CANDIDATES' RECORDS ATTACKED IN DAY THREE OF FORUMS

By Amy Lundy
Daily Staff Writer

The third in a series of forums hosted by ASI resulted in mud-slinging and outraged expressions yesterday when county supervisor candidates for the 3rd and 5th Districts met in the University Union Plaza.

The forum, hosted by Kristi Rampil of KSBY, consisted of an introduction of the candidates, a chance for the candidates to answer three questions chosen by the ASI board and closing remarks.

What happened between questions were biting remarks by Roger Freberg about land-lords running for office and comments from Mike Ryan about David Blakey's voting record on crime.

Most of the people that run for office are land-lords," said Freberg, who is competing with Peg Pinard for a seat representing the 3rd District, which runs south of Highway 101 to Arroyo Grande. "They're interested in zoning and money."

Later, he mentioned that two of the candidates in the forum were endorsed by a supposedly anti-student group. "Two of the people here are endorsed by Residents for Quality Neighborhoods, otherwise known as Beat a Student, Inc.," Freberg said.

His closing remark blasted Pinard for being a landlord and wanting to run for supervisor to protect her investment.

Pinard was unable to publicly respond to these comments due to time limits.

Four show up for pro-choice talks

By Jaime Barasi
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly students were encouraged to voice their opinions and voice them loudly, at a pro-choice discussion with four students yesterday in Chumash Auditorium.

"My job is to talk about the issue of choice in this election," Evelyn Jerome, a field organizer for National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), said. "I'm here to make sure that people who are pro-choice are not afraid to talk about it."

Jerome emphasized her concern that the local media doesn't cover the debate enough. "The newspapers here have not given super-duper coverage to the actions taken in Congress," she said.

Freberg stressed student involvement in voting, the possibility of publicizing teacher evaluations and creating cheaper housing.

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Ryan said that Blakey's anti-crime platform isn't supported by his voting record. "Look up his record. He voted against increasing the budget for police services," Ryan said. "Check out the things he says against his record. It's very interesting."

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SLO smoking ordinance going global

By Leisha Masi
Daily Staff Writer

San Luis Obispo's anti-smoking ordinance has changed the atmosphere of many local facilities and has served as a model for the United States and other countries.

So far, it appears that the change to a smoke-free environment in public facilities has not led to any ill-effects in the community.

The law, which began in August of 1990, was established to protect non-smokers from the harmful side effects of second-hand smoke.

Despite continual efforts by the Environmental Protection Agency to emphasize that smoke should be removed entirely from inside air, the ordinance was and is extremely unique for the United States.

The premise behind the ordinance was to protect the public's health, and particularly employees who worked in facilities that permitted smoking.

Jerry Reiss, who served on the San Luis Obispo City Council at the time, introduced the measure because he said he became more concerned about the dangers of secondhand smoke as such research became increasingly publicized.

"When you go into a restaurant and declare smoking or non-smoking, the only difference is that there's an ashtray on the table in the smoking section. You still get the bad air from the smoking section," Reiss said.

Several businesses around the city were initially opposed to the ordinance, claiming that the ban would take customers elsewhere and severely hurt the city's tourism industry.

According to Anne Dansereau, project director for the city's Tobacco Control Center, the ordinance has not led to any ill-effects.

"When you go into a restaurant and declare smoking or non-smoking, the only difference is that there's an ashtray on the table in the smoking section. You still get the bad air from the smoking section," Dansereau said.

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The ordinance was and is a model for other communities in the United States.

Ireland also followed the San Luis Obispo precedent, creating a national ban on smoking in all restaurants and trains unless special ventilated smoking areas are provided for smokers.

Reiss said he is still pleased.

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From condoms to hemp products, new stores bring variety to SLO

By Remi Sklar
Daily Mail Staff Writer

What do hemp shoes, personal-iced cream, gourmet pizza, Tabasco sauce and punk CDs have in common?

They are a sample of items found at six new stores in downtown San Luis Obispo. The establishments are directed toward the student population which is back in town.

Pizza Solo opened five weeks ago in the Downtown Centre to serve 7-inch, individual gourmet pizzas. The menu rotates with five daily specials, but offers four basic pizzas everyday (vegetarian included).

