

'People's Choice' ticket stresses cooperation

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Phil Levinson admits he doesn't have a lot of experience in student government, but believes he is still qualified to be ASUO president.



Calling himself "the People's Candidate," he stresses cooperation, responsibility, communication and integrity in leadership, and hopes to bring those qualities to the executive office in EMU Suite 4.

Levinson is a sophomore economics major, minoring in business. He believes the University should act as a role model for the rest of society, and if elected, he would strive to bring the school the prestige it deserves, he said.

"I'm uniquely experienced in that I haven't had typical

political experience," he said, adding that his involvement with the Honors College, the Big Brothers program and the University cross country and track teams have developed qualities in him that he believes the ASUO president should possess.

Cooperation is a large aspect of Levinson and his running mate Robert Ball's idea of student government.

"As president, you're not in a 'boss' situation. You need the cooperative approach," Levinson said. He would achieve a more cooperative ASUO office through face to face integration among the president, vice president and the student population, he said.

Levinson said the role of special interest groups and inequity in Incidental Fee Committee funding are some of the problems facing the current ASUO administration.

"While some groups (student political parties) say they represent the collective, they repre-

sent themselves," Levinson said. "Being involved in a political party diminished sight of the whole picture."

If elected, Levinson said he hopes to make the student government more visible to the students at large.

"I would alter the position (of president) so he or she is not seen as so much the unapproachable head honcho or boss of everyone else," he said. He has seen too much neglect of people's interests in the past, and the ASUO Executive should be held accountable for more of its actions, he said.

The 1987 elections involve more issues and more students than in the past, Levinson said.

"It's not a question of will some major political party win over the collective, the bulk, the masses," he said. "I believe we'll (he and Ball) end this long period of political persecution."

The other half of the "People's Choice" ticket, Robert Ball, is a junior majoring in both business and English. He reflects Levinson's position on the importance of communication between the ASUO Executive and the students.

"It is the job of the president and vice president to act as an information center," he said. "You gather information, sort it, decide which is relevant. Then you put that together and come up with a solution."



Phil Levinson and Robert Ball

Ball began thinking of getting involved in student government after he started questioning how his incidental fees were being spent, he said.

"I don't see the ASUO government now as focusing on the campus level," he said. "This results in students not seeing the benefits (of incidental fees)."

Ball also is concerned about the visibility of the student government, he said. He sees some students, especially dorm residents and foreign students, as being unaware of what is going on within the ASUO.

"Somehow the ASUO is separated," he said. "I see Phil and myself as making dormitory students, or all students for that matter, aware of the ASUO by implementing strategies or ac-

tivities to make ASUO more accessible."

Ball does not have any college-level government experience, but he has worked for companies that taught him how to complete projects and deal with people, he said.

Ball also stressed the ability of he and Levinson to work as a team. The two have been friends for awhile and would compliment each other if elected to office, he said.

"Phil has incredible ability as a 'people person.' Together with my strong points, we make a good team," he said.

One problem Ball would try to correct is the way campus groups are represented, he said. The way the ASUO is currently run is not fair to all groups, he said.

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Groups announce election endorsements

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SPA has endorsed Armando Morales, Douglas Pyle, Steve Hoyt, Kristin Teigen and Teddy Wallace for positions on the In-

cidental Fee Committee. SPA also endorsed four candidates for the EMU Board: Joern Wettern, Bo Kim, James Munyer and William Todd. And for the Associated Student President's Advisory Committee, SPA endorsed Jeff Morgan.

The Greek endorsements for the IFC went to Sandra Thompson, J.B. Leahy and Collin Farrell. For the EMU Board, the

Greeks endorsed Joern Wettern and Matt Smith, and for ASPAC, they endorsed Jeff Hannon and Nicole Lewis.

The committee also announced endorsements for the Student Senate: Mark Sanders, Eric Grimes, Michael Faherty and Cory Wynne.

The MBAA endorsed candidates for the IFC, EMU Board and ASPAC. It had planned to endorse a candidate for the presidential and vice presidential positions, but was unable to reach a consensus, said Don Morrison, the program director.

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