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Prospective teachers get true-life answers

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Some things will never change.

A panel of junior high students revealed to a group of University students who want to be teachers that school lunches still suck, substitute teachers are still taken advantage of and meeting your best friend between classes is still the top priority in junior high school.

"Hot lunches are something you buy only if you have to," said panelist, Eva.

"Once, I saw Elvis in my burrito," said eighth grader, Katie,

laughing along with the five other students from Roosevelt Middle School.

The group was at Chapman Hall Tuesday night to answer questions from about 40 ESCAPE volunteers interested in becoming student teachers. The purpose of the seminar was to find out what kids want out of teachers and what school is like these days.

"We're here to break down barriers between us and this age group," said Amy Amato, division head of ESCAPE. Amato then fielded questions to the panelists.

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Peter, Bessie and Eva (left to right) were among the Roosevelt Middle School students who told prospective teachers what it's like in the "real world."

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Student Senate seeks applicants for 28 committees

By Chester Allen
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If you are interested in advising the University on intercollegiate athletics, student financial aid, ethnic studies or many other issues, the Student Senate committee on committees is looking for you.

The Student Senate is looking for students to serve on 28 University student-faculty committees for the 1992-93 academic year. On each committee, students, faculty and staff work together on advisory and administrative matters. All committee positions are unpaid.

Jodie Hall, vice president of the Student Senate, said serving on a committee is a good way for students to get in-

volved with the actual operation of the University.

"Student committee members get a chance to influence events on campus," she said. "Generally, student votes are equal to faculty votes on each committee."

Hall said a student's academic record is not considered when applications are reviewed by the Student Senate.

"A successful applicant will give us a reason to think they would be good for that committee," she said. "We choose people on their interests, not their grades."

Student Senator Amy Brandon, who served on last year's Scholarship Committee, said working on a committee was a valuable and time-consuming experi-

ence.

"Reviewing the scholarship applications took a lot of time," she said. "But it was insightful as to how the University actually delegates its scholarships."

Brandon said she had to budget her time carefully while working on the committee, but she thinks the experience was worthwhile.

"I got a chance to work with faculty on an equal level and affect how the University is run," Brandon said. "Besides, it's great resume experience."

Professor Lynn Kahle, chairman of the marketing department, said student participation in the intercollegiate athletics committee is important to both the University and the student.

"Student committee members provide

us with information about the realities of classes and the pressures on students," he said. "That helps us preserve the student experience for student-athletes."

Kahle also said committee experience may help students find a job when they graduate.

"A number of employers are now looking beyond GPA," he said. "They are more likely to hire someone with a slightly lower GPA who has been an active member of the University community."

Hall said interested students should pick up a committee application at the Student Senate office. Completed applications are due by Oct. 14.

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