ELECTION RESULTS

Too close to call

Carrie McGourty
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The results from the Associated Students Inc. presidential election resulted in a runoff between write-in candidates Blake Bolton and Tylor Middlestadt and Rory Scerri-Marion and Eric Ra.

Thirteen percent of the student body voted, giving Bolton and Middlestadt 1,079 votes, Scerri-Marion and Ra 749 votes. Candidates Garrett Perez and Alan Ellis finished with 645 votes.

"We had no idea how the election would result because this is the first time write-ins have been a big part of the campaign," election committee chair and liberal studies junior Tracy Watt said.

One candidate team appeared on this year's ASI presidential election ballot. Two write-in candidate teams were not included on the ballot.

Despite the disadvantage of not appearing on the ballot, Bolton and Middlestadt captured more votes than the other candidates, but fell short of receiving 50 percent of the votes. A majority is required to declare a winner.

Watt said she hopes that more students will turn out for the runoff election on Wednesday.

"A lot of people didn't vote because there was only one option on the ballot," Middlestadt said.

The runoff teams will have a week to campaign before the next vote.

"We'll be spending the next week really pushing to talk to as many students as possible," Middlestadt said.

Bolton and Middlestadt said their platform is to push for students' rights, encourage ecological sustainability on campus, increase club services, serve as a link between the community and ASI and increase off-campus housing.

"We hope to rework the budget and figure out priorities, goals and executive staff," Bolton said.

Scerri-Marion and Ra wrote in their candidate statement that they wish to maintain Cal Poly's high reputation, while "improving unity and making Cal Poly more fun and entertaining."

Some of their ideas include holding week-long events, reworking election rules, restating and working with the women's studies and liberal studies programs, and working with the student body to ensure greater participation in elections.

Hinkle settles lawsuit with Poly

Devin Kingston
MUSTANG DAILY

A free speech lawsuit involving a student who was punished for posting an "offensive flier" was settled after weeks of litigation.

Under the agreement, Cal Poly has agreed to drop Steve Hinkle's disciplinary record relating to the incident, permit him to post fliers and pay his attorney's fees.

This is definitely a victory for free speech," Hinkle said. "I hope President Baker (university legal counsel) Carl Cordova and (Director of Judicial Affairs) Aridh Tregenza will now think before they violate another student's rights. Cal Poly will suffer and is suffering from this because of all the national attention this case has been getting. It's sad because all of this could have been avoided."

The incident occurred Nov. 12, 2002, when Hinkle attempted to post a flier in the Multicultural Center advertising a speech by Mason Weaver, author of the book "100 Okay to Leave the Plantation."

Some students inside the center found the flyer offensive.

The flier was never posted, but students called the University Police Department and filed a report. The report detailed that UPD was called "to investigate a suspicious white male passing out literature of an offensive racial nature," according to Hinkle's lawsuit.

The Cal Poly Judicial Affairs office later ruled that Hinkle violated a state regulation that prohibits "obstruction or disruption" of campus functions. In this case, he "disrupted" a Bible study that students were preparing to hold.

Hinkle said his constitutional rights had been violated and filed a federal lawsuit.

Hinkle's lawsuit was aided by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, a non-profit civil liberties organization that focuses on the protection of rights on college campuses.

In a statement Thursday, Cal Poly and the California State University said they "deny any claims of wrongdoing or violation of the law.

Cal Poly said: "The settlement does not change our Student Code of Conduct regarding disruption. What is included in the settlement is a reaffirmation of the of the standard that existed before this case." FIRE officials were pleased with the results of the lawsuit and said it was a victory for free speech.

"The settlement brings an end to a bizarre and outrageous attempt to suppress free speech. Cal Poly's injustice has plagued an innocent," see Hinkle, page 2

Hinkles lawsuit with Poly

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Speaker turnout low

Spencer Marley
MUSTANG DAILY

Voter turnout for this year's Associated Students Inc. presidential elections was lower than usual. Roughly 13 percent of the student body voted, in contrast to 44 percent of students who cast votes during the advisory referendum last month.

Robert McDougle, member of the League of Women Voters, volunteered at voting booths in the University Union on Thursday.

"Gains for students matter more than how they spend their roll," McDougle said. "But if you don't vote, everything you decided by other people and most people don't like to live that way."

Weather report

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Despite budget cuts, Cal State Hayward recruits new students

University is one of six schools in the system that is still accepting applications from first-time freshmen

HAYWARD (AP) — While other public four-year colleges have clamped down on enrollment because of state budget cuts, California State University, Hayward still is actively recruiting students for its fall freshman class.

