Activism week ends with two emotional debates

Congressional debate brings major, lesser known candidates to Chumash Auditorium

Promises and plans for the future filled Chumash Auditorium when 22nd congressional district candidates and lesser-known candidates spoke at a congressional forum sponsored by ASI on Thursday night.

Juan Gonzales, vice president of student affairs and moderating for the event, began the forum by introducing all of the candidates and the parties they represented. They were then given the opportunity to present a five-minute opening statement.

Richard Porter, from the Reform Party, used his opening to introduce the Cal Poly Plan and its goals for the future. "The Cal Poly Plan is a statement of our belief in the role of the university," he said.

Democratic candidate Walter Cuppa began his speech by discussing his background and responding to the television commercial attacks that had previously been made by the Republican Party. He said he knew what kind of person he is and that he is not the dangerous person that has been portrayed on television.

"I know about your idealism, your hopes and what you're living for," he said. Cuppa then criticized incumbent and Republican candidate Andrea Seastrand.

The last person to speak was Matt Higbie, an independent candidate for the office.

By Roihel Brady
Daily Staff Writer

Some students had the opportunity to present a five-minute closing statement.

By Tim Bregg
Daily Staff Writer

Passions and tempers flared at a panel discussion on Proposal 209, the California Civil Rights Initiative which would end state-run affirmative action programs and preferences based on both race and gender.

Approximately 100 people came to the debate held in Chumash Auditorium Thursday night, which was the final event of ASI's Political Activism Week.

Moderating the event was Mustang Daily editor in chief Steve Enders, who introduced the unseen number of panellists.

Opposing the initiative was Marty Jenkins, president of the American Association of University Women, Margy Lepes of the Mexican American Political Association and David Hawkins, a legislative advocate with the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges.

Outnumbered three to two was Kate O'Brien, Washington editor of the National Review, and UC Santa Cruz German language professor John Ellis.

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Steering Committee will develop with an ever-changing Cal Poly Plan

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Jenny Jutras
Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee discussed the scope of the committee in its first meeting of the 1996-97 school year on Thursday.

President Warren Baker said it was his intention to have the steering committee look at issues which intersect the Cal Poly Plan and how those issues impact the objectives of the plan.

Enrollment and space were addressed as issues that would intersect the plan.

President Steve McCamish said he sees the scope of the Cal Poly Plan going "above and beyond the actual Cal Poly Plan itself.

The steering committee is made up of representatives from the four major constituencies on campus — administration, faculty, students and staff.

This year the committee has more than $82 million, generated by a $45 increase in student fees, to help support different areas on campus.

One-third of the money generated from the campus fee has been set aside for financial aid, while the rest of the money is going to support 25 projects.

The projects fall into the areas of technology and equipment, instructional technology applications. According to Linda Dalton, interim associate provost for institutional planning, there is no one that will be funded by the plan this year did not.

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A recent stabbing at one fraternity house and fights being broken over someone's head at another have put the Cal Poly Police on high alert.

Police Chief Shawn Kennedy responded by saying it is hard to come back and organize a meeting in the first week of school.

"Gardiner hasn't been a student for a long time," said Kennedy, an Architectural Engineer senior. "He doesn't know the difficulties of getting something together in the first week.

Kennedy said that it was hard to say if having the meeting earlier in the year would have had any impact on the situations the chief brought up at the meeting.

Police go undercover at weekend parties. See page 2 for details

Increased student population at Cal Poly and Cuesta, fraternities having open parties, alcohol being served to minors and parties getting out of hand were all issues brought up during the meeting.

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CITY: Ridershare week begins today, so you should feel guilty about driving yourself to school.

OPINION: Really a nice guy, Dan Rhoads has something to say about one of our columns last week.

SPORTS: Catch up on all the weekend Mustang action from here and afar.

Kate O'Brien and John Ellis listen intently to David Hawkins at the Proposition 209 forum Thursday night / Daily photo by Sean McNamara
Rideshare urges ditching cars

By Leisha Mosi
Staff Writer

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Folks said Ride-On was recognized because it uses its own fleet of vehicles, which is unique.

