Some Poly students hit by recent flooding in Northern California

By Steven Fairchild
Daily Staff Writer

While most students returned home with visions of sugar-plums dancing in their heads, students from Northern California were forced to fight floods and battle storms on what was supposed to be a relaxing winter break.

Dave Wagner, a graphic design freshman, said, "I got a call from friends in Walnut Grove asking me to help fill sand bags in case a local levee broke.

So, on a Friday night while other students were out on the town, Wagner and his friends went to help save a home. As they drove on the levee road he noticed that the usually trickling river had turned into a swirling monster.

"It is really weird to see boats floating on the same level as my car," Wagner said, Graphic Design freshman

The few cars that did pass Wagner and his friends were housed out of town — in a big hurry. Each one was filled with the few personal belongings that could be packed before the voluntary evacuation.

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New businesses springing up downtown

By Brad Davis
Daily Staff Writer

San Luis Obispo has been rumored to have been an unfavorable climate for new businesses and development in the past three years.

Recently, however, area residents have witnessed the opening of several ventures. The Downtown Centre development brought in franchises such as Blue Note Music and Spike's. The latest establishments in San Luis Obispo are a new restaurant, photography store, bakery and a night club, have opened up shop in downtown San Luis Obispo.

Mondeo Pronto is billed as an international restaurant with a unique flair. (Mondeo is derived from the Latin word mondo meaning worldly.)

Fusing flavors from the Americas, the Mediterranean, and the Far East, Mondeo offers a cornucopia of wraps and bento boxes for around $5. Wraps are similar to burritos but are filled with ingredients not commonly found in their predecessors. Bento, a Japanese word for lunch box, are meals with one of several different types of skewers served over rice or potatoes, complemented with savory herbs and spices.

General manager Bill Ingersoll and assistant manager dim Wilimex are both pleased with the response Mondeo has received. Having only been open two weeks, Ingersoll said, "I got a call from friends in Walnut Grove asking me to help fill sand bags in case a local levee broke.

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Poly employee dies while in surgery over holiday break

Plant Operation's Frank Vasquez said to be devoted family man

By Selena Lay
Daily Staff Writer

Those who knew him described him as kind, dependable, honest, generous and always willing to help others. Frank Vasquez, an employee at Cal Poly, devoted father and friend, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 1997, during surgery in a San Luis Obispo hospital at the age of 49.

To his coworkers, Vasquez, a building service engineer for the Cal Poly plant operations department, was a private man, but someone they could always depend on to get the job done. Robert Pahlow, assistant director for Facility Services, said that Vasquez was a dependable employee.

"He always went out of his way to help people," Palamaris said. "I could always count on him to make me a barbecue pit." Palamaris also received a bathrobe for Christmas this year. Vasquez enjoyed making things with metal, wood and fabric. "He made everything," Palamaris said. "I could always count on him to make me a barbecue pit." Palamaris also received a bathrobe for Christmas this year. Vasquez enjoyed making things with metal, wood and fabric.

"He sacrificed a lot to help his kids and friends and relatives," Elliot said. Elliot also remembers Vasquez as a very generous person. "If he could do anything to help anybody, he would," he said.

Generosity was not only shown to fellow coworkers, but to Vasquez's family as well.

Having worked with Vasquez for many years, Dennis Elliot, also a building service engineer, described Vasquez as a devoted father to his two daughters. He also took care of his nieces.

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Grove didn't break, others were not so lucky. More than 100,000 people were evacuated from their homes in five western states. One 73-year-old man was killed in Idaho. Residences were unable to leave town because the American, Sacramento and Yuba Rivers flooded the major arteries leading to Sacramento and Yuba Rivers frustrated the major arteries leading to Yosemite Valley. The Merced River turned Yosemite Valley into a lake that has been growing ever since.

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The American River flooded foot bridges while a section of its levee wall flooded the area near the local area businesses and house. The levee wall flooded the area near the local area businesses and house. Two local bands, Itchy McGuirk and Hotwheels will begin playing at 9 p.m.

