Student issues continue to dominate candidate forums

By Kristin Smart
Daily Cal Poly

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SUPERIOR COURT Judge candidates share pride about former service

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Also in today’s Political Activism forums, the two candidates for Superior Court Judge squared off in an attempt to correct the student vote.

Teresa Estrada Mullaney and Barry LaBarbera, engaged in a debate moderated by the Telegram-Tribune’s Editor John Moore.

“They’re the candidate who is already doing the job,” said Mullaney, who has served in superior court for almost a year under a county program and as a municipal court judge for five years. “In January 1992 Gov. Wilson appointed me as the first woman judge in this county—and so did he to cross party lines.”

Mullaney said her experience serves the election to be based on qualifications rather than politics. LaBarbera, who has served as county district attorney for the past 12 years, said his involvement in developing programs for rape victims, abused children and other groups affected by the judicial system add to his qualifications.

“I was involved with changing the way Cal Poly administration handles rape cases so that now...”

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INSIDE...

ARTS: Pancho Sanchez and Arturo Sandovar, Latin Jazz legends, will play the Performing Arts Center tonight.

OPINION: Our expanded Wednesday Opinion section should give you plenty to be upset about.

CAMPUS: The Newman Catholic Center ordained its new staff last night at the Mission.

Car smashing is latest effort to aid Smart family

By Kendi Sklar
Daily Cal Poly

The Delta Upsilon fraternity initiated a plan to raise money for Kristin Smart search efforts Sunday in the UU.

“We’re pretty much going to leave it up to the family where the money will go,” he said. “The president of our fraternity is close with the Smarts and he said they were pleased with the project.”

Smart’s mother, Denise Smart said, “We really appreciate any help,” Kristin’s mother, Denise Smart said. “The hardships of the search are only compounded by the financial aspect of it.”

A few swings cost one dollar. A small price for the cause which sometimes leads to donations instead of actual swings. “It takes some courage to step up in front of people and take a swing at a car,” said computer science junior, Bryan Reed.

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UU Daily photo by Charles Crosby

It’s not a crime to smash this car. Matt McCarthy vents his frustration on the car for Kristin Smart in the UU Tuesday. / Daily photo by Charles Crosby
The award-winning musicians will each perform their own sets, and then close the show with a special joint performance for the grand finale.

Both musicians are world famous for playing Latin jazz, a marriage of the cool jazz, by players like Miles Davis and John Coltrane, with hot Latin rhythms. Sanchez, who is first on tonight's bill, leads his eight-man Latin Jazz Band while he uses almost every part of his hands to play conga drums and sings on many of the band's songs.

"The instrumental music we play is mostly jazz standards done to a mambo or a salsa beat," Sanchez said.

Sanchez, who was born in Lares, Texas and grew up in Norwalk, Calif. taught himself how to play the guitar when he was about 12-years-old. While attending high school, he sang in a rhythm & blues band on the weekends. Sanchez said his love for playing is mostly jazz standards done to a mambo or a salsa beat. Sanchez said.

Sanchez has continued to play with his own band. He received two Grammy nominations for Best Latin Jazz Album and has just released his 13th record. He and his band tour around the world and have played at many jazz festivals in Europe and Asia. He said he is excited to playing again with Sandoval, which he says always makes for an interesting show.

Sandoval received his first Grammy award for Best Latin Album in 1978 as part of the groundbreaking group Irakere, which mixed jazz with soul, classical and traditional Cuban music. After seeking political asylum in the United States in 1990, he, his wife and his two sons now make their home in Miami, Fla.

Born in Artemisa, Cuba in 1949, Sandoval began studying classical trumpet at age 12, but soon fell in love with the jazz music of greats like Dizzy Gillespie, who was the first to blend Latin and jazz music together.

Since Sandoval immigrated to the United States, he has become a noted professor, teaching at both Florida Central University and at 50 clinics a year at universities throughout the country.

Sandoval last performed at Cal Poly in June of 1995 with the University Jazz Band backing him up. Mechanical Engineering Junior Mike Petty was in the audience. "I was totally blown away by his performance," Petty said about Sandoval. "I was just in awe."

Sandoval's 1995 album Daam won Sandoval another Grammy for Best Latin Jazz Album.

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**UPCOMING**

Orchesis Dance Company is holding auditions Thursday Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. in Crandall Gym. For information call the theater and dance department at 756-1465.

Student Community Services is sponsoring "Into the Streets" Oct. 11 and needs volunteers to participate in the one-day community service event, with a free barbecue afterwards. For more information call Lori at 756-5834.

The County Clerk-Recorder's Office would like to remind the residents of San Luis Obispo that the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 5 election is Monday, Oct. 7. Rock the vote.

