‘No’ gains ground in SLO County

Brittany Ridley

Proposition 76 was losing as of 9 p.m. on Tuesday in San Luis Obispo County, with about 57 percent voting “no” on the measure. If passed, Proposition 76 would restrict the state’s spending limit and would grant the governor permission to reduce educational budgets.

“My mantra this time around was just say no,” San Luis Obispo City Council member Christine Mulholland said. “This is a misuse of the initiative system. We have major structural changes that need to be made in a variety of our government programs. This is the legislature working by large, and if they’re not doing it, let’s fire them and hire someone else.”

Kayla Proude, president of San Luis Obispo County’s Parent Teacher Association (PTA) was against the proposition and said she was pleased to see that Californians decided not to increase the powers of the governor and that stable funding for schools is still fundamental.

Proposition 73, which would allow minors the right to have an abortion without parental consent, was voted down as of 9 p.m. Tuesday by San Luis Obispo County.

“Proposition 73 is a personal and privacy issue and it is nobody’s business to be telling people what they can and can’t do with their body,” Mulholland said. “That just kind of fall down the lines of people who believe in a woman’s right to choose and those who are against abortion.”

Proposition 74 was passing in San Luis Obispo County with just over 50 percent voting “yes” for the measure as of 9 p.m. Tuesday. If passed, the measure will increase a teacher’s probationary period from two to five years.

Proposition 75 was also passing with about 52 percent approval.

The remaining propositions, 77 to 80, were all voted against as of 9 p.m. by county ballots.

“The voters of California are saying to the governor, ‘Work with state legislators and have less public policy made by means of initiative measures,’” said Allen Settle, a Cal Poly political science professor, city council member and former mayor. “The governor is now going to face a stronger opposition in the legislature and democrats over matters of spending, taxation and working with the Democratic party.”

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from recent disasters and how to reduce the risks posed by catastrophic events in the future.

"This conference is about taking natural disasters into consideration when planning for development or construction that students don't get from a normal curriculum," city and regional planning senior Mike Marcus said. "Especially given the number of hurricanes, floods, landslides and global warming, we have to take the natural habitats into account so we don't perpetuate the problem."

More than 90,000 people died in the earthquake in Pakistan last month, over 120,000 people died in the tsunami in Southeast Asia last December, about 1,000 people died from Hurricane Katrina in September, which also caused over $3 billion in property damages to the Gulf Coast.

Coordinators began organizing the symposium last June, following the success of a previous symposium two years ago. After Hurricane Katrina, the focus of the symposium changed from just international to domestic.

"Around the world, there is a much higher death rate than in the United States, but here we lose more property," Siembieda said. "We need to apply what we learn from people around the world to help rebuild the Gulf Coast and the symposium was a great opportunity for Cal Poly students to get involved."

In addition to planning for catastrophic events, speakers and guest lecturers discussed threats and vulnerabilities at risk, new design ideas for growing communities, strategies for land use control of urbanization and how to identify other potential hazards.

"This is an effort to increase education for undergraduates, graduates and people in the community to deal with public safety in reducing natural hazards as communities grow," symposium co-ordinator Ken Topping said. "We need to build in safety before disasters occur, and this is easier to do when the community (like San Luis Obispo) is growing so you can catch the problems and rebuild."

Sponsored by the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, the goal of the symposium was "to create an international foundation of knowledge" to enhance sustainability and to facilitate recovery for countries all over the world coping with natural disasters.

"It's interesting to learn about what's going on, especially in San Luis Obispo because California is susceptible to earthquakes and floods and these are things we are going to deal with in the near future," city and regional planning junior Eric Ward said. "California has a history of earthquakes, and we need to prepare people for the worst."

Claire Clark, seismic coordinator for the city of San Luis Obispo, cited the 2003 San Simeon earthquake that killed two people in Paso Robles as motivation to retrofit and reinforce buildings along the Central Coast. Another earthquake of 8.0 magnitude is anticipated to hit along the San Andreas Fault in the near future.