“The menu is completely different from one day to the next,” owner Michael LaBarbera said. “Substitutions are not a problem.”

PizzaSolo
can dine in or out.

LaBarbera said no pizza should take longer than 15 minutes to prepare, so customers can grab a full meal on the move.

“People like sandwiches and burritos because they can get it and go,” he said. “We wanted to do carry away pizza where everyone can grab it and hang out.”

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PizzaSolo

Manager Carol Anderson said that everything in the store relates to chili peppers.

“It is a very unique type of store,” Anderson said. “We’re the cool store with the hot stuff.”

Inside is a free Tabasco tasting bar and walls of jars filled with every imaginable use of chili peppers. If you choose not to chomp the chilis, you can wear them, in the form of a tie, beanie, an apron or even shoes.

“We carry the complete Tabasco brand line,” Anderson said. “We’ve had many curious customers.”

After such heat shoppers can cool off at Cold Stone Creamery right next door. This new ice cream store opened seven weeks ago and has already generated a lot of excitement.

“For us, it’s just been a tremendous success,” said downtown manager Carol Anderson. “The students here and the people in town. We can switch anything around.”

“We make all of our ice cream choice is, the consumer can eat it.”

Cold Stone’s wall of fame houses customers’ favorite creations. Macpherson said whatever the ice cream choice is, the consumer can be sure it’s fresh including the complimentary waffle cones.

“We make all of the ice cream fresh every morning,” she said. “It is all made on the premises.”

Down Higuera Street is the new music store Liquid CDs, next door to the Network mall.

Open for three weeks, the shop is organized by genres, such as rock, reggae, punk and ska, with a used section for each.

Business junior Stacy Landman said there is excitement involved in watching your custom dessert being made.

“It was cool to see them smash in whole Reese’s peanut butter cups,” she said. “I couldn’t wait to see NEW STORES page 5

FORUM: Candidates agreed on environment

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sent the issues most important to them, whether focusing on off-shore oil rigs or the priority of the environment versus the economy.

Although the candidates agreed that the environment did not necessarily have to suffer to have economic growth and that off-shore oil wouldn’t be in the county’s best interest, the two had very different views on what was the most important issue for students.

Ryan said the economy would influence students the most.

“You’re feeling the effects of the economy in your housing,” Ryan said. “We said economic growth would provide more jobs for struggling students and cheaper housing.”

Blakely said balancing the economy with environment and social issues is the most important thing for students. “Trying to maintain the quality of life that attracted the students here and giving them jobs after graduation is what I can do for the students,” he said.

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As a result, affirmative action recipients may never know how competent they really are. Workers may look down on affirmative action beneficiaries and feel the minority worker was not the best pick for the job. Also, employers may pass over affirmative action minority employees and not give them a difficult task for fear the employee was never really "the best." As a result, they may never get the chance for top training. They may be forced to undergo redundant training. When I fill out a job or school application, I mark "decline to state" in the race questionnaire section. I think skin color should not matter. I want to be judged by my performance.

Race-conscious affirmative action is based on the premise that the power of government to discriminate could somehow be harnessed in a narrowly-targeted and beneficial way. That premise is wrong. Our nation's history is testimony that discrimination by the government on the basis of race or gender is never benign, and the past 30 years have proved to be no exception.

Unfortunately, racism still exists in this country. This is why laws like the Civil Rights Bill should be strictly maintained and enforced.

Proponents of affirmative action say that there is much confusion over affirmative action with quotas or targeted goals. But the law is clear that employers cannot hire or promote simply because of race or gender. Some Americans also believe that affirmative action is that people do not clearly understand what it is. Defenders of the status quo intentionally confuse affirmative action with current anti-discrimination laws. This is why polls have shown the majority of voters in favor of affirmative action, but even more opposed to race and gender preferences. Preference for certain people because of their skin color is what affirmative action is.

Affirmative action programs assign benefits or burdens on the basis of group characteristics that say nothing about individual merit or disadvantage. Such policies tend to concentrate their benefits on the members of the preferred groups who possess the greatest skills or resources. For the truly disadvantaged, however, race-based programs are stunningly irrelevant. The reality is that the main beneficiaries of affirmative action have been people who come from affluent backgrounds and happen to be minorities. This explains why the largest group of people benefitting from affirmative action are white women.

