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## Candidates to speak at Senate forum

**ASUO ELECTIONS:** Student government hopefuls will answer questions about controversial issues

By Doug Irving  
Student Activities Reporter

A new class of student senators will be elected this month. To help students better educate themselves about the candidates, the ASUO Elections Board will offer a Senate forum tonight at 7 in the Walnut Room.

"These people will actually affect you more than the president and vice president," said Brandon Smith, the voter education coordinator for the ASUO elections board. "If they're on the finance committees, they're going to decide where your money is spent."

Between 20 and 30 Senate candidates are expected to attend the forum, although there are about 35 running for office, Smith said. He added that "a lot of the candidates don't even care that much about it."

Some of the races for Senate

seats are uncontested, and some candidates have really not thought through their decisions to run, Smith said. Because of this, many are really indifferent to the forum, he said.

In the forum, each candidate will be asked four questions that deal with an issue of importance to the campus and students. The questions will be asked in a round-robin fashion, Smith said.

The questions will mostly be unrelated to the actual Senate positions but will address controversial issues, Smith said. Probable topics will be the Aryan Pride presence on campus and the financial state of the University.

Smith will post a list of the questions that will be asked on the Senate door in EMU Room 28 about half an hour before the forum, he said. In addition, the public will be given a half hour at the end of the forum to ask their own questions.

"The public will be allowed to put the candidates on the spot," Smith said. "I'd actually be more interested in hearing what the students have to say."

The Senate forum is an annual tradition, although last year's forum was a disaster, Smith said. Many of the candidates procrastinated until the last day to enter the race, and the forum was flooded with about 80 candidates, he said. Consequently, each candidate was only given about 30 seconds to speak.

This year, the numbers have declined a little bit, Smith said. Also, the format has been changed to make the questioning more fair and to prevent any candidate from having a substantially longer time to prepare an answer.

Student Senators control many of the financial aspects of the student programs and oversee the allocation of student funds, Smith said.

Because of this, a student Senator who is against spending \$1.8 million to buy the student body football tickets each year could work to stop free tickets, he said.

"These people, as Senators, probably affect more people than the president," he said.

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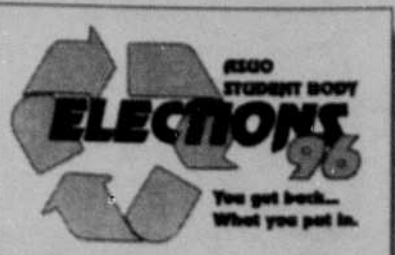
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