Results of investigation show no voter fraud

Report states wrongful voting a result of ‘ignorance,’ negligence

By Liz Weber
Staff Writer

Voter fraud complaints filed by two former San Luis Obispo City Council candidates were found to be inconclusive by the District Attorney’s office, according to a report released Thursday.

Bill Miller, a former investigator for the District Attorney’s office, said Thursday that six weeks of investigation turned no conclusive evidence of voter fraud in last November’s General Election.

The original complaints were filed Nov. 23 by former council candidates David Friend and Richie Ray Walker.

They alleged that many Cal Poly students received absentee ballots through the mail, while dorm residents, who live outside the city limits and are not eligible to vote in city elections, received off-campus and vote in the election.

Miller’s report states: “Our investigation turned up no evidence either through admission or otherwise to indicate that the wrongful registration was utilized to gain some improper advantage or influence the outcome of the election.”

Allegations of similar conduct had been made against several San Luis Obispo business owners, but were also found to be unsubstantiated.

Miller’s report also said he received a letter from former San Luis Obispo Mayor Lynn Cooper asking him to investigate possible irregularities and violations of the election code, and that San Luis Obispo Police Officer Dale Strobridge verbally expressed his concern regarding voter fraud.

Miller’s report said Walker asked him to compare a list of all Cal Poly students who voted in the election with Department of Motor Vehicles’ records to verify every address.

Friend’s original handwritten complaint alleged “voter registration fraud occurred at various fraternities and sororities in San Luis Obispo City propagated by candidates in the election.”

Although Friend’s complaint does not name specific candidates, former council candidate Brent Petersen said Saturday he felt he was the object of the allegation.

“It surprises me when I hear that David [Friend], in so many words, implied I was an accomplice in voter fraud,” Petersen said.

He said he believes Friend wanted to “make sure the integrity of the election was maintained.” But, he said, he felt Friend went too far.

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A university at the crossroads

Last spring, home economics and engineering technology faculty and students demonstrate their unhappiness with the announcement that their departments would be phased out.

Budget trends show CSU on a downward spiral

Editor’s note: This article has been both updated and reprinted from the 1992 Week of Welcome edition of Mustang Daily. The following is an analysis — written from the author’s perspective.

By Jason Foster
Special to the Daily

There’s nothing scarier than baring down a dark, unknown highway at night with no lights, no control and no idea where you’re going. The brakes are shot, the steering won’t respond and the car feels as if it’s under the control of an omnipotent, malicious, unseen demon.

This scenario could be just a nightmare, a foul figment of a sadistic imagination. But it’s not. It’s real. And it’s here with Cal Poly students and staff every day.

It’s in the form of faculty layoffs. Fewer classes. Higher fees. Fewer services.

Welcome to California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo — home of the infamous Fighting Budget Cutbacks.

PACBRA: Where the action is

By John Hubbell
News Editor

For those looking to monitor this year’s budget-cutting process, the acronym to know is: PACBRA.

That’s “President’s Advisory Committee on Budgets and Resources Allocation” — and within it will be the details of this year’s-scalable.

PACBRA consists of representatives from various campus entities, including the California Faculty Association, college deans, members of the Academic Senate; administration; representatives from various student organizations at CSU campuses, and students.

PACBRA meetings are scheduled only as needed. But they have met several times already and have forwarded a recommendation to the Academic Senate. Their next meeting will be at 3 p.m. March 12 in Room 301 of the administration building.

Already, PACBRA has reported to the Academic Senate how much it feels each area of the university should absorb the cuts. They have been numerically determined.

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Matthew J. Hanson explains why a yo-yo can never replace G.I. Joe with kung-fu grip

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Clinton supports probe of Trade Center explosion

Washington, D.C. President Clinton on Saturday pledged full federal support for an investigation of the World Trade Center explosion and offered words of consolation to New Yorkers affected by it.

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Ushuaia, Argentina

Residents complain of sunburn or eye irritations when they spend time outdoors, even though the sun rarely shines in Tierra del Fuego.

No one can say for sure there's a link, but during certain months of the year, there is less ozone over this picturesque provincial capital than almost anywhere else in the world.

Since ozone filters ultraviolet solar radiation, less ozone means more radiation — including ultraviolet-B that can cause skin cancer and cataracts.

The earth's protective ozone layer has diminished during the past two decades, mostly as a result of man-made chemicals — notably chlorofluorocarbons used in refrigeration and industry — and volcanic gases shot into the atmosphere.

Last Oct. 4, the ozone level here plummeted to 175 Dobson Units, the standard by which it is measured. It reportedly was the lowest recorded over a population center. The norm here is about 300.

