Bakersfield students campaign for acts of kindness
BIKE LANEs: Marsh Street proposal is approved; Chorro Street lane nixed

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grants don't come through. In any case, the city will foot the other 40 percent of the bill.

One of the more controversial items the council debated called for a bike lane on Marsh Street.

The agenda allows for nearly two hours of informal discussion during the scheduled complimentary breakfast, lunch and morning and afternoon breaks. However, our auditorium seats only about 200 people so please make your reservations early!

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Another item that drew heated discussion was the council's decision "a compromise that permits no loss of parking downtown." The council voted 4-1 not to eliminate parking spaces on the street to accommodate the bike lanes.

The council also discussed an item that would have removed 85 parking spaces to create a bike lane along one side of Broad Street. The affected area runs from Marsh Street to High Street.

In public meetings on the issue, Broad Street residents expressed little concern over the loss of parking, but the council decided to further probe their opinions before deciding to slash parking.

The council also decided to further review staff recommendations on the implementation of bike lanes on Marsh and Osos streets, and to add a bike path connecting Southwood Drive and Augusta Street. The path would probably run parallel to the creek by Johnson Park.

The Bicycle Advisory Committee — created to formulate the Bicycle Transportation Plan — was disbanded upon the completion of the plan.

The council voted to approve the creation of a similar bike committee made up of seven members representing a cross-section of the community.

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"Once we have Marsh and Johnson, hopefully we’ll review or revisit some of these other things," Roalman said. "Osos Street is (a major street) that we really need."
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRES

From start to defeat, Altadena fire is a tale of tragedy

Gov. Pete Wilson said Thursday after touring the city. for possible victims, although there were no reports of anyone loses ranch there. Sheriff's Department spokesperson Sgt. Neil Lonier. It just got away from him and he began running down the hills. Authorities know only this about him: A Chinese immigrant, Huang. speaks no English. He is 35 years old. Before he came to this county two months ago. he had lived somewhere in South America. Like Mrs. O’Leary’s cow. Huang’s relationship to this fire is destined for infamy in Altadena. And for those whose homes were erased from the landscape, the slow process of starting over began Thursday. Whipped by the fierce winds, the fire raced through Eaton Canyon in this community in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, 15 miles northeast of Los Angeles. The fire early Wednesday was one of the 13 blazes that destroyed nearly 600 homes and burned 113,000 acres from Ventura County, north of Los Angeles, to the U.S.-Mexican border. From Eaton Canyon, the fire spread into the exclusive gated community of Kennedy Canyon Estates and sent 26-year-old Jim Bonoccorso scrambling down another hillside. “I woke up and heard explosions,” Bonoccorso recalled Thursday, standing in the smoldering embers of the homes he shared with his parents. “I thought it was power transformers burning.” What he heard were the exploding gas tanks of his neighbors’ cars. The back of his own house was on fire, and Bonoccorso, struggling out of deep sleep, realized his driveway was a wall of flame. “I ran through my neighbor’s property and fell down the hillside,” he said.

MALIBU — Country singer Dwight Yoakam’s ranch on Yerba Buena Road was destroyed as flames roared down a Santa Monica Mountain canyon toward the sea. “It’s gone but they saved his four horses,” the singer’s publicist, Tracey Edharder, said Thursday. The ranch burned despite valiant efforts by firefighters. “They are heroes,” Redburn said.

“Like Mrs. O’Leary’s cow, this ranch was on fire,” said Sheriff’s Lt. Dick Olson. The ranch burned through Hidden Valley the previous night. “We’re happy for one thing. My baby son is safe,” said another rancher. “I have nothing. I have my clothes that I take to work. I have one Tupperware dish because I took my lunch to work.”

FIRES: Coastal winds allow firefighters to make advances, but damage already huge

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Gov. Pete Wilson said Thursday after touring the city. Marines searched the rubble for possible victims, although there were no reports of anyone missing, said Orange County Sheriff’s Lt. Dave Olson. Arson was also suspected in a 3,314-acre fire in Ventura County that destroyed 18 structures.

Tuesday afternoon the skies were filled with smoke. It was the smoke from a 5,500-acre blaze that torched 115 homes in Altadena.

