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Measure M ‘soars’ to local controversy

By Jolie Walt
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Land use designations for agriculture, open space, residential and rural land designations in the unincorporated areas of San Luis Obispo County are at the center of the Measure M debate. The Save Open Space and Agricultural Resources (SOAR) initiative landed itself on the upcoming ballot after receiving 17,000 signatures of voters who were concerned about the effect that development in San Luis Obispo County would have on their communities and property values. The SOAR initiative would give citizens the right to vote on the growth and development of the county, said Jim Keese, geography professor and native of San Luis Obispo County. "It's all about zoning," Keese said. "In order for the local government to receive lands that have been designated for agriculture, open space, residential and rural lands for the purpose of more intensive urban uses such as housing developments and shopping centers, it would require a vote of the people." Supporters of the SOAR initiative want to stop urban sprawl, Keese said. "We need to protect the unique rural character of our county from poorly planned growth," he said. Opponents of SOAR say that if passed, Measure M would make it impossible to plan intelligently for the future of the county. They say it would replace careful planning with ballot-box zoning. Hundreds of complex land-use decisions would be made by people who have no expertise in the area of development.

Local farmer Steve Soderstrom said that although the SOAR initiative would give people the right to vote on zoning issues in the county, it would destroy local control in communities. "Larger towns like San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles would be making decisions for towns like Cambria," Soderstrom said. "Right now, through citizen groups, people have the ability to speak to the city about local growth concerns. With Measure M, they would now have to speak to the entire county. Control of community decisions is lost!" Keese said 70 percent of the opposition comes from developers and realtors who have a vested interest in growth for their own interests. "These are people who want to manipulate the system for their own financial well-being," Keese said. "Big development can affect the taxes we pay, traffic congestion and the pristine beauty of the Central Coast." Soderstrom said without development outside city limits, growth would be concentrated in the cities leading to increasing demands for water and a pipeline from Los Osos.

Settle, Romero focus on growth, housing issues in mayoral race

By Carolyn Ficara
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Growth in San Luis Obispo and obtaining the water needed for growth are two important issues in the mayoral race between Mayor Allen Settle and Councilman Dave Romero. Both candidates said they plan to follow the city's already adopted General Plan, which is a one-percent growth for each residential and commercial development. "San Luis Obispo hasn't even reached this amount of growth yet," said Romero, who has been a councilman since 1992. "I want to see the city get closer to this amount. The jobs are here, from Cal Poly, the Men's Colony and new industry, but there isn't enough affordable housing in the city. Settle says I'm for urban sprawl, but the worst kind of urban sprawl is the huge volume of people moving in and out of San Luis Obispo every day because people with families can't afford to live here," he said.

Settle, who has held various positions in the city for 25 years, would like to see new construction at Camp San Luis for student and faculty housing. "There are nearly 30,000 students between the two colleges," Settle said. "Housing could be constructed on the base by a joint-powers arrangement between Guest, Cal Poly and Camp San Luis. That would ease the housing problem." Both candidates said San Luis Obispo needs more water resources. Currently there are four options the city has explored, and a decision is expected within a year. Romero said a pipeline from Lake Nacimiento to Paso Robles, Atascadero and San Luis Obispo is the most feasible of the four choices, although Paso Robles doesn't need the water and may not agree to join the project. "It will be expensive, but if all the cities go together it will be a good deal.

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Last debate targets uncommitted voters

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Three weeks from judgment at the polls, Al Gore and George W. Bush tried to gain the favor of crucial uncommitted voters Tuesday night in the third and last of their presidential debates.

The night was beginning in silence, a moment of tribute to Gov. Mel Carnahan of Missouri, killed in an airplane crash the night before, as he campaigned for the Senate.

The presidential candidates and their vice-presidential running mates were passing in Carnahan's memory before the chaotic '90-minute debate' on the campus of Washington University.

While the television audiences for this year's debates have not matched those of past presidential campaigns — about 37.6 million saw the debate last Wednesday night — Bush and Gore were still playing to more people than would watch them again before the election.