The event is free for ski and snowboarders.

Elevens years ago Cal Poly and ski club members made the long trip to Steamboat, Colo. for their annual Christmas break ski adventure. The Ski Club is definitely one of the most active in California's history with more than $1.6 billion in damage and $1.6 billion in damage and $1.6 billion in damage and the floods of 1997 have been the worst flood there in 40 years.

Although not the oldest club on campus, an honor held by Pole Phase, started in 1928, the Ski Club has been definitely one of the most talked about and visible clubs on campus. One of the largest groups to the Ski Club for students is its low priced annual winter trip at the end of fall quarter. This year 305 members boarded planes for the 25-hour trip to Steamboat Springs, Colo. Members spent 5 nights in con­do, four days skiing, and got their transportation to and from Steamboat Springs for under $400. Kylene Schneider, Ski Club President, said she are able to offer their trips at such affordable rates because of the number of people who go on the trip, but arted the business.

"Any time you take 300-450 people to a place they are going to be the price lower for you," the business senior said.

According to the Ski Club Activities Chair Richard Bitbaba, this annual trip has been taking members to some of the best ski resorts in North America since the beginning of the club. Some of the recent winter trips included Whistler/Blackcomb, British Columbia, Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Telluride, Colo.

"One of the best things about the Ski Club winter trip is the energy and the chance to do a lot of socializing with new and old friends," said Schneider. "In the three years I have been involved with the club I have seen a lot of friendships made, and even some relationships turn to marriage.

Resumption of dredging yields bounty

New data released by the National Transportation Safety Board in Detroit on Thursday, apparently killing everyone aboard.

The twin-engine Embracer 120, operated by Cincinnati-based ComAir, was on its way to Detroit Metropolitan Airport from Cincinnati when it went down in overcast weather just before dusk. It crashed near a farmhouse 25 miles south of Detroit.

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By Jenny Jacobs Daily Staff Writer

This year the club that has made skiing available and afford­able to thousands of Cal Poly stu­dents is turning 50. Started in 1947 by about 50 dedicated skiers, the Cal Poly Ski Club has been going and growing ever since.

By John Hughes Associated Press

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By Pot Milton Associated Press

SMITHTOWN, N.Y. — More than 100 bags of wreckage from TWA Flight 880 were dredged from the ocean floor this week by scallop trawlers and brought to shore for analysis on Thursday.

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By Richard Cole
Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO- A bumper crop of poisonous mushrooms has sent nine people to Northern California hospitals, and experts issued urgent warnings to potential pickers - don't do it.

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The most seriously ill were felled by the "death cap" mushroom, known technically as Amanita phalloides, which can destroy the liver. It accounts for 95 percent of mushroom poisoning cases around the world.

Last year, 13 people were poisoned by wild mushrooms in Northern California, including a farm worker who died and a 13-year-old who underwent a liver transplant.

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They are coming up this year in places they never did before," Freedman said Wednesday. "People must understand that the pretty white and green mushroom that looks so good and tastes so good will kill."

Some experts say the heavy rains of the past two weeks are responsible for the death cap bumper crop, but Freedman said the mushroom threat has been growing for several years, and no one is certain why.

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"It is our strong recommendation that people not pick and eat wild mushrooms,\" said Rose Ann Soloway of the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

Experts say the death cap has flourished on the West Coast in recent years, extending its range from Fresno to Washington state and appearing in far greater numbers.

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In addition to the new deli's monumental changes. Not Larson doesn't think customers will disagree too much of the price increase. "The sandwiches are huge, so they're still getting a good deal. I think it will be a nightmare for the cashier, though, remember-and trying to punch the new price into the register," Larson said with a chuckle.

Competition with Art of Sandwich, a deli across the street, shouldn't be much of an issue since it serves a "more gourmet, upscale sandwich," Larson said.