Artist Jirney Z. Zorichan, sporting a sombrero, stood below his studio and watched helicopters drop water on his 45-acre spread in the Angeles National Forest. He and his wife, Dabney, watched helplessly as flames licked precariously close to their home.

“What can you do when you’ve lived with something like this?” Mrs. Zorichan said. “You just deal with it. The fire comes later.”

Additional helicopters arrived, dropping 300-gallon tankloads of water on the last hot spots of the Altadena fire.

“God bless you,” resident Joe DiManno whispered skyward. “God bless you.”

The Angeles National Forest and all National Park Service sites in the San Gabriel Mountains were closed Thursday because of the fire threat.

In Washington, Clinton declared Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Riverside and San Diego counties federal disaster areas. He sent Federal Emergency Management Agency Director James Lee Witt to California.

About 2,130 firefighters from around the state and 600 U.S. Forest Service firefighters were summoned to the region. Gov. Wilson said 5,600 firefighters already were on the lines.

U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard C-130 Hercules aircraft joined the battle, dropping low over fire lines and spraying fire retardant like crop dusters.

The Los Angeles fires have already caused near record road closures. As they continue, Poly students heading home for the weekend wing to one road after another of changing road conditions and other ap­"
Stop 'us versus them' mentality

Re: "Endangered bicyclist endanger pedestrians," Letters, 10/26

It's time to get to the bottom of this whole bicyclist controversy. Every time I hear about cycling in San Luis Obispo, the discussion somehow turns into and "us-versus-them" argument. First it was drivers vs. cyclists, now it's pedestrians versus cyclists.

People who ride bikes for transportation should be accommodated just as much as those who drive cars. It's simple! Anyone who actually rides in SLO knows how dangerous it is — I'm sick and tired of all the BS from those "no bicycle" signs are not working — in part because they deny that the problem of access for bikes exists.

people who drive their cars and know nothing about riding on streets without bike lanes. What's wrong with putting some bike lanes in this town? It's about time!

People who ride their bikes to Cal Poly know that the campus has serious problems regarding access and safety. Let's address these problems — not argue "us vs. them" all over again.

Why is it people like (letter writer) Mr. Jennings try to deny that a problem exists? Those "no bicycle" signs are not working in part because they deny that the problem of access for bikes exists. This problem does exist, and it's not going away — so let's fix it and put up a stupid sign.

I guess Mr. Jennings' problem-solving exercise hasn't worked out too well, because that sidewalk is as dangerous as ever.

Cars run stop signs, but we don't condemn all drivers. Mr. Jennings' claim that 11 out of 10 cyclist run stop signs is absurd!

Let's stop pretending that people who don't ride bikes should hate people who do ride bikes. Let's share the road and the Cal Poly campus — cyclists, cars and pedestrians.

And for those of you who ride recklessly as Mr. Jennings described — and you know who you are — you're giving cyclists a bad reputation in this town.

James Malley
Political science senior

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SHEEP: Poly will lose its wool subsidy; sheepherders uncertain of effect

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He said 25 percent of America's 10 million sheep are raised and have their wool processed in California.

The exact effects of the subsidy's removal on the sheep unit's future are hard to predict, Rutherford said.

But animal science senior Al Scafani, also the shepherd at the sheep unit, had some of his own theories.

"A lot of those people buying our bucks for breeding could go out of business," Scafani said.

And losing that money will be far more damaging than losing the subsidy check, he said.

He said the subsidy check is one-third of commercial wool producers' income.

The sheep raised on campus are pure-bred, according to Scafani. He said that the 100 black-faced sheep Cal Poly has are generally raised for their meat. The 100 white-faced sheep on campus are generally raised for their fine wool.

"The only time you have a pure-bred operation is to produce male sheep for breeding," Scafani said.

Cal Poly's sheep subsidy checks go toward supplies and running the Serrano Project, Scafani said.

"The Serrano Project sends animal science students to Serrano Ranch, located out past Poly Canyon, to learn the handling of cross-bred sheep. "They try to assimilate a commercial atmosphere," Scafani said. He said commercial sheepherders use cross-bred sheep to produce more quality sheep for wool and meat.

Rutherford said the good thing about losing Cal Poly's $1,500 annual subsidy is that the government can no longer set conditions.

