ASI candidates address Poly's Greek population

By Jeremy Rax
Daily Staff Writer

An open forum with ASI presidential and chair of the board candidates Monday night discussed Greek and ASI issues. The forum, billed as a caucus, was put on by the Inter Fraternity Council, and ASI in Chumash Auditorium.

Each candidate was given a 10-minute period to give a brief speech and answer questions. Two microphones were placed on the floor for students to ask questions.

Without fail, after each candidate finished speaking, agricultural engineering junior Miguel Valenzuela stood up in front of the nearly 500-person audience of mostly Greeks members, and demanded answers to tough questions. He subsequently became the unofficial star of the evening.

A member of the audience approached Valenzuela after the forum and invited him to run for the College of Engineering's College Council, which has a vacancy.

"I'm not sure at this point," he said. "I just heard that this thing was open to all students and I decided to come and ask some questions that weren't getting answered."

First to speak was Matt Lardy, chair of the board candidate. He emphasized unity, financial responsibility and protection for Greeks and students alike.

"Most people don't know what ASI is or believe it functions very poorly," Lardy said. He accused former ASI Executive Director Polly Harrigan of misappropriating funds.

"Was it Harrigan who stole $75,000?" Lardy asked, answering a question from Valenzuela about misuse of student funds. Later, a student commented, "I don't see a need for one, would explore all other options to avoid an increase."

"Current policy is hypocratic, if anyone, one should be able to drink, or no one."

"There's no need for one, would instead define for alcohol policy."

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"ASI has more money in reserves than it should, so an increase shouldn't be necessary. Students should have input on these issues."
CETI survives despite Microsoft, Hughes drop-out

Microsoft has backed out of the California Educational Technology Initiative (CETI) deal, a joint public-private venture between the CSU and four major high-tech corporations—but the software giant may still play some role in the California State University's plan to improve the technology infrastructure on all 22 campuses. "I feel that it's too easy an answer to say that Microsoft is out of it," said Jerry Hanley, vice provost of Information Technology Services. "We're working on some issues and how they would contribute in some kind of state-wide e-mail program," he added.

According to Hanley, CETI can be accomplished without Microsoft and Hughes Corp., the other company that pulled out of CETI negotiations. He said, however, that there would be advantages to having more than two technological partners involved.

"The core reason was infrastructure-driven and there's no doubt in my mind that GTE and Fujitsu have the wherewithal to do that," Hanley added.

"But there's an inference that there might be another partner added, isn't there?" he asked.

Although Hanley wouldn't say who the other partner or partners might be, he said that an agreement may be reached, possibly as soon as a month from now, on which corporate partners will participate in the proposed public-private venture.

"I'll take about 30 days to get a really solid update...the deal might be sufficiently conceded by that time," Hanley said.

Hanley also said that he's planning to seek for ASI to adopt a resolution on CETI on May 6.

Performance artist, culture critic to speak today

The ethnic studies department is presenting internationally known performance artist and culture critic Guillermo Gomez-Peña to speak on campus today. Gomez-Peña will speak about the use, misuse and contradictions of cultural images and symbols in contemporary society at 7 p.m. in the Rotunda (room 213) of the Business Building.

The performance artist is the second in a series of lectures put on by the department and the College of Liberal Arts called "The Coming Multicultural Millennium."

Gomez-Peña will address the majority white culture's use of images from other cultures for commercial purposes designed to make money and not to impart any real understanding of those other cultures. He calls this "cultural tourism."

The Mexican-born artist has presented performances and "installations" across the U.S., Canada, Fmrope, Australia and Latin America, winning numerous prizes in the process.

His talk is titled "Cultural Tourism: The Making of a Mass Tourist in the Americas."

His presentation is free and open to the public. For more information call the ethnic studies department at 756-1707.

"All of the options aren't available on the late shift, but the service is still good," she said.

Dumas concurred. "People come in at night to eat.

"I don't work late night, though, I have to get up at 6 a.m. every morning so it's out of the question." Beasley also said she hasn't heard of any complaints concerning service or food.

Joe Curoesma, engineering freshman, said: "It's convenient. The Twinkies are good."
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dent who had worked with Harrigan stood up and was supposed to bring student viewpoints was responsible for the lost money.

Lardy said if a student representative fails to work for students, they should be fired.

His suggestion was to establish a student watchdog group to make sure money is being used responsibly.

Travis Hagen came to the microphone next and asked the audience how many would like to see school be a little easier.

He suggested that ASI can do something to improve school for students. His ideas include making courses available on the web, and in the library's reserve section.

He also suggested the ASI board schedule how much reading is involved in a particular course.

Hagen talked about adding a tradition to Cal Poly to bring students together and said Greek organizations could be an even greater service to Cal Poly if they were getting funding from ASI.

Hagen also said, as a member of Gamma Eta, he knows what it's like to have his house come under scrutiny from the university, a concern he said the board on the board would provide better representation for other Greeks, he added.

A student asked Hagen what he would do to improve Greek and community relations.

