San Luis County not singin’ in the rain

BY DA Ve BRACKNEY

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.

Edgar Hyer, head of the agriculture economics 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.

The last time this phenomena occurred in San Luis Obispo was January of 1976, which marked the beginning of a two-year dry spell. If more rain does not come soon, it could happen again.

So far this month, only 0.12 inches of rain have fallen in San Luis Obispo. And, in the last six months of 1980, only 2.40 inches of rain fell here. Hyer’s figures come from his compilation or precipitation record dating back to 1869, when such records were first kept.

It is not a rarity for January to be a dry month, Hyer said, nor is it rare for the last six months of a year to be relatively dry. But as Hyer pointed out, an extended dry period such as this is very uncommon. The 2.52 inches of rain that have fallen here since July 1, 1980, is the start of the meteorological year, falls well below the normal to date amount of 10 inches.

In an average year, San Luis Obispo receives 21.30 inches of rain. According to Hyer, the next few months would have exceptionally rainy to meet the season normal.

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Withdrawal bill proposed

BY MIKE CARROLL

The academic senate Tuesday passed a resolution that revises student withdrawal procedures after the two-year-old week 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 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.

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Speech restraint debate

Discussion at Tuesday’s academic senate meeting focused on whether the senate should have a say about the distribution of “controversial information” from the office of Cal Poly President Warren Baker.

Lloyd Beecher, a history professor, introduced a resolution that says information dealing with "religious, political, public or civic affairs, or other controversies” that goes through the president’s office should be reviewed by a standing subcommittee of the academic senate’s executive committee.

Beecher recommended the subcommittee consist of three executive committee members and a representative of the president’s office.

Academic senators only discussed the resolution on Tuesday; a vote was not taken.

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Moped crowding eased

BY KATIE SOWLE

"Not 100 percent successful, 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 the Parking and Traffic subcommittee of the Public Safety Committee appointed by President Baker.

Gerard said, "some people think riding a moped gives them a license to drive on the sidewalks, and even into some buildings."

To make room for the mopeds last quarter, existing motorcycle lots were enlarged.

At the beginning of last quarter the Traffic and Safety Committee received many complaints from moped owners. "Not enough parking spaces was the main complaint," said Steve Pontell, a committee member.

"People were also complaining of damage to the larger motorcycles," he added.

The complaints gradually stopped toward the end of the quarter. During Christmas break a new, separate parking area was created exclusively for mopeds, in lot C-7.

Inequality between motorcycles and mopeds is another reason for this new moped lot, according to Gerard. Motorcyclists must pay for their permits, but moped owners cannot pay, because state law considers mopeds in the same class as bicycles. The motorcyclists think they shouldn't pay for parking, since the moped riders didn't say Gerard.

Even with the new lot, overcrowding still exists, and matters are made worse with some moped owners still riding on sidewalks, according to Gerard.

New moped parking rules stirred up some controversy on campus during fall quarter, with criticism and complaints from motorcyclists and moped owners.

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Saipanento (AP) - Eighteen present and former Synanon members have been indicted by the Marin County Grand Jury on charges stemming from the alleged kidnapping and hosting in 1979 of a former member. Attorney General George Deukmejian said Wednesday:

One of those listed in the indictment, Howard Garfield of San Francisco, surrendered on Wednesday. Garfield, once head of Synanon's law office, was released on his own recognizance and his attorney said he was near an agreement that would eliminate Garfield from the indictment.

The victim was identified as Kim Myers. Deukmejian said he could give no details of the evidence because the grand jury transcript has been sealed by the court.

Articles last week in the San Francisco Chronicle and the Independent Journal in San Rafael said Synanon members believed Myers was an employee of Time Magazine, which Synanon had sued for libel. The libel case later was dropped by Synanon.

Deukmejian said the charges were the first filed as the result of his office's continuing investigation of "various allegations against Synanon members."

### 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 material they missed due to serious illness or injury to themselves or their immediate families." "Poor grades, unable to make up the course material they missed due to serious illness or injury to themselves or their immediate families."

- Financial: "This would occur if a student's financial situation became so critical that withdrawal would be the only recourse.

- Personal: "This refers to psychological problems requiring a student to withdraw from a class to "preserve reasonable progress toward a student's educational goals."

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**Kidnapping indictment in Marin**

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**Newsline**

**Carter sees freed Americans**

**Walsh (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.

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**More on Kaledoscope Tomorrow**
'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 safe 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 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 hesitation 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.

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 6 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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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 continually advocated 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

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, Clendenen said.

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.


**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?

**UNNECESSARY** California's use of electricity increased only seven tenths of one percent last year. Conservation and solar energy can easily take care of electrical demand increases in the future. Most of the oil used to generate electricity in California is residual oil, left over from refining gasoline. Diablo Canyon would not replace OPEC oil.
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 1869, but in 1869, 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 (1887-88) to 54.53 inches (1966-67). There seem to be no "cycles" of wet years and dry ones 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 21.30 inches of rain a year, but the total rainfall each year is usually somewhat more or less than that.

"However," Hyer continued, "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.

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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.

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Dorm fee raise anticipated

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Bostrum said students who live in the residence halls will still save approximately $50 a month when compared to the cost of living off campus. University spokesman Beecher's resolution. Physics professor Keith Stowe, for example, said he now pays $24 for his room at a residence hall.

"When you consider that we clean the dormitories seven days a week, silox all of the public areas, and repair everything very expeditiously and free of charge unless it is beyond normal wear and tear," said Bostrum, "then the cost seems quite reasonable."

According to Bostrum, other services provided the resident 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.

Representatives will be on campus Friday, January 23, 1981, to interview Senior Engineering students majoring in any of the following areas: Mechanical, Aeronautical or Industrial Engineering, Engineering Technology, or Industrial Technology. Career opportunities exist for increasingly more responsible positions in our Design Engineering, Project Engineering and Manufacturing Engineering Departments with growth potential into areas of Technical, Manufacturing, or General Management.

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Training year blossoms for wrestling standout

Louis Montano

BY VERN AHRENDSD
Sports Editor

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To battle more once

If there's one thing common to all battles between environmentalists and the demands of public utility monopolies and oil companies, it's that they never end. Every time the energy industry is defeated, rare though it is, someone fired by greed or fear is there to rip out your guts one more time.

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 Water Action Project 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 boundary, 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 the 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 indicate 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 otters 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 feeding 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 UU 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.

Letters

To battle once more

Bring back browsing

Editor:

The time has indeed come to "quit pecking" as Mr. Treat suggested. (Daily Jan. 15).

It is unfortunate that a fellow member of the Alternative Energy Club became emotional in his concern expressed in a Dec. 3 letter. Truly, the answer to the 'energy crisis' lies in the mirror. Thus the establishment of the Alternative Energy Club; that our consumption problem can only be solved by personal commitment. Provide solutions rather than "waste energy" in critique.

In our energy auditing we have simultaneously dealt with the providers (PG and E), the payers (Cal Poly, tax payers and users (you and I) of energy. Our victory last May in the "Solar Olympics" and the Poly Royal solar hot tub reflect a commitment to solutions rather than "waste energy" in critique.

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