Your Guide

After two weeks of active campaigning and a campus full of signs, booths and debates, it's down to the wire with one day left of voting in the online election for Associated Students Inc. president and board of directors. Students can get information about the election and candidates on the ASI Web site and candidate Web sites, and televised interviews with the three presidential candidates are available on the Mustang Daily's Web site.

In addition to presidential candidates, don't forget to vote for board members, who will represent the needs of each college.

vote for him "to beat my girlfriend, Kautil Spak."

Alyssa Habling: Habling is currently an ambassador for the CENG and a commissioner on the Engineering Student Council. "I enjoy being involved in campus clubs and activities especially within my college, so I felt running for ASI Board of Directors would be an awesome opportunity to be more engaged in the entire school as a whole," she said. "I am proud to be an engineer, and I want students to feel comfortable voicing their concerns and opinions to me while trusting that I will bring those issues to the board."

Laura Ashley Harris: Harris has only been at Cal Poly a year but is already a member of the Society of Women Engineers and serves on the sisterhood committee for her sorority, Chi Omega. She is training to be a WOW leader in the fall and served as ASI president for her high school. "College goes by so quickly; for most of us, we are only here for four years in the span of a lifetime," she said. "Well, engineers get to be here a bit longer. I want my years here to be memorable not just for myself, but for you as well by serving as a representative for your interests," she said.

Kautil Spak: Spak has held leadership positions in student government, numerous clubs and organizations. "As a mechanical engineer with a minor in communication studies, I will listen to your concerns and make sure that they are addressed," she said. She wanted to elect someone who worked hard to make sure engineering programs got funding and made positive changes in his or her current leadership positions. "When I thought about the qualities that would benefit the entire engineering college, I realized that I had the motivation, the experience, and the determination to make a difference," she said.

Russell Taylor: When asked about his qualifications to be elected to the Board of Directors, Taylor said, "I can do long division." He thinks the Board of Directors and what they do with the budget is a mystery to many students. "I think it's time to introduce a little transparency to the operations of the BOD and truly keep students involved and informed with how their money is being spent," he said. "If you agree, vote Russell Taylor and I'll do work."

Brett Wellman: Wellman thinks it all comes down to smart decision making, and past experience includes being a student body president, member of a state-wide standardized testing board and holding executive positions within his fraternity.

"I want to make my fellow classmates aware that the board exists and that it's there to serve them," he said. "Before I knew about the board, I felt powerless in voicing my thoughts or feelings about anything here at Poly. I want to let students know that the board is here to represent them and lobby the faculty on their behalf." He cited the success of getting Campus Dining to accept credit cards as an example of the BOD's influence.

ASU hosts event of Mayhem

Shannon Boren

The phrase "Mayhem" can finally stand for more than a flurry of midterms and a rush to complete the quarter minus a mental breakdown.

Now, thanks to Associated Students Inc., students fed up with classes can enjoy a whole new kind of hysteria in the University Union tonight from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Free to students with a PolyCard, Mayhem offers games, activities and live music performed by those who are looking to unwind and put aside their mid-quarter blues for an evening.

"The event is a collaboration between all the tenants of the University Union," said Michelle Curro, program coordinator for ASI. "We really want to bring all of the different programs together and highlight the goals of the union. We also want to get those who don't usually come here to walk through the doors and become familiar with everything that we have to offer."

Students can look forward to a giant game of laser tag taking place in Chumash Auditorium and a Rock Band video game competition hosted by the Pride Center in Bishop's Lounge, Curro said.

"We want people to come and play the game and have a great time," said Amy Narevsky, a student coordinator for the Pride Center. "We'll keep track of the scores, and the winner will get a prize."

There will be three live bands performing throughout the evening that include B-Side Players, The Holdup and Dirty Heads, Curro said.

In addition, the Multicultural Center hosts an event called The Four Components of Hip-Hop in UU 220.

"When we did Black History Month we had an event called 'Black Jeopardy' and nobody knew what the four components of hip-hop included," Multicultural Center coordinator Kreseda Campbell said. "We figured this would be a perfect place to make them known and tie them in."

Break dancing, DJing, McG and graffiti art comprise the four components of hip-hop, and they all will be part of the evening events, Campbell said.

Hip-Hop Congress will be performing as well as Los Angeles-based spoken word poet Gimel Hooper.

A graffiti wall will also be constructed on the side of UU 220 for people to express what hip-hop means.
Kelley Wigton: Wigton is currently a member of the ASI Board of Directors, and is the only current BOD member running for re-election within the College of Engineering. She has worked to achieve a more efficient student system and has advocated on behalf of student concerns. She is also involved in PolyReps and the Society of Civil Engineers.

