Close call; runoff needed for president

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The elections are over. The results are in, but the decision has not been made.

The final count showed that incumbent ASI President Steve McShane received 49.6 percent of the votes, 11 votes short of the required 50 percent plus one necessary to win the presidency. A runoff will be held May 21 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"(The runoff) will give voters a better chance to know their candidates," said McShane, a soil science senior.

McShane received 1,283 votes out of an unofficial total of 2,815 votes, which means roughly 18 percent of the student body voted. Cindy Entzi followed closely with 1,154 votes for a total of 40.2 percent. That's 263 votes behind McShane.

"The vote was really close and it just shows that students are concerned about this year's ASI vote," said Entzi, a political science senior.

"I just didn't know anything about it, so I didn't feel it was my place to just pick a random person and vote," she said.

Turnout reflects tradition, 18 percent come to vote

"There's nothing new under the sun of Cal Poly's ASI election voter turnout.

This year, 2,815 votes were cast, not including those who wrote in, 2,121 votes on to the official ballot, one percent come to vote," said McShane only needed 11 votes to top Entzi.

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The elections did yield some clear winners. Industrial technology senior Tom Spengler ran unopposed for Chair of the Board and won with 2,121 votes.

One of the biggest problems in this election came from the College of Business Board of Directors ballot, said Tamer Osman, chairman of the ASI Election Committee.

"I just don't like it in the least," said computer science senior Robert Peters. "I voted in the Cal Poly Plan vote, but the presidential vote is too much like high school. I guess I just don't like politics in general.""}

Several students gave explanations like that of Katie Faris, a forestry and natural resources freshman.

"I just didn't know anything about it, so I didn't feel it was my place to just pick a random person and vote," she said.

When they were transferring the votes on to the official ballot, one person (freshman Melvin 'Roxy' Dalrymple) was left off the business ballot.

A re-election for the College of Business Board of Directors will be held May 14 and 15 on Dexter Lawn from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"( There was also the problem of poster vandalism, which occurs every year.

Every year you have some problems with candidates posting their posters on top of others, but it's not always the case that the candidate that's running knows that this is occurring," Osman said. "These are issues that can be dealt one-on-one with the candidates.

Aside from these two problems, Osman said the election went well.

"Students were well informed and students that really wanted to make a difference did so and showed it through their voting," he said.

Although some students came out to vote, it wasn't enough to please everyone.

"Jed wanted to cause some chaos so that maybe more people would vote and help make decisions," said Whiteley's campaign manager, Kevin McCluskey, a mechanical engineering senior.

"It seemed like people didn't really even care about last year's ASI elections," said Whiteley, "and when I saw McShane win last year with such a small percentage, I thought that I could do it too."

By Monica Phillips

"There's nothing new under the sun of Cal Poly's ASI election voter turnout."
They asked for a simple yes or no, and they got it.

Had the Poly Plan Steering Committee asked that question earlier, student opinion may have been more accurately gauged before the referendum vote shut down the student fee increase.

The April in-class survey and last week's campuswide referendum were the latest steps in the steering committee's quest to determine student opinion about the plan.

In earlier surveys a Likert scale was used to assess students' attitudes toward the plan. This means that instead of answering "yes" or "no," students were asked to rate their degree of support or opposition.

After much debate and criticism from students and faculty, the Likert scale was abandoned, and the April survey presented students with three yes/no questions and a series of possible uses of Poly Plan funds that they were asked to prioritize.

Welch said the survey was given in class to a randomly selected group of students representing about one-sixth of the student body. A short time later a very similar version of it was used for the referendum.

The results of the April survey and referendum were similar, though the plan and referendum yielded opposing results.

"That was discussed, but there hadn't been any plan made," Welch said. "The students (on the Steering Committee) were very uncomfortable with that."

The results of the survey were not released until the day after the referendum vote, said Stephan Lamb, Director of the Assessment and Testing Center. He said that surveys continued until the Friday before and that time was needed to tabulate the results.