"There could be a little bit of a silver lining," he said, adding it may be a good opportunity for students to break away from past production practices.

"It will open doors for those ready for change," Rutherford said.

Rutherford also said government subsidies sometimes caused inferior products to be produced.

"The subsidies caused a lot of extra-fat lambs," he said. "In the future" we'll come out with a better product.

Rutherford said the political intrigue involved in getting rid of the wool subsidy was "credible."

He said that Sen. Richard H. Bryan (D-Nev.), who opposed the wool subsidy in Congress, made what Rutherford calls "a sneaky move" in the process of cutting the subsidy.

"He waited until Monday during noon recess to bring up cutting the Wool Act," Rutherford said.

And Bryan's proposal, made when few senators were present, therefore received little opposition. The phase-out of the subsidy began Oct. 15, with complete elimination by 1996.

"It was the most intriguing political confrontation since LBJ's time," Rutherford said.

"There was a lot of back-room trading," he said. He said he has not yet figured out why this issue has become a political target. "All Gore pulled the Wool Act out with no prior warning that it was in jeopardy," he said.

Although commonly perceived as a cost-cutting measure, Rutherford said he believes the removal of the subsidy won't save money.

"This program doesn't save taxpayers money," Rutherford said. "The money to fund the (wool subsidies) come from tariffs... The government is going to continue charging tariffs. It's just trying to raise money. The health care program will cost a lot."
Volleyball snags a game from UCSB

By Kristi Rampoldi
Daily Pilot Writer

The Cal Poly women's volleyball team suffered its fifth consecutive defeat at the hands of UC-Santa Barbara (20-2) Tuesday evening before a crowd of 450 at Mott Gym.

The Mustangs dropped the first two games 7-5, 6-8, but came back to win the third 17-15, but quickly lost the fourth game 2-16.

Cal Poly coach Craig Cummings said even though the Mustangs lost, it was very proud of how they played. "They gave us everything they had," Cummings said. "UC-Santa Barbara is a very good team."

Third-ranked in the nation, UC-Santa Barbara topped second-ranked Long Beach State last week for the Big West pole position.

Cummings said the Mustangs played hard the first three games, but ran out of gas in the fourth.

"That's why they (UC-Santa Barbara) are so good," he said, referring to the rival's greater experience.

Cummings said throughout the match the Mustangs had a good team attitude. "They were really supportive of one another," he said.

Freshman outside hitter Trisha Pollara said the team played well. "We worked hard," she said. "It just didn't happen for us."

Cal Poly out-dug the Gauchos 49-42 in the front row, senior setter Allison Wool led the team with 18 digs, while senior defensive specialist Tiffany MacLennan helped with 14.

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Wade said the first few days after his father's accident were tough for him, his mother and his older sister, Jennifer. "We're taking it day by day," he said.

He said he was glad he was able to play the way he did against Sacramento State.

"I knew my father wanted me to play," he said. "He's given so much to me that I'm forever in his debt. Playing football, just gives it back a little."

Wade said he would like to break the touchdown catch record at Cal Poly. He also would love to go to the playoffs.

"We're still ranked 18th," Wade said. "We play (fifth-ranked) Portland State this week. They are just a bunch of guys like us. We have to perform against Portland State."

Wade has developed a reputation as a tough competitor. Despite his slender frame, he holds records as an all-league receiver both at Canyon High and at Glendale Junior College.

The Mustangs have shown an explosion of points this season, averaging 39.4 points per game, sixth best in Division II football.

And Wade has been very significant to the offense's increase in point productivity.

After leading the team last year in receptions, Wade is back at the top of the receiving standings against this year.

Some big schools showed interest in him out of junior college, chief among them Memphis State and University of Oregon.

"I was looking to get out of Glendale to play spring ball," said Wade. "I had visited Cal Poly and loved the campus. I knew their academics were top-notch."

So he walked onto campus in the spring of 1992. He won a starting job during the 1992 season.

Against Sacramento State last year, Wade separated his shoulder and had to miss three games. Still, when the season ended, he led the team with 27 receptions and 383 yards.

The injury bug hasn't bitten him this season, though it has depleted depth in other areas of the team. Still, thanks to early season blowouts, Wade has not been needed to play four second halves this season.

