

Vote 'Yes' At ASB Fee Election



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Record Turnout Expected On Universal Fee Issue

By Ed Isler

A record number of voters are expected to flock to the polls next Tuesday and Wednesday to cast ballots on the red-hot issue of Universal Student Body cards. This has been something of a hot potato throughout the entire school year and voters will get a chance to settle the issue once and for all. Last Spring Polyites voted overwhelmingly in favor of universal fees. However, a number of students were, and still are, under the impression that "something was put over on them," says President Vern Mize. Therefore, it was decided by the SAC to hold another election.

It will require a two-thirds affirmative vote of those casting ballots to okay the fees, adds Mize.

Officers Favor Fees
All student body officers, present and elect, have gone on record as favoring the fees (see elsewhere on this page). As a group they feel that the elimination of such fees would all but destroy extra-curricular activities. Mize stated earlier that a "probable 50 percent slash in ASB funds" would result.

Chief complaint among those opposing the universal fees is that some students simply cannot afford the \$15 outlay for the ASB cards (see pro and con issue on this page). Students favoring the adoption of fees hold that the card entitles the holder to much more than the cost.

Two-Day Vote
Balloting will be conducted in the Ad building basement directly in front of the main entrance to El Corral. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. both Tuesday and Wednesday. Bill Maxwell, ASB vice-president, reports the polls are least crowded between 8 and 9 a.m. and 4 and 5 p.m.

Several State colleges have already voted on the issue and all but one have strongly favored universal fees.

VA Ready To Buy Vets' ASB Cards

Veterans will have their ASB cards purchased by the VA starting this summer should their particular college vote for Universal fees, it was announced today. This already applies to veterans drawing state benefits. Formerly, vets on the regular GI bill had their cards paid for by the VA but this procedure was abandoned in the Fall of 1950.

Local student officers feel that this alone should be enough to convince Poly's 741 veterans to vote "yes" in next week's Universal Student Body fees election.

Many veterans, especially those who are married, have had to dig deep on more than one occasion to meet the cost of the ASB card, but now have relief in sight.

Aah, This Atomic Age! Myths To Be Exposed

Do the stars really have some influence on you life? Should you plant corn by the light of the moon?

Can a mother mark her unborn child by witnessing a horrible accident?

These and other questions will be answered at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 15 in the Engineering auditorium when Poly instructors Lewis Hammit, William Leary and Paul Daugherty speak on "Myths and Misconceptions." Don't myth it, says Leary.

State Has No Voice In Asking For ASB Card Election

"This election on Universal Student Body fees was not ordered by anyone," says Vern Mize, ASB President. "We want to establish it beyond a question of a doubt. Many students have opposed the fee on the principle that the last election was not truly representative."

"If it is the will of the majority that we do not have universal fees, then let it be expressed now. I only hope that the voters will realize what the effects of not accepting the fee will be in terms of the overall picture for next year."

In explaining the stand of the Veterans Administration on the issue, Mize says that they recognize the vote as being valid as soon as the State Director of Education declares it so. San Francisco State just had its recent elections validated and the Veterans Administration said it will be paying the fees starting this summer.

The State Department of Education has designed the ballot form so that there are two issues involved: (1.) shall the State Director of Education set the fee, and (2.) shall the fee be required of all students in attendance. Mize states that the fee affirmed by the Director of Education is based on the recommendation of the college officials and there is no danger that the fee will be raised, as there is a state limit of \$20 set by law. "A 66.6 percent affirmative vote will be required to put the issue over," says Mize. "It will require the support of everyone in order to insure its success."

Students' Wives Election Scheduled Next Week

Election of Summer quarter officers of the Students' Wives' club is scheduled for next Thursday at 8 p.m. in Hillcrest lounge, says Mrs. Alberte Govey, publicity chairman.

Following the business meeting, Elaine Stranahan will give a talk on "Art and the Child."

Maxwell Sees End Of Activities If ASB Fees Dropped

"Money is said to be the root of all evil, but here at Cal Poly it is our life bread," says Bill Maxwell, ASB vice-president.

"Without money we would be unable to schedule dances, even with the Collegians playing. Nobody expects them to play for nothing and as it is, they receive but \$5 each for their efforts. We have 18 dances that are paid for by the students, and if the universal student body card does not pass, this form of entertainment will no doubt have to be dropped. This would mean some 900 fellows would have to find some other form of entertainment."

"Incidentally, the music that the Collegians have, is paid out of student body fees," says Maxwell, "and is just another place where your money is going. Well spent? What do you think?"