Argentine scientists insist residents, known as Fueginos, and tourists run no special health risk. That's because other factors come into play, such as cloud cover and the angle of the sun. Between 1988 and 1990, the ozone hole extended to this area. The Argentine Scientific Research Center on the outskirts of town monitors solar radiation at earth level. In a joint project with the U.S. National Science Foundation, the center breaks down sunlight into waves and charts the fluctuations.

The station is one of five in the world — three in Antarctica and one in Alaska. The fifth was established here in 1988 on the theory that whatever happens globally as a result of ozone depletion might happen in Tierra del Fuego first.

In Punta Arenas, Chile, 250 miles to the northwest, there are reports of blind salmon and cattle and wilted trees. Some Chileans blame UV-B radiation.

Argentina scientists scoff at that claim. If UV-B were to blame, the same abnormalities should occur in Ushuaia. They don't, said Luis Orce, a university professor and radiation specialist who retired last year from the National Atomic Energy Commission.

"Whatever may be happening to those animals and trees has no relation to the ozone hole or ultraviolet radiation," he said. "To those who say it must be radiation, I say: show me your measurements, show me your data."

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Musings on the answer to the test question.

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in Mustang Daily, education officials here and in Sacramento predicted falling state revenues would have severe ramifications on California’s higher education system.

Diana Michel, then the budget director of the California Post Secondary Education Commission, saw a crisis on the horizon.

“We’re coming to a crossroads,” she said. “We don’t have the money. So either quality is going to go or access is going to go.”

What appeared to be a crossroads turned out to be a one-way street.

In spring 1991, the state budget fell short again — this time by $14.3 billion. That year, California trimmed higher education’s slice of the budget pie by more than $400 million. Cal Poly had to cut more than $12 million from its budget.

The campus executed a plan to dissolve the School of Professional Studies. It also started planning the elimination or major changes in health services and reduced hours at an on-campus, student-run fire department — the only one of its kind in the CSU.

Even if the economy and state revenues rebound strongly this decade, California’s policy for funding higher education may cause the CSU and Cal Poly to continue on its current path.

About 85 percent of the state budget is automatically earmarked for various programs whose allocations are constitutionally or statutorily guaranteed. Funding for neither the CSU nor the University of California has such protection. This means that, in lean budget years, only unprotected programs such as higher education are likely targets for cuts.

In addition, many of the protected programs — such as Medi-Cal and Aid to Families with Dependent Children — have guaranteed funding increases if their caseloads increase. And their revenue needs this decade are projected to grow much faster than the level of state revenues.

The effects of this trend are spelled out in an August 1992 report issued by California Post Secondary Education Commission Executive Director Warren Fox.

“What this means as a practical manner,” Fox wrote, “is that in the coming years, even if the economy is growing and healthy, higher education will have a difficult time securing the annual appropriation needed to support anticipated growth and maintain quality.

“I do not believe that this evolving policy of reduced support for higher education is sustainable.”

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Impact on students: Fee hikes, enrollment cuts

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I'm a boy, I'm a boy...'

By Matthew J. Hanson

I think people are taking toys much too seriously.

I was sitting in the point that much of what we play with in our childhood can affect our outlook on the world. I've heard all the arguments about boys playing with dolls and girls being emotionally scarred because they aren't as pretty as Barbie. I've had ideas about indoctrination, mentally scarred because they weren't exposed to the grandmas buying presents for the babies. All I can get on the talk-show circuit is, "Men whose parents wouldn't let them play with dolls." I'm tired of hearing that kids should be able to play with anything because some people think it might contribute to an unstable world view. Why can't we just let them grow up?

I'm not the only one to question the "gender stereotypes" that are broken down the prevalent sexist stereotypes since then, but just kept going. We wanted well-adjusted kids so much we overlooked the mark. Instead of not allowing our kids to play with dolls, we no longer allow them to play with anything but dolls. We take away the toys they love the most and replace them with trendy, unisex toys that just about every kid hates.

Tell me, male or female, how would you feel, if for your 7th birthday, all you got was a simple, non-threatening, non-sexist toy? I'd be really upset with about seven months of playing with a G.I. Joe with kung-fu grip, all I got was a hunk of plastic with a string on it.

We wanted kids to be free to "explore their real selves," so we spread up the box and let them wander out. But once they all got out, someone shut it again, determing them from ever returning, even if they wanted to. So, in the same sense as previous generations, we are guilty of this close-minded stifling as well, only on a slightly different scale. Instead of holding them in, we shut them out.

For example, that "Perfectly Normal Barbie" doll. Someone made a toy with "more reasonable body proportions," feeling that girls looked at Barbie and felt like they HAD to be like her. But, in giving them a new toy, an unobtrusive, not-exactly-pretty Barbie, aren't we telling them they CAN'T be like the other Barbies? Aren't we imposing the same programming, except telling the kids that it's not right to want to be pretty.

