ASI candidates address Poly's Greek population

By Jeremy Roe
Daily Staff Writer

An open forum with ASI presidential and chair of the board candidates Monday night discussed Greek and ASI issues. The forum, billed as a caucus, was put on by the Inter-Fraternity Council, ASU and in Chumash Auditorium.

Each candidate was given a 15-minute period to give a brief speech and answer questions. Two microphones were placed on the floor for students to ask questions.

Without fail, after each candidate finished speaking, agricultural engineering junior Miguel Valenzuela stood up in front of the nearly 500-person audience of mostly Greeks members, and demanded answers to tough questions. He subsequently became the unofficial star of the evening.

A member of the audience approached Valenzuela after the forum and invited him to run for the College of Engineering’s College Council, which has a vacancy.

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First to speak was Matt Lardy, chair of the board candidate. He emphasized unity, financial responsibility and protection for Greeks and students alike.

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Bringing hope into children's lives

by Leslie Stevens
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Janet Diaz knows what it's like to grow up as the child of migrant farm workers.

"I come from a migrant work family. I know what it is to have parents that cannot look after you when they are working," Diaz said. "I am the oldest, and in grade school I was expected to look after my younger sisters and twin brothers."

Life may soon be better for some of these children if a group of Cal Poly students succeed with a plan to design and build a child-care program for migrant workers' families.

"I will take about 30 days to get a really solid update...the deal might be sufficiently congealed by that time," Hanley said. It'll take about 30 days to get a really solid update...the deal might be sufficiently congealed by that time," Hanley said.

"Although Hanley wouldn't say who the other partner or partners might be, he said that an agreement may be reached, possibly as soon as a month from now, on which corporate part-

velopers will participate in the proposed public-private plan. This presentation is the second in a series of lectures put on by the department and the College of Liberal Arts called "The Coming Multicultural Millennium."

Gomez-Peita will address the majority white culture's use of images from other cultures for commercial purposes designed to make money and not to impart any real understanding of those other cultures. He calls this "cultural tourism."

The Mexican-born artist has presented performances and "installations" across the U.S., Canada, Europe and Latin America, winning numerous prizes in the process. The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information call the ethnic studies department at 756-1707.

The architectural engineering program is one of four programs coordinating the conference. Along with organizing the conference, the students will provide entertainment for the event, Hanley said.

"I have been doing a lot of research to find out how much each foundation will give to each project. You try to match the foundation with your project," Bodey said.

"I want to be able to promote awareness that now is the time to devote attention to little kids to give them a future," Martinez said.

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Nicole Boyd is an example of a student who has benefited from the cafe's successes.

"I come from a family of three brothers and three sisters. My father is the sole support, and for as long as I could remember he has worked in the fields," Martinez said. "I have witnessed how many parents who labor at the fields suffer in their attempts to find a baby-sitter or some source of child care."

"In the end, since they either cannot find one, or they just turn the responsibility to the oldest sister or brother to be the substitute parent," she continued.

Martinez is motivated by a desire to "help those like me, help children." She feels like she needs to promote awareness for these issues and to them try to change that future was staring her in the face.

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Pres, chair candidates debate one last time

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Candidates running for ASI president and chair of the board fielded questions from students and a two-member panel during a second ASI-sponsored debate in the U.U. Tuesday.

One of the panelists, Mustang Daily Arts Weekly Editor Al Danton, asked the candidates why Cal Poly should be ethnically diverse, giving them a chance to express views on the implementation of diversity at Cal Poly.

Chair candidate Matt Lardy, who arrived at the debate 15 minutes late due to a meeting of his professional fraternity, wasn't there to answer the question.

The other panelist, Vice President for Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez, asked the candidates to put aside campaign rhetoric and tell students: "What have you done for me lately?"

As ASI's director of finance, presidential hopeful Dan Geis said he improved clubs' funding structure and supported allowing student use of the Ree Field.

Presidential candidate Nathan Martin is that leader who will lead you through that process students will benefit from for a long time, and Hagen said his plan to get course information on the web would offer students long-term benefits.

Gonzalez then asked if the candidates would be willing to "sit back and allow one of your own to publicly defame a past employee?"

Gonzalez was referring to a remark made by Lardy at the Greek forum Monday night, when Lardy mistakenly linked former ASI Executive Director Polly Harrigan with a rumor about allegedly mishandled funds.

"I'm the normal student. I'm a representative of a place," he said.

The next question was from a student in the audience of about 60 listening to the debate. One audience member wanted to know how the candidates would spend money with long-term or short-term benefits in mind.

Lardy, said long-term effects are the ones Greeks will live with. "My plan and my changes would benefit students for four, five years," Lardy said.

Lardy replied: "I made a mistake last night." He went on to say he felt his mistake was easy to make since "ASI is an organization of misinformation."

Another student took the floor and asked how each candidate would make sure clubs received funding.

Geis suggested clubs could benefit from resources other than money. He referred to his plan to add a computer lab in the U.U. for club use.

Echoing other candidates, Lardy said not all clubs would receive money from ASI, as is the case now. "I would have some kind of incentive program to match club money dollar-for-dollar. I would force each club to be accountable," Martin said.

Lardy said he would come up with a proposal by the fifth week of fall quarter which would allow all clubs to be at least eligible for ASI dollars.

Board member Charlie Brown, acting as moderator, closed the event by reminding everyone within earshot to vote.

"It's how you get your voice heard," he said.

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dent who had worked with Harrigan stood up and was something was responsible for the lost money.

Lardy said if a student representative fails to work for students, they should be fired.

His suggestion was to establish a student watchdog group to make sure money is being used responsibly.

