

Six candidates for student senate discuss issues at elections forum

By Carolyn Lamberson
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Six candidates out of the 16 running took part in a Student Senate forum sponsored by the Elections Board Thursday.

At the forum, mediated by Vice Provost for Student Affairs Gerry Moseley, the six candidates were given two minutes each to speak and then respond to questions from the small audience.

The candidates who appeared were Alicia Sloan, Cory Wynne, Michael Faherty, Mark Sanders, Peter Nesbitt and Sean E. Smith.

Sloan is running unopposed, but believes it is important for students in her department (psychology) to know who she is. She told the audience she wanted to be on the senate because she wants to make a difference in student government.

Smith, running for the seat from the rhetoric department said he sees a need for cultural diversity and communication on campus and also answered a

question from presidential candidate Steve Frichette on pre-registration for upperclassmen in some departments.

Smith said he would support pre-registration, not just in the rhetoric department, but in all departments.

Wynne was the only candidate seeking re-election at the forum and stressed greater relations between the government, faculty and students. He also emphasized the position of the senate.

"The senate is in a unique position. It has the means and the methods of affecting University policy," he said, through its involvement with the University Senate.

A second candidate vying for the rhetoric department seat is Faherty. In answer to a question from Incidental Fee Committee member Ron Munion on the senate's role in the appointment process, Faherty said he did not see the senate as a rubber stamp to the Executive's recommendation.

Peter Nesbitt, also seeking the rhetoric department senate seat, sees himself taking an apolitical stance and not playing party politics with the senate.

The final candidate to speak, Mark Sanders, responded to a question from presidential candidate Sarah Lachkar on drug testing.

"I do not support mandatory drug testing," he said. "The costs of drug testing are so astronomical, and we cannot afford it."

The audience was then encouraged to question the panel as a whole, and topics ranged from the the "real" power of the senate to its future potential.

Wynne, as the only current senator at the forum, found himself defending the senate, and suggested more students, and the senators themselves might need to have a clearer understanding of the senate and the senate's role in student government.

Farrell would place emphasis on 'depoliticizing' budgeting process

By Scott Maben
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Collin Farrell certainly didn't popularize the phrase 'No taxation without representation.'

But if elected to the Incidental Fee Committee, this University senior promises he will deliver on the theme of the historic battle-cry.

One reason he is running is to curb neglect of "major student groups" in the IFC's budgeting process, he said.

The Athletic Department and University marching band are two groups deserving a bigger cut of student fees in light of their growing student representation, Farrell said.

The Athletic Department "serves a large majority of the student body, whether it be athletes or people who go watch the events," Farrell said.

Farrell complimented the Athletic Department for going to the student ballot with their measure, which requests a substantial increase per student, rather than soliciting the IFC.

"Any major increase proposal should be sent to the students," Farrell said.

However, Farrell says he stresses decreasing overall fees.

"It seems like fees have just kept going up and up and up, and there hasn't been any responsibility. The people who we elect promise they're not going to raise fees, and then they end up raising fees. I definitely don't want (fees) to go up any more," Farrell said.

As an IFC member, Farrell said he would set aside funds at the beginning of the academic year for organizations he recognized as in need of better funding before calculating how much to spend on other groups.

Had last year's fees committee prioritized in this manner, they might have averted completing the budgeting \$160,000 in the hole, causing this year's fee hike, Farrell said.

He also believes incidental fees should be made "more accessible to the students."



Collin Farrell

He would accomplish this by "depoliticizing" the budgeting process, as well as educating

students about what their money is being spent on.

The responsibility of the IFC is to allocate funds "in an equitable, fair manner," and is not subject to the political beliefs of IFC members, Farrell said.

Farrell is pursuing a double major in marketing and finance, and said he's worked with student budgeting for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and as a Greek academic assistant. He prepared next year's budget proposal for the interfraternity council as the group's treasurer, and has been endorsed by Concerned Students for Responsive Leadership.

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Further, he said he does not see an end to AIDS and its relationship to homosexuals.

"They (homosexuals) will continue to be irresponsible, and because of that irresponsibility they will die," he projected. "And that is exactly what should happen."

Douglas Fountain, the president of the College Republicans, said he heard about Wednesday's incident, but that Beam was handing out the pamphlets for his own reasons and not in conjunction with either the Republican party or the College Republicans.

"They were doing something they believe in as individuals," Fountain said.

The pamphlets Beam was distributing on Wednesday were printed in 1983 by an organization called the Alert Citizens of Texas.

Not only is the information in the pamphlet outdated, but the statistics are inaccurate, Kennedy said.

"AIDS isn't a discriminating virus," Kennedy said. He urges anyone who wants to receive information about AIDS to call the U.S. Public Health Service, GALA or the University Health Center.

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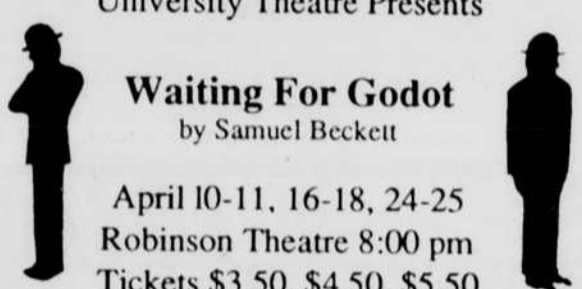
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