Battles at the ballot box start tomorrow

ASI top spots, college representatives decided in next two days; four major candidates profiled in this preview

ASI Organizational Chart

President Baker
V.P. Student Affairs
Students

- ASI President
  Serves as CEO for ASI
  Maintains student interest in all aspects of university operation and government. Responsibilities include: executive vice president and approved projects and programs.

- Board of Directors
  Approves representatives to all university standing committees, ASI Senate and IBA Board of Directors.

- V.P. Operations
  Approves budgetary and operational changes for ASI entities, creates a brochure highlighting clubs and student organizations.

- V.P. Finance
  Approves budgetary and financial changes for ASI entities, creates a brochure highlighting clubs and student organizations.

- Vice Chair of Board
  Executives, manage and maintain the board of directors.

- V.P. Student Affairs
  Approves budgetary and operational changes for ASI entities, creates a brochure highlighting clubs and student organizations.

- Students
  Approves budgetary and operational changes for ASI entities, creates a brochure highlighting clubs and student organizations.

- ASI Board of Directors
  Adjunct of ASI, executes policies and programs.

- ASI Senate
  Appoint representatives to all university standing committees.

Elected positions

Appointed positions

By Sandra Naughton

On Wednesday and Thursday, students will be able to cast their votes for next year's top ASI student representatives.

Two candidates are contending for the position of president and two for the position of chair of the board of directors. In each race, one of the candidates will appear on the ballot because they met the requirements to be official candidates, and the others are declared write-in candidates.

Students can vote Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The College of Agriculture voting booth will be on the Ag Bridge, College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science and Math students can vote in the U-U plaza, and the booth for those in the Colleges of Business, Engineering, and Architecture and Environmental Design will be on Dexter lawn.

Presidential Candidates:
- Duane Bandorob
  Candidate Duane Bandorob wants to see ASI function at its highest potential, which he is convinced can be achieved under his leadership as president.

  "I have a great knowledge and understanding I can reapply to start working on programs rather than having to learn how the system works," said the current executive vice president. "It took me three to four months to really understand what ASI does from the officer's perspective, so I think a lot has to be said for continuity and experience."

  As executive vice president, Bandorob supervised efforts to change the ASI logo to establish a more recognized identity for ASI entities, create a brochure highlighting clubs and student organizations, hold a corporate event for all ASI employees to familiarize them with the scope of the $8 million operation, and compile an annual report of ASI's finances for students.

  These projects are planned to be completed during the final weeks of the quarter and are aimed at increasing student awareness and involvement with ASI, said Bandorob, a dairy science senior.

  "If students understand the size and magnitude of what ASI is, then they will be convinced," said Bandorob, commenting on students' lack of faith in ASI due to past problems, such as embettement and internal conflict.

  In addition to poor communication with the general student body and a lack of events appealing to all students, he said ASI fails to incorporate key students.

  "I don't believe the student government side of ASI is working efficiently now," said the Midtown native. "They are not getting the best students at Cal Poly to serve in leadership. The decisions ASI makes affect the student body from allegations of apathy.

  It's that time of year again — ASI presidential candidate Steve McShane reviews his platform during a debate Sunday afternoon in Fremont Hall / Daily photo by Joe Johnston

  "It took an appointed position to get me involved and I think that's one thing that needs to be restructured," he said. To cure this ill, Bandorob said he would work with students to restructure the system.

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  Gas prices are reaching a momentous high; see what Sacramento says.
Today

An open forum will be held in the U.U. from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. to discuss the issues of the ASI candidates. This is an opportunity for candidates to address concerns and answer questions.

Upcoming

The peer health nutrition team is sponsoring a seminar by Virginia Mermel on nutrition and fitness in Chumash Auditorium, room 204 May 1 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Physics Colloquium is hosting a discussion titled "The Web as it should be: Running a high information, no stupid-web-tricks Web page for a diverse audience" on May 2 at 11:10 a.m. in Science 52, room E-45.

