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Bloody debate: Should donors be paid?

Candidates set for second round

President, chair of board races narrowed to two finalists each

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students will return to the polls for a runoff election in the races for Associated Students Inc. president and chair of the Board of Directors.

Engineering senior Samuel Abome took the lead in the presidential race with 861 votes. Political science junior Arianna DeFerrari came in second with 697 votes. Architecture junior Ishmael Hall followed with 684 votes, and Vincent Machado picked up 150 votes.

Abome and DeFerrari will face each other once more in the runoff election next Wednesday on Dexter Lawn.

“I expected it to be close between Ari and me,” Hall said. “I still definitely want to stay involved, I just have to decide where.”

Business junior Melissa Varack is the leading candidate for chair of the board after receiving 1,011 votes out of 2,295.

She will compete in the runoff against agricultural science junior Kim Elliott, who followed with 665 votes. Political science junior Eddie Drake came in third with 629 votes.

Candidates set for both chair of the board and president must receive 50 percent plus one of the votes in order to win the election. Varack came close with a total of 47.7 percent of the votes.

“I am so thrilled that we got so many people out to vote,” Varack said. “However, the slate is clean now and we all matters who comes out to vote on Wednesday.”

Approximately 14 percent of students voted in this year’s election.

Bob Walters, assistant director of Student Life and Activities, said this was an increase from last year’s elections when about 7 percent of the student body voted.

Turnout jumps from last year’s 7 percent

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
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The verdict on this year’s election is in. More students are interested, more students are voting.

Fourteen percent of Cal Poly students voted in this year’s election which doubles last year’s turnout.

It was very busy (Wednesday) and we were really pleased that students are becoming more interested in student government,” said Sara Horne, coordinator of the League of Women Voters.

At the request of Associated Students Inc., the League of Women Voters oversaw the ballot booths during election time. Horne said Horne worked at the booths last year and has noticed a vast improvement in the amount of students voting.

Bob Walters, assistant director of Student Life and Activities, attributes the increased number of voting students to the candidates’ campaigns.

“If there is a low voter turnout, it can’t be blamed on the candidates,” Walters said. “If there’s a person at Cal Poly that doesn’t know there’s an election, they’re not alive.”

Architectural engineering sophomore Chris Fesenmaier disagrees.

“I thought the campaigns were fairly poorly presented,” he said. “I only thought one candidate presented himself well by going to speak to clubs.”

Fesenmaier said candidates could have been more interactive with the student body so they’re not just a name on a sign.

“Maybe they could have had a more descriptive campaign,” Fesenmaier said. “It’s such a huge campus, how can we possibly know all these people?”

Candidates have managed to reach some voting students, though.

Nutritional science senior Tanya D’Oregorio said, “I think the campaigns have been very interesting. I like the idea they’ve had.”

D’Oregorio voted for the first time this year because she was more interested in the candidates.

She said the number of write-in candidates on the presidential ballot could confuse people who didn’t know all the students running.

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Asian group searches for marrow donors

By Victoria Walsh
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Lambda Phi Epsilon fraternity hopes to raise awareness of the need for bone marrow donors through its bone marrow typing drive on Saturday.

This is the fifth year the fraternity has sponsored this service project in association with the Asian American Donor Program (AADP), said Jimmy Yip, vice president of the fraternity's community service committee.

“Because the Asian community in San Luis Obispo is so limited, we’re trying to push the awareness and get as many participants as possible,” Yip said.

The process is easy, said J.B. Kim, see DONORS, page 2
BY KARIN DRIESON 
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Twenty Cal Poly business students have a rather large goal for the culmination of their senior project this Saturday. By producing the first San Luis Obispo chili cook-off at Ranch Grande Motors, they hope to increase the community's awareness of the dealership and raise money for child abuse prevention.

The event will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the dealership off Los Osos Valley Road. Other attractions include free food, raffle prizes, interactive games and contests. Visitors can also test-drive General Motors vehicles. For every test-drive that day, the dealership will donate $10 to San Luis Obispo Child Abuse Prevention Council (SLOCAP).

The event is the senior project of 25 winter and spring students who are taking the General Motors Marketing Internship (GMI). Their task was to research, design, present, execute and evaluate a promotion for the local Ranch Grande Motors dealership.

