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Saint Mary's College Appeals Ruling on Lights at Night

By Sophie Braccini

Regular readers may recall last issue's article headlined "College Must Shed Less Light on Neighbors" that discussed the Town's decision to require that Saint Mary's College (SMC) turn off the lights at its intramural sports field at 9 p.m. instead of 10 p.m. largely due to complaints from neighbors. As anticipated, on October 15 the Town of Moraga received a letter from Michael Beseda, SMC Vice President for College Communications, indicating that the College was appealing the October 1 decision.

In the letter, Beseda wrote that the reason for the appeal is, "The reduction in hours inhibits the College's ability to provide co-curricular opportunities vital to its educational programs and its mission of serving the mind, body and spirit of all students."

Planning Director Shawna Brekke Read confirmed that the Town Council will hold a public hearing regarding this issue during its November 14 meeting; the Council will not discuss or consider the appeal prior to that meeting.

Are You In?

By Sophie Braccini

It's a cute movie and with a running time of one minute and 42 seconds it's not long enough to even make a dent in your popcorn. It has a simple message: Moraga, Are You In?

The snappy production, which is the Moraga Education Foundation's (MEF) latest effort to reach out to the community, will be shown before every movie presented in the digitally-equipped auditorium of the New Rheem Theatre starting in November. Can't wait that long? Eager viewers can visit moragaeducation.org for a private screening on their own devices.

There are no movie stars in the lit-

tle film. "This was all intentional," says MEF President Kim Matranga. "We wanted a new look so people will watch. The graphic images, rather than people, are really popular and are even used in political campaigns. We also wanted it short, so people can watch to the end and get the call to action before they tune out." The animation is fresh and charming, and the sound track helps capture the viewer's attention.

MEF is looking to broaden its base in the hope that more businesses and residents who are not currently parents may be willing to help support Moraga's schools.

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