Travis Hagen came to the microphone next and asked the audience members if they would like to see school be a little easier?

He suggested that ASI could do some things to improve school for students. His ideas include making course syllabi available on the web, and in the library's reserve section. He also suggested an ERP schedule to indicate how much reading is involved in a particular case.

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He takes to be Cal Poly's next Geis is nice in students' lives.  

enthusiasm knocked our socks off.  

Rather than making blanket statements about how important student involvement on campus, Geis has realistic and very specific ideas on ways to make ASI work for Cal Poly students.  

Geis is pushing to set up electronic marquees at the three entrances to Cal Poly. His desire to begin with every student, every day, is informed about what is happening on campus without having to go to greatness.  

Even though the project may be costly, Geis said the money for the marquees is available. Hagen will be running any victory calls.  

He promises to start working for stu­dents the day he is elected. Geis is making use of personal and computer communications to major corporations. Hagen plans to imple­ment a structured training program for all board members. During the summer. This would train the new board of directors so that, come fall, board members have a clue as to what is expected of them.  

The last several years have reflected campus-wide student dissatisfaction with the lack of quality representation by the ASI. Geis wants to change that. Geis knows ASI inside and out. Geis has spent his four years at Cal Poly working in coalition with representatives and executive staff. He thinks many Geis set himself apart from the other candidates when he said the main issue on campus right now is Cal Poly's lack of diversity. Geis pointed out that Cal Poly's population doesn't reflect the diverse popu­lation of California and is in need of change.  

Geis wants to implement a multicultural ambassador program that would provide more minority high school students to apply and be accepted into Cal Poly. Geis began to push his ideas to work and is currently working in coalition with representatives from the city of Cal Poly.  

Geis said he is concerned that many students see ASI as just the board of direc­tors and executive staff. He thinks many people overlook the 400 clubs that, said, make up the backbone of ASI.  

Despite the fact that campus clubs are in constant need of money, Geis said random dispersal of funds would just be "spen­ting up a can of worms." Geis said ASI funds would be better put to use in the form of a UCB computer lab that would be accessible to members of all campus clubs. Geis' plans for providing such last minute help could be more beneficial, in the long run, to all Cal Poly students.  

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WHEELMEN

This coming weekend is the last race of the regular season. Next the wheelmen will travel to the Western Collegiate Cycling Conference (WCCC, made up of California and Reno) championships at San Diego State. The wheelmen are looking to defend their title as conference champions.

First they will have to tackle a road race on Saturday and a team time trial. Then on Sunday the Mustangs will need to excel in the criterium. Conference championships are in way more important than nationals for the wheelmen team. The WCCC is the largest and most competitive conference in the nation and all categories participate in conference championships as opposed to only the top riders at nationals. If the wheelmen win the WCCC championships they will consider themselves the strongest team in the country.

WOMEN'S WATER POLO

The Cal Poly women's water polo team placed first in their home tournament last weekend. The Mustangs defeated U.C. Irvine, Cal State Bakersfield and Cal State Hayward. Cal Poly won the championship match versus Irvine in overtime.

SAILING

The Cal Poly sailing team competed at the Women's Pacific Coast Championships last weekend. The women finished seventh overall. The Mustangs finished eighth in Division A and 11th in Division B.

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softball program. She said administrative support has been great, and that she is excited about the future of the Cal Poly Sports Complex.

"This is a phenomenal project for everyone on this campus and in this community," Boyer said. "It's a huge step for athletics. I think, because we'll have a centrally located field, more fans will come to watch the games."

The softball team currently plays on fields located behind the Foundation warehouse on campus.

Assistant softball coach Rhonda Gavert said working with Coach Boyer has given her insight into how much behind-the-scenes work goes into each game and how to get the most out of her players.

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Boyer has produced some exceptional talent from her softball program. She said many of her players have gone on to coaching careers.

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"We're lucky because of the type of quality people that Cal Poly attracts. They're very special people."

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Stone Soup

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Cal Poly softball coach Lisa Boyer said she got her start in softball "like any average kid, playing Pony League ball." Boyer has since gone on to a playing and coaching career that has been anything but average.

This marks Boyer's 10th year as the Mustangs' head coach, and she has seen the program through many changes.

"When I started coaching, the position was only part-time, so I worked as a sports information director as well," Boyer said. "I juggled both jobs for three years. It was brutal."

Since then, Boyer became a full-time coach for the team, increased her coaching staff, saw the team transfer to Division 1 and just this year received the 300th win of her coaching career.

"I wasn't even aware that I was coming up on my 300th win until it was brought to my attention by a Telegram-Tribune reporter," Boyer said. "It was nice, but it's really more important to me that the team is doing well."

Boyer is a native of Lompoc. In high school she was a four-year letter winner in both tennis and softball.

"I probably could have played tennis in college, but I decided to stick with softball because I liked the fact that it is more team-oriented," Boyer said.

Boyer spent a year at Allan Hancock junior college in Santa Maria and then transferred to Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. She chose Creighton at the time, because she planned to go into nursing and Creighton offered a good nursing program, as well as an impressive softball team. She said it was a case of "mutual recruitment" between her and Creighton.

At Creighton, Boyer was a three-year starter for the softball team. Her team advanced to the Softball World Series twice, in 1981 and 1982.

Boyer earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Creighton University in 1983. She then spent several years as assistant sports information director at Bradley University in Illinois, U.C. Irvine and Idaho State.

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When Cal Poly moved to Division 1 in 1985, the Mustang softball team remained competitive and reached as high as 16th in the nation at one point in the year. In 1997, the team was a contender in the Big West Conference for the first time.

Boyer said she is very happy about the future of the Cal Poly