Groups take action to handle ecology problems

by Teresa Mariani
Staff Writer

Toppled billboards along Highway 101 at Cuesta Grade may have had some county residents wondering if San Luis Obispo had its own Earth First! group, especially after an article about the radical environmental group appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle.

The Ecology Action Club meets every Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Science North.

Environmental groups in the county focus on controversial topics...
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Clary said that although "it's not impossible", she doesn't think Moses will improve to the point of reaching his potential.

One problem Moses has had is that he has not seen eye to eye with the student senate.

"We have had problems this year," Moses admitted. "My style is not one that the members of the senate are in agreement with." But according to Moses, the situation is improving.

"I think they're beginning to understand how I work," he said. "The last several meetings have gone very smoothly. I attribute that to my learning as well as their cooperation."

Moses said the problem is the difference between the way the senate chair is elected and the senate leaders are appointed.

"The vice president is selected by the students at large while committee members select their own chairpersons," he pointed out. "I think senators need to understand the necessity to work with the person the students have elected."

But the problems are not limited to Moses. According to Clary and DeAngelis, the senators themselves are partially responsible.

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High road, low road, bikes take the grade

Story, photos by Craig Stebbins

Imagine people riding through the hills on "mountain goats" and "side winders." Besides being the names of wild animals, they are also some of the labels given to a unique type of bicycle—mountain bikes which are also known as clunkers. This type of bicycle provides a new way for the outdoor enthusiast to explore the trails, fire roads, and animals paths of the back country. Mountain bike riding involves a spirit of adventure, hard work, and bicycle that resembles a motorcycle more than a 10-speed. A true clunker fan will claim that his or her bike can go anywhere.

Mountain bikes are a hybrid of the common street 10-speed and the old fat-tired single speed that is the earmark of many a newspaper carrier. To distinguish the mountain bike from its flatland cousin, the beach cruiser, several things must be noticed. A true clunker has multiple gearing, ranging from 5 to 18 speeds. The tires are knobly instead of smooth, and look as though they belong on a dirt-driven motorcycle. The normal brakes found on a 10-speed are called caliper brakes and they do not work as well on clunker bikes. Two styles of brakes are found on mountain bikes. The first is a cantilever brake which is more efficient because the brake pivots from two separate points on the frame instead of one like caliper brakes. Drum brakes on a mountain bike are not mounted on the frame, but are part of the hub assembly and work like drum brakes on a car.

The rest of the components originated on other two wheelers—motorcycles and racing bikes. The handlebars resemble the "longhorn" style found on motorcycles. Heavy-duty brake levers are another item adapted from motorcycles. These levers are strong and can survive the abuse caused by back country accidents. Bike parts made from lightweight aircraft materials also

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Top: Cal Poly alumnus Jack Frost demonstrates the hearty performance of his mountain bike in Poly Canyon. Above: Finding this grade a little too steep, Poly alumni Jack Frost and Laura Thompson ascend on foot.
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Mountain bikes take rugged terrain

From page 9 contribute to the uniqueness of these bicycles. The drivetrain of a mountain bike is composed of its crankset, chain, and gear cluster. The combination of a triple crank in front and six-speed gear cluster in the rear, will yield an 18 speed bike. The broad range of gearing makes old frames is significant. A difference between new and cheapest way to go. even and an aluminum frame the newer ones. The price not as strong or U|t as into "these frames are caused by the weight of the frame and the stiffer fork of a mountain bike. A mountain bike can often of condition. of terrain under a variety riding possible in all types of mountain bikes is a lot less 1572 **C* LIZZIE

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Outdoors

of the popularity of mountain bikes is the fact that they can take abuse and re-quire little maintenance. People like being able to ride off curbs without hav-ing a wheel collapse."

Hughes said. Hoster added that mountain bike riding is more comfortable than riding road bikes because of the upright riding position and the cushioning effect of the seat. He said, "Riding mountain bikes is a lot less fatiguing because the neck and back get less strain."

Last year Hoster demonstrated the comfort of his mountain bike by riding from Arroyo Grande to Crested Butte, Colorado. He went to Colorado to participate in the Crested Butte to Aspen Mountain Bike Ride, a two-day ride that ascends and descends the 12,700 foot Pikes Peak on a pack-mule trail. In addition to their comfort and indestructibility, mountain bikes offer a great way to enjoy cycling while escaping into the countryside. The lack of the usual street noise was the first thing that impressed me during my intro-ductory clutch ride in Poly Canyon. Mountain bikes can go where a car cannot!

I was impressed along on this clutch ride by three friends who all had mountain bikes. I was riding a 20 year old Schwinn that was inappropriately called a "Racer." This bike did not resemble a mountain bike at all, but I thought it would work anyway. My bike has a single gear and a foot operated coaster brake.

My bike worked great on the flats, but became a hindrance to be pushed up hills as soon as the grade exceeded five degrees. It is amazing how much one learns to ap-preciate the qualities of a mountain bike when he is pushing a two wheeled piece of junk up a hill. After swapping bikes with one of my friends, I quickly learned that there is more to riding a clunker than meets the eye. A front-to-rear balance point must be kept while riding uphill. If one leans too far forward, the rear wheel lifts up and traction is lost. Leaning too far back causes the front tire to left up and send the rider into a back flip.