The program was designed by EdVentures, the firm that coordinates the educational initiatives for GM. The students were assisted by EdVentures' Bryan Catlett, the liaison between GM and the college, and were advised by marketing professor Norm Born.

The dealership, which is run by Dean Robert and Haas and is celebrating its 20th year of business, laid out objectives for the interns and provided them with $5,200 for the project. The interns then spent most of winter quarter deciding on a project and researching their topic.

"Our research team did surveys with questions about music tastes, age, gender, what newspaper people read and how they know about the dealership, and if they knew the name of the local GM dealership and its location," intern Keita Miller said. "We also researched what event would most likely be attended.

The analysis, based on numbers from the surveys, indicated that a chili cook-off might be a good idea, she said.

"It sounds different and unique because it's not the traditional event when the seasons change," she said. The team had to work as professionals in order to get the job done. First they had to get to know each other and get used to being comfortable with one another's decisions. They also faced obstacles that they had to overcome in order to be successful.

"We've been calling all dealerships, but at the same time a really fun experience," she said. "Pretty much each person has put all their heart into it."

The group was divided into five teams: research, public relations, advertising, event planning and report writing. After they completed the promotions they presented their idea to the dealership and completed the work for the actual event.

Ranch Grande Motors has joined Cal Poly students in this effort for the fourth year. Last year's team won national honors with their walk-through promotion for the same dealership.

The charity, SLOCAP, is also in its 20th year of business. It was founded by Robert and Haas and is a non-profit organization that educates children, parents and the community about child abuse and develops programs to prevent child abuse and neglect.

The interns hope to attract visitors to the event with free food and a "Pie in the Face on the 7th Circle." The grand prize is a trip to Las Vegas.

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Jimmy Yip

Lambda Phi Epsilon member

new patients need a bone marrow donation. "Someone who can get tested just once, that raises the chance to find a match. It's so easy, and it's so important to have it done," Yip said.

COM DEV

Contact: Kim Yip

"A lot of Asians have leukemia, and so far there aren't that many possible donors or matches, but the more people we reach, the higher the chance of finding a match," Kim said. "We just want to get the word out, especially to the Asian community about the situation."
The weather is warming up, and more people are heading outdoors. Five students who live in the dorms decide to take a camping trip. They throw some clothes in their back packs, grab some sleeping bags and head to the camp site they reserved.

They stop along the way to buy a foam ice chest and some food. One student even brings along a single-burner camping stove. The group makes its way to the camp site. After setting up, they attempt to prepare dinner. What's missing from their gear, however, are pots and pans.

If only they had known that everything for a spur-of-the-moment camping trip can all be found in one place: their local thrift shop. Heavier jackets, sleeping bags, ice chests, cooking utensils, plastic cups and more can be found in thrift stores at low prices year-round. From furnishing apartments to finding costumes for theme parties, thrift shops offer an inexpensive alternative to conventional stores.

Karen O'Donnell, Cal Poly business marketing alumnus, manages the Old Mission School Thrift Shop.

The following is a partial listing of thrift shops in San Luis Obispo County:

- Branch House Thrift Store: 2085 10th St., Los Osos
- Goodwill: 712 Marsh St., San Luis Obispo; 8310 El Camino Rd., Atascadero
- Old Mission School Thrift Shop: 2074 Parker St., San Luis Obispo
- Achievement House: behind Cuesta College

Thrift shop ‘till you drop

By Sarah Goodyear
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A white leather sectional sofa that sells for $2,000 at Levitt Furniture can be found at the San Luis Obispo Goodwill store for $400. Other sofas start at $25.

At the Branch House Thrift Store in Los Osos, pots and pans begin at 25 cents, and a nice Igloo ice chest is $3.

"We're definitely the cheapest in town, unless you want to try your luck at a garage sale," said Goodwill manager Scott Musgrave.

The reasonable prices allow students to use items while they need them and then give them away or donate them back to the thrift shops when they are finished with them.

It may take some searching, but shopping in thrift stores can be a fun experience.

"You find one-of-a-kind things here. You can go to other stores and wind up with the same dress somebody else is wearing, or you can find a one-of-a-kind treasure, as we like to call them," Musgrave said.

Thrift stores also offer a valuable opportunity to experiment with your wardrobe and home furnishings. If you make a mistake, it won't break your bank.

