Weather cooperates in LA-area fires; recovery begins

College of Science and Math Dean Phil Bailey performs magic for visiting students / Delhi photo by Janet Jensen

Looking to diversify

Program brings urban youths to Poly campus

By Janellie Marboubou
Daily Staff Writer

A program intended to diversify Cal Poly brought nearly 100 Latino and African-American junior high and high school students to the campus for Friday.

“First Phase,” an orientation program for minority students, was an all-day recruitment and orientation event attended by students from Oakland and Los Angeles according to Niko Jarrett, special projects coordinator for the Teacher Diversity Project.

Jarrett said the orientation program is important to increase sensitivity at Cal Poly.

“There is no diversity on this campus,” she said.

“We want minority students to feel comfortable (at Cal Poly), and to do so we need more of them on campus,” Jarrett said. She said it was apparent to students as they stepped off the buses Cal Poly was a primarily Caucasian campus.

Jarrett said this poses a problem because minority students feel uncomfortable in an environment where there are few other people of their race.

She said the program encourages minority students to get familiar with the campus now so more will be inclined to come in the future.

“I don’t think the problem is only on the Cal Poly campus,” Jarrett said. She said other campuses also have an uneven ratio of ethnicities. She said such an imbalance was the reason most inner city kids go to mostly minority campuses.

In 1992, Cal Poly’s student population was 62.4 percent Caucasian, 9.9 percent Chicano and 4 percent other Hispanic, 8.8 percent other.

CSUs adopt high-tech admissions process

By Julie Stacey
Daily Staff Writer

Computer disks will replace application forms for prospective California State University students who apply for admission to the CSU this month.

Starting today, students can apply to any of the 20 CSU campuses for Fall 1994 by filling out an on-disk application form and mailing in the disk rather than a paper application.

“This is an exciting time for us,” CSU Coordinator of Admissions Services Greta Mack said. “This process will make it faster and easier for students, plus give high school and community college counselors another avenue for working with potential CSU students.”

Mack said the computerized application process makes it easier for students to correct mistakes made while filling out the forms. The computer-based system also opens the door for a future network connection, whereby applications could be submitted electronically.

Cal Poly Director of Admissions Jim Maruvillaga said he expects approximately 50 percent of Cal Poly applicants to apply by computer next fall.

“It will make (student’s) lives a lot easier,” he said. “You can’t lose.”

Police bust block party

600 involved in downtown disorder

By Brooke Richardson
Daily Staff Writer

Police halted a block party-turned-melee Saturday night near downtown San Luis Obispo after more than 600 people began to throw bottles, fight and attack cars.

Six officers from the city’s police department and numerous officers from the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Department and California Highway Patrol were needed to break up the party and disperse the crowd.

The Halloween party on the 1400 and 1500 blocks of Morro Street got under way at about 9 p.m., and was out of control by 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, police said.

Some local residents said the party was comparable to Isla Vista parties at Halloween.

“Tala Vista had nothing on what we had last night,” said former Cal Poly student Todd Kelly, 24. “People were throwing rocks and bottles at each other.

Most of the party-goers arrived at about 10 p.m.

“Within half an hour, there were about 400 people here,” Kelly said.

Although Sergeant Bruce Lahargoue of the San Luis Obispo Police Department said “it wasn’t a riot, just a big party,” all available units from both the Sheriff’s Department and CHP had to be called in to help the six city officers control and disperse the crowd.

“Somebody probably thought it was cool not to cooperate (with the officers),” Lahargoue said.

Then, he said, the “mob mentality” began and people started throwing rocks, bottles and trash at the officers.

No officers were injured during the incident, but Lahargoue said he thought some people in the crowd could have been hurt if they were hit by the flying objects.

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MELEE: Morro Street mob hurles rocks, bottles at police; no arrests are made

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DIVERSITY: Campus tour encourages Oakland, Los Angeles youths to attend Poly

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cent Asian and 2.1 percent African American, according to a report by the American Association of University Women. The report stated that 75 percent of Asian American and 77 percent of African American students do not attend a California public four-year institution.

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**DISKS: CSU officials streamline university application process; say disks are first step toward future automation**

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Students will be able to complete their applications on any Macintosh or IBM-compatible computer. Thousands of IBM and Mac disks have been distributed to high schools and community colleges for students' use.

"Once they heard about this, counselors started calling asking for disks," Mack said. "They're really enthusiastic about it."