"After having already served on the Board, I am aware of the issues that students are facing, including the quality of the Health Center and Campus Dining, and I know by what means these problems can be solved," she said. "I am proud to be a part of the College of Engineering and want to be a leader who enacts the changes that students of this university need.

Megan Brownell: She is an agricultural science senior who has served as a member of the Agri-cultural Education and Communication Department Student Fee Committee. Brownell said she is "familiar with committee functions, college budgets from a student perspective, and the needs of a college department." She would like to see that the students are delivered all available information about the student services and resources that ASI provides. Because she was active in her high school student body, California Future Farmers of America and Young Farmers and Ranchers, she said she "understands the duties of leadership.

Wes Carlson: Carlson is a ag business junior who has "been involved with several clubs on campus and served as a representative to the Ag Council for the Agriculture Ambassadors," he said. Carlson said a change that he would like to see is "better management of student fees, and making sure that the programs that are important to the students get the appropriate funding.

Richard Darrach: Darrach said his ultimate goal is to "be involved in the leadership of my community and nation." He was involved in Businesses for America, Agriculture Ambassadors and in the Agribusiness Management Club. He is also a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. "I have a personality that can work thermore, as though I am a good representative of the student body and I am a voice of their needs," he said.

Christina Chiappe: She is a co-chair of the CLA student council and plans to build "a united and organized CLA body that will serve as a forum for all student groups and organizations to work together on events, student projects, and issues, and develop important career-building and networking opportunities that can benefit all students.

Chiappe feels she is the best choice for the position because she has already been able to explore the CLA from many different angles. "I've already been on the Board for one quarter, and my wide range of student involvement makes me an ideal candidate for the role of ASI and CLA students and their diversity of activities and viewpoints," she said.
Jessica Patton: She is a liberal studies junior who has been involved with campus activities for the past three years through the sorority Alpha Chi Omega, women's programs, and the CLA student council. She has also worked very closely with the dean for the CLA as well as many professors, faculty and staff.

Patton said she would like to be “made a difference on our campus,” and she feels that she “prepared to take on the challenges and responsibilities of serving on the Board of Directors.” Patton said she would like to be “a better representative of what the students in the college want and get more students involved in voicing their opinions about what they want to see from the College of Liberal Arts and what changes they want made.”

Kendra Searle: She has involved herself in a variety of clubs and volunteered in the community. She was a WOW leader, an active participant for Relay for Life, and helps with Phi Chi recruitment. If elected, Searle said she will “come ready to do what it takes in order to ensure that the voice of the students is heard.” Searle said she will do anything to “make this campus a happier, healthier and more inviting learning environment for both students and faculty.”

Laura Gunderson: For the past three years Gunderson has worked in ASI as well as served as a vice president in Alpha Kappa Pi. She has also “implemented an alumni mentorship program to connect modern ASI with working professionals.” If elected, she said she “will listen to student concerns and will work to make sure student fees are used appropriately and in line with student demand.”

Nina Salke: After three years of involvement in clubs, social organizations and community events, Salke said he sees the importance of a position on the Board of Directors and pledges to “take on these responsibilities and represent the student body, with the best of my abilities.”

Jesse Schwartz: He is an active member in the Delta Chi Fraternity and serves as the fundraising chairman, historian and fall collection ambassador. Schwartz was also a WOW leader and participated in an internship with the Rockefeller Foundation International in New York City. When asked what changes he would like to see made, Schwartz answered, “In addition to keeping the numerous ASI activities and events throughout the year, I will work my hardest to bring changes to on-campus dining to make more healthy and fresh options made available.”

Ashley Singer: If elected Singer said she will “be the liaison between the internal voices of the College of Business and the actions that take place on our campus.” Singer is currently the advertising manager at the Mustang Daily, co-director of Spangenberg for AMA, the AMA representative for Business Council as well as a volunteer with the Student Community Services program. Singer said she would like to see a stronger line of communication between the students and the members of ASI.

When asked why she is the best candidate for the job she said, “I have undeniable determination and unbreakable passion. I do not settle for less than expected of me, rather I reach for success far beyond my expectations. I am excited and eager to serve on the ASI Board of Directors for the College of Business.”

This article was compiled by Mustang Daily reporters Brittany Clark and Kay Hatrick.

About seven candidates for the board did not respond to the Mustang Daily’s attempts at contacting them.
Sometimes the best way to get to know a culture is to observe it through dance. It is through dance that we can cultural norms, gender roles, values and belief systems can be identified.

This is exactly why Imagen Y Espiritu Ballet Folklorico de Cal Poly, a Mexican dance club formed 18 years ago, has gone through several name changes since Aldana has gone through it.

