

Candidates point to student apathy

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Students voiced concern about student involvement on campus during a forum for Student University Affairs Board and Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group board candidates Wednesday.

Students do not care about SUAB because some board members are more concerned with "stuffing their resumes" than representing their constituencies, said Tom Birkland, a political science junior running unopposed for the political science/history/language-/international studies/religion position.

Birkland said he would encourage board members to work together instead of concentrating on "internal, petty politics" that have plagued SUAB. He said he has a good working relationship with department colleagues as president of Political Science Student Union.

Grant Robinson, a journalism junior running for the journalism seat, said he would fulfill SUAB responsibilities by being responsible to his constituents and other students and acting as a two-way channel of information for the department. He emphasized his experience as an ASUO lobbyist, Interfraternity Council volunteer and Forensics squad member.

Lori Lieberman, a journalism and political science sophomore running for the same position, said her SUAB experience this year is her biggest asset. She currently represents undeclared students.

Lieberman said she would be willing "to really go after my constituents" who are not necessarily located in Allen Hall.

Communication between the representative and the department needs improvement, said Karin Keutzer, a speech and rhetoric junior running for the telecommunication/speech/theatre position. She said the incumbent had not posted his office hours until Wednesday.

Taking informal polls, posting SUAB meeting minutes and starting a suggestion box are three ways of improving communication, Keutzer said.

David Bauer, a telecommunication junior running

for re-election, emphasized his experience.

A SUAB member since 1981, Bauer said he knows how the University's legislative process works and feels his experience indicates his commitment to the position.

Four candidates for two business/economics positions also spoke.

Jeffrey Brown, a business management and marketing junior, has served on two student-faculty committees. Brown said he would be able to interpret and mirror students' views.

Drew Shavere, a marketing junior, said he has spoken to many students and faculty and could represent his constituency. Shavere said he helped organize a University recruitment drive at the high

schools.

Greg Wimmer, an accounting and finance senior, said his SUAB experience after being appointed to the board earlier this year is an asset. Wimmer said he is working on a revised semester schedule with SUAB Chair Dan Allen.

Students need more clout in voicing their concerns about budget cuts the University has suffered, said John Baier, an accounting and finance junior.

Greg Stewart, a computer science and math major running unopposed for the computer science/math/physics seat said he knows how to handle red tape and "get to the heart of the matter." He is the co-founder and president of the Oregon Computing Association.

Larry Sebring, a pre-health sciences freshman running unopposed for biology/chemistry/geology, said he would commit himself to be an effective representative of his constituents.

Robert Dullea, an undeclared sophomore running for an undeclared student seat, said he would work to increase SUAB's exposure.

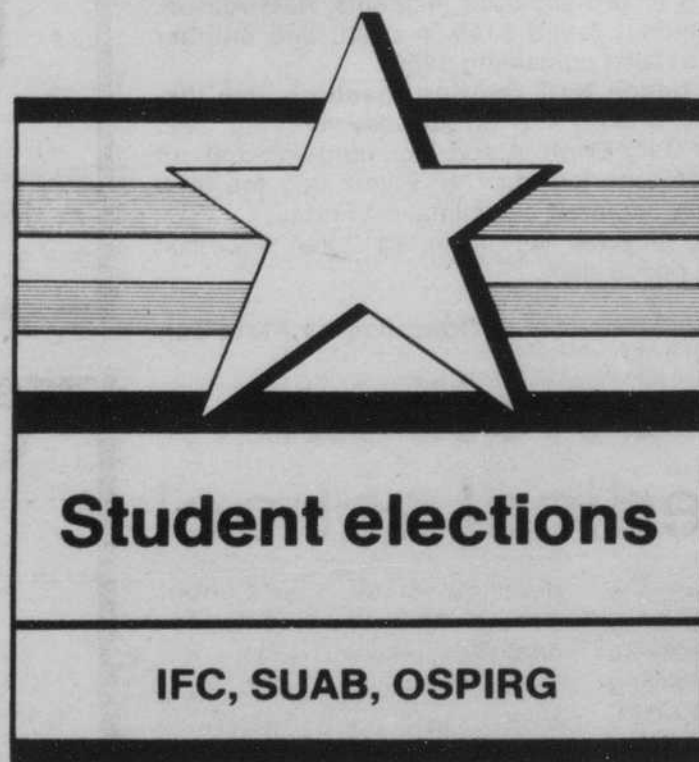
Five of the 11 OSPIRG board candidates for nine board positions showed up to speak. Carol Benedick, an undeclared sophomore, said a board position would provide her with experience she needs. She has worked on the Citizens Utility Board project.

