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ASI candidates fork over the cash

By Jessica Niland
Daily Staff Writer

Running for an ASI office takes hard work, dedication and a whole lot of cash.

"I’ve been saving my own money for two months," said Amy Luker, ASI chair of the board candidate. "I’ve spent almost all of it—I guess I won’t be getting the new stereo I wanted."

Candidates for ASI president and chair of the board may spend so much as $350 on paid advertising for their campaigns, according to Bob Walters, coordinator of student club management.

There is no limit on other spending, however, which includes signs, T-shirts and other media. Walters said. Nor is there any limit on how much money candidates can receive in donations, he said.

This year’s president and chair of the board candidates reported spending between $200 and $850 dollars on this election. So far, none of the candidates have spent any money on paid advertising.

Presidental candidate Nathan Martin said all of the $400 he spent on his campaign was donated.

"I sent out letters to all my family members, and they sent me anywhere from $15 to $200," Martin said.

Martin said he kept costs down by enlisting the help of his mother and grandmother to make T-shirts by hand. He also got a small discount on his signs from a family friend who owns a printing store.

ASI presidential hopeful Neel Geis said friends helped out with some support, but most of it was his own money. Geis used signs, sandwich boards and T-shirts in his campaign.

"I support myself, so I’m pretty much tapped dry from this election," Geis said.

Chair of the board candidate Amy Luker said she has spent about $700 on her campaign so far. Luker said her campaign advertising has included pamphlets, signs, sandwich boards, buttons and T-shirts. She said she wasn’t expecting to spend so much on the election.

"The chair of the board election is usually pretty low-key, but this year it seems to have risen to the level of the presidential elections," Luker said.

Matt Lardy, who is also running for chair of the board, said he has purposefully kept his campaign simple.

Secretaries inching toward reclassification

Cal Poly departmental secretaries who picketed the administration in January are moving closer to getting the updated job classifications they demanded.

"It took longer than we thought," said Alice Gold, a secretary in the physics department. "But I expect there will be quite a few reclassifications."

Thirty-eight of Cal Poly’s 51 departmental secretaries— all women— filed gender-bias grievances in November. The grievances requested that the departmental secretaries be reviewed for possible reclassifications to administrative operations analysts (AOAs), which would include pay raises.

Departmental secretaries make $2,097 to $2,967 per month depending on rank, while the lowest-ranking AOAs is paid $2,567 per month.

The secretary picketed after her grievances were rejected twice. About a month after the picketing, administration officials formed a four-person committee to review the secretaries’ requests for new job classifications.

"That’s why the quality isn’t so great on some of the shirts," Murarka said. "They need projects to practice on.

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The 1996 disappearance of Cal Poly student Kristin Smart has inspired a bill which would require universities to conduct police investigations.

Sen. Mike Thompson, D-Napa Valley, introduced the Kristin Smart Campus Safety Act of 1996 to force universities to call in local law enforcement when a violent crime occurs on campus.

Smart vanished May 25, 1996, from Cal Poly’s campus.

Her parents, Stan and Denise Smart, told a special Senate committee in November that campus police botched the investigation, waiting a month to call in the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Department.

"Our office has been involved with this bill on many levels," said Willie Guerrero, a legislative aide to Thompson. "The genesis for this bill was the Smart’s testimony at the campus safety hearing."

The Senate Education Committee approved the bill 2-0. According to Guerrero, the bill faces several more votes before reaching the Governor’s desk by July or August.

"This bill is a very delicate thing even though it passed 12-0," Guerrero said. "We have worked closely with the CSU, the California Police Chiefs Association and the State Bar Association to address the issues raised at the hearing."

Denise Smart believes the law would have changed the outcome of her daughter’s case.

"It may not have made a difference for Kristin, but it would have made a huge difference in the mental anguish we’ve been put through," she said. "I could’ve had answers that week instead of months of the pain of not knowing what happened."