After two debates without decisive moments, it was a chance perhaps to break out of the virtual deadlock that pollsters seen in now.

The presidential campaign is rated statistically even in the polls, although Bush has gained since the debates began two weeks ago in Boston.

Missouri is one of the swing states on which Bush and Gore are concentrating on the campaign days ahead toward Nov. 7.

In the latest national polls on issues that have been argued in the debates, Gore has the advantage on the economy, health care and education, while Bush is preferred on the question of trust and honesty. Bush also has a narrow edge on leadership skill and likability.

Along with those topics and traits, there were cases ahead for the debaters to deal with — the Israeli-Palestinian strife that sent President Clinton to an emergency summit in Egypt, which ended with the two sides agreeing to try to end 20 days of violence, and the terrorist attack on the detonator USS Cole at a refueling stop in Yemen, which killed 17 sailors.

Bush praised the administration's role in arranging the possible cease-fire, and said he would repeat that praise in the debate if the Mideast question arose.

The debate finale was in a different format, with the audience, rather than the moderator, Jim Lehrer of PBS, getting most of the questions to the candidates. The potential questioners were voters from the St. Louis area, selected by the Gallup organization as uncommitted between Bush and Gore.

They were among about 600 people in the debate theater.

Bush said he was comfortable with the town hall debate format because "I know what I believe," and Gore said he'd been doing it for years. They both rehearsed trying out the debate they'll use instead of the kettles of the standing debate in Boston, or the chain at the table in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Both Bush and Gore, who was to have campaigned with Carnahan on Wednesday, joined in praising the Democratic governor, killed Monday night in a campaign in a tightly contested Senate race with Republican Sen. John Ashcroft.

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housing and traffic.

"Limiting the number of new homes would raise the price of house," he said. "When prices go up, so does rent." Housing costs have long been a problem for students in San Luis Obispo.

On the other hand, Keese said in cities continue to grow, they will be able to annex land and determine their futures.

"SOAR doesn't stop growing," he said. "It gives the people a voice in how and where we grow."

Söderström said the SOAR initiative is full of ambiguity and could be potentially devastating for the county.

"If I wanted to build a second house on my ranch for my daughter to live on after the graduates from Cal Poly, it would require a vote of the county," Söderström said. "We could be voting monthly and more likely private land owners who will benefit from the vote would be held responsible for the cost of the process."

Keese and Söderström will face off at a county wide forum on the SOAR initiative, hosted by the Brock Center for Agricultural Communication on Thursday, in the Performing Arts Center from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Businesswoman Susan Mullen, a SOAR supporter, and farmer Don Walden, who opposes SOAR, will also speak at the forum, which will be moderated by KSBY's Jill Rickett.

J. Scott Verizon, director of the Brock Center for Agricultural Communication, said student participation in the forum is important because the SOAR initiative has the potential to drive the cost of living upward.

Söderström agreed that participation is necessary. "A large portion of the voting public hasn't read into the initiative," he said. "It's time to become educated."
Breakfast for the broke

By Jon Hughes
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Waking up early is no fun. It's almost impossible to get a good night of sleep while in college, which often makes the mornings hellish. If you're like me, you roll out of bed at the last possible moment, hoping to save every second of sleep before dragging yourself to class. This leaves very little time to make breakfast. The meal most always was the most important of the day.

In lieu of preparing a substantial, healthy breakfast for oneself, there is always fast food. Some people cringe at the thought of starting their day off with such mass-produced fare, but for others it is the only way to get anything in their stomachs before lunch.

I reviewed the main breakfast sandwiches from the big four fast-food restaurants (Carls Jr., McDonald's, Burger King and Jack in the Box) and found that, while they don't exactly offer four-star entrees, they provide pretty tasty meals the most part.

To give you an idea on how each breakfast sandwich stack up against its competitors, they have been graded on the three main sectors of fast-food quality, size, greasiness (less grease being good and vice versa), and, most importantly, taste.

