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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 Abone
took the lead in the presidential race
with 977 votes. Political science junior
Aron DeFerrari came in second with
629 votes. Architecture junior Ishmael
Hall followed with 648 votes, and
Vincent Machado picked up 191 votes.

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

"I expected it to be close between
Aron and me," Hall said. "I still defi­
nitely 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 1,211 votes out of 2,295.

She will compete in the runoff
against agricultural science junior Kim
Elliot, who followed with 665 votes.

Political science junior Eddie Drake
came in third with 629 votes.

Candidates 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'm so thrilled that we got so many
people out to vote," Varack said.

"However, the slate is clean now and it
all matters who comes out to vote on
Wednesday!"

Approximately 14 percent of stu­
dents 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
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The verdict on this year's elec­
tion is in: More students are inter­
ested, and more importantly, more
students are voting.

Fourteen percent of Cal Poly students voted in this year's elec­tion which doubles from last year's turn­
out. "It was very busy (Wednesday)
and we were really pleased that stu­
dents are becoming more interest­
ed 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 oversees 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 stu­
dents voting.

Bob Walters, assistant director of
Student Life and Activities, attrib­
utes the increased number of vot­
ing students to the candidates' campaigns.

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

Architectural engineering
senior Chris Fesenmaier dis­
sagreed.

"I thought the campaigns were
fairly poorly presented," he said. "I
only thought one candidate pre­
vented 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
DeCiregorio said, "I think the cam­
paigns have been very interesting. I
like the idea they've had."

DeOngreto 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 bal­
lot could confuse people who didn't
know all the students running.

"I thought if you knew who you
see TURNOUT, page 2

Arrested professor
starts new position

By Adam Jarman
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

On April 14, police arrested Carl
Brown, Cal Poly associate director of
the University Center for Teacher
Education, on suspicion of indecent
exposure and lewd behavior in public.

Today, Brown is scheduled to take over
as acting director of UC-TE, according
to a source close to the case.

Since his arrest, the San Luis
Obispo Sheriff's Department has for­
warded the case to the district attorney
and consequently cannot comment on
its status.

Neither the district attorney's office
nor the county Superior Court have
record of any charges filed as of yet;
however, the filing process may be in
progress.

Brown, 55, was arrested at El
Chorro Regional Park near Cuesta
College. He was allegedly openly mas­
turbating in the park's men's restroom.
He was booked at the county jail but
released on bail.

"I am completely innocent of any
wrongdoing," he expect to be fully exon­
erated," Brown said.

Brown said he could not make any
other comment about the incident or
the status of the case.

UC-TE refused to comment and
terred inquiries about Brown's case to
Provost Paul Zingg's office, which
officially offered no comment.

Zingg appointed Brown to the act­
ing director position before his arrest.

Asian group
searches for
morrow 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 com­
mitee.

"Because the Asian community in
San Luis Obispo is so limited, we're
trying to raise 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 Driessen

**News**

ATLANTA (AP) — Cheap beer is a leading contributor to the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, according to a government report that says raising the tax on a six-pack by 20 cents could reduce gonorrhea by up to 9 percent.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released Thursday, changed comparisons in gonorrhea rates to changes in alcohol policy in all states from 1981 to 1995. In 1995 following beer taxes, gonorrhea rates usually dropped among young people. The same happened when the drinking age went up — as it did in many states during the 1990s.

"Alcohol has been linked to risky sexual behavior among youth. It influences a person's judgment and they are more likely to have sex without a condom, with multiple partners or with high-risk partners," said Harrell Cheever, a health economist with the CDC.

"Beer industry lobbyists, however, say that young people are already drinking responsibly, thanks in part to efforts by brewers. "Excise taxes probably have little or no effect." People will just drink something else," said Miller.

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As a member of the service committee, "They take a blood sample and then put it into the test bank," Kim said. "If your blood type matches with someone in need, then they contact you and discuss your options.

"Since the AADP typically does not reach out to the college campus community, Lamba Phi Epilon has committed to sponsoring this community service event annually." We do this every year because we know how important it is to inform the community about the situation," Kim said. Last year the event reached out to more than 150 students and community members, and members hope to increase that number this year.

"We're hitting the dorms, University Union host and Farmers Market," Yip said. "We've got ads on the radio, fliers and local news stations. We really want this year to be as or more successful than last year."

About 3 million teen-agers are infected with sexually transmitted diseases each year, Chessen said. Gonorrhea can usually be treated with antibiotics, although some drug-resistant strains have been developed.

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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. Heavy 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.

A white leather sectional sofa that sells for $2,000 at Levi's 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.

More, reclaimable 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 $3.50.

Karen O'Donnell, Cal Poly business marketing alumna, 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
United Voluntary Services Thrift Shop: 474 Marsh St., San Luis Obispo

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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 "plateletpheresis" donors for their services. More than 50 years of assuring safety through volunteer-based donating 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.