“There was a need (for) education about our culture and traditions for ourselves and the community,” the club’s founding member Sylvia Aldana said.

Imagen Y Espiritu Ballet Folklorico de Cal Poly has gone through several name changes since Aldana founded it in 1990. Although the group strives to educate the community about Mexican culture and traditions, the group finally settled on Ballet Folklorico to emphasize their commitment to dance.

“We’ve changed the name a lot because we do have a lot of a ballet base,” said Aldana, who is currently working toward a master’s degree in architecture. The group often encourages students to take ballet classes in order to improve their basic dancing skills and knowledge.

“To dance on stage, we do have a responsibility to the audience to perform well,” Aldana said. Only about one-third of students end up taking a ballet class, but a particular group is known to resist the advice.

“The funniest ones (to get to take ballet) are men, but you immediately see the difference in the posture and their projection,” Aldana said.

Besides a commitment to basic skills and behavior, the dances done by Imagen Y Espiritu are generally not something you will see at the next civic ballet. The group does seem to mine dances pulled from various regions of Mexico. The most popular of these dances are generally from Jalisco, a provincial state of Mexico. Some of these dances include: El Jarabe Tapatio, El Nos de la Negra, El Gavilan, El Tanchete, El Fuerreo, and Husachile. All the dances feature fast and complicated foot work, elaborate and colorful costumes and long swirling skirts.

“Skirt work has a lot to do with the upper body and learning the con­­ tour movement and flow of the dress is hard,” Aldana said. However, the skirt work is often the most striking aspect of the dances and makes the female dancers look like vibrantly colored butterflies or cyclones and keep the ballet-shy male dancers at bay.

The dresses are special-ordered from Mexico and Imagen Y Espiritu tries to keep them as traditional as possible. These dresses are part of what formed Cal Poly student Nubia Pineda to the group when she was a freshman and keeps her involved in the group five years later.

Two members, Mari and Nubia Pineda, Cal Poly alumni, perform the dance of the region of Nayarit. The club tries to educate themselves and the community about Mexican culture through dance.

“We really wanted to meet other Hispanic community at Cal Poly and I really wanted to meet other Hispan­­­­ics and it developed into a family,” Pineda said. “And I also really like to perform and I love the costumes and getting dressed up.”

The club usually displays its dancing skills on campus with explanations of the importance of each dance; it also makes itself available to do dances for private events. Usually, Imagen Y Espiritu also booth and performs at a yearly event held during Open House, called “Mexico de Noche.” Unfortunately, low membership forced the group to cancel this year’s event. There are only 12 to 15 members in the group, and of those, most are now to the club.

“Our new members are really shy and we’re trying to get them comfortable with the program,” Aldana said. “They’ll get there eventually, we’ll shine the spotlight on them.”

The group may be a little shy but Aldana said they are strong enough to create a base for when the club begins to recruit more members.

Membership is open to both students and members of the local community. Practice is held in room 225 in the Architecture Building from 8 to 10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. They also have practice on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.
**State Briefs**

**LONG BEACH (AP)** — Shipping containers were supposed to hold drainage pipe fittings, but when inspectors opened them, they found 18,560 pairs of counterfeit Nike sneakers.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents seized the shoes from two shipping containers which had recently arrived from China at the Port of Long Beach. Inspectors also seized 252 pairs of other shoes that were placed in front of the fake Nikes to conceal them.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A new battle front over use of mov­ie and TV clips on the Internet emerged Wednesday in angry con­tract talks between actors and Hol­lywood studios, as talks with one union broke off and another began.

The studios, represented by the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, accused the Screen Actors Guild of misrepre­senting in position on commercial use of actors’ clips online.

The producers said they sought to pay actors a fixed fee for use of the clips.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — No longer hampered by legal chal­lenges, California’s stem cell agency announced $271 million in grants Wednesday to build new research laboratories.

A dozen universities and research centers will receive funding from the California Institute for Regen­erative Medicine, a $3 billion stem cell research agency that Cali­for­nia­ans approved through Proposition 71 in 2004.

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — A bomb made from a plastic bottle exploded in a trash can at a middle school on Wednesday, prompting a nearly two-hour lockdown.

Classes at Wengerheim Middle School in the city’s Mira Mesa area were disrupted after the makeshift explosive went off in a lunch court, officials said.

“The device is called an over­pressure device. It made a big bang like a car backfiring, is how a cus­todian described to me,” said Jack Brandt, a spokesman for San Di­e­ go Unified School District.

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Time, money running out as Clinton vows to press on

Beth Fouhy
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Her money drained and her options dwindling, a source—Hillary Rodham Clinton—spoke Wednesday to press on with her presidential bid even as she and top advisers were hard-pressed to describe a realistic path for her to win the nomination from Barack Obama.