My first stop was Carls Jr., a place which I have never heard of anyone going for breakfast. I ordered Carls's most popular breakfast item (I think three people ordered it a couple of years ago), the Sourdough Breakfast Sandwich. Based on its specs, it almost sounded kind of promising: sourdough buns, two kinds of cheese (American and Jack), ham and egg. What arrived was far from promising. Maybe I'm alone on this, but I prefer my sourdough to be toasted rather than soggy. The egg and cheeses were fine (big deal), but the ham was more rubbery than a prophylactic condom. My sourdough sandwich had just begun. Size: B+, Greasiness: C-, Taste: C-

My next stop was Jack in the Box, my all-time favorite fast-food place. Jack's food is about as healthy as a stapf infection, but it never fails to satisfy. I ordered the Ultimate Breakfast Sandwich, and was surprised by its large size when it arrived. On the other two criteria, however, it failed somewhat miserably. I could have labeled my car with the amount of grease that dripped from the ham and cheese. Its abundance of mayo (in a breakfast sandwich?) made the taste hardly something I'd want to wake up to.

Size: A, Greasiness: B, Taste: C-

My final stop (no, I didn't try all of these in one day) was to the old standby, the original fast-food breakfast sandwich — McDonald's. I immediately felt at home as I ordered the classic Sausage McMuffin with Egg. When it arrived I took my first bite, my affection for the McMuffin was affirmed. The simplicity of the breakfast sandwiches, yet it delivers where it counts most — taste. Plus, the two for $2 deal can't be beat.

Size: B, Greasiness: A, Taste: B+

When it comes to breakfast, your best bet is still getting up a little earlier and making it yourself. But for the lazy, it is important to know the hierarchy of breakfast sandwiches, of which McDonald's still rules. Had to the king, baby...

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY MAKES JACK EXTREMELY UNATTRACTIVE WITH THE LIGHT ON.
Chatting my way through English chaos

This week before I left to travel America and go to England, I will wholeheartedly miss my home country assignments, but this was only a glimpse of what’s to come.

At orientation two days after arrival, I was advised to go. “You are going into utter chaos. Just relax and plan your way through it.” Well, that’s exactly what I did. I got through many previous considerations of efficiency. I went back to a somewhat new primitive time. Instead of yelling at the CAPTURE lady and SCANNING POWER, I went to each department in and out of.

“I’m sorry that one is full. No, that class isn’t being offered this year. Oh, but we did just add a new class on...”

Barnaby Hughes

Forget a single class schedule put out by the university. Each department has its own schedule, which is subject to change at whim. I requested Thursday and Friday and started classes the following Monday. I hope you’re not under the impression that Bristol can do this because it’s a small college. It’s not. It’s the same as Cal Poly. One really nice thing about the English university system is that since there are no general education courses, professors can teach what interests them most, which increases class topic variety. Also, they hand out back-to-back pages wrong in my flat. I don’t have to fill out a Service Request form at the front desk. I just go to the senior Resident about what’s wrong. Then he arranges to have and submit the form for me and make sure that it gets fixed.

What to do? I found out the state of the carpet in the flat. The Senior Resident said that it was supposed to be fixed soon. Well, that was two weeks ago. I was just beginning to give up when some contractors came today to replace the carpet. Why now? The Accommodation Office is coming to inspect our flat tomorrow so they couldn’t wait any longer. That’s English efficiency!

One even gets to chat with bus drivers here. They don’t just state your stop while you have to plug in using a separate ticket in order to pay the uniform fare. No, drivers personally handle transactions. Just tell them where you’re going and whether it’s single or return, and you don’t even need correct change.

Chatting is the national pastime, not football (excuse me, cricket) or rugby. Chatting consumes every spare moment. And boy are the English good at it! Their questions really can be quite amusing. Take this Thanksgiving thing all over. You’ve never had Ribena before? You mean all your baby girls are circumsized? You’ve never watched East-Enders? (Warning: don’t watch it!).