Kristin Smart, 19 at the time, was last seen at about 2 a.m. as
PTA calls Prop 223 a 'disaster'  

California Proposition 223, a measure called Educational Efficiency or 95/5 Initiative, has been denounced by the Parent Teachers Association (PTA).

The group said the bill will "be a disaster for the children, families and communities of the Central Coast because it is designed to benefit large urban districts such as Los Angeles Unified School District."

If Prop 223 passes, PTA said every school district in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties will be at risk of losing $200 per student each year while larger districts like L.A. Unified will gain money for this their students.

The group said the initiative won't save California any money. In turn it will penalize small districts and then send the money to bigger districts. Prop 223 will also put intense pressure on local school districts to consolidate into one large one. If that happens, control would be taken away from individual communities.

Prop 223 will be on the ballot in June.

Sample ballots available today to registered voters  

Sample ballots will be mailed to all registered voters beginning today. Anyone who has registered to vote before April 16 and has not received their sample ballot booklet by May 4 is encouraged to contact the Elections Office to check on registration status and polling place location.

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To request an absentee ballot, voters can complete the back page of the sample ballot booklet.

For any questions concerning absentee voting or sample ballots call the County Clerk Recorder, Elections Division at 781-5258.

More election, voting information  

All election-related deadlines for May 5 Tuesday and Thursday Vote at your designated booth for president, chair of the board and board of directors positions. For more information keep reading Mustang Daily.

Public encouraged to respond to pesticide exposure survey  

The San Luis Obispo County Health Commission's Pesticides Use Task Force is asking residents to complete a short questionnaire to help the Commission understand more about pesticide-related concerns in the county. The questionnaire is available in Spanish and English at the County Public Health Department at 2191 Johnson Ave. The questionnaire should be returned to the County Health Agency by May 2.

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Gold said the secretaries expected a lengthy review process.

"There are no disgruntled feelings at all," she said. "We worked very well with human resources, and we have reported back regularly to the secretaries. We are happy things are moving forward."  

After the committee is finished evaluating the AOA's personal job descriptions, human resources will collect a description of each departmental secretary's responsibilities. The departmental secretaries' descriptions will then be compared to the guidelines gleaned from the AOA review. Secretaries who meet the AOA standard will be reclassified, Gold said.

"I'm guessing by mid-summer, we will know who gets reclassified," Gold said. "We can't know how many, because that's a human resources decision."  

Gold worked on the review committee with Ellen Star, a secretary in the computer science department; Barbara Melvin, associate director of human resources and employment equi-
Pentagon recommends veteran's body be exhumed from Tomb of Unknowns

By Laura Myers
Associated Press

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Greek life at Cal Poly is in the run lately. It seems that while Greek system is long ground at Cal Poly and universities nation wide one fatal foothold at a time. With the recent M.I.T. other alcohol related tragedies across the country and a festive Greek atmosphere. Greeks must unite with a fatal incident at M.I.T. other alcohol ing groups at Cal Poly and universities, to undermine our life. It seems that our ‘noble Greek system is losing may numbers down at universities across the country and a festive Greek atmosphere. As a house divided, they will fall. As a result, they are a group under scrutiny and, as such, must take constant care in guarding against incidents that would force the Cal Poly faculty and administration more ‘ammonia’ to the Greek system.

Furthermore, as all groups under scrutiny must do, the Greek community must unite rather than break apart. The only way Greek life will survive in the future is to stand together. Continued rivalry and feelings of mistrust and malice will only aid those who would push Greek life into oblivion. Uniting is necessary for better student understanding of Greek life.

I would hope that students, faculty and administrators who are not part of the Greek system would take some time to develop an understanding as a whole of what goes on in general and resist forwarding negative generalizations, i.e. the "frat dude who golf after all and learns at running women." In truth, stereotypes are untrue and unfair to those in the Greek community who are working toward a better Cal Poly.

