SOAR a hot topic a debate

By Kara Knutson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Most members of San Luis Obispo County would agree that it has a unique rural character. They would also agree the land needs to be protected. What they disagree on is whether Measure M (SOAR) is the best way to preserve undeveloped or agricultural land.

Measure M is an initiative that would require a countywide vote of the people to develop agricultural or open space for commercial or urban uses including shopping centers, housing developments and large chain stores.

Concerned members of San Luis Obispo County gathered at the Pezcame Center Thursday to hear a debate about the merits of the SOAR initiative.

Local businesswoman Susan Mullen and Cal Poly geography lecturer Jim Keesee argued in support of the SOAR initiative. Mullen was raised on a small farm and Keesee was raised on a ranch. Steve Soderstrom, a fourth-generation rancher, and Tom Ikeda, a third-generation farmer, argued against the measure.

Ikeda opened the debate with a list of organizations that oppose the initiative including the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau and California Women for Agriculture. He went on to say that SOAR would cause increased traffic and population density within local cities. Ikeda said this would lead to the loss of the rural character county residents cherish.

Ikeda added that according to Section C about implementing the measure, someone couldn't rent his house or upgrade his private property without a countywide vote first.

Mullen said SOAR is simple. It requires a majority vote of the people in San Luis Obispo County to change agriculturally zoned land into commercial property.

Soderstrom said SOAR is the wrong solution, and that it takes away a local community's control in determining what it will look like.

Keesee said SOAR wouldn't be used for building a garage, adding onto a house or re-roofing a house. He said Measure M would only come into play if a farmer wanted to change his land for commercial use. Keesee added that the initiative would protect agriculture from encroachment.

"It's all about local control," Keesee said. "We're about keeping this county having a say in the future of the country.

Writers of the SOAR initiative modeled it after similar initiatives in that it is entirely self-sustaining. The bonds are paid off with interest, the projects are paid for with interest, and, fortunately, now it looks like we're going to be on track."

Due to the amount of pre-trial publicity, the Krebs trial has been moved out of San Luis Obispo County. This change of venue is what prompted the defense's request to withdraw. In a hearing on Oct. 19, public defenders Jim Maguire and Patricia Ashbaugh attempted to convince LaBarbera that they should be taken off the case. Maguire said that because LaBarbera and Ashbaugh are only a two-person law firm, anywhere from 1,000 to 2000 people who arc' opposed to Kinds for the purposes restricteil at the time of sale to the farm, they will come," Zingg said.

"This is the stuff of serious during (and) bold dreaming," he added.

McCutcheon joked that the voices probably came from baseball coach Ritch Price and softball coach Lisa Ikeda added that according to the voter guide on the site, 70 percent of voters are voting for.

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If enacted, proposition 32 will uphold the time-honored Cal-Vet Loan Program that has allowed veterans to purchase homes and farms in California at no expense to taxpayers, according to the voter guide on the California Secretary of State's Web site. "It requests authorization of the voters to issue general obligation bonds for the purposes restricted at law of making low interest loans for veterans for homes," said Glenn Gilbert, principal consultant for the Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs.

The term "general obligations" means that the state would have to pick up the tab if the veterans were to forfeit on their debts. This has never happened, Gilbert said, and they do not expect it to happen if proposition 32 passes.

Opposed to proposition 32 are those who are against the act of bonding altogether, Gilbert said.

"People who are opposed to bonding on principle would dislike this," he said. "The issue has also been raised that the bonds are tax- exempt, the franchise Tax Board and the IRS will have to forgo additional tax revenues that might come from taxation of bonds that are not tax-exempt."

Most tax-exempt bonds in California are paid off by the voters, Gilbert said. This program is unusual in that it is entirely self-sustaining. The bonds are paid off with interest along with program administrative costs entirely by the principle benefi-
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Boyer, who now has state-of-the-art, on-campus stadiums for their teams. President Warren Bunker recognized the partnership among students, the community and the university in making the complex a reality. He added that the complex helps promote Cal Poly's goal to educate the whole person.

Associated Students Inc. President Sam Ahorne also mentioned the importance of recreation in Cal Poly's mission.

"This day marks a new era of recreation on campus," he said. "This day is about bringing our sports teams home."

Even before the last speech and snip of the ribbon, club teams began their first practices on their new home field.

Cheryl Kang, business freshman and field hockey team member, practiced her slap shot on the new grass Friday afternoon. She said the team is relieved to start practicing at the complex after weeks of limited practice times on the field behind the Rec Center.

