San Luis County not singin’ in the rain

BY DAVE BRACKNEY
Staff Writer

Up to now, the 1981 "rainy season" in San Luis Obispo has been a dry one by anyone’s standards. Although dry spells in California are not uncommon, a Cal Poly professor said the recent spell has been an unusually severe one and could cause problems if rain does not come soon.

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Withdrawal bill proposed

BY MIKE CARROLL
Staff Writer

The academic senate Tuesday passed a resolution that revises student withdrawal procedures after the two-year trial of classes and places the responsibility for approving or denying withdrawal petitions in the hands of department heads.

The resolution says students who want to withdraw after the third week must consult their advisor and the instructor of the course, but evaluation of the withdrawal petition will be "granted by the instructor's department head."

Dropping a course after the 16th day of classes, according to the present university catalog, requires the approval of "the instructor and appropriate campus officials." A petition for withdrawal can be approved "only if there are serious and compelling reasons ... in the judgment of the instructor and department head."

Tuesday’s academic senate resolution was drawn up in response to a January 1980 state academic senate directive calling on campus senates to develop guidelines that define "serious and compelling reasons."

Ron Brown, chairman of the senate’s instruction committee, said the new withdrawal guidelines would clarify the roles of the instructor and the student’s advisor while giving the instructor’s department head the "final say."

The resolution also provides that the academic senate’s withdrawal procedures would be written into the university catalog and the Campus Administrative Manual.

Definitions on what constitutes a “serious and compelling reason” to withdraw from a course were drafted by the Cal Poly academic council in December 1976 and approved by then-President Robert E. Kennedy in January 1980.

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Moped crowding eased

BY KATIE SOWLE
Staff Writer

"Not 100 percent success, but close," is how Douglas Gerard, dean of facilities planning, described the new moped situation.

As of last quarter, mopeds are banned from the academic core and must be parked, as are motorcycles, in special lots.

The request for this action came from Edgartow, head of the academic instruction department, said it is unusual for a January as dry as this one has been to follow six previous months of dry weather. Since 1869, Hyer explained, it’s been only three years since the January when San Luis Obispo received less than an inch of rain after the previous six months — July to December — received a total of less than three inches.

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Cal Poly dormitory residents may be paying from 10 percent to 12 percent more next year to live in any one of the 13 nonvominate residence halls on campus according to a Pol housing administration.

Director of Housing Bob Bostrum said the dorm fees will increase ten percent from $990 per year to $1,100 per year to help meet the rising cost of running the residence halls.

Bostrum said the final decision on the increase will be made by late March or early April when the licenses are sent out to students. He added that the increase must still be approved by the CSUC Chancellor’s Office.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate overwhelmingly confirmed Alexander M. Haig as President Reagan's secretary of state Wednesday amid praise for his tough foreign-policy stance and reservations about his role in Watergate.

Haig's nomination was approved 93-6. Senate Democratic Leader Robert C. Byrd joined the vote against Haig, saying there were "unanswered questions...regarding the abuse of power."

"And that, in the final analysis, was what Watergate and the wiretaps were all about," Byrd said.

But Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., said that under Haig, "this world, whether they like it or not, is going to start treating America as the power it should be."

Goldwater also said Haig's role during Watergate, as former President Richard M. Nixon's chief of staff, was to get Nixon to resign, thus sparing the country impeachment proceedings.

The Senate confirmed Caspar W. Weinberger as Reagan's secretary of defense 97-2 on Tuesday. After confirming Haig, the chamber began Wednesday considering the nomination of Richard Schweiker, formerly a Republican senator from Pennsylvania, as secretary of health and human services.

Sen. Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., said the Senate should reject Haig because "this man has failed so many tests of character in the past." When faced with moral choices as a Nixon aide, "Mr. Haig has consistently chosen the lowest road," he said.

Withdrawal policy reviewed by senate

The resolution also recognizes there may be other serious and compelling reasons, but these would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The document emphasizes that "poor grades, irregular attendance, or dissatisfaction with the course are not in themselves serious and compelling reasons, but these would be considered on a case-by-case basis." Students should be expected to make a commitment to their courses prior to the census date, the resolution says.

Keith Stowe, a physics professor, made a futile attempt to amend the resolution based on the position that "it is not possible to adequately evaluate the serious and compelling reason" presented by students for such withdrawals.

Carter sees freed Americans
Global 2000 aired

Those students and staff at Cal Poly who missed the sold-out presentation of Rick Roney’s “Global 2000” report in the Cal Poly Theatre on Jan. 13 will have a chance to see the report on video tape. Because of a special arrangement between Speakers Forum (sponsors of the lecture) and the Television Programming Committee, a tape of Roney’s speech will be shown from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28, in the stairwell of the University Union.

