ASI reviews protests of referendum result

Committee checks three complaints

By Lori Cheeseman
Staff Writer

While Cal Poly waits for the official results of the IRA athletics referendum, the ASI Elections Committee is investigating several protests.

"We have received three protests since the election," said Bob Walters, assistant director of Student Life and Activities. An official protest must be submitted within 24 hours of the announced election results, he said.

One of the protests addresses double voting, where a student votes more than once. "There have been rumors about double voting, but there are always rumors," Walters said.

Another complaint claims that the IRA Task Force did not supply the right information at some of the polling booths and that the IRA information sheet provided by the Task Force was biased. "We intended the information sheet to be informational, not a pro/con sheet," Walters said in response to that complaint.

"I made sure that there were information packets at each polling place," said Dan Nail, ASI Elections Committee chairman. The third protest suggests that phones in coaches' offices were used to round up people who had not voted.

Each item will be discussed individually, he said, and the impact each protest will have on the election is not yet known.

Walters said the Elections Committee is currently checking the election results and is hoping to have the official results before the students leave for Thanksgiving break. "Of course we'll check into each one of them (the protests)," Nail said.

The ASI library referendum is still under consideration at the Chancellor's Office, and Walters does not know when or if it will be approved.

"The system doesn't move as quickly as we would like it to," Walters said. "I know that everyone is waiting for this to get wrapped up."

Ordinance: landlords responsible for parties

By David Bock
Editorial Staff

The San Luis Obispo Police Department wants the city to adopt a new ordinance that would hold landlords and property managers responsible for the actions of tenants who create a public nuisance.

Under the ordinance, if police officers cite a residence for noise violations more than twice in a 60-day period, the landlord of the property can be subject to infractions and even civil sanctions.

Police Chief Jim Gardiner said Monday the "nuisance abatement" ordinance will allow police further latitude in dealing with unruly parties. "What we're trying to do is get landlords to take responsibility for parties," he said. "We really look at this (ordinance) as the only way to preserve our neighborhood."

Gardiner said after a residence is cited for a $100 noise violation the second time, the landlord will receive a written notice. If that same residence is cited again within 60 days, an injunction can then be issued to the landlord. After receiving five infractions, another violation can result in jail time and a fine of up to $1000.

Gardiner said the ordinance fills a void in the police department's ability to crack down on parties. He said it will make it easier to get landlords to take action. See ABATEMENT, page 8

Judge asks university to discipline greeks

By David Bock
Editorial Staff

A San Luis Obispo Municipal Court judge, after upholding noise citations issued to five Cal Poly fraternity members, asked the city attorney's office Thursday to write a letter to the university calling for disciplinary action.

Besides finding the students guilty of $100 violations, Judge Ed Chidlaw fined the members of Alpha Epsilon Pi another $710, bringing the total fines for each to $870.

Assistant City Attorney Cindy Clemens said the judge fined the fraternity members the maximum amount possible under a noise citation because he wanted to send them a clear message.

"He felt that that the fraternity members are leaders in the community and should set an example for the rest of the students," Clemens said.

Chidlaw could not be reached for comment. Alpha Epsilon Pi members Allen Nudel, Rodney Hughes, Kurt Cling, Gregorio Gutierrez, and fraternity president Kevin Dye were cited for noise violations on Sept. 28 at the fraternity house, located at 280 California Blvd.

Clemens said they were cited after police came out to the house on three separate calls between 10 p.m. and midnight.

She said Police Chief Jim Gardiner went to the house the day after the fire to see FRATERNITY, page 3

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A local support group offers comfort for siblings who have lost a brother or sister.

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"I was as outraged as the judge was," Clemens said. "I was about to ask (him) for the same action would be taken against the fraternity.

The law promptly tacked on the additional fines.

Lambert said no disciplinary action would be taken against the fraternity.

The fraternity members had the option of paying the $100 violations, but decided to challenge them in court, where Chid-Cys said the university has no authority to discipline the fraternity.

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Learning to cope

Group provides support for survivors of sibling deaths

By Holly Vanderlaan
Staff Writer

The holidays can be a difficult time for people who have lost a child and for siblings whose brother or sister has died.

On Wednesday, the Compassionate Friends Siblings Group will focus on ways to cope with the holidays in light of those losses.

Dawna Davies, the group coordinator, said the holidays are tough because of memories and advice people in this situation to take care of their own needs first.

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Sibling grief deals with is anger — anger at being left alone and anger toward parents for not understanding a sibling's grief.

Davies also said a lot of "why" questions are asked — "Why was this person taken away? Why do I deserve this?"