Colby Richardson, a student at Leeland High School in Highland, said he plans to apply to Cal Poly using this method. "I won't have to worry about cut down response time to students," he said. "It's kind of difficult to weed out what questions you're supposed to answer," he said.

Last year, an electronic application process was tested at Cal Poly and CSU-Fresno. According to Mack, most students finished the experimental process in about 20 minutes. Others finished in as little as 10 minutes.

"We were (one of) the first colleges on the West Coast to start this process," Maraviglia said. "We're ahead of (other schools)."

The CSU electronic application for admission was developed for system-wide use under the direction of Rich Baker, director of admissions, records and evaluation for CSU-Fresno. According to Mack, the concept for the electronic application was sparked by hopes of making the overall process faster and easier for both applicants and administrators.

"It's a way to be less tied to computer, and there are plenty of computer prompts to lead them through the application and avoid mistakes," Mack said. "Some campuses will be able to cut down response time to students from six weeks to one week so students will know earlier if they've been accepted or not."

Last year approximately 240,000 students applied to the CSU system, according to Mack. Close to 250,000 applicants are expected to apply for Fall term 1994, with about 20 percent applying by disk.

The traditional paper application will continue to be accepted. However, use is expected to decline as more students switch to disk, Mack said.

"This is the first step in a long-range development effort by the CSU to harness available technology to the benefit of the system," she said.

By 1995 plans call for transmitting applications electronically to campuses over CSUNet, a statewide computer link between all CSU campuses, instead of mailing the disk to a campus.

Student transcripts could also be transferred electronically from a high school or community college. Campus information, including photographs, will be available on disk as well.

Students can begin filing applications Nov. 1 for a fee of $8.50. Cal Poly applicants can call the admissions office to have a disk sent to them.

**FIRE: Fires nearing containment; families salvage scorched remains**

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Hot, dry Santa Ana winds that leached moisture from vegetation and whipped sparks into firestorms earlier in the week were predicted to rise out of the desert interior again Friday night, but didn't materialize.

A high-pressure system over the Nevada-Utah area was too far east and was weakening, said James Ray, a National Weather Service forecaster.

"If you live here there's earthquakes and fires; somewhere else it's floods and tornadoes. It's just a part of life," said printed Rick Reed.

Fire-squelching humidity skyrocketed to levels ranging from 70 percent to 97 percent early Saturday as the moisture influence of the Pacific Ocean dominated Southern California's weather.

"It's the typical American spirit," she said.

The Altadena blaze was started by a homeless man's campfire, authorities said, but they believe at least six fires were caused by arson. On Friday investigators found an unspecified incendiary device that started an 1,800-acre Ventura County fire that injured four firefighters.

In Los Angeles, the FBI was investigating more than 30 threatening letters mailed to police, fire stations and San Fernando Valley residents since Sept. 1, said Fire Department spokesman Brian Humphrey.

The letters describe a fascination with fire and threaten to ignite blazes. Humphrey said there was no reason to believe the letters were connected to the fires that actually were set.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

- **Altadena Fire**
  - 5,700 acres - 118 homes destroyed - Damage estimated at $58.5 million

- **ORANGE COUNTY**
  - **Laguna Beach Fire**
    - 16,682 acres - 566 homes and businesses destroyed - Damage estimated at $272 million
  - **Villa Park Fire**
    - 750 acres - 9 homes with major damage, 27 with minor damage
  - **Ortega Fire**
    - 20,500 acres - 22 structures damaged or destroyed

- **RIVERSIDE COUNTY**
  - **Winchester Fire**
    - 25,100 acres - 30 homes and 77 outbuildings damaged or destroyed - Box Springs Fire

- **SAN DIEGO COUNTY**
  - **Guejito Fire**
    - 20,722 acres - 1 home and 2 outbuildings damaged or destroyed - $1.25 est. damage
  - **Green Meadow Fire**
    - 39,000 acres - 41 homes and 22 outbuildings destroyed or damaged - $5.25 est. damage
  - **Steckle Park Fire**
    - 26,500 acres - 1 home destroyed

**158,454 TOTAL ACRES BURNED IN MAJOR FIRES**
**Día de los Muertos: Welcoming the dead**

By Pedro Arroyo

Día de los Muertos — Day of the Dead — is a significant religious and cultural holiday for Mexicanos and Chicanos on both sides of the border.