"Nobody sits on the information," Hoffman said. "As soon as it's ready to go, the entire Steering Committee sees it."

According to Linda Dalton, vice provost for institutional planning, "The plan has been under consideration for quite some time, and the fees were supported by the early surveys, but the increases were not approved until the April survey and referendum."

Welch said that he, personally, "wasn't very surprised" by the results, but said in regards to the committee, "I think everybody thought it would pass coming up to it."

Regardless of the results, Welch said he was proud of student voter turnout.

He did feel that perhaps some students were bringing other unrelated issues to mind when considering their position on the plan. Comments that students wrote on the February survey led him to this conclusion. For example they complained about bus service and Campus Dining, which were not related to the Poly Plan.

He said, however, that compiling these comments was like emptying a suggestion box from in front of the administration building.

"A lot of people have read them, and I think they're very concerned," Welch said. "I don't think they're ignoring them, so it will be interesting to see what comes of them."

Almost half of the money for next year has already been earmarked for the 16 new tenure-track faculty who will begin in fall. The faculty additions will include two positions in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design as well as in the College of Business, and three professors in each of the other colleges.

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As part of a class assignment, five Cal Poly students are putting the university's "learn by doing" motto to work as they organize a community service project to help one of the needy organizations in San Luis Obispo, Grass Roots II Inc.

Steve McDermott, a speech communication professor, placed the students from his class into small groups and instructed them to do something "socially significant.

"We had to determine for ourselves what we believed was socially significant and we decided that was something that would help the local community," said Dana Gilbert, speech communications junior.

The students involved include Gilbert, speech communication sophomore Jessica Ciarla, business senior Joel Beam, speech communications sophomore Cheryl Anderson, and speech communication sophomore Ashly Young are planning Grass Roots Groove for their SPC 217, speech communication class project.

All money and food from the event will be given to Grass Roots II Inc., the non-profit organization that has been active in the San Luis Obispo community for 25 years. It provides food, clothing and other vital necessities to economically disadvantaged individuals.

"This organization helps out families who have fallen through the welfare cracks," Gilbert said.

The students will be selling raffle tickets to raise money, andCisco's restaurant in downtown San Luis Obispo agreed to give a free soda to anyone who donates canned food at the event.

The students reached into the community to find support for their event. Several local businesses donated prizes for the raffle including a floor lamp worth $239 donated from McMahan's Furniture & Appliances, an $85 tuxedo rental from LV Tuxedo and Bridal in the Central Coast Mall and a $25 lunch at Embassy Suites.

Tickets will be sold at $1 each or six for $5.

"We got a lot of positive feedback from the community and most companies were upset if they couldn't help out," Anderson said.

"We never had to go out into the community for a class assignment," Beam said. "Usually class assignments don't make an impact on anything but your grades."

Cisco's General Manager Robbie Robinson said that they like helping out in the community and participate regularly in service activities around town.

"It's really important to keep things local because we want to support the local economy," Robinson said.

McDermott gave this assignment to previous classes at Cal Poly, and the students think this assignment is a great way to learn hands-on about the effectiveness of small group communication.

"It's a high-demand class and you have to like and want to get involved," Anderson said. "We're a pretty cohesive group and we don't want to let any of our grades.

Anderson agreed. "We think this assignment is a great way to learn hands-on about the effectiveness of small group communication."

"But both classes agreed with McDermott, who said they would like to do something for the community for a class assignment, "We don't want to help one of the needy organizations in San Luis Obispo, Grass Roots II Inc. Thursday.

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A little more criticism of Alan

Editor,

As someone who voted against the Cal Poly Poly Plan, I'd like to respond to Alan's attack against the plan as being selfish, ignorant or stupid.

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Ex-defensive line coach worried about Poly football players, new head coach

By Jennifer Combes
Daily Sport Editor

He was out at practice Wednesday to observe. Former defensive line coach George Booker is concerned about the future of the Cal Poly football team under new head coach Larry Welsh. Booker resigned Monday because of his frustrations in dealing with Welsh since he became head coach April 11.