The Old Mission School Thrift Shop in San Luis Obispo sells furniture, books, household wares and clothing. Most clothing prices at this shop are determined by a chart listing flat rates; for example, a pair of men's trousers costs $2.

Newer, recognizable brand-name clothes are individually priced and dated. The store has a high turnover of recycled clothing with brands ranging from Gap to Dockers and several vintage pieces.

A recent visit turned up a vintage, fur-trimmed cardigan sweater ($25), a Revere Ware frying pan in good condition ($4) and a pair of jungle green Structure trousers ($2).

Watch for special bag sales and promotions to save even more. Bag sales involve filling a paper grocery bag with as many articles of clothing as you can and paying a flat bag fee, usually between $1 and $5.

One Branch House Thrift Shop customer recently bought a sleeping bag, a pair of pants, drinking cups and an ice chest for an impromptu camping trip. Her purchases totaled $35.

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Opinion

The issue: Paying platelet donors

Blood should flow freely

It will prevent shortages

A major change is brewing in the world of blood donation, and the results could be deadly.
A bill known as Assembly Bill 2714 was recently approved by the California State Health Committee that would allow any blood bank in the state to pay "platelepheresis" donors for their services. More than 50 years of assuring safety through volunteer-based donations would end, and the integrity of blood donation would forever be jeopardized if this bill is allowed to pass through the state Senate as early as next week.

Platelepheresis, or platelet, donation is different from normal blood donations in a few significant ways. In platelet donation, the donor is only giving one part of his or her blood, namely platelets. The process involves drawing the blood, separating out the platelets and then returning the rest of your blood – the plasma, white and red blood cells – back into your body. It is a slightly more involved and sophisticated process than normal blood donation. Platelets are used to stop bleeding, and due to the excess supply of these cells in the blood, the loss can be made up within days.

The fundamental issue here is whether you as a patient would rather have a blood transfusion from a volunteer donor or a paid donor.

California public policy has been around since 1975 to support 100 percent voluntary blood supply, due to safety concerns. All surveys and studies support the fact that paid donors are less safe than volunteer donors. Since there is no platelet shortage in California, the consideration of this bill is absurd.

When giving blood, a donor is asked nearly 45 questions to determine possible safety risks. These "yes" or "no" questions include, "Are you under 19? You have been deferred or refused as a blood donor or told not to donate blood?" and, "Do you have AIDS or have you had a positive test for the AIDS virus?" No one would want there to be a question as to the truth of answers given to these types of questions. When people are being paid to donate, common sense would say it they need money, the lies would come much easier. Maybe they have bills to pay or are trying to support a habit. We cannot offer these people an incentive to lie in an area where health risks could prove tragic.

The bill was introduced by a Los Angeles supplier of platelets with only one thing in mind, profit. How can we take seriously a bill created by a company with so much to gain? These unscrupulous businessmen are willing to put people's health at risk in the name of the almighty dollar. This cannot be allowed.

An old saying states, "If it ain't broke, then don't fix it." Well, California's blood supply isn't broke, and we don't need to fix it. Every blood center in California supplies 100 percent volunteer platelets, and since there is no blood shortage, why change a working system?

Locally, the Tri-Counties Blood Bank is responsible for collecting, processing, testing and distributing blood to health care facilities from Monterey to Santa Barbara. It has taken an official stance against the bill and is even encouraging people to write their local representatives to ensure it doesn't pass.

Mona Kleman, senior community relations representative for the Tri-Counties Blood Bank explains why.

"For the safety of the blood, we have found in the past that donors who are given incentives or paid would attract people that wouldn't normally donate," Kleman said. "You are going to get people who are going to need money badly enough that they would be willing to be less honest. People should be donating from the goodness of their heart and not for money."

The evidence suggests that people for blood donation is overwhelming. The public cannot allow a greedy corporation to put us all at risk so it can raise profits. The safety of our community is at stake, and we must fight to preserve it.

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Everyone is a victim of the fashion industry

The unpredictable fashion world has thrown us another curve ball: capri pants. The usually catty, overgrown shorts posing as pants have crept into the homes of teenagers, women and now men across the country. Skinny Gap dancers frolic through our television ads boasting capris in every obnoxious color imaginable, and store windows rarely display full-length pants anymore. As summer approaches, Californians seem to be reliving the 1950s for lack of anything better to wear. I thought capris were a trend that would die fast, but they're obviously stubborn enough to remain in style.