The holiday as we know it probably dates back several thousand years to the western Mexican city of Teotihuacan, Tonantzinco (now Mexico City) and to Monte Alba in the highlands of Oaxaca.

To the indigenous people of the Americas the concept of death was celebrated because death brought life. The philosophy of the ancient Mexicanos was one of duality and continuity. Death guaranteed life, just like darkness guaranteed sunlight.

Octavio Paz, the Mexican author and poet wrote in the Labyrinth of Solitude: "Death was not the natural end of life but one of a phase in an infinite cycle. Life and death and resurrection were stages of a cosmic process which repeated itself continuously." The main function of life was to flow into death. By celebrating death, the Aztecs and other people made continued life possible.

On Día de los Muertos, Nov. 1 and 2 are the days when the departed souls come back to be with their loved ones. This is the day when we welcome back our dead. Unlike the Anglo-European tradition of Halloween — which emphasizes fear and does not deal with the concept of death directly — we embrace and celebrate death, the Aztecs and other people made continued life possible.

One of the most common offerings made is a favorite food the dead person liked. I remember the lively stories my dad tells me about his experiences during Día de los Muertos in his native state of Oaxaca. He would tell me how his mother would prepare the favorite food of a dead grandchild, a spicy and delicious Mexican stew made with chicken. It was her tradition to leave a served plate at a vacant seat on the night of Nov. 1, waiting for his return home and his company at dinner.

These ofrendas are placed on altars (altars) that are built at home in honor of the deceased and offer a way for us to find people in the cemeteries of Mexico during Día de los Muertos, paying their respects and offering food and flowers to the grave sites.

My father recalls how the local band in his small town would come to the cemetery to play music for the dead. Ofrendas are important because we give without hesitation and with love. They are, as my father told me, "a celebration and encounter with life and death." This offering ensures that the life and death of a person will never be forgotten.

Celebrating Día de los Muertos helps us preserve our culture in the United States. We have a saying in Spanish that goes, "La cultura cura," meaning that culture heals.

Unfortunately, many Chicanos and Mexicanos in the United States have gotten away from their roots and this has created an unhealthy imbalance. Día de los Muertos helps us keep in balance with our culture and traditions. My altar this year is a very special one because I am dedicating it to a very significant person in our community.

My altar is being dedicated to the late Cesar Estrada Chavez, president and founder of the United Farm Workers' Union (UFW). Cesar passed away last April after serving farm workers for more than 30 years.

I want to make an ofrenda to him for his commitment, strength and non-violent teachings. It is often said that a person's death is a definition of the type of life that was lived. "If our death lacks meaning, our life also lacked it," wrote Octavio Paz.

My altar is a living tribute of the accomplishments of this man. Cesar lived a tough life of poverty, strictly dedicated to the empowerment and well-being of farm workers; a life full of meaning and purpose that will never be forgotten.

* Pedro Arroyo is a political science senior.

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**LETTERS**

**Parking problems: What — or who — is the real problem in SLO?**

Ke "Counsel told parking plan was invalid," Mustang Daily 10/28

This letter is in response to the proposed new parking plan for the area surrounding Cal Poly.

It is obvious to me and other renters in the area that the petition is not a concern about parking, but yet another tactic to annoy and push renters out of the area.

Some renters, like my neighbors, were actually Some renters, like my neighbors, were actually threatened by door-to-door petitioners. They were told they would be reported to the city for having an illegal garage conversion if they refused to sign the petition. They would be reported to the city for having an illegal garage conversion if they refused to sign the petition.

Shortly after they refused to sign the petition, a city inspector knocked on the door asking to see their garage saying he had received a "tip." Now my neighbors are dealing with a huge problem and inconvenience (I should add that the garage conversion was the owner's doing, not the renters').

More proof that this is a ploy to push us away is what one resident said petitioners told him. This man, a person--

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Cross country teams earn CCAA title again

Women's team's 13-year headlock on conference championship remains firm

Thirteen years ago the women's cross country team ran into the California Collegiate Athletic Association and won the conference's first cross country title. Saturday at Bonelli Park in Walnut, Ca. Cal Poly won it again for the final and 13th consecutive year.

That is a phenomenal feat," men's assistant coach John Rembao said. "A lot of teams wish they won half as many."

Making history for himself Saturday was senior Dan Berkeland, who led the men's team to its sixth consecutive CCAA title.