It though often occurs too much, chatting at least puts a personal face back into communication. More often, I just hang out when my clothes dry, because there’s no dryer. Or that I can park your car on the street facing the wrong direction? Or that I’m walking (what they say) is perfectly acceptable. Oh, that Scrammers, drinking fountains and recycle bins don’t exist! And though the country that gave us our system of weights and measures has now converted to metric, it’s nice to know that one thing still hasn’t changed: beer still comes in pints glasses.

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Opinion

Local radio stations lack guts

Being the head of a radio station has got to be one of the toughest jobs there is. It is the head’s task to broadcast a consistently entertaining mix of programming to appeal to a public with incredibly varied musical tastes. The best stations are the ones that offer their listeners the songs they know and love while taking chances and perhaps opening listeners up to new songs.

The radio stations in San Luis Obispo are not some of the best. In fact, I don’t think I have ever heard a more gaudy collection of generic programming anywhere. There is not a single station that takes anything resembling a risk with the songs it plays. What’s worse is that the songs they think everyone wants to hear are absolute crap.

My usual driving routine is to flip on the radio, then proceed to meticulously turn the dial back and forth in the oft-used chance that I’ll find something good, or just listenable, to pass the time with. Occasionally, I will find some tune that I can tolerate. More often, I spend the entire drive turning that dial. It passes the time, but it hardly satisfies a listening experience.

Let’s identify the main culprits. The absolute worst of the bunch has to be SLY 96.1, the ungodly MTV clone of the radio waves. It, by some chance, you haven’t listened to the station, imagine Total Request Live played in a never ending loop. If that isn’t bad enough, throw in some of the most irritating disc jockeys on the planet, each one apparently paid in cruck to trawl about some God-awful new Britney or Backstreet song as it is played three times an hour.

Only slightly less offensive than SLY 96 is The Rock 107.3. Take away the Christina and Destiny’s drill and you can equally compare the two. The Rock has an uncanny ability to identify the foremost one-hit wonders in contemporary rock music and then overplay them to the point of extinction. When one of those “here today, gone tomorrow” bands actually sticks around for a longer than expected (see Creed, Limp Belkin), look out, because it will dominate. The Rock’s programming like Cyndi dominates a buffet table. Oh, and don’t miss their hourly Big Hair flashback, where they bring back the biggest garbage from the past as well.

Next on the hit list is Wild 106.1. I have a hard time objectively criticizing any station that specializes in hip-hop fare because, to put it mildly, it is generally not my cup of tea. (It’s more like a cup of V8). Still, due to the dearth of programming elsewhere on the dial, I end up listening to Wild fairly frequently. Perhaps I just happen to tune in at inappropriate moments, but the station seems to have nothing but loud, year-old-catchphrase-sputting, wannabe gangsta DJs who come across like they’re trying too hard to be “lil’.”

Maybe that’s the culture and I’m just not “down wit’ it,” but I do know Eminem ain’t “all that,” at least not once every 15 minutes.

Maybe I’m being a little over-dramatic or unfair in my criticisms of San Luis Obispo radio. I’ll admit that my music tastes are not as diverse as some (I’m still stuck in the groove movement, minus the flannel) and my annoyance with what I perceive as bad songs may be excessive. Still, I know that since I am able to tune on the three “rock” stations in the area and hear the same Creed song at the same time, there is something very wrong going down.

All I ask is that the powers that be in local radio wake up and realize that their listening audience can be afforded more credit than is currently being given. We may like certain trends, catch-by-songs, but we don’t need to hear them every hour on the hour. Stations just need to have the guts to take risks with their programming and try new, original things. That would be “da bomb.”

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This place would be so entertaining if we had liquor.
Voting fulfills important duty in democracy

Oct. 10 has come and gone, and the opportunity to choose our nation’s next leader now rests only in the hands of those sensible few who registered to vote.

Last Tuesday was the last chance to register and our town made sure you all had the option.