"In terms of providing support between the Greeks and the community I think we've done an ineffective job," he said.

Hagen said it's the job of the Greeks to make their own positive publicity and to provide information about events and projects.

Chair of the board candidate Amy Luker said it's her desire to work with my vice president and work bi-weekly with the leadership of Martin's and spoke on his behalf.

"ASl really lacks communication sometimes," Murarka said. "I want to bring back the Mustang Messenger with a Greek column each week."

He finished speaking, and Valenzuela came up to a microphone.

"Will every other club have access to information in the Mustang Messenger?" asked Murarka. "I have to find out how to do that," he said.

Nathan Martin, the third candidate for president, said he has worked as a Rec Center department coordinator, but his biggest achievement is that he has no ASI experience.

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Geis is nice

Dan Geis has what it takes to be the next ASI President. His one-of-a-kind ideas, realistic approach and enthusiasm knocked our socks off. Geis is a guy who doesn't bullshit. He has clearly outlined and thoroughly researched his plans for ASI. Geis will be an approachable ASI President, but he will also recognize it takes more than just a handshake in the U.U. to make a difference in student's lives.

Geis knows ASI inside and out. He has spent his four years at Cal Poly with every student, saying that every student, every day, is informed about what is happening on campus without having to go to great lengths to find out.

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Beggin' for Hagen

We at the Daily believe the single most important characteristic of the ASI Chair of the Board is the ability to help others. Travis Hagen has that ability.

With the knowledge he's gained from an extensive background in leadership, Hagen is more than just a pretty face. He is a high-level public relations and a motivational leader.

Hagen spent two years traveling across the nation teaching others how to excel at what they do. In office, Hagen won't merely demonstrate his own abilities. We think he will really be a member of the board to achieve or his highest potential.

Hagen has spent time both on the ground and in public speaker, but he's also genuine. The guy cares. He has served as national secretary and chair-of-side of the National Farmers of America. These duties allowed Hagen to travel the globe, most powerful leaders such as Bob Dole, and represent the nation's largest agricultural organization.

The last several years have reflected campus-wide change. This is partly due to Mr. Hagen's plans for ASI. Geis has spent his four years at Cal Poly. His desire is to help every student, every day, is informed about what is happening on campus without having to go to great lengths to find out.

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Letters should be submitted complete with name, major or department, class standing and telephone number. We reserve the right to edit grammar, spelling errors and length without changing the meaning of the letter. Letters sent via email will be given preference and can be sent to: jsuonis@polymail.calpoly.edu. Fax your contribution to 756-6748 or drop letters by Building 26, Suite 226.
Next year by about seven percent to $81,061,279. Every student employed by ASI earns at least $5.75 an hour, the current state minimum wage. However, a good percentage of our students are paid at a higher rate due to the nature of their work, (i.e., lifeguards, child-care assistants, computer technicians).

PERIS: Until recently, ASI budgeted $85,000 for full-time employees' PERIS. Earlier this month, ASI was informed that it did not have to pay this year due to past overcharging by PERIS administration. This produced an unexpected surplus in the U.U. fee revenue. This $85,000 amount is about 2 percent of the total U.U. budget. The PERIS expense may return next year, and ASI will have to budget for this amount in the next fiscal year.

As student leaders, the other ASI Officers and I pride ourselves on providing the best wages possible to all our employees, be they students or professionals in the corporate budget. This $85,000 was collected in ASU.U. fees, over $1 million will be returned to students in the form of things they have. ASI has always supported our student employees and will continue to do so in the future.

Cindy Entzi is ASI President.

Stereotyping 'cowboys and cowgirls'

Had Mr. Weber ever actually taken a dairy class, he would know that yelling at and kick- ing a dairy cow can have negative effects on milk yield from that animal. This is why when a cow's udder is stimulated with rubber, she releases a stress hormone that triggers the release of oxytocin, a hormone that lowers contraction. The udder is received by cells that cover the lumen of the udder. "The udder..."

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WHEELEMEN

This coming weekend is the last race of the regular season. Next the wheelmen will travel to the Western Collegiate Cycling Conference (WCCC, made up of California and Reno) championships at San Diego State. The wheelmen are looking to defend their title as conference champions.

First they will have to tackle a road race on Saturday and a team time trial. Then on Sunday the Mustangs will need to excel in the criterium. Conference championships are in way more important than nationals for the wheelmen team. The WCCC is the largest and most competitive conference in the nation and all categories participate in conference championships as opposed to only the top riders at nationals. If the wheelmen win the WCCC championships they will consider themselves the strongest team in the country.

WOMEN'S WATER POLO

The Cal Poly women's water polo team placed first in their home tournament last weekend. The Mustangs defeated U.C. Irvine, Cal State Bakersfield and Cal State Hayward. Cal Poly won the championship match versus Irvine in overtime.

SAILING

The Cal Poly sailing team competed at the Women's Pacific Coast Championships last weekend. The women finished seventh overall. The Mustangs finished eighth in Division A and 11th in Division B.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL


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softball program. She said administra-
tive support has been great, and that she is excited about the future of the Cal Poly Sports Complex.

