ASI presidential candidates face off at forum

Candidates touch briefly on issues, promise to increase awareness of student government

By Leslie Miyamoto

ASI presidential candidates went head to head during an open forum Thursday while voicing their opinions and qualifications during U.U. Homecoming.

Traditionally the forum is a presidential and chair debate, but Tony Torres, the only candidate running for chair of the board, did not attend. Darrin Lee, a member of the elections committee, said Torres didn't feel a need to be there since he is the only chair hopeful.

Contacted later, Torres said he was working on an important marketing project for a national competition this weekend.

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The panel was made up of Vice President for Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez, current ASI President Erica Brown, Mustang Daily Editor-in-Chief Silas Lyons, and KCPR News Director Chad Johnson.

The forum was moderated by Associate Press Writer Dan Schnur.

The four-member panel asked the candidates questions about past ASI issues, personal qualifications, how to increase communication and awareness with Cal Poly students and in the community.

Each candidate briefly addressed each issue and then continued to refer to the need for student awareness and controlling ASI spending.

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By Erin Massey

Daly Staff Writer

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Children's Center decision postponed until after election

By Karen L. Spader

Weekly Staff Writer

The fate of the ASI Children's Center will not be determined during next week's election.

During Wednesday's meeting of the ASI Board of Directors, the board voted unanimously to table the issue rather than place a fee increase on the spring referendum.

"We are hoping by the seventh or eighth week of the quarter to have the issue on a referendum of some sort," said College of Engineering Representative James Huffman.

"It's still checking into some legal aspects of this bill.

If placed on a referendum, the Children's Center bill would ask that students pay $5 each quarter instead of the $1 students currently pay to keep the center in operation. The center would be closed by July if students voted no.

Last quarter, the board granted the center $30,000 with which to operate until the fiscal year ends in June. Presently, the center receives only ASI subsidies.

During last Wednesday's Board of Directors meeting, Vice President for Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez announced that the university is interested in funding the Children's Center as a co-sponsor.

According to the Children's Center Business Services Coordinator Tanya Iverson, the postponement of the Children's Center referendum will give students time to fully understand the issue.

"I think its postponement is a good idea," she said. "It gives every entity involved a chance to explore the possibilities. That way, no rash decisions can be made."

With this postponement, only one referendum will appear on next week's ballot. It will ask if students wish to pay $1 to support community service efforts at Cal Poly.

President of Community Services.

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Clintoon heads to California searching for money, votes

By John Howard

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO - President Clinton returns to California Friday for the 11th time since his election, seeking money and political support in a vote-rich state pivotal to his 1996 re-election hopes.

Republican Gov. Pete Wilson, a rival for the presidency on Thursday headed to Texas and Arizona for political fund-raisers. That left California in the hands of Clinton's fellow Democrat, Lt. Gov. Gray Davis.

Davis will serve as acting governor through Sunday while Wilson is out of the state. The lieutenant governor will attend several events on Clinton's schedule, including at least two fund-raisers, said Garry South, Davis' chief of staff.

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Millions of people have seen pictures of the earth from space. Only a handful have seen it with their own eyes.

One of these few is the keynote speaker for "The Virtual Campus: Creating Feminist Perspectives," a conference underway at Cal Poly.

Jemison was unavailable for an interview this week, but in an interview with the San Luis Obispo Times, she explained her interest in education nationwide, particularly public schools, because the majority of children are educated in public schools.

"When I talk about science education," Jemison said during the Times interview, "I'm not saying they have to become scientists, but all the jobs out there require some technological literacy."

"Just to become an airplane mechanic, oil-field worker or a mother administering medicines to her child...you need some technical literacy. If we don't stimulate an interest in the science, this country will not be able to achieve at the same level we are used to achieving."

Jemison also noted, "Space shuttle Endeavor, will speak on "Access to the Future: People and Technology." Call 756-2600 for conference registration and more information.

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Tomorrow's high/low: 70/NA

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Today's high/low: 756-2501

Tomorrow's high/low: 756-7777

By Rita Beamish

WASHINGTON — Rep. Bob Dornan, the fiery California Republican known for his outspoken anti-abortion, pro-military positions, will formally kick off his presidential campaign next week with a tour of Houston, New Hampshire and New York.

The conservative congresswoman, who has already made clear his intentions, will announce his candidacy officially in Washington at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on April 13, aides said. He strongly opposes the Clinton administration-backed laws requiring a waiting period for gun purchases and banning assault-style firearms.

In an uphill battle against a better organized and well-funded field, Dornan has been slow to put his campaign together, but appears to have a spirited following among the Young Republicans.

He has enlisted John Hightower, a former speechwriter for Senate candidate Oliver North of Virginia, to handle press relations.