Roney reported on the environmental and political concerns planet Earth will face by the end of this century, if collective efforts by all nations are not made soon.

Roney heads up the Global 2000 project, which is to educate people about the contents of the Global 2000 report.

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"Discuss sexual subjects openly"

Political Science major Denise Snyder, a Health Center sexuality educator, explains to child development assistant professor Fred Stultz, and to the others at the sexuality workshop, the importance of communication in a relationship.

BY CARLA SIMI

Some people blush; others are very outspoken. Giggles and nervous laughter suggest the delicate nature of the subject under discussion.

What is going on? It's a self-help workshop on sexuality, sponsored by the Cal Poly Health Center to help individuals learn more about themselves and their sexual identity.

Participation does not require revealing one's life history or answering embarrassing questions, as the workshop on January 14, titled "Sex, Communication, and You," demonstrated.

Student health educator Denise Snyder, along with child development, professor Dr. Fred Stultz, guided the discussion, which focused on how to communicate with others on the topic of sexuality.

Authenticity—being yourself in a relationship—is essential for successful communication, Snyder said. False expectations and gaming often get in the way of honest communication, she said.

Discussion during the 90-minute workshop dealt with questions concerning sexual identity. Topics ranged from "What do you like about being a woman/man?" to describing reactions to hypothetical situations involving sexuality.

The 12 participants shared their views with little reservation in the open atmosphere established by Stultz at the start of the workshop.

Some individuals attended the session with a desire to improve a specific relationship, while others simply sought to understand themselves more fully from a sexual standpoint.

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"TROUBLE FINDING A LUNCHEON SPECIAL"
Earl Butz to speak at Cal Poly

Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz will be the featured speaker at the agricultural management department alumni luncheon on Saturday.

Butz, who served as secretary of agriculture in the Nixon and Ford administrations, has continued to advocate a free market and strong export policy for farm products.

Before assuming his Cabinet position in 1971, Butz was assistant secretary of agriculture under Eisenhower and dean of agriculture at Purdue University.

All persons in the agriculture industry are invited to attend the luncheon and hear Butz speak.

Work on ramps for disabled continues

BY KATHLEEN RILEY
Staff Writer

The building of seven accessibility ramps for disabled students during fall quarter has made it easier for those students to enter buildings on campus.

According to Harriet Clendenen, coordinator of Disabled Student Services and advisor to the Disabled Student organization, the additional ramps are the refining of a project to make all programs at Cal Poly accessible to students in wheelchairs or on crutches.

Architectural Coordinator for Cal Poly, Peter Phillips, is responsible for taking suggestions concerning architectural barriers around campus and checking the feasibility of getting rid of these barriers.

The seven new ramps cost $70,000 and more money has been allocated by the state for seven more ramps to be constructed during Spring quarter, Phillips said.

The biggest problem surrounding the ramps concerns bicycles, said Clendenen. If there are no bike racks available, students will lock their bikes to the rails along the sides of the accessibility ramps, thus making the ramps inaccessible to those who need them, she added.

While the problem of access is slowly being solved, another problem is growing. This problem is space. Disabled Student Services shares an office with Student Community Services and the Disabled Student organization.

The future for disabled students will be better. Each quarter there are more of them, and that will serve to make others aware of the problems faced by disabled students, Clendenen concluded.
Environment club
A job workshop hosted by the Environmental Services Club will be in Agriculture 231 today at 11 a.m.

Engineering Science
All engineering science students are invited to meet today at 11 a.m. in Engineering West, Room 205, to meet the other students in the major.

School council
The Communicative Arts and Humanities school council is seeking two interested students for its finance board. For more information, call 544-6661.

Student senator
One opening still remains for a student senator from the School of Science and Math. Interested students can call Paul at 544-1309 or leave a note in the Activities Planning Center, box 36.

Student relations
A new board is being formed to increase communication and awareness between ASI and the student body. The ASI Student Relations Board, to meet at 5 p.m. Monday in UU 216, will focus on student opinion polls working with campus media and writing senate newsletters.

Ecology action
The Ecology Action club will change its weekly meeting time to Tuesday evenings at 6 in Room 201 of Science North. The club will also have an information table in the UU Plaza every Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. All interested students are invited to attend both functions.

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GSU Meeting
The Gay Students Union will meet to discuss Poly Royal, an upcoming patrick and the Atascadero Gay En-counter Group in Science E-24 at 7:30 p.m. on Monday.

Forestry club
The Society Of American Foresters will meet today at 11 a.m. in Science B-05.

Voter registration
All who are not registered to vote in San Luis Obispo County are urged to do so by Feb. 4 in order to vote in the upcoming city elections on March 3. A registration booth will be in the UU Plaza both this and next week. Volunteers to man the booth are also needed.