The women's lacrosse team will also move from the "mud patch" near the library, as they called it, to the open spaces of the Sports Complex.

Teams hoping to use the fields at night, however, will have to wait at least two more weeks until the lights have been adjusted, said Rec Sports Director Marcy Maloney.

Eventually, the lower fields will be available between 3 and 11 p.m. for intramural, club sports or informal recreation.

"The hope is that any time students come out here, there's an empty field," she said.

Maloney was in her glory Friday, running between innings of an ASI-Rec Sports softball game.

"It's absolutely fabulous," she said. "And the biggest thing is to see all the students out here playing."

Cal Poly's rugby, ultimate frisbee, lacrosse and field hockey teams held practices and demonstrations throughout the afternoon. A 16-team softball tournament started on a practice diamond around 4 p.m.

Civil engineering senior Janet Estacio came just to see the finished complex, which took two years to build. Halfway through her free hot dog she said, "It turned out pretty good. My friends were thinking we should come out here and just play."

Kinesiology senior Nate Tomforde showed up to see his roommate play ultimate frisbee. He said he was surprised by the amount of open space at the 47-acre complex.

"You get views out here you don't get anywhere else on campus," Tomforde said, taking in the nearly unobstructed views of Bishop Peak and Cerro San Luis.

Computer science senior Andrew Ware said he is looking forward to watching baseball at the new 768-seat Robin Baggett Stadium.

"I think it's a great idea," Ware said. "It was a pain to go watch (the baseball team) across town. Now it's so close."

The baseball stadium will see its first action Jan. 21 when Cal Poly faces Stanford.

The softball team's first game at Bob Janssen Field is set for Feb. 10.

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Middle East peace crumbles

JERUSALEM (AP) — Ehud Barak, who went above and beyond what your search engine can do
When will we care about the world abroad?

Somewhere in a country far away from the strip malls and star bars of California, a small child cries and brutal gunfire and fighting. As his homeland is slowly torn apart, he innocently asks his father, who happens to be near the site of the fighting, "Is this the war that you are bringing us?" He doesn't receive an answer and the intense days of battle continue.

For the more astute Cal Poly student, you're probably heard of the Middle East and the child, this particular battle, isn't yet a war, is being fought in a place called the Middle East. And the child, Mohammed, and happens to be the son of Erekat. As his homeland is slowly destroyed and the intense days of battle continue, Mohammed, and happens to be the son of Erekat.

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Editorial

Are Cal Poly students really clueless about the Middle East? Prove us wrong and tell us what you think about the situation.

In my sheltered little world, I was taught the expected progression of life early on. It was never in question that I would proceed directly from high school to college, where I would endeavor to get my degree as quickly as possible and enter the workforce (yeah right). I never felt forced to imagine myself as a middle-aged person, thinking that they're going to ruin the grading curve or something. More likely, it is just a feeling that they can't relate on the same level to anyone who is much older than them. I'm not saying that all college-aged students aren't problem children. Many interact with them as equals and, if anything, enjoy the unique perspective that many of them can bring. Still, there are plenty who whisper in the back of class and treat older students rudely.

I suppose it is because of my great appreciation for the forces that have enabled me such an easy life that I take exception with those who would condemn or scoff at others who may not have been afforded the same privileges. Accepting and appreciating older students shouldn't require grace or charity — just a bit of maturity.

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Opinion

Atascadero student has right to express himself

Red, white and blue hold a special meaning to most Americans. These colors represent liberty and remind us of the men who fought for our freedom.

But to Atascadero high school senior Joe Cerecedes, the flag represents a country that makes political decisions he is opposed to.

According to The Tribune, 17-year-old Cerecedes held an American flag, scrawled with political statements and Bible verses, upside down in an act of protest in the school yearbook. The picture was taken when he was at the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles to protest the North American Free Trade Agreement and the U.S. sanctions against Iraq.

I must give this high school student credit for two reasons. First, most high school students are unaware of international politics. Secondly, he had the guts to make such a bold statement.

But what is more important - patriotism or freedom of expression?

This is an age-old question that has been discussed and argued for years. Basically, we should look at it in a similar way we look at the question, "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?"

We gained the right of freedom through hard-fought battles and patriotism. Without patriotism, freedom of expression would not exist. As a matter of fact, it is arguably the most protected freedom that Americans have.

It's true that the flag does not mean the same thing to all people. Many see it as a symbol of expression and injustice. I can sympathize with those who feel this way.

"Pushing freedom to its limits is how America progresses."