Despite the time off, he is second in the American West Conference in receptions.

Wade has a knack for laying out for the ball," said offensive coordinator John Pettas. "He's not a true fast guy, but he has deceptive speed and a burst off the ball to get by defenders."

Pettas also notes that in every game this season, Wade has matched the opposing defensive backs.

"We can count on him to be a big playmaker," Pettas said.

Wade said much credit for his success goes to quarterback Mike Fisher, one of his roommates this year.

"Fish and I just kind of click," said Wade. "Mike's great. He puts everything on the money."

Wade said he would like to move to the next level after his tenure at Cal Poly, whether it be in the NFL or the Canadian Football League.

"I just want a shot to see how I can compete with them," he said.

Pettas uses former Cal Poly receiver Chris Thomas, who is with the San Diego Chargers developmental squad, as an example of Wade's prospects.

"Chris (Thomas) is a little bigger and faster than Joe is," Pettas said. "But with all the big plays he has made for us, I wouldn't rule out Joe."

Wade, a biology senior, said he is also interested in becoming a chiropractor.

"I was injured in a 3A game, and went to a chiropractor," he said. "I thought I would never play again, and the guy had me back playing by the next week."

For now, Wade is looking forward to the rest of the football season — and, he hopes, the playoffs.

He sums up his career at Cal Poly simply: "I'm enjoying it."
In firestorm's eye, firefighters forced to make heart-rending decisions

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ALTADENA — It was triage with a hose, and many of the patients perished — nearly 600 homes were lost to flames.

For all the herculean efforts of firefighters against the wildfire swarm, all they had to show for it Thursday were tiny victo­ries in a sea of defeat.

"You're fighting first fire with your hands cuffed," said Merie Horst, an engineer with the Los Angeles County fire department, as the charred remains of 115 homes cracked in the morning haze out of the flames.

"You could have fire trucks lined up from ocean to ocean and you can't do a thing. These guys on the equipment have to look those people in the face when they say, 'Hey, where were you when my $1 million house burned down?"
Men's soccer captures first CCAA title, expects bid into Division II playoffs

By Tony Brant Calvin Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly's men's soccer team clinched its first-ever California Collegiate Athletic Association title Wednesday with an away win, 1-0, against Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Head coach Wolfgang Gartner said the league championship was overdue.

"It is overdue and deserved," he said. "It is great for the seniors."

"We have knocked on the door, but always finished runner-up or close." The Mustangs won the CCAA title for the first time in its 13-year stint as head coach. They also take the championship in the final year they will play in the Division II conference.

The soccer team moves with the other Cal Poly sports to Division I next year.

Gartner said going out on top of the CCAA helps the team adjust to Division I. It gives the players more confidence, he said.

The conference championship will also give the Mustangs confidence when they enter NCAA Division II playoffs — a probable, according to Gartner.

Cal Poly did not earn an automatic bid with the CCAA title, but Gartner said it would be a "bizarre circumstance" if the NCAA did not invite Cal Poly to postseason action.

Gartner said the Mustangs had to fight hard to earn Wednesday's win.

"Traditionally Dominguez Hills (Hills) is tough to get," Gartner said.

The win moved Cal Poly's record to 7-6-2, in the CCAA and 11-4-2 overall.

"We have played a tough schedule this year," he said. "I think we are the best Division II team on the West Coast."

The lone goal of Wednesday's game came two minutes into the second half when senior midfielder Rich Kubec came up with a loose ball deep in the Toro zone. Kubec put the ball just inside the goalpost for his third goal of the season. That left it up to the defense.

"Our defense continues to tough," Kubec said. He singled out senior Dan Fish and junior defender Mike Black as examples.

"Junior goalkeeper Travis Beene recorded another shutout, running his team total to 11.

We have only allowed one goal in league play, and I think that is amazing," Gartner said.

The Mustangs continue to win without their leading scorers, senior midfielder Mike Nelson and junior forward Ryshiem Henderen, who continue to recuperate from injuries. They should be ready for postseason play if the Mustangs receive a bid, Gartner said.

The Mustangs closeout league play 7 p.m. Friday at Mustang Stadium against Cal State San Bernardino.

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