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How to make friends and influence people (on the bus)

Nathan Pontious

- Usually when glancing through the ramblings of the Mustang Daily opinion pages, I come across the same "vital" issue: someone complaining about the singles scene or lack thereof, the opposite sex being an antichrist, nixing first dates, blah, blah, blah...once in a while we'll hear from a freshman complaining about his professors or the Lighthouse and not take part in that high school extension known as Week of Welcome, I am free.

My first quarter as a freshman has taught me the basics: the location of my classes, how to cram the night before a test, how to deal with failing a grade. But there are more subtle things—things one probably does not even think about when going to college.

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One hard lesson: if you are ever alone at a bus stop, and the bus is 10 or 15 minutes late, it is never safe to assume that you have missed it and begin to walk away. What you don't know is that the bus is waiting around the corner for you to leave so the 200 other Poly students who have missed it and begin to walk away. You can't begin to tell how many times this has happened to me and others I know.

Once you have mastered your own strategy for boarding the bus, you can start guessing yourself. I always brush in as I'm always brushing in, probably finding yourself packed like some chichlid sardine with many other Poly students. On rainy days, this is like someone's sick, twisted vision of a Dial soap commercial.

This brings us to the issue of conversation, or lack thereof. It's funny to me to be on a busload of other Poly students. On rainy days, this is like a prehistoric woman, with her second baby tucked under her slings. With the bus stopped, she tucked some into her baby's sling. She figures to make eye contact or break the silence.

And there is always that one conversation everyone is eavesdropping on—"you know the one. It's always rather fun being a part of that conversation, but what if you are the one who arranges the stage and everyone is listening. You tell a joke, and on a good day everyone around you laughs. The best audience, no one is to blame here. Thursday activity hour, or on rainy days. I even have a friend who is known for getting the entire bus to sing "The Who's" "My Generation" in the Bus Go Round and Round." Riding the bus is an essential part of my Cal Poly experience thus far, though that is because it's the way I get to school. A few more situations: if ever you are sitting next to someone and everyone else gets off the bus, and you want to move to the other seat, it's a tough call. While very well may be important to have a seat, you don't want to offend the person you are sitting next to by trying to remove yourself as far from them as possible. If you're on the outer seat, move; if not, stay put and try not to make direct eye contact or break the silence of the seat.

Also, I've found it important to take caution when trying to maneuver on a crowded bus with a large backpack on. Though this is an effective way of meeting people, it can make too lasting an impression, usually on someone's face.

A personal experience a journalism sophomore from freshman who fantasizes about being Keana Reeves in Speed.
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try-out town. "We opened other restaurants and this, by far, has been the most successful," he added.

English junior and first-time customer Dreu Zachmeyer said, "The food is great. It tastes like something you'd get at a finer restaurant, but it's quick and cheap."

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Bluegrass stubble burning ban becomes permanent

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — The annual burning of Kentucky bluegrass fields darkened the skies of the Inland Northwest for years. It will come to an end by 1998.

Clean-air advocates, doctors and tourism promoters breathed easier after the decision was announced Wednesday.

"I'm glad she took the bull by the horns," said Dr. Alan Whitehouse, a Spokane lung specialist. "I think it will make a difference for a lot of people - and it will reduce my workload in the fall.

Eastern Washington and northern Idaho are the world's leading sources of Kentucky bluegrass, which is used in lawns and golf courses in northern climates. Growing seed grows heavy from the stubble after harvest to prepare their fields for the following season's crop. Growers contend this is necessary to help them find ways for them to prosper while protecting their neighborhoods for cleaner air and better health.

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Chumash Auditorium 6-9pm

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The playful Leonard said in good-natured reference to all the attention Woods is getting.

"They have a strong girls' team, but we should have enough depth to beat them," Kiebsdowski said. "They were at the last meet. And we were totally broken down."

Leonard birdied four of the first 11 holes and bagged No. 13 after scuffling a putt to finish with a 69.