"Assemblies cost money! This year we have been fortunate to have many fine entertainers come to Cal Poly, some of which we have had to pay; others have donated their services, but we have to pay transportation, meals and other incidentals in order to compensate for their services," Maxwell adds.

Maxwell sums up the situation by adding, "If the universal student body fee passes, activities will continue to get better because with a little money you can talk business; but without it you're a dead duck!"

ASB Card Objection Aired; Financial Worries Top List

A quick "horseback" survey earlier this week gave indication that most students favor Universal Student Body fees but there was enough negative comment to indicate that passage of the bill is no means a certainty. Those preparing to vote 'no' gave a multitude of reasons ranging from financial to philosophical. Finance was the biggest reason reported.

Following are the main reasons given and answers by the staff.

1. "I can't afford it."

This is hardly a valid reason now. As was pointed out in another story on this page the college must provide the student with enough on campus work to pay the cost of the card if the student cannot afford the \$15.

2. "I never use the damned things."

It's rather hard to believe that the student never goes to any kind of a Poly sponsored athletic event, dance, assembly, etc. In addition, movie theaters give card holders a special price break, gas stations usually offer reduced prices, and several eating places have meal tickets which save Polyites more than just a few pennies.

3. "It's not democratic."

How can we say this when we haven't even voted yet? The act itself may be tinged with authoritarianism but the means by which it would be established would not be.

4. "The money we got this year was not wisely used."

We can't agree here. This is the first time since Hector was a pup that we will have finished in the black. Sure, some mistakes were made, but slashing the funds hardly seems an answer.

5. "It'll take away the initiative of the ASB in planning activities."

Without funds they won't have to worry much about planning anything. Initiative may be fine, but all the get-up-and-go in the world won't provide that all important financial start.

6. "Why have an ASB card and still get charged an extra 25 cents to get into see the games?"

Charges for the remainder of the school year will be dropped. In addition, only a handful of events will require the extra two-bits next year.

No Additional Cost For Games If Fees Get Approval

If Universal fees are adopted by the students all charges in addition to ASB cards to Poly athletic events for this school year will be dropped, says Walt Kolar, chairman of the Board of Athletic Control. In addition, says Kolar, only five to 10 events during the 1952-53 school year will be subject to an additional charge.

The 25 cent charge to games and special events now in effect was adopted by the students in the Spring of 1950 in an effort to raise additional revenue for athletics.

However, Kolar reports, if Universal fees are not adopted there will be charges next year for many events which are now free to the student body. Kolar has gone on record as favoring universal fees and earlier pointed out that athletics at Poly would be set back to the 1946-48 level should students vote negatively.

No Cash For Card? Here's Good News

Students who feel they may not be able to afford the \$15 fee for ASB cards received some good news earlier this week. Bill Maxwell, ASB vice-president announced that the college must provide on campus work so that a student may work off the expense.

Among the jobs mentioned by Maxwell were such tasks as cleaning the bleachers following football games and working on Poly Royal projects.

Maxwell added that several students were hired under this arrangement during the present school year.

Mize Tells What's Possible If Universal Fees Adopted

I would like to take this opportunity to explain my reasons for wanting to support the Universal Student Body card on this campus.

The reasons should be self evident, but just in case they are not, I shall enumerate some of the more important ones.

If Universal cards are not adopted here, a cut in ASB finances of approximately \$18,000 will occur. In terms of the overall program, you can see what would be in store. The 1951-52 ASB budget will end up in the black, but this was accomplished only through 100 percent sale of ASB cards.

Aside from the fact that the Associated Students will not go in the red this year, look at some of the "extras" made possible this year. More assemblies and dances, a bigger and better yearbook, improvement of the overall athletic program, and a Poly Royal that was in every way the best we've ever had.

Under the new budget for next year, many additional items will be included. Some of these items are: (1.) rodeo and judging teams; (2.) funds for band uniforms; (3.) money to buy uniforms for groups representing Cal Poly in off-campus events (Cowlegians, etc.), and (4.) assistance to groups bringing conventions to Cal Poly. This is to mention only a few of the items which would be made possible by acceptance of the Universal fee.

To you veterans—your cards will be paid for by the government should we adopt the fee. The reason it wasn't paid for this year was because of the reluctance of the State Director of Education to recognize the validity of our last election.

It is our desire to clean up this issue on Universal cards once and for all, to establish whether we want it or not beyond a shadow of a doubt. Won't you vote in favor of a complete program? I urge you to vote yes on the Universal fee.

Verner A. Mize, President Associated Students

New Officers Face Tough Task If Budget Slashed

When I heard of Universal Student Card elections coming up in the very near future I was very much concerned. I was concerned not only for myself, but for the newly elected vice-president and secretary of our student body and for every student enrolled.

