and I have learned my lesson about the importance of humility,” he said.

But he also implied he is ready to take control and will not cut into Medicare.

“Whatever is attached is what you leave with,” Schroeder said. “Some people even remove the front tire and lock up the rear wheel and the frame.”

Berrett recommends locking both tires to the frame because thieves will find a bike with the front tire secured, steal it and find another tire to ride away with.

Berrett would also like to remind students to secure their bikes to something solid.

Macaroni au Fromage

(EAT WITH GUSTO FOR ABOUT 51¢ PER SERVING.)

2 cups macaroni (pinwheels are fun) 1 cup milk
1 cup sharp cheddar (grated) 3 tbs flour
1/2 stick butter 1 tsp pepper
1 tsp Worcestershire (if you like) 1 tsp salt

Cook macaroni in 5 cups salted, boiling water for 15 minutes or until al dente. Drain. In a separate pot, melt butter and mix in flour over low heat. Then, stir in milk until smooth. Add cheese, salt, pepper and Worcestershire. Stir well. Smother macaroni. Serves 4.

Note: For your nutritional convenience, Citibank Classic cards are accepted at over 12 million locations, including grocery stores.
Two shoelaces, a Bug and a lot of creativity
By Garrett M. Mettler

I remember being frustrated because I'd forgotten to buy mushrooms for the beef stroganoff. There was no way I could have known that I should be thankful for such a minor inconvenience.

I drove most of the way to the store faster than I should have, because of the hundred times for failing to think ahead. Then, just two tantalizing blocks away from the market, it happened. The accelerator pedal surrendered to my right foot and hit the floor.

But it wasn't the exciting kind of "hit the floor" where I began to accelerate out of control and had to start heaving furiously at the gas pedal at the last minute to be stopped before the car left the road ahead of me. Instead, it was a rather dull "hit the floor," where all acceleration ceased, forcing me to drive a very disabled 1973 Volkswagen Bug to the side of the road.

I remained calm. The accelerator cable had probably disconnected from the gas pedal. It had been played with and was a 30-second job to fix. I reached down past the gas pedal to grab the slack end of the cable. I found it, but in a condition that greatly surprised me. It was only an inch long.

Upon closer examination I saw that one end was frayed where it had been severed from the main cable. I was no longer calm.

"How am I going to get the car home now?" I thought. "Is there anything I can do to fix this?"

And, of course, "What about the mushrooms?"

I made a few attempts to cramped a coat hanger to the remaining length of cable. But, my efforts were futile. I gathered that the thing to come pick me up.

On my way back to the car I tried desperately to think of another way to reconnect the throttle. It had been any possible solution. I would not going to let this problem beat me.

My face brightened considerably about halfway back when I realized that I didn't need the cable at all. I could bypass everything with the idea I had.

I excitedly searched behind my seat back for the solution to my dilemma — my soccer shoes.

I took out each lace and tied them together. This ten-foot-long shoe lace would going to be the new accelerator "cable."

Since the path of the original cable was blocked with its remnant, I decided to run the shoe lace around the outside of the car.

I lifted the engine hood in the back of the car and tied one end of the extended shoe lace to the spring-loaded hammer that opens the throttle. I then took the shoe lace around the side of the car, opened the door, pulled down the window, and got in.

This was my plan: I would drive the car home by pulling on a shoelace that ran the length of the car ending up tied to the throttle hammer in the back.

The moment of truth. Thought, had come. I pulled firmly on the lace, but it did not move.

I was devastated because I immediately realized my oversight. The shoe lace was falling sideways on the hammer instead of along its axis of movement, which was straight ahead.

There had to be something I could think of to prove that my two years spent as a mechanical engineering major were not in vain!

After a moment's consideration I had a solution. The shoe lace would pull back on the hammer if I ran it once around the bumper, and then up the side of the car.

I quickly got back into the driver's seat and pulled the lace. It moved!

