**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 astronautical engineers 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 Borge, Nick Demogines, Mark Duun, Ricky Gan, Kipp Peppel, Kaaren Sorensen and Daniel Vigna.

Professor Bob Van't Beil 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

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**Pilots speculate on Denver crash**

By Christine Spone
Daily Staff Writer

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 astronautical 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.

Although Dawson has never hit a bird in a small aircraft, he has done so in his commercial flying career. He is an international 747 captain for United.

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**Dow drop of 554 shuts Stock Market**

By Bruce Meyerson
Assistant News

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average tumbled 554 points on Monday, prompting the stock market to halt trading for the first time since President Reagan was shot as investors scrambled to protect their money from the aftershocks of a financial panic in Southeast Asia.

The Dow, the market’s best known barometer, fell 554.26 to 7,161.15, surpassing the 569-point Black Monday crash of 1987 as its biggest point drop ever.

But on a percentage basis, Monday’s 7.14 percent drop by the Dow only ranked as the 12th biggest ever and didn’t come close to the Dow’s 22 percent loss on Black Monday, which marked its 10th anniversary slightly more than a week ago.

Still, the sell-off put the Dow’s losses at about 900 points over the past four sessions and 1,100 points since it set a record high at 8,599.31 on Aug. 6.

“It’s a bloodbath,” said Arnold Kaufman, a market analyst at Standard & Poor’s. “It scares you because when you get a decline this fast, there’s a risk it will keep snowballing.”

The Dow’s drop triggered two circuit breakers on the New York Stock Exchange that had never been set off since they were put in place after the 1987 sell-off.

The first circuit breaker, at 350 points, closed the market for 30 minutes. The second, at 550, halted trading for the day.

It remains to be seen how much of Monday’s selling was fueled by mutual fund investors.

Publicly, however, many individual investors portrayed an unfappable facade.

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**Trespassing could spark Poly Canyon shutdown**

By Christine Spone
Daily Staff Writer

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

Brian Johnson
Daily Staff Writer

Don’t ride them there trails ya heard? Mountain biking has become an increasing problem on private property around Poly Canyon and off-road in Poly Canyon. The increase in trespassing onto private property has already caused Harold Mossi, owner of land east of Poly Canyon, to send a letter of
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"I wish I had more money to invest," said Helen Ginty, 60, 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 Kagan, asserting that a stream of weak earnings reports or a jump in interest rates could have set off a steep decline just as easily. "The Southeast Asian crisis is just a trigger. Something would have come along at some point. This is what came along."

Stocks started the day lower as another sharp selloff in Hong Kong, triggered by news of a jump in interest rates and local currencies plunging. But with corporate profits still beating Wall Street forecasts and the U.S. outlook on inflation and interest rates remaining favorable, many analysts concluded that the stock market had taken a turn for the better with this sharp pullback.

"There was no margin for error" at the market's historical high valuations, said Larry Rice, chief investment officer at Josephthal, Lyon & Ross. "It's very healthy to shake some of this out. We have a very sound economy here. We're going to survive."

And once again, analysts stressed that although plenty of U.S. companies do business in Asia, this nation's financial health is only slightly dependent on the fortunes of Southeast Asia.

"Exports to the Asian countries affected by the (financial crisis) represents less than 2 percent of our gross domestic product," said John Shaughnessy, chief investment strategist at Advest Inc. in Hartford, Conn.

"I take great heart in the fact that fundamentally, the underpinning of our market is solid," said Shaughnessy. "I still view this as a nasty correction in what still remains a bull market. This is such a highly reversible, emotional event. I feel comfortable that something good will happen and turn things around."

The Nasdaq composite index, dominated by technology companies that do more business in Asia than most other American industries, also suffered its worst one-day point drop ever, falling 115.44 to 1,535.48.

On foreign markets, the Hang Seng index fell 7 percent in Hong Kong.

Elsewhere, the Nikkei stock average fell 1.9 percent in Tokyo. Frankfurt's DAX index dropped 4.2 percent, and London's FT-SE 100 fell 2.6 percent.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by an astounding 16-to-1 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, as volume came to 685.50 million shares, the busiest day ever in the exchange's history.

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

Al Yenic, owner of Air San Luis, said he doesn't fly experimental aircraft and he rarely works on them unless he personally knows the builder.

"Most of them don't have any maintenance protocol. If you're just a trigger, it's hard to put your trust in someone else's workmanship," Yenic 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 offsets things aerodynamically," he continued.

"Conceivably, John Denver's crash could have been a structural failure," Yenic said.
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Think about what you say

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Editor,

Hi there. I just felt I needed two 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 right (WRITE?). I’m an engineer and I know a few engineers that have a lot to be desired with there 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 for crying out loud! I still don’t have one.