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From the editor's desk

I hate apathy with a passion. This is why I have chosen to run the articles from ASI’s Political Activism Week all week until people get sick of them. Are you sick of them yet?

We will run articles and preview pieces highlighting the issues that matter most to students. We will cover candidates running for federal and local offices and will run stories about the ballot measures which will affect you.

You should vote.

I find this aspect essential to the way our great country works. I am seeking a political science minor because I believe in this so strongly and am so interested in the process.

I am pushing my own agenda on you, the students of Cal Poly, and I am not afraid to admit it. I think that if you do not vote, you are taking for granted the fact that you are an American. I think that if you aren’t registered to vote, it’s even worse. You don’t even care about the political process that runs your daily life.

You can complain all you want about how bad our government stinks and how sick of the elections you are, but think of this situation like I did: in Kabul, Afghanistan this week a group of students—the same ages as you and I—took over the government of the country. The students rebelled—a pure revolution—and implemented Islamic governance over the people there that was since abolished during national elections. ‘The majority of eligible Americans don’t vote—i.e. they endorse no viable candidates and interest in giving the paper new life. I was lucky enough to be here during the summer, soaking up knowledge in a local journalism circle.

We are a completely paginated paper now. We have purchased a handful of brand-new equipment, and all of our layout is now done on computers. This opens up new realms of possibilities that we haven’t even discovered yet.

But, as a journalism professor told me the other day, “It’s not the look, it’s the content.”

We’re trying to bring you the content that matters. I think elections matter. I think that Political Activism Week, which took me by surprise, is a great idea, and I am very glad to see that Cal Poly’s ASI took the initiative to inform you. We would have tried to do it, but ASI made our job a lot easier.

If you haven’t noticed, the Daily has taken on a bit of a new look this fall. This is what I said I would do when chosen as editor-in-chief for the paper. It’s an illusion that the people are participating in the process. The reality is this country endorses, or at least endorses to give for my country, but I won’t just take it and say thank you, and accept my tiny percentage of input. My citizenship is worth more than that. According to estimates posted in Times Square, my share of the national debt is about $20,000. For that I get to choose between Clinton and Dole? No deal!

I am neither a voice crying in the wilderness, nor a man with enough money to run for office, but a mere peep among the greater crowd of Americans who think the voting process is an elaborate sham. It’s an illusion that the people are participating in the process. The reality is this country endorses what the majority doesn’t want.

We, the people, have endorsed America’s oppressive lack of choice and direction because a small minority of the population insists on having its token chance to punch a ballot card once every four years. The rest of us have to put up with the public airing of lies and the shutting down of national parks during our summer vacations. And that’s just the annoying stuff—the more serious consequences have included the peddling of arms and drugs, the breaking of national banks, and the regulating of our freedom. Until we wise up, those who elect to vote for the losers that win or lose will continue to oppress the majority of this country.

I worry for our country. On the local level, I’m not too concerned. Enough people vote “no” on enough of the propositions to maintain enough damage control. But I resent the fact that we can’t vote “no” for all the candidates, and I ignore the misinformed elitists who say that people who don’t have vote in the system to complain about politicians or policies. What kind of nonsense is that? I pay taxes, and that alone entitles me to say whatever I want about the mismanagement of the money I am forced to kick in to the system. But just because I won’t endorse the system doesn’t mean I can’t call it the way I see it.

So what if I, along with the rest of you, put up with it? You have no one to blame but yourselves. No matter who gets into office, when the public outrages commence, the second-guessing begins, and the American voters are once again responsible for the mess we’re in. You can bet I’ll be there on the sidelines with the majority saying “I told you so.”

A. J. Schuermann is the Daily business manager and voted for dukakis and clinton out of spite.

Voting -- I'm against it

By A.J. Schuermann

Maybe I don’t appreciate some of the rights I enjoy as an American citizen but I have a good, realistic sense of what my one vote is worth—not as much as it should be. I regret that I have but one vote to give for my country, but I won’t just take it and say thank you, and accept my tiny percentage of input. My citizenship is worth more than that. According to estimates posted in Times Square, my share of the national debt is about $20,000. For that I get to choose between Clinton and Dole? No deal!

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I believe in democracy—that the majority rules—and this principle has been continuously violated during national elections. The majority of eligible Americans don’t vote—i.e. they endorse no one—and yet, someone still winds up in every office every time. Don’t those folks in Washington get it? The majority of Americans don’t want any of them in office.

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Quit whining -- Vote!

By Jason D. Plemons

Men and women of all generations sacrifice their lives and freedom everyday so that the people of this country can remain free. Imagine all the struggles Black America went through to exercise their right to vote: fire hoses, dog attacks, lynching. Not voting is a slap in the face to all who have died on our behalf.