After a stunning primary outcome Tuesday in which she was routed in North Carolina and barely won Indiana, Clinton made a hastily scheduled trip to West Virginia to campaign at Shepherd University.

She planned to return to the state Thursday, then fly to South Dakota and Oregon, which also have upcoming contests.

Also Wednesday, aides disclosed that Clinton had lent her campaign $6.4 million since mid-April, on top of a separate $3 million loan in February. She contributed $1 million on April 11, $1 million on May 1 and $425,000 on May 5.

Spokesman Howard Wolfson said the New York senator made the investment to keep pace with Obama, who had shattered all fundraising records and vastly outspent her in recent contests. The loan also reinforced her belief that she has shattered all fundraising records and vastly outspent her. The spike in Internet fundraising didn’t materialize after Tuesday.

But Clinton’s team acknowledged that even if both states’ delegations were seated, she would still not close the big contest as their race winds to a finish.

"What we have not been able to count on in the last few weeks and especially in this fourth contest is 100 percent turnout," she said. "What we have not been able to count on in the last elections are the voters that I’m getting," she said.

Wolfson and chief strategist Geoff Gurr echoed that argument in a conference call with reporters. They also described a scenario they said would keep her candidacy alive, including winning disputed primaries in Florida and Michigan. Clinton won both contests but the results were voided because their timing violated Democratic Party rules.

But Clinton’s team acknowledged that even if both states’ delegations were seated, she would still not close the gap with Obama, who leads Clinton by about 50 delegates. Clinton said Wednesday that she would be sending a letter to Obama and Democratic Party Chairman Howard Dean expressing her view that seating the Florida and Michigan delegations is a civil rights and voting rights issue.

Gurn said to put the best face on a bad turn of events, noting what he called “a come from behind” win in Indiana and saying the campaign had long expected her to lose North Carolina.

In fact, the campaign made an aggressive play in that state, nearly matching Obama in television ad spending in the closing days. Clinton also campaigned extensively in the state and her husband kept a separate schedule of appearances—all to no avail.

Another sign of trouble came as a much-heralded for an online campaign, none of which materialized after Tuesday.

After winning Pennsylvania decisively on April 22, the Clinton campaign said it raised about $10 million in 24 hours, aides Wednesday said they had seen a bump in online cash but nothing close to their post-Pennsylvania success.

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A prostitute. A demon. Are these the images that come to mind when a national star is mentioned? Filipino-American帕雷纳斯·希米佐不吉，一位电影学者和电影人，调查了在西方电影史和文学中对亚洲女性的描绘。她还获得了教育学硕士学位。引自《菲律宾亚美和人种研究论》，“The Hypersexuality of Race: Performing Asian American Women on Screen and Stage.”

"I booked her because I wanted to bring social consciousness from an ethnographic perspective," said Shari Hashimi, a business student and a student coordinator for the Multicultural Center. "The exoticification of Asian women, especially East Asian women, is something close to me."

Some of the media帕雷纳斯·希米佐研究的亚洲女性形象是众所周知的，比如1904年的Madame Butterfly和Miss Saigon。她还与媒体工作者合作，从"Miss Saigon"和亚洲女性电影人电影制片人帕雷纳斯·希米佐的经验在这个领域开始了。一个激进的事件发生在一个深夜，帕雷纳斯·希米佐在UCLA的一次电影和电视节目， }

"Shock and fear gave way to another response," she remembered. "I recall my silent reflection — I am not that woman, I am a good woman, an undergraduate at a major research university."

The man’s response motivated her to investigate the gray area between "good" and "bad" women.

"His misrecognition of me should not lead to a binary between women as bad and good," she said. "What links us as women across our differences? What binds us as women wherein I am misrepresented as an Asian woman, as a prostitute? Is there a binary between us, dividing us as women?"

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Be prepared to lose yourself in beautifully crafted musical pieces from Russia by composers such as Alexander Borodin, Sergei Prokofiev and Igor Stravinsky.

After trying to collaborate for more than a year, the Cal Poly Symphony and the Youth Symphony will finally join forces under conductors Nancy Nagano and David Arrivée at 7 p.m.

What really sets this concert apart from others is that "each orchestra has its strengths, and putting them together evens out the sections and makes a stronger whole," Arrivée said.

For the Cal Poly Symphony students, it is a chance to relive their youth orchestra days and feel connected to their own past and the local community. Patty Thayer, who works at the San Luis Obispo Symphony, said there will probably be more than 100 musicians on the stage at some point during the night.

"They are all mixing and mingling," she said.