Joe Roth, a Cal Poly Industrial Engineering senior, lost his 26-year-old sister Lisa after a car accident 10 months ago.

"It's good that I'm able to talk with people who have had a similar experience," he said. "I feel that these people can really relate to me."

Both Davies and Roth said the group is "by no means a cure-all."

What the group has provided Davies with, both as coordinator and as a member, is "a way to deal with my grief, and really relate to it on a personal level."

Davies said grief can be complicated if you are the only child, as she was.

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Accept reality: practice good violence
By Peter Hartlaub

Lately, while I've been jogging, two kids have been behind me, whispering pine-cones at me and calling me a "shithead." This has made me reevaluate my "positive" view of human violence: There is violence everywhere, but it is a cruel place, so let's do the best we can and practice good clean "stick" violence.

So you think the true human adult is to drink tea, watch "Pall House" and play scrabble. So you think kids have 2.6 children and—monster truck pulls be damned—attend every Capades event featuring the Sesame Street characters until your kids go to college.

Let's look at human violence objectively by looking before it exists. Let's look at reality.

There is violence in the human child.

I worked seven summers in a day care and learned three things:

1. Never turn your back on a child who eats "Lucky Charms" for breakfast.
2. Never let obese children play "duck duck goose" rights after lunch.
3. Children love violence.

We'll take the popular children's game "Red Rover." You run as fast as you can, put your shoulder down and hurl your body toward the linked arms of other children.

This is children's game, think of it as an "American Gladiators." I've seen many examples of the violent nature of children. I remember hearing a story of about 20 alone for a few minutes only to find them across the playground cheering while bludgeoning a child with halo hoops.

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Raising SLO awareness about the truths of drunk driving
By Jim Harris

In raising the issue of drunk driving and simply expressing my feeling about this problem, I have been accused of stirring up emotions and making a political issue out of the problem. The petition for more severe penalties for drunk driving could be considered a political issue. However, it can also be considered a personal issue as people's lives are affected by this serious problem.

The California Supreme Court case of Watkins v. California was decided in 1979. The opinion written by Chief Justice Wm. O. Douglas is relevant to this discussion. He said that one cannot legislate morality. The petition to stiffen penalties for drunk driving is not a legislative action, but rather a citizens effort to get the laws changed. The petition is a personal issue because of its impact on our lives.

In California, while the court is the final arbiter of the constitutionality of legislation, the legislative branch has the power to pass laws. The petition process is a way for citizens to influence the legislative process. If the court were to strike down the petition process, it would be a violation of the people's right to petition their government.

In summary, the petition process is a personal issue because it affects our lives. It is an expression of the people's desire for change. We should support the petition process as a way to influence our lawmakers.

Opinions on athletics are split: Baker should find a compromise

The issue: The split campus vote on the IRA athletics referendum and the upcoming "steak dinner" resolution is a good example of the split opinion on athletics in the community.

The campus vote on the referendum was not a clear-cut decision. The campus is basically split in two. There are those who want to increase athletic fees to support the sports programs, and those who do not. The vote was an advisory vote to help President Baker make a final decision.

The vote was ambiguous and it is up to President Baker to decide on the final outcome. The athletics programs are important to many students, and the funding issue is a complex one.

President Baker should find a compromise that satisfies both sides. It is important for the university to have a strong sports program, but it is also important for the university to have a balanced budget.

Editor: Jared Montgomery

Commentary

In this commentary, I discuss the issue of drunk driving and its impact on our lives. I argue that the petition process is a personal issue because it affects our lives. I also discuss the campus vote on the athletics referendum and the upcoming "steak dinner" resolution.

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Drunk drivers to face increased stiff charges

By Holly Gilbert

People who are considering driving after having a few beers this holiday season may want to think twice about their decision. It could result in grave consequences.

In San Luis Obispo, the police department is making an extra effort during the holidays to find drunken drivers, said Sgt. Ron Brown. He said sobriety checkpoints will be set up during the coming weeks at various locations throughout the city.

Brown said the checkpoints "are an awareness thing." Although the police do not catch massive numbers of drunken drivers this way, the checkpoints do act as a preventive measure, discouraging people from driving under the influence, he said.

The checkpoints "let people know to be careful," Brown said.

Over the past few years, Brown said, the number of drunken drivers has remained about the same whereas California Highway Patrol officer Loyd White said the number "progressively gets worse every year."

According to CHP statistics, 2,543 people were killed and 69,876 were injured annually in alcohol-related traffic accidents in 1986. In 1991, 2,382 people were killed and 63,847 were injured. In San Luis Obispo, 20 people were killed and 312 people were injured in traffic-related accidents in 1990. So far in 1991, 21 people have been killed and 343 injured.