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CANDIDATES: Voiced opinions on education

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Higbee, a Cal Poly graduate, said Seastrand is someone that represents honesty, integrity and courage.

Higbee also stated that Seastrand said that she did not keep her promises in her last two years in Congress and that she would not run again.

Following opening statements Gonzales allowed the panel a one-minute response to questions that students had submitted earlier.

The panel was asked what privilege they would give to education at the federal level.

While all speakers spoke about being for education, they all had different plans for how they would handle education issues in office.

Porter spoke about focusing on elementary schools being more teacher-centered, rather than administration-centered. Wheeler stated that he would work toward reducing classroom size and keeping decisions about uniforms and curfews at a local level only.

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The only project that received funding until late August.

The first phase of the center is expected to be complete within two months. This segment will include the new People's Kitchen facility.

The San Luis Obispo People's Kitchen has been serving free noon meals to needy people every day for 15 years.

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Recently, the organization had to move from its location in Mission Plaza, to a temporary facility, due to numerous complaints from surrounding businesses and residents.

People living and working close by said the homeless people using the service often hassled passersby and aggressively panhandled.

At Thursday's ceremony Blakely applauded the local business owners' determinate in finding a more suitable, permanent location for the group. The new facility will provide the People's Kitchen with its first opportunity to serve meals indoors.

Although the Prado Day Center has received contributions from nearly a dozen organizations, it still needs tremendous funding.

The City of San Luis Obispo has pledged $100,000 toward construction of the center, and has provided more than $34,000 worth of water and sewer installation services.

In addition, the city and county will each provide $40,000 to pay for the center's first year of expenses. The county also plans to donate $50,000 for construction costs.

Nevertheless, Settle said for the construction to continue, the project must pass on the government's side. A desire to keep government out of education decisions was expressed by Berson.

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PLAN: Steering committee plans to meet more frequently this quarter

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"Everything else is just getting started," Dalton said. "All of the programs should be implemented by the end of the year."

The committee decided that it will now meet six times a quarter to try to get more work done.

Irene Hoffman, a faculty representative to the committee, voiced concern that information about the plans wasn't getting out to the students.

Dalton said that in the future they will be using various forms of communication to get plan information out to the campus.
Fennel revenge
By Dawn Pillsbury

Someone has run over the fennel plant again. Those of you who walk to or from school across the train tracks may know the plant. I'm writing of it. It's about five feet tall, with green leaves and a strong licorice smell -- especially when it's run over. And as it is on a corner around which students frequently walk, it's been run over at least once. I wonder how the Mormons feel about such a sin occurring within the tire treads of the car that ran over it and falls out on this person's lawn. So, whoever ran over the fennel bush, you soon needn't go far to find fennel plants. Within a few weeks you will notice small, green shoots near your driveway. Two to three months after that, you will have large, healthy fennel bushes depositing more seeds on your lawn. And everyone will then know who you are. Drive safely.

Dawn Pillsbury is a journalism senior. She will often be seen reading a Daily and wondering if students, faculty, staff and other community members. If possible, please e-mail your name and phone number for verification.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor: This is addressed to the young lady in the little, black car that almost ran me over Friday (Oct. 4) morning, before 8 a.m. at the intersection of California Boulevard and Campus Way. The crosswalks are there for a reason. Next time you see someone crossing the street in a crosswalk -- STOP. We're both lucky I saw you coming; I'd probably be in a hospital instead of writing this letter.

Meri Kay Garwood
Art and Design Department

LETTERS POLICY

Mustang Daily welcomes letters and commentaries from students, staff and other community members. If possible, please e-mail your work to: jfrederick@calpoly.edu. Otherwise, submissions should be typed and double-spaced (750-1,000 words for commentaries and letters less than 250 words). You must include your name and phone number for verification: students, include major and class rank. Mustang Daily reserves the right to edit for clarity, grammar, length and otherwise.

Hey, I'm a nice guy
By Dan Rhoads

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, Karen E. Spader painted a fairly grim tale about the "Dating Scene." Unfortunately, she seems to have hit the nail on the head. "Scopers," "Scammers," "Men On The Hunt" — whatever anyone wants to call them — refers to men on a mission when we hit the bar scene.