Affirmative action should not be forgotten, but it should be fixed. In its current form it does not work. It does not help the people who really need help. Programs should be set up to help the truly disadvantaged, there are poor and ill-educated people of every color in this country. Reformed affirmative action programs would help eliminate the scapegoating that can go along with current affirmative action.

I support the idea that government should be denied the power to discriminate. Those who claim such efforts are racially divisive have it exactly backwards. It is our current practice of classifying people by race for purposes of voting, education, jobs and government contracts that fuel race consciousness and division.

Matthew Smith is a recreation administration senior.
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PG&E's monitoring program, is also in jeopardy due to a lack of funds.

"If there is no one to watch over PG&E, that would be an extremely bad situation," Poling said.

Lewis said the plant is already taking action of secure the safe running of the plant.

"We're tightening up our adherence to procedures," Lewis said.

According to Robert Hendrix, county administrator and emergency services director, the plant, like all nuclear power reactors in the country, is designed to contain any accident at Diablo Canyon also in jeopardy due to a lack of

"If there's a problem, the county Emergency Operating Center will tell us they are activating their emergency system," Risser said. "We then will bring in a variety of Cal Poly management staff who are assigned to an emergency position."

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Risser said students who are uninformed need to look in the local phone book to get a general idea of what to do if there's a problem.

Students can also get more information from PG&E's plan. The calendar is sent to every citizen, including students, in the county. It provides extensive emergency information such as evacuation plans, levels of nuclear power plant emergencies exposed to levels of radiation high enough to cause harmful effects," Hendrix said.

"I think that the nuclear waste being produced by the plant should cause concern," Schumann said. "It is the most dangerous hazard to us, yet it is often overlooked by the public."

"What will happen if a nuclear accident does happen while school is in session?"

Joe Risser, risk manager for the university, said it is up to the county to decide whether there is a health risk concerning the power plant.

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ROYAL PRODUCTION OF 'SINGIN' IN THE RAIN'

By Tara Barnett
Special to the Arts Weekly

The Granada Theatre located on State Street in downtown Santa Barbara was alive and energetic last Friday evening with the Civic Light Opera's opening production of "Singin' in the Rain."

Based on the MGM classic movie released in the early 1950s, "Singin' in the Rain" tells the story of Don Lockwood, a silent movie star struggling to make it in "talkies" during Hollywood's frantic transition from silent to talking pictures in the 1920s.

This production can earn nothing but rave reviews.

The choreography was excellent, and better dancing and singing may only be found in the original movie, performed by Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds.

The role of Lockwood was played by Ray Benson. His performance of the title song accompanied by real rain on stage amazed the audience and received a roaring applause.

The hilarious part of Cosmo Brown, Lockwood's best friend and sidekick, was played by William Avery. He was an array of comic gestures, faces and songs, and his pleasantness continually had the audience doubled over with laughter. His wonderful rendition of the famous scene "Make 'em Laugh," did just that. Cynthia Ferrer accomplished a perfect American doll, to beautifully suit the role of Kathy Selden.

The costumes and sets were colorful and impressive achieving a real feel of theater life in the 1920s. The Granada Theatre's quaint setting along with a thrilling performance comfortably welcomed theater-goers.

There's something fishy going on in Morro Bay this weekend.

The city is about to launch the celebration of October as National Seafood Month with its 15th annual Harbor Festival.

Twenty-two California wineries will host wine tasting while 20 of the county's restaurants show off marine cuisine in the California seafood fair and wine tasting pavilion Oct. 5 and 6 at Morro Bay harbor.

If that's not enough to make your mouth water, a huge barbecue and premium beer tasting might be enough to tempt your taste buds.

Rock and roll legend Spencer Davis and the Strawberry Alcove Clock will perform Sunday on one of the seven different stages for live entertainment. The live performances will range from big band and blues to jazz and rock 'n' roll.

Festival executive director Galen Ricard said local singers and songwriters will have the opportunity to perform in a "Songwriters Cafe," which will have a real coffee-house atmosphere.