Cal State Hayward, which enrolled 1,396 freshmen last fall and has long been viewed as a commuter school, hopes to increase enrollment to about 1,700 by building a 420-bed freshman dorm to draw more live-in students.

The only CSU campus in San Francisco's East Bay region, Hayward is one of only six schools among the 23 in the CSU system still accepting applications from first-time freshmen. The others are Cal State Bakersfield, Fullerton, Los Angeles, San Bernardino and the Maritime Academy in Vallejo.

California's budget crisis has forced the Cal State system to cut its systemwide fall enrollment by 23,000 students this year. Schools that in past years would have kept their enrollment periods open through the summer are now preparing to send rejection letters to thousands of qualified students.

The University of California, which also faces budget constraints, last month turned away 7,600 applicants who otherwise would have gotten a place in the fall freshman class. The students were guaranteed they could transfer to a UC campus if they attend a community college for two years.

Cal State Hayward is not immune to the state's budget problems — 63 non-teaching staff members are being laid off — but so far it hasn't had to restrict admissions. The school has never reached the enrollment projections envisioned when in 1940, a new campus was built in 1957.

 Hayward currently enrolls about 13,500 students, but has room for 16,500, and has construction plans that would help it grow to 25,000 students. Parking is usually available, something rare for most college campuses.

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National Briefs

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials on Thursday announced indictments against nine reputed members of Colombia's largest drug cartel, an organization believed responsible for smuggling more than $10 billion worth of cocaine into the United States.

The Norte de Valle cartel, which supplanted the Medellín and Cali drug organizations in the early 1990s, could be the source of as much as 60 percent of the U.S. cocaine supply, Drug Enforcement Administration chief Karen Tandy said at a news conference.

With only one of the nine suspects in U.S. custody, officials announced rewards of up to $5 million for the capture of the others and added one to the FBI's Most Wanted list. Attorney General John Ashcroft said the publicity could hamper the leaders' ability to travel and help U.S. and Colombian officials flush them out.

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of thousands of middle-income families with disabled children would be eligible for Medicaid under legislation that passed the Senate Thursday.

The bill is designed to address the dilemma faced by parents who have to turn down jobs or raise and, in some cases, give up custody of their disabled children to continue receiving government-paid health care.

Parents would be able to buy into Medicaid while continuing to work and earn an annual income of up to 250 percent of the federal poverty level, roughly $47,000 for a family of four in 2004.

NORFOLK, Va. — Hundreds of independent truckers protesting high fuel prices and low pay began a two-day boycott Thursday at one of the busiest cargo ports on the East Coast.

Independent truckers handle about 80 percent of the cargo at the port, but the initial impact of the boycott was not immediately clear. The port has terminals in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News.

About 200 truckers were outside the Portsmouth terminal by midday, said Jim Stewart, a port division representative for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. The union is trying to organize independent port truckers nationwide.

State Briefs

SACRAMENTO — Legislation barring cruise ships from dumping “graywater” in areas along the California coast was approved by the state Assembly on Thursday.

Graywater is drainage from dishwashers, sinks, showers, baths and washing machines. It can contain pollutants such as oil, grease, detergents, pesticides and heavy metals.

Ships that violate the prohibition could be fined $25,000 for each release, although the bill would allow the state Water Resources Control Board to exempt ships that meet certain requirements, including use of wastewater treatment systems that meet regulatory standards.

LOS ANGELES — The FBI and Police Department said a decision by Los Angeles International Airport police to storm a Singapore Airlines jetliner after it transmitted a hijack alert may have violated protocol and jeopardized the safety of passengers.

Airport police overstepped their authority by sending SWAT officers onto the plane after it landed Monday afternoon, law enforcement sources speaking on condition of anonymity told the Los Angeles Times.

The computerized hijack alert turned out to be a false alarm.

CORONA — Evacuation orders were lifted Thursday as firefighters near full containment of the most destructive of wildfires that have burned across nearly 29,000 acres of Southern California brushlands and forest this week.

Milder weather helped tame the two big fires in Riverside County, which together scorched more than 25,000 acres and destroyed dozens of structures in the inland region east of Los Angeles.

The nearly 16,500-acre Cerrito Fire in the northeastern Lake Elsinore area was 75 percent contained, and officials expected to have it fully surrounded by Friday night.

South of Temecula, the 8,945-acre Eagle Fire is 80 percent contained, with full containment expected late Thursday. The blaze destroyed 41 structures, including 14 homes.

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World Briefs

CAIRO, Egypt — A statement attributed to Osama bin Laden offered rewards in gold valued at nearly $136,000 Thursday for the killing of top U.S. and U.N. officials in Iraq.