Next came the real test. I turned the key in the ignition while pulling the shoe lace and... the engine responded.

I shifted into first gear and slowly let out the clutch while pulling on the shoe lace. The car moved slowly forward, then began to pick up speed!

As I shifted through the gears I yelled triumphantly one, two, three times.

I waved as best I could while keeping a firm grasp on the shoe lace. My friends many states away at no cost.

The accelerator cable was still intact. The new shoelace worked! It was like something you'd see in an episode of MacGyver.

My uncle passed me about halfway back to the house. I waved as best I could while keeping a firm grasp on the shoelace and shouted "Help!"

The next day I borrowed a car, drove to an auto parts store and purchased a new accelerator cable. I installed the new cable that afternoon.

The best part: my shoelaces emerged unscathed from the accident and are still in use today.

When I reflect back on that experience, I marvel at the urgency of my need motivated me to think of a way to overcome it — proof that if the necessity of a situation is great enough, human ingenuity can overcome nearly anything.

Garrett M. Mettler is a journalism junior who really likes strawberry cream cheese.

LETTERS

New technology is progress
By Tyron Gavin

The "technology is a foe prophet," Jan. 19

Like Mr. Ireland, my first computer was a Commodore 64. I, too, played many video games and wrote a few programs. I was enchanted, I saw a world of possibilities. It was not my friends or television that said I needed a computer to surf the internet. For myself how the computer needed me, as a canvas needs a painter.

So I listened to Mr. Ireland's "false prophet" and found it to speak truth. This "false prophet" gave me many powers that my ancestors never even dreamed of — the ability to be in touch with friends many states away at no cost.

There has always been a need for communication. We did not "invent this need because the technology was available." We simply replaced those who ran miles on foot with devices such as free rocks and cables. Is this one of many positive effects of progress.

My friend's father recently became a telecommuter, so my parents have a "do not disturb" sign on their desks that says, "Please knock before entering."

I still wonder: Would Mr. Ireland have been able to communicate his idea to such a large audience without industrialization, without the automobile, or without the PC that he probably used to type his articles for Mustang Daily? How can one use a computer to write how that machine, a result of technology, is a "false prophet that is use less on the human scale?"
SIMPSON: Judge allows jurors to see scars

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"an extremely controlling, possessive man" who dominated Nicole Brown Simpson in a variety of ways since they met when she was still a teenager. He controlled her spending and called her "a pig" when she was pregnant, Darden said.

"By hurling these insults, he stripped her of her self-esteem," he said, regularly referring to Ms. Simpson by her maiden name.

Earlier Tuesday, Ito turned down Simpson's request to address the jury directly during his side's opening statements but said he could show jurors scars on his knees. Ito made the ruling with little comment, after prosecutor Mar-
Clinton freezes assets of suspected terrorist groups

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Clinton's directive, which takes effect immediately, also seeks to prevent suspected terrorists and their organizations from getting charitable donations from U.S. sources.

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Hezbollah, which is closely allied with Iran and in determined to remove non-Islamic influences in the Middle East, is suspected also in the bombing of the Israeli cultural center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, last July. Nearly 100 people were killed.

Another was the Abu Nidal Organization, which the State Department accuses of carrying out more than 90 terrorist attacks in 10 countries since 1974, killing or injuring some 900 people. Major attacks included those on the Vienna and Rome airports in 1985.

The order also included two Jewish groups, Kach and Kahane Chai, with followers of the late extremist Rabbi Meir Kahane suspected of attacks on Palestinians.

Clinton's directive took effect at midnight.

Rocketdyne fined by OSHA for 1994 deadly blast

By Jane Meyer
Associated Press

SANTA ANA — Orange County supervisors fined Rockwell International's Rocketdyne Division $200,000 for violations leading to a July 26 explosion that killed two prominent engineers.

Although it is impossible to make a definite determination of the specific cause of the explosion, our investigators concluded that certain mandatory precautions were not taken which could have contributed to the accident," said Jon Howard, chief of the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health.

