

Associated Students elections held during week

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Undergraduate students at the University of California, San Diego will begin a week of voting Monday, April 26, to elect new Associated Student Body officers for the coming academic year.

Six candidates are running for the office of President of the Associated Students, five of them with vice presidential running mates. Four Commissioner offices - community service, academic affairs, student welfare, and external affairs - and the offices of Public Relations Director and Program Board Chairman are also to be decided.

In addition, the students will vote on two resolutions, one of which would reduce by at least 50 per cent the salaries paid to Associated Students officers and the other which would eliminate the mandatory payment of Associated Students fees and make membership in the Associated Students voluntary.

Under the direction of senior Jim MaGill, election commissioner, official ballots have been sent through the campus mail to all undergraduates living in UCSD dormitories. In addition, ballots will be available at each of three polling places for those students who live off campus. In order to vote each student must have a valid student identification card.

The polls will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, April 30. A runoff election will be held from Tuesday, May 4, to Friday, May 7, with an installation dinner for the winners set for Monday, May 10. Some 4,100 undergraduates are eligible to vote.

Running for the Office of President are Revelle College senior Douglas Ballis, Muir College junior Diddo Clark, Revelle College junior Paul Kaufman, Revelle College senior Karl Keating, Muir College junior Brian Ritter, and Revelle College junior David Shaw.

Ballis and his running mate Mary Elizabeth Lyons are running with no platforms other than the statement that they are both "non-candidate candidates." The all-woman team of Diddo Clark and Carmen Nevarez is running on what they call "The Harui Project: Ideas, Activism, and Positive People." Harui is a misspelling of Miss Clark's middle name, Harvi, which she says was produced by the campus computer.

Kaufman and his running mate Tom Caryl say that if elected they intend to form an off-campus student corporation to create an independent financial base for the Associated Students. Keating, and his running mate Mike Sheerin are leading the fight to reduce Associated Students salaries and to make membership in the Associated Students, with the \$6.00 fee required each quarter, voluntary.

Ritter and his running mate Mark Siegel are running on what they call a "sex platform" with a campaign statement of, "Your own mind. Think about it."

Shaw, the lone presidential candidate without a running mate, has stated that he is not interested in being a good Associated Students president and that it is not clear to him if there is even a need for student government.

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