From ASI to community service to public safety, Greek life aid our institution in many invaluable ways. I hope that, in the future, those who persecute the Greeks would reorder their view of fraternities and sororities and their prejudices regarding the fraternity and sorority system. After all, Animal House was just a movie. So what would happen if the mayor of IFC or the Pan-Hellenic conference. It’s rivalry is no longer a luxury. Greeks can afford as a group in constant danger of maintaining their position, must stand together as a house divided, they will fall. Public prejudices regarding Greeks are often unfounded and fail to account for the actual good Greek life brings to our campus. So next time you might tell Greeks are not good-old boys, but not for your students and that such girls concerned with appearance and gospell. Once again, Greeks, to sustain their own survival must unite as a unified body via IFC and the Pan-Hellenic conference. It’s rivalry is no longer a luxury. Greeks can afford as a group in constant danger of maintaining their position, must stand together as a house divided, they will fall. Public prejudices regarding Greeks are often unfounded and fail to account for the actual good Greek life brings to our campus. So next time you might tell Greeks are not good-old boys, but they’re for your students and that such girls concerned with appearance and gospell.

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In Baghdad, Lt. Gen. Ammar al-Saadi, a senior adviser to Saddam, said Iraq's future relations with the United Nations would depend on what action the council took. He refused to elaborate.

The council adjourned its consultations Monday afternoon to hear a personal appeal by Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammad Saeed al-Sahaf to end the sanctions.

Al-Sahaf repeated Iraqi claims that Baghdad had complied with U.N. orders but that the United States and Britain are manipulating the inspection program to maintain sanctions indefinitely.

Richardson acknowledged that Iraq had made progress in dismantling its nuclear weapons program but said it was too early to lift economic sanctions or reduce arms inspections.

"There appears to be some progress in the nuclear file," Richardson said. "However, we believe that it is premature to totally close that file without further steps or to end the sanctions."

Owada said he could not predict when the council would decide on the Russian proposal but said he expected it soon.

U.N. arms inspectors must certify that Iraq has destroyed all its illegal weapons, including long-range missiles and chemical, nuclear and biological arms, before the council will lift sanctions imposed in 1990 after President Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait.

Despite the favorable IAEA report, the U.N. Special Commission, which searches for the other weapons, reported recently it had made "virtually no progress" over the last six months in verifying Iraqi compliance.

The review is the first since Iraq signed a deal last February with Secretary-General Kofi Annan to open all sites, including presidential compounds, to U.N. arms inspectors. That reduced for the moment the threat of a U.S.-led military strike.

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Five plead guilty in Cuban cigar smuggling scheme

By John Howard

SACRAMENTO — Five people pleaded guilty Monday for their role in an international smuggling scheme that brought 25,000 Cuban cigars into the United States.

U.S. Attorney Paul Sears said four of the five pleaded guilty to conspiracy and violating the Trading with the Enemy Act, which bans the importation of Cuban goods into the United States.

The fifth defendant pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy. Federal prosecutors said the cigars, worth about $20 each in the United States, were obtained in Cuba and other countries, then smuggled into this country from Mexico in 1996 and 1997.

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Cuban cigars, embargoed along with other Cuban goods since 1963 by presidential order, are generally considered the highest quality cigars available.

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The defendants, all from the San Francisco Bay area, were identified as Joseph Bruce Hybl, 41; Xavier Abrego, 44; Kimberleigh Lavonne Ferm, 39; Julie Ann Chatard, 35; and Jack Robert Bramy, 49.

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Hall of Famer Juan Marichal injured in highway car crash

By Jose Manzana
Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Hall of Fame pitcher Juan Marichal sustained serious head injuries when his car ran off the highway and crashed before dawn Monday.

Marichal, 60, the Dominican sports minister, was a passenger in the sport utility vehicle and briefly lost consciousness.

Police said weather was not a factor and the accident was being investigated.

