Man dies in bike accident

‘Dangerous’ conditions lead to fatal crash

By Silas Lyons
Staff Writer

A San Luis Obispo man died Thursday afternoon apparently losing control of his bicycle and hitting a signpost under a John­son Ave. railroad pass.

Michael Androwski, 46, was pronounced dead at 12:02 p.m. after suffering massive head injuries while riding west on Johnson Ave., police said. Androwski is not currently registered as a Cal Poly student.

According to reports by police and witnesses, Androwski was traveling westbound on the shoulder of Johnson Ave. at 100 mph. He lost control of his bicycle and hit a steel signpost.

Police were still looking Thursday for the car which witnesses saw driving next to Androwski. They said the driver was only wanted for questioning, and is not a suspect for any criminal prosecution.

Johnson Avenue is heavily traveled by cars and bicyclists. A four-foot sidewalk runs alongside the thoroughfare on both sides, and there is a concrete lane on the eastbound side of the road. See FATALITY, page 6

Hopefuls fight the din to debate

Rock band upstages discussion of sports, student safety

By Maria R. Van Schuyver
Senior Staff Writer

Through the high-pitched sounds of squawking speakers and a rock band blaring in front of Mott Gym, ASI chairman of the board and presidential candidates tried to debate their platforms in front of about 100 students in the University Union.

Many said Thursday’s event — while a good idea — was ineffective.

“This is a great opportunity to have the issues brought out, but the sound was so convoluted by the music that it was pointless,” said Stephanie Hurst, a political science senior. “There was some really poor planning by ASI. These issues are important to the students ... I would’ve liked to have heard what they had to say.”

ASI Elections Committee scheduled the candidate forum without knowing a band had been booked three months earlier to play in the U.U. at the same time. The band was asked to move its performance to the front of Mott Gym.

“The Elections Committee asked about a band and were told by their advisor that there wasn’t one scheduled today, but it was a mistake,” said ASI President Kristin Burnett. “It was a human error, and we are really sorry about it.”

Despite sound problems, many students stayed for the hour-long event and listened to candidates answer questions from campus journalists and Burnett. After the panel finished its questioning, students directed questions to the five candidates.

Athletics and their importance to Cal Poly was one issue on which candidates disagreed. Cal Poly now receives approximately $1 million in state money for its athletic programs.

Both President Warren Baker and CSI Chancellor Barry Musick have expressed support of vertical cuts made to library services.

ASI President Kristin Burnett told the committee students would prefer not seeing cuts made to library services.

PACBRA’s tentative agreement will provide guidance for managers of what to expect with next year’s budget cuts. For example, layoffs — which will “probably occur in May,” according to Koob — will take effect in July, thus impacting next year’s budget.

PACBRA’s recommendations will ultimately be forwarded to President Warren Baker, who will make final decisions on cuts. Baker will then pass his recommendations to CSI Chancellor.

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Vertical cuts may strike anywhere

Library could be among the cuts

By Todd Hogan
Staff Writer

Virtuality any area of Cal Poly — including the university’s library — could find itself suffering from massive cuts in the pending round of budget cutbacks, a committee said Thursday.

In an afternoon meeting, the President’s Advisory Council on Budget Resources and Allocation (PACBRA), agreed to assess the viability of a 7 percent across-the-board cut in academic af­fairs, student affairs, information systems, and business af­fairs, and a possible 10 percent cut in athletics.

Additionally, the committee of Cal Poly department heads and budget authorities opened the possibility of vertical cuts on all levels. That method could eliminate anything from a single student service to an entire department.

“This is not a final step,” said Robert Koob, the university’s vice president for academic af­fairs and the chair of PACBRA. “As more budget information be­comes available, he said, PACBRA will have to re-evaluate the situation.

“It’s like a bad dream that keeps coming back,” Koob said.

The Robert E. Kennedy Library — previously considered a sacred cow by the committee — has been placed back on the chopping block as PACBRA mem­bers agreed to reconsider a reduction in library funds.