Last week I found myself in a disastrous situation, completely caused by the incriminating pants. A friend and I went shopping at Macy's, when and now men across the country have crept into the homes of teenagers, and before I knew it, I was standing in the dressing room about to try on two pairs of capris. Suddenly, I came to my senses — What am I doing? I thought. I hate these pants; why on earth would I try them on?

Then it came to me: I don't have a choice. I was completely surrounded by capris. The saleswomen, the majority of the shoppers and my friend were all wearing them, and the racks were overflowing with capris. Normal, full-length pants were impossible to find, and had obviously been demoted to the storage room.

I thought I had already known it, the capri craze has shown me the ugly truth: No one really gets to choose what they wear. As much as everyone tries to be original or wear things that make them stand out from the average buyer, it's really the fashion industry that's determining our wardrobes. While this revolution isn't going to solve world hunger, it made me realize a few important things about myself and our culture.

We breed conformity, and that's the simple truth. If Express or Structure tells us knee-length orange jeans are in style, then the majority of the population will wear them. It's not that people don't try to be original; it's simply the fact that society doesn't offer a choice in the matter. When full-length pants appear to be in hiding, the only option is to give in and buy whatever happens to be in style, regardless of how ugly it is.

Peop le defin itely try to be creative when it comes to dressing themselves. I see interesting clothes every day around campus, and I'll be the first to admit that people have their own styles. Unfortunately, these clothes are creative because Gap said they were. Unless you're making your own clothes, it is the fashion industry that chooses what you wear every day. I know plenty of people who have resisted the unflattering style of capris simply because there's nothing else to buy.

Until I stood in a dressing room ready to try on clothes that I don't even like, I thought my style of clothing was creative as well. It's really not. I could shop at random stores across the country that aren't even considered popular, and I would still be a victim to the fashion industry. I didn't design the clothes, and I didn't decide they were popular — someone else did, and that's the ugly truth.

Speaking of ugly, I never bought the capri pants that day, but maybe they're still around next year, I will finally give in. Just don't see the point of having pants that don't cover your whole leg — my ankles always feel naked.

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Spring 2000

Outdoor Guide

Hot springs are part of Poly experience

Let Sycamore Mineral Springs help your body and mind relax from the hectic pace of campus

Let's tick off the reasons why a student chooses Cal Poly — solid academics, prestigious reputation, active clubs, the hot tubs at Sycamore Mineral Springs.

Okay, so not necessarily in that order.

For years, the hillside mineral spas at Sycamore have remained an essential part of the Cal Poly experience. They've long been a favorite haunt for WOWies, and an evening at the tubs is a staple for dorm residents.

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Spring 2000 Outdoor Guide?

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For many of the Mustangs, this will be a chance to showcase what they learned and excelled at during the last months of practice and hard work. But for some, it will be their last opportunity to show they have what it takes to don the green and gold for Mustang football.

"From a coaching standpoint, you always look at the critical side. From the player's side, they need to do so well and enjoy what they're doing," he said.

Many of the walk-on players trying to make the team see this as their final test.

"If I can only take 90 guys to camp. It's that simple," Welsh said. "There are some guys who this scrimmage is really important for; this will be like their last grade, their final exam."

The team has managed to stay relatively injury-free during spring training, and Welsh hopes to keep the team healthy through the fall.

Senior kicker Sal Rivas is one of the only starters to suffer a major injury during spring practice. Rivas broke his leg during a soccer game six weeks ago but said he's well on the way to recovering.

"I really miss being out there with the guys and getting to kick," he said. "I know I'll be ready by summer training and ready to have a good season in the fall."

The next community race will begin at 12:15 p.m. and is called the Knobby Race. This is for mountain bike riders.

Full face helmets and downhill gear is encouraged.

The R.B.O. Trail Race will begin at 12:30 p.m. Contests are encouraged to attach a "sled" trailer to a bike of choice, and carg will be given at the time of the race. Decorations are encouraged in this race, too.

The last community race will start at 1:30 p.m. This is the BMX/Single Speed Race. To participate, bikes must have only one speed, BMX single-speed mountain bikes and beach cruisers are included.

Helms are required for all races.

On Sunday, there will be a team intramural and a road race, both held outside of Santa Margarita. These races will not be as spectator-friendly as Saturday's race but are always looked at the critical side. From the playing side, you want them all to learn and excel at during the last months of training and hard work. But for some, it will be their last race, their last grade, their final exam."