Now, not all actions carried out by our government on the behalf of its citizens are just, or even right. The actions are, however, carried out in the name of a very few elite. The elite exercise their power through wealth, which keeps the politicians who favor them in power.

Nothing is wrong, per se, with elitism. It allows those who are able, and those who are willing, to govern those who shed their responsibility of governing themselves. What has happened in our country is that the elitists have become concentrated. Elite in America often means wealth, which it should not. Now, those who have money vote. It’s like the old saying “Those who have the most to lose vote.”

But you don’t have to be financially wealthy to be a member of the elite. All you must do is exercise your given right to vote. It may seem hopeless to vote for the lesser of two evils all the time. But in the last election only about 35 percent of those eligible to vote, did vote. That is not even counting those who were not registered to vote.

Picture the resounding message that could be sent if just 60 percent of those who could register did. And if those people all voted, the face of American politics would be changed forever.

Our country is not a true democracy. There would be complete chaos if it were. We have a representative democracy. True, some are more represented than others, but nonetheless, we all have representatives. Our forefathers were horrified at the idea of letting mob rule dictate policy. That is one reason why the electoral college is built-in.

Politicians go to get votes from where they know they can get ‘em. Currently, they must work to appease wealthy special interests to get both money and votes because the majority of people are not voting. But if the majority did, you can bet they would take on a completely different look.

Think about this: If enough people voted, we probably wouldn’t even have to pay taxes. The middle- and lower-economic classes in America have become frustrated and figure that they have nothing to lose because they have no wealth as they will not vote. But they are wrong. What they have to lose is their freedom.

Jason Plemons is a journalism senior and has wallpapered his room with the American flag and the stub from every ballot he has ever punched.
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**Catholic Center blesses new leaders during mass**

By Todd Romick

Holy Staff Writer

The new leadership of San Luis Obispo's Catholic Community Center was installed and blessed during mass at the Mission Church Sunday evening. Bishop Sylvester Ryan appointed the Sisters of St. Joseph, a Los Angeles-based Catholic women's organization, as the new staff of the Newman Catholic Center in July. The mass of installation marked this year's first college mass at the church, located at 751 Palm St.

Director Sister Theresa Harpin along with Associate Directors Sister Jan Husung and Sister Bonnie McDonald took over after eight years of direction by Brother Richard Moratto.

"I want to make the transition as smooth as possible," Harpin said.

The Newman Center, located off-campus behind the Health and Rec Centers, is a nonprofit organization that facilitates the Catholic college community in religious education.

"Our target population is Catholic, but the Newman Center is open to other faiths as well," Harpin said.

The goal is to prepare students for Christian life after school by sharing scriptures and the values of Jesus Christ such as justice, peace, love and compassion, Harpin said.

"My goal as director is to really reach out to students who have not been touched by Newman," she said. "Often times organizations get too cozy and comfortable and don't reach out. I want to invite, encourage and welcome."

About 600 Cal Poly and Cuesta students are affiliated with the center and volunteer on all levels, from tutoring others to reach-out programs.

Students participate in confirmation classes, Bible study, Thursday mass, community assistance and retreats.

According to Cal Poly environmental engineering senior Margaret Gilbert and Cuesta student John Camfield the new staff will bring a new aspect and a different kind of energy to the center.

"They're great," Gilbert said. "They've done a lot of stuff already."

According to Cal Poly speech communication senior Michelle Doyle, the new leadership is especially appreciated by the females since women's roles are downplayed in the Catholic Church.

"I think it's going really smoothly," Doyle said. "Some programs will stay the same, but they also have fresh new ideas."
JUDGE: Both candidates boasted about their decision-making abilities. 

"I have had experience of making decisions and being able to stand by those decisions, whether they be about felonies or misdemeanors, death penalty cases or three-strikes cases," LaBarbera said. 

Mullaney pointed out that none of her verdicts have been overturned by an appeal as proof of her ability to make good decisions.

From page 1 there are some procedures more conducive to young women dealing with such cases," he said. When asked if they are conservative or liberal interpreters of the law, LaBarbera answered that he evaluates the law simply on the basis of justice. 

"I have never been labeled as conservative more than when asked if they are conservative or liberal in their campaigns, although Mullaney pointed out a distinct difference in their responses. 

"Unlike Mr. LaBarbera, I do not accept campaign telephone calls at work," she said. "You can help with precinct walking, telling your friends to vote for me or in other ways but you will have to call (my campaign number.)" 

Sponsorship of any off-campus event. Occupation Safety gave the best guidance. Employees for the event, such as no glass or fluids in the car and a 15 foot perimeter around the smashing zone.

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