Thayer said the two conductors worked together to choose the music for the night. The repertoire will include Borodin’s "In the Steppes of Central Asia," which blends Russian songs and Asiatic melodies; Prokofiev's "Montagues and Capulets" from "Romeo and Juliet;" and Stravinsky's "Berceuse and Finale" from "The Firebird, which highlights bassoonists in the youth Symphony "taking turns on one of the most famous bassoon solos in history," Arrivée said.

In this last piece, the entire combined orchestra will play what Arrivée describes as an "exhilarating, joyous finale."

Arrivée will conduct the orchestras under conductors Nancy Nagano and David Arrivée at 7 p.m.

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Leslie Williams
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Little kids playing "pretend" often come up with the most ridiculous-sounding names.

As a wee one, I thought it would be a good idea to be called Ms. Donut Sparkles. But once I hit 6 years old, I came to my senses and decided being named after a fatty pastry was a bad idea.

Unfortunately, some of the most well-known musicians never grew into their big-kid pants and decided to live out their dreams with horribly embarrassing pseudonyms. Talent isn't the issue here — it's all in the name. The following are some of the worst.

Avenged Sevenfold members

This metal band doesn't feature just one cringe-worthy name — all five members have names so cheesy they should be served with crackers, including M. Shadows, Zacky Vengeance, The Rev,Synyster Gates and Johnny Christ.

Gee, I wonder if the band members want to seem dark and devilish? There's a little thing I like to call overcompensation, guys, and I think you're doing it. Something tells me after a long show, you chill out in the bubble bath while listening to Josh Groban. I see right through you, past all the heavy eyeliner and unoriginal ink.

Meat Loaf

Maybe the man formerly known as Marvin Lee Aday has some kinky meat-dish fetish. I'm not quite sure. When I hear "meat-loaf," I think unappealing cafeteria food, not bona fide rock star. May he should have gone with "T-Bone" to achieve that edgy feel.

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Nope, that's not a typo. The hip-hop star refuses capitalization and has an affinity for awkwardly placed punctuation. What is probably a deep commentary on social injustice is just obnoxious.

The Lils

Isn't the goal of being an artist to separate yourself from the crowd? That becomes pretty difficult when you have innumerable rappers named "Lil." Followed by a random word or name. It's hard to front a thug-like persona when the first half of your name is slapped on a plethora of baby products. Lil Wayne, Lil Jon, Lil Scrappy, Lil Romeo, Lil Mama, Lil Kim, Lil Flip and Lil Boosie, among others, I'm looking at you.

Sebastian Bach

The Skid Row frontman was, shockingly, not born with the name of the famous composer. It's like George Bush deciding he's going to go by the name George Washington in attempt to be seen as a great leader — it just doesn't work. Johann Sebastian Bach is probably rolling in his grave any time the band's butt-rock tunes blast through dive bar speakers.
Read this, not that

If the only letters you see in the phrase “reading for pleasure” are “D-E, P-L-E-A-S-E,” and you simply don’t have the time to read books that make you look smarter than you are—I have a few suggestions in the Love It/Leave It tradition. Really, they are all fine works of literature, but this way, if you don’t have time to read them, you will at least have all the information you need to pretend you did.

For the Girld

Read “How to Talk About Books You Haven’t Read” by Pierre Bayard
Not “Just Who Will You Be?” by Maria Shriver

If your answer to the question “just who will you be?” is “screwed, because I B.S.-ed my way through college,” “How to Read ‘It’s Only Temporary: The Good News and the Bad News of Being Alive” by Evan Handler
Not “Audition” by Barbara Walters

Barbara Walters has led a remarkably interesting life; a life that is perhaps 390 pages too long (I do have Barbara to thank for my newly firm biceps, though). Instead, read Evan Handler’s “It’s Only Temporarily: The Good News and the Bad News of Being Alive.” Who is Handler? You might best remember him as Charlotte’s coif-challenged husband Harry from “Sex and the City,” but he is also a leukemia survivor and a hilariously frank author. Handler’s second memoir, “It’s Only Temporarily,” deals with his exploits as a talented young actor newly plucked from the hands of death to a not-so-young talented actor who is still not dead. In a series of short stories, Handler tries to answer the question: After you survive an incurable disease, where do you go from there? This memoir offers a unique perspective on how to live your life, no matter how persistent it can be.

Award-Winner

Read “The Confederacy of Dunces” by John Kennedy Toole
Not “The Stranger” by Albert Camus

I still have no idea whether the Pulitzer Prize of the Nobel Prize for Literature has the most weight in the literary world, but I do know that “The Confederacy of Dunces” by the late John Kennedy Toole is the winner here. I applaud that Matthew Scudder’s translation of Camus’ “The Stranger” is probably a more significant piece of literature. It is merely a matter of preference that I recommend Toole’s novel, which overflows with a precision of wit that I have scarcely seen before. The story behind the publishing of the book is interesting, too: Toole had already committed suicide when his mother persistently appealed to various publishers to get his novel published posthumously.