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L (to R) Raoul Ortiz, Phil Eugenio, Shawn Reeves, Marquann Piros and Michael Wengues, ASI candidates, discuss issues Wednesday.
Three-month delay ordered in Denny beating trial

Los Angeles, Calif.

In a decision that may momentarily ease tension in the city, a judge Wednesday delayed by three months the highly charged trial of three accused of beating Reginald Denny during the riots.

Superior Court Judge John Ouderkirk postponed the trial to July 14 after an attorney for defendant Damian Williams asked that the case be set to begin with jury selection April 21.

In his ruling, Ouderkirk only cited attorneys' schedules and other court matters as reasons for the delay.

With two potentially explosive trials overlapping, the city has made a number of preparations to avoid the kind of violence that erupted a year ago after acquittals in the first King trial.

"This is good because of the reason for the delay," said the Rev. Joe Hardwick, whose church, the prayer band of Zion Baptist Church in Watts, "It really might have a positive impact with people seeing that the justice system is cooperating with those defendants.

But concerned were the longer implications of the delay.

"It might cool things down for a minute, but I think by the time this thing takes off it's going to put a different spin on the ball," said Paul Jones with Community Youth Gang Services.

Jones, whose group tries to give alternative youth to keep them out of trouble, noted the trial will now fall in the middle of the summer and "We all know that a lot of different things get in the way of the kids that don't go down in the winter." 

In the Denny case, prosecutors have charged Williams, 20, Henry Watson, 28, and Antoine Miller, 25, with attempted murder in the April 29 attack on Denny at the corner of Florence and Normandie avenues, a riot flash point.

Although the judge ordered a delay in the trial, the matter hit a snag as Miller refused to waive his right to a speedy trial, usually just a routine matter.

"Certainly not," Miller said when asked by the judge to approve the waiver. He later said of the judge's decision, "I hope that for a time away." 

After the court meeting, Miller met with his mother, Gwen Mayfield, with only Miller's lawyer, James Gillen, and bailiffs present. The outcome of the discussion was undisclosed.

"I can see my client waited (a delay)," Gillen, who had also sought a continuance, said outside of court. "The confinement (in jail) is extremely stressful and now we would like to get this matter over with expediently. He's young and frustrated.

As a practical matter, however, the judge can force the trial date on Miller, said Gillen.

Prosecutors, who have opposed delays in the trial before, offered no objection this time.

NEWS BRIEFS

King: civil rights issues the same

Washington, D.C.

Calling for a renewed commitment to end the "violence of racism and poverty," Coretta Scott King said, "We are experiencing (the violence of racism and poverty) in America today as we did 30 years ago.

"That's why it's so important for us to prepare our children to be active, responsible citizens that will recognize and be concerned about those inequalities in our society," she said.

The march would commemorate the historic rally led by King, said "hundreds of thousands" are expected at the annual commemoration of the 1963 march drawn 300,000.

"The violence of joblessness is a contributing factor to the violence of racism and poverty," Lowery said.

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SF, LA show highest death tolls

Los Angeles, Calif.

San Francisco, where AIDS is the leading killer of men between 25 and 54, had California's highest death rate from 1989 to 1991, according to new state figures.

The city also had the state's highest incidence of tuberculosis, while Los Angeles County had the highest murder rate, the state Department of Health Services said Wednesday.

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The news was good for the San Francisco area, where the rate was 216.8 per 100,000. In Los Angeles County, the state's most populous, the rate was 202.5.

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By Sharon Wiebe and Kevin Dalrymple

Two Cal Poly students suffered severe injuries Wednesday night after slamming their car into a tree as they attempted to exit Highway 101 at the Grand Avenue off-ramp.

The men, both from San Luis Obispo, were taken to Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center.

Batt was treated for minor injuries and released Wednesday afternoon. Murphy was listed in fair condition and under observation for a concussion and injuries to his right leg, a hospital spokesperson said Thursday morning.