The Academy of American Poets poetry contest is now open. A $100 prize will be offered for the best poem or group of poems. Students should submit two to four poems with the author's name, address and phone number.

Due to the excessive demand, not all items submitted to the Agenda section will be printed. Agenda information will be printed exactly as it is received (i.e., spelling, times and dates).

Have you got anxiety disorders?
Find out Wednesday in the U.U.

By Catina Marotta
Daily Staff Writer

It has been a long week, yet it's only Tuesday.

If you're a student, you might have two tests and a paper due Thursday; if you're a professor, you might have tests to grade and papers to read.

Or perhaps your significant other is driving you crazy and you just caught a cold. Maybe you're up late, stressing over how to do all the schoolwork as well as manage your personal life. You can't concentrate and are having a hard time sleeping.

You have anxiety with a big "A." What are you going to do?

Thanks to a free, anonymous educational screening program that will be on campus, students and employees of Cal Poly can find relief from the symptoms of daily anxiety and stresses of life.

On Wednesday in the University Union from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Health and Psychological Services and Employee Assistance Program will distribute materials and a confidential, written screening test for anxiety disorders.

"What makes it unique is that it is for employees and students," said Bob Negranti, a specialist with the Employee Assistance Program. "It is for the campus community."

Both Negranti and Catina Marotta, a psychologist with Psychological Services, are in charge of the screening.

Marotta said the purpose of the screening is to educate and help people, and to remove the stigma from the whole notion of mental illness.

"Anxiety within itself is not bad," Marotta said. "It is that thing that inspires you to study for a test or not step off that curb into traffic — that's helpful anxiety.

"However, it's when it gets to be at such high proportions that it becomes debilitating and the person needs help," she said.

Some symptoms of anxiety include excessive worrying, feeling keyed up or restless, phobias, unexplained heart palpitations, problems with concentration and sleeplessness.

According to information compiled from the National Anxiety Disorder Screening Day, anxiety disorders are the most common mental illnesses in the United States; 24.9 percent of the adult population will suffer from an anxiety disorder at some point in their lives. But less than 25 percent of those people seek treatment for these illnesses.

The information also revealed the main reason people don't seek help is a lack of understanding and knowledge of both the problem and the help that is available to them.

This is an opportunity for people to find out if their anxiety is beneficial, or debilitating.

Social science junior Jennifer Harman and she thinks the screening day is a good idea and she'll fill out the questionnaire.

"Personally, I'm a very stressed-out person," Harman said. "If (the mental health professionals) can help me deal with stress better, then I'm all for it," she said.

Kerry Roberts, the General Books Department Manager at El Corral Bookstore, said he would not be interested in doing it but thinks it's a good idea.

"It will heighten awareness," he said, "and it will get the word out to students, faculty and staff ... that this is going on and it's a problem."

Marotta said they will offer a questionnaire, educational materials, video tapes, a lecture and professionals to answer questions.

The person will fill out the questionnaire and based on the results, will have a 10-15 minute, follow-up interview with a mental health professional.

Marotta said the interview will be for reviewing the results and determining if a referral for more counseling is needed.

The program is being sponsored by National Anxiety Disorder Screening Day.

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Can concrete float? If it's a canoe it can

By Jeff Deodi
Daily Staff Home

Concrete floating on water? That's exactly what the Construction Management Department achieved when they built a canoe out of concrete to compete in the concrete canoe races at Stanford University over the weekend.

However, the construction management department was not as successful as they wanted. According to Dario Pascarelli, a construction management senior, the competition was still good for the department because everyone involved worked hard.

"We showed our school spirit at the competition, even though we didn't do too well," Pascarelli said. "We were just glad to have a canoe ready that we could race." Due to time constraints, the team only had 10 days to build the canoe, Pascarelli said.

"The concrete took seven days to cure, which only left us one day to really practice in it," Pascarelli said.

