Above, a sign opposing Measure M, or SOAR, stands on a trailer on Broad Street at Biddle Ranch Road. Right, a sign on Tefft Street in Nipomo represents support for the measure. A sign coordinator for the SOAR committee said that more large pro-SOAR signs will be going up throughout San Luis Obispo County in the next few days. Supporters want to stop urban sprawl and let voters decide on future zoning changes. Opponents say SOAR would take those decisions away from elected officials and would be more experienced with planning. The Brock Center for Agricultural Communication is holding a public forum on the issue Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. The event is free.

Foundation looks to build solution to faculty housing

By Carolyn Picara
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students are not alone when it comes to finding and affording somewhere to hang their hats. It is becoming increasingly difficult for faculty and staff at Cal Poly to afford a home in San Luis Obispo. The Cal Poly Foundation is researching ways to help ease the housing problem. Over the next few years, Cal Poly will be hiring many new professors and staff. Due to the university’s increase in size and one-third of present professors nearing retirement, Cal Poly will be hiring many new faculty and staff members. The price of homes is going up and housing stock is less and less,” said Robert Griffin, associate executive director of Foundation. “We did a study on the predicament faculty is in so we can have a better understanding of what to do to help. The financial aspect is at its most important point is that faculty get into some kind of housing. The program is not designed as a perk.”

The most immediate service available for faculty is information about housing in the San Luis Obispo area. Deans of the colleges and assistant deans will have brochures and Web site addresses to give to the professors, Griffin said.

Another plan is to have a real estate company hired as a consultant for the university. According to The Tribune, the median price of a home in San Luis Obispo is $266,000. Stanley Craig, a real estate agent, said the payments on a home in this price range after paying 20 percent down is about $2,000 a month.

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By Jolie Walz
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 land that has 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,” Keese said.

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.”

Kees 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 toes we put, 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.

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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-president candidates 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 polls have 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 questions of trust and honesty. Bush also has a narrow edge on leadership skill and capability.

Along with those topics and traits, there were issues ahead for the debaters to deal with — the Israeli-Palestinian state that President Clinton is trying to initiate, an emergency summit in Egypt, which ended with the two sides agreeing to try to end 22 days of violence, and the terrorist attack on the destroyer USS Cole at a rebelling stop in Yemen, which killed 17 sailors.

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

The debate format 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 questions were voted on by 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 style they'd use instead of the lecterns of the standing debate in Boston, or the chair 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 as he campaigned in a tightly contested Senate race with Republican Sen. John Ashcroft.

Soderstrom said the SOAR initiative is full of ambiguity and could be potentially devastating for the coun-

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

Keese and Soderstrom 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 Warden, who opposes SOAR, will also speak at the forum, which will be moderated by KSBY's Jill Rickett.

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

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

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Breakfast for the broke

By Jon Hughes

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 the last possible minute, 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 (Café Jr, McDonald’s, Burger King and Jack in the Box) and found that, while they don’t exactly offer four-star entrées, they provide pretty tasty meals for the most part.

To give you an idea on how each breakfast sandwich stacked 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 Café Jr, a place which I have never heard of anyone going for breakfast. I ordered Café’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 review of the breakfast sandwiches, yet it delivered just what it promised. The simplest 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: C-, Taste: B+

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

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

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. Hail to the king, baby.

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**Chatting my way through English chaos**

This week before I left to leave America and go to England, I still hadn’t received my housing assignment. It was not a surprise, my parents were even more so. Luckily, I received my assignment the next day, but this was only a glimpse of what was to come.

At orientation two days after arrival, I was advised to let go, “You are going into utter chaos. Just relax and let your way through it.” Well, that’s exactly what I did. I got over all previous conceptions of efficiency, I went back to a somewhat pre–H.S. time. Instead of yelling at the CAPITILE, I was cursing P.R.O. I went to each department in person and chatted.

“Try to see 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 will. I registered Thursday and Friday and started classes the following Monday. I hope you are not under the impression that Bristol can do this because it is a small college. It is 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 work out what interests them most, which increases class topic variety.