Pops Concert
Popular music will be performed by the Cal Poly Symphony Band and the Cuesta College Jazz Ensemble in on Jan 31 in Chumash Auditorium. Cost for the 8 p.m. concert is $1.50 for students.

CSUC Programs
A representative from the Long Beach headquarters for the CSUC International Programs will answer questions for students wanting to study abroad today in UU 218 from 9:11 a.m. to 2:4 p.m.

UNSAFE
The accidents at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania, Browns Ferry in Alabama and the Fermi plant near Detroit Michigan, show that nuclear power plants can go dangerously wrong under the best of circumstances. The Diablo Canyon plant is located near a major earthquake fault. It is a disaster waiting to happen.

UNHEALTHY
Nuclear materials cause cancer. Diablo Canyon would create high and low level radioactive waste, the bulk of which would be stored locally. Radioactive materials would be routinely shipped through San Luis Obispo County. As of today, there are NO evacuation plans for the people of San Luis Obispo County.

UNECONOMICAL
Diablo was originally supposed to cost $350 million. To date, over $2 billion has already been spent. Nobody knows how much it'll cost to decommission the plant and deal with the wastes, even if this is possible. Con Ed's customers in New York City are paying for an "accident" at the Indian Point reactor. In Pennsylvania, electricity rates have skyrocketed as a result of the Three Mile Island accident. Who will pay for problems created by Diablo Canyon?

Diablo Canyon: A Disaster Waiting To Happen

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San Luis Obispo may not be singin’ in the rain

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Hyer said, however, that it is impossible to predict the weather for more than a week in advance. In addition, Hyer’s records show it is impossible to predict monthly rainfall. For instance, the month of February has received no rain at all on three occasions since 1969, but in 1969, 15.6 inches drenched San Luis Obispo.

Total annual rainfall is also never predictable. Hyer’s records indicate. Since the records began, totals have ranged from 7.20 inches (1957-58) to 54.53 inches (1968-69). There seem to be no “cycles” of wet years and dry years in San Luis Obispo, and the rainfall of past seasons seems to have no bearing on how much will fall the next year.

Hyer also pointed out that there is no “average” year for rainfall. San Luis Obispo may average 24.20 inches of rain a year, but the total rainfall each year is usually somewhat more or less than that.

However, Hyer said rainfall and some farmers could be in for trouble if more rain does not come here soon. Cattle ranchers, Hyer explained, have been feeding their herds grains left over from last year, and they are now in the stead of grazing them.” As a rule of thumb,” Hyer said, “the hills should be green by Jan. 10 so that cattle can feed. That means you’re having a good winter.”

However, Hyer continues, “when the hills are brown, as they are now, and you have to use last year’s feed, it could cause trouble.” Hyer explained that when the feed runs out, ranchers are forced to sell off their calves at a lower than normal price.

Small grain farmers, too, could be early victims of a possible drought. If there is no considerable rainfall before the beginning of February, Hyer said, yields for wheat, hay and oats could suffer substantially. At present, Hyer said, these crops have sprouted but haven’t grown because of the dry weather.

But if dry years are inevitable, 1980-81 is a good time to have one. Hyer maintained. Hyer said most of the state’s reservoirs are still full as a result of last year’s heavy rainfall. Because of this, he said, water supplies for farmers as well as cities will be in good shape for some time.

Nevertheless, any rain in the near future would certainly be welcomed by San Luis Obispo. However, Hyer is unwilling to say if he thinks it will come.

Baker speech restraints discussed

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Beecher said his resolution reflected the “social concern” Baker brought to Cal Poly as well as the president’s interest in using the university to stimulate discussion of new ideas.

Baker said previously that “one of the important reasons for the existence of a university is to provide a forum for constructive criticism of our culture.”

Hyer, however, was criticized last summer by some Cal Poly faculty for using his office to distribute information flyers. “The— the— California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance.” Several senators had reservations about Beecher’s resolution. Physics professor Keith Stowe, for example, said that when information is constrained by committee procedures, discussion of new ideas loses spontaneity.

Harry Sharp, head of the speech department, noted the Constitution states “Congress shall make no law” infringing on free speech—and we shouldn’t either,” he said.

Dorm fee raise anticipated

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Bostrom said students who live in the residence halls will still save approximately $50 a month when compared to what they would pay for similar housing off-campus. However, Bostrom stated the savings are even greater when one considers all of the services offered the dorm resident.

“When you consider that we clean the dorm rooms seven days a week, silicon all of the public areas, and repair everything very expeditiously and free of charge unless it is beyond normal wear and tear,” said Bostrom, “then the cost seems quite reasonable.”

According to Bostrom, other services provided the student residing in any one of the halls are: all utilities, direct dial telephone, clean sheets every week, two blankets for every student, a television in the main lounge of each hall and various other recreational items including ping pong and pool tables, all furniture, as well as any and all needed maintenance.