Berkeland (24:35) won the men's CCAA Championship for the second consecutive time. No individual in the last 10 years had ever won back-to-back CCAA titles, according to Rembao.

Freshman Ryan Winn (24:47) and senior Matthew Hempel (24:52) helped out with second and third-place finishes respectively.

The men crushed their closest competition, UC-San Diego, by winning the meet with 20 points to UC-San Diego's 67.

"Forty-seven points is huge," Rembao said. "The best a team can score in a race is 15. We have an exceptional team.

Five of the top ten spots went to Cal Poly runners.

And Rembao said the Mustangs ran without their top two runners; Junior Coley Candaele and senior Scott Hempel refrained from competition to rest up for the upcoming West Regional Championships.

Last year the men's team took the CCAA and West Regional Championship, but finished tenth in the NCAA National Championship.

Head coach Terry Crawford expects greater things from the team this year.

"We won our conference last year, so this fall we want to focus on being successful at the national level," Crawford said.

The women's team also competed without two of its top runners. Junior Jennifer Lacovara sat out nursing a foot injury and junior Amy Davidson was given the weekend off to rest.

Rembao said he was a little concerned going into the meet without top runners, but he said the Mustangs quickly calmed those fears when they jumped out to early leads.

He said runners will be rested and ready to compete by nationals. Riverside plays host to the nationals Saturday, Nov. 22.

But before nationals, Cal Poly's cross country teams compete in the Western Regional Championships on Nov. 6 at Cal Poly Pomona.
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Junior setter Carrie Barrioski scramble to keep ball off floor in her return to action Saturday / Daily photo by Elaine Taylor.

MEN'S SOCCER: Mustangs cruise through California Collegiate Athletic Association without a loss

By Kristi Rompold Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly women's volleyball team ended its six-match homestand Saturday night when it defeated University of Nevada-Reno, 15-13, 15-12, 15-10, in three straight games.

The Mustangs (9-5-1) fell 15-11, 15-12, 15-13 to Nevada (12-11) before a crowd of 600 at Mott Gym.

The loss was the fifth straight for the Mustangs. Cal Poly mustered one victory during the six home games — the first match against Cal-Berkeley Oct.

Two of the losses during the home stint came at the hands of two of the top three teams in the nation — Long Beach State and UC-Santa Barbara. But Saturday's loss came against a team that had not recorded 11 wins in a season since 1987.

Head coach Craig Cummings said he was upset by the loss. "The boys were flat," he said. "Our general intensity wasn't there."

Junior setter Carrie Barrioski said the team "just couldn't keep up the consist­
tency needed to beat Nevada. "Things were clicking," she said. "We weren't on our level."

Barrioski returned to the lineup after missing a game because of a sprained finger.

The Mustangs led Nevada in the third game with scores of 3-0 and 13-11, but couldn't close out the game. "At times we were on, other times we weren't," Barrioski said.

Cummings said with this loss to Nevada, chan­
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"That's the way we played," Black said. "We dominated for most of this game."

Mike Black also scored two unoffcial saves when he cleared two shots from the goalie box that would have been sure goals.

Head coach Wolfgang Gartner said the team needed a little luck to get the win. "We didn't really play that well," Gartner said, "but five starters just battled for the

"We don't want to have a pan­ny schedule," he said. "The boys need to work to get better."

The Mustangs will travel to San Jose State for a match Tuesday. Then con­

Volleyball loses fifth straight

"We don't want to have a playoff bid."

Cummings said his team faces a tough schedule for the remainder of the season, but he's not disap­pointed.

"We don't want to have a pan­ny schedule," he said. "We're in the mix for the playoffs."

Outside hitters Meygan Androvich and Andrea Lucadamo led Cal Poly's of­fense with 12 kills each. Androvich and Lucadamo also led the defense in digs, with 19 and 11 respective­ly.

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Men's soccer team accomplishes final CCAA goal with win

By Tony Brust Calvin
Daly Staff Writer

Cal Poly's men's soccer team may have already wrapped up the California Collegiate Athletic Association title, but they had something to prove to Cal State San Benardino Friday. Poly took the field with the goal of beating everyone in the CCAA and finishing league play without a loss. The Mustangs, 12-2-1 and 8-0-1 in league, did just that, with a thrilling 2-1 victory over the Coyotes at Mustang Stadium on Friday.

