AS! presidential hopefuls 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. Hay.

Traditionally the forum is a panel-style debate on their qualifications, 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.

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Poly welcomes history-making astronaut

By Lisa J. Marsh
Daly Staff Writer

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

One of those few is the keynote speaker for "The Virtual Campus: Creating Feminist Perspectives," a conference underway at Cal Poly, April 6-8. Mae Jemison made history in 1992 when she became the first female African-American astronaut aboard the space shuttle Endeavor. Jemison was unavailable for an interview this week, but in an interview with the St. Petersburg 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 technological literacy." Jemison noted, "Space times. Do anything... you need some interest in the sciences, this country will not be able to achieve at the same level we are used to achieving."

Jemison also noted, "Space with the children of the American space program will help to make the American people aware of the importance of science education."

The bill, as written, would require managers who overspend their budgets to either close the program until the next fiscal year or, to receive a 10 percent increase in their budgets pending two-thirds approval by a financial committee and the Board of Directors. For example, Wilson said African-American students often seek advice from African-American professors even if they are in another department. "It's not that it would be a requirement," he said. "The intention is to recognize those that are doing something (to promote diversity), not punish those that aren't."
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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 Delaware, New Hampshire and New York.

The conservative congressman, 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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"It wouldn't take much effort, but it would start off with a positive relationship with students," she said. "As I mentioned before, I think that ASI should be more involved with the Internet since so many students are using it. It would set up some real types of communication lines there." Brady also would hold a forum to communicate with students and publicize office hours in campus media "so that students know that the president is really accessible.

Lynza questioned the candidates' on how they planned to balance the need for confidentiality with the students' need to know what's happening within ASI and with their money.

"I think that closed door sessions are sometimes necessary, and eventually I believe we should inform the student body of what has happened," Berenstein said. "But for the time being, until it's official, we have to know that we have to allow ASI to work in its own way.

Gonzalez asked both candidates to list specific qualifications for the job they are seeking.

"Currently students pay over $200 a year in fees and there are three things students have been faced with this year: The accounting takeover (by the Cal Poly Foundation,) the Children's Center being over budget and the (alleged) embezzlement," Simms said.

Both Brady and Berenstein addressed the issue of the Children's Center, saying ASI gives the center $100,000 a year, but failed to comment on the other two issues.

To end the forum, T.J. Plew, ASI elections chairperson, asked why students should take the time to vote for an ASI president.

"I think the student voice has to be heard," Berenstein said. "If you don't speak you can never be heard.

"I think that on this campus we have a really great opportunity to have a very strong (ASI), and it's everybody's right and responsibility to come out and vote," Brady said.

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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 it to be understood I am the last person to scrutinize actions of police officers. I understand the stress and danger of 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 halted in to break up the potential fight.

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

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.

At that moment, a twinge of fear ran through me. I thought to myself, why would two guys, by themselves, cross a street to fight four guys? Either they had a lot of liquid courage (alcohol) or a weapon that would even out the odds.

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, ... in the middle to defend his brother. At that very instant, before any punches were thrown, a police car whizzed up.

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.

I try to remain hopeful. I would like to think we are moving forward in this plight for equality among races. Sadly, incidents such as this chip away at the fragile hope we have.

The police had responded with unbelievable speed. Unfortunately, my thrill turned into disgust.

Comparison was inappropriate

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.
FEMINISTS: Technology highlights conference

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avoiding elitism in its use.

"But the focus here is on utilizing the available technology and once women start using the systems and become comfortable with it, you can then start looking for creative ways to use it," Harris said.

Harris points to e-mail as an example. It's pretty basic technology and certainly widespread and available, but many don't use it.

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A large part of the conference is devoted to the training institute, she said, with hands-on sessions in the computer labs taught by Cal Poly faculty, graduate students and local area experts.

One course is entitled "Multimedia: Imagine the Possibilities."" and is being conducted by Anna Seu, director of instructional technology development, here at Cal Poly.

"This is an introductory course — I call it multimedia 101 — that covers the technology available and looks at where it's going," Sea said.

"A lot of the things currently being developed are being developed here on campus as an aid to teaching."

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." Jemison is a physician, scientist, chemical engineer and astronaut. Before being chosen by NASA to enter astronaut training, she interned at Countyside Medical Center in Los Angeles and spent two years as an Area Peace Corps Medical Officer for Sierra Leone and Liberia in West Africa.

Since leaving NASA, Jemison developed The Jemison Group, Inc., which researches, develops and implements advanced technology.

Current projects include: a satellite-based telecommunications system to improve healthcare in West Africa and "The Earth We Share," an international science camp for students ages 12 to 16.

In addition to her keynote address Friday evening, Jemison will also speak with local area children Friday morning in the Cal Poly "Theatre.

The conference is sponsored by the Women's Council of the State University, a statewide organization, and consists of several components. The Technology Expo, free of charge and open to the public Thursday and Friday mornings, and the training institute and presentations will be free for registered attendees.

While many of the conference speakers are women, men are also included and the speakers were chosen based on their experience with information technology.

According to Harris, "when we first started discussing the conference, we wrestled with calling it a humanistic approach instead of a feminist approach, but as much of the technology has been developed by men, and we are concerned with accessibility and..." Limited information available.

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

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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.

TORRES: Candidate brings experience to race

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"ASI has no guiding principle for the new board every year," he said. Torres has not prepared a 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 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 with him an attitude that most Cal Poly players have yet to see.

"He was way too intense," Levesque said. "He said things in the interview like 'If I 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."

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"My biggest concern is worrying about being successful at Cal Poly," Castagna said. "Success would be a challenge, but it's not impossible."
Cal Poly is holding its own final four this week, but this time with a focus on men's basketball, as taking place off the basketball court.

From over 25 applicants for the vacant head coach position, Cal Poly will choose another four over its men's basketball program.

After former nine-year coach Steve Bourbon was dismissed March 13, Athletics Director John McCutcheon and Cal Poly's search committee consisting of English professor Mike Wenzl, Associate Vice President for academic resources Charles Crabb, Human Development professor Laura Freeberg, Associate Athletic Director Allison Cone, football coach Andre Patterson, wrestling coach Lennies Cowell, basketball alum Mike LaRoche, and Bucky Tuck, Doily Assistant Sports Editor, who finished his final season on the Cal Poly team this year—have been working at a faster than normal pace to put in place a new person to take over a 1 eat team.

It's an overcast Thursday morning on the seemingly quiet waters of Morro Bay, and every now and then a couple of seagulls and a fishing boat journey out toward the Pacific Ocean.

Houseboats and sailboats anchored in the bay sway to the tiny waves that venture into the estuary from the ocean and the Cal Poly crew teams begin their morning training.

It's 7 a.m., and while many students and faculty are just rolling out of bed, the Cal Poly men's varsity crew team is rowing wearily back toward the beach after its final season on the Cal Poly team this year—have been working at a faster than normal pace to put in place a new person to take over a 1 eat team.

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