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The reality of racism

By Kim Weber

Last weekend, I saw something on the streets of San Luis Obispo that brought tears to my eyes and reality to the forefront. Before I describe to you the events I witnessed, I want to be truthful. I am the last person to scrutinize actions of police officers. I understand the stress these men and women have based on their job and respect them for the risks they must take in order to serve and protect.

I am a law-abiding citizen. The worst thing on my record is a parking ticket. I would not be writing this unless I honestly felt the situation I observed was an act of racism and needed to be brought to the attention of anyone who can relate.

It was after midnight Saturday. My friends and I were leaving a bar after a pleasant evening of dancing and drinking. There were seven of us; four men (two were African-American), and three women. We had a few drinks but no one was being loud or rowdy. It was a good night that turned into something I naively thought didn't really happen.

As we were leaving the bar, one of the white men we were with was rudely bumped by another white man. Some not-so-kind words were exchanged when the bouncers tried to break up the potential fight.

The other men in the group I was with went to calm the situation and make sure their friend was OK. It was nothing too serious, so we went on our way walking down Higuera.

On the other side of the street, two men were walking the same direction we were. One of them was the man who bumped my friend.

The next sequence of events all happened within ten seconds. One of the men walked up to the two African-American men, who had not fled the scene, and frantically demanded the two sit on the curb. Meanwhile, the other four began to yell threats were yelled among them.

As we continued down Higuera, stares were shot back and forth. Then words were passed which started out as just talk. By the time we reached Broad Street, the words had turned into a confrontation.

The police had responded with unbelievable speed. Unfortunately, my thrill turned into disgust. The police officers jumped out of their car and ran directly to the African-Americans, who had not fled the scene, and factually demanded the two sit on the curb. Meanwhile, the other four began to calmly walk away to avoid any run-in with the law.

By now, there were about three cop cars and four or so cops looking around and making sure the two remained seated on the curb. This was when us three girls began yelling to the cops to go get the two guys who were walking away. The guys were so close I could have grabbed them myself.

The one cop who went to get them came back with one of the men who was with us.

As I watched all this, tears filled my eyes. I could not simply turn the other cheek and write this off as coincidence. I saw two brothers, and I mean "brothers" in every sense of the word, defending each other. I saw two guilty white men walk away from the scene.

The last event was pathetic and made my stomach turn. As the two quietly sat on the curb, the two men who walked away drove right by us, grinning from ear to ear. We clearly pointed them out to the police, but no actions were taken. There were three police cars sitting there. Did any of the police hop in and go after them? No.

I hate to cry racism but I can't explain it any other way. I understand when police pull up on a fight scene, adrenaline is pulsing through their veins. Fear from the uncertainty of what might happen may cause judgment to be impaired. Nevertheless, this situation was not that simple.

I try to remain hopeful. I would like to think we are moving forward in this plight for equality among races.

Kim Weber is a human development junior.

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Comparison was inappropriate

By Eric Goodwin

I recognize that far too many movies have simple plots where the good characters are all good and the bad characters are all evil. This type of two-dimensional thinking does indeed lead to polarization and possibly violence. However, Dawn is making just as large a fallacy when she tries to compare the Holocaust with the latest Disney movie. Her actions were done to dramatize her argument and were in poor taste.

Dawn McAdams
Industrial technology sophomore

Kim Weber is a human development junior.

From The Hip:

Do you care about ASI elections? Why or why not?

"No. It's a puppet government. We may as well have the CIA come in and set up a government for us."

Noel Daly
Environmental horticultural sciences junior

"Yes, because Cristin is my roommate — and she's so capable and concerned about students having a voice in ASI."

Sonia Severe
Environmental horticultural sciences junior

"I'm a small voice without any choice. There's never anyone I feel truly represents me. But I will vote."

Allysa Wilbert
Biological sciences junior

"Of course I care. But it doesn't look like people around here care much."

Ned Daly
Environmental horticultural sciences freshman

"It seems like whatever they decide, the maker turns it over anyway. So it doesn't matter."

Eric Goodwin
Industrial technology sophomore

Photos by L. Scott Robinson
FEMINISTS: Technology highlights conference

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technology has a lot to do with everyday life ... We take for granted that information can come from around the world, but that's also the result of space technology." Conference coordinator Pat Harris, of Cal Poly's Women's Programs and Services, which also organizes Women's Week and Take Back the Night, said Jemison was an ideal choice because of her commitment to ensuring science and technology are represented by minorities and women.

"It was over a year ago that we started looking for women involved in science and technology," Harris said.

"It was impressive to discover how many women are now involved in both developing and teaching this technology," she said, "and Dr. Jemison's accomplishments speak for themselves."

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CLINTON: Wonders if Golden State will keep its faith in him

TORRES: Candidate brings experience to race

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said Wilson spokesman Dan Schnur.