"I wish Brandon was staying because now that King is gone and Wee is gone, he would have a great opportunity to step up at (defensive) corner," Campbell said.

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course that riders circle many times, will be held on Saturday. This is usually the most engaging race for the audience.

"Saturday will be entertaining, especially for those who have never seen a race before," said Jan Novak, soil science senior and Wheelmen club president. "Our criterium will he ver>' chal­lence senior and Wheelmen club presi­dency."

are on their hikes training a minimum of planning the event. "I've definitely seen the improvements along the way, but for the most part, the guys have been looking out for one another, Welsh said.

"The marquis event races are the ones with the most authority."
Another defection from Mustang basketball team

By Matt Sterling

The Cal Poly basketball team was dealt another offseason setback when freshman guard Brandon Hulst decided to transfer.

Hulst said his main reason for leaving Cal Poly were differences with the coaching philosophy and not getting enough playing time.

"It's a combination that I don't think I'd be happy playing on the team and at the same time my career goal is to take some biblical courses," he said.

Hulst is transferring to The Masters College, a small NAIA Christian college in Santa Clarita. He is planning on entering into the Christian ministry.

Along with Jason King's withdrawal from Cal Poly due to academic ineligibility, there is now a shortage of guards for the Mustangs. Possible new recruits or transfers could fill that gap, however.

Hulst was stricken with mononucleosis last summer and also during a portion of the fall. The illness prevented him from participating in team conditioning.

"Even when a freshman comes in 100 percent healthy, it is tough to get a lot of minutes," sophomore forward David Henry said, "A freshman coming in getting sick during conditioning, not being in full health. That's almost impossible (to get minutes). I think the best situation would have been for him to redshirt."

Hulst disagreed with Schneider's decision to not redshirt him this season.

"It's not like I can't play for the team — that's not the issue. I choose not to, and I'd rather not, but I'm not transferring because of him," Hulst said. "I don't know necessarily it was my best interest to play at all. By them recruiting me and giving me a scholarship, I thought I'd at least get a chance."

Schneider said his choice to not redshirt Hulst was a necessity due to injuries to Brandon Bossm and the transfer of Jabar Washington.

"We didn't have the luxury to redshirt (Hulst), and that was unfortunate," Schneider said.

The 6'4" guard averaged 5.6 minutes and 1.3 points and appeared in nine games for the Mustangs. He was expected to take over the shooting guard position after all-time leading scorer Mike Wynn's graduation.

"Every time I got into the game I had numbers. I'd go in and make some freshman mistakes, but I wasn't able to be a normal freshman and make mistakes and just play through them," he said. "It was kind of like you screw up, you're out for four games."

Brandon Hulst

By Katherine Hays

Spring football training will culminate Saturday at the annual Green vs. Gold scrimmage. The Green vs. Gold scrimmage has been an annual event for many years and has become the traditional ending for the spring season. It's a chance for the team to show the coaches, the Cal Poly community and themselves what they can do.

"It's our last practice; it caps off the spring," said head coach Larry Webb. "We've had a lot of fun." Team members have been practicing several times a week, in addition to their conditioning and weight lifting schedule they began during winter quarter.

"I'm excited just to let them go," Webb said, "and to let them play and have some fun." Webb said he sees the many advantages of the scrimmage.

"It's their opportunity to be out there without any coach telling them what to do, to be on their own," he said. "It's sink or swim on what you know and what's expected of you."

Wheelmen defend cycling championship

By Christine Powell

The Cal Poly Wheelmen cycling team has a strong chance of taking first place again this year at the Western Collegiate Cycling Conference Championships, held this weekend on campus.

"We won last year, and we hope to take it again this year," said Mike Silverman, soil science junior and team director.

Only the top 12 teams will be competing in the conference, including Berkeley, Stanford, Eco, University of California, San Diego, Santa Barbara and the University of Hawaii. The three main races will be held throughout the weekend. The criterium race, a short loop on campus, will be held Saturday at noon and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Baseball vs. Riverside in SLO Stadium

- Sunrise 7 p.m.
- Noon and 2 p.m.

Baseball vs. Riverside (doubleheader) in SLO Stadium

- Noon

Softball vs. Pacific at Pacific

- At Pacific