"Very simple retrofitting can prevent a building from falling down and people from getting killed," said Rakesh Goel, a professor of civil and environmental engineering. "We are Cal Poly - we teach the planners and engineers, so we need to deliver a curriculum on disaster risk reduction."

In addition to natural disasters, countries are also preparing for other catastrophes, like the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York. Siembieda said communities should have a disaster plan in place to offset disaster and be prepared to protect property.

"It's going to have to come from more than just the planners," said Frank Wein of IRS Corporation.

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FMA hosts CFO for Apple Computer, Inc.

Brittany Ridley

Friday Peets said. "We put a lot of time and effort into promoting this and the fact that we had standing room only, I am sure was a great success and something people were interested in." Peets said. 'I think people took a lot away from it.'

The FMA will host Citi Group from Citi Bank this Thursday to discuss investment banking Peets said.

"In addition to professional speakers we had Jean Johnson come in and do a seminar on how to do your resume, how you want to format it and interview skills," Peets said.

Oppenheimer briefly answered questions for individual students after the presentation, advising students to pick the first company they work for carefully.

"They (students) want to go to a company that has strong values and cultures so they can find good seniors and provide follow-up interviews on the company so they can learn to operate in the corporate world," Oppenheimer said. "I think that's real critical."

FMA meetings are open to all students and held weekly on Thursdays at 11 a.m. in the business building and open to all students. For more information go to www.fma.calpoly.edu.

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His conflict with the unions made him a target for teachers, nurses and firefighters who hounded his public appearances for months and helped push his popularity rating to record lows.

Schwarzenegger's Tuesday got off to an inauspicious start: When he arrived at a polling place near his Brentwood mansion, poll workers explained mix-up involving an early voting text. After voting — for real — Schwarzenegger flashed a thumbs-up sign but didn't speak with reporters.

The governor called the election in June to promote three initiatives: Proposition 76 aimed to cap state spending; Proposition 74 would lengthen teachers' probationary period from two years to five and make it easier to fire veteran teachers; and Proposition 77 would transfer the power to draw legislative boundaries from lawmakers to three retired judges.

Schwarzenegger later embraced Proposition 75, which would make it harder for public employee unions to raise money for political purposes.

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Musician/Arist: Jack Johnson
Blondes or brunettes: Blondes
Lunchpail or paper bag: Lunchpail
Cheese: Monterey Jack
Book — "Goosebumps," "Nancy Drew" or "The Hardy Boys": "Goosebumps"
Pizza-place in town: Fatte's because you get two pizzas for $10.
The chicken Alfredo is amazing.
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Briefs

VENTURA (AP) — Homeless people are being arrested for crimes that don't exist as part of the city's effort to get them off the streets, the county public defender's office said in motions seeking dismissal of the cases.

At least nine homeless people were jailed at least two nights for alleged illegal camping or storing belonging in public, violations that should have resulted in tickets and fines rather than arrest and jail, Deputy Public Defender Jay Leiderman said.

Leiderman filed a motion last week to dismiss all the cases.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Jacques Chirac declared a state of emergency Tuesday, paving the way for curfews to be imposed in riot-hit cities and towns in an extraordinary measure to halt the worst civil unrest in France's worst civil unrest in a decade.

French Interior Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin said overnight unrest was still widespread and destructive but not as violent as previous nights.

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Bassem Moure

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen in a speeding car killed a defense lawyer in the Saddam Hussein trial and wounded another Tuesday, raising doubts about whether the prosecution of the ousted leader can proceed amid the insurgency and domestic turmoil.

The assassination of Adel al-Zubeidi, who was representing former Vice President Taha Yasin Ramadan, in a predominantly Sunni Arab neighborhood in Baghdad was the second attack targeting the defense team since the trial began less than a month ago.

Lathi Kubba, a spokesman for Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, condemned the attack and said Saddam's followers could be behind the killings to sabotage the case.

