Cal Poly takes to the sky

Aero seniors soar to first place

By Christine Spone
Daily Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, Cal Poly has distinguished itself in the aviation field when aeronautical engineering seniors in the Aircraft Design class received top honors at the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) aircraft design team competition. Cal Poly won first place, second place and an honorable mention in the national competition sponsored by Lockheed Martin. The winning team members were Bruno Bachmger, Jesse Rorge, Nick Demogines, Mark Don. Ricky Gan, Kipp Peppel, Kaaren Sorensen and Daniel Vigna.

Professor Bob van't Rent said the student work was submitted during the summer, and winners were announced in September. Students make a three-quarter commitment to compete in the contest, enrolling in the AERO 443, 444 and 445 sequence. The contest’s purpose is to teach students to combine their individual knowledge of engineering in a team effort to design aircraft.

Pilots speculate on Denver crash

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Since John Denver’s death in his newly acquired Long EZ experimental aircraft, there has been speculation within the local aviation community about the safety of home-built planes. Tony Dawson, a San Luis Obispo pilot, has owned two of the planes and thinks they’re safe. “As far as I know, there have been no documented in-flight structure failures in the Long EZ. It’s very strong,” Dawson said.

Burt Rutan, Cal Poly aeronautical engineering graduate, designed the Long EZ as well as many other aircraft models including the Voyager. Rutan was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 1995. Rutan could not be reached for comment, but in a statement to the press last week he said Denver’s crash was most likely caused by a bird hitting the plane. Officials are still investigating Denver’s death.

Trespassing could spark Poly Canyon shutdown

By Brian Johnson
Daily Staff Writer

Trail bikes may be banned from the Poly Canyon if property owners get their way.

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Don’t ride them there trails ya hear?

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"From my experience, I can see where an incident like that could do a lot of damage," he said.

El Yen's owner, Air San Luis, said he didn't fly experimental aircraft and he rarely works on them unless he personally knows the builder.

"Most of them don't have any maintenance records. It's hard to put your trust in someone else's workmanship," Yen's said.

"There's a tremendous amount of liability once you sign it off as being airworthy."

Many home builders don't want to follow the plans, they change power plants or make other changes which offset things aerodynamically," he continued.

"Conceivably, John Denver's crash could have been a structural failure," Yen said.

"I wish I had more money to invest," said Helen Ginty, 40, a secretary in New York, asserting that she plans no change in her retirement investment strategy.

"I don't think people are as crazy as they used to be" during a downturn.

For many analysts, the drop was notable because the Dow has now fallen 13.3 percent, from its Aug. 6 record high of 8,259.31, its first downturn of at least 10 percent in seven years, the longest such streak since the 1960's.

"The market was very vulnerable prior to the Southeast Asian crisis, and after rising 110 percent since the beginning 1995, it was susceptible to anything negative," said S&P's Kaufman, asserting that a stream of weak earnings reports or a jump in interest rates could have set off a steep decline just as easily.

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produce a single design. This year the AIAA challenge called for the design of a 60-passenger regional amphibian commuter aircraft. Students were required to actually build a model of their plane.

“A call it a design validation model,” van’t Reit said. “All airplanes have something about them that makes them difficult to fly, and I ask each team to perform some experimentation on that aspect of the plane. When we designed the amphibian the difficult part was when the plane was dealing with the spray and action of the water. The students tested their designs by actually towing the model with a boat.”

Seniors participating in the project have strengths in aerodynamics, propulsion, structures, strength and materials, stability and controls and thermodynamics.

Aeronautical engineering senior Daniel Vigna said the course definitely helps any student who wants to work in the aviation industry.

“The design course is the keystone for the whole curriculum. Much of the curriculum is theory, but this is where you bring that theory in to application,” Vigna said. “Career-wise there are a lot of benefits because throughout the year we traveled to manufacturers such as McDonnell Douglas and Boeing and presented the plans, so the team members were able to meet people and make contacts for future employment.”

Van’t Reit said Cal Poly usually has four teams, with seven or eight people on each team, all trying to design an aircraft with the same set of requirements. Each team may come up with a different solution, but all work to solve the same problems.

He said approximately 35 seniors participate, and the competition is fierce.

The winning team receives $1,000, which isn’t a lot of money, but the excitement is in doing a good job, he said. “From an employability standpoint, winning a competition like this looks very good on a resume.”

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Bob van’t Reit
Aeronautical engineering professor

“We have been placing well in the team competition for a number of years, actually we placed exactly the same last year with a first, second and an honorable mention,” van’t Reit continued. “The prior year we got second, so we’ve been improving in the team competition.”

Van’t Reit said the AIAA individual design competition in aeronautics has only been won twice by Cal Poly in recent history. Three years ago individual honors went to Paul Hans Fecht.

The first Cal Poly student to excel in individual design was Burt Rutan. Rutan is a world-renowned leader in composite aircraft design and was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 1995. He has designed several experimental home-built aircraft, including the Long EZ, the plane John Denver was flying when he crashed.