Also, a pavilion constructed in conjunction with the San Luis Obispo Arts Council will present artwork from some of the Central Coast's top artists.

This weekend's celebration attracts people throughout California as they migrate to Morro Bay and the surrounding cities. The festival brought in 45,000 visitors last year, ranking second only to the Paso Robles Mid-State Fair for bringing tourists into the county.

"The purpose of the festival is to showcase a genuine working waterfront," Ricard said. "The festival educates not only in regards to the seafood industry, but the marine environment and marine history, as well as coastal lifestyle and livelihoods." "It's about marine recreation and the people who work to preserve the environment," Ricard added.

A 1,200-member group of volunteers from over 45 county organizations have made the festival possible.

"If it wasn't for the volunteers, we wouldn't have a festival," said Pia Ross, head of the festival's volunteer program. "They're our ambassadors and their help is invaluable." The proceeds from the two-day event will benefit these participating nonprofit organizations.

Cal Poly students are among some of the festival volunteers this year. The Cal Poly Scuba Club, Phi Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Phi and recreation administration majors (RAM) will contribute numerous hours to make the festival a success.

"It's a lot of fun," Scuba Club President Tom Esebeck said. "We run the diaper-changing station, to provide an area for people to take care of their kids."
Former Go Go's got the beat,' again

Jane Wiedlin brings newest project, Frosted, to SLO Brew

Anne Thomas
Arts Weekly Staff Writer

An SLO superstar is on her way to San Luis Obispo. Former Go Go's guitarist, Jane Wiedlin will bring her new band, Frosted, to SLO Brewing Company this Friday.

The band, which has only been together since summer of '96, recently released its first album, "Cold" and has launched a nationwide tour.

Wiedlin said that she came up with the name "Frosted" for the group because she felt it reflected the feel of the band's music.

"I just kind of like the word," she said, "and it reminds me of cereal, how sweet and crunchy."

"That's kind of how I like to think of our music, as sweet and crunchy."

"We've played with The Rugburns before, and I think we make a good combination," she said. "It's like, we like them and they like us, and we play well together. We're not really similar, but we make a good combination."

Wiedlin said even though she already made it big once with the Go-Go's, she still finds it invigorating to start from scratch.

"That's kind of how I like to think of our music, as sweet and crunchy."

"It's exciting starting fresh," she said. "My experience with the Go-Go's was so long ago, that I've had a lot of time to adjust, and it's not like I'm always sitting around..."

"I just enjoy playing live and rocking people out," she said. "I just want to make another record and keep rocking."

SLO Brew bartender Andy Wright advises concertgoers to arrive early for Friday's show.

"It's going to be a huge show," he said. "This place is really going to be packed."

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Folk revival in cozy setting

Pleasant vibes resonate at acoustic show

By Mary Hadley
Arts Weekly Staff Writer

The third annual "SLO Unplugged" concert proved that the Central Coast music scene is alive, well and crammed with talent.

MUSIC REVIEW

The show consisted of seven acts, all local musicians and all "unplugged." With the raw power of many of the singers' voices and the variety of instruments used, electrical instruments were not missed at all.

The concert was held Saturday night at the Unity Church — an unlikely, yet cozy and intimate place for a concert. The crowd of 350 sat in the front rows, close to the slightly-elevated stage.

Jill Knight was undoubtedly the favorite of the show, when Emily Mack and The Trim, Emi Morin and All Wound Up, and Richard Green and Lori Olson Green also gave compelling performances. Vocalist Emi Mack has a sultry, sexy voice that was perfectly suited for the two Billie Holiday songs and the Miles Davis number she sang.

"We have different original songs that are a real folk style, but a lot of others are doing that tonight, so we thought we'd do something different," Mack said.

Mack, who also performed in the last "SLO Unplugged," was accompanied mainly by her husband, known as "The Trim," on upright bass, while pianist Richard Green joined in for several of Mack's songs.

This musical mixing-and-matching took place during the whole show.

"In this one, we spent more time working with the other musicians and playing in each other's acts," Mack said.

Peter Morin, along with the bluegrass band All Wound Up, performed energetically.

