

Porter cleared in formal hearing

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Associated Student Government (ASG) President-elect Don Porter was judged not guilty of campaign violations concerning Article IX, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Associated Students which states "no candidate shall audibly campaign within hearing distance of the polls," in a special hearing of ASG held May 3.

ASG senators Cindy Bennett, Lisa Thomas and Richard Weiss submitted complaints to

elections officer David Riggs with Bennett's and Thomas' complaints concerning violation of campaign regulations, while Weiss' complaint questioned whether Porter was legally enrolled at the college during the election period. Copies of the letters were printed in the May 2 edition of The Print.

Riggs conducted an investigation on the charges submitted and then presented his findings to the ASG body in the special meeting.

Riggs explained that The Print had already confirmed that Porter was legally enrolled at the College and that he was meeting the minimum requirements of six credit hours needed to hold an ASG position.

Concerning an infraction of Article IX, Section II, Riggs said

that a slight discrepancy was involved. He reported that Juanita Maylack, a secretary in the ASG office, did not hear any campaign infractions during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in which she was present in the ASG office. Riggs himself said he had watched the polls and had heard nothing, but Riggs said some students had complained that infractions did occur.

After Riggs' report, the floor was opened for discussion over the complaints raised.

"After hearing from both sides of the issue there will be a senate vote to declare whether a violation had been committed. A three-quarter majority is necessary to declare a violation," Riggs explained to the ASG senators.

Heated debate then followed between ASG members over the vagueness of the present rules concerning campaign violations.

ASG senator Phil Boitnott said that the ambiguity of the rules caused problems.

"People with voices that carry, as well as mine does, can be heard from the cafeteria this makes judgement difficult," he said.

ASG senator Cindy Bennett countered Boitnott's statement by saying that "she had been present when Porter was warned by a poll-watcher that he had committed an infraction."

Porter explained that he had walked up to the polls to see how many people had voted. He said that several people had asked him his name and then he told them who he was and walked away.

ASG Senator Leah Trainer asked elections officer Riggs if in stating his name Porter was committing a campaign violation.

"It is a question of intent and with the information submitted, each senator must decide for themselves," Riggs answered.

Senator's arguments swayed back and forth for over an hour mostly concerning the wording of "audible distance."

Senator Joe Woods; temporarily relieved the building tension by commenting that the special meeting had turned into something like a "Spanish inquisition."

After more debate, senator Richard Weiss moved that a vote be taken on the issue of the accusation that campaign violations had been committed.

The motion was seconded—and a secret ballot, to decide whether Porter had committed a campaign violation was taken. The motion did not receive the required three-quarter majority of the senators present and Porter was judged not guilty of any campaign violations.

Weiss wins run-off for ASG vice president

The run off election for the student government seat of vice-president was concluded last Friday afternoon with Richard Weiss emerging victorious by a large margin of votes.

Weiss received 113 votes, write-in candidate Denise Kline nabbed 42 votes and Marilyn Bushway grabbed 40 votes.

"My key to victory was getting out and talking to people," said Weiss.

Weiss's goals are to "work 26 hours a day, nine days a week—eight aren't enough—to reinstate the death penalty for administrators who don't do their jobs, and be a general all-around nice guy."

This secondary election is

the final wrap up of the reinstatement of student body officers that took place last week. The results of that election were president, Don Porter, business manager, Darren MacFarlane, and secretary, Beth Thompson. The vice president run off race was due to the lack of sufficient majority between Weiss and Bushway.

DAY CELEBRATION—Harold Isackson patiently to release bright colored balloons in celebration of Day held Thursday on campus. Photo by Doug Fick

