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ASCC PRESIDENTIAL RUN-OFF

ELECTION TODAY



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PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS — Manuel Rincon, left, and Bill Robertson, right, begin campaigning for ASCC President, again.

Then there were two; voting continues

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Today and tomorrow Manuel Rincon and Bill Robertson will face each other in a run-off election.

In last week's ASCC Presidential election none of the slates received the required 50 percent of the ballots cast to be declared a winner by ASCC rules.

The Rincon/Parks ticket won 498 of the 1053 votes, just 27 shy of the required 525 needed. There were three ballots declared void.

"I'm surprised at the low number of voided ballots," said Associate Dean of Student Activities, Phillip Houseman. "With a write-in candidate I expected more."

"I think the low number of voided ballots is a direct result of the use of stickers," said Robertson. "It enabled the students to make their selection with ease and accuracy."

Robertson/Blackmer the write-in challengers captured 282 while the other ballot choice of Sisi Vaokakala and Steve Otero garnered 168. A last minute write-in of Steve Mittleman and Jose Martinez got 103 votes.

The last run-off election at Cerritos was in 1984 between Fred Regan and David Mittleman. Regan won that challenge.

This is the first time however, that a write-in candidate has forced a run-off election.

"It shows how strong our candidacy is," said Robertson.

Rincon said, "I feel positive about the results, very enthusiastic. We had a lot of supporters."

POLLING PLACES

- STUDENT CENTER
- HEALTH SCIENCES
- SS ELBOW ROOM

Polls are open today and tomorrow 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A current ASCC card required.

Vaokakala said, "I've learned a lot of things. I'm glad I ran. This won't stop me from being active in student government."

"Yes, I am supporting Bill. I believe in the things he will do for the campus. I hope that whoever voted for me will vote for Bill," said Vaokakala.

Current President Jesus Gomez says of Rincon, "I think he's better qualified. I'll continue to support him."

This is the best voter turnout Cerritos has seen for a while. Last year's election brought out about 400 voters and the year

previous Alex Macksoud won the majority of 837 votes cast.

"I think the voter turnout shows what an active student government program we have," said ASCC Vice President Kelly Kafel. "I guarantee the run-off will be a run for the money."

Kafel issued a "no comment" about supporting either of the two candidates.

Campaigning is expected to be as visible as last week although the publicity will be more controlled.

"Both sides have agreed to follow the publicity code," said Commissioner of Public Relations Lisette Ramos, "There won't be any exceptions, they can have just 10 posters, one banner and an unlimited number of handbills."

Last week the issue of publicity fairness all but overshadowed the campaign issues. Several grievances were filed and subsequently withdrawn. Only one received judgment by the Election Board.

The publicity that came under the scrutiny of the Election Board was Rincon/Parks' posters on sticks held in place by cans filled with cement placed in the Quad and other areas.

The Court judgment stated, "...the utilization of lawn posters is not permitted under the ASCC Publicity Code."

Large banners posted on cars in the parking lot and campaign T-shirts also drew attention. Ramos said, "I can't tell you what to put on your cars except for handbills or what to wear."

These items were approved by Ramos under the section in the publicity code that states, "Anything not explicitly dealt with in the Publicity Code shall be left to the discretion of the Commissioner with the approval of the ASCC President and the Office of Student Activities."

"I hope the Senate next year will take out that section," said Party Whip Allen Holland. "The publicity code was stretched to limits it didn't have. The code should be clear cut."

Holland is the author of the revised publicity code approved this semester.

The two campaign platforms will remain essentially the same.

"We really are aware of what's going on on campus. We have some new ideas for publicity and want to work closely with the landscaping committee," said Parks.

"We want a positive campaign," said Rincon.

"Now we have another tough battle," said Robertson. "We have to make up 200 votes. We feel confident that if the students take a look at the issues they will vote for Robertson/Blackmer."

● MOVIE NIGHT

The movie "Cocktail," showing tomorrow night at 7 and 9 p.m. in the Bur-night Theatre, is free to ASCC members.

● CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA

The annual celebration will be held at Excelsior High School auditorium, May 5, from 7:30 to 11 p.m.

● STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

Award winning student works are on display in the Fine Arts Gallery until May 25.