Booker feels that Welsh is doing a poor job of communicating to the coaches and players what he wants out of them, which made it hard for Booker to explain things to the players he was coaching.

"We're just not on the same page," Booker said.

When Booker didn't understand a play or idea from Welsh, he would ask him to come and explain it to the players, Booker said. "But Welsh couldn't really explain it either," Booker said. "And that confused the players even more."

Booker's main concerns are that the type of defense Welsh wants to run is not fit for the type of players Cal Poly has and his fears that the players are opening themselves up to injury.

He said that Welsh had large players on the defensive line at Azacadores High School, which allowed them to overpower their opponents. Booker said that here, the players aren't as big and aren't suited to run his style of defense.

He said Welsh is straying from fundamentally sound football.

"What we were teaching was not putting them into a position to be successful," Booker said.

He said a number of veteran players have expressed unhappiness with Welsh. But after Wednesday's practice, the players met and were pleased to hear Welsh step up in response to the commentary in that day's edition of Mustang Daily.

Welsh said the team was going to be around a long time and that changes were occurring.

"Change is tough on everybody," Welsh said before practice. "We are progressing at the rate I want to progress. We are working hard and communicating."

"What Booker wants to say is his business. He chose to leave...and I hope he's successful."

Booker said he couldn't continue to coach because players would ask him why they were doing certain things and he couldn't give them an answer. He feels he let his players down, but couldn't continue to coach under the circumstances.

Booker also said that many of the plays being taught to the players were taught to him as things not to do in his five years of college coaching. Booker has also talked to coaches at other universities that tell him reasons why those certain types of plays are not being run anymore.

He said that he personally has nothing to gain from expressing his thoughts, and it may even hurt him, but he doesn't want the players to be cheated.

"I know a lot of coaches that don't want to leave the area or players but are unhappy working for Coach Welsh," Booker said.

Welsh, however, wants to put this in the past and move forward.

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better. We don't think money alone is going to enable these sports to win any NCAA championships. In addition, men's basketball is fully funded, meaning they receive the maximum amount of scholarships allowed by the NCAA for a Division I program. More money is not going to give them any more scholarships. Franco says these sports have so much potential, but what about the potential of the football program. It has the potential to make more money for the university than any other sport. The transition time from Division 11 to Division 1 is much greater for football because football must climb an additional Division (Division I-AA). This is the reason football was left behind when the rest of the sports joined the Big West Conference. We believe the only obstacle that is holding the football program back from joining the Big West Conference is our facilities. Once the new facilities are built Cal Poly's football program should be admitted into the Big West Conference. This is where the money lies because the champion of the Big West Conference for football gets invited to the Las Vegas Bowl. With a favorable location and an excel lent academic reputation Cal Poly's football program will be able to attract some big time recruits. Because of this, the thought of Cal Poly winning the Big West in football is very realistic.

The bottom line is that cutting the football program is not going to benefit the other athletic teams as much as Franco thinks it will. The other teams don't seem to be suffering to us. Because the football program has so much potential it would a shame to see it dropped simply because the students and the Athletic Department didn't have enough patience. In the long run it would be in the University's best interest to keep the football program alive. Maybe this wouldn't be such a difficult task if we received more support from the faculty and the students.

As far as we are concerned we see Franco as a front-runner, he hopes on the bandwagon that is leading the pack. Well, Franco I guarantee you Cal Poly football will succeed, and when we do we don't want you hopping on our bandwagon.

Andy Nicholson
Cal Poly football senior

James Lombardi
Cal Poly football junior

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distributed in the dorms and throughout campus, counseling, a 24-hour crisis line, medical treatment and sexually transmitted disease information. The group is wait ing on approval of a special crisis line designed specifically to respond to crisis calls on campus. They are also waiting on a $20,000 National Collegiate Athletic Association Choices Grant to address drinking-related violence among athletes and sports fans.
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