ASG Elections Deemed Void: Candidate Misconduct Taints Polls

Andy Swanson
Staff Writer

On April 30, the MiraCosta College Election Committee declared the results of last month’s Associated Student Government election “null and void,” and has scheduled to re-run the 2002 ASG Election on May 8 and May 9. The committee has sealed the results of the previous election and the ballots are currently in the possession of campus police.

After receiving a total of 15 formal complaints filed regarding the recent ASG election, the committee held meetings on April 26, 29, and 30 to resolve the issues. The complaints varied from candidates campaigning within 20 feet of the poll booths, to candidates collecting students’ Social Security numbers and birth dates and voting for them.

The most serious complaints were regarding the actions of candidates Carlos Becerra and Brad Marks. Becerra faced three complaints filed by Shelly Lewis, ASG Vice President of San Elijo, fellow candidate Brad Marks, and Brown Partington, all claiming that he entered classrooms and the library on the San Eljio campus, and collected numerous Social Security numbers and birth dates in order to vote for the students.

Student Loren LeGans, 20, the student's name is on record as a voting member of the student senate and others. Awards will be presented to the valedictorian, salutatorian, and to the Faculty Member of the Year. The college will also maintain its popular tradition of allowing students to choose a faculty or staff member to present their degree or certificate.

The graduation committee, chaired by Gonzales, first met late last year to begin planning for the 2002 commencement ceremony. The event was assigned a budget of $9,500, most of which came from the Associated Student Government’s $99,700 working budget (the rest was paid for by the Office of the Vice President of Student Services). It was decided that there would be no theme to this year’s commencement ceremony, as, according to Gonzales, themes have proven “difficult to come up with and restrictive to the speakers” in the past.

Following the ceremony, a reception will be held in the Learning Resource Center, affording everyone a chance to socialize and celebrate the graduates’ achievements.

Surf’s Up!
Paul Welch
Editor in Chief

Summer enrollment with SURF, the new online registration system, started on May 6 with few errors to report. “We were pleasantly surprised. [The beginning of enrollment] went better than expected,” said Gilbert Hermosillo, Dean of Admissions, Assessment, and Student Aid Programs. However, some problems have occurred.

If there is a mismatch with the social security numbers and birth dates for a free donut.” Following the initial complaints against Becerra, a complaint was filed by Becerra in which Brad Marks was also accused of collecting Social Security numbers, as well as pressuring students to vote. Additionally, Becerra has filed a complaint against the election.

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Student ID Gets New Face
Paul Welch
Editor in Chief

This summer, MiraCosta College students will receive a newly designed ID card that will feature the student’s pre-assigned PeopleSoft number, now being used with SURF. Social Security numbers will no longer be used. The solid gold background has been replaced with a beach scene and the student’s photo moved from the right side of the card to the left. “The new ID cards reflect our beautiful community and those that reside in it,” said Crystal Pickering, Associated Student Government’s Vice President of Programming at Oceanside.

A committee selected the new background from 127 photos submitted by members of the community at large. The main criteria for the photo was that “it was taken somewhere in the Oceanside or Cardiff area,” said Jordan Marks, ASG President. MCC student, Saul D. Peppiss, was that “it was taken somewhere in the Oceanside or Cardiff area,” said Jordan Marks, ASG President. MCC student, Saul D. Peppiss, sent in the winning photo. The new ID card will be unveiled at the final college hour, on May 9 from 12-1 p.m. The top three finalists will be sent in the winning photo. The new ID card will be unveiled at the final college hour, on May 9 from 12-1 p.m. The top three finalists will be announced and given prizes. A barbecue, astro-jump, rock-climbing wall and a live band are also scheduled. Current MCC students who have enrolled for summer classes can get their new ID card by bringing proper identification and a summer registration receipt to either the Oceanside or San Elijo Student Activities Office.

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Ode to the Editors
(and anyone else who hangs out in the Chariot office)