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Defense attorney in Saddam's trial slain, another lawyer wounded in shooting

PARIS (AP) — President Bush attended a state of emergency Tuesday, paving the way for curfews to be imposed on riot-hit cities and towns in an extraordinary measure to halt France's worst civil unrest in decades after 12 nights of violence.

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When the Apocalypse comes, Asians will be the last ones standing. Us and the cockroaches, we'll burrow underneath the semantic madness and find sustenance in civilization's bones, occasionally passing to cook rice and drive poorly.

See, when it comes to Armageddon, or at least the Hollywood kind, nothing can touch the Far East. No matter how big Jerry Bruckheimer's budget, end-of-days destruction never visits the region. Think about it — in those inevitable montages of crumbling international landmarks and screaming unattractive civilians, the Great Wall of China is never shown. In every movie of concentrated mayhem, the Pyramids will shatter and the Statue of Liberty will dawn. Egg rolls, however, will enjoy record popularity.

"That's because no one cares about China," said a friend, who probably wants to remain anonymous right now about now.

To test this long-standing theory, I grabbed some pizza and settled in Sunday night for "Category 7: The End of the World," a for-eating CBS mini-series more terrifying than any horsemen. As my cinematic partner, in-crime Jeff stated, the headline couldn't have been more self-explanatory — and as time revealed, the plot couldn't have been more derivative. In this alternate prime-time universe, not only did Asia remain unscathed, but Jeff's Tower bent like rubber into a hurricane and George Washington's nose face tumbled wiscrcially across South Dakota.

Anyway, I'm fuzzy on the details, but somehow in the apocalyptic cast of cliched characters, everyone realized that storms (super cells) were gonna shred the earth and then joined forces: the Ambitious Young Reporter, the Cruel Telepathic, the Lone Scientist Who Knows the Truth and the Idealistic Government Official. Single Mother He Still Secretly Loves, the Smartly Rich Kid, the Crackpot Team of Rebel Geniuses and Shannon Doherty. The two-hour episode was a tsunami of vaguely scientific gibber and unsatisfying explosions, yet in that time it managed to steal whole scenes from "Armageddon," "The Core," "The Day After Tomorrow," and "Deep Impact" — and recycle Randy Quaid from his familiar hallmark of "Independence Day." But to its credit, "Category 7" didn't have flying down birds, a magical phone pole and an unnecessarily epic scene involving frogs.

The plugue thing was just icing on the imploding cake, but it brought up a dormant idea: Why are we obsessed with apocalypse culture? I happen to love it; one of my favorite books is "On the Beach," a Cold War novel by Nevil Shute that follows the final victims of nuclear annihilation. Whenever I read its delicate passages on radiation and suicide, I become mistily grateful for my own life, and vow to make it one of love and empathy. My desire for extreme escapism logically extends to the theater, too, where I get the added bonus of many things blowing up. I've always assumed this was normal, and at most a hint of internal paranoia. But now I'm worried.

See, Jeff isn't interested in end-of-the-world scenarios; he maintains a polite apathy, at best. This is notable because he is at ease with his religious beliefs and has a calm acceptance with the Great Unknown. I maintain the exact opposite affection for stupid chaos and also a much shakier spiritual footing; I've been trying for awhile, and I can't cement a belief in any God besides John Lennon. This, in a way, makes perfect sense, because sensational end-is-nigh drama elevates my fears and triggers hope and goodwill.

"Category 7" didn't make me shriek for holy judgment; we'll save that for Michael Stipe, and the wild-eyed sensationalist bastards who picket the L.A.U. The small-screen panic orgy sucked on all cylinders, to the extent that it transcended into moderately illuminating — but not in my usual sappy way. Instead, it highlighted the shared belief of all these disaster flicks; the idea that a higher power has control over our fates and we can only scream and stampede like cattle.