Individuals should be able to choose how they want to express their feelings about their country's actions.

Pushing freedom of expression to its limit is how America progresses. Minority voices are heard, as are arguments against what the government thinks is right.

I support Cerecedes' choice to use this picture to represent what he stands for. The school administration does not have the right to censor his photograph.

As stated in The Tribune article, other students turned in pictures of themselves with their home or their car because those are the items that define them. If political activism is what makes Cerecedes who he is, then it should be accepted, even if some people believe it is wrong.

"No matter how old he is, he has the right to express how he feels," said Melissa Kerkes, graphic communications senior. "If that's how he feels, that's how he feels."

Kerkes brings up an interesting question, "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?"

We should not restrict freedom of expression because it is protected by the Constitution. Freedom of expression is what makes America great.

Letters to the editor

San Luis Obispo has great radio choices

Editor, Mustang Daily:

When I first came to Cal Poly four years ago, the radio stations in San Luis Obispo weren't too much to complain about. (e.g. Santa Barbara's 97.5 before it was smooth jazz.) But somewhere along the road, San Luis Obispo's radio stations took a turn for the worse.

I agree with Jon Hughes' article "Local Radio Stations Lack Cues," Oct. 18. However, I wouldn't go so far to say "there is not a single station that takes anything resembling a risk with the songs it plays."

Steering away from the main calypso has allowed me to find some worthwhile stations on the radio that you may not be able to find in many other parts of the state.

I'll start off with the station that is perhaps anything but regular radio programming. KCPR 91.3. The station has the distinction of being a college radio-station. In most cases, KCPR doesn't play music that you're otherwise familiar with. It plays "college radio," a.k.a. radio that gives lesser known artists and indie bands a home. I challenge you to listen for a while, or at least make it a preset on your car radio. You might end up finding something you like.

KOTR 94.9, "the Otter," is a station with local personality that plays a mix of rock and blues. I admit I'm not a huge fan of the station, but the music is pretty compatible to that which is performed at Cisco or even Back Stage. Probably my most favorite station here is KXTZ 95.3. This station could easily be dubbed a Classic Rock station, though the variety is the greatest I've ever heard from such a station, playing everybody from Simon and Garfunkel to Counting Crows.

Finally, there is KLFF 89.3. Though the genre "Christian music" may turn people off, the music on the station could easily pass for rock, folk, or even your catchy gay band! The station is open for anyone, and has lyrics that are always uplifting, encouraging and true.

Make the most of your radio listening! Give some of the other light stations a chance!

Brandon Smith is a city and regional planning senior.

Professors don't understand SOAR

Editor, Mustang Daily:

Have you noticed how many SOAR supporters are teachers who can't seem to understand why students don't want their land zoning decisions determined by campus-wide vote? Perhaps this concept should be explained in terms that are more familiar to educators.

Would Cal Poly professors, for example, approve of having their tenure and promotions determined by campus-wide votes by faculty or students?

Better yet, would these public employees like to put their career advancements directly in the hands of county or state voters? After all, who pays their salaries?

Bill Wettkamp is a resident of Arroyo Grande.

Letters to the editor

Are you interested in the critical issues facing higher education today?

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1,550 clients would be affected by their absence. Maguire said that in the 20 years he has been a public defender, he has never been asked to leave the country. He also pointed out that his position in either of their contracts for compensation should a case be moved elsewhere.
Laliberte, however, said there had been no "conflict of interest" established by the defense. He said the only way he could grant the motion was if a constitutional right of Krebs was affected, not whether or not his attorneys could manage their other cases.
He also said that compensation is not an issue because he would make sure they were compensated for.
"Obviously, we were hopeful that he would rule in our favor and relieve us at this point," Matjuire said. "Obviously, this is the way we feel we could both carry out responsibilities with respect to Mr. Krebs as well as the rest of the public defender clients."
The next step in the pre-trial phase is to decide in which county the trial will be held. There are currently three counties the court is considering. The most likely spot as of now is Ventura, or Monterey. The third option, Santa Barbara, is the least likely due to heavy pre-trial publicity.
"We're hoping to get a county somewhat closer," Trice said. "We'll take any one of those three (Monterey, Ventura or Santa Barbara)." Krebs is charged with the BW8 rape and murder of college students Rachel Newhouse and Aundrii LaBarbera, however, said there is also said that compensation is not an issue because he would make sure they were compensated for.
"We're San Luis Obispo," Ikeda said. "We're a unique county, we deserve a unique plan, not one from somewhere else."
Mullen said the president of the farm bureau in Napa said the county's SOAR-like initiative was working great.
Soderstrom said that the people in Napa may be happy, but the environment is not.
Then he added that a restaurant in Napa was allowed to bypass environmental reviews from the county planners because of the measure and is now dumping raw sewage into nearby streams.
Krebs was affected, not whether or not Measure M does not pass, it's a giant green light for the development community," Mullen said. "If we don't stop it, who will?"
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overall game in the last four or five. “We played much better today than some recent games,” he said. “We didn’t just play forward, and we created chances rather than just forcing them.”