Backed up by a twangy banjo and a violin, Morin sang and played the dobro, lap-style guitar.

Morin's performance impressed Arthur Boswell, an architectural engineering senior who watched the show.

"I liked them best, not just because (Morin) is my boss, but because it was bluegrass.

Boswell works for Morin at Blue Note Music, the stringed-instrument store Morin owns.

Jill Knight, a local musiceer, moved the crowd to a standing ovation.

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CURTAINS DRAW BLOOD CURDLING CHEERS

By Remi Sklar

Daversa (Steve Kollo), Mina (Alexis W. Cambo) and Lucy Westerna (Bevin Hankley at the Great American Melodrama. Photo courtesy GAM

Elaborated canine teeth, aiding victims with two small throat wounds and the need for crucifixes. It sounds like a vampire is on the loose, but not just any ancient vampire. The mysterious production of "Dracula" is currently stalking "The Great American Melodrama until Nov. 17, giving the audience chills for the cool fall season.

The plot concerns Lucy, a powerful piece of the long legend. The players and audience should not be surprised when Dracula roams the night and make use of the special treats and corn or any other treats from the theater bar.

When Lucy's illness is diagnosed, Van Helsing links Dracula for the answers behind the mystery surrounding Lucy. "Flesh of my flesh, blood of my blood," says the undead," who lurk in the shadows and act as a curtain or table when necessary. The actors made good use of the small stage with assistance from the Nosferatu, the "undead," who lurk in the shadows and act as a curtain or table when necessary.

Special effects, smoke, fire and more, highlight the scenes without the fine piano accompaniment of Cal Poly senior Mark Wanless. Credit for the production's flow and script can be given to director Don Hepner and writer Richard Sharp.

The darkness lifts after the second intermission and uncover the usual lighthearted musical fun of the Melodrama. "An European Tour" travels outstage through England, Ireland, Spain, Italy and Germany. Kristen Clark, Rachel Davidsman, Sara Stuckey and the rest of the players sing and dance with an originally choreographed act for each country. The Melodrama is fun for all ages, and it might be a nice place for a birthday or anniversary because of the special treat they give for the events.

"Dracula" runs through Nov. 17.
FESTIVAL: Student volunteers contribute to weekend attraction

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"Everyone gets a free T-shirt and a chance to enjoy the festival after a few hours of volunteering," he said.

"Our fraternity has a list of around 10 to 20 volunteers," said Nathan Purpurn, a Delta Sigma Phi fraternity member and journalism senior. "We're looking forward to it. We'll be handing water out to runners, working traffic control and handling body markings for the triathlon on Sunday morning. We each earn $10 which we donate to the March of Dimes charity."

According to Cal Poly professor Carol Shank, a team of students from RAM volunteering at the festival will serve as ambassadors greeting festival-goers. They will provide information and answer questions that curious wanderers might have.

Twenty to 30 students from a research methods class offered by the recreation department, REC 400, will conduct surveys with festival-goers from 2:30 p.m.

"We ask questions about what they liked the most," said Lori Blackhaw, a participating recreation administration major who will base her senior project on the survey. "More of the work will come after we get the data. The survey will help us discover what the demographic and economic effect the festival had for Morro Bay."

Ricard said recreation administration majors are not the only ones who can help out with the festival.

"Whether it is for academic credit or to raise funds for a student club, the festival has a spot for every student organization and interest," he said.

Ricard said many student jobs at the festival include computer applications, graphic arts design, publicity and promotion, city and regional planning and nutritional science.

Saturday night after the first day of the festival closes, visitors and locals will take to the streets of Old Town Morro Bay to partake in the "Festival After Dark." People participating will have the opportunity to sample entertainment, coffee and desserts courtesy of Morro Bay businesses.

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FRIDAY NIGHT

Literary Preview

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Mark Dady, National Book Critics award winner, and author of "Heaven's Coast" and his latest book of poetry "Atlantis," will read from his latest works tomorrow night. / Photo courtesy Cal Poly writers series

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COUNCIL: Romero against local land purchase

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Mayor and Cal Poly political science professor Allen Settle said the city already had money set aside for the purchases, and Measure O was not a deciding factor.