Book to Be Seen With

Read “I Love You, Beth Cooper” by Larry Doyle
Not “The Delivery Man” by Joe McCannes, Jr.

Finally, I picked up two books that looked trendy. I spotted “The Delivery Man” at Urban Outfitters and then Barnes and Noble (which verified its trendiness) and walked past “I Love You, Beth Cooper” 10 times before I grabbed it and read it in one sitting. For a quick and entertaining read, start with the latter. (It has pictures and will probably be turned into a mediocre screenplay within a year.)

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Lee Barats: Yes. And I have the sticker to prove it.

Wow. What a stupid thing to argue about. Our country is based on the idea of everyone getting a say in politics. We believe in the democratic process so much, we've waged war on other countries so those people can live in a democracy, too. At least that's what we give as a reason.

Point is, we Americans love voting so much, we're willing to force it upon other people without the support of the U.N. So don't tell me that voting isn't a right.

I went and voted today. I filled in the bubbles, put the ballot in the slot, got the sticker from the senior citizen.

I experienced voting, Sean, and so can you. Doesn't that make voting a reality? Now don't get all philosophical on me. Let's just assume that if you can touch, hear and feel something, it's real. Well I touched voting, Sean. I heard it and, dear Lord, I felt it.

Now that's not to say that the shadowy overlords who secretly run our society actually count our votes or are even influenced by them. This argument isn't about the reality of democracy.

After an "election," the ballots may be used as congressional toilet paper or burned to further screw the environment, but that takes nothing away from the reality of the voting process. Voting gives people the comforting, believable lie that they can do something to change their current situations by just filling in some circles and handing it to a Korea War veteran.

Plus, check out this sticker. It reads, "I voted." It's understandable to not believe me, but to doubt the validity of a sticker? Unacceptable. It's common knowledge that you should not believe everything you hear, but you should sure as hell believe everything you read. Words are written on this sticker. Do you know where more words are written? The Bible. By standing there and allowing that voting sticker, you deny the validity of all written things. And I'll damned if I let you call the Bible into question. Literally.

Don't worry, Cal Poly! You're not dreaming when you vote this week for Associated Student Inc. president and such. You're only dreaming if you think you have a say in who actually becomes ASI president. Sleep tight.

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My beer is more expensive!

In case you haven’t heard, we have an imminent crisis on our hands.

The news-savvy college student has likely heard that food prices are on the rise, to the point that Third World governments are being overthrown to protect the unavailability of life’s most basic commodity.

But a threat to one of the most sacred pillars of the college experience has subsequently emerged from these developments, unknown to many of us who take this pillar for granted.

Ladies and gentlemen, I’m talking about the increasing price of beer.

The cause of this price hike is complex to some and tragic to all, and can’t be placed squarely upon any one source. The Bush administration, American farmers and alternative fuels have all dented their hands in this atrocity.

First, the push for corn ethanol has had a hand not only in the price of beer going up, but in the general increase in food prices as well. More acreage is being devoted to growing corn, which had a hand not only in the price of beer going up, but in the price of beer going up! Blasphemy!

Mr. President, we urgently need your intervention to put a stop to this tragedy and everything that could fall out from it.

The cause of this price rise is a perfect storm of heightened beer prices. Gas may be $4 a gallon, eggs and milk may be up 13 percent, and we may be fighting the most tragic war of our time, but the beer industry is naturally cyclical, and prices inevitably rise again once reserves are depleted and incentive for growing hops is restored.

Another contributor is that the ingredients that come from hops can be stored for years, which causes the price of hops to fall and can put smaller farmers out of business. This aspect of the beer industry is naturally cyclical, and prices inevitably rise again once reserves are depleted and incentive for growing hops is restored.

Yet a peak reached in 2000 caused a low in 2004, and acreage commitments to hops in the years following have not been enough to stave off a shortage this year that will likely last into 2009. Hops prices have skyrocketed as a result, with some varieties becoming entirely unavailable and others being sold for more than $20 a pound. Last year, the more common types of hops would typically be sold for $3 to $5 per pound.

This shortage has hit the American microbrewer the hardest, as these specialty brewers account for less than 4 percent of US beer production yet use almost 10 percent of the hops, according to industry statistics.

All of this, coupled with higher costs of transportation, processing, and the non-ingredient materials associated with beer production (such as aluminum, paper and timber) have created a perfect storm of heightened beer prices.