Fifi Rodgers and Raul Sanchez
(We don’t know who these people are)
They’re thick red pens
Mark the airrows of our ways, and althow it tends
To discourge our thows
They realize we are so good and prase us lots.
Their dedication under preassure
Will leave them alaways treasured
And those late nite calls of “Hey, I have an idea!” and to listening to wat everyone has.
They take the crap
And credit with a nce slap.
They are our Editors,
Schmeditors (nothing rhymes with editors)
Well, this is the last edition of the paper for this semester, and we at the Chariot are wrapping things up.
In preparation of a new semester, we completely changed the layout of our office. We have also been training new staff members Kati Dias and Louis Quinn, and are doing our best to not scare them off. Though we are very sad, we are also very proud to have Paul Welch, Abby Drew, and Andy Swanson leave our staff to transfer to other colleges, UCSD, Alverno, and UC Berkeley, respectively. Congratulations to you all for continuing on with your ventures in life. We wish you the best of luck. Many of those staff members not leaving will be doing summer internships with KDCI, the North County Times, and The View. We would like to thank the entire Chariot staff for making our publication such a success. Unfortunately, there has been a decrease in our Sea Monkey population. But, we all know that Paul Welch, their caretaker and guardian, is in no way responsible. We can only take solace in the fact that those remaining are bigger and heartier than ever. Though we deemed the Sea Monkeys too unstable to leave the office, other Chariot members ushered for the play, You Can’t take it With You, on Saturday. We give “props” to all those who participated in the play, but especially to those involved in stage production.

Join the Chariot Staff
If you enjoy writing, photography, or graphic arts, the Chariot staff is now accepting applications. Come by 3441A in the Student Center to fill out an application.

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News In Brief

Jenny Hoffman
Features Editor
Pajama Jammy Jam
The African-American Student Alliance presents the Pajama Jammy Jam on Saturday, May 11 at 7 p.m. This event will take place at the Oceanside Student Center. Tickets are $5 and are on sale now. For more information, call the A.A.S.A. office at 757-2121 ext. 6433.

Special Graduation Celebration
A graduation celebration will be held on Saturday, May 18 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at MiraCosta College’s Little Theatre on the Oceanside campus. This celebration is to acknowledge Chicano, Latino, and Hispanic graduating students.

Stick Concert and Seminar
Greg Howard, Tom Griesgraber, and the band Agent 22 are scheduled to perform the stick on Saturday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the MiraCosta College Theatre. Admission is $8 for students and seniors and $10 for everyone else. The stick is an unusual 10-stringed instrument, which resembles the neck of a guitar and allows the musician to perform two parts, much like a keyboard. The creator of the stick instrument, Emmett Chapman, will also be there.

Finals Survival
On May 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., (just before finals begin), allow yourself a moment to relax. Stop by Student Health Services for some comfort food and information on achieving bliss!
Martial Arts Creates, Not Destroys

Masa Yokota
MCC Student

In the garden of the Shinto shrine, below the beautiful full moon, my eyes are gently closed. I slowly take a deep breath, and then a few minutes later I smell a sweet blooming flower. A breeze from a mountain blows in my face moderately, and I hear the sound of the bamboo forest rustling in the wind. Even though my eyes are closed, my mind shows me an image of a bamboo leaf falling, fluttering right in front of me. At this place I used to practice martial arts. I regain all my senses and spirits which I am losing from the busyness of daily life. Sadness and anger of my depravity leads my mind back from the garden of the Shinto shrine to my body which is below the moon of California. At the same time my eyes open widely, my sword reflects the moonlight and cuts my weakness in half. I reflect on my past. I sense my next target, which is my visualized negativity. This is my way to practice martial arts. I have been practicing Iai, which is Japanese fencing, for more than twenty years. I believe practicing martial arts helps to train one’s spirituality.

A survey by 2001 Koryu Books asked American people who practice martial arts, “Why did you begin training in the martial arts?” Thirty percent of people said, “For self-defense.” My reason, “as a spiritual path” was just three percent. Martial arts is more like a mirror that reflects one’s spirit or mind. First, we train our spirits in Zen thought to become a better person to lead a holy and decent life. Second, the practice of meditation makes it possible to control and concentrate our mind. Finally, our focused mind expresses the consequences of mental training in the demonstration of martial arts.

Martial arts is music. If musicians tried to express their artistic sense by playing music without heart, it would not impress anyone. Each movement of a martial artist reflects his or her heart, so a hearted martial artist’s demonstration touches the audience’s artistic spirit. A polished martial arts demonstration is like Bach’s or Beethoven’s music. Music is the art of time, and martial art is the art of movement.

Martial arts is an expression of the human mind. Most people practice this artistic activity for self-defense and fighting, but it should be practiced in order to train one in spiritual matters. The true purpose of martial arts is to achieve peace.

I came to America last August. I left my family, and friends, but I could not leave my sword. People often ask me how sharp my sword is. My sword is not sharp enough to cut any physical object, but I will sharpen my sword through meditation, and cut in half the mental weakness I visualize through Zen by using my martial arts skills which my master taught me. Now, my life is a journey of spiritual enlightenment, so I am the spiritual path I love, respect, and must travel. When my martial arts skills become a genuine art, I will be at the end of my journey.