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Training year blossoms for wrestling standout

BY VERN AHRENDES
Sports Editor
A year planned for gaining experience has blossomed into a banner season for one Cal Poly wrestler.

Sophomore Louis Montano will put his perfect 6-0 dual meet record on the line tonight as the Mustangs host the San Jose State Spartans in the Main Gym at 8 p.m.

The 20-year old wrestler from Calexico has only one goal — to become the national champion in the 150-pound weight class. Montano established himself in the national ranks when he knocked off Oklahoma standout Roger Frizzell. Frizzell was ranked No. 2 in the nation before he met Montano.

Montano's steady improvement and his recent performances are only the tip of the iceberg, according to Hitchcock.

"Louis is tough to beat and he is still developing," he said. "He has been doing well but he is not even close to reaching his full potential."

Montano came to Poly as an outstanding and established athlete. In high school, he finished third at the state prep wrestling tournament in the 148-pound class, and finished 90-15 overall in wrestling including a 42-1 mark as a senior.

In football, he was named to the Desert Valley All-League team as a quarterback his junior year as he passed for 1,324 yards. He was named the league's Most Valuable Player his final year with 2,556 yards passing. He passed up football offers to San Jose State and Hawaii to wrestle at Cal Poly because he thought he could go further in wrestling.

Montano says that he is finally learning how to wrestle.

"When I was in the state high school meet, the only moves that I know were the single and double leg takedowns," Montano said. "When Hitchcock recruited me, he said I had great potential but I just needed more experience in matches."

Montano credits his mother with the moral support he needs.

"I called my mom after the Oregon match when I won with a pin," he said. "She said that she could not believe it, but she has been behind me giving me confidence as if she knew that I could do it all along."

Montano will have his hands full the next eight days. He has been scheduled to wrestle three of the toughest wrestlers in his weight class. San Jose State has planned to bring Reggie Thompson down from 158 pounds to take on Montano. Thompson is ranked No. 3 in the nation with a 22-4 record. According to Hitchcock, Thompson is an explosive wrestler.

Next week, Montano and the Mustangs travel to Iowa to face Iowa and Iowa State. The opponents are both listed in the nation's top ten.

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Such is the case with the proposed offshore oil drilling along the California coast.

For three years groups such as Friends of the Coast and the Clean Ocean Campaign have fought the environmentally disastrous Lease Sale 53. To a degree they succeeded—four of the five areas up for grabs by the oil companies were deleted. The fifth area was the Santa Maria Basin, stretching from Point Conception to Point Pico Bay. The fate of the area is still being weighed, but there is hope northern tracts with extremely fragile environments will be spared.

But along comes Lease Sale 73. It's still in the earliest planning stages, but it could put on the negotiation table all areas between Mexico and the Oregon border that were not part of Lease Sale 53.

A vast region is being considered here—24.1 million acres on the federally owned Outer Continental Shelf, stretching east as much as 200 miles from the three-mile state's boun­dry, and 1,100 miles north-south. The area potentially affecting San Luis Obispo County alone is more than 3,000 square miles.

The Department of Interior has issued a "Call for Nominations" on Lease Sale 73, meaning oil companies can nominate areas they want to lease—a positive nomination—while organizations and individuals indicate, through negative nominations, areas where they feel the risks of drilling outweigh the possible benefits. (This stage is very sensitive to public input—your public input.) After considering the nominations, the Interior Department announces a tentative tract selection and a draft environmental impact statement is prepared.

The San Luis Obispo County Area Council of Governments has sent in its nominations, all negative. The nominations, included in a staff report stating the sale, covers so large and ecologically and geographically diverse an area that the required environmental assessment will be meaningless.

Covering all tracts north of Point Conception and south of Point Lopes, the negative nominations criticise inadequate air quality standards, the high probability of earthquakes, and crowded sea lanes. Tracts deeper than 750 meters were included because the Bureau of Land Management estimates safe drilling can not be done at lower depths, even though Lease Sale 73 includes areas 4,000 meters deep. Also, many critical habitats exist off San Luis within the proposed sale: pinniped rookeries; the range of the threatened southern sea otter; and the migratory route of the endangered California Grey Whale; kelp beds and rocky intertidal zones; coastal wetlands and estuaries; and seabird rookeries, roosting, nesting and foraging areas. State-of-the-art oil spill containment, recovery and cleanup technology can not deal with sea conditions typical to our coast and keep oil off the shore.

Rarely is official consideration given to our opinions on environmental issues. Use this chance to negatively nominate all tracts off San Luis Obispo County, even all tracts off California. To make it easy, the Ecology Action, Environmental Services and Natural Resources clubs will man booths in the UIU Plaza today, Friday, Monday and Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will provide pre-printed postcards and pens.

Fill one out—Show someone you give a damn.