Marichal was listed in serious but stable condition with injuries to the head, neck, spine and left leg at Santo Domingo's Armed Forces Hospital, said a hospital director, Pedro Delgado Valdez.

He was later transferred to a university center to undergo X-rays.

"We will keep him under constant observation, but his situation isn't critical," Delgado Valdez said.

The accident happened at 5 a.m. in Villa Altgracia, about 30 miles north of Santo Domingo. Police said Marichal was returning to Santo Domingo from the provincial capital of Santiago.

His driver, Bernadino Lopez Ferreras, and a security guard, Eduardo Rodriguez, also were seriously injured and were hospitalized in stable condition.

Marichal's family and government officials rushed to the hospital, where the former star pitcher had regained consciousness, Delgado Valdez said.

Marichal had a 243-142 record while pitching for the San Francisco Giants, Boston Red Sox and Cincinnati Reds. He had a career 2.80 ERA and won 20 or more games on seven occasions. He picked off 121 batters for the Giants in 1963.

Marichal was appointed Dominican sports minister when Leonel Fernandez was inaugurated president in 1996. Fernandez said the accident was a "horrible, irreparable tragedy." He briefly hospitalized in the Dominican Republic for diabetes.

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Hall of Famer Juan Marichal

BY STEPHEN WISEN

SYDNEY, Australia — Call it the Ross Rebagliati rule.

Embrassed by the fiasco over the Canadian snowboarder who tested positive for marijuana in Nagano, Olympic officials are closing the loophole that allowed Rebagliati to keep his gold medal.

The International Olympic Committee executive board Monday morning and other "social drugs" would be added to its list of banned substances, even though they are not considered performance-enhancers.

"The IOC has decided in the case of social drugs we should take a stand, and Olympic athletes should be put to a somewhat higher standard than society in general," said IOC vice president Robert Beck of Canada.

The move came in response to Rebagliati, who was stripped of his gold medal in the men's giant slalom at the Nagano Games after traces of marijuana turned up in his urine sample. The decision was overturned and the medal reinstated.

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by J.C. Duffy

20-23 record this season. The Mustangs and Long Beach State swept both series to reach the next weekend. The team needs to become over-anxious at the plate.

"We still have a chance," she said. "We have every bit of talent to win, it’s just not going for us."

Sack said she noticed a difference this year with Sack’s offensive performance. She brings intensity and relaxation to the plate, Boyer said.

Against U.C. Berkeley, Sack punished the Golden Bears with her bat. She had four hits including a double, two triples and a home run. She knocked in four runs and scored two runs herself. Sack said she just missed a single to hit for the cycle—a home run, triple, double and single in the same game.

The Berkeley game highlighted the season for Sack. "She’s been our most consistent hitter," Boyer said. "She performs well with runners on base and thrives on the pressure."

Sack has yet to commit an error in center field as well. "She’s the best center fielder I’ve seen," Boyer said. "She can cover an incredible amount of ground."

Sack finished with impressive numbers last year, her first year at Cal Poly. She averaged .308, 18th in the Big West. She ranked second on the team with 45 hits and 30 runs.

Fourteen years on the field have brought Sack, a liberal studies senior, to her last year of college softball. Her love for the sport and the relaxation she finds on the field have kept softball alive for her.

Sack took her first swings as a hyper 8-year-old. Her mom coached her t-ball team and has remained supportive throughout her ball-playing career.

Sack, from Arroyo Grande, played two years at Allan Hancock College before coming to Cal Poly. She said playing softball for the Mustangs had been her goal, mostly because she loves the area.

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Going, going, gone

Cal Poly softball senior center fielder Kelly Sack leads the Mustangs in offense with three home runs and in defense with her golden glove.

By Andy Castagnola
Daily Staff Writer

Center fielders rarely have the chance to reverse fate with their gloves.

Kelly Sack, an offensive and defensive force for Cal Poly softball, got her chance Sunday. Sack plucked a home run away from...

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