The transcript of an audiotape recorded dated Thursday appeared on two Web sites known for militant Islamic messages. The Web sites gave links to hear the statement, but none were working. The authenticity of the statement could not immediately be verified.

Bin Laden had never been known to offer rewards for missions he had described as followers' religious duty to carry out.

BENGHAZI, Libya — A Libyan court Thursday sentenced five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor to death on charges they intentionally infected more than 400 children with the AIDS virus as part of an experiment to find a cure.

A sixth Bulgarian, a doctor, received four years in prison for changing foreign currency on the black market. He stood trial for infecting patients with AIDS, but his verdict did not mention that charge, and no explanation was given for the change.

Human rights groups have alluded that Libya concocted the experiment story to cover up unsafe practices in its hospitals and clinics.

BATUMI, Georgia — President Saakashvili's Georgian government celebrated the departure of the long-defiant leader of the Adzharia region Thursday, vowing it was only the first step toward unifying this fractured ex-Soviet republic.

President Mikhail Saakashvili flew into the Adzharian capital, Batumi, hours after strong-arm leader Aslan Abashidze resigned amid two days of public protests and fled to Moscow.

"The process of restoration of the country's unity has begun," jubilant Saakashvili said. Saakashvili, elected in January, has promised to bring separatist regions Abkhazia and South Ossetia, back into Georgia. The two broke off fighting in the 1990s.

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Places to sing karaoke

For those who aren’t quite American Idol material, karaoke is the way to sing the hits without getting humiliated on national television.

Karaoke can be an entertaining way to spend an evening, whether singing Madonna’s “Like a Virgin” or just laughing at the drunken cowboy on stage who is crooning a few lines from Johnny Cash’s “Ring of Fire.”

The Central Coast has a few karaoke hot spots, but for the karaoke first timer, the Sony PlayStation 2 can be an easy first step into the singing world. Karaoke Revolution is a game that can be played in the privacy of one’s own home instead of a bar full of staring eyes. The game has different levels from easy to hard and a wide selection of music, from Cindy Lauper to Huey Lewis and the News. Not to mention the player gets to wear a cool headset just like Britney’s. Karaoke Revolution is an amusing way to entertain party guests, because everyone can laugh at each other.

“This game is mind-blowing,” civil engineering major Jeremy Lopez said. “It’s an experience I’ll never forget!”

Once a new karaoke vocalist has managed to sing in front of friends without cracking his or her voice, the next step is to go to one of the Central Coast’s neighborhood bars, where they have karaoke on certain nights of the week and weekend.

Harry’s Night Club and Beach Bar at 60 Cypress in Pismo Beach has karaoke on Thursday nights and the bar in the Santa Maria Inn located at 801 S. Broadway offers karaoke on Friday and Saturday nights. These two spots usually cater to middle-aged adults, so for the first time in public, the karaoke beginner can be pretty sure not to run into the hot guy from biology class. There are usually binders out on the tables with lists of titles and singers. At Harry’s they have monitors around the room so singers don’t have to stand up in front of everyone, but at the Santa Maria Inn a singer must stand up and face the crowd.

The next stop is Mother’s Tavern at 725 Higuera St. in San Luis Obispo. On Sunday and Monday nights the stage is open for karaoke performers. At this step in the karaoke progress, a songster will hopefully be prepared to see fellow college students watching them. However, the singer shouldn’t be afraid to feel the music and go with it. Everyone should try to dance and get down while they’re belting out tunes. If a vocalist messes up, he or she can just say it was done as a joke and meant to be off key the whole time.

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Visit the Bay to satisfy individual tastes and cravings

Leah Motl
March 1, 2010

Make your way to the back of The Network on Higuera Street and get ready to enter a tropical hideaway. Flame Bay is a hidden treasure designed for those who are skilled enough to reap its benefits. After entering the tiki-hut style dining area, the customer can make their way to the register, in order to begin their journey to obtain the perfect stir fry. The cost is $7.45 per bowl, which they can fill with an array of extras to pique their palettes.

There are three types of meat, from chicken, beef and pork to tofu for vegetarians. After choosing meat, there is a wide variety of vegetables, such as carrots, broccoli, cabbage, onions and zucchini.

It is at this point where most customers make the most of their money, using a variety of techniques to heap food into their bowl.

Andrew Armor, a two year employee for Flame Bay and its sister restaurant, Tikis Hut, is an expert at filling his bowl with the largest amount of food possible.

"The largest amount I've fit into a bowl was enough for about three meals," Armor said. "I just put the larger vegetables on the bottom and stack the smaller ones on top." Having been an employee there for two years, Armor has seen interesting methods to piling the food into bowls. Many people smash the meat down in an effort to condense the space, which is not "allowed," according to signs posted on the add-on bar. Others have piled broccoli on it a layer in order to hold everything together, Armor said.