Plans which we as officers have already made or expect to make in the future depend largely upon students' understanding of our granted budget amounts.

Rejection of Universal fees could mean failure of many established student body functions. I suppose we could do without Poly Royal, athletics, music, assemblies and publications, but how many of us would appreciate college life without them?

I do not know of any way that I as an individual student could inform you of the actual value we get in purchasing a card. A faculty member, a few years back, figured that our investment of \$15 was actually worth \$55 in cost of events and activities in which the average student participates.

From the time we enter college and get our Frosh handbook until the Graduation dance is over, we all benefit from student body fees. I cannot attempt to make up your minds on this matter; however, I can ask you to consider the facts before you vote!

Bob Smith, President-elect Associated Students

Shutter Bug Jewett Tells Woes In Routine Of Student Photo Hounds

By Warren Jewett
Little did Bill Bush know what he was getting himself into when he let me sign up for his course in elementary photography I, who thought that a Brownie was the fellow in class who asked the most questions. I, who always thought of a developer as a machine in a gymnasium. I, who thought that emulsion had something to do with being baptized.

Make your picture say something, Bush said. So I went out and took a picture of every sign from here to Pismo Beach.

Use Microdol to develop your negatives, he said. Now was I to know that you didn't get it on a prescription at the drug store.

Over-exposed and under-developed he said. I tried my darndest to figure out how my personal affairs had any bearing on photography.

Blow-it-up and crop-it-down, he said. Bounded to me like double talk for getting a rubber tired sewer handy to cut my.

Leaving Brains
It was a torturous process, but I learned.

I learned that if a picture was to say something it must tingle the senses—sound, tastes, color action, feel—it must arouse human emotions. In short it must tell a story. I learned that Microdol was one kind of developer that would make fine-grained negatives.

I learned that over-exposure was permitting too much light to reach the film and that under-development was not letting the chemicals work long enough to bring out a clear image.

I learned that to blow-it-up meant to put the negative in an enlarger and magnify the subject on an easel or board holding the printing paper.

I learned that to crop-it-down meant to get only the essential story in that picture and let the rest go hang.

Oh yes, I learned, I had to learn everything the hard way, by making the mistake and then doing it differently the next time.

Requiem A Lot
I learned that few things you do give you as much satisfaction when they turn out right and plunge you into the well of despair so surely when you miss a photograph. You are an artist, yet a scientist. A picture writer, yet a mechanic. And you are seldom out of work.

After I wangled a grade out of "the wizard", I calmly matriculated in John Healey's press photography class.

He took one look at his class the first day, and, when he saw me sitting in the back row, I could see he was worried. Now he knew he should have taken that other job offered him when he chose to come to Poly. Sometimes I think all instructors compare notes. At least where I'm concerned. Any-

Boosters Ask For Support Of Fees

"Any slash in the athletic budget of Cal Poly would be a severe blow to the hopes of the Mustang Booster club," said Booster President Glynn Wyatt in an interview last week.

When informed that an election was to be held to determine whether Poly's student body should endorse universal student body cards, Glynn added his opinion that the Boosters will be "pulling for the students to favor such a proposal."

The Boosters are planning their largest subscription ever and this will be difficult to obtain if the students fail to indicate their approval of the athletic program, said Glynn.

In the past few years the Booster club has made great strides of progress, with their largest turnout ever last year. A failure of the students to approve universal student body cards will probably quench the enthusiasm shown by San Luis merchants and businessmen, Glynn added.

Much of the funds needed by sports comes from donations made by the Booster club. A loss of these donations would put a severe crimp in future athletic plans.

"We were very much impressed by the student body's approval of universal cards last year," said Wyatt, "and I hope the students will show the same enthusiasm in the coming election."

way he wasted little time in laying down the law. He expected to see some results with the \$25.00 GI supplies we'd receive during the course.

Progressed Slowly
We were to learn to use the press camera. This, I found out, had holders that had to be loaded with sheet film in complete darkness. Don't ask me the embarrassing question how I found out. Accept something on my word, won't you?

And with this intricate thing came the knowledge that we were taking pictures for the newspaper, not for our own enjoyment or to flatter the pretty babe our buddy has a date with. You were in this thing whole hog or none. You had to get out there and get the picture. Now, while news was hot. Tomorrow, the next hour, yes even the next minute might be too late. This called for speed. Maybe that's why they call the press camera a speed graphic.