However, I should be careful when I use the word "we." Obviously, Miss Spader has had enough experience with men in the bar scene to be able to figure out all the secrets of scamming and be able to spot the "scopers" and depict them with such accuracy (if you haven't read the article, you should — sorry, guys, the secret is out!). Of course, there are the predatory groups that women feel they need to fend off.

And let's not kid ourselves — we all know who we're talking about, from the guys who fit Ms. Spader's description to the women who are attracted to them. But in all the commotion, we, including Ms. Spader, seem to have forgotten about an often overlooked, seemingly-forgotten section of the bar-scene population: The Nice Guy.

Nice Guy is definitely out there, though maybe unnoticed. He is either busy having a good time with friends, not burying himself with the aerobatics of scamming, or is mistaken for one of the professional scopers on the "scoping team" and is given the "brushoff" like water off a duck. It's not that Nice Guy possesses any character flaws or lack of personality, he just isn't equipped with the weapons and powers of a full-time "scammer" or "scoper" to stand a chance of surviving in the harsh environment of the "dating scene." I, too, find the whole sport called "dating" to be a very rough environment. I enjoy going to bars with my friends. I enjoy the atmosphere, the entertainment and the beer. I do feel rather pessimistic about my chances of finding Miss Right in a bar. A longtime friend of mine had a theory about the bar scene and shared his little bit of wisdom with me at the end of a long evening. He said, "You know, the kind of women who go to bars don't go there to meet nice guys. They go to meet guys who are dicks."

Well, if that's the case, then I seem to have two options: 1) Become a "dick" and wear my personal style on my sleeve so that I might as well have the word "dickhead" written on my forehead to eliminate any doubt, or 2) Give up completely on the idea of cutting loose with a partner in the bar scene.

Well, my chances of becoming a "dick" are about the same as the chance of me finding a corner in a round room. But I also refuse to believe that all the girls at the bars have no interest in Nice Guy. I know that somewhere out there is the counterpart of Nice Guy — Nice Girl.

I still think it could happen. I'm just making my own business, hanging out and having a laugh with my friends, listening to good music (and sometimes not-so-good music), drinking a Bass Ale (no Bud, please!) and basically having a good time. Then, when I turn around to go for a refill I bump into that girl who probably could have launched those famous ships, with that twinkle in her eyes as hers meet mine, with the sweet-smelling perfume and a radiant smile that appears when I say "Hi." Who knows where an encounter like that might lead, when Nice Guy meets Nice Girl. Two people, unpretentious and genuine, with no objections to that fabled "intelligent conversation" and whose egos aren't so big that only one of them can pass through the doorway at one time. It could happen. So don't despair, Nice Guy — you know who you are. Don't give up on the world and look forward to a life alone. And don't be afraid to say "Hi" to that Nice Girl in the bar, or the U.U., or Rec Center or wherever. If those scopers are so blatant as to stand out so much — and women obviously know all about them — then Nice Guy should stand out of the crowd just as strong by contrast.

So, girls, don't overlook Nice Guys. There are more of them than you think — we promise not to bite.

Nice Guys unite!

Dan Rhoads is an architecture senior and teaches a night class at Cuesta College called "How to be a Nice Guy in today's Nasty World."
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C'mon, California, Let's Get It Together!

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Free Vanpools by Ride-On TMA. Call 541-TRIP for information.

Transit Tuesday
Ride for free on CCAT, SLO Transit, SCAT and PRCATS buses. Come by the Hot Dog Round-Up at lunch and check out the new Regional Transit Map.

Web Site Wednesday
Come see the new Regional Rideshare Home Page at the Grand Unveiling and learn how to access local transportation resources by using the Internet.

Telecommute Thursday
Work at home or come to the Telecommute workshop and learn what telecommuting is all about.

Bike to Work Friday
Drawing of pledge cards for local prizes and bicycles!

For more information and locations of events contact your worksite Employee Transportation Coordinator or the Regional Rideshare Office at 541-CARS
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Those opposed said affirmative action was needed to remedy years of racial discrimination. But supporters said affirmative action was discrimination of the worst kind: the kind supported and encouraged by the government.