The reason for the limited time, Pascarelli said, was because the competition was moved up this year from June to April.

"We weren't notified about the change until I called to verify," Pascarelli said. Although the team members didn't do well this year, Tom Ducharme, construction management senior, said this will help them improve in the future.

"We just didn't have the time to get the proper materials to build a good canoe," Ducharme said. "We couldn't find the right type of fiber glass, so we had to substitute another material instead of the foam we ordered." The canoe required 80 percent concrete and 20 percent of a mesh type of fiber glass, according to competition rules. The canoe was allowed to have foam stuffed up to two feet from the ends, which helped it float properly.

Ducharme, who was in charge of designing the canoe, said they were looking to have a more aggressive style canoe this year. The canoe, which was designed to weigh about 70 pounds, weighed 150 pounds, Ducharme said.

"It was amazing we even had the time to finish," Ducharme said. "I just hope we can keep the ball rolling and get a great canoe built for next year."

The team competed in the northern division, which consisted of 12 different schools, including the University of California, Berkeley and Davis, both of which had canoes that cost more than $1,000 to build, Pascarelli said. Cal Poly's canoe cost $500.

"We didn't receive any financial support from the department or the university," Pascarelli said. "We got donations from companies.

"Although they didn't win anything, Pascarelli said he was glad to see the teamwork and commitment from those involved.

"We said we would be at the competition, so we went with what we had," Pascarelli said. "We wanted to show people that our word is like a contract."

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by Jay Holavarri

Road bikes are about as popular among Cal Poly students as flat Earth Society memberships are among NASA scientists. For many years, I have been one of the few to pedal my way to school on smooth, narrow tires, and try to squeeze in as much speed as I can between the hefty frames of the mountain bike horde. Everyone owns a mountain bike, it seems. Not everyone rides one, and certainly not everyone ventures into the mountains with one, but everyone’s got one. Except for me. I held out, waiting for the fad to die. It didn’t. So when I got a flat the other day, instead of fixing it, I dived and joined the mountain bike congregation to see just what I was missing.

The first thing I noticed as I rode my new mountain bike was an immediate decrease in my decision-making skills and a frightening decline in overall intelligence. I was plagued by troubling thoughts that would have never affected me on my road bike: “Gee, that’s steep and rocky I’ll go down; I wonder if those thistles are sharp enough to impale me?” I tried to ride through and find out; Hmm, I’m pretty sure that would kill me. I’ll try it.”

I felt a lot that first week, but survived. I crashed twice on my road bike the entire seven years I’ve been riding. Two words: centrifugal force. There was a theme to the ride, however, it was cow manure—prodigious amounts of cow manure. The cow patties had the ear-splitting name of manure. As I came coasting down one hill I suddenly saw a patty the size of an end table right in front of me. There was no time to turn to fit it too big. Being at Cal Poly, you’ve all seen cow pies, and probably know they dry from the outside in. You can’t really tell if the whole thing is dry until it is too late. I prayed that it was dry. God knows I prayed. If a person commits a crime and has served their time in jail, that crime, they should be able to enter back into society without earning their past hang over their heads every day for the rest of their lives. They did their time. So why is it that society will see that individual as a criminal forever? Everyone makes mistakes in their lives, some, however, are more serious than others. But whatever the case may be, that mistake should not be held over someone for eternity. This should definitely ring true for those convicted of a crime at a younger age, because many of us know younger people think they are invincible and can get away with it. I for one know of individuals who as young kids got away with committing a crime and some are now upstanding citizens.

In the case of a repeat criminal, then they should be seen as a criminal for life. I feel the three strikes law in California is a great way of distinguishing the habitual criminals from those who made a mistake in life. Mr. Parker is a person who simply made a mistake and now is paying double for it.

