Poly community responds to election results

Baker, task force members consider election outcome

By Tracy Condron
Staff Writer

With the IRA athletics referendum a success in the election by a mere 267 votes, Cal Poly President Warren Baker, task force members and others are happy it's over.

Baker, who was in Washington, D.C. when learned of the outcome of the referendum, released a statement to the press.

"...While a close vote, it appears that those students who voted for the measure in the largest turnout for a student election in the university's history believe athletics is an important component of the overall educational experience," Baker said.

"...Ultimately, our athletic program will be stronger and more vital as a result of students' long-term investment in athletics."

Task force member Gabe Joynt said, "I'm very excited that there was a large turnout. I think that's the most important factor."

In terms of the task force, Joynt said he's satisfied with the work they accomplished. "I think the way that the group worked together was extraordinary," he said.

Task force member Kristin Burnett said she would like to see the gap bridged between the people who supported the referendum and the those who didn't.

"The athletics department is here for everybody," Burnett said.

Burnett supported the referendum, she said, because she feels athletics is such an important part of a university.

"I didn't want a few people deciding this issues," she said. "I'm very appreciative."

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ASI looks to regroup after $11 fee referendum fails

By Tracy Condron
Staff Writer

The ASI fee increase referendum — resulting in the passage of a $1 library referendum and the rejection of an $11 ASI fee increase — has left ASI concerned about the state government's role in funding student services.

Debbie Ketting, ASI fee increase referen­ dum campaign manager, said she was pleased with the results of the referendum.

"I'm very excited that so many people voted," Ketting said.

"It was good to see that so many people voted," Kelling said.

"I'm pleased that the ASI referendum didn't pass," said NRM senior Rick Groves, who plays for the Rugby Club.

Givens hoped the ASI referendum would pass because it would have helped fund club sports like rugby.

Aeronautical engineering sophomore Sheryl Temple said she didn't care much about the sports referendum, but was glad to see the library referen­ dum pass.

Computer science junior Margaret Ames expressed con­ cern about the state govern­ ment's role in funding student services.

"The campus is really concerned," Kapic said. "(It's the num­ ber of votes) speaks very loudly. I think the elections have to be viewed as a success."

For that many people to get out and vote, whether it went the way you wanted or not, I don't think you can contest it," Kapic said.

ASI Chairman of the Board Dennis Albiani felt the students didn't completely understand what the referendum entailed, however, he acknowledged it was the students' decision to make.

Kapic doubted that an ASI referendum, released a state­ wide task force to gather information and get it out to students.

"I'm disappointed the ASI fee increase referendum didn't pass," said Melissa Joynt, staff writer for Mustang Daily.

"I'm very appreciative," she said. "I'm very excited."

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IFC Rush chairman announces resignation of post

By Holly Gilbert
Staff Writer

The Interfraternity Council may not have to hold a recall election Tuesday to remove IFC Rush Chair Scott Gould.

"I am going to resign," Gould said. "And I am not happy about it." Gould hasn't made the official announcement in writing to the council and has not specified a date for his departure.

Gould said the most important thing for the IFC Rush chair is to be unbiased, and "after the lies, I do not think I can be completely unbiased."
Managing stress is important as finals approach
By Symsa Iqbal, Shelly Karam and Linda Cloney
Special to the Daily

Wanted: One burned out, frantic insomniac. Enjoys spending late nights with open books, Folgers Crystals and a wide assortment of highly un-nutritious snacks within hand’s reach. Hobbes must include procrastination, worrying, becoming easily irritated and having an overwhelming, anxious feeling. May often be found sweating.

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Referral will be put on the ballot by student petition, Kapic said. Passage of the referendum, he said, is a legal question. Kapic said the referendum wasn't approved by the CSU chancellor. Kapic said it would be very irresponsible for ASI to approve the student petition. Kapic said. But, Kapic said, the event ran smoothly, although he had hoped for a larger turnout. "It was a lot of fun," Lybarger said. Lybarger said people gave good speeches. Gabe Joynt, ASI executive assistant, said, "It (the library referendum) sets a very dangerous precedent. If ASI starts funding the library, it sends a message to the state that we want to start funding state-supported activities. "The more money we put in, the more money the state is going to cut," Joynt said. "I think it would be very irresponsible for the chancellor to approve it."
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Policeman thanks campus fraternity**

During the past few years, we have often read or heard about the deepening schism between local college students and the police department. As a 16-year veteran of the Cal Poly Police Department, I would like to publicly express my personal thanks to one segment of the student population that many times is a recipient of “press” — the fraternities.

I have the pleasure of working with the members of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity during this year’s Cal Poly Homecoming Parade. The members of the AGR house volunteered to serve as traffic control monitors at locations around downtown. In the past, some barricade monitors have been less than reliable. Barricade locations have been abandoned early and monitors have been accused of being rude or indifferent. Sometimes groups assigned to monitor downtown areas showed up for the event! What a difference this year.