When Ashley Williams visits Flame Bay, she doesn't use Armor's meat stacking technique because she is a vegetarian.

"I just put the larger vegetables on the bottom and stack the smaller ones on top," Williams said. After carefully choosing and piling on meats and vegetables, the customer then chooses which sauce will be the building block to their achievement of the perfect stir fry. The sauce can be mild, medium or hot, and different ones can be recommended to complement the customer's choice of toppings. The customer then hands their concoction to the cooks, who add noodles and rice, which are included in the cost of the bowl.

While the customer is following the building around, they can watch the cooks at their woks, which they use to create the stir-fry. A small waterfall lies behind the burners causing water to cascade down the wall, which offers the flames coming off the woks.

Customers can wait for their food on the other side of the building, where they also get their drinks. The stir fry takes about five minutes to cook, and after the short wait, the customer has a choice of seating.

The choices encompass sitting outside in the San Luis Obispo sun, sitting just outside Flame Bay remaining inside the protection of the walls of The Network or sitting inside the dining area of the restaurant itself.

The dining area adds to the tropical feeling customers acquire upon entrance to Flame Bay. Fake lanterns are mounted on the walls and palm leaves and masks are painted on them as well, all of which enhance the tropical atmosphere. Sitting on woven chairs at the bar under a grass "roof" adds to the experience as well.

All in all, Flame Bay is a gem for those who long for a break from the mundane and who desire a chance to challenge themselves in satiating their hunger.
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Over the last several weeks, a potent yet weary wartime question has been pushed to the forefront by the media. How should the service men and women who have been killed in Iraq be acknowledged?

Last Friday, ABC’s “Nightline,” hosted by Ted Koppel, devoted 40 minutes to the question of how the service men and women who have died while serving in U.S. armed forces in Iraq should be remembered. The format of the show was simply Koppel reading names of deceased service men and women while photographs appeared on the screen. That was it. No editorial, no broader context. Just names and faces.

Was Sinclair Broadcast right in its assertion that “Nightline” would be “unpatriotic.” McCain, a Vietnam veteran, is passionate about a political agenda designed to undermine the efforts of the Bush administration. By showing those men and women’s faces and reciting their names, “Nightline” has ensured that public discussion of the war is pushed to the fore by the media: How should the service men and women who have been killed in Iraq be acknowledged? We think it is important to remember that those who have paid the ultimate price all have faces, and names and loved ones.

Koppel also defended the integrity of the program’s idea, stating that “Nightline” was the only show on the air that had no editorial commentary. Last Friday’s “Nightline” compels the viewers to draw their own conclusions.

The danger lies in making a judgment about a political statement assuming that Sievers and Koppel are accurately describing our national beliefs about gun ownership. While “Nightline” did intend to pay tribute to fallen U.S. service men and women, it certainly did not intend to make a point about gun ownership.

For all of those who have not heard yet, the California Student Sustainability Coalition is running a call-in campaign to Chancellor Reed urging him and the Board of Trustees to adopt the CSSA Sustainability Policy. The chancellor can be reached at (562) 951-4700 for all CSU students from all campuses can call in and voice their support of sustainability. Sustainable and renewable energy is good for the CSU because of what it will mean to building maintenance and other energy costs means more money that can be spent to keep classes and teachers like him.

The policy is designed to promote sustainability and reduce energy costs for all CSU campuses. The policy would include: reducing energy use by 20% by 2010; reducing energy use by 50% by 2020; and reducing energy use by 80% by 2030. The policy would also require all new buildings to be LEED Gold-certified.

Examine alone, one cannot legitimately claim reading names and showing pictures demonstrates any rhetorical slant.

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Lacrosse almost pulls off upset of UCSB

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Competing against the No. 1 team in the league Cal Poly came close to pulling off a huge upset this weekend. Cal Poly, ranked 13th, lost 5-4 in overtime to UC Santa Barbara when Gauchos midfielder Will Patton scored a goal two minutes into the extra period.

"UC Santa Barbara was the hardest team we've played this year," said junior Ryan Parr, goalie for Cal Poly. "This was one of the best games we've played." Parr had 15 saves throughout the game.

In an article on the U.S. Lacrosse Men's Division III site, Brian Kneissl wrote, "That was the best performance I've seen all year by an opposing goalie this season."

Coach Ryan Herchenroeder returned the compliment, saying the Gauchos' goalie was "really good."

