Candidates like bikes in SLO
Some wary of cyclists’ effect on downtown businesses

By Jodi Ross
Staff Writer

While the fate of bike lanes downtown will wait until spring, those who will actually determine that fate will be voted into office next week.

Local mayoral and City Council candidates, with the exception of Cal Massey, recently discussed the issue with the editorial board of Mustang Daily.

The current bike lane proposal, a revision of a 1985 version, recommends establishing bike lanes throughout the downtown core, adding Class II-standard bike lanes on March Street and leaving Higuera Street as is.

Council candidate John Lybarger said he believes downtown could become a pedestrian paradise, free from automobiles, crime and disturbing noise. He supports the creation of an all-bike area in the center of town.

"I'm absolutely pro-bike lanes," he said. "We need to separate cars from bicycles and pedestrians.

Lybarger said he encourages alternative transportation by more reasonable access for bicycles.

Council candidate Brent Peterson said the city needs to offer "alternate methods of transportation (to cars)."

"I don't think enough money has been allocated for bike lanes," Petersen said.

Mayoral candidate Jerry Reiss said he wants to see bike lanes added outside the downtown core.

"I think we have to be very careful," he said. "I don't have a problem with (bike lanes) where I don't feel they interfere with the businesses."

Council candidate David Jefrey agreed with Reiss. He said he likes the idea of bike lanes as long as they don't hurt downtown businesses.

"In terms of bike lanes I'm all for it," he said. "In terms of economic detriment to the economic community, I'm concerned."

"Bike lanes are great as long as they're safe and don't impact negatively on businesses," Jefrey added.

Council candidate David Friend says he is concerned with the welfare of businesses downtown. "I lose bicyclists," he said, "but I also worry about the businesses. I think we can create a community with both."

Mayoral candidate Penny Rappa said she wants to advance the environment while keeping the economy intact. "I'm a candidate that can look at (a lot of people's interests)," Rappa said.

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Japanese emperor says he improved Chinese relations

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — Japanese Emperor Akihito said Tuesday his groundbreaking visit to China had helped cure the ill will lingering from the bloody 1937-45 Sino-Japanese war.

"I felt that most of the Chinese people hope for friendly relations between our two peoples," he told reporters Friday, Akihito deplored the "great sufferings" Japan inflicted on the Chinese people. Millions of Chinese died during eight years of war with the Japanese.

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Perot factors in less as presidential race nears end

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ross Perot is becoming less of a factor as the presidential race careens into its final week with Bill Clinton holding a commanding lead but President Bush hoping to generate a historic comeback.

As a roller-coaster political year begins to end, it's hard to find anyone ready to make firm predictions of what will happen in the week ahead. Some things already are clear.

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Many of them with small Electoral College advantages over the incumbent or leaning Clinton's way — Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Texas and Kentucky over the next two days — before closing in on the industrial Midwest. Clinton will stress economics, draw a populist tone and try to convince Perot backers he's the only candidate who can defeat Bush and deliver change. New positive campaign ads will try to raise voters' comfort levels with the Arkansas governor and inoculate Clinton against the flurry of closing Bush attacks.

- Perot to stress character and trust, as he has for weeks, hoping repetition erodes Clinton's leads. Clinton's leads in big states forces Bush to stump through states with few electoral votes while hoping for a big breakthrough, thus Bush's campaigning in Montana, Iowa, Kentucky and Wisconsin in the final days.

"Tuesday is light years away," Bush strategist Charles Black said in predicting a comeback.

- Perot to keep his unsophisticated television advertising as the centerpiece of his campaign. He spent $8 million last week on TV and is spending perhaps twice that much in the final week. Like Bush, a closing Perot theme is that he's been underfunded and has finally been given a fair shot.

"There is not yet any evidence of some kind of consistent Bush pickup across the country," said Republican pollster Bill McInturff. "The clock is ticking, and we have got to start seeing that for Bush to recover."

Independent pollsters said Perot's support appeared to hit a plateau in all but a few states entering the final week. Most predicted his unsubstantiated allegations of a Republican conspiracy to sabotage his campaign with dirty tricks would erode some of Perot's new support and send him back to the mid-teens.

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City explores dance ban, club owners charge racism

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — City officials who say a teen-oriented nightclub is getting out of hand are threatening to roll out dance floors all over this island.

The dispute has some of the elements of the popular movie "Footloose," teenagers, rowdy behavior, broken windows and police called to restore order.