Trouble Anew
Not having been built for speed, it was little short of impossible for me to be hot for the picture, yet as cool as acucumber in making all the adjustments necessary to get that picture. If I wasn't shaking, I was out of focus. If I had the flash bulb in, I'd forget to set the shutter. If I had an otherwise perfect shot, I'd forget to pull the slide (the thing that covers the inside of the film until you're ready to shoot). Often enough I combined several of these just to make it more interesting.

But I learned. It is one of the strangest things Poly can record in its learn-by-doing history. I am a great disciple of her philosophy. I learned by doing—not only the right things but the wrong ones.

May 16 Approaches Concrete Mixer To Build Scholarship

What's this May 16 business all about? You've been seeing it in El Mustang.

According to Students' Wives club officers, May 16 will be the first time in Poly's 51-year history that a street dance has ever been sponsored on campus.

Aim of the club in arranging this dance is to bolster their scholarship fund. Friday night, May 16 from 8-12, will find the library patio a more festive sight to behold than the carnival gateway at Poly Royal, confirms Pat MacGinley, club president.

"Our scholarship fund has been growing steadily," said Pat, "but to meet a \$800 minimum we have set, we really need to hustle."

"Providing a wide variety of danceable music at the informal party will be Stan Tysell's popular Cowlians. In addition we have also tentatively scheduled 'get acquainted' dances which will help provide a concrete-mixer for students and girls we have invited."

Young Farmers will supply thirty and hungry guests with refreshments from their familiar refreshment wagon.

Dance To Feature Shirts, Sarongs

Aloha shirts and sarongs will be the order of the night tomorrow evening at the Kane O' Hawaii ABB-sponsored dance, says Clarence Tam, club president. From 8-12 the guests will dance to the music of the Islands played by the Collegians.

Dance Chairman Al Lum-King reports a whole host of additional entertainment. Among these are the Islanders, hula girls, free orchids for the ladies and door prizes for those most suitably dressed for the occasion.

Admission is by ABB card only. Guests are requested to dress in true Hawaiian manner.

CAL POLY HEADQUARTERS
Cal Poly serves as headquarters for the State Bureau of Agricultural Education. The bureau directly supervises vocational agriculture throughout the State and provides, with the assistance of the college, foundation stock for high school boys and teaching materials for 275 instructors in 175 high schools in California.

as well.

Experience Helped
I learned how to compose a picture so I got the most of the best in the leastest. I learned to focus on the thing I wanted most to show, to calculate how much lens opening I wanted and whether to shoot at 1/100th of a second or 1/400th.

I learned to cock the shutter, insert the flash bulb, pull the slide and to shoot to hit the climax of the event.

I am now in my third quarter of photography—Free-Lance photography taught by Ken Kitch, head of the journalism department. I don't know about that guy. Sometimes I think I have him baffled. But when he exhausts all other possible student photographers and calls me in for a fatherly talk and hands me a photography assignment, I wonder if I could be mistaken about him. Oh well—things are rough all over.

I'd like to tell you about this darkroom stuff, too, but by now you get the idea. If I go into that you'll know why my wife took the kids and went home to her folks for a few months.

Lawson Cites Need Of Stable Budget; Urges Fee Passage

Dan Lawson, activities officer, today gave his view on the need for universal fees:

The state of California has recognized the importance of student activities in many ways—the construction of buildings and facilities, the budgeting of funds and the establishment of positions.

Here at Cal Poly we have two positions in the Student Personnel division established to serve the extra-curricular programs of students. This service is available for ALL students—individuals and groups.

Such activities as dances and dancing instruction, assemblies, plays and little theatre groups, hobby and interest clubs, departmental and vocational clubs, leadership training, the development of social skills, dormitory living, student communications, the establishment of needed honor societies, intramurals, organized recreation on and off campus, and many others are all within your grasp.

Depends On Budget

Just how far our college can successfully go in offering to all students the fullest opportunities in many of these things depends to a large extent upon the ABB budget.

All students are assured that Dan Lawson and Miss Marilyn Mullen—your student activities specialists—will assist in every way in the development of the most outstanding student extra-curricular program possible.

Confusion Exists

A substantial cut in ABB funds would, of course, cause many difficulties in reaching our greatest potential. The efforts devoted to selling ABB cards are efforts which could well be applied to a more lucrative endeavor. The confusion which exists on campuses with partial ABB membership is awkward, inefficient and discriminatory. There are no advantages to a "some-pay" system.

Nor can a specific program of student activities be drawn up in adequate advance if there is not a stable budget with which to plan.

It is therefore to be recommended that a universal student body membership fee be established.

TEACHERS NEEDED

The primary objective of all instruction at Cal Poly is placement, either in a position as an employee, or in an agricultural or industrial enterprise owned and operated by the graduate. Employment in teaching is now receiving greater emphasis because of an increased demand for teachers.