We are taking away our kids ability to dream. What kids want to dream about being "Perfectly Normal Barbie"? Okay, okay... I've got an idea... I'll pretend I'm me... We'll have hours of fun sitting here playing ourselves and not worrying about the fad societies fire.

By surprise, my various questions came up frequently in the same discussion a few years ago, featuring the guys who wanted to play with dolls.

I jumped in with the broken down the prevalent sexist stereotypes since then, but just kept going. We wanted well-adjusted kids so much we overlooked the mark. Instead of not allowing our boys to play with dolls, we no longer allow them to play with anything but dolls. We take away the toys they love the most and replace them with trendy, unisex toys that just about every kid hates.

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I'm really upset that after two months of hinting for a G.I. Joe with kung-fu grip, all I got was a hunk of plastic with a string on it.

I'd like to get back to the pack mentality. What are different... and people can't apply to standard mail apply to E-mail as well; try to keep it under 250 words and be sure to submit them to the "Letters to the Editor" box in the Daily's office. Letters should be addressed to: bhalley@trumpet.calpoly.edu and can be generated from any AIX account site. Policies which apply to standard mail apply to E-mail as well; try to keep it under 250 words and be sure to submit them...
Poly's possibility of charter raises some concerns

Program's effects on job security, decision making processes questioned by many

By Marla R. Van Schuyver
Staff Writer

A Thursday afternoon, standing room only meeting between more than 50 staff and faculty members showed at least one thing: people on this campus are talking about Cal Poly becoming a charter university.

Many are worried that the move may not be a positive one.

"This is one of the biggest union-busting things you're going to see in a long time," said Aurelia Castaneda, a California State Employees Association union representative and a Cal Poly health services clerical assistant.

"The reason they chose Humboldt and San Luis (as charter possibilities) is because there are no more industries in the area.

"The initial interest came in Seguoid HdtiondlPedestrian Backpack in the Boating Railroad

Munitz later next week on Cal Poly charter could cut restraints

By Marla R. Van Schuyver
Staff Writer

Cal Poly's Charter University Task Force is expected to report to President Warren Baker this week on some of the things its members would like to see if Cal Poly is to become a charter university.

Baker, in turn, is expected to report to California State University Chancellor Barry Munitz later next week on Cal Poly's position on becoming a charter university.

But what it means to be a charter university — and why Cal Poly is interested — are questions many are still seeking answers to.

In theory, a charter university would be a campus that is given total autonomy in its decision making, according to Baker.

A campus under the specifications outlined in its charter could operate without the restraints imposed by the CSU on other universities within the 21-campus system. Administrators and task force members agree autonomy could mean freedom to set graduation requirements, fees and all personnel benefits and requirements.

Charter schools are not a new concept. California's K-12 schools have begun to operate under charters are not bound by the rules governing other area schools.

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Schools now operating under charters are not bound by charter university proposals on academic and student affairs, governance issues, resources and funding and employee issues. They are not looking to us to talk about specific problems," Raynoso said. "They just want us to say we approve of the concept. It's just hard to jump on the bandwagon to support this legislation when we don't have any idea what the legislation will say. We don't know if it will take away our collective bargaining, our sick leave, vacation accrual, or anything else like that."

"The charter concept means limitless possibilities. Ultimately, we don't know what a charter university might be in deep trouble," said Wendy Raynoso, a representative of the Academic Professionals of California (APC), Unit 4.

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Also, they are not bound by state laws unless their charter specifies.
Trade Center bombing to close towers for days

NEW YORK (AP) — The World Trade Center bomb blast will shut it down for at least a week, officials said Sunday as foreign banks, shippers, law firms and other tenants scrambled to set up shop elsewhere.

New York's neighboring commodity exchanges planned to reopen Monday, however, under a special exemption from safety officials. But all other businesses in the landmark 110-story twin towers needed to relocate under desperately short notice.

Fifty-thousand people work at the complex, which gets an average of 80,000 daily visitors. Like a vertical city at Manhattan's southern tip, it's become critical to the region's economy, with commercial tentacles that extend around the globe.

The cost of the damage, relocation and lost business was impossible to ascertain Sunday. Many businesses spent the weekend trying to grapple with the damage caused by Friday's nighttime explosion in an underground parking garage. The FBI said Sunday a bomb caused the blast, but would not speculate on who detonated the bomb, or why.

The blast killed five people, injured more than 1,000, knocked out the center's emergency command center and severed thick, black smoke into the two towers and adjacent buildings, including one housing five commodity exchanges.

Stanley Brezenoff, head of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates the complex, said the towers would stay shut more than a week until their safety is secured and essential services are restored.