"No past discrimination can ever be remedied by a racial or gender preference," O'Beirne said. "A racial preference causes social discrimination for those who are not members of the preferred class."

But members of the opposition said affirmative action was not the monster that supporters of the proposition said it was.

"Affirmative action was not created by women and minorities who want to get ahead, it simply encouraged by the government," and president of the American Association of University Women.

It was discrimination of the worst kind, O'Beirne said. "A past discrimination cannot be corrected by a racial or gender preference."

The debate was relatively calm until Ellis made remarks that affirmative action has caused the most tension between racial groups on campus and actually hurt minority students because it made people expect less from them.

"It is often said that affirmative action is a way of redressing past grievances. But if that is the case, why can't we all just get along?" Ellis said.

One student who made sure his voice was heard was Ashanti Branch, a social engineering student who had been upset that the supporters of the proposition felt affirmative action was no longer needed.

Even when Enders said that question time had ended, Branch went to the microphone and demanded that he be heard.

"Affirmative action may have gotten me here, but it's not keeping me here," Branch said. "If I'm getting 'F's in all my classes, I don't want affirmative action."

As the debate went on, confusion arose over how much time each side was allowed. Also adding to confusion was that the time limits were not well-defined and that certain panelists were given more time than others.

During a question and answer period following the panels' opening statements, Enders was forced to cut off the speakers in order to stay within the time limits.

Despite all the bitter rhetoric, most of the students who showed up at the forum just wanted to know how the proposition would affect them.
WASHINGTON: Women's soccer finishes third in Husky Invitational

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The Mustangs' celebration was short-lived. Less than three minutes later, Portland's Baumgardner passed the ball into the Mustangs penalty box where Joyce Dutha was there to finish the cross with a goal.

Regulation time ended with both teams tied. Neither team scored in the first overtime, and the second overtime produced the same result. After 120 minutes of play, the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

"We were bummed that we tied," said Michelle Nemoor. After coming this far, we knew that we could have won."

Cal Poly Head Coach Alex Crozier said "It was a good game to show the players that they can play with anyone." Crozier said.

After a day of rest, Cal Poly next faced the University of Washington.

The Huskies were ready for Cal Poly and scored their only two goals early in the first half.

"They didn't respect us at all, so we came out ready to play." Crozier said. After a 120 minute period of play, the game ended with a score of 1-1.

The Mustangs didn't set to be a shoot-out by Washington and responded with a goal of their own in the second half.

"I don't think anyone thought that we could have won." Crozier said.

The score remained tied, 1-1, at halftime.

In the second half, Cal Poly stopped several scoring chances for Northridge. During one of the chances, Matador midfielder Brandon Fonseca broke through the Mustangs' defense and the shot beat Connell, but Holmes was there on the goal line to knock the ball away.

Cal State Northridge Head Coach Marwan Ans'feld had his team outplayed the Mustangs, despite being outshot 9 to 8.

"(Cal Poly) worked hard," Ans'feld said. "We had more opportunities, and usually the team that has more opportunities wins but there are always exceptions."
SPORTS

Volleyball sweeps Fullerton and Irvine
By Rori Miller
Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly women’s volleyball team defeated Cal State Fullerton in a five-game battle, 3-2, on Saturday at Mott Gym. The Mustangs now have a 10-4 record, 3-1 in Big West competition.

- Women’s Volleyball

Cal Poly took the first game, 15-11, and lost the next two, 11-15, to the Titans. Cal Poly then won the fourth, 15-10, and the tie-breaking fifth, 15-11.

Head coach, Steve Schlick said the team came to the court motivated and ready to play. “We played at a much higher level of execution,” Schlick said. “It is nice to win.”

Cal Poly fell behind, 5-13, in the first game when Fullerton’s Heather Basset and Melissa Blackler kept the kills coming. Sophomores Tricia Jensen and Jill Butts used their power blocking to create a wall above the net for Cal Poly and the team came back to win with consecutive kills by Jensen.

Outside hitter Colleen More had a total of 15 kills for the night and made several key digs. “I am so happy we win,” More said. “It was really a critical match.”

Both teams understood the importance of the match and sacrificed their bodies, rolling over backwards, forwards and sideways to save the ball. The next three games were a struggle of sideouts with strong serve and passing from Butts and Melissa Pierce.