Editor’s note: Masa has only been in America since August of last year. Though he studied English in high school in Japan, he has only been speaking English on a daily basis for less than a year.
April Showers
Bring EOPS’
May Flowers
Jenny Hoffman
Features Editor
The rain that the month of April saw is symbolic for students of the stress of deadlines and tests. But much like the rain, tests and deadlines will soon end in May and bring more positive things, such as graduation and flowers. Graduation at MiraCosta College will be held at the Oceanside Campus on Friday, May 24 at 5 p.m. Starting at 3 p.m., the Friends of EOPS Club will be selling flowers in recognition of all the students’ accomplishments and hard work. Roses and assorted flowers will be on sale for $8 from 3 p.m. and continuing through the evening. During the week of May 6 through May 9 they will also be selling Mother’s Day roses and chocolates for $3 each or 2 for $5. For more information, contact Angie Cruz in the EOPS office at 795-6680.

Phi Theta Kappa
Elections
Kati Dias
Staff Writer
MiraCosta College’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a national academic honor society, held annual elections for chapter officers on Thursday, April 25. The newly-elected board, consisting of Kalina Justice, Nicholas Blonski, Priscilla Flores, and Kati Dias, is seeking to involve more of the society’s members in service projects for the coming year. One of the projects the chapter has been working on is a scholarship fund for students from local high schools. The group also plans to work very closely with MiraCosta College’s Student Health Services to tie in with the 2002 Honors Study Topic, “Dimensions and Directions of Health.” Besides involvement in service, Phi Theta Kappa offers numerous benefits to members, including Letters of Recommendation, recognition in the National Dean’s List, and access to transfer scholarships totaling over 33 million dollars annually. If you are currently a member of Phi Theta Kappa and would like to get involved, there will be a meeting for all society members on Tuesday, May 14 at 12 p.m. in the Student Center.

Take a Trip to Japan
Andrina San Nicolas
Campus Life Editor
Not many people have the opportunity to experience a different culture in its own environment. That is why MiraCosta College’s Institute for International Perspectives is providing students with a chance of a lifetime. During the summer session, students can register for JAPN 296, Exploration of Japan, and experience the wonders of the Japanese culture. From June 28 to July 15, students will be able to take their knowledge of Japan to the next level. Mia Seavone, coordinator, says, “We are eager to make a second attempt to provide a Japanese program to MiraCosta students.” To earn the 3 credits for the class, students will be taking language courses based on their skill level and getting involved in various cultural activities. There will also be a tour of Tokyo and time for students to explore on their own. The language program in Japan will be sponsoring events for the students as well.
As of now there are 10 students signed up for the class. Their goal is 20, so come and make it happen. You can find out more information from Mia Seavone in Room 3443 in the Student Center. There are also scholarships totaling up to $600 available now to help cut down on some of the costs. The deadline for all deposits is May 29, but they will accept payments after that. So instead of just sitting around this summer waiting for something to happen, sign up for JAPN 296, and experience Japan like never before.

Kalina Justice prepares to send Chief Norcross into the drink

On Thursday April 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., MiraCosta Police allowed themselves to be dunked in order to raise money for the Crime Victims Fund. For only $2, students and staff had the chance to witness campus police, and campus security assistants and Vice President of Student Services, Dick Robertson, get wet! The Crime Victims Fund pays for losses the students suffer so that they can continue to pursue their education.

The African American Student Alliance Presents
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Jason X-tremely Poor Taste

Movie Review
Louis Quinn
Staff Writer

Movies such as this were never meant for the big screen. Jason X, or “Jason in Space,” is the next installment in the Friday the 13th series.

Machete wielding Jason is cryogenically frozen in the Crystal Lake Research Facility along with Scientist Rowan, played by Lexa Doig. Jason is thawed 455 years into Earth’s post apocalyptic future by a greedy archaeologist and his group of bratty students in the spaceship Grendel. His senseless killing spree continues and the plot for survival in a spaceship is played out—yet again.

Everything about this film was poorly done as well as several clichés. It’s absurd to think that 455 years into the future teens will still be saying “dude.” Of course, it’s meant for the big screen. Jason X, or “Jason in Space,” is the next installment in the Friday the 13th series.