The AGR’s arrived for an early morning meeting at the police department ready for work. Despite the persistent rain during the parade, the AGR’s never complained about being out or cold. True to the old cowboy tradition, they will continue to work. Despite the persistent rain.

Bruce La Hargoue
Policeman thanks
year.

**Poly swim team thanks students**

Thanks for keeping us afloat. As a team in town, we’re grateful to Cal Poly, the swim team wishes to extend our gratitude to the 5,318 students who supported us and our athletic program. Your support has given us the drive and determination to excel both academically and athletically.

We hope to not only make the 5,318 supporters proud, but the whole student body proud of our efforts. Thanks again for the support, we will not let you down.

Cal Poly Swim Team

**Student wants to see a new vote**

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**THIS IS MITCH MASSEY REPORTING ON CAL POLY’S ATHLETIC REFERENDUM (Vote Yes!) THERE ARE STRONG ARGUMENTS AGAINST (VOTE NO!) AND FOR THE REFERENDUM (Vote Yes!)**

**Sportscaster showed lack of integrity**

By David Bock

We believe the agencies of mass communication are carriers of public discussion and information, acting on their constitution­al mandate and freedom to learn and report the facts.

We believe the public enlighten­ment as the foremoster of justice, and in a free country rule to seek the truth as part of the public’s right to know the truth.

We believe those responsi­bilities carry obligations that require journalists to perform with intelligence, objectivity, ac­curacy and fairness.

The above quotations are taken from the society of Profes­sional Journalists Code of Ethics.

Equally insulting was Mas­sey’s obvious on-air bias. On Wednesday, he finished his broadcast by reminding us that the referendum was important because “coaches’ jobs were on the line (with their) families...,” he failed to share with viewers any of the negative aspects associated with passage of the referendum.

Along similar lines, most of the sound bites aired by Massey were people who were in favor of the referendum. Again, rarely was there any balance.

Disturbed about Massey’s coverage, I asked him about it in the U.U. Thursday night while he was preparing to broadcast the results of the election the managed to break away for a minute from his incessant pro­-athletics cheerleading to speak with me.

He told me he was biased. Ad­mitted it just like that. I asked him if that bias compromised his journalistic integrity (assuming he has any) and he said it didn’t because “coaches’ jobs were on the line” (again with accompanying­

Bias.

The referendum was a gimmick­issue for Cal Poly, and indeed the whole campus, for the referendum, it’s likely to set. It had less to do with athletics than most people realize. To leave that important the hands of Massey was a gross error.

High school sports are, after all, a far cry from the real world of budget cuts, referendum results and university politics.

Certainly they require a different level of understanding and care.

With that said, I’d like to offer to Malibu the following Sports which next time, try to be a journalist.

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Poly's front runners fall, team follows

By Scott Abbott

The Cal Poly men's cross country team went into the NCAA Division II National Championships on Saturday with hopes of making a run for the title. Then something went wrong.

The No-doubter! Mustangs finished 12th in a 16-team field with their fourth-rater leading the team and their usual front-runners finishing in the middle of the 127-runter field.

Kevin Brodie, the top Mustang finisher, completed the 8,000-meter course in 31 minutes, 49 seconds, good enough for 39th place.

"We got slaughtered," Mustang Coach Tim Henderson said. "We weren't close to the regionals, finishing 48th. We had no one in the top 15 where they should have been. Without a front end, you just can't compete at this level."

Poly's top runners were well off the pace with Matt Hesper, eighth in the regionals, finishing 44th and Dan Berkeland, 14th in the regionals, finishing 45th.

Scott Hesper, who placed ninth in the regionals, did not score.

The University of Massachusetts at Lowell won the meet.

"It was just one of those days," Henderson said. "Unfortunately it had to be on the day of the national championship."

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In an earlier game this year, Cal Poly's Chris Fisher celebrates.

Poly shocks Falcons in Seattle shootout

By Christy Rinauro

With a victory over the nation's No. 3-ranked team, the Cal Poly soccer team is going further than it has ever been before — straight to the NCAA Division II playoffs final four.

After a two-hour battle and a nerve-racking shootout Saturday, Cal Poly beat the Seattle Pacific Falcons, 4-3, in Washington before 1,400 spectators.

The Mustangs became the first team in two years to beat the Falcons at home.

"That makes the whole win more precious and worthwhile, especially since we did it on their turf," Gardner said. "We didn't give them too much respect. They had never lost to a team from our league, and they are shocked."

With each team deadlocked at 3-3 after sudden death overtime, the game advanced to a shootout, where each team selects five players to take on the goal.

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Mustangs capture 10th national title

Freezing temperatures can't keep Cal Poly from placing three in top 10

By Holly Gilbert

Despite freezing temperatures and tough competition, the Cal Poly women's cross country team won its 10th consecutive NCAA Championship Saturday in Edwardsville, Ill.

"It was freezing, absolutely freezing," Coach Denise Vochatzer said.