POLY POULTRY EQUIPMENT

The Cal Poly poultry flock consists of between 3,500 and 4,000 birds. The equipment includes a modern incubator, egg-handling facilities, brooders and breeder houses, pens for trap-neusting and pedigree work, and similar devices.



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Pass Th' Cryin' Towel

Befogged Future Looms For '52-53 Poly Sports Universal ASB Cards Are Bringing Local Athletics Out Of Red Now

By Will E. Thomas
El Mustang Sports Editor

We bought a "crying towel" from El Corral recently with honest intentions of letting our friends, the coaches, bawl on it instead of through our columns. But, shucks, a problem is soon to come which we feel can be soaked in newsprint. That, of course, is the budget for athletics here—that and the question of Universal Associated student body cards; to have or not to have.

What's the tie-in? It's simply this: without the money ABB card sales bring, Cal Poly athletics will drop and drop and drop, boom—rock bottom.

Now in Black
This year, with universal cards in effect, Poly sports have (as of April 30) operated in the black. However, in previous years there has been a great deficit.

If we are to maintain any type of athletic program, we cannot possibly have a one-third cut in the athletic budget. That's the way things would be, though. Only way to get enough money is through the universal student body membership cards.

It should be noted that 1950-51 ABB card collection on a "voluntary" basis (1,000 student enrollment) accounted for \$22,000. In 1951-52, however, with a 2,100 student enrollment, \$22,000 was collected with universal cards.

Football is the major money-taker, but even this year with a \$22,710 budget it cleared \$2,117.85. Actual football expenses, including things like supplies, equipment, labor, travel, and meals, amounted to \$21,592.15.

The 1950-51 season budget was \$24,050. Total expenses were \$22,667.57.

One trip east took a fair-sized hunk from the budget in 1951. Next season two eastern trips are scheduled, one to Sul Ross State college at Alpine, Tex. and the other to Bradley University at Peoria, Ill.

Overall Expenses

In 1951-52 the total athletic budget (as of April 30) was \$25,277.77, with an expense figure of \$27,024.48. The previous year overall budget was \$26,550, with \$41,597.71 in expenditures, \$4,747.71 over the budget. The athletic department over-shot its original estimate by \$4,189.97 for a deficit of \$10,927.55.

All we can see is cutting minor

Coach Jim Jensen recently informed us he would have to purchase new suits. He's had the present equipment four years. But we foresee nothing but disappointment for Jensen and his trackmen if present talk of "voluntary" ABB membership continues.

All Cal Poly athletic squads are traveling on the narrowest margins. And coaches all year long have consistently checked to make sure they have stayed within their budgets. Polyites aren't going "first class" now—if they don't keep what they have and get more, they won't be going any way.

The track case, of course, is just one example. There's tennis, golf, swimming, water polo, boxing and wrestling which have identical problems.

At any rate something'll have to give next year. What will it be?

Following are the budgets and expenses for the last two years for each sport:

1950-51	Budget	Expense
Football	\$24,050	\$22,667.57
Basketball	2,500	2,241.15
Baseball	5,000	4,259.90
Track, cross country	8,000	1,004.91
Swimming, water polo	700	590.87
Boxing	500	595.25
Wrestling	1,000	1,241.24
Intramurals	500	595.25
Golf	500	595.25
Tennis	500	595.25
Gymnastics	500	114.59

Civil Service Asks For Chow Checkers

Food and drug inspectors to fill a number of vacancies with the California Department of Public Health will be chosen in a civil service examination June 28, the State Personnel board announced today.

The inspectors enforce a large body of state laws dealing with virtually all foodstuffs and medicines. Checking on fraudulent cures and claims in the drug line is part of their work.

Seniors with a major in one of the natural sciences, such as bacteriology, chemistry, physiology or pharmacology, may take the examination with appointment after graduation in view.

Salary range is \$255-\$355 a month, with an increase in six months. Information is available from the State Personnel board at Sacramento, San Francisco or Los Angeles and at Department of Employment offices. Final filing date is June 7.

Selective Service Must Be Answered

Selective Service form 109, college student certificate, will be placed in each student's post office box in the very near future. This form, which will be accompanied by a note of explanation, must be used by the college Recorder's office to report the scholastic rank and standing of students to their Selective Service board. Students, when form 109 is received, should complete items 1-5 inclusive and return the form to the Recorder's office, Administration Room 128, immediately. Students who do not submit their forms cannot be reported to their Selective Service boards.

These students who because of any reason such as age or veteran status are certain they are not subject to call by their Selective Service board need not complete or return form 109.