So, why is the doomsday movie always placed on freakish weather, or asteroids or alien? Why not us and our ecological raping, or the military's escalating love affair with nuclear arms? No one wants to be blamed in their entertainment, so the movies provide an escapism not only from life, but from our own nonfiction assistance in our doom. In that way, their moral-lite pandering really matches the idea of spirituality, and that isn't doing us any favors; there's worse stuff than meteors in our motor oil and Tom Cruise won't save us because he's already on the wrong planet.

I'm still trying to wring dogma from these bad movies, when their only relevance is shared ignorance of real threat. But if creation is supposed to mirror reality, then these flicks are absoluto stupid, and we're eating them up. Hey, I'm just amused my imaginary Asian theory was supposed and a little preaching surfaced alongside it. But sadly, I won't be surfing over for episode two of "Category 7: The End of the World."

Maybe I'm losing my religion.

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Cal Poly’s theater and dance department will present the Pulitzer Prize-winning play, “Proof,” running Thursdays through Saturdays, Nov. 10 through Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre. These performances will mark the regional stage premiere of the play. Director Pamela Malkin said “Proof” is one of the most acclaimed plays of the past decade.

“Most ‘great plays’ have multiple meanings, messages and themes,” she said. “Proof is no exception. It is an intriguing psychological mystery as well as a compelling family drama.”

The popularity of the play was demonstrated by the recent filming of a Hollywood version, which Malkin said is very different from the stage version. The story follows four intelligent characters who are “passionately interested in ‘the life of the mind,’” Malkin said.

Three of the four characters are mathematicians who are steadfast with their research, but also struggling to find an emotional balance in their lives. The main character, Catherine, is a mathematician who makes many sacrifices to care for her brilliant but disturbed father.

Kristin “Dickie” Copeland, a theatre arts and communication studies senior, plays the role of Catherine and said she enjoys the characters’ complexities.

“I love playing a girl who’s kind of out of control,” she said. “She’s really on the brink and she’s not very steady, but she still has a lot of strength. She’s wondering if she’s a genius and she’s also wondering if she’s going crazy like her dad did.”

Catherine’s older sister, Claire, is played by Janell Jones, a theatre arts senior. R.J. Pomeroy plays Hal, a former student of Catherine’s father, Robert, who is played by guest artist Hill McLaughlin. McLaughlin is a distinguished actor and director who Malkin thought would fit perfectly into the role.

“The chemistry between the characters is more natural, so the load hasn’t been difficult,” he said.

Malkin said the student actors have done a great job with the sophisticated roles.

“It’s a lot easier to connect because we knew each other so well,” she said. “If there’s only three other people you need to focus on, it goes so much quicker.”

Malkin said directing a small cast is a luxury for her because she can offer more individual attention to the actors, but she still works them just as hard as a larger cast.

“Student actors have to be quite committed to this process,” she said. “I rehearse at least 25 hours a week, and for students, this is over and above other courses and work loads.”

Malkin said she has many other responsibilities, including working, doing her senior project, and trying to graduate this quarter, but she manages just fine.

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“All of my responsibilities are activities I enjoy so the load hasn’t been too difficult,” he said.

Malkin said the student actors have done a great job with the sophisticated roles.

“Even though they are playing people within their own age range, the psychologies of their roles differ dramatically, of course, from their own personalities,” she said. “Kristin, Janell and R.J. have been quite successful creating distinct, natural and believable characters with a wide range of emotions and unique physical mannerisms.”

Tickets for “Proof” are $12 for the public, $10 for students and seniors and $8 for groups of 10 or more. Order tickets by phone at SLO-ARTS (756-2787).
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Wednesday, November 9, 2005

COMMENTARY

Ending bus stop blues

With parking being a nightmare for anybody arriving on campus, the SLO Poly bus has been the morning students have recently been seeking alternative methods of getting to school. One of the most popular has been riding the bus, which is great for the parking situation, except that many students feel that the service could be improved.

I drove by the bus stop this morning to see the bus pulling away from the curb while a group of students stood in disbelief watching their ride to school pull away. I could feel their frustration because even though they woke up on time, they wouldn't have enough room on the bus.

