

ASUO presidential hopefuls debate goals

Tobias attacks; Bassett defends his IFC votes

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Scott Bassett's activities as an Incidental Fee Committee member were described as a "conflict of interest" by Amy Tobias during the ASUO presidential debate Monday afternoon.

Though Tobias accused Bassett of voting for program budget increases on the IFC to gain votes for his presidential campaign, she didn't name specific examples.

"I wouldn't vote for every budget increase just because it looks good on my record and to get votes," Tobias said.

Bassett maintained his IFC experience did not conflict with the ASUO presidency.

"As an IFC member, I've had to make some tough decisions and I've made some enemies. When your hand goes up to vote no, people don't understand the budget restrictions behind that vote," Bassett said.

He emphasized the need for the next ASUO president to be familiar with ASUO programs and the budget process since the ASUO president administers the budget.

Tobias replied that she had budgeting experience through her involvement with the Information and Grievance Center and said she has a better grasp of students problems than Bas-



Photo by Jimmi Harris

ASUO presidential candidates Amy Tobias and Scott Bassett faced off in the EMU Forum Monday in the final round of debates before this week's ASUO elections, set for Wednesday and Thursday.

"I don't think you can get this (an understanding of student needs) sitting in two years of IFC meetings," she said.

Bassett outlined projects he would work on if he was elected, including research on administrative tenure, the ASUO insurance policy, student surveys, an ASUO program guide

and potential legislative issues.

Tobias attacked Bassett's plans for mailed student surveys and a program guide as "extravagant" noting that she conducted an informal student poll during last week's campaign at a cost of \$12.

Tobias said the way to attack student apathy is to "do things that students will be interested

in." She said the ASUO should sponsor more concerts, although that could "possibly" be a duplication of services because the EMU Cultural Forum presently sponsors many such events.

Tobias lists improvement of academic quality as her first priority. "I am always a student first," she said, adding that

students are interested in the quality of their education.

Bassett also listed academic matters as a major concern, but said there are other issues the ASUO needs to work on. He outlined a "well balanced" plan that would divide his time equally between University issues, administrative duties and legislative work.

Republican chairer denies party splitting apart

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Barbs are flying between the head of the state Republican Party and Gov. Vic Atiyeh, and in the end the GOP regulars may again take over the party, says outgoing GOP chairer Walter Huss.

Huss was scheduled to leave his post April 28, but delayed his departure when former state GOP chairer Steve Young asked for an audit of Republican party funds. Young accused Huss of mismanaging party funds by giving money to candidates before the election campaign last November.

Huss, who announced his resignation from the GOP post two months ago, has yet to step down, and that has Atiyeh hopping mad. In a series of attacks last week, the governor blasted Huss for not

Huss should be ousted, says irate Atiyeh; estranged leader claims he opened doors

turning over the party reins at the end of the month.

Huss backtracked on his resignation two weeks ago and vowed not to leave until the audit is completed. Atiyeh said Thursday Huss should be removed from office "as soon as physically possible." The governor also said he would support a recall movement to oust Huss.

But those threats haven't deterred Huss from his duties. The efforts to oust him are mainly from a "small noisy group of old guard" party members who expect to grab control once he is gone, Huss says.

A conservative minister, Huss was elected GOP chairer during a split convention last August. Since his election, Huss has faced attacks from nearly

every side of the Republican party, including state legislators, Secretary of State Norma Paulus and now Atiyeh.

Some of those complaining contend that under his leadership, the GOP has been split and ineffectual. Those complaints are not true, Huss says.

"The only split I see in the party is coming from a small group of noisy people who lost their toy when I was

elected."

The old guard of party regulars left the GOP shortly after Huss' takeover. Since that time new Republican members have taken over leadership positions in the party from local organizations to the state central committee.

Huss says his organization "opened the doors" to new, inexperienced persons to take control of the party away from "elected officials" who ran it for several years.

That control may come to a halt after Huss leaves. "I foresee the old guard, by their dirty tricks and underhanded means, trying to take over the party once again," he says.

This time they may have enough votes to gain back control of the party, he says.

'New holy day' commemorates holocaust victims

Films, a poster exhibit and an evening memorial service will commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day today, an internationally observed day of remembrance for the victims of the World War II holocaust.

"It's a new holy day which became part of the Jewish calendar during our generation because people wanted a way to express their feelings," says Rabbi Myron Kinberg, of the Temple Beth Israel.

Holocaust Day, or Yom Hashoa, occurs every year on the day when the Jewish people in the Warsaw ghetto began their uprising against the Nazis, Kinberg says.

"They knew they would die, but it was their resistance. It was basically suicide — they fought off the Nazis for several weeks, hiding in sewers until eventually the Nazis leveled the ghetto."

The holy day events, sponsored by the Jewish Students Union, begin with a series of films to be shown in the EMU, room to be posted.

"From the Ashes," 11:45 a.m. and 2 p.m., is an interview with Elie Wiesel, perhaps the world's

foremost author on the holocaust.

"The Legacy of Ann Frank," 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., documents how the Frank family was hidden by non-Jews to avoid Nazi persecution.

"Night and Fog," 12:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m., is a powerful film on concentration camps.

Throughout the day, 55 posters from the war era will be on display in the EMU lobby, outside the fishbowl.

The candle light memorial service begins at 7 p.m. on the lawn next to the Pioneer Mother and is open to the public.

"The most important thing is remembering — people must remain aware of what happened," says Keith Berne, Jewish Student Union director. "Hopefully, our bringing the message to University students keeps the message alive and provokes thought on the subject."

Yom Hashoa is one of two holidays to be added to the Hebrew calendar since the middle ages. The other is the Israel Day of Independence, Kinberg says.