As a student, I didn’t get what was wrong in my flat. I don’t have to fill out a Service Request form at the front desk. I just go to the service center and ask. They then bring over and install the form for me and make sure that it gets fixed.

Before I moved in, I had to fill out a Service Request form for the state of the carpet in the flat. The Service 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? Why the Accommodation? It’s coming to inspect our flat tomorrow so they couldn’t wait any longer. That’s English efficiency!

One can get to the bus drivers here. They don’t just stand out there while you have to pop open a can of coke as you 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.

Chanting is the national pastime, not football (excuse me, or rugby) or cricket. Chanting consumes every spare moment. And boy are the English good at it! Their questions really can be quite amusing. I’m talking about the week-thanksgiving thing all about you! You’ve never had Ribena before? You mean all boy babies get circumcision! You’ve never watched EuroTrash? (Warning: don’t watch it!) That is often consumed too much, chanting at least puts a personal face back into communication.

Masculine. Did I mention hanging your clothes out to dry because there’s no dryer? Or that you can park your car on the street facing the wrong direction? Or that walking (what they say it is) perfectly acceptable? Or that Scummers, 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 pint glasses.

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**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 goulash 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 worst of the bunch. My usual driving routine is to flip on the radio, then proceed to meticulously turn the dial back and forth in the off 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 a satisfying listening experience.

Let’s identify the main culprits. The absolute worst of the bunch has got to be SLY 96. The ungodly MTV clone of the radio waves. If, 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, there is some of the most irritating disc jockeys on the planet, each one apparently paid in cruck to race about some God-awful new Britney or Backstreet song as it is played three times an hour.

Oh, dial two, offensive as SLY 96 is The Rock 107.3. Take away the Christina and Destiny’s fervor and you can equally count the two. The Rock has an uncanny ability to identify the foremost one-hit wonders in contemporary rock music and then overpower them to the point of extinction. When one of those “here today, gone tomorrow” bands actually sticks around for a bit longer than expected (see Creed, Limp Bitch), look out, because it will dominate. The Rock’s programming like Cyprah dominates a buffet table. Oh, and don’t miss their hourly Big Hair flash-back, when 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. (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 an inopportune moment, but the station seems to have nothing but loud, year-old catchphrase-sprouting, wannabe gangsta DJs who come across like they’re trying way too hard to be “ legit.” 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 criticism 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 turn 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 man like certain trends, catchy songs, but we don’t need to hear them every hour on the hour. Stations just need to have the guts to take some risks with their programming and try new, original things. That would be “da bomb.”

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Voting fulfills important duty in democracy

Oct. 10 has come and gone, and the opportunity to choose our country's next leader now rests only in the hands of those sensibly 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-side the County Clerk's office until midnight on Tuesday.

The question is, did you seize the opportunity? Some students did. For most, this is the first opportunity to take part in a presidential election. This is a first-chance to join other responsible adults and make a decision that matters to the entire country. All of these people know that one vote does make a difference, and it always will. Without those who believe in the system and partici-pate 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 would 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 49 percent of 21 to 24 year olds voted. About 70 percent of people over 25.

"... do you really think candidates should have to adopt fake personas, regurgitating pop culture just to encourage Generation Y voters?" age threw away an important privilege. Sadly, only 54 percent of the total U.S. population voted. Seeing these statistics alone should be enough to change your mind if you think your vote does-n't matter.

According to a poll by Medill News Service, 66 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 airport and why. It would make a difference in San Luis Obispo County, the state of California and the country.

It is so easy to get involved too. Not only do presidential and con-gressional 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 candi-dates 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?

We should be more than happy to participate in the voting process. Why shouldn't we get a say in who drags our cart wheels over the health care and social security issues. They are just about as interesting as one of my textbooks.

The difference is that decisions made on Nov. 7 regarding these issues will change the course of our lives. Every four years, we choose to take or leave an opportu-nity to vote and what we choose will affect generations to come.