Freshman middle blocker Kari DeBoto, who had 11 kills on the night, said the team came together to win. “We showed a lot of heart,” DeBoto said. “I was confident in the way we know how to play.”

Rally scoring, where a point is awarded after every play regardless of sideout, was used in the fifth game and kept the fans on the edge of their seats. “In the fifth game it comes down to who is going to play harder and who is going to push for one more step,” Moro said.

In last game DeBoto made significant digs to give Cal Poly the lead. Kills from Fullerton’s Shelby Smith brought the Titans within range, 12-10, until More’s kill gave Cal Poly the first half match point.

After losing two consecutive games and coming back to win the two final games, Cal Poly embraced the winning match. “It was great to be down and pull it out,” DeBoto said.

Cal Poly beat U.C. Irvine, 3-0, on Friday in another important match and necessary step in achieving its goal of the Big West Tournament.

“We talked about how important both of these matches were,” Schlick said. “To qualify we have to beat Fullerton and we have to beat Irvine.”

More said the team needs to be at least fourth in its league at the end of the season. “We want to go to the Big West Tournament,” she said. That is why these wins were so important.

Mustangs drop Northridge on last second goal
By Greg Manifold
Daily Sports Editor

With less than a minute to play in the game, and the score knotted at one goal a piece, the Cal Poly and Cal State Northridge men’s soccer teams seemed destined to go into overtime Friday night.

- Men’s Soccer

With the ball out of bounds deep in the Matadors’ end of the field, the Mustangs had one chance to come away with the victory in regulation time.

Cal Poly forward Danny Hill was lying on the ground trying to stretch out leg cramps, and defender Scott Hockett was pass the ball in. Hill was unable when he received the throw-in and made a quick pass to the waiting pass toward the goal mouth.

The pass found Cal Poly midfielder Tony Chebana-Banda who put the header past Northridge goalie Victor Lopez. The goal gave the Mustangs a 2-1 victory to the delight of the fans at Mustang Stadium. The win gives Cal Poly a 1-0 record in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (5-7 overall).

“[It was a perfect night. It came right to my head, and I lost to put it in],” said Chebana-Banda. “(The win) is a big boost for us,” he added, “I thought we played well in the first half, besides the Matadors’ corner kick goal. The second half we kind of let them down, but the boys have kept on pressing them.”

“[But I’m happy],” he added, “The guys worked hard today and I’m proud of them.”

Outside hitter Melissa Pannier receives her- self for a spike from a forehead player during Saturday’s match / Daily photo by Sean McNamara

“[The win] is a bigger boost for the team’s play,” Coach Wolfgang Gartner was also proud of his team’s play. “I think we played sharp, very crisp and very strong,” Gartner said.

“It was an exciting college soccer game,”
See MEN’S SOCCER page 7

30-point second half not enough for Mustangs

By Jennifer Bock
Daily Staff Writer

Payullup, WA — The Cal Poly women’s soccer team knew traveling to Washington wasn’t going to be easy.

- Women’s Soccer

The Mustangs flew out of state over the weekend to face some of their toughest opponents this season, the University of Portland Pilots and the University of Washington Huskies, in the 1996 Husky/Univeirsity Invitational Tournament.

The Mustangs came away with a 1-1 tie in the first match against the No. 5 team in the nation, Portland, but fell short Sunday against the Huskies, 2-1.

Cal Poly and Portland played the first game of the tournament Friday afternoon. Due to con- struction at the University of Washington’s Husky Field in Payullup, the rain pouring down in buckets, both teams struggled to stay on their feet.

“I just kept sliding, you can’t stop yourself,” said senior midfielder Nicole Gartner.

Portland’s Justi Baumgard started the first half with a shot that sailed past the upper right corner of the goal and continued out of bounds.

Portland’s main threats, Baumgard and Tara Koleski, combined for the Pilots’ eight shots in the first half. The second half started with several turnovers due to the slippery conditions. The Pilots, used to the weather conditions, had very good touch and control of the ball. This did not phase Cal Poly, See WASHINGTON page 7

Mixed results on roadtrip

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