The Mustangs used crisp passing and very effective defense to hold Utah State to a paltry three shots on goal, compared to 17 by Cal Poly. The team almost benefited from an own goal off the foot of Utah State’s Michelle Everman, whose errant pass was saved by a great diving effort from Haas.

The team now must take the momentum from Sunday’s victory into some tough upcoming Big West games. Cal Poly will next play at

**Homecoming**

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“That’s just part of the game,” he said. “There were a couple of break downs, I held onto the ball a couple of times too long.”

Despite the loss, Wilch isn’t upset with his team. “Those kids went out and played hard,” he said. “I can’t ask them to do anything more than they did (Saturday night).”

Next week the Mustangs take on Hofstra on Saturday at noon at Mustang Stadium.

SAM RIESEL

**Newspaper Sports Writer**

**Sports**

Monday, October 23, 2000
By Mike Gilmore

It was an offensive show Saturday night at Mustang Stadium. Unfortunately for the Mustangs, UC Davis took the curtain call.

The Mustangs were outscored 63-28 by the Aggies in front of 8,041 spectators at Homecoming.

Cal Poly came into the game with a two-game winning streak and a 3-3 record. UC Davis rolled into town unbeaten at 6-0. Both teams entered the game with outstanding quarterbacks.

For the Mustangs, Seth Burford came into the game with 1,160 yards passing and 13 touchdown passes this season.

J.T. O'Sullivan of UC Davis entered the game coming off a career-high 419 yards passing and five touchdowns last week against Southern Utah.

The quarterbacks did not disappoint. Burford passed for 328 yards and three touchdowns. He also had 46 yards rushing, with one touchdown. O'Sullivan had 415 yards passing and two touchdowns.

"It was an offensive show," said head coach Larry Welsh. "Their kids did an excellent job of executing their offense."

The scoring began early, as UC Davis drove the ball 83 yards in 13 plays on their first possession for a touchdown.

After putting the ball away after their first possession, Cal Poly got the ball back when linebacker Ryan Switzer forced a fumble by UC Davis running back Matt Brown. Strong safety Britt Baker came up with the half for the Mustangs.

After the fumble recovery, Cal Poly tied the score at 7-7 on a 19-yard touchdown pass from Burford to Kasim Osgood.

But the offense of UC Davis could not be contained. The Aggies racked up 21 unanswered points and went into halftime up 28-7.

Cal Poly scored more points in the second half, with touchdown grabs from Adam Herzing and Osgood, but the offense of the Aggies was too much.

In all, UC Davis totaled 632 yards of offense to Cal Poly's 467.

"They've got good schemes," said defensive back Britt Baker. "You give that quarterback too much time and it's gonna be tough to cover."

It was a tough loss for the Mustangs, especially to a team like UC Davis on Homecoming.

"Of course I'm frustrated after a game like this,"Burford said. "This is a tough one for the team. We just can't dwell on this loss for the rest of the season. We've still got four games left."

Prior to Saturday night's game, O'Sullivan hadn't been sacked once. The Mustang defense was able to sack him three times for a loss of 26 yards.

Burford, however, was sacked six times for a loss of 19 yards. UC Davis kept constant pressure on Burford, rarely giving him enough time to get a good look.

Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:

O.J. Simpson was the first NFL player to rush for 2,000 yards in a season.

Congrats Chris Streeter!

Today's Question:

Who is the NBA's all-time winningest coach?

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- Women's volleyball vs. Boise State at 7 p.m.
- Men's soccer vs. Cal State Northridge at Mustang Stadium at 7 p.m.
- Women's soccer vs. Cal State Fullerton at Fullerton at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Football vs. Hofstra at Mustang Stadium at noon
- Women's volleyball vs. Utah State in Mott Gym at 7 p.m.
- Cross Country at Big West Finals

SUNDAY

- Men's soccer vs. UC Santa Barbara at Mustang Stadium at 6 p.m.
- Women's soccer vs. UC Irvine at Irvine at 1 p.m.