At issue is the Twilight Zone's weekend crowds, which city officials say bring guns and alcohol club open to minors, was a rougher crowd, draws "a rougher crowd," who "bring all their problems with them as any group of teenagers might." But she said trying to close down her club won't solve the problem.

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Elimination

This commentary is coming to you early. Exactly one hour early, as a matter of fact. That is, if you go by last week's clock.

Of course, this equinox was the easy one—heading into spring and losing about daylight savings time. I know this is a viable solution (although I think we will even pretend to present a forgetting about it would be cries of "stick to the issues," one like these that are the cause of long to repeal the law. Having to created long ago during a time when electricity was a new word, a constant reminder of the lethargic nature of our system. Not reminders.

Example. Does anyone really know who these people are? Do you know what the government is getting away with you can pull off the top of your head, yet they hold the power to elect the highest official in the land.

In the past, when the mail was still carried by pony-express, this system may have been the best route. But in an age where a president is practically elected before the polls close on the West Coast, not only is a popular vote feasible, it is a crime not to have one.

No longer is there the excuse that black can't be equal with whites.

When a white person tells me, "I see you as equal because I'm color blind. I don't see color, I see people," I don't think, "Gee, what a wonderful, open-minded person that is." I think, "Get back to me when you can handle the concept of being black AND equal."

Professor Kaliski says we should concentrate on the similarities between people and not the differences. I agree that similarities are important, but I see the difference as something to be celebrated, not ignored. I feel that only those who are afraid of and cannot deal with these differences need to resort to ignoring them. If we are not in that category, then let us not sweep our differences under the rug. Let us look directly at them and, indeed, appreciate them.

Michael M. Welsby
Computer Science

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sigma Chi is within its rights

I am responding to last Thursday's (Mustang Daily, Oct. 22) article, "Students beat a noisy path." In my opinion, anyone complaining about the newly installed "Restricted Entry" signs on Sigma Chi's property is completely out of line. That property belongs to Sigma Chi and is theirs to do with as they please. They are required to pay taxes on that land, as well as liability insurance, and are ultimately responsible should anything happen. The right to pass should therefore be seen as a privilege and not some kind of constitutional right.

Furthermore, should Sigma Chi find it necessary to install a fence, it should be their decision alone as to whether a gate will be included.

I feel that gratitude is in order to Sigma Chi for allowing this safe passage to and from school parking lots and for allowing it to stay open even though this privilege has been and still is occasionally misused.

Paula Peterson
Poultry Science

Difference should be celebrated

In Professor Martin Kaliski's Oct. 26 commentary, we once again hear the familiar cry of "liberal" college newspaper staff. But we value the need for communication in this city, and healthy, Dunin has done. We think he will.

Whether Reiss would continue positive relations with the student community, as current Mayor Ron whether Reiss would continue positive relations with the student community, as current Mayor Ron
By Craig Abernathy and Anita Kreile

MUSTANG DAILY Staff Writers

Is this county full of ghosts, or are some people just full of something else?

Certain stories refuse to die. Years go by, sightings multiply and legends grow. Ghost stories are just like ghosts; some are easily tracked down, others remain elusive.

Richard Senate, an instructor in paranormal phenomenon with Ventura College's Community Services Department, has been ghost hunting since 1978. He is an expert on Central Coast ghosts, and has even written a book to "investigate further," Senate said. "About 50 percent of the time we can find a natural cause. If not, we investigate further."

Senate said he gets calls about once a week asking him to check out unexplained occurrences. When he decides to "investigate further," Senate assembles a team of psychics, photographers, sound specialists and skeptics to visit the location and try to contact the ghost.

He said it's not unusual for team members to describe people and events that are later verified through historical records. Senate said certain locations have a propensity for ghosts. "Almost every hotel, hospital and theater over 50 years old is haunted," he said. "In fact, I challenge you to find one that isn't."

He said hospitals are prone to being haunted because so many people die there. Old hotels are often haunted for the same reason. "Hotels are popular for suicides," Senate said. "People know they won't have to pay the bill, so why not check into the best?"

Though it was not always a hotel, the Rose Victorian Inn, in Arroyo Grande, is a supernatural hotspot. "Things happen here all the time," said Rosalyn Bethman, daughter of the Inn's owners.

The Inn was built in 1855 as the main house for a family who farmed a surrounding walnut orchard. "Alice," the ghost of a little girl who died there in the early 1900's, is the Inn's most famous surreal inhabitant.

Bethman said Alice's existence has been proven. "We've had two ghost hunters come here separately and describe the same girl as Alice without knowing anything about her," Bethman said. "Their descriptions fit the ones given by people in the community who remember the family."