Earlier this year I received an e-mail from a concerned student who had been left behind by the "last bus home" in the evening. He wanted answers about why the bus system wasn't meeting the needs of Cal Poly students.

Well I have some good news. There just may be a solution on the horizon.

Today from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., the San Luis Obispo Mass Transit Committee (MTC) will meet to consider a proposal to improve service between Cal Poly and downtown. If you have a story to tell about why we need better bus service, this is the place to be!

WHAT: Considering improving bus service between Cal Poly and downtown

WHEN: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Hall of Science (room 9 (Community Development Conference Room)

WHY: Show your support for better bus service and let our community leadership know how important this service is to thousands of students!

One of our faculty members, Gregg Doyle from the city regional planning office would like to see the SLO MTC to optimize the transit system within the existing resources.

He's proposing a plan that would increase overall ridership while decreasing the number of peaks between buses heading to campus, and other locations, specifically on the Mill/Grand Corridor. There's a slight trade-off that would add a small amount of time between some buses traveling from campus to downtown. Overall it's a good deal for students because it means that an increased number of buses will be going to campus more frequently and it won't cost any additional money to the city.

Everyone knows that girls who wear those huge sunglasses are more aptly compared to the titanic seal, in that they both have huge unwieldy objects flapping around in front of their face that obstructs their vision.

All joking aside, you can't blame the wearers of those huge glasses for what they do. Their only recourse in life is to display something so exponentially ugly that people become distracted and stop paying attention to what the person actually looks like.

Now, you may be silently asking me if I fear the elimination of this crowd of people who seem to think that this huge sunglasses style is hip and trendy. To you I say no.

Bug eyes are compounded, meaning they are good for detecting movement, but absolutely useless for looking at stationary things, like printed newstypes.

I urge you all to condemn the Madison Daily for this social ignorance, and donate several dollars of your income to help the beloved walrus conservation effort.

Justin Fussino

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Will engineers ever get it right?

So after all is said and done concerning Jessica’s letter, does this mean that engineers will not be meeting women?

Zachary Jirkovsky

Civil engineering senior

Walrus comparison is unjust

I am appalled and flabbergasted that the Daily ran James Glenn’s cartoon that compared girls who wear huge sunglasses to walruses. The walrus is a gentle and majestic creature that has many valuable uses (talks anyone?)

Everyone knows that girls who wear those huge sunglasses are more aptly compared to the titanic seal, in that they both have huge unwieldy objects flapping around in front of their face that obstructs their vision.

That was their job — to mock a sensitive and personal issue for personal gain. They traveled around the country to sensitive areas frequently as to perform these protests and earn their wage. Luckily, no one reacted four years ago in Southern California, and I hope no one responded violently on Monday. I don’t know if those who shouted in the USA had the same purpose, but I just have to wonder why they would take the time and effort to yell at others.

I know of so many more efficient ways to help another change like friendship, patience and kindness.

William Stevenson

Aerospace engineering sophomore

LETTER POLICY

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Let’s talk about diversity every night.

"I sleep with a dimmer every night."
Frankly

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OK, so maybe I'm being a bit hard on the team. The season was

doomed from the start. From the academic indisciplinability of

Kameron Ciray, who

won't even be the Mustangs' top

returners, to the lack of a low post

threat, the team didn't stand much of a chance from the start.

On the bright side, there is only one
direction to go once you've reached the bottom. That's right,

from the bottom, the team has to improve. The Mustangs have just
two returning starters from last year's squad, Dawn White.

For those of you thinking, "Well, they lost four starters from a
team that only won five games, aren't they going to be worse this
season?" There's no chance this year's team can be as bad as last year's.

If anything, losing four players, starters or not, is a positive. It's a

blessing in disguise that this team can start the year with a clean

slate.

I realize there's only so much a 5-22 team can improve from

season to season (unless you're Cal Poly's volleyball team), but this

year, by default, has to be better, right?

