Students band together after Stemmer fire

Caused undetermined in blaze that displaced seven from Poly, Cuesta

By Karla Pavlic
Daily Staff Writer

Students displaced by a third-floor blaze at Stemmer Glen apartments this weekend found themselves on Monday helping each other and trying to get their lives back to normal.

The fire, reported at 2:10 p.m. Sunday, completely engulfed the room of one Cuesta College student in the No. 7 building, leaving no injuries. Two rooms on the second and first floors were damaged by water, while other areas in the complex suffered smoke damage.

Seven students were displaced by the fire and were temporarily housed in vacant Stemmer Glen rooms.

According to John Madden, San Luis Obispo Fire Department investigator, the cause of the blaze is still undetermined, but it was centered around computer equipment. Stemmer Glen General Manager Chris Becker set a revised damage estimate at $10,000 or higher.

"I was in my room when it happened and smoke filled the place," said Alex Rehurn, a Cuesta College sophomore and resident adviser in the No. 7 building. "Someone pulled the alarm, and after that I evacuated the building." Becker said the student Adam Coykendall lived in the room completely gutted by the blaze. Becker said Coykendall had an assortment of electronic equipment in his apartment.

"He had a lot of stuff up there — the full stereo and computer," he explained. "After that not one of those overloaded the circuit, I don't know."

Overall, Becker said he was surprised by the minimal amount of damage in the complex.

"Whatever the fire department did, they did an absolutely outstanding job of containing it in one bedroom," he said. "A lot of times, the water damage is worse than the fire damage, but not in this case. There wasn't any water damage downstairs that I can see right now."

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Mudslides ensue after L.A. deluge

By Jeff Wilson
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Long-feared mudslides trapped residents in Malibu homes and closed Pacific Coast Highway, as a rainstorm Monday battered hillsides denuded by the fall fires.

As much as 8 feet of mud covered sections of the coastal road, but no injuries were immediately reported, said Malibu city spokeswoman Sarah Maurice.

The mud nearly swallowed a Mercedes-Benz on the highway. Its driver, Vera Smith, escaped unharm ed.

"There was this huge bank of mud coming toward me," Smith said. "The things you see the movies, it was happening to me."

Crazed, Smith headed for the ocean. It was her last resort.

"I had to run for my life," Smith said. "I could see the ocean coming toward me," Smith said. "I ran faster than I could run."

At the ocean, Smith found her two homes, trapping some residents in beachfront buildings with waves 6 feet high.

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United Press International

Students dashed across campus as staccato rains pelted San Luis Obispo Monday, creating giant puddles. Daily photo by Steve McCrank

RAIN: Some power outages result from storm

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West blanketed with snow, rain storms
Plains hit with below-zero weather

In the Los Angeles area, the rain was blamed for numerous accidents that choked the earthquake-crippled freeway system, threatened hillside dwellers with mudslides and pounded beachfront buildings with waves 6 feet high.

The mass of arctic air pushing southward produced a new wave of snow, rain storms across much of the nation.

"The arctic air dropped morning low temperatures below zero from Montana through Minnesota and Iowa to Michigan."

Afternoon temperatures were still lower than 10 below zero from northern Montana to western Minnesota, and over parts of northern Wisconsin and Michigan. The afternoon temperatures were below zero.
Inside baseball: Placing Poly students in a squeeze play

They apparently did nothing wrong. Yet the four Cal Poly baseball players who were personally paid by Head Coach Steve McFarland — who volunteers for the university as if they’re some sort of criminals.

The two men’s action to keep private the affected documents related to the investigation. It may be a diverse array of program formats on KCPR, it’s a virtual radio market by featuring a wide variety of music. We have rhythm and blues, classical, country and western and jazz programs. We also have several others including rap, Spanish rock, funk, international and live opera via satellite from New York, just to name a few.

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Motorcycle collides with car on campus

No injuries, charges result from crash

Stephanie Ainold said she was turning in her Datsun "Z" from on-coming traffic in front of her. Arnold's front tire impacted with Schwantz's front right tire, sliding the bike under the car. She described a hypothetical scenario:

Suppose a student's parents have a $100,000 property insurance policy. The off-premises coverage for such a policy might be somewhere around $50 percent, as they are covered for $50,000 worth of property damaged off of their premises.

As a dependent child, you might be eligible to make use of 10 percent of that amount — $5,000.

McKrell said this is by no means a guaranteed situation. There are many extenuating circumstances that could make students ineligible for coverage under their parents' off-premises policy. But it does not hurt to check, she said.

"They certainly do need to give their parents a call," she said.

Cal Poly's financial aid department also provides emergency institutional loans to students who have been affected by a disaster, according to Financial Aid Director Diane Ryan. Students wishing to apply for a loan can call Financial Aid at 756-2927 to schedule an appointment with David Olson, the department's institutional loan fund coordinator.

No students from Sunday's fire have yet sought help from the university, Olson said. He advised that students should first seek help from public emergency service agencies, such as the Red Cross. If they do come to Financial Aid, one percent emergency loans are available for a one-time, one percent charge, he said.

Olson said he is normally allowed to grant loans up to $500. But under "dire" circumstances, he said, he has gone as high as $1,000.

"We'll do whatever it takes, within reason, to get (students) back in school," Olson said.

Ryan said once students are approved for a loan, they will receive their check almost immediately.

"It's an overnight or two-day turnaround," she said. "As fast as we can get the check cut."
HARDING: Kerrigan will share same practice ice at Lillehammer

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Although Kerrigan has said she wants to be in the opening, Scottvold said she could not risk standing on her injured right leg for several hours in the cold. Officials in Lillehammer have said Kerrigan would not be able to leave the ceremony early.

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"It's too early to tell," said Jason Kim, owner of the Campus Bottle Shoppe. "Maybe in another month. But I have not noticed any change." Both the Campus Bottle Shoppe and Cork 'N Bottle Liquor Store and Deli had kept records of who rented the kegs before.

"We used to only fill out one piece of paper. Now they make us fill out three," said Wade said.

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Egyptian Foreign Minister Ajiir Moussa told reporters that negotiators will have to iron out many details even after major issues are settled.

Under the Israeli-PLO accord signed Sept. 13 in Washington, Israeli troops were to begin withdrawing in mid-December to turn over day-to-day running of Gaza and Jericho to Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization.

In negotiations since October, the two sides could not agree on who would guard borders from the Palestinian areas to Jordan and Egypt, on the size of the Jericho area and on how to protect Jewish settlers remaining in Gaza.

Arafat and Peres were reported close to a pact at their meeting Jan. 29-30 in Switzerland. But the deal unraveled, and Israel and the PLO have been arguing since over at what level talks would be resumed.

At midmorning, officials at PLO headquarters in Tunis, Tunisia, said Arafat would not be meeting Peres. After some telephone diplomacy by Egypt, they later said the PLO leader reversed his decision.

Israeli Environment Minister Yossi Sarid insisted on Monday that Peres had "all the needed authority."

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