Rocketdyne spokeswoman Janet McClintock said Monday that the company hadn't seen the report, which was issued Friday.

The company has 15 days to appeal.

The four violations carried penalties of $50,000 each. The citation included failing to separate work stations so explosive in one station might not ignite those in another, failing to have an adequate training program on the dangers of new hazards; processing static-sensitive material from a prior test and standing without clearing scrap hazards; processing static-sensitive material from a prior test and standing without clearing scrap hazards.

The blast last summer at a rocket engine test site near here touched off a 15-acre brush fire. Killed were Otto K. Heinsey, 53, and Larry A. Pugh, 51, who had been preparing chemicals at an isolated site in the Santa Susana Mountains. A third man was injured.

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BASEBALL: New coach takes over a program that has been hard hit with NCAA sanctions for past rule violations

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baseball championship. Although
none of the players remain from
that championship team, the
loss of its only championship was
a damaging blow to a developing
Baseball team tries to leave past travails behind as it makes its pitch in Division I

By Anthony Pedrotti

When with new uniforms and a new skipper at the helm, the Cal Poly baseball team will unveil its highly-awaited Division I team Friday in all places, Paso Robles.

In what was once associated with the Mustangs' biggest rivalry, baseball will try to write a new chapter in their history as they attempt to forget what has become a bittersweet past.

When the Mustangs step on the field Friday, they will embark on a future that has the potential to lure excitement and success to the basepaths. But like most new Division I teams, the Mustangs are sure to have their share of disappointments and frustrations.

Cal Poly will make its debut as a Western Athletic Conference member against Nevada-Reno at temporary home for Cal Poly.

Robles, Central Coast in the past few weeks.

The entire three-game series has been moved to Paso Robles because it has received considerably less rain than San Luis Obispo.

Opening against Nevada-Reno is somewhat of a preview for the Mustangs, who will join the Wolfpack and 10 other teams when they enter the Big West in 1996. But until then, they will have to prove their worth in Division I baseball, the WAC, the second-biggest conference in the West.

While other WAC teams will be looking over the shoulder with a chance of their newest family member be performing, Cal Poly players will be focusing their attention on raising their level of play to compete with higher caliber teams.

And leading them into this transition will be first-year head coach, Ritch Price.

Price comes from Northern California where he was the former De Anza College baseball coach and athletic director.

Friday, will mark Price's own debut as head coach for a Division I baseball team.

Price, the most successful baseball coach in De Anza College history, is making sure his young team isn't taking any easy route their first year.

The Mustangs will embark on a 56-game schedule which will include Pac-6 teams Washington and UCLA and Big West foes, San Jose State and Cal State Fullerton.

"We wanted to play a top-notch Division I schedule," Price said. "We did not want to be Division I in name and continue to play half of our games against Division II teams. There are some perennial baseball powers on our schedule."

Ranked the eighth toughest conference in the nation in collegiate baseball, the WAC will prove to be challenging stomping grounds for the Mustangs. The 12-team WAC conference is broken geographically into two six-team divisions — East and West — with Cal Poly falling in the West.

Other members in the division include San Diego State, Cal State Northridge, Hawaii, Sacramento State and Fresno State. They will face off with each team six times — three at home, three away.

While the players will be Division I rookies, many of them are returning veterans including some of the pitching staff.

The starting pitching rotation includes the experience and leadership of four returning seniors. Three returning starters, Shannon Stephens, R.J. Simone and Dennis Miller will be joined by Rob Oxnauld who moves from a relief role to a starter.

But the rest of the team is an entirely new group. Shortstop Marc Towner, right fielder Brett Spellings and left fielder Dave Peruzzaro are the only senior starters. They will be leading a team that looks to be youngest in the conference.

However, the team is working well together with their new coaching staff. Sophomore catcher Jason Vance said the team is really coming together.

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