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Alleged pranks spur infighting between student officers

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City Times

"Hey daddy, wanna play?" This text message, sent to Associated Student Government (ASG)

presidential candidate Vikrum Deol on April 11 was meant to imply any number of things, but the question it ultimately poses is, "How do you intend to play?"

The suggestive text message was a response to a fake personal ad that was posted to Craigslist on April 11, in which a Deol impersonator solicited gay companionship using Deol's photo and personal phone number.

Deol received between 50 and

70 responses to the ad the weekend it posted.

"They were asking me if I was looking for a good time and I would just respond, 'Sorry, my girlfriend wouldn't like that,'" said Deol with a shrug and a smile.

What some would call making the best of a bad situation, Deol began campaigning to the inter-

ested parties, asking them for their vote in the ongoing election.

The persons behind the false representation are unknown, but another prank, involving the arrival of 65 pizzas, 25 Quizno's subs and 30 Subway sandwiches at Deol's doorstep, was implemented the same weekend as the Craigslist ad, and is believed to involve current ASG vice president and presidential candidate, Josef Shannon.

The speculation that Shannon was involved in the prank has caused a flurry of e-mail infighting between vice presidential candidate/ASG senator Chris Conyers and InterClub Council president Sydney Martinez.

Flying from one inbox to another are accusations that Martinez, as well as Shannon, had involvement in the pranks against

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City College students of all majors gather under the shade of Gorton Quad for the career expo on the morning of April 15. Students looked and listened to what their future may have to offer them when they get out into the work force. The expo had various vendors and universities such as Sea World, Fox News, the University of Phoenix and San Diego Police Department that informed students know what may have to offer for their future.

City Career Expo helps students looking for jobs

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Something unusual crept across campus on the morning of April 15. A black van, owned by radio station Z90.3, drove into the Gorton Quad and parked. From the van exploded a purple tent — outfitted with turntables and a DJ — and spokeswoman Vanessa Flores, who interns with the popular radio station.

Some students misinterpreted Z90.3's presence as a promise of fun-filled careers in radio.

Flores was asked, "How can we get jobs with Z90.3?!"

"Sorry, no jobs here," she smiled. "We just provide the music."

The Career Expo was punctuated with the thump of danceable beats, courtesy of the head-nodding, track-changing DJ, who selected songs by the likes of Lil' Wayne, Jamie Foxx and Missy Elliot. This was the finale of a three day string of career-related events offered at City College.

Flores encouraged City students to spin a wheel and win prizes such as free keychains emblazoned with "San Diego's #1 station for hip hop and R&B."

Perhaps the most ominous symbol of the event was the cli-

mate, both meteorologically and financially: the Expo came on a windy Tax Day in the midst of a recession.

And how many of those booths actually offered real prospects of a salary or benefits?

Why did the image of business cards and pamphlets blowing haphazardly through the quad seem eerily appropriate?

"Blame it on the E-E-E-E-Economy."

Here's a simple formula:

The number of jobs is declining, plus more people are competing for jobs equals Mario Vera staying in school for as long as he can.

"I'm thinking about a career in medicine," Vera said.

Vera used his time at the Expo to meet representatives from the University of Phoenix. He glanced over literature, schmoozed and then discussed what he'd learned with friends outside the cafeteria.

The University of Phoenix specializes in adult education, originally geared toward adults who split their time between jobs and school.

The school has since expanded to become the largest private university in the United

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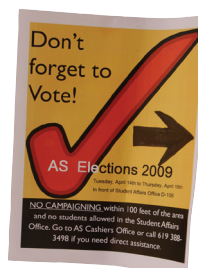
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