In the United States, one life is lost every 20 minutes in an alcohol-related traffic accident, according to a CHP annual report. It also states that these traffic accidents kill more young people between the ages of 16 and 24 than any other cause.

"It is a violation every walk of life encounters," attorney Jeff Radding said. There is no discrimination of age or race, he said.

Bobbie Billasenor, North County representative for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, agreed that there is no differentiation in age, but said the most common offender is between 18 and 24 years old.

The average age of a person who is convicted of driving drunk and who enrolls in the First Offender Drinking and Driving Program is 21 years old, said Mario Martimoneo, a counselor and educator for the First Offender program. This age group usually accounts for 50 percent of the program's 130-person enrolees, he said.

He said San Luis Obispo is an "oddball situation," due to the high concentration of Cal Poly and Cuesta students, as opposed to other county cities. According to statute, there are minimum sentences for various levels of drinking and driving offenses. Besides the state minimums, each county can make policies to add on to this minimum. In San Luis Obispo County, the minimum sentence for a first-time offender is:

• 48 hours in the County Jail.
• A $1000 fine.
• Enrollment in the First Offender Drinking and Driving Program.
• Three years probation.

The Department of Motor Vehicles also automatically takes away the offender's driver's license for four months. This is not part of the minimum sentence a judge issues. The officer who stops and arrests a suspected drunk driver will seize the driver's license on the spot.

A new bill recently passed requires that anyone receiving a DUI after Oct. 14, 1991, must complete the First Offender Drinking and Driving Program before the driver's license can be returned, Marioncelli said.

Marioncelli said the goal of the program is to "give everyone who comes in here support to make changes in their future and some encouragement not to drink at all."

"I said he isn't sure if the 16-week, $428 program works, 'but I believe we are getting the word out.'"

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Honor roll calls Poly experience key to success

By Amy Alonso

After he graduated, Leveque worked as a salesman for a company called Interweb.

He was named "Salesperson of the Year" the following year by the Southern California Sales and Marketing Executives.

He began working for R.R. Donnelley & Sons in 1978 when the company purchased Interweb.

He was named vice president in 1986.

Leveque has an idea of where he would like to be 10 years from now.

"I would love to ultimately go back to Cal Poly and teach," he said.

He is also considering working toward a master's degree at Pepperdine University.

Leveque said he wasn't surprised and honored by being chosen as the honor of alumnus of the year. "Especially considering the company I was in," he said.

Ruggles said "We couldn't be more pleased with having him named as a distinguished alumnus. He's just an enthusiastic, energetic, driven guy." The honor is given to an alumnus in a different department in the School Of Professional Studies each year. It is up to the individual departments to make recommendations. The recommendation is then approved by the dean.

Leveque is on Cal Poly's graphic communication department's advisory board, and is treasurer of the Western Publications Association.
"We were best friends," she said. "I believe that someone that close to me could be taken away." Davies said it is hard for me to say. "We did everything we could make a difference in our lives. I can still be a sibling, she said, is that my life. "I can still have that important part of me." Sometimes Davies had to face, besides the loss of his sister, is people who are not sure how to handle the situation. "Friends aren't sure whether to ask about my sister, or just blow it off," he said. "If a topic like running comes up, because Lisa was an avid runner, friends don't know how to react ... it's a sticky situation." Davies said if she could define grief and summarize it, it would be the "loss of expectations." She said all the things that are ahead in life, such as graduation, marriage and having children, are hard to deal with because you want that person there, to share it with you.

The best way to cope with this situation is to "deal with it," Davies said. "Don't be afraid to feel."

Wednesday's group will meet with the Parent's Compassionate Friends Group for a candlelight ceremony at the County Schools building across from Cuesta College. For more information about the group, or for those who just need to talk, call Dawn Davies at 544-2072 or 541-4473, or Joe Roth at 545-8456. To order candles for the December service, call Tim at 772-4533.
By Holly Vanderlanh

The latest shower that dropped 48 inches of rain in San Luis Obispo could be the last relief for dry county lands for some time.

Gary Ryan, a Santa Maria-based meteorologist with the National Weather Service, said the service is predicting that warm, sunny days will continue to bake the county for most of the holiday season.

So far, the rainy season, which runs from October through March, has given San Luis Obispo 1.16 inches of rain, down from the average rainfall for that period of 2.55 inches.

Ed Carvajal, agricultural engineering department head, said that Whale Rock Reservoir, which supplies most of the irrigation water, is not up to capacity. "It’s about 60 percent full," he said.

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