Rutan is most noted for his design and composite construction of the Voyager aircraft which his brother, Dick Rutan, and Jeanna Yaeger flew around the world non-stop, without refueling, in 1998. His other notable designs include the flying surfaces of the Pegasus Space Launch vehicle.

Actually this school has generated a number of very good aeronautics graduates,” van’t Reit said. “We have an astronaut, a vice president of McDonnell Douglas and a vice president of Northrop. Cal Poly has produced an impressive list of folks from the aeronautical engineering department.”

Splish-splash!

Zach Stockwell struggles for the ball in a match Sunday afternoon at the Rec Center.

A screenshot of a comic strip titled "AERO" with the caption: "The students tested their designs by actually towing the model with a boat."
Today I am an English major. Tomorrow I’ll be a math major. And maybe next week I’ll be an art business major. If you think that these decisions are being made by a first-year student, think again. I am a graduating senior who was informed by the Cal Poly records office that any one of my professors or the dean of a college could change my major at any time. This story begins last June when I got married and changed my name. I filled out all the proper documents with records, stood in all the lines and paid the fees. Then, last month I received my fall schedule. My name was right—Kelly Suzanne Davis, all the pertinent info was right, except one minor detail; I noticed that instead of being listed as an English major (which I have been since I entered this university four years ago) I was listed as being a dairy science major. Completely freaked out, I visited Records as soon as possible while on my lunch break. I was readily informed that I had obviously filled out a major change form but Records was having trouble locating it. I was then told that I would have to fill out all the proper paperwork to change my major BACK to English—which many of us know involves the signatures of not only the department heads but the college deans as well. However, I was already late getting back to work so I told the woman dealing with me that I knew Spanish pretty well, so I would be doing all my own work. Well, what’s your priority Kelly?” While my ID card was thrust back into my face. I returned the next day to clear things up and was told that although one of my professors or a dean had obviously filled out the major change form, they were still having trouble locating it. With a smile, the woman informed me that they had cleared everything up anyway—I was back to being an English major. Hub. Magic. Later in the quarter I made an appointment at the Health Center (where I have been a regular patient for three years) and informed the woman at the desk that I had changed my name. I asked her if it was going to be a problem with my records—she said there was no problem. So what happened there? I know that there are other Kelly Davies at Cal Poly. Did one of them fill out a major change form? If so, then why didn’t Records use the Social Security Number of that person instead of simply seeing a name and changing the info. Isn’t the whole point of making us use our Social Security numbers for every little transaction here to make things more accurate? When I made my appointment at the Health Center, did the first receptionist erase me from the computer by hitting the wrong key? What mistake will they make next? Which of your professors might take the liberty of just saying: “Hey, I don’t like the way this person is doing her major, maybe I’ll change her to an electrical engineering major.” You might want to think about checking your records to see what the system has done to you.

Kelly Davis is an English senior.

She thought it would be a simple name-change request. She was wrong.

It could happen to you.

Think about what you say

Editor,

Hi there! I just felt I needed to get my two cents worth!!

I read Amanda’s article and I agree with her wholeheartedly about students having to get to the basics. Unfortunately, a few students here have a hard time with grammatical mistakes and meaningless clauses.

First, she rags on engineers about their ability to write (WRITING!!). I’m an engineer and I know a few engineers that have a lot to be desired with them THERE! writing abilities, so let it slide.

Towards the end of the article, she says, “You can note that you’re bilingual on a job application because you speak Spanish good. But your English AIN’T so swell.”

I got a good chuckle from this statement. Coming from a first generation Mexican family, I had all the pressures in the world to compete with everyone. I didn’t know the language, but my meticulous habits helped me overcome the language barrier. I knew that people would look for my mistakes more than others, so I tried my best not to make any. I couldn’t even afford a computer and teachers for pushing my writing abilities to where they are today.

My point is, please think about what you say. I know this statement doesn’t apply to everyone, but some people can take it the wrong way and think you’re telling them they’re inadequate. I happen to think my English is swell. So is my Spanish and Italian. I can never settle for something less. It’s not to say that I even have any stretch of the imagination. They’re just there.

And P.S.: ain’t and won’t aren’t contractions by any stretch of the imagination. They’re just there to make English easier to speak. Evolution man!!

Cesar Hernandez is an electrical engineering senior.

Spell check doesn’t help with grammar

Editor,

As Amanda Keller kindly pointed out, we have become dependent on spell checkers, especially on Microsoft Word’s spell check. It checks your spelling for you! This is great isn’t it? Except for the fact that it doesn’t check your grammar automatically! This means you’ll find “you’re,” “your,” “it’s,” “its,” and other misspellings all around you. Trust me, I’ve seen it on the rise for years, especially when I was in high school.

I would think that now, when we are in college, people would re-read their own paper and do their own grammar and spell checking, but I guess that is assuming too much. It is funny to read someone’s paper in English class after they supposedly re-read it themselves and find at least three or four misspellings or grammar errors because of Word’s spell checker.

Maybe one of these days we will start teaching grammar to students in elementary school and junior high again, but until then, I will keep reading and laughing.

Josh Jenkins is a mathematics sophomore.