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My conversion to the cult of the mountain bike

Greetings once again, gentle readers. Welcome again to the Policy Box. It is a little-known fact that Mustang Daily’s Policy Box is a Presidentially Decreed Historic Landmark of the Central Coast, and everything written in it has the force of law. So send your opinions to dailypolitics@bldg226.calpoly.edu, or fax them to 756-6784, or mail them or bring them in to Graphic Arts Bldg. 226, Cal Poly, CA 93407. Please include your name, major, year and phone number. Letters should be less than a page double-spaced. Commentaries should be around two pages double-spaced. We still reserve the right to edit every single little thing we print, including stuff from professors and administration people. Don’t you think for a moment you’re exempt from our style-adhering fingers.
Assimilation isn't all that good

Mr. Sanford, I have been witness to your commentaries for two quarters and I feel the need to respond to your most recent opinion concerning the Riverside beatings. To your claim that the officers were merely trying to detain the two individuals, in my opinion beating a man, who shows no indication of resistance, six times with a baton is not an act of detention. Similarly, dragging the woman from the window of the truck cab by her hair and then beating her while she falls and lies on the ground is not detention. This is brutality. I have worked closely with police officers and I recognize the stress they face in the act of arresting and detaining individuals. Yet, these officers are supposed to be trained not to let adrenaline override and control their actions. When officers Watson and Franklin approached the vehicle and they saw individuals, they should have recognized that the two were not resisting arrest and should have reassessed the appropriate measures to apprehend them. Of course you don’t have to take my judgment of the situation. Consider the admissions of a California Highway Patrol officer who witnessed the beating of the two illegal immigrants. CHP Officer Marco DeGennaro told a supervisor on his car radio he did not perceive the two people as a threat. He claimed the officers “were whaling on this, please stop. Accomplishing so much at the end of Randy Davis’ “Freebies and activities” must be more important than not interfering with the beating.” at the end of Randy Davis' “Freebies and activities” (If you’re ribbing the Sic Nice Guy Syndrome. Simply, I am a nice guy. I say “suffer bitterly. And so I come to the point of my angst: I really don’t know what to do. I’m definitely single, though definitely not by choice. And so I come to the point of my angst. I really don’t know what to do.

C A N I T G E T ?

Nice Gay Anonymous

Sexual Politics 101:

Good morning, class. Now, men have little to no power in this political arena. We are homeless and women control all of the real estate. Beware of misinterpretations: one wrong move can cost you your reputation, or worse. Overbearing men, with supposedly impressive scorecards, may talk the talk and walk the walk, but quality and quantity are completely different issues. And, of course, sex can kill you these days. Welcome to the 90s. Class dismissed.

Bear with me as I work through my personal angst. I am nearly 23. I had sexual intercourse at age 10. And I have not had sexual intercourse since then. Consider the person next to you and telling them to read this, please stop. Accomplishing so much at the end of Randy Davis’ “Freebies and activities” must be more important than not interfering with the beating.” at the end of Randy Davis' “Freebies and activities” (If you’re ribbing the Sic Nice Guy Syndrome. Simply, I am a nice guy. I say “suffer bitterly. And so I come to the point of my angst: I really don’t know what to do. I’m definitely single, though definitely not by choice. And so I come to the point of my angst. I really don’t know what to do.

Many women will just take advantage of you (i.e. back rubs, nursing them back to health, being used as a human teddy bear who’s been trained not to touch behind, etc.).

Todd A. Shallahamer

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APOLLOLOGY

No war, children

Editor,

I usually don’t bother to write when I notice an error or misname, but since Mustang Daily is usually not as bad as the Telegram-Tribune or New Times, but the quote from the Rolling Stones song “Gimme Shelter” at the end of Randy Davis’ “Freebies and activities” column on April 25 wasn’t even close. The actual lyrics are “Hey, m’lady, it’s just a shot away, it’s just a shot away.” The sheet music or a close listener will verify this.

Kevin Howard

Economics senior

From The Hip:

If you could rename Mustang Daily, what would you rename it?

Interviews by Michelle Castillo

Daily photos by Elda Palma

“SLO Times. Because things are slow around here.”