According to the California Highway Patrol, Batt was driving the car northbound at 8:25 p.m. when he realized he was about to miss the Grand Ave. exit. Batt made a sharp turn, the CHP said, which caused the car to spin 180 degrees, leave the roadway and slam into a tree on its passenger side. The impact pushed the passenger door inward almost three feet, trapping Murphy.

"When the car looks like that, you start wondering whether there's a dead body in there," said CHP officer W.B. Shipley. "There's a dead body in there." A CHP report estimated the car was traveling at 60 miles per hour when the accident occurred.

Batth, was able to leave the vehicle, but a teammate was injured and had to be extricated by the construction management senior James Murphy, 24, from the vehicle without aid.

Friends, teammates mourn loss of friend

By Laura Bloner

Cal Poly is undergoing numerous losses, but none so poignant as the loss of life.

Stephen King, a 23-year-old mechanical engineering senior from Santa Barbara, was killed in a pugnacious accident in Paso Robles during spring break. His close friends and classmates mourn the loss of the classmate and friend that was his "easy going, never upset ... always in a good mood." 

Not only was Powell a friend, but a teammate as well. King was a member of the Hybrid Electric Vehicle (HEV) team.

The group of 40 students designed and are building a 2,300 pound, aluminum-bodied car which will be entered in a first-ever HEV competition. The team plans to drive the car in the competition, while Powell will complete King's brake project. "It makes finishing the project that much more important to me because I want to see his senior project be put to use," Powell said.

Powell and Eric Cusick, a construction management senior, were two of six team members who attended King's funeral service, held in his hometown of Julian, Calif.

"We're very saddened," Cusick said. "It's a hard thing to deal with. For a lot of us, we haven't experienced someone we know dying. It's a monumental task.

"The randomness of death just doesn't seem fair."
Living in California, the seasons almost slide by unnoticed. But no matter what those non-Californians say, we do have seasons because they pass so quickly. But, if you are from the Midwest, they may seem pretty insignificant. The only thing that happens in fall is that some of the trees lose their leaves. And spring (sometimes called spring break) is on only a week long. Most people don't remember it after it's over, anyway. But there are however, big differences between winter and summer in Californi-a. I have spent a lot of time travelling around the United States, spending different seasons in different places compiling research. All of them share similar seasonal conditions. But California is unique, because we only have two seasons that are truly distinct. And even though they occasionally imitate each other, there are big differences, even if most of us in their midst of. Winter starts sometime in September, depending upon when school starts. The clouds move in on the first day of school. People's moods change. Everybody looks stressed because they know that it is only a matter of time before they lose their summer tan and turn butt white. They start wearing long-sleeve T-shirts with their shorts. Then they give that up and go buy wool sweaters and khaki pants. Argyle makes its way back, and dark " LAND'S END" colors replace neon. Socks get bigger and we do the commuting hours. The skies open up, and flood the freeways. Mailmen start earning our money, and our newspapers wear condoms.

The whole social scene moves indoors. Pot-lucks are everywhere. People get fat. They start using their fireplaces to fight off the advancing chill of winter. Cognac replaces margaritas. It snows somewhere in California. People turn in their golf clubs for skis. Everyone shops mowing their lawns and the surf gets bigger.

Winter totally transforms California into another state. Californians count on this transform-ation. It is sort of an escape viewpoint of Mustang Daily. Unsigned editorials represent the majority opinion of the editorial staff. Letters to the editor should be typed, less than 250 words, and should include the author's name, phone number and major or occupation. Because of space limitations, shorter letters have a better chance of appearing in Mustang Daily. Commentaries should be between two and three pages (between 800 and 1,000 words), double-spaced, and turned in to the opinion editor's box at Mustang Daily. Commentaries are welcome from students, faculty and members of the community; submission does not assure publication. Mustang Daily's opinion staff reserves the right to edit letters and commentaries for length, accuracy and clarity. Submit letters to the opinion editor. Letters or inquiries about Mustang Daily can be made at the Mustang Daily office, Graphic Arts room 226. Electronic mail submissions can be made via blinley@trumpet.calpoly.edu.
As chancellor, Barry Munitz is in charge of overseeing the entire Cal State University campus system. If the CSU were a jungle, Barry Munitz would be Tarzan. Munitz takes the budget cuts. Munitz makes the decisions. Munitz distributes the money. Many find it hard to believe, but he is a man even more powerful than Cal Poly President Warren Baker.