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For strategy, Firman is looking to upset some of Northridge's top events.

"Both (men and women) have good freestylers and backstrokers, so if we could upset one of them, that could put us ahead," Firman said.

Senior Krista Kiebdowski said Northridge is beatable.

"They have a strong girls' team, but we should have enough depth to beat them," Kiebsdowski said. "They were at the last meet. And we were totally broken down and still able to win."

Junior team captain Blake Seely is also optimistic about Saturday's meet.

"It’s been close in the past. Hopefully people will be rebounding off their sickness and perform well," Seely said.

After this meet, the women's diving team will be traveling to UCLA to compete in the UCLA Invitational on Jan. 18 and 19. "The meet typically attracts the best divers on the West Coast," Firman said. "We hope to do well in the meet."

**Fresno State football player dies**

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) - Earl Young, a backup defensive back for Fresno State, died Thursday after he collapsed while walking to class.

Young, 21, of Marrero, La., complained of breathing difficulties to a passerby, Fresno State sports information director Dave Haglund said. Young was rushed by ambulance to Saint Agnes Hospital, where he died a short time later.

Authorities did not issue a cause of death.

"This is very sad news," said former Fresno State coach Jim Sweeney, who retired at the end of the season. "Earl Young was one of those behind-the-scenes, team above self kids. He practiced hard, was on time, did his schoolwork. He was never a problem."

Young was majoring in sociology and had just completed his junior season with the football team.

He had 13 tackles in nine of Fresno State's 11 games this season, mostly on special teams.

Former Kings owner sentenced

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Bruce McNall, the former Los Angeles Kings owner who pleaded guilty to bank fraud and conspiracy more than two years ago, was expected to be sentenced today in federal court.

McNall pleaded guilty to two counts of bank fraud and single counts of conspiracy and wire fraud in connection with a scheme to defraud six banks, one securities firm and the Kings of more than $236 million.

Federal prosecutors are recommending a maximum prison sentence of eight years and restitution of $50.7 million. The actual sentence imposed by U.S. District Court Judge Richard Paez could be less, subject to his discretion.

Ten other McNall associates have pleaded guilty. None have yet been sentenced. Three others were indicted in October 1995 and are scheduled to go to trial Feb. 4.

The trial had been one of the main reasons for the delay in McNall's sentencing. McNall, however, was not going to be called as a witness, which is why the government wanted to have him sentenced.

In a December letter to Paez, part of court papers obtained by the Los Angeles Times, McNall wrote: "I am so sorry for what has happened. I can barely find the words to describe my feelings. There have been a number of victims in this case, some less obvious than others. In addition to the institutions themselves that have been affected, it has no doubt caused problems for some of the employees of those banks as well. They believed in me and I let them down."

Also among the documents are recent letters of support from family members as well as former Kings stars Wayne Gretzky and Luc Robitaille.

Wrote Gretzky: "I know Bruce regrets the actions that led to his current situation. I do not think he ever wanted to hurt people, and the fact that he did weighs on him. The maniac humor and bravado that used to be Bruce McNall's trademarks have all but vanished."

Since McNall's guilty pleas, the Kings landed in bankruptcy proceedings and were eventually sold.

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For most of his adolescent life, he bounced from one town to the next, adjusting to his new environment and often succeeding in his new surroundings. And in each place he seemed to fill the town with excitement. First it was in Rockwell, Texas, then he found glory in Carmel, Ind., and now in San Luis Obispo.

That has been Mike Wozniak's trademark.

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He arrives, pauses for a short moment and starts taking numbers. In fact, the numbers the 6-foot, 2-inch tall shifty guard is spotting for are really evident all year," said head coach Jim Scheyer. He's averaged 12 points in only 19 minutes (per game). And he's done it against good teams.

