



Voters reject Arnold's plan; second term in doubt?

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Yesterday's election has been concluded and the results counted - and, boy, have the people spoken.

In spite of Arnold's effort at not being a sore loser, the outcome does not bode well for the rest of his

term, let alone his bid for re-election.

Although Republicans are already starting to pooh-pooh the national results, Democrats seem to take a slightly different bead, speculating that this election is a barometer for the next presidential election. In reality, that election is

two years away, and lots of things can happen in two years.

Closer to home, however, I feel that predictions can be made with a bit more confidence, especially since the Governor's bid for re-election is effectively starting right now. The defeat of all of the propositions on the ballot signals the

voter's clear dissent with the course he's attempted to set and the approach he's taken to solving California's problems (Which, truth to tell, were not caused by him, but rather a legacy of bad, or badly thought through, policy).

Meanwhile, many Californians will remember his electoral cam-

paign, and the accompanying bravado which, as it now turns out, consisted of eight parts hot air to two parts actual action.

Of course we still have to see how it all shakes out, but it should be pretty obvious that the anger-fluffing approach isn't going to save his seat for the next four years.

Debate over Ohlone land sale is key to future of projects

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for the uses of the available land. Many of these companies were interested in building on all of the available land but only purchasing the lot on the southeastern side of campus.

On the side lot, known as Parcel C, many developers indicated that they would build middle to high-income single-family houses, much like the ones in the surrounding Mission Hills area. The board's decision may force some of these

Students protest Powell speech

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who either died in the war, or were currently active in Iraq. Numerous war veterans opposed to the war also spoke of their convictions against the war.

Many police were present with buses ready to carry away potential arrests. The protests started at the Sunken Gardens in front of the Flint Center around 7 p.m.

Tickets for the event were sold out over a month ago.

Powell resigned from the Bush administration last year after disagreeing with the administration's stance on weapons of mass destruction.

Powell will continue to speak on Thursday and Friday nights and will likely face protesters until the end of the event.

companies to change their plans or abandon their proposals.

During the closed-door session of the board's bimonthly meeting, a vote was cast on whether to sell the land. To sell, the state required a two thirds majority. Just missing the requirement, four trustees voted in favor, two against and one did not vote.

At the beginning of the Oct. 26 public meeting, the board announced its decision, surprising representatives of the faculty and staff. Ohlone Music Professor and College Council Co-Chair Dennis Keller described the decision as a "severe disappointment." English Professor and Faculty Senate President Barbara Tull echoed Keller's concerns and asked board members for an explanation of their vote.

As a professional broker with Marcus & Millichap Real Estate Investment Brokerage Co. in Palo Alto, trustee Bill McMillin has considerable insight into the possibilities for Ohlone's land. McMillin was concerned about selling any of Ohlone's land from the very beginning of the project's planning. He explained that selling the parcels could be a shortsighted act, as the school's needs for the future are uncertain. McMillin supports long-term leases.

Trustee member Nick Nardolillo was not as worried about Ohlone's future land needs. He reminded the board of the 80

acres of land that were bought in Newark for the new Center for Health Sciences and Technology. Nardolillo told the Board, "We have plenty of land at this stage in the game and we need the money now."

The land procured for the Newark campus is almost twice the total area as the mixed-use project's land. The sale would help Ohlone financially and Nardolillo explained that placing the sale proceeds into an annuity account and collecting the interest could create a reliable stream of funding.

Last night, the issue was dis-

cussed further by the board, representatives and the public.

Trustee Robert Brunton brought up the possibility of exchanging the land instead of selling or leasing. This way, Ohlone would still retain land for future growth and the developers would be able to use the land they want, the way they want. If the board pursued this option, Brunton said he would support the measure.

Student Trustee member Tristan Tilma was concerned about the possibility of all voices not being heard, especially student opinion. He said, "The students are the last

to know and get their information after the fact."

Professor Tull expanded on Tilma's statement explaining that "The perception is that the board is out of touch."

After the discussion, the board gave its vote on whether to continue negotiations with developers on a lease only basis. The vote passed 6 to 0.

McMillin said at least one of the developers will want to take out a lease on the land. If they do not, the land will likely be advertised again, as Ohlone has no plans to simply abandon Parcel C.

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