MiraCosta College’s annual Student Art Show kicked off with a bang on opening day, April 30. 262 pieces of student works are on exhibition. The show will continue through May 14 at the Kruglak gallery, located on the Oceanside campus. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

MiraCosta’s North Coast Symphony to perform “Concert for Young At Heart.” The North Coast Symphony will deliver a program of music aimed at kids and their families and those young at heart. May 19, 2 p.m., MiraCosta College Theatre, Oceanside. General Admission, $7; students and seniors, $5

“Stick” Concert Seminar
Greg Howard, Tom Griesgaber and his band Agent 22, and Emmett Chapman will perform at a concert dedicated to the unusual 10-stringed instrument which looks like a guitar and plays like a keyboard. May 25, 7:30 p.m., MiraCosta College Theatre, Oceanside. General Admission, $10; students and seniors, $8 For advance ticket purchases call Monday-Friday, 1-4 p.m., at (760) 795-6815.
MCC Student Reigns as Miss Carlsbad

Michelle Bridger
Staff Writer

MiraCosta College student Karissa Adame was crowned 2002 Miss Carlsbad at the 43rd Annual Miss Carlsbad Pageant on March 16, 2002.

Although Karissa is a busy student at both the Oceanside and San Elijo campuses, with an afternoon child care job at an elementary school, she still manages to find time to serve as Miss Carlsbad. With her reigning title, she has the chance to work with the Chamber of Commerce by attending their monthly Sundowner events, and also works with North County non-profit business organizations as a promoter. Other duties involved in being Miss Carlsbad are attending Grand Openings, and of course, participating in the upcoming Miss San Diego County Pageant, The Fairest of the Fair, to which she devotes four hours each Saturday in preparation.

From an academic perspective, Karissa is well on her way to accomplishing her goals. She has completed all of her transfer requirements and will be ready to transfer in the fall of 2002. She is still narrowing down her choice of universities and is undecided at this time. Her major is Communications, and she hopes to eventually work in Public Relations. Karissa adds that one of the best parts of being Miss Carlsbad is the “networking” that becomes available and the internships that may follow.

At 21 years old, Karissa Adame certainly meets the standards for her obvious external beauty, but also for a well-rounded, poised individual who will undoubtedly serve as an excellent representative for her city of Carlsbad.

Gimme One Reason to Stay Here

Jenny Hoffman
Features Editor

 Blow your way over past the wind generators that line the entrance to Palm Springs, California and you will be offered activities such as golfing, hot air ballooning, and rock climbing. There are over 23 golf courses in the Palm Springs area that extend their fairways to groups and private parties to fit any size pocketbook. Golfing is popular there as well, so reserving tee-times at least a week ahead of time is advisable.

If you have never been hot air ballooning, Palm Springs is the best place to start with its beautiful desert skies that make you wish you didn’t naturally inhabit the ground. There are sunrise as well as sunset rides with champagne celebrations that last 75 minutes. For reservations call 1-800-342-8506.

The Joshua Tree National Rock Climbing School offers classes for beginners and “rusty” climbers as well as the advanced climbers.

The Lighter Side
Words-a-Flying

Jenny Hoffman (and friends)
Features Editor

“Paul, please don’t wear red shirts in our pink office.”

“Jane, I don’t have any pants for the convention.”

“Where is the chocolate?”

“Hey, stop making the Sea Monkeys dizzy”

“Paul, stop poking Brittany.”

“Chileshe loves her chips and Jelly Teddies (French Fries and Gummy Bears.)”

“Fun is spelled S-E-X”, according to the keynote speaker at the convention.

“Andy, if you go to Mexico and do a story, don’t, for the love of God, bring back any aliens!”

“Hey, put the cookies away, an ASG member is coming!”

“Hardcore, sweet, brouhaha, and buzzkill.”

“Hey what IS a carburetor anyway?”

“Susan Sampleton is hot!”

“Guess what? Paul’s voice is changing!”

Take A Turn As An Intern

Ruben Padilla
News Editor

School is out for the summer and what do you do? If you’re one of those MiraCosta College students looking for a way to gain experience in your chosen career while still in school, an internship may be what you’re looking for.

Designed to provide workplace experience to MiraCosta students, internships teach new skills, are an excellent way to begin networking, and enhance your resume.

To participate in the program, you need to have completed at least 3 units at MiraCosta College, be currently enrolled in a minimum of 3 units, meet with an instructor 3 times over the course of the semester, and work a minimum of 50 hours per unit. A maximum of 3 units may be earned with 150 hours of work.

If you would like more information contact Don Pratola on the Oceanside campus, at (760) 795-6806 or Lynn Wetzell, on the San Elijo campus, at (760) 634-7876.
Jason
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what movie in space would not be complete without the android who desires to become human? Those wondering when “evil gets an upgrade” may be disappointed, for it happens during the last ten minutes of the movie. Whether or not Director James Isaac, or New Line Cinema decided to go all out on idiotic comedy for this picture remains to be seen. As I see it, Jason X is just plain idiotic. Grade D-.

Palm Springs
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There are over 4,000 rock climbs to choose from and the school is open year round. One-day seminars start with on the ground training and then take you up on the rocks. The total price of $85 includes the price of equipment.