The result: prices of beer in general have risen 3 percent compared to a year ago, the biggest increase in beer prices in 2.5 years, according to the U.S. Labor Department. Smaller microbrews, such as Firestone Walker’s Union Jack India Pale Ale, can cost as much as $0.99 for a six-pack, up 40 percent from last year.

With food prices growing at the fastest rate in 17 years, college students may soon be forced to choose between where they get their sustenance: traditional food or a more frosty, refreshingly carbonated alternative.

Where do your loyalties lie?

As college students, we should be particularly up in arms about the implications that such price increases can have on our most cherished extracurricular activity.

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America may have plenty of pressing circumstances staring it in the face, but where will we be if we’re unable to get sloppy drunk in order to forget about those?

The situation is especially dire for us college students, as much of our educational experience hinges on the availability of cheaply priced, abundantly inebriating beer. Without beer, we will have a nation of college students who have nothing to temptation them away from studying and provide them with countless opportunities that wouldn’t arise if not for our impaired thought process.

Is that something that we’re prepared to handle?

Mr. President, the time to act is now.

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close (over the last four years), and for them, the situation is dire." Brand was mostly pleased with the results.

Overall scores improved by four points since the NCAA began collecting data in 2003. Scores are also up in 26 of 29 sports over the last four years, and fewer teams were penalized than ever NCAA officials expected last year. One reason was the substantial progress made by baseball and football programs in the classroom. Those sports increased their average scores by 12 and 11 points since 2003, respectively, which equates to graduation rates in the mid 60s.

And roughly 5,300 of the NCAA's 6,272 Division I teams did well enough to avoid even the most lenient penalty—a warning letter. But for the 26 teams that have now scored less than 900 in consecutive years, the penalties could become much more drastic very soon. A third straight sub-900 score would eliminate them from NCAA tournaments and bowl games, and a fourth consecutive appearance on the list could put their Division I status in jeopardy.

"The penalties should tell people that we take this very seriously," said Walter Harrison, chairman of the NCAA's committee on academic performance. "These penalties will be equal to, or greater than the most serious penalties you can take in infliction cases.

Schools already facing possible postseason bans include football teams at San Jose State, Southern and Temple, and men's basketball teams at New Mexico State, Centenary and East Carolina. Thirty-six teams were assessed two penalties and three schools had more than one team hit twice—Alabama-Birmingham in men's basketball, football and men's golf, San Diego State in baseball and football, and San Jose State in baseball and men's basketball.

Florida International had five teams—baseball, football, men's basketball, men's outdoor track and field and women's swimming—receive one sanction each.

Another big concern is the retention rate in men's basketball. The national score was 906.2, far lower than the scores for either football or baseball.

Men's basketball also made less progress in overall scores, going from 929.3 in 2003 to 931 in Tuesday's report. So the NCAA is exploring solutions. A committee is already considering proposals about how to weigh summer school classes, transfers and whether the NCAA can do anything to stem the tide of coaching changes, which often leads to players switching schools and lower APR scores.

"The number of coaching changes is increasing," Brand said. "So that has been a difficulty and we're looking at ways to mitigate that for student-athletes. We look at that in granting waivers, but coaching changes can be problematic.

Another factor in low scores is money. According to the report, 180 teams cited resources as the reason for poor numbers while 253 teams said they were hurt by the departures of academically ineligible players. Teams can cite more than one explanation for scores when filing the report.

The numbers seem to prove resources do affect academic performance.

Large Division I schools, like those in the Bowl Championship Series conferences, performed relatively well in the classroom with only 18 BCS teams penalized—eight in men's and women's basketball and two in football. Of those, only four—Kansas State, Purdue, Southern California and Tennessee—made the NCAA men's basketball tournament. All four could lose up to two scholarships next season but only if a player leaves school while academically ineligible.

Also making the list were traditional powerhouses like LSU baseball and Tennessee men's swimming, Tennessee and West Virginia, with three teams each on the list, were the only BCS schools with more than one team sanctioned. Each school had three teams penalized—West Virginia in men's soccer, wrestling and women's rowing and Tennessee in men's basketball, men's swimming and baseball.

But none of them made the list of 26, and Brand believes athletic directors and university presidents must make better choices when identifying priorities.

"It's not as much about how many resources you have, as it is about where you put them," he said. "If you have a problem, you should put it more toward academic development and not as much toward suites or new facilities, for instance."

Another trend in the report shows—Women continue to outperform men, with a four-year average of 969 compared to 951.

"Historically black colleges and universities, which last year had a disparate percentage of low scores, fell more in line with national averages this year.

The percentage of athletes who leave school academically ineligible has decreased from 3.7 percent to 2.9 percent last year.