I applied those of you who will take this opportunity and fulfill your duty. Democracy is so lucky to live in.

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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 restarting the moribund peace process.

In the West Bank and Gaza Strip, new violence flared even as marathon negotiations in this Red Sea resort reached a finale. That cast doubt on whether a concerted effort by Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat could halt chaotic street clashes between Israeli troops and Palestinian stone-throwers and gunmen that raged for a 20th day.

Barak said in Jerusalem, responding to a proviso in the agreement requiring each of the leaders to make a public statement denouncing the violence.

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Three students win big prizes

The winners of Fall Quarter’s
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winner, won reimbursement for Fall quarter in-state tuition. Dennis Hoey, 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.

Hoey said he didn’t realize he was entered in the drawing. “Two hundred dollars is a nice surprise,” Hoey 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. Be on the look-out for a variety of Campus Express Club savings this month. At Vista Grande Restaurant, get two entrees for the price of one when you order dinner from 4:00 p.m. until closing.

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accorded 9.4 points and 2.6 rebounds a
game — set a school record for min­
utes played in a season for the small,
shorthanded Mustangs.

“Now the guards can concentrate on being guards instead of doing the big girl’s work,” she said. “They make the guards job a lot easier. It’s a big person’s sport, so you miss them when they’re not there.” Joining Baker, in a back court that has plenty of depth, is last year’s leading scorer Stephanie Beeson. A pair of sophomores return to the lineup after sitting out the 1999-2000 season due to injuries. Megan Turner returns at guard after suffering a knee injury in the first week of practice last season, while Caroline Rowles returns to the front court after a nagging foot injury. As a freshman, Rowles averaged 13 points and eight rebounds a game and was named to the Big West Conference Honorable Mention Team.

After watching an entire season from the bench, she isn’t settling for another birth to the conference tourney. They want to go to the dance.

“Ultimately, our goal is to win the Big West Championship,” Rowles said. “It’s not an unknown now. We know what to expect and hopefully we’ll surpass that.” The Mustangs take that first step with an exhibition game against NWPI on Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Mont Gym.

“This is the best chemistry and team unit we’ve had and we’re working with that,” Schneider said.

“This is a great group and we’re going to sneak up on people.”

Jeremiah Makers Mustang forward

“We have four players that didn’t play with us last year and we have to get the 12 players together.” Bastock contributes the early chemistry to the workouts this summer.

“The new guys came in, so it was nice to be able to get a feel for the new guys,” Bjorklund said. “Anyone you can build team unit 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 seven returnees — 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 Beeson, who missed the 1999-2000 season with a knee injury. Jamal Scott is the diaper dandy of the fresh recruits, averaging 17 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 Player of the Year.

Freshman forward Varney Dennis also worked out with the vars this season, 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 lead­
ing 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.

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

Sophomore James Grace brings depth at off-guard and small for­
ward after a strong run midway through his freshman season, while junior guard Steve Garry adds solid decision making to the Mustangs’ new triangle offensive. Newcomer Mike Tenchinal should provide a boost from the perimeter as well.

Defensively, Beeson and senior guard Watende Favors will be valu­able players in the team’s renewed full-court pressure defense.

“This is a very deep 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 that happen to us.”

Cal Poly will play its first exhibi­tion game against NBC on Nov. 15 in Mont Gym at 7 p.m.
Mustangs gunning for return to tourney

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"Huge."

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

The Mustangs showed up in Mott Gym Saturday with six players that averaged 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 games into the season, when 6-foot-5-inch center Stephanie Boswell went down with a knee injury and was lost for the season.

"We're very big so we're emphasizing rebounds," Mimnaugh said. "Hopefully we'll dominate the boards and be a rebounding team with our strength and size on the floor."

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 school record for wins, going 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 Sherilyn Frazier, who will accompany the Mustangs on the bench as an assistant coach this season.

"We have lots of experience coming back," said Mimnaugh, 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," Mimnaugh 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, all five 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..." see WOMEN'S HOOPS, page 7