"This is a phenomenal project for everyone on this campus and in this community," Boyer said. "It's a huge step for athletics. I think, because we'll have a centrally located field, more fans will come to watch the games."

The softball team currently plays on fields located behind the Foundation warehouse on cam-
pus. Assistant softball coach Rhonda Gavert said working with Coach Boyer has given her insight into how much behind-the-scenes work goes into each game and how to get the most out of her players.

"We're lucky because of the type of quality people that Cal Poly attracts. They're very special people."

Boyer said the most rewarding part about coaching is watching the transition that occurs in her players while they're here.

"It's great to see them come in at one level and watch them grow and develop as athletes and as people throughout their careers," Boyer said.

"I see past players at the alumni game every year," Boyer said. "It's great to stay in touch and see where their lives are going."

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"It wasn't until I got to Cal Poly that I actually received effective coaching," Gavert said. "Coach Boyer really knows the game and how to get the most out of her players.

"I look for players who are very motivated, and have a clear sense of who they are," Boyer said.

"She truly cares about this program," Boyer said. "I see past players at the alumni game every year," Boyer said. "It's great to stay in touch and see where their lives are going."

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CLOSE TO HOME

JOHN MCPHERSON

"Is that thing locked up again? You need to smash the thing off the CPU while simultaneously hitting the "F" key as fast as possible."
Boyer knows ball

By Jessica Miland
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly softball coach Lisa Boyer said she got her start in softball "like any average kid, playing Pony League ball." Boyer has since gone on to a playing and coaching career that has been anything but average.

This marks Boyer's 10th year as the Mustangs' head coach, and she has seen the program through many changes.

"When I started coaching, the position was only part-time, so I worked as a sports information director as well," Boyer said. "I juggled both jobs for three years. It was brutal."

Since then, Boyer became a full-time coach for the team, increased her coaching staff, saw the team transfer to Division 1 and just this year received the 300th win of her coaching career. "I wasn't even aware that I was coming up on my 300th win until it was brought to my attention by a Telegram-Tribune reporter," Boyer said. "It was nice, but it's really more important to me that the team is doing well."

Boyer is a native of Lompoc. In high school she was a four-year letter winner in both tennis and softball.

"I probably could have played tennis in college, but I decided to stick with softball because I liked the fact that it is more team-oriented," Boyer said.

Boyer spent a year at Allan Hancock junior college in Santa Maria and then transferred to Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. She chose Creighton at the time, because she planned to go into nursing, and Creighton offered a good nursing program, as well as an impressive softball team. She said it was a case of "mutual recruitment" between her and Creighton.

At Creighton, Boyer was a three-year starter for the softball team. Her team advanced to the Softball World Series twice, in 1981 and 1982.

Boyer earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Creighton University in 1983. She then spent seven years as assistant sports information director at Bradley University in Illinois, U.C. Irvine and Idaho State.

She came to Cal Poly in 1986 to work as a sports information director, and began coaching in 1988.

When Cal Poly moved to Division 1 in 1995, the Mustang softball team remained competitive and reached as high as 16th in the nation at one point in the year. In 1997, the team was a contender in the Big West Conference for the first time.

Boyer said she is very happy about the future of the Cal Poly softball program.

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Sports Trivia

Tuesday's Question:
Name the Stanford women's basketball player, who led the team in scoring and rebounding, and signed a contract with the WNBA on Tuesday.

Submit your answer to kknaney@polymail.calpoly.edu

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Cal Poly 0
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SCORES

B R I E F S

Softball seniors say bye

Five Cal Poly seniors said goodbye to the softball team Tuesday. Senior pitchers Kelly Smith, Desarie Knipfer, senior right fielder Amy Mackert, senior center fielder Kelly Sack and senior first baseman Anna Bauer played in their last home game for the Mustangs.

The season ended on a high note as Cal Poly swept U.C. Santa Barbara in two games. In game one, Knipfer pitched a two-hit shut-out game for her 15th win of the year. Bauer struck out nine batters, leading the Mustangs to a three-hit win, 1-0.

The Gauchos and Mustangs were tied until the seventh inning when Smith hit in the winning run. In game two, Smith led off the mound allowing no runs on four hits. The Mustangs got the win 3-0. Kasey Poet led Cal Poly with a pair of hits.

The Mustangs improved to 22-23 overall and 11-14 in the Big West Conference.

D A I L Y P O L L

Who do you think Whom is Cal Poly's all-time greatest athlete?

Cast your vote on the web...
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Lise Roberts
Pat her Professional

Shore Smith
former major league shortstop

and lead of "This Week is Wednesday"

Robby Sherrer
General Manager San Diego Chargers

Desarie Knipfer
noticeably ranked softball player

Kelly Sack
led softball to the 1 seed in nation

Cal Poly head softball coach Lisa Boyer chats at strategy with catcher Kelly Duncan. Boyer is in her tenth year as coach.