Because of the history and frequency of Alice sightings, the Inn is a popular place for ghost hunting. Bethman claimed the Inn's guests like it, too. "One group of people stays here about once a year, and every time they come, something happens," she said. "They have some kind of relationship with her (Alice). I don't know what, but something."

She described one such group as having a party in one of the Inn's rooms one night, when something strange occurred. "They (had) moved all the chairs into one room," she said. "The guy who was sleeping in that room heard his door open and felt a breeze. He ignored it, thinking it was one of his friends."

"He went back to sleep, and in the morning, they found that Alice had taken one of the chairs, put it back where it belonged and propped up a doll on it."

Ghost hunter Senate was asked to visit the Inn after guests had reported disturbances. He brought with him psychic Debbie Christenson, who he said wasn't told anything about the Inn's history.

According to Senate, when they visited the Inn, Christenson saw a little girl on the stairs. She said the girl was laughing because she knew Senate could not see her. He said they followed as the ghost ran up the stairs and into what is known as the Tower Room.

"Alice was a sickly girl and her mom told her never to leave the house without her," Bethman said. "So, she didn't."

The psychic also said Alice liked cats, which Bethman thinks accounts for her own felines' affinity for the Tower Room.

"Ours disappear into the room for days at a time," Bethman said. Not only Alice is said to haunt the Rose Victorian Inn.

Bethman said there are two others, one of which she calls "Robert." "Robert is a teenage prankster," she said. "About once a month, he turns off the water, the heater or the oven. He's big on mischief."

Bethman said her mother and two waiters who once worked at the Inn have seen a man they call "the groundskeeper."

"Mom and one of the waiters have seen him walking about the grounds, and the other waiter once looked outside the window and the groundskeeper was looking back in," Bethman said. "We have some old pictures here and he (the groundskeeper) is in them. It's the same man they saw."

Senate said the majority of ghosts are like Alice, Robert and "the groundskeeper." They are anything but menacing, evil creatures.

"Most ghosts are friendly and sedate; rather boring, actually," he said. "That's why some of them are ghosts. They can't get on with their lives. They're sort of a shadow image of the person and they behave much the same."

Another such "sedate" ghost is said to dwell in This Old House, a restaurant on Foothill Boulevard, in San Luis Obispo. Built in 1917, the restaurant is said to be haunted by the spirit of John Vittey, originally of Aurora, Utah. He once lived in the house and is believed to have died in a fire that occurred on the premises.

He's a friendly ghost, according to manager Marsha Fishbeck. He has never done anything that has hurt anyone; it's more like he's having fun, she said.

"I was in the restroom," Fishbeck said, "and..."
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something or someone rolled all
of the toilet paper off the roll
onto the floor right in front of
me."

Flishbeck said another time
she and another waitress were
counting receipts at the bar
when a glass fell from the top
shelf. Not so unusual, however,
instead of falling straight down
to the floor, the glass fell
diagonally across the bar and
into a box filled with other
broken glass.

According to Flishbeck, most of
the mysterious incidents occur
in older parts of the house. "For
some reason, things always seem
to happen in the middle room,
ever in the newer sections," she
said.

This Old House's ghost stories
have their on-site critics, though.

Cook Craig Cannon said he
isn't so sure he believes in the
ghost of John Vittey, but he said
he has seen the effects the ghost
has had on some of the waiters.

"One night, (when) I was
working, one of the cocktail
waitresses was outside having a
cigarette. She was leaning up
against a fence smoking when
she felt someone slap their hand
on her shoulder," he said. "I
was really pale and shaky. She
broke into a sweat. She said she
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The mission itself, built in
1791, failed miserably. A lack
of water and occasional wildfires
led to low crop yields and caused
famines. It was eventually aban-
doned.

During the Gold Rush, the
Mission was privately-owned and
operated as an inn by English-
man John Reed, who bought the
old church from a crooked

Mexican governor in 1844, just
before the Mexican Cession of
1848.

Records tell of the brutal mur-
der of Reed's family, servants
and guests in 1844. Thirteen
people were killed by renegade
sailors seeking a hidden stash of
gold Reed often boasted of.

Ever since the night of the
murder, reports of a white-
dressed figure of a woman have
surfaced. Some say it's the ghost
of Mrs. Reed wandering the Mis-
ion grounds, crying for her
children.

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I was amazed," Senator said.
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herself on a nail," he said, "but
there wasn't anything around
where it vanished."