Andy Karatasos

Social science sophomore

“Polygram. Because that’s what it was when it first came out in 1916.”

Amanda Bailey

Industrial engineering junior

“Call Poly Chronicle. It’s the only thing that matches — Cal Poly and a C.”

Eric Heil

Graphic design sophomore

“Four-twenty Intellectual, 420 is a symbol for the new paradigm which is ascending upon us.”

Daniel Seymour

Soil science junior

“Thetrashless Daily. Because the Daily lacks trash, ironically.”

Victor Juarez

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PREVIEW: Banderob, McShane tout experience From page 1

"I don't think every student needs to be informed about what ASI is doing but we need to empower the students and encourage initiatives and let the system work as it is supposed to. We can't expect all students to have heart in ASI because that would take away everything this campus has to offer."

Banderob said one issue most students are concerned about and that he would address as ASI president is the Cal Poly Plan.

"I am willing to pay $45 more a quarter to make sure the quality of my labs is maintained and that my classes are available, but like any other student, I need to feel guaranteed that the money will be spent to meet those needs," he said. "ASI should ensure the promises made to students are kept by the steering committee, the president, the administration and the donees.

Banderob also said he was impressed with the process used in forming the plan.

"Just the fact that students get to sit at the table with the administration is an accomplishment," he said. "Many students are apprehensive because they feel they don't have a voice in the process, but students did sit on the steering committees. The idea that education is a democracy and that students should vote on every fee increase is absurd."

Concerning other current student concerns, Banderob said he would continue discussions on promoting alternative transportation to decrease parking overcapacity. He also said he would support more funding for ethnic groups to enrich students' cultural experiences.

As far as his campaign, Banderob enlisted the help of less than a dozen friends and spent about $600 of his own money on posters and signs.

"The way I was raised I was taught that if you want something you will work hard enough to get it," he said. "I pay for my legs myself and wanted to continue that with my campaign. I am not comfortable asking friends for money for my personal gain. I don't think it's ethical or right."

• Steve McShane (write-in)

Running on a three-point platform, board of directors member Steve McShane wants to "clean up ASI," as he has advertised on painted garbage cans around campus.

"For three years I have watched ASI put out small fires with band-aids and duct tape," said McShane, who served on various committees for one year and as a board member for the last two years. "Cal Poly has so much potential and needs a leader. I have the experience, drive and enthusiasm and can see the benefit to students if I were to serve them.

The problems in ASI McShane has witnessed touch on three areas for which he has proposed solutions and improvements.

First, he wants to improve communication between ASI and student clubs and organizations.

"Specifically, I propose to reinvent our ASI newsletter, offer more programs of greater student interest and create easier accessibility to the organization and its services," said McShane.

As a board member, McShane established legislation to create an ASI newsletter, The Mustang Messenger, which was recently eliminated.

To increase student awareness, he also pushed for directories on campus with space for ASI news, half the arch-
Senators propose gas sales tax cut

Senators propose legislation Monday to reduce consumer costs by cutting gas sales taxes and making up the loss with an "excess profits" tax.

"It seems obscene for the oil industry to continue to pass on almost daily price hikes at a time when most of that industry is enjoying record profits," said Sen. Dan Bestword, D-Concord.

Bestword and Sen. Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena, introduced legislation that would cut sales taxes charged at the pump by six percent and then impose a profits tax to make up the difference.

Oil companies would be barred from passing on the new tax to customers.

California sales taxes currently range from 74% to 83% of the sale price, depending on the county.

Oil company spokesmen did not immediately return phone calls from a reporter seeking reaction to the bill.

Retail gasoline prices have jumped more than 30 percent since the start of the year, reaching an average of $1.47 a gallon statewide and $1.54 a gallon in Northern California.

At the same time, oil companies have reported sharp increases in profits, the senators said.

