

# Suite 4 sweepstakes

## Candidates focus campaign on higher education funding

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Four students are vying for the job, but at the end of this week only two can be left in this year's ASUO presidential race.

Thomas Brannon, Donovan Guy, Bruce Mills and Rich Wilkins have been campaigning for the ASUO helm for the past week, but the primary elections this Wednesday and Thursday will eliminate two of them unless one garners more than 50 percent of the vote and wins the job on the first ballot.

Most of the campaigning thus far has centered on the dismal prospects for higher education funding in the Legislature and on the current ASUO administration's lobbying efforts, which were organized by Wilkins.

Guy and Mills both have criticized Wilkins, currently ASUO vice president for state and university affairs, for not involving enough students in the lobbying effort.

Aside from the squabbling over the lobbying effort, each of the candidates has a different campaign theme.

Thomas Brannon, who frankly admits he's "never been the head of anything," says, "It's time for an average student" to be elected ASUO president. He says the student government has been dominated by ASUO people, which leads to biases that may not be shared by most students.

If elected, he says he'll maintain an "open-door policy" that will allow constant input from students. He also says he plans to contact the University's departments and schools on a regular basis.

Donovan Guy, the only black student in the race, says he can bring to the ASUO Executive a professional air lacking under current ASUO Pres. Dave Eaton.

To prove this contention, Guy points to his experience as a member of last year's Residence Hall Governance Committee, as president of Smith and Young dormitories and as vice president of the Black Student Union.

As ASUO president, Guy says he'll seek to involve more minority students in ASUO affairs and try to consolidate some of the ASUO programs — especially the environmental programs — to save incidental fees.

"The change I would make is I would take advantage of the students interested in getting involved," says Mills. Too many students have no idea what the ASUO is or what its approximately 80 programs are about, he says.

He blames this situation on the ASUO Executive, not on the programs or the students.

"The ASUO is failing to integrate students into its programs."

Mills has been involved in several Mock United Nations and is a former member of the Political Science Student Union and the Forensics Club. He also worked as a legislative intern to U.S. Rep. Les AuCoin, D-Ore.

Wilkins says he would bring "continuity" to the president's office, which he says is crucial because of the University's current funding problems.

The main projects of his administration would be trying to make the athletic department accountable to student government for its incidental fee allocations, trimming the EMU budget and pushing for a new system of childcare funding.

As well as being ASUO vice president, Wilkins is the Survival Center's legislative coordinator, a former president of the Political Science Student Union and a former director of the Model United Nations.

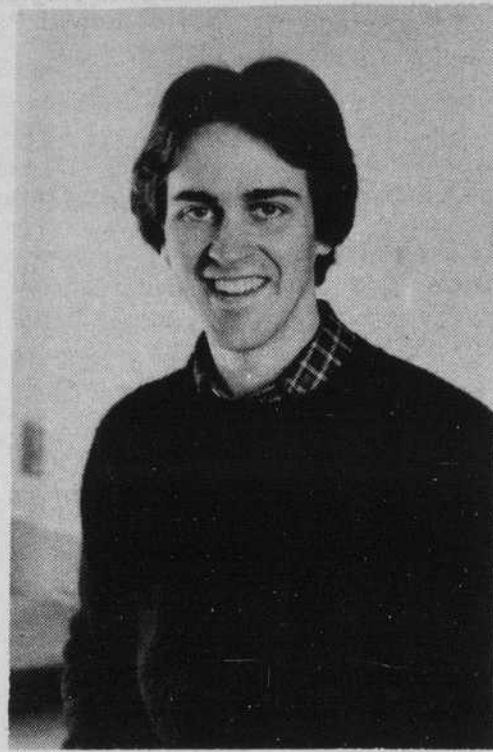
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Tom Brannon



Donovan Guy



Bruce Mills



Rich Wilkins

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