"Tonight I was voting on what we had already," Settle said after the vote, referring to the $1.5 million set aside by the city for open-space acquisition. "This is money we've had for six years."

He said, before the vote, that the purchases won't hurt the city with the measure or with other purchases, but they will help in opening negotiations with other landowners.

"This will send a signal to others," he said.

Romero's other complaint was that the purchase of land owned by the Cuidetti family was not a high priority and wasn't even mentioned in a Special Places report prepared for the city recommending what areas the city should obtain for its greenbelt.

"It's a lovely place and I'd like to see it preserved," Romero said. "But the public may see this as a frivolous use of funds."

Diane Hull, co-chair of Citizens Against Measure O, spoke to the council in opposition to the purchases of the two areas.

"Don't tie the hands of future generations," Hull told the council in a prepared speech, "by encumbering it with a conservation easement in perpetuity."

Cal Poly physics professor David Chipping, supporting the purchases, spoke very highly of the Guidetti property.

"Above all it's excellent quality range," Chipping said. "It's an absolute gem of a place."

Chipping, along with others in attendance, spoke of controlling the problem of urban sprawl. He urged the city to take steps immediately to ensure that the city wouldn't turn into—not a Los Angeles—but Pismo Beach.

"You've got that monster to the south, Pismo Beach," Chipping said. "Those guys will pave over everything if they get half a chance."
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49ERS: Grbac 4-2 as starter in his career

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over Atlanta. He is 4-2 as a starter.

"It's just a great opportunity," Grbac said. "I feel comfortable and I just go out to be a play­er and make sure I play better in the game, and No. 2 is to win the ball game. If those things are accomplished, then I don't have anything to worry about.

"Against the Rams, Grbac will be returning to the scene of his first career start. With Young sideline­d by a shoulder injury last season, Grbac led the 49ers to a 44-10 win at Busch Stadium, throwing a touchdown pass to John Taylor on the first play. The Rams now play in the newly con­structed Trans World Dome.

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SMOKING: Only 15 cities in the United States have a complete ban

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with the notoriety San Luis Obispo has built around the world. In the early days of the ordinance, Reiss appeared on sev­eral international radio talk shows who were astounded by the

Reiss said. "I become more pleased as

harmful effects from tobacco.

"I look back on my 15 years

In the United States, only 15

cities have a complete ban on smoking in all public workplaces

including restaurants and bars

smoke there without any

implications.

According to Wendy George

Seastrand is anti-choice, opinion polls show Santa Barbara and

San Luis Obispo counties are

strongly pro-choice.

"What Congress is saying, is

that we are going to put restraint

on your rights," she said.

Math senior Abel Maestas, one of

the male students present at

the discussion, said, "If it hap­pened to my girlfriend or wife, we

would have to sit down and have a

long talk. I am against (abortion)

but I respect women's right to

choose."

Jerome urged pro-choice stu­dents for help ability divide by writ­ting letters to editors of local new­spapers, handing out literature at

Farmers' Market, wearing

"Students for Choice" button and

writing or calling Seastrand to let

her know they are pro-choice.

Before the discussion ended,

Jerome said, "By making laws

that cut off federal funding, (Congress) is not going to reduce the

number of abortions, just make them unsafe."

NARAL: Students urged to become activists

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By Steve Moore

"By making laws, I mean the fed­eral government cutting off federal

funding, Congress has traditionally

used funding to influence legis­lation. It will be harder for my generation to do that,

but we can make sure that women have access to abortion.

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Sports

Cross country not intimidated by Big West

By Leisha Masi

The Cal Poly men's and women's cross country teams did not enter their first year in the Big West with a "nothing to lose" attitude.

**Cross Country**

In fact, the Mustangs have everything to gain this season as they prepare to compete in conference.

The women defeated all of their Big West opponents at the Fresno State and Irvine Invitational earlier this season while the men's only conference loss was to UCSB.

Cal Poly will be tested again this weekend at the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto. All Big West and Pac-10 schools will compete, as well as some of the top running programs from around the country.

Stanford and UCLA are favorites to win the invitational, but head coach Terry Crawford expects the Mustangs won’t be far behind.