Not only were there voter registration booths on campus, but there were registration forms in various locations all over the county. There was even a box of voter registration cards sitting out—everybody who registered to vote.

By Wednesday, the country’s next leader now rests in your hands. There were registration forms in administration booths on campus, but some of those people know that one vote does make a difference, and it always will. Without those who believe in the system and participate in the political process, there would be no democracy.

Yet, these truths are ignored by so many people our age. The excuses range from, “I didn’t have time” or “I didn’t know where to go” to “It doesn’t really matter if I vote.”

Well, it does matter. If any of these people took five minutes out of their self-absorbed existence to ask a friend or teacher, stop at a registration booth in the University Union or even look on Cal Poly’s Web site, they could see just how easy it is.

It is disheartening to see the statistics from the 1996 election. Approximately 31 percent of people ages 18 to 20 voted, and about 38 percent of 21 to 24 year olds voted. Almost 70 percent of people our age know that one vote does make a difference, and it always will. Without those who believe in the system and participate in the political process, there would be no democracy.

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According to a poll by Medfill News Service, 46 percent of people 18 to 24 years agreed that, to some extent, voting in elections has little to do with the way decisions are made in our country. I hardly think this is reasonable. Imagine if 80 percent of the student population voted during one election, I don’t mean just voting for president, either.

Let’s say that this many students actually took the initiative to research their local city council and county supervisor candidates, read about the different propositions and paid attention to who was running what and why. It is so easy to get involved too.

Not only do presidential and congressional candidates have Web sites, but many candidates for local office have Web sites.

Local propositions such as the SOAR initiative, Proposition M and others can be researched on the Web as well. All you need to do is type a candidate or proposition’s name into a search engine, and overwhelming amounts of information will appear.

Students complain that candidates do not relate to our age group. Yet, do you really think candidates should have to adopt fake personas, regurgitating pop culture just to encourage Generation Y voters?

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Leaders aim to end violence

SHARM-EL-SHEIK, Egypt (AP) — Ending an emergency summit fraught with anger and mistrust, Israeli and Palestinian leaders agreed Tuesday to publish an end to a burst of bloody conflict and to consult within two weeks on resuming the troubled Mideast peace process.

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three bedrooms. Try adding $2,200 a month on an assistant professor's salary.

Foundation is looking into the possibility of an interest rate buy-down that would make for smaller payments, or a loan for the down payment, Griffin said. Another plan to have a Web site concerning housing in the area with information, such as availability, prices and reliable real estate professionals.

Griffin said Foundation is also looking into new construction either on or off campus. The developer would finance this and rent to faculty, or it could be an auxiliary non-profit organization of Cal Poly's that would own the housing and make the rent affordable. Bridge loans, which are short term loans made to cover a down payment while a faculty member is selling a home elsewhere, are another possible solution.

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The winners of Fall Quarter's Campus Express Club drawing are in!

Karen Crabtree, the grand prize winner, won reimbursement for Fall quarter in-state tuition. Dennis Hoye, a general engineering senior, won reimbursement for Fall quarter textbooks (up to $200) credited to his Campus Express Club membership and Gina Prezio an agribusiness sophomore, won $50 credited to her Campus Express Club membership.

Hoye said he didn't realize he was entered in the drawing. "Two hundred dollars is a nice surprise," Hoye said.

Campus Express Club is accessed through the PolyCard (campus ID). After adding value to Campus Express Club membership, the PolyCard is used to purchase food and school supplies at restaurants on campus, the Campus Market, El Corral Bookstore and most vending machines. Open access computer labs also accept Campus Express Club as payment for PolyCard printing.

"We have four players that didn't play with us last year and we have to get the 12 players together," Bjorklund contributed the chemistry to the workouts this summer. "The new guys came in, so it was nice to be able to feel a little more for the new guys," Bjorklund said. "Anyone you can build team unity after distractions, it's gonna help chemistry. Right now it's the best it's been."