"Even though we got off a lot of good shots, he came up big. Their defense likes to pressure also. It rattled us a bit — they have a very strong defense.

In addition to practicing four days per week, Herchenroeder has been working with his team on mental game.

"I'm trying to get everyone to buy into the team first and then bring the own strengths," Herchenroeder said.

Something he did must have worked because Cal Poly answered every opportunity for a goal. Casey shot, and the Gaucho missed the cage with a wide out. Moments later, the Gauchos regained possession and managed to get the game-winning shot at Parr.

"There was a constant onslaught and proud that their practicing has paid off. Overall, Herchenroeder was pleased with his team's performance and proud that their practicing has paid off.

"Our coach is really teaching us that playing as a team will get us as far or further than our physical talen," Parr said.

SMARTY JONES COMES HOME

Richard Rosenblatt
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BENSALEM, Pa. — Smarty Jones had a day like this. The racing secretary at Philadelphia Park was scurrying around the barn area Wednesday morning, trying his best to maintain order on the first day of the Smarty Jones onslaught.

"We're working on the 65," said a trainer. "We're never really had anything like this. It's just overwhelming."

At a track known for claiming races instead of champions, the morning unfolded without a hitch in greeting in Kentucky Derby winner.

There was a "Welcome Home Smarty Jones" cake and a big sign on trainer John Servis' barn congratulating him and his owners Par and Ron Chapman.

And there was a rare concession by bettors that allowed Smarty Jones to have the track all to himself on a chilly and sunny morning.

"A 30, the track will remain closed for 15 minutes to let Smarty Jones train," bellowed a voice over the loudspeakers near barn 11. Ever hear of anything like that before?

Never, said Servis.

"They came to me with the idea, and it's awesome," Servis said, still smiling even after the long drive home from Louisville. "It shows you how much Philly Park loves this horse."

Perhaps track officials were just being cautious with Pennsylvania-bred Smarty Jones, the first undefeated Derby winner since Seattle Slew in 1977 and the likely favorite for the Preakness on May 15.

Because the quality of horses here is up to the standards at major tracks such as Belmont Park, Churchill Downs or Santa Anita, there's no telling what could happen with a track full of cheap claimers running around with a Derby winner.

A media crowd totaling about 100 — unheard of for a track that doesn't even have a press box — showed up for Smarty's first day home in about three months. The Pennsylvania-bred trained up to the Derby in Arkansas, winning the Southwest Stakes, Rebel Stakes and Arkansas Derby before moving on to Kentucky.

So, on the morning after the Flyers advanced the Eastern Conference final in NHL playoffs, it was Smarty Jones' turn to take center stage in Philly.

With exercise rider Pete Van Trump aboard, Smarty Jones emerged from the barn right on time. With a pony escort, Smarty Jones walked along the dirt path and made his way onto the track as a crowd of 200 including track personnel and media members took up spots along the outer rail for a close-up view.

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On his first trip to the track since his running 2 3/4-length win over Lion Heart last Saturday, Smarty Jones walked a half-mile, then jogged a half-mile. Then it was off the track, over to the barn for a sponge bath in front of dozens of TV cameras, and then back into stall 38.

Servis liked what he saw.

"He was nice and calm early on, just walking and looking around," Servis said. "And when he did jog off he was hitting the ground really good. He was a little on the muzzle coming off the track and he's been eating real well."

IRL attempts in vain to slow Indy 500 cars

Steve Herman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The rules makers can cut the fuel, limit the horsepower and tinker with the downslopes in their efforts to slow the Indy cars at Indianapolis in the long run. But that's not the case now.

The speeds were already too fast.

It seems that no matter what is done to control speed for safety's sake, the engineering geniuses will find a way to make the cars go faster, and the teams and drivers will continue to push the limits.

It's why they race.

"I remember a few years ago, they knocked us down to 212,213 (mph) when they went to a different spec," driver Robby Gordon said. "By last year, we were already back up to the 230s again."

"With the engineers and the technology that IndyCar racing has, the IRL will slow us down, and we'll go to work to figure out how to go faster."

That's the way it's always been. The first Indianapolis 500 was in 1911, and the day after the race a newspaper questioned whether the speeds were already too fast.

Mind you, Ray Harroun won that race at a then-fanciful average of 74.6 mph.

"It is to be hoped we have seen the last of these 500-mile contests," read The Indianapolis News editorial. "The winning driver said that the limit had been reached and that the strain on the participants was far too great. . . . So it seems we have gone too far in this form of sports."

Too far?

At last year's pole speed of just less than 232 mph, Helio Castroneves could have completed three laps in the time it took Harroun to drive just once around the same 2 1/2-mile oval.