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the street. Currently, residents and city officials are debating whether to install a westbound bike lane on this portion of Johnson Ave. And both sides said Thursday the fatal mishap further illustrates their position.

Opponents of the lanes said Androvick's death illustrates what happens when riders and cars are funneled through the narrow opening.

"Eighty thousand cars pass my house every day, according to official reports," said Stan Payne, who lives next to the railroad overpass. Payne said he has fought a Bicycle Commission proposal to install the lanes there.

"If you put in bike lanes, the city accepts responsibility (for accidents) because they're telling people it is safe," he said.

"There's not enough room to put a lane there," Payne said, and "it would not be safe."

But Craig Anderson, who serves as the bicycle coordinator for the city of San Luis Obispo, sees Thursday's fatality as a reason for more bicycle lanes — not less.

"I can't understand that logic," Anderson said. "This sort of demonstrates the need for additional space and the need for bicycle lanes. And what we're going up against is the perception that people who look at it and say bicycles just don't belong on busy streets."

Anderson said several residents seem worried that just adding more of the roadway to bicyclists will mean rerouting their street-side parking spots.

But Evelyn Talmage said that's of no concern to her. A 16-year resident of Johnson Avenue, a clearly upset Talmage mentioned three other fatal accidents that the busy street has played host to over the years.

Putting bicycle lanes has nothing to do with parking spots, she said, and everything to do with safety.

"My kids went to Poly, and I( was glad to have them ride bikes," she said. "But it's dangerous in this town. People don't have to drive that fast. It's terrible. It's a 25 mile speed limit in there and they rarely enforce it."

Talmage said she's been concerned with the safety of Johnson Avenue for years. And Thursday's fatal spill has given the disagreement between residents and city officials a tragic exchange.

"I guess I sound like a broken record," she said. "Can't we do something about this?"

Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

News editor John Hubbell contributed to this story.

PACBRA

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Barry Munitz, who may choose to alter Baker's proposal.

Burrett warned of the consequences of horizontal — or "across-the-board" — cuts and argued for the possibility of some vertical reductions in services, or even a department.

"When you cut all programs across the board, everyone is affected — everyone has less classes and less services," Burrett said after the meeting. "Let's do it the right way. Let's do it the best way and look at it and see what we need (by sheer number of students) for those three classes or services."

"By eliminating an entire element — like a department already rejected at another school or another department — you eliminate need and affect less students."

PACBRA's findings will be evaluated by the various agencies for reaction. The committee will meet again April 15 to further discuss the budget ramifications.

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"I don't want to keep athletics at the expense of academics, but it is important to realize that athletics do play an important role in the campus community, he said. "We are also trying to show the state that we can make mature, solid decisions and stand by them. We passed the IRA fees last year, and if we want to undo them, then we really need to think about all that's involved in that decision."

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Anyone for a pool-in?

Sure was a nice, warm day Thursday. The type of day that makes you wish you could jump into a pool.

And since we've paid for half of the 500,000 gallons of agua in the "soon-to-be-finished" Rec Center pool, I say we go jump in and stage a pool-in.

Yes, the second Sharon Gravas story of the day. With 90 degrees, I want all Cal Poly students to dive into that big blue tub and start moving the thing into its ever-be-finished Rec Center.

Even if you think you need to wear your Speedo or G-string, be ready to dive in. The Mustangs' bats will probably be volleyswashed with the sun once the temps reach 90.

It's our pool, and since there's water in it and it looks done, let's use it.

Ever hear the expression: "Being led to water, but not being able to drink from it?"

• Cal Poly's baseball and softball teams have been bruising their bats. The teams have combined for 116 hits over their last nine games (an average of 12.9 per game).