The team's biggest challenge will be meshing the three newcomers with sixteen returners - four of which are seniors. Currently, Cal Poly has 10 players on its roster - six remaining from last year's squad, three new recruits and the return Brandon Benos, who missed the 1999-2000 season with a knee injury. Jamal Scott is the diaper dandy of the fresh recruits, averaging 11 points, nine rebounds and three assists per game as a senior at Shadow Mountain High School in Phoenix, where he was named 1999-2000 Arizona High School Men's Basketball Player of the Year.

Freshman forward Varney Dennis also worked out with the vets this summer, averaging 10 points and 10 rebounds a game for Humble High School in Texas, where he was named 1999 Greater Houston Player of the Year.

Among those expected to increase their production are two experienced big men.

The team's strength will be in the middle with the return of leading scorer Bjorklund, who averaged 19.4 points per game and seven rebounds as a junior.

The conference's second leading scorer was also named in the Sporting News as the best NBA prospect in the Big West.

As forward, senior Jeremiah Mayes brings 13 points and a team-high 7.8 rebounds per game to the table.

Junior swingman David Henry adds a solid inside-out game to the roster.

Senior guard Steve Geary adds solid defense and the return Brandon Benos, who missed the 1999-2000 season with a knee injury.

"This year is a great group and we're going to sneak up on people," said Mayes. "That's all we can do is go out and play tough and not let anyone beat us."

Cal Poly will play its first exhibition game against NRC on Nov. 16 in Mont Gym at 7 p.m.
Mustangs gunning for return to tourney

By Brian Milne
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

"Huge." That's how Cal Poly women's basketball head coach Faith Mimnagh described her basketball team after opening preseason practices this weekend.

The Mustangs showed up in Mott Gym Saturday with six players that towered over 6 feet 1 inches.

Last year, Cal Poly tipped off the season with two players eclipsing 6 feet and were left with only one true five. The Mustangs lost to the University of Alaska Fairbanks, 69-65, in a first-round loss to the Bakersfield College in the Big West Conference Tournament.

Despite a number of injuries last year, the Mustangs put together their most successful season since moving to Division I in 1994. Cal Poly finished with a record of 9-19 and 5-10 in conference after a first round loss to Nevada, and only lost a pair of seniors to graduation.

One of those graduates is Sherryl Frasier, who will accompany Mustangs on the bench as an assistant coach this season.

"We have lots of experience coming back," said Mimnagh, last year's Big West Coach of the Year. "I think we're going to be very competitive with everybody in the league. The girls learned a lot last year in the Big West Tournament and great things happen with success.

The Mustangs also went out and added a handful of solid newcomers this season.

"We've been trying to mix it up every single day," Mimnagh said. "I think the chemistry will continue to get better, but I'm very impressed at this stage.

Five freshmen join the ranks this season and all are 5 feet 11 inches or taller, adding another dimension to an already solid ball club.

"We have some big girls coming in and experience coming back," said junior guard Kristy Baker.

Last season, Baker—who averaged 8.8 points and 3.4 rebounds—returned to the back court when he decided to transfer to The Master's College.

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Laura Robinson and Stephanie Osorio are the only two players that towered over 6 feet 1 inches.

Last year, Cal Poly tipped off the season with two players eclipsing 6 feet and were left with only one true five. The Mustangs lost to the University of Alaska Fairbanks, 69-65, in a first-round loss to the Bakersfield College in the Big West Conference Tournament.

Despite a number of injuries last year, the Mustangs put together their most successful season since moving to Division I in 1994. Cal Poly finished with a record of 9-19 and 5-10 in conference after a first round loss to Nevada, and only lost a pair of seniors to graduation.

One of those graduates is Sherryl Frasier, who will accompany Mustangs on the bench as an assistant coach this season.

"We have lots of experience coming back," said Mimnagh, last year's Big West Coach of the Year. "I think we're going to be very competitive with everybody in the league. The girls learned a lot last year in the Big West Tournament and great things happen with success.

The Mustangs also went out and added a handful of solid newcomers this season.

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