Senators propose gas sales tax cut

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CANDIDATES: For strong leadership Rocca says he's the man; Mondragon says it's time to ensure everyone's voice is heard.

Chair of the Board Candidates: Mike Rocca

Current board member Mike Rocca claims he can make the ASI Board of Directors more effective by motivating and leading them as chairman.

"The key is motivation," said the political science junior. "I've got to make the board of directors really want to be (at the meetings). They need to be cohesive, you can't make care of business but also be friends."

As a unified body the board could accomplish a lot more, Rocca said.

"By making everyone feel comfortable with one another and everyone on equal playing ground, communication would be improved," said Rocca, a native ofCastro Valley.

Claiming to be open-minded and a good listener, Rocca said he would reassure students that they are accurately represented by the board.

"The student body needs to be sure their voices will be heard in every possible way," he said. "I'm not about 400 campus clubs and they are going to be willing to get involved with ASI if they know they will be heard."

Rocca said his most frustrating experience of being on the board was hearing students complain that they did not have a say in certain issues.

"I will pass out board mem­ bers' phone numbers, have long office hours, open forums — whatever it takes to make stu­ dents realize they can address any issue we deal with," he said, using sharp hand gestures to em­ phasize his point.

Working on the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee this year showed Rocca that student input is necessary for any policy-generating body.

"The Cal Poly Plan process was the first time ever students have been able to sit at the table with administrators, so it's OK to make mistakes as long as we learn from them," he said. "More importantly, this is something that is going to happen more often in the future."

As one of three students ap­ pointed to the committee, Rocca said although he spent an average of 10 hours a week work­ ing on the plan, he's beginning to fully understand it.

"It deals with so many issues that we can't expect students to fully understand it," he said. "I am really attracted to it because I get to where the extra money goes and is guaranteed to stay on campus.".

He said he supports the plan because unlike annual university fee increases, students would receive an improved education.

Roce also said ASI needs to work on increasing diversity through promoting the oppor­ tunities to get involved to all types of students.

"I haven't involved my first two years here and now I am running for chairman — anyone can do that because there are tremen­ dous opportunities," he said. "I was involved with student government all my life, so I missed it and needed that balance back. I think I found joining the board was one of the best decisions I made."

Above all, Rocca said he would lead the board, be­ cause he enjoys working with student government.

"I love meeting people, making new friends and feeling like part of a group," he said.

Mondragon's campaign, on which no money has been spent, con­ sists of visits to clubs and talking with students, as his time and money is limited, he said.

"As a nontraditional, ethnic student, I'm bringing a different pers­ pective into ASI," said the Chicano-Latino-Hispanic Leader­ ship Commission member, coming environment for new stu­ dents to make sure they stay at Cal Poly," said Mondragon, who has been involved with Poly Reps for five years.

He also hopes to increase diver­ sity among students, both in and outside of ASI.

"ASI can provide a more wel­ coming environment for new stu­ dents to make sure they stay at Cal Poly," said Mondragon.

Mondragon worked indirectly with ASI this year as chair of the Chicano-Latino-Hispanic Leader­ ship Commission.

"As a student, I wasn't happy with how things were being handled at ASI and instead of complaining I decided to take ac­ tion and make a difference," he said.

The largest problem Mondragon sees in ASI is the lack of representation of the en­ tire student body.

"A true leader makes sure everybody is included in his/her decisions — all ethnicities, socio-economic groups, genders and people with physical dis­ abilities," he said. "That is not what I see happening at ASI."

Mondragon said he would gain training on providing solutions from a holistic scale by interning with a Los Angeles branch of Andres Consulting for four summers.

"If elected, I would treat the students as a consulting firm would treat its clients — ensure their needs are being met," he said.

To improve students' representation, Mondragon would work on increasing communi­ cation between ASI, clubs and nonaffiliated students.

Among the solutions he listed are club visits, using Mustang Daily and KCPR to inform stu­ dents and possibly quarterly reports on ASI's financial status.

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