At race time, the temperature was 31 degrees with a wind-chill factor of 15 degrees.

"Our team handled it extremely well," Vochatzer said.

With four newcomers and three returning seniors, "it was real chancy, and they just did beautifully," she said.

The Mustangs brought home three All-Americans — senior Kristina Hand, who took second place, senior Melanie Hiatt, who placed third and freshman Jennifer Lacovara.

The big surprise came from Lacovara, who placed ninth overall and was the top freshman in the meet, Vochatzer said.

About three minutes into the race, Hand was out in the lead with one runner when she took a fall face first, Vochatzer said. A junior, Hand's right leg stepped on her heel and made her fall.

"I just jumped up as fast as I could or else I would get trampled," Hand said.

She said she had a lot of encouragement from her teammates.

"That helped a lot," she said. Vochatzer said Hand got up and said she was "definitely going to be in the starting place."

"It was the gutsiest thing I ever saw," she said.

Poly's Chrissie Foss also fell around 50 yards from the finish line and was able to get up and finish the race. Vicki Peterson said it was so cold, "we had to put Vaseline on our legs, face and ears to keep the heat in."

Another thorn, Peterson said, was that the course was full of hills. She said the downhill were so steep that she could not see the bottom, although she said that could also make it easier. She was afraid that there were snow flurries.

Vochatzer said, "We are really, really proud of them."

Cal Poly won the title with 60 points. UC Davis finished in second place with 80 points. South Dakota State University, which was ranked No. 1, came in third with 103 and North Dakota State University at fourth place with 122 points.

On Nov. 9, the Mustangs tied UC Davis at the NCAA Western Regional. This time, however, Poly easily outdistanced Davis. The Mustangs placed three runners in the top 10 while Davis had one — sixth-place finisher Christine Linstrum.

Tracy Leichter came in 34th, followed by Karla Seiler in 35th and Charaighn Foss in 36th. Cal Poly's 35th place went to Jennifer Lacovara and Vicki Peterson won 44th.

The individual winner was Christie Allen of Pittsburgh with a time of 18:46. Hand took second at 18:24 and third went to Hiatt.

Hayward goes downward quick, 101-61

By Ted Holz

The Cal Poly Mustang men's basketball team didn't need full-court press in their 101-61 demolition of Cal State Hayward Saturday night.

After the devastation wreaked by their half-court man-to-man coverage, a press would have been unimportant.

It was a great defensive effort," said Head Coach Steve Beason.

Shawn Kirkey, the 6-foot-8-inch center, was a factor on both ends of the court. He scored 19 points, pulled down 12 rebounds and blocked three shots.

"We were on, and they were off," said Kirkey, a junior from Ventura. "Everyone played as a team, passed the ball real well and made the shots. If we keep that up, we'll do well this year."

In the first five minutes of the game, the score was tied at six apiece. The Mustangs then seized control, taking a 17-6 lead, and the Pioneers were history.

Hayward had two players who scored double figures, compared with Poly's five.

Senior Bill Archer ended the game with 11 points and 7 assists. The 6-foot-4-inch guard also grabbed 8 rebounds.

"Bill had a nice game, and we need his leadership," Beason said.

"We need him for to be a real stable player, and he played his role tonight."

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Both teams failed on their first attempts.
In the shootout's second round, Poly's Chris Fisher was unable to score while Seattle Pacific's player did.
In round three, Poly's Chris Corena put a ball in the top right corner of the goal to tie the shootout at 1-1. Seattle Pacific then missed.
Round four saw another Poly score by midfielder Mike Black. Gardner said Black's goal "was the most composed job of them all."
Again, Seattle Pacific was again unable to score.
Poly's Lorenzo Cremona then sealed the win with a low shot in the corner of the goal.
"The game was a battle, and it was hard," Gardner said. "They overcome all kinds of adversity in this game. It showed some character. They are very resilient. They don't keel over; they come back."
Stering-wise, Poly's Todd Henry recorded his first trick Saturday with three goals.
Poly plays the winner of the Sonoma State vs. Missouri-St. Louis game at the Florida Institute of Technology Dec. 7.

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operation, was a key factor to the passing of the referendum.
"I am thankful and grateful that the athletes put so much work into this referendum," Sanderson said. "I expected the vote to be close, but this was scary. Everyone wants to be optimistic (before the vote) but it's hard when so much is at stake."
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There was some concern before the election about the objectivity of the IRA task force, however Joynt asserted that some members did not decide how they were going to vote until the last minute.

"The IRA task force was a really good idea," said Chairman of the Board Dennis Albiani. "I know people in that task force that voted yes, and some that voted no." Joynt also wanted to make students aware that this is the start of a long process.

Gould
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then needed to pass the recall. Gould said he thinks the controversies made the complaints without hearing the truth. The truth is that Gould did not sign the checks.

Gould added that he was disappointed because he felt that all the contention makes the entire Greek system look bad.
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