In January, Davis served as acting governor and accompanied Clinton on the anniversary of the 1994 Northridge earthquake and on a tour of flood damage in Northern California.

Clinton is expected to make a brief speech after he arrives at McClellan, the White House said.

His schedule includes a $1,000-a-person fund-raiser Friday evening at the home of a Sacramento shopping mall owner and a speech to the California Democratic Party convention in Sacramento on Saturday morning.

He flies to Los Angeles later Saturday for a speech to a school safety conference sponsored by the National Education Association.

On Sunday, Clinton plans to attend a luncheon of the Jewish Federation.

Clinton has visited California 10 times since his inauguration and spent 18 days in the state, according to the state Democratic Party. The frequency of his visits underscores the political importance of the nation's most populous state and its 54 electoral votes. Clinton carried California in 1992, the first Democrat to do so in nearly three decades.

On the eve of his latest visit, Clinton announced a $15 million grant to help California workers displaced by the recent round of storms and flooding. The storms resulted in federal disaster declarations in 49 of California's 58 counties.

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"ASI has no guiding principle for the new board every year," he said. Torres has not prepared a comprehensive strategic plan but wants to complete one in a year with ASI cooperation.

Torres also hopes for improved communication between ASI and the students. He attributes the lack of communication to the board's legal obligation of silence, as directed by ASI's lawyer.

"The students elected the board, and they entrust us with the information," Torres said. "It gets to them eventually, it just takes time."

Torres also feels time will alleviate the budget and embezzlement problems facing ASI and those issues will not have to be addressed in the fall.

ASI interest would be improved through better communication and highlighting news, according to Torres.

"The board members need to be utilized more to give short reports to get through all of the information," Torres also dedicates time to his fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho. But Torres said he is most proud of his work as an Agricultural Ambassador.

Sabol agrees.

"The College of Agriculture hand-picked (Torres) to recruit people for agriculture and higher education," Sabol said. "He is a great asset and a great communicator. He is not afraid to say what is on his mind."

Currently there are no other candidates running for the position, but Torres said he isn't concerned about the lack of competition. He stressed that he does not have a campaign strategy because he would rather focus on the position and his goals.

"I have a different perspective on ASI," Torres said. "I am not a mover and shaker and am not status quo. I don't plan any radical changes in ASI, but I do plan to get things done."
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corn would be bringing depth in the lineup back to Cal Poly. He intends to recruit heavily over the off-season and wants to look as far as Europe for players.

According to Levesque, Schneider brought him an assistant coach, but none of the Cal Poly players have yet to see them.

"He sounds pretty intense," Levesque said. "He said things in the interview like 'I'll come here we are going to have a winning season.' He didn't say we were going to win a few games here or there.

Schneider, who was Tubby Smith's assistant during the 93-94 season when Tulsa went to the "Sweet 16," was rated as one of the top three recruiters in the country, according to Hoop Scoop Magazine.

This year Schneider helped coach Washington State to the National Invitation Tournament. Oliver, who also interviewed Thursday, helped coach Mike Montgomery take the Cardinal to the second round of the NCAA tournament and its best finish since 1991.

Cal State Santa Barbara's prized assistant coach and recruiter, has been a Gaucho coach for six seasons and took on the position of recruiting coordinator.

If Cal State lands a job at Cal Poly, he said he would actively participate in the program's recruitment efforts.

"The biggest reason I want the job is because this is an opportunity to get in something new and build on something new," Casagrande said. "The potential for resources to be successful is there, but it will take time.

Casagrande said that whoever the new coach will be must directly himself in fund- raising.

"My biggest concern is worrying about being successful at Cal Poly," Casagrande said. "Success would be a challenge, but it's not impossible.

**WORLD TOUR**

While Cal Poly is a far cry from the elite rowing powers that made their way to Mission Bay in San Diego, it hasn't taken away from their determination to set new benchmarks with their program. And although UC Santa Barbara won't be in the Pacific Eight this year that can hardly be compared to the age-old Harvard Yale rivalry — the intensity and fierceness is still apparent.

The future of rowing at Cal Poly shows glimpses of bright­ ness as crew members talk of continued fund-raising, more recruiting, full time-matches, a varsity sponsor, and affixing the team as a sanctioned collegiate sport by the university.

But those are plans which could take years to develop into reality.

As for now, Cal Poly's primary goal is to begin building a tradition.

"If we get enough funding and enough people to compete, what I'm trying to build is a team that would get up there," Baker said. "That's a long ways away."
Cal Poly is holding its own final four this week, but this one is far more related to men's basketball, taking place off the basketball court.

From over 75 applicants for the vacant head coach position, Cal Poly will choose among four finalists this week

... And then there were four

By Franco Castaldini
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Potluck for Mustangs in rematch

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