So I give thanks to my parents and all my 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. And I can take settle for some- thing half-ass to get myself by. So when I put that I’m bilingual on a job application, I really am.

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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 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 assumed too much. It is funny to read someone’s paper in English class after they supposedly re-read themselves and find at least three or four misspellings or grammar errors because of Microsoft’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.

Cesar Hernandez is an electrical engineering senior.

Today I am an English major. Tomorrow I’ll be a math major. And maybe next week I’ll be an art 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 of my professors or the dean of a college could change my major on a whim. My 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 rapidly 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 as I told the woman dealing with me. Then I was asked suddenly “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 to make sure that I was going to be a problem with my records—she said there was no problem. Later that day I returned home to find a message on my machine from the Health Center. They hadn’t realized when I made my appointment that I was a new student and could I please come in early to fill out all the necessary paperwork. I could not go in early because I worked until my appointment time. When I went in I was asked if I was a new student and I told them no. The receptionist frantically searched for my file and then acknowledged that I had been erased from the database—I had no medical record file at the Health Center.

So what happened there? I know that there are other Kelly Davises 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 as an English major, maybe I’ll change him/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.
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A property owner stopped people who trespassed on his land with a gun, Ketchum said.

"He'd stand there and make them hold no trespassing signs and take pictures of them. He was crazy. I guess he would keep them (the pictures) for evidence if they did anything," he said.

Everyone would be happy, Ketchum said, if people just went down wherever they want. Chris Kaplin, microbiology senior, said he was caught on Maino's property.

"I got caught for trespassing, but I didn't know it was illegal to go through there," Kaplin said.

Maino said that's the response he gets from nearly everybody.

"Generally, when I catch somebody up there, it's always, 'oh goosh, I didn't know. I thought this was Poly land,'" he said.

Ketchum said trespassing on private property is not the only problem though. He said biking in Poly Canyon is becoming more of a problem as well. He said it's not the people who ride on Poly Canyon Road, but the people who ride off-road who cause the problems. It's illegal.

"People who ride on the trails don't always stay on them, so they start making new trails and everybody tries the new trail and then everybody gets tired of that trail so they have to build a new trail," Ketchum said. "Or, they'll take a cow trail or foot path and turn it into a wide path, and then the rains follow it down and you get erosion."

"But in the two years he's ridden in Poly Canyon, Kaplin said he's never seen a new trail. He also said there's no way for people to know that trails are off limits.

"There's not a sign anywhere that says stay on the road," he said.

But Ketchum said the problem has not been the signs, but the riders.

"We've had signs up on these trails saying no bike trails, and they've all been destroyed. They've taken them all down."

"And, Ketchum added, 'security does come around, but you can't patrol the canyon all the time.'"

Ketchum said the canyon was shut down a number of years ago because of mountain bikers, and it could be shut down again.

"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, because they were (when it was shut down) before," Maino said. "Not that I want to do that (again), but I've told the people I've caught before, you guys keep coming onto private property and doing this and you're going to ruin it for everybody."

Up until now, riders caught trespassing have just been given a warning. People who trespassed onto one person's property...
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those responsibilities is tremen-
dousy 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 made the Orange County All-Star Team. She also received scholarship offers 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 prov-
tage, 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 stand-
still," 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 players 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 tech-nical 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-blocker," defensive specialist Stephanie Romsey said. "Now she's totally de-

oped. 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."

Jenssen is also not afraid to bring some of that attitude to the court. "I carry a lot of who I am on the court," Jenssen said. "That's what I wish I could say I go on the court and I'M Intensity, but I smile on the court and I laugh."

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's just like, 'I hate the sport','', Jenssen said. "I want to still love the sport after the 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.
Jenssen smiles from every position on the court

By Peggy Curtis
Daily Trojan Staff

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.

Unlike 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 left side and she middle blocks sometimes. We have her do everything except set, and her hands are pretty good, too.

At over 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 290.

She, 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 every position is why she’s starting every game.

As six-feet tall senior middle blocker Trisha Jenssen led the Cal Poly Volleyball team last year with 290 kills and posted 132 digs on the season.

Undefeated and Ranked - Junior wide receiver Ben Winter drops an opponent to carry the ball downfield for the Mustangs. Winter and the rest of the Cal Poly football team made another mark in the record books today. With a 7-0 record overall and a quarterback ranked No. 1 in the nation for passing, the Mustangs' win over Northern Iowa has earned them a spot in the rankings. This is the first time Cal Poly has been nationally ranked since moving up to Division I-AA in 1994. The Mustangs are ranked No. 20 on the ESPN/USA Today poll and appear at No. 19 on The Sports Network poll.

Mustangs appear in Div. I-AA national rankings for first time

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