Plateletpheresis, 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. A Los Angeles blood bank has been around since 1975 to support 100 percent volunteer 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 (or your family) associated with a bank or business where people are paid to donate?" and "Do you have AIDS or have you had a positive test for the AIDS virus?" No one would want there to be questions as to the truth of answers given to these types of questions. When people are being paid to donate, common sense would say if 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 Klemen, senior community relations representative for the 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," Klemen said. "You are going to get people who are going to need money bad 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 shows that paying people for blood donation is overwhelming. The public cannot allow a greedy corporation to put us 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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"The Mustang Daily is hangover today."
Everyone is a victim of the fashion industry

The unpredictable fashion world has thrown us another curve ball: capri pants. The unusually cut, over-grown short pants 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 of jeans wearing the ugly truth: No one on earth would I try them on?" People definitely try to be creative when it comes to dressing themselves. I see interesting clothing 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 resorted to the unfattering 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 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 if they're still around next year, I will finally give in. I 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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Letter to the editor

Attack against greek system is unfounded

Editor,

Initially, I would like to thank Samson Blackwell for proving that the proverbial saying, "Ignorance is bliss," pertains to at least one individual on the Cal Poly campus.

I would like to declare, however, that I am not generalizing that everyone on the Cal Poly campus who is not affiliated with a greek organization shares the same feelings as Mr. Blackwell. I can say with the utmost confidence that I have, and will continue to build, trust and lasting friendships with such individuals. In reading through his "reasons" for the abolishment of the greek system ("Greek system should be eliminated from colleges," April 25), I was unable to find a single argument that could possibly be justifified from someone who has NEVER experienced a greek organization. Mr. Blackwell, you are truly ignorant in every sense of the word. It is painfully obvious that you lack the knowledge to make such dogmatic accusations. How can I avoid saying that reading your piece was a complete waste of time when your knowledge of the greek system stems from reruns of "Animal House" or a "2002" segment on hating? Your naive statements could not possibly be respected, let alone validated, from anyone inside or outside the greek system.

Let us not forget that in this country we are blessed with the right of being "innocent until proven guilty." Although I am not discounting Jason Stonehocker, the alleged hazing charges brought forth by this individual against Sigma Chi are just that — alleged. The fraternity has not been formally convicted of anything wrong in an official court of law. Due to the 350-word limit imposed by the editors of this paper, I regret that I cannot address the further fallacies of your argument. However, I cordially invite you, Mr. Blackwell, to peacefully discuss this matter further.

I would like to conclude with some statistics on individuals who were members of these supposed "exclusionary, supercilious cliques":

• All but two U.S. presidents since 1823 have been greek.
• Seven of 10 people listed in "Who's Who in America" are greek.
• Three-fourths of the U.S. Congress is greek.
• Forty-three of the nation's 50 largest corporations are under leadership by greeks.
• Eight-five percent of the Fortune 500 executives are greek.

Since 1920, 85 percent of the Supreme Court justices have been greek.

• More than seven million men and women in the United States and Canada are greek.

Source: Dean of Students, Iowa State University

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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 training and hard work. But for some, it will be their last opportunity to show they have what it takes to give the green and gold for Mustang football.

"From a coaching standpoint, you always look at the critical side. From the players' side, you know they all want 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.

"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. Rivas broke his leg during a soccer game six weeks ago but said he's well on the way to recovery.

"I really miss being out there with the guys and getting to kick," he said. "I know I'll be ready by summer to camp and ready to have a good season in the fall." The next community race will begin at 12:30 p.m. Contests are encouraged to attach a "hob" trailer to a bike of choice, and cargo will be given at the time of the race. Decorations are encouraged in this race, too.

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given the opportunity to play, he just wasn’t ready yet due to his sickness.

Huls is the third player to transfer from Schneider’s program in three years, following in the footsteps of Mitch Onstead and Washington. Onstead transferred to Minnesota while Washington went to Portland State.

"When I was recruited, there was nothing said about other players leaving," Huls said. "It was basically hidden from me."

Highly-touted recruit Jamal Scott and junior Michael Purris are expected to take over some of the load at the shooting guard position for the Mustangs.

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Helms are required for all races. On Sunday, there will be a team, surreal race, a road race, both held outside of Santa Margarita. These races will not be as spectator-friendly as Saturday’s races but are important and challenging for participants. An awards ceremony will be held after Sunday’s events are completed.

This event took one year to plan, and has been a group effort. It would not have been possible without the cooperation from faculty, staff and students around campus.

"Planning an event of this scale on campus involves a lot of preparation, coordination and trust. People are helping us out because they trust us," said Silverman, who is in his third year on staff. "I definitely learned to communicate with people who have a lot of authority."

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

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The Wielmen compete in the criterium, team time-trial and road races.
Another defection from Mustang basketball team

By Matt Sterling

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

Hulst said his main reason for leaving Cal Poly is his disagreement 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, and is planning on entering into the coaching 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.

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