Day or night, earth or sky, Palm Springs will offer you a gratifying traveling experience this summer and is only two hours from the North County area. For a more detailed synopsis of Palm Springs, go to www.palmsprings.com.

Muck
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But they didn’t. And in not doing so, they burdened themselves with the additional responsibility of completing a job that could otherwise have been long since done. In a moment symbolic of the spirit of the proceedings, committee member, Eric Beard, said that “by having a [re-poll], we’re showing students [that] we really care about their votes.”

Election
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Candidate Kalina Justice also filed a complaint against Brad Marks for “ushering” students to computers so that they could vote for him. Marks admitted to assisting a student to a computer, but he claims that he simply showed the student how to vote and did not persuade him in any way.

Jim Gonzalez and Kaneesha Miller, Directors of Student Activities, gave committee members Manuel Acero, Robyn Herridge, Eric Beard, Rosemary Gutierrez, and Wagan Kassim complete authority in deciding what to do with the serious allegations. Marks, who was represented by his brother Darren Marks, argued that though assisting students to computers to vote for him is unethical and immoral, it is not clearly stated in election code that it’s illegal. According to Gonzalez, Becerra has admitted that the allegations directed toward him were true as well, but claimed that he was not aware of any wrongdoing.

The election code does not state that candidates cannot collect Social Security numbers and vote for students, but the committee weighed in the serious lack of morality in such an act. The committee has since passed several rules to implement into the new election that will restrict candidates from the questionable campaigning that tainted the April election.

Hey, did anyone figure out who Dick is? I thought I saw him on America’s Most Wanted last night.

Don’t forget to re-cast your vote for ASG officers on May 8 and 9. You may log on to the MCC Student Activities webpage or vote in the Student Centers on both campuses.

New Developments
at the Child Development Center
Andrina San Nicolas
Campus Life Editor
Many student parents will agree that finding a great daycare center that doesn’t cost a lot is a job in itself. MiraCosta College students need not look too far, as their search can be limited to the Oceanside campus. You see, the Child Development Center (CDC) not only provides “high quality care that’s affordable,” as Dr. Mark Whitney, MCC instructor and director of the CDC, said, but it is also a starting ground for future teachers and childcare development students. Many students complete their internship here at the CDC. Penny Skemp, CDC coordinator, created the certificate that students earn while working there. And the results of this program have been nothing but phenomenal. Barbara White, MCC student and mother of Brianna Lynn, who goes to the CDC in the morning, said that before her daughter went to the CDC, her speech was unclear. However, now she speaks full sentences and she appears to be more self-confident. “I give them all the credit.”

Now, scheduled to open in Fall 2002, is the newly constructed CDC. As of now, they have two classrooms and are accommodating around 100 families. With the new building opening, they will triple the size of their indoor and outdoor space, and double the amount of enrollment. From observation rooms and infant-toddler programs, to more “room to play,” the CDC has a lot to look forward to. As of now, they have families coming from not only MCC but from the outside community as well. As far as priority lists go, it is no surprise that the students are at the top of the list. “The Childcare Development Center exists to support our MiraCosta College students,” said Whitney. With the anticipation of the new building CDC has a lot to look forward to in the coming semester. “I would recommend anybody to take their children to this daycare,” said White. And as for their old building, it will certainly be put to good use. The CDC plans to move out June 1, and the Allied Heath Profession will soon take over.

Don’t forget to re-cast your vote for ASG officers on May 8 and 9. You may log on to the MCC Student Activities webpage or vote in the Student Centers on both campuses.
Medal of Honor Awards Announced

Congratulations to the following students for their excellence in scholastic abilities. The Medal of Honor recipients are as follows:

- Eric Beard
- Michelle Darley
- Lorrie Fitterer
- Lisa Friedman
- Jeannie Ganley
- Matthew Guglietti
- Jon Hart
- Elizabeth Kingsbury
- Kae Kojima
- Ingrid Kreuter
- Chihiro Tanaka
- Lisa Uberti

The Medal of Honor awards ceremony will be held Friday, May 10, in the Oceanside Student Center Dining Area. Tickets are $15 per person if you are interested in attending. You may purchase your ticket at the cashier office at the Oceanside campus and the Administration Building at San Elijo campus.

“America the Beautiful” to be Presented at MCC

On May 11 MiraCosta College’s choral ensembles will present a concert at 7:30 p.m., at the MiraCosta College theater on the Oceanside campus. General admission for this concert is $7, students and seniors pay only $5. Tickets for the event may be reserved by calling the Theatre Box Office at 795-6815.

Who is this anyway? The answer my friend is blowing in the wind.