The win was the team's first of the season. The dramatic winning goal came from the foot of the forward Leo Vera, with two minutes remaining in the game. He put in a corner kick from senior midfielder Chris Corona which was deflected near the goal.

Vera's goal was his sixth of the season, but he wasn't the only one who contributed from a corner kick this time.

"It was a set play," Vera said. "My job is to play the loose uncontested ball. I just knew it in.

"This is the most incredible feeling, especially at this stadium in a home atmosphere," Vera said, as eight children rushed on the field to ask him for his autograph.

Senior midfielder Rich Kubec initially got the Mustangs on the scoreboard.

Cal Poly's junior midfielder Cathie Cordova boots the ball as Coyote opponents close in / Daily photo by Steve McCraken
Coach says women's win may bring playoffs to Poly

By Tony Brust Calvin
Daly Staff Writer

Cal Poly's women's soccer team closed out the regular season Friday with a 5-1 win over the Cal State San Bernardino Coyotes at Mustang Stadium.

The win moves the California Collegiate Athletic Association champs' overall record to 13-1-1 and 5-0-1 in league action. The win also sealed and undefeated home record (10-0).

The first half was scoreless, but the action picked up in the second half when the Coyotes scored the game's first goal.

"I knew when we started playing, it was a game we had to wake up to," said head coach Alex Crozier.

The wake-up call was definitely answered, with the Mustangs scoring the next five goals.

Freshman defender Jennifer Birk scored the Mustangs' first goal when her shot deflected off a Coyote defender and dribbled into the goal. The score was her second of the year.

Janet Kreb scored the Mustangs' next goal by beating the goalie on a free kick from 30 yards out.

The next score came from Wendy Jones via a free kick from senior defender Holly Harris and a header by freshman midfielder Amy Earle.

Jones scored another similar goal minutes later for her 11th goal of the season. The goal put the Mustangs up 4-1.

The last goal of the game was scored when Kreb booted an open shot that beat the Coyote goalie, bringing her season total to four.

"This was a great win, since we tied them (earlier in the season)," said Kreb.

The fourth-ranked Mustangs will most likely face Sonoma State in the playoffs. Sonoma beat the Mustangs 1-0 in an away game earlier in the season.

"There is a good chance we will host Sonoma here," said Crozier.

Football playoff hopes dwindle with 17-21 loss to No. 5 Vikings

By Jeffrey Jan
Daly Staff Writer

Coming off of a close loss that knocked them out of the American West Conference title race, the Cal Poly Mustangs suffered another heartbreaker Saturday.

This time it was a come-from-behind 21-17 defeat at the hands of fifth-ranked Portland State.

And once again, it may have knocked them out of any hope for the playoffs.

"It was a tough game," said offensive coordinator John Petras. "The team is a little disappointed. They played really hard and just came up short.

The loss to the Vikings was different from the Sac State game, but was just as crushing to the Mustangs.

Vikings quarterback Bill Mahon had a big day. He threw for 289 yards, including the 14-yard, game-winning touchdown to Jim Crozier with just 2.2 left. Kellar also gained 116 yards rushing and had the game's first touchdown.

For the first time this year, Mustang quarterback Mike Fisher didn't throw a touchdown in a game. He had three interceptions, the last coming on the Mustangs' final drive that torpedoed Cal Poly's own comeback attempt.

The high-powered Mustang offense was shut down. They gained only 105 yards of total offense, their lowest output for the season.

The defense had trouble stopping Mattas, but allowed only 92 yards rushing and forced five turnovers.

Despite the loss, the Mustangs saw outstanding play from several team members.

Senior linebacker Mike Bredy and sophomore defensive back Chris Henry led the team with seven tackles each, followed by junior lineman Buster Layton with six. Bredy and Layton also had two sacks apiece.

Layton and Henry each recovered a fumble. Freshman cornerback Facio Benevides had two fumble recoveries and three passes broken up.

Although Fisher didn't throw a touchdown, he was on the receiving end of a 10-yarder from David Vieler. That score put the Mustangs up 10-7 midway through the third quarter.

"It was a halfback pass," Petras said. "We handed it off to Vieler and Mike slipped out the back. Dave threw it to him.

Viking running back Derrick Holmes scored from 10 yards out to put Portland State back on top, 14-10, near the end of the third quarter.

The Mustangs were held to just 112 yards total offense on the day.