Riding in the rain and mud is an additional challenge of clunker riding. Keeping the knobby tires moving through the thick and gooey mud requires the proper gear selection and strong legs...after fly-ing through a couple of puddles and taking several spills, the worst was back Hoster came back to me.

Even though mountain bikes are a lot of fun, they can be destructive to delicate wilderness areas. They can contribute to the destruction of vegetation and soil erosion. Staying on trails prevents the unnecessary destruction of a hillside and meadows. Riding bikes through streams can also be harmful. The oil from the chain washes into the stream and can harm fish, especially in smaller, slow moving streams. Responsible and considerate mountain bikers do not ride their chains prior to going on a ride that include stream crossings. Mountain bikers should also be aware that certain state and federally owned wilderness areas do not allow bikes on the trails.

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Mark Gang

If you know someone who is a sportsaholic, you've probably noticed that about this time each year, he or she shows signs of withdrawal: sweaty palms, jitters and constant twitching.

That's because the month of February is probably the dullest in terms of sports. The Super Bowl has ended, and with it the National Football League schedule. The National Basketball Association and National Hockey League are both months away from their ludicrous playoff tournaments, as is the NCAA. Major league baseball's spring training is a month off. Heck, even the Kentucky Derby is a long way away.

What does that leave for the sports-hungry student? Golf. Major Indoor Soccer and boxing. Yeah...

Not only that, but a good proportion of the nation's sports fans are cooped up this time of year due to snow and sub-freezing temperatures. Without a chance to release energy, many sports fans' minds turn to things like the sorry state of our nation's economy and hopes that spring will come early this year.

Alas, a few years ago, someone got smart and

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Volleyball coach patches up empty spots

Volleyball head coach Mike Wilton was looking for athletes to fill two certain positions when he began his recruiting process. Wilton wanted a setter and an outside hitter. Well, he got what he wanted.

Wilton, who will be in his sixth season come September, has signed a pair of 6-foot-players—Linda Bohm and Barbara Fontana. Bohm was his first signee. She is a setter out of Golden West Junior College in Huntington Beach and is a physical education major.

"She is quick and a good passer," Wilton said of Bohm, who was also recruited by Pepperdine, Arizona, Nevada-Reno and Wyoming. She has a good mind for the position. The more times I watch her, the more I’m pleased she is coming here. We’ve had good feedback about her from our ex-players like Tina Taylor and Marie Londe like setters for the Mustangs the past two years.

Fontana, the outside hitter, comes out of Cal Poly where she was a right side in her two seasons there. She is a non-committed athlete, but the Mustangs definitely saved it. Plenty of them, but the suits definitely saved it. I already think she’ll probably get some heat for saying that balking suit issues have some merit. That’s okay, though. That’s what they’re intended for—to ease boredom, even if it means creating controversy.

Now, if I could get SI to do something about my boring textbooks!

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"I'm going home again this weekend," the blonde woman said to her male lunch companion. "There just isn't anything to do around here!"

Nothing to do around San Luis Obispo? This notion, repeated daily by hundreds of Cal Poly students, is simply not true. While the county does not provide the variety and excitement of Los Angeles, San Francisco or Tahoe, it is by no means "boring." Many Cal Poly students fail to look hard enough for recreation—and don't stop to think that there is much in the way of fun activities to be found outside, as well as inside, San Luis Obispo city limits. Lopes Lake, for example, offers a multiplicity of activities for outdoor lovers—water skiing, boating, swimming, fishing, hiking, camping, wind-surfing, picnicking,—yet probably fewer than ten percent of all Poly students have ever been to the lake, located less than 20 miles away.

An amazing number of Poly students have never been south of Yancy's—missing out on the great South County night spots like Old Port Inn in Avila Beach or D.W. Grover's in Grover City. Morro Bay, Cayucos, Paso Robles and Atascadero have their share of good restaurants and night spots as well.

The county flourishes with $1 to $1.50-a-seat movie houses—in Pismo Beach, Morro Bay and Arroyo Grande, one can usually see two films for less than half the price the major theaters charge.

Then there are the Oceano Melodrama and Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts for those preferring live entertainment. Both spots are highly rated in California theater critic circles.

Avila Beach has excellent beaches, a mineral springs, hot tubs and a golf course. Pismo Beach and Morro Bay both have skating rinks.

There are many excellent local wineries featuring tours and wine-tasting.

For those wishing to get a little farther away, there's Solvang, a touristic Danish community 90 miles south, near the famous Anderson's Pea Soup Restaurant. To the north is Hearst Castle, which offers a variety of tours and pleasant, scenic beaches in nearby San Simeon.

And of course San Luis Obispo itself has many out-of-the-way restaurants, art galleries, museums, and parks rarely visited by students.

The list is endless—the variety of local recreation is large. But finding something to do means looking into the phone book or asking around.

Everyone has his own idea of recreation, and some people cannot shake the belief that San Luis Obispo is "boring." But we encourage readers to look into the load recreation. Who knows? You may find there is actually something to do on the sleepy Central Coast after all, and Cal Poly will feel a little more like "home".