The scores were based on academic performance from 2003-07. Athletes earn one point for remaining academically eligible each semester and another point each semester they remain at the school, accumulating a maximum of four points each year.

"We've been at this long enough now that we can recognize what teams and schools have problems, and we understand that not all problems are the same," Brand said. "We'll work with those teams and schools to help give them the best opportunity for success."

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Mets 12, Dodgers 1

LOS ANGELES — John Maine became the first New York starter this season to pitch more than seven innings, taking a shutout into the ninth.

Maine (4-2) hit a two-run single and was two outs from his Problems in the bullpen. The Decatur (2-2) was lifted after spending of his first six starts, was far better all electric, all the time!

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Dumatrait (1-1) struck out five, walked one and allowed five hits before leaving with a runner on second and out in the sixth.

Angels 5, Royals 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Garrett Anderson homered for the second straight game and drove in four runs to lift the Angels over the Royals.

With the game tied 2-2, Padres starter Randy Wolf (2-2) was lifted after allowing the bases in the seventh on Brian McCann's double, Matt Diaz's single and Mark Kotsay's walk.

Kelly Johnson's fly ball to center drove in Diaz, and Yunel Escobar added a run-scoring single to left for a 5-2 lead. Wolf gave up eight hits and five runs with four walks and one strikeout.

Tim Hudson (3-2) gave up six hits and two runs in seven innings. He walked three and struck out three. Manny Acosta recorded the final two outs for his third save.

Pirates 3, Giants 1

PITTSBURGH — Xavier Nady hit a two-run homer to spoil Barry Zito's mostly effective return to the Giants rotation.

Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim third baseman Alan Bannister (3-4) with another RBI single in the seventh. He was 3-for-5.

Darren Oliver (2-1) got the victory with 1 1/3 innings of relief, getting five outs on only 15 pitches.

Francisco Rodriguez, the fifth Angel pitcher, worked a perfect ninth for his 14th save in 15 chances.

Athletics 4, Orioles 2

OAKLAND — Justin Duchscherer won his second straight start in his third outing since coming off the disabled list and the Athletics beat the Orioles for their third straight victory.

Duchscherer (3-1) allowed two runs and four hits in seven strong innings. Alan Embree pitched a perfect eighth and Santiago Casilla finished for his first save as in.

Darin Barney (3-3) took the loss.

— The Associated Press

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dred dollars,” Atkinson said.

“We’re looking to attract more people and trigger their giving side, because every little bit counts,”

Atkinson added the Mother's Day weekend timing will make the event even more festive.

“Tis going to be one kick-ass event so, so bring mom,” he said. “What better way to spend Mother’s Day (than) out at the lake, relaxing on the sand, in the water or by rock-climbing? There’s going to be something for everyone.”

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Lopez Lake as a background. "We’re looking to make the community realize that wakeboarding isn’t just a ‘college kid’ sport and bring some attention to the activity we’re passionate about, all while raising money for cervical cancer," Couch said.

"The set-up for this year will allow people to see how the various board sports are related, with skateboard enthusiasts coming out to see the half-pipe but then getting turned on to wakeboarding, and vice versa."

Mechanical engineering sophomore R.J. Atkinson, CCAW’s treasurer for the coming year, agreed the region could stand to benefit from heightening its state-wide profile.

"Being on the Central Coast, we’re wedged in between two wakeboarding giants with northern and southern California on either side of us," he said. "This event is a great way to let the wakeboarding community know that we’re out here, too."

The wakeboarding competition is comprised of collegiate men’s and women’s divisions as well as open men’s and women’s divisions, and is expected to feature about 60 professional wakeboarders. Athletes from Cuesta College, UC Santa Barbara, UC Davis, Long Beach State, Chico State and Sacramento State will also attend.

"This event really helped put the Central Coast wakeboarding scene on the map, and we’ve gotten a large response within the greater wakeboarding community as a result," Couch said, alluding to a double-page spread last year’s event received in the October-November issue of Alliance Wake-board magazine.

The CCAW is an independent, non-profit organization centered on introducing new people to wakeboarding and allowing present riders opportunities to make contacts and grow through the sport. While the association is comprised mainly of Cal Poly students, it also has members who attend other colleges and others who have no university affiliation, but simply like to ride.

"I have wakeboarding to thank for all the better times in my life and for most of the connections that I have," Couch said. "I think that a grassroots, action-packed event like this is a great way to get people out and not only support our sponsors, but wakeboarding in general as well as cervical cancer research."

GraduWAKEtion begins at 8 a.m. Saturday at Lopez Lake. The event is free for all observers, and access to the lake costs $7.

"We’re going to be giving away tons of sick prizes, a lot of them costing well over a couple hun-
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