You can't determine this team's success based on its exhibi-
tion games (My high school team could've played with

Maritime Academy). But newcomers Gabe Stephenson, Tina

Shelton, Derek Stockalper, Clayton Olson and Cody "The

Levigator" Leavitt will put this program back on track.

Though this year's team probably

won't go through my chest for top-notch college basketball, the team might be worth watching and
could possibly surprise a few opponents.

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KIL CRABBE MUSLIC DAILY

Cal Poly's Derek Stockalper scored

nine points in last night's 74-53

win over California Baptist.

Both teams shot well from the

free throw line. Cal Poly won 19 of

24 (79.2 percent) and Cal Baptist

14 of 15 (93.3 percent).

Cal Poly officially opens its

2005-06 season on Friday, Nov. 18,

against UC San Diego at 7 p.m.
in Mont Gym.
Men's basketball dominates second half in win

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly went on a 19-2 run midway through its exhibition game against Cal Baptist on Tuesday night, turning a 27-19 deficit into a 38-29 advantage and went on to a 74-53 men's basketball victory in Mont Gym.

The Mustangs trailed 29-28 at halftime but scored the first 10 points of the second half and pulled away for their second exhibition win. Cal Poly beat Cal Maritime 79-36 last week.

Gabe Stephenson and Chaz Thomas each scored 13 points and Travis Buech added 10 for Cal Poly. Derek Stockalper scored eight and Dawin Whiten had eight, almost duplicating the Mustangs' performance against Cal Maritime in which five Mustangs scored in see Basketball, page 7.

Cal Poly senior Gabe Stephenson powers toward the basket during last night's win over California Baptist. No NCAA tourney bid for women's soccer

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly women's soccer team will not be participating in the 2005 NCAA Women's Soccer Championship for the first time since 1999. For the last six years women's soccer has not only garnered an invite to the Big West Conference tournament, but has also received invitations to the NCAA Women's Soccer Championship Tournament.

However, this year, a conference record of 2-4-1 was enough to derail the Mustangs hopes of a playoff birth, despite an overall season record of 10-5-4.

A conference record of 2-4-1, was only good enough for sevenths place in conference.

Despite their poor record in conference, it was not until the team received the bad news while watching the selection coverage on ESPNews at J.D. Boomer that their hopes of yet another playoff birth were dashed.

UC Santa Barbara delivered the telling loss to the Mustangs in the rivalry season finale. The game was essentially do or die for the Mustangs. The final blow came when the Gauchos scored with just four minutes remaining in regulation.

It was a disappointing finish for Becky Clarke and the women's soccer team, who also missed qualifying for the Big West Conference tournament for the first time.

Women's golf fifth at Cal Poly Invitational

Garrett Leight

The Cal Poly women's golf team tied for fifth place in the Cal Poly Invitational with a final a score of 621 over two days of play.

The Invitational took place on the par-73, 6,019-yard Cypress Ridge golf course in Arroyo Grande. The tournament included 14 teams consisting of 74 golfers.

The Mustangs were coming off a last place finish in the Kent Yeul Invitational in Oahu, Hawaii so we were looking to redeem ourselves in their home tournament.

Freshman Hannah Brabb said the team performed at a higher level, which led to the better results.

"We knew being on our home course would give us an advantage," Brabb said. "This tournament gave us a chance to redeem ourselves."

Brabb added that although the competition at the Yeul Invitational was a lot tougher, it was important to have a solid showing in this tournament.

The team was tied for fifth place after the first day of play, totaling a score of 312. The Mustangs improved their score by three strokes on the second day, however still finished tied for fifth with Sacramento State.

The UC Davis Aggies walked away with the tournament victory finishing with a total score of 594. Aggies freshman Danielle Cvitanov won the individual title with scores of 70-73.

There was no looking back for the Aggies as the team finished 18 strokes ahead of second place Santa Clara. Northern Arizona was another six strokes finishing in third place.

A major bright spot for the team was sophomore Allison see Golf, page 7.