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By Kelly Davis
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complaint, Mains's land is where most private property trespassing is occurring.

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"We've had fences cut, gates left open. We've had people kind of wiring fences open so they could get their bikes through. We've had people ride up behind us when we're moving cattle, and sometimes, on young horses, it can be real frightening if the horse is not expecting it," Maino said. "It's dangerous to the rider, and it's disruptive to moving cattle."

Gary Ketchum, farm superintendent of the College of Agriculture's farm operations department, said people drive out on Highway 101, stop at the top of Cuesta grade and come down the hills onto Mains's Cal Poly's properties.

He said the other way people trespass is by coming up through Poly Canyon Road and accessing the trails from above Poly Canyon. They then go back and forth between private property and Cal Poly property, often going down wherever they want.

"I've caught for trespassing, but I didn't know it was illegal to go through there," Maino said. "And there was a response he gets from nearly everybody.

"I got caught for trespassing, and I didn't know it was illegal to go through there," Ketchum said. "I think the College of Agriculture would do it if we didn't get any cooperation from mountain bikers and we still got complaints from neighbors," he said.

Maino said he thinks that would definitely help.

"In my mind there's no question that if Poly Canyon was shut down to mountain bikers, our problems would be greatly diminished," John Maino, Tenant of land adjacent to Poly Canyon

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those responsibilities is tremendously important."

Jenssen began her volleyball career relatively late in life. Despite growing up in a volleyball mecca of sorts, Laguna Niguel, Calif. (between San Clemente and Laguna Beach), she did not start playing organized volleyball until her freshman year of high school.

For two years, she played on the junior varsity level. After the high school volleyball season, Jenssen played soccer and swam for the swim team at Dana Hills High School. To sharpen her skills on the volleyball court, she also found time to play on a club volleyball team.

Finally in 1993, Jenssen made the varsity team. That year she helped lead her team to win the league championships. In her senior season, she was named first team all-league and academic All-Calif. For her senior season, she was also inducted into the San Clemente and ball program and academic program from many schools including Loyola Marymount, University of San Francisco, Northern Arizona, Idaho and Cal Poly.

She said she chose Cal Poly not only because of the school's volleyball program and academic pro-
tige, but also because she loved the girls on the team. "If things get a little heavy, and you can tell if someone's getting a little sad, you lift them up," Jenssen said. "You do that because you're a team."

When Jenssen, now 20, arrived in San Luis Obispo in 1995, the volleyball program was under the direction of former head coach Craig Cummings. Despite playing in all 29 matches as a true freshman, she knew the volleyball program needed a new direction.

"The program was at a standstill," Jenssen said. "We needed a change, I could tell by the players and everybody we needed a change, and Steve (Schlick) came in and we had new plays and a new outlook on things. It was a total turn-around from freshman to sophomore years."

One of the changes she made between her freshman and sophomore years was to work more on the technical aspects of her game.

"When we walked in we felt like she was someone who had some feel for the game, but whose technical skills needed to be better," Schlick said.

As a result, Jenssen has developed into a real all-around player. "When she first came in she was just a middle-thicker," defensive specialist Stephanie Runsey said. "Now she's totally developed. She can play all three front row positions."

Despite the coaching changes, Jenssen's attitude toward the game has remained much the same.

"My view on volleyball is I am really enjoying it," Jenssen said. "There are times when the team's not doing as well, or you're not doing as well, and you have to kind of work through to get to that point when you're enjoying it. If I stopped loving the sport, I would stop doing it."

Although Jenssen does not plan to pursue a volleyball career after graduation, one can be sure she had fun while it lasted.

"I don't want to be someone who just likes, I hate the sport," Jenssen said. "I want to still love the sport. I don't want to look back on those years and be like, God, I shouldn't have done that, I could have done something better with my life. I have no regrets for what I've done."

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Jenssen smiles from every position on the court

By Peggy Curtie
Daily Ball Writer

It was just a routine play. Cal Poly volleyball player Trisha Jenssen was backing up on the court to play defense when a spike from a Nevada player hit her smack in the face.

In typical fashion, she didn't angrily slam the ball down or feign injury. Instead, she laughed. She laughed so hard her face turned red.

That's the type of person Jenssen is on and off the court.

"She's very comfortable with who she is," Cal Poly head coach Steve Schlick said. "I think she knows herself pretty well, and because of that, she gets along well with other people around her. I think she's the same whether she's on the court or off the court."

On the court this season, the liberal studies junior has played in all 21 matches. She is third on the team in kills and attack attempts and second in solo blocks.

"Like many players who have set positions, Jenssen, who is listed on the roster as a middle blocker, plays a variety of positions. She's kind of a fly-all," Schlick said. "She's played right side, she's played some left side and she middle blocks sometimes. We have her do everything except set, and her hands are pretty good, too."

At six feet tall, Jenssen also plays in the back row, which is unusual for players of her size.

Last year, she had 132 digs, while leading the team in kills with 150.

"She's more than anyone else has been asked to fulfill a multitude of responsibilities," Schlick said. "Her ability to be flexible and to be able to fill any role is a reason why she's on the court this season."