"It's important that we go into this meet and command a spot as one of the top three teams in the state," she said.

State recognition is important to Crawford who claims her teams are not intimidated by the big-time programs.

"It's more of an excitement rather than intimidation. To get better, we have to be challenged," Crawford said. "We go into each meet saying 'How can we be challenged and who can we move closer to'?

Senior runner Eric Engel agreed. "We're not intimidated at all," he said. "We'll let the energy of the race carry us through." Mustang sophomore runner Claire Becker and Amber Robinson are battling for the top spot among the women, while Engel and sophomore Greg Painter lead the men's squad.

Crawford believes that to be a top-caliber program the team will have to improve on the "pack concept." Ideally, Crawford wants less than a minute to separate the top five runners for the team. Currently, about one minute, 30 seconds separates the top five.

Crawford is most pleased with the improvements made on the men's side.

"We re-evaluated last year's performances and took a more aggressive attitude coming into this season," she said.

A new approach to training occurred this season when Mark Conover came to assist the team. Conover was a 1988 Olympic marathon runner and a 1992 and 1996 Olympic Trial qualifier.

Conover took over for previous assistant coach Brooks Johnson, who left the team in June.

"We trained harder this summer and because of a new training philosophy from Mark, we have a lot more confidence," Engel said. "We're excited about the Big West. In the last couple of meets we've been less than 10 points away from Barbers and we have big hopes of beating them this weekend.

For the women, their main goal is to make nationals. Part of that qualification process will begin at the conference championships held November 2 at Boise State. From there the team hopes to make regionals, held in Fresno, where the top finishing teams have a chance to qualify for the NCAA National Championships.

"This weekend will be a true test to see where we stand," Becker said. "We always try to keep our main goal of making nationals in mind."

Alomar continues to play despite upset umps

By Ronald Blum

NEW YORK — Roberto Alomar might withdraw the appeal of his five-game suspension, putting baseball officials and umpires back on a collision course.

If the players' association withdraws the appeal, American League president Gene Budig would be able to conduct a hearing Thursday. And Alomar, in keeping with baseball precedent, would serve the suspension at the start of next season.

That's what Alomar wants. But not without Budig's hearing, the contentious sides would return Friday to federal court in Philadelphia, where the American and National leagues have asked for an injunction that would prevent umpires from boycotting the rest of the postseason.

Alomar's agent, Jaime Torres, has discussed withdrawing the appeal with union officials, according to sources who spoke on condition they not be identified.

Even some umpires expect U.S. District Judge Edmund Ludwig to issue an injunction if the sides don't settle. The labor agreement umpires signed in May 1995 contains a no-strike clause.

"We signed a contract to work and we're obligated to do that," umpire Drew Coble said Tuesday before Game 2 of the Indians-Orioles series.

On Tuesday, umpires and the leagues agreed that if Budig held the appeals hearing, umpires would work the remainder of the postseason. However, umpires want Alomar suspended immediately over last Friday's incident at Toronto, in which Baltimore's All-Star second baseman spat in the face of umpire John Hirschbeck.

Budig suspended Alomar for five games and fined him $35,000, both appealable, delaying any penalty until after a hearing. Baseball officials could not recall an instance in which a player was suspended during the postseason for an on-field-qualification process occurred in a regular-season game.

Coble sounded as if he would prefer that umpires take a softer approach to negotiations with

Elvis will lead 49ers

By Dennis Georgopoulos

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Elvis Grbac is back for another start and Steve Young is still trying to get back.

Coach George Seifert said Wednesday that Grbac would start his second straight game at quarterback for the 49ers (3-1), who play at St. Louis (1-3) on Sunday.

Seifert said Young, a two-time league MVP with four passing titles in six years as San Francisco's starter, needs more time to fully recover from a groin strain.

"I just want to get him close to being 100 percent," Seifert said. "I don't even know if this is doing that. Everybody understands that, but I know that by not resting him, there would be no chance for him to get closer to being 100 percent.

"Elvis did a good job this last week and he's going to have to do it better this week. We'd like to have an opportunity to win the ball game," Seifert said.

Grbac completed 22 of 36 throws for 222 yards and a touchdown in last week's 28-7 win.

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