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"I once thought of forming a
group called FOG (Friends of
Ghosts) to combat the bad rap
they get."

Senator speculates the county's
violent past and mixture of cul-
tures is responsible for its
spirited inhabitants. He said
these factors create an environ-
ment favorable to ghosts, and he
figures San Luis Obispo County
is loaded with them.

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Illman said the initiative places too much of the value of life on a "human perspective." He said this is wrong because "man is made in the image of God." The initiative coincides with an increasing trend that attempts to "redefine who man is," he said.

If Illman didn't oppose the initiative based on religious convictions, he said he would oppose it because it is poorly written.

Deacon Dave Leach of the Mission Catholic Church in San Luis Obispo, had similar convictions.

"The Catholic Church does not support (the proposition) because it is badly flawed," Leach said.

Leach said the initiative takes away from the value of life.

"Each person is very sacred and valuable in the eyes of God," he added.

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"A "No" vote means "Yes" as the measure is worded on the ballot. A "No" vote means "Yes" and a "Yes" vote means "No" against State Water." Blakely said he is strongly against Nogle he has received.

"It is important information that the voters should know," Blakely said. "It shows who those special interest groups are who support Wendy."

Nogle has been criticized by Blakely supporters who say she is a puppet of local businessmen.

"Small businesses are supporting me," she said. "The people I have talked to want to hire more students, but right now the economy is bad and the students are suffering. We are in dire straits in this community."

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ernest Hollander thought his older brother was killed in a Nazi concentration camp. On the other side of the world, in Yugoslavia, Zoltan Hollander thought the same of Ernest.

But thanks to a televised debate between Ernest and neo-Nazis on a talk show, and the sharp eyes of an immigrant from Yugoslavia, the Hollander brothers and younger brother Alex have found each other after more than half a century.

"This man has come back from the dead. We thought he had been dead for 50 years," Ernest, 67, said of his 70-year-old brother.

Ernest, who lives in Oakland, called their reunion "the greatest miracle since Moses crossed the sea.

About 30 people from Hollander's synagogue gathered Monday night at the San Francisco International Airport to welcome the brothers back to California after their reunion last week in New York.

"It's a big celebration, a celebration of life," said Patrick Feigelson, who attends the same synagogue as Ernest.

Zoltan said through an interpreter he was so nervous about the reunion he couldn't eat or sleep for days.

In 1941, Nazi forces took Zoltan from the family's home in Czechoslovakia to perform forced labor for the army, according to Ernest.

Three years later, authorities put the rest of family in concentration camps, where the brothers' father, mother, three sisters and one brother died.

After allied forces liberated the concentration camps, Ernest and Alexander were freed. Ernest emigrated to Palestine, where he heard from a fellow Israeli soldier that Zoltan had been hanged during the war.

But in fact, Zoltan had escaped from forced labor and joined a band of Yugoslav partisans fighting the Nazis, Ernest says. Zoltan was captured by Soviet troops at the end of the war and shipped to Siberia, although he was later returned to Yugoslavia.

Zoltan had assumed all the rest of the family was dead. "He wrote to the Red Cross several times in the late '40s and early '50s, and the Red Cross said we cannot find anybody," Alexander said.

Ernest came to the United States in 1960, started a scrap metal business in Berkeley and began lecturing about the horrors of the Holocaust. Ernest's lecturing got him a spot on the "Montel Williams Show" television talk show in April and he was seen by Zivljub Djorvjevic, a former neighbor of Zoltan's in Krugujevce, Yugoslavia, who had moved to New York City, Ernest said.

Djorvjevic told Zoltan how much he resembled the man on television, and that led to the brothers' reunion, which occurred Oct. 14 at a taping for another segment of Williams' show. Zoltan brought with him his three sons, ages 35 to 50, their tickets paid for by the Williams show.

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"This issue is not whether the act is good or bad. The issue is whether the goals of the En­dangered Species Act remain attainable since the northern spotted owl controversy," said Brennen, an environmental assistant to agency Director John Turner.

The debate over wildlife protection has changed dramati­cally since the northern spotted owl emerged as an issue three or four years ago, said Brennen, who presented his personal views during a panel discussion sponsored by the National As­sociation of Home Builders.

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Brennen and other panelists said the plight of the threatened owl has hindered public under­standing of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, which is up for reauthorization next year.

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Brennen agreed: "We are underfunded to do what we are told to do. We think you get a lot of bang for your buck by investing in pre-listing activities," he said.

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