OSPIRG must be more of a student advocate, said Mark Tone, a political science and sociology sophomore. The group also should promote itself to groups such as dorm residents and single parents to inform them of OSPIRG's services, he said.

Daniel Malarkey, a history and economics senior, emphasized his experience working on a bottle bill with a Massachusetts' PIRG. The experience taught him students can be effective, he said.

Amy Gredler, a journalism senior, is an OSPIRG public relations intern who has been involved with the group for two terms. The group should provide a stronger student voice in the state, Gredler said.

Doug Scott, a political science junior, said he would try to provide more outreach and more focus for student research projects.



IFC hopefuls push for clear budget policy

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Sticking to established criteria before the budgetary process begins was a common campaign pledge Incidental Fee Committee candidates made at a debate forum Wednesday.

Brad Gevurtz, a law student, said he would be open-minded and fair in allocating student fees — "the lifeblood of programs on campus."

The IFC should freeze the incidental fee and establish a task force to evaluate incidental fees, said Eric Stillwell, a political science sophomore.

Stillwell noted although the IFC cut 45 percent of programs, the amount of money those programs received consumed 10 percent of all allocated funds, while the committee increased the budgets of 34 percent of the programs, which consumed 88 percent of available money.

Tess Brasser, a law student, said she is running to give the committee more

diverse representation.

Programs should have to justify their budget every year instead of basing their budget requests on the previous year's allocation, said Al Steinhaus, a finance junior. Because of decreasing enrollment, the committee will have to combine budget cuts with a small fee increase, he said.

Suzanne Seigneur, a business and marketing junior, said she would cast her committee votes for educational and learning-experience programs. Programs relevant to student needs must be funded, Seigneur said.

The committee needs to set funding priorities in its spending next year because most programs this year were cut "to the bare bones," said Marc Spence, a political science senior. Spence was appointed to fill a vacancy on the committee in February.

The committee needs a clear and definite policy to prevent runaway spending, said Mary Shrauger, a political

science senior who is running for re-election.

The IFC should institute a freeze on the incidental fee, said Mark Cleveland, a pre-business and political science sophomore. The committee should inform the programs of spending policies before budget hearings, he said.

Bill Odegaard, an undeclared freshman, said his military experience has prepared him for the committee. Odegaard said he worked in personnel administration and with the military finance system.

The IFC should adopt spending guidelines so the committee is accountable to students, said Lois Day, a law student. Day said she had two years experience with a similar finance body during her undergraduate schooling.

Dale Penegor, a political science and economics junior, emphasized he is an independent candidate with no biases from previous program affiliations. He is on the University Bookstore Board of

Directors.

The IFC should adopt criteria and guidelines, because otherwise the possibility exists of making arbitrary decisions, said Laurie Abraham, a law student. The committee should fund programs that meet the University's diverse needs, she said.

Leslie Dewson, a political science junior, emphasized her experience with the Recreation and Intramurals program in helping draft its budget. The committee needs to start focus groups that bring in outside people for information and education, she said.

The IFC does have guidelines — resolutions — that partially formulate the committee's funding criteria, said Mary Alice Holmes, a psychology junior running for re-election. Holmes said she would devote as many hours to the committee as she did this year.

The IFC must do its preliminary work in the fall instead of during budgeting season, said Julie Davis, a law student.

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