• Mario Aubert didn't get a hit, but she hit a chicken. Cal Poly's leading hitter smacked a foul ball into a chicken coop in Tuesday's doubleheader sweep of Chapman, and the ball hopped over the left field fence and into a chicken coop.

• Apropos, the bird's bit landed on one of the 200 chickens beyond the fence, everyone at the field heard a death coo.

• Eric McDowell, Cal Poly's sport information director, sniped after the unusual strike: "It's true in which we're now being referred to the term 'fowl' ball."

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Rugby ties for first

Cal Poly's rugby team finished up its regular season last weekend with a 26-12 win over Long Beach State.

The Mustangs' A team finished with a 7-1 record in the Southern California Rugby Football Conference, tying for first with San Diego State, which banded Cal Poly's last line.

The Mustangs are idle this week before traveling to Oregon State on April 24 for the Pacific Rugby Union Playoff Ball Union playoffs. Cal Poly normally competes with teams from Cal, Stanford, Chico, Oregon State, Washington, San Diego State and Long Beach State. The Mustangs reached the finals of last year's playoff, where they fell to eventual national champions Cal Poly.

Cal Poly's second team took fourth in the Santa Barbara tournament last weekend.

Wheelmen show well

Keith Hoeller had a tremendous day showing the Cal Poly men's A squad as he easily won the Gramblinet hill climb trials last weekend. Eddie Salazar Jr., who was second in last year's trials, Warren took second through fourth, respectively.

Karen Stener earned a victory over a tough field of competitors this weekend. Chris Zeiman continued his late season run, and the Mustangs took home a victory in the men's B.

The Wheelmen won Sunday's criterium with team performance and consistency. The women's A squad, led by Chrissy Leonard and Steven, won it all to play 12 and overall, keeping Cal Poly in the hunt for the team victory. The criterium came down to the men's A race, where Cal Poly was led by Estaban Chavez's second place to earn his team the victory.

Polish sails second

The Cal Poly sailing team took second place in the Rainier Cup Regatta last weekend at the University of Washington.

Junior A skipper Dan Buneau with crew Cynthia Shuman, and varsity B skipper John Chenoweth with Al Mirel with crew Lanie Sosa, grabbed second place in Wednesday's. The University of Washington took first place.

Bunce and Shuman won the varsity A division, while Mirel and Sosa earned the varsity B fleet.

The Mustangs will play 12 of their 14 final games with a noon doubleheader scheduled for Saturday at Long Beach State.

Edwards takes first in Fresno

Forget Dan or Dave. Cal Poly's got Jerry Edwards. Edwards, a senior, won the Easter Decathlon, which took place on Monday and Tuesday at Fresno State.

Jerry Edwards' 4,719 total points qualified him for the NCAA Outdoor National Championship. While the games finished, Edwards claimed a total of 130 points behind Edwards.

Edwards, who placed second in the 49ers' high jump (6-6 1/4), 1,500 (4:43.1) and 100 high hurdles (15.51), Edwards will travel with the rest of Cal Poly's track and field team to Cal State Bakersfield for a meet Saturday against the Roadrunners and Cal State Los Angeles.

Montana tests market, 49ers sign others

Bills have a week to match if they want to

The Wright offer followed Tuesday's decision by Reggie White, an unrestricted free agent defensive end from Philadelphia, to pass on San Francisco's five-year, $14.5 million bid and sign with Green Bay for four million over four years.

The 49ers remain anxious for defensive line help since losing Pierce Holt to Atlanta. Montana's status should be resolved before the April 25 draft, although Poly said the possibility of Montana's departure through a trade left him feeling uneasy and the organization to open a fan backlash to the reaction following the 1991 departures of Roger Craig and Ronnie Lott.

"I think it will be an emotional masterpiece for many, many fans," Poly said. "It will be very distressing for the organization and more than gut-wrenching for (owner) Eddie DeBartolo. If Joe leaves, it will be because Joe wants to leave."