The two skyscrapers, the world's second tallest buildings after Chicago's Sears Tower, are home to more than 900 businesses — from Mrs. Field's Cookies to Dean Witter, Discover & Co., to offices of the world's largest bank, Dai Ichi Kangyo Bank of Japan.

Officials at the exchanges, critical markets in the trade of basic resources like oil, gold and coffee, said Sunday they got special permission to operate from fire, police and city agencies.

Jim Neal, general manager of the Commodity Exchange Center, said delay in opening the Futures Exchange, Commodity Exchange, New York Mercantile Exchange, Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange and Cotton Exchange would have posed serious consequences.

"It's critically important to the world economy to open. The contracts are worth in the billions of dollars," Neal said.

One major stock brokerage, Dean Witter, Discover & Co., worked feverishly over the weekend to move about 5,000 employees to the firm's other area offices.

Radio ads told Dean Witter workers to call a special hot line to receive their work assignments.

Large companies probably will fare better in the disaster's aftermath because they generally have other places in the area to set up shop, said Peter Rosenthal of Howard J. Rubenstein Associates, a public relations firm that represents major real estate companies.

At press time, neither Friend nor Walker could be reached for comment.

Miller said Thursday the main reason over-registration appeared was due to outdated records. He said voters' addresses are not updated if they do not vote in an election, even if they move. If new tenants register at the same address, it creates an accumulation of registered voters at one address.

From the report: "The wrongful voting was ... a result of ignorance, lack of diligence or perceived convenience."

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education, which is slowly crippling our colleges and universities, is the inter-dod plan of either the state's policy makes or the state's voters," he continued. "Nevertheless, the impact of existing public policy is exactly that."

Ed Pally has changed a great deal since 1988. But its destination — along with that of the rest of California higher education — has little hope for change, according to some.

"We are beginning to erode quality and access," said Bruce Hamlett, director of Legislative Affairs at the California Post Secondary Education Commission.

"I don't think it'll get any better."

• Jason Roster served as Mustang Daily's investigative editor in 1991-92, and Editor-in-Chief of the Daily in 1992-93. He is currently working as a journalist in Southern California.

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We just wanted to make sure that we were not spending a year planning and strategizing for nothing," he said. "We hope charter would look like is still in question. It will be under continuing development but we need to get to the point where we know that it is worthwhile to at least pursue the enabling legislation."

To get an author for the legislation, a proposal had to be made, Baker said.

BASKETBALL

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"Bonde was ice," said Mustang senior Carrie Schmidt. "She usually shoots 50 million, but this time she made 50 million."
The Torres defense proved to be as hot as Bondes. Cal State Dominguez Hills held the Mustangs to 17 points in the first half.

Orrock said it was one of the lowest offensive outputs ever as the Mustangs shot 29 percent (6 of 21) from the floor.

Cal Polys leading scorer, Schmidt, averaging 18.2 points per game, was held to 3 in the first half. She finished with six points and five rebounds in her last game at the gym.

Christine Redness provided the Mustangs with their first basket four minutes into the game.

The Torres went on a 15-4 run to close out the half with a 26-17 lead, and would never trail for the remainder.

Redness scored 16 of her game-high 27 points in the second half to cut the lead down to five points with 31 seconds left. She represented 55 percent of Cal Polys offense.

Cal Polys Woody Brune scored seven points while Susanne Carey contributed six points and led the team with 11 rebounds.

Substitutions at Los Angeles, Cal Poly showed up a game too late as the Mustangs led the entire game, although the Gold Eagles narrowed the lead to five points with nine minutes left in the game.

Carrey led the team with 22 points and 15 rebounds. Brune followed with 17 points and 13 rebounds.
By Kevin Bolinger

It's over. After a season filled with ups and downs, injuries and overall misfortune, the Cal Poly men's basketball team closed out its year with an 87-56 loss to Cal State Bakersfield. The defeat dropped the Mustangs' record to 3-11 in California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) play, giving Cal Poly sole possession of last place.

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cal Poly runners returned to the track Saturday with many strong performances. The California Collegiate Athletic Association Relays took place at UC Riverside, and the Mustang track and field teams picked up right where they left off last season.

Cal Poly competed against UC San Diego, UC Riverside, Cal State Los Angeles, Cal State Bakersfield and Cal Poly Pomona. The meet's relay events divided the six schools into three categories — the Cal Poly's, the San Diego, UC Riverside, Cal Poly Pomona and Chapman.

Cal Poly's Josh Johnston delivers a serve in Saturday's CCAA victory.

Thursday loss keeps Poly out of playoffs

By Brad Hamilton

Senior Staff Writer

The Cal Poly women's basketball team finished its season on a high note Saturday with an 82-60 victory over Cal State Los Angeles to wrap up the regular season. The win improved the Mustangs' chances for a spot in the CCAA playoffs, which includes the top four teams, for the first time in four years.

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