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Safe at first after pick off attempt by Wirth Photo Gavin Schlissel

Cougars Head to Third Round Following Victory Over Mats

By Steven Johns

On Saturday, May 24 the Campolindo Cougars hosted the Miramonte Matadors in the second round of the NCS Championships.

After splitting the regular season series with the Matadors 1-1, the Cougars were able to beat Miramonte 6-2 in their most important meeting.

Unable to throw their ace, the Matadors sent out John Vacarro to face the Campolindo offense. The Cougars got to Vacarro quickly with a run in the bottom of the first inning. Lead-off hitter Anthony Fadelli singled to center and moved to second after an error on a pick-off attempt. With one out in

the inning Chris Killeen drove in Fadelli with a ground out to the shortstop.

The Cougars added to their lead in the second inning after junior Will Coleman started the rally off with a single. After a line-out senior David Wirth came to the plate. He lifted the ball into the gap in right-center field to put runners on first and second. Senior Sam Gregory followed with another single to make the game 2-0 in favor of the Cougars.

The story of the game was shaky pitching and poor defense.

The Matadors took advantage of these follies in the fourth inning when they built a rally of Wirth. The

Matadors began their rally with a single between the third baseman and shortstop. Wirth however then proceeded to walk two batters to load the bases. After retiring the second out of the inning, Wirth seemed to be on his way to strand three runners and escape without allowing a run. Unfortunately for Wirth, third-baseman Tommy Stephens could not handle a ground ball to his left and two runs scored to tie the game at 2-2.

The Cougars got their turn to face bad defense and poor pitching in the bottom of the fourth inning. The big rally for the Cougars came with the help of a walk and two bunt singles.

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SMC Student Parties May Lead to Stricter Ordinance, But No Quick Fixes

By Jennifer Wake

The quiet tree-lined street on Thune Avenue in Moraga, dotted with well-kept ranch style homes and neighbors waving hello as they head out on errands, is far from the fraternity-style atmosphere depicted in movies like Animal House – or even of those homes on fraternity row in Berkeley. But for many Thune Avenue residents, the street has been transformed too often into a raucous party zone unsuitable for a family neighborhood.

Over the past year, Thune Avenue has become a regular stop for local police, who have been called out to quiet down large parties centered at three homes on the street which are rented to Saint Mary's College students.

The extra calls, coupled with the public outcry from Thune residents, prompted the Town Council to propose a revision to its existing noise ordinance to include stiffer fines (up to \$1,000 for a third warning within 90 days) and adding to the definition of a "loud and unruly party." The new definition would include those gatherings which cause "excessive traffic or obstruction of public streets due to crowds or vehicles, public drunkenness, or the service of alcohol to minors."

One Thune resident, who asked not to be named, agrees with the new ordinance. "There's no question that there have been really loud parties," he said. "It's too bad we have to do something like this, but the landlords are not taking responsibility."

Saint Mary's College senior and Thune Avenue resident Chris Burns is concerned that the ordinance will be used predominantly against student renters.

With the lack of nightlife in Moraga (a bar, late night cafes or bookstores that stay open past 8 p.m., or



This otherwise quiet street in Moraga has been the regular site of large parties at three rentals housed by Saint Mary's Students, sparking a stricter noise policy within the Town and a sharp divide between neighbors. SMC Student Parties May Lead to Stricter Ordinance, But no quick fixes

Photo Jennifer Wake

even the old bowling alley on Moraga Road), Burns says the Saint Mary's students who live in Moraga rentals will continue to end up gathering at private homes in residential areas.

While Saint Mary's College does offer occasional events on weekends, most activities sponsored

by the college center around lectures, cultural events, theatrical performances, and barbecues with music in the afternoons during the week. Live events outdoors and on weekends are infrequent.

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