Wozniak seems unfazed by his instant success in Cal Poly's program. Much like his counterpart from Indiana -- sophomore guard Ben Larson who had local youths asking for his autograph before he found out his first quarter grades -- Wozniak takes his own success day-by-day.

"Basically I've looked at the college experience as another move, but this time without my parents," Wozniak said.

Last season, Larson arrived in San Luis Obispo and dazzled fans who were hungry for a winning Division I team. Now, for Wozniak, the standards and expectations seem to be higher, yet he still seems to impress critics and fans much like the other Hoosier Kid did.

"Woz is so poised, both he and Ben (Larson)," Schneider said. "You don't see that in many freshman.

Not long ago, Wozniak set in his living room fielding calls from several Division I programs. He paid visits to Indiana State and Ball State, but then Schneider called and Wozniak found his best option.

"My biggest (criteria) was going into a program with a directive and the chance to play as a freshman," Wozniak said.

He signed his letter of intent and the recruiting process ended, an experience that Wozniak never wants to endure again.

"I've always called the recruiting process the roughest part of my life," Wozniak said. "It's a game within a game. You don't know what the coaches are thinking, but once I got that out of the way I was definitely relieved.

"During the team's first practices Wozniak caught the eye of some of the veterans who were quite impressed.

"When he arrived he was never advanced offensively than the other guards," said senior guard Shanta Cotright. "He just had to adjust to the jump from high school to college.

Now after 13 games for the Mustangs, Wozniak seems to have made that adjustment. Unlike most newcomers in college basketball who can take a couple seasons until they feel comfortable, Shanta seems to have grasped Cal Poly's style -- a system completely different from his high school's.

At the two different high schools Wozniak attended (as a sophomore he played in Texas and as an up-and-comer he played in Indiana), he served as team captain. There he learned the basics of leadership, a characteristic that seems evident in his college performance.

However, as a freshman, he has taken a specific role. "In anything I do I try to be a leader," Wozniak said. "This year I try to let my playing do the talking." Wozniak wants to endure again.

"Winning is contagious," Wozniak said. "When you start making a few, it blows my mind how much bigger and bigger and bigger.

"My biggest criteria was getting in your blood and you want to compete every day. And he's done it against No. 1 teams. He's competed with No. 1 teams.

"Once you start making a few, the hole looks bigger and bigger and bigger," Wozniak said.

Wozniak leads after first day of Mercedes Championship

By Ron Sirk
Associated Press
CARLSBAD, Calif. -- Tom Lehman, the best player on the PGA Tour in 1996, started the new year as if he plans on keeping that title, shooting a 6-under-par 66 to take the first-round lead in the Mercedes Championships.

"Winning is contagious," Lehman said Thursday after finishing one stroke ahead of Paul Goydos and Jim Furyk and three shots ahead of Fred Couples, Justin Leonard and Guy Boros. Tiger Woods was four back with a 70.

"Once you start winning, it gets in your blood and you want to do it again," Lehman said.

Lehman won the British Open and the Tour Championship last year and also topped the tour in money won and stroke average, accomplishments that likely will make him PGA Tour player-of-the-year when results of voting by the players are announced on Friday.

His great round at the La Costa Resort and Spa followed a striding end to 1996 when he won the season-ending Tour Championship by six strokes then romped through the unofficial end-of-the-year events with a victory in the Greater Miami Open, the Shriners Hospitals for Children Classic and the Tour Championship.

"That got me into the competitive mood again," Lehman said.

He birdied five of the next seven holes on putts ranging from 4 to 18 feet and closed out his 66 with 20-foot birdie putts on Nos. 16 and 18.

Freshman guard Mike Wozniak drives to the basket in Cal Poly's victory over Air Force during the break.

"Once you start making a few, the hole looks bigger and bigger and bigger," Lehman said.

"It was really firing at the pins," Lehman said. "I thought it was wise to play conservative and not blow myself out of it on the first day. I'm right in it."

He did show some of the magic Lehman leads after first day of Mercedes Championship