

Candidates voice views on next year's ASG

Familiarization, reorganization, restructuring and progression of the College's student government appear to be the separate philosophies of the three candidates competing for the position of student body president.

Richard Weiss is presently a senator in student government. He feels that the College needs a different style of leadership and student government must become more assertive in order to get more things done.



Richard Weiss

"I would like to high profile the student government, make it reach out to the students," Weiss said. "I would like to com-

municate with the students on a person-to-person basis generating more student awareness as to what student government can constructively do for them as a whole," he said.

If elected as president, Weiss said that he would like to create certain activities people would appreciate.

"I would like to take surveys in an effort to locate where the student's interests lie.

In terms of leadership, Weiss said that he has worked as a leader among the people in his occupations and experiences in the military.

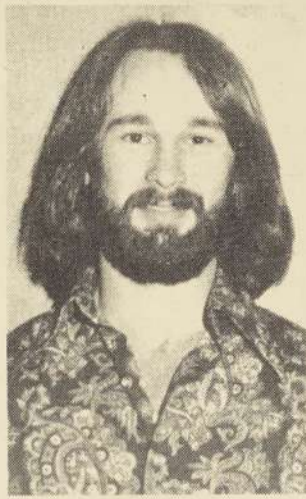
"Student government needs some sort of structure to get anything done. I will initiate leadership training programs among each of the members of student government explaining individually the responsibility and importance of their positions and what is expected of them," Weiss said. "I would like to see student government working for the students instead of student government working for student government."

Weiss likes what he sees in the College as an academic institution and respects the faculty and the administration.

Mike McCarty, presidential incumbent, would like to implement more programs and further organize the student government he has fashioned this year.

"There still exists a lack of organization with no structure in

student government," McCarty said.



Mike McCarty

He has begun a program of managerial-type leadership within the senate. This program would set specific duties for each senator and provide them with a direct contact for problem solving.

McCarty doesn't feel that the senate's lack of enthusiasm for a structured organization is a serious detriment and plans to carry out his program next year.

McCarty has served on many committees that have had a direct impact on students as well as with the future of the College and the community.

Among these committees are

the Short and Long Range Planning committees, the Extraordinary Tuition Waiver Committee and the Student Rights, Freedoms and Responsibilities Committee.

Practical experience-wise, McCarty has previously served as ASG senator, assistant to the president and is a business student furthering himself in politics.

"I like representing the people. I'm not a radical out of the 60's feeling that threatening force is the way to handle affairs. College affairs and issues should be acted upon in a rational and smooth manner," McCarty said.

"I would like to continue on the direction student government is going and make it a more credible body," he said.

Another of McCarty's main goals is to promote student participation in collective bargaining. He feels that since decisions on tuition, class load, course offerings and faculty work load directly affect the student as a consumer, students should be involved at a bargaining level.

Randal Camplin is a first-year student in psychology at the College. Having no direct involvement with student government, Camplin said the presidential office would be a good

learning experience.

"I'm not trying to sell myself to be elected, but I think I'm

going to win because of the people I know," Camplin said.

Camplin said that he would like to see the football program reinstated and the possible construction of a College swim



Randall Camplin

ming pool in the near future. "Not many physical changes have occurred on campus," said.

Camplin would like to see more physical evidence of ASG influence such as more quiet areas for conversation and studying in the student center.

Budget cuts to axe county information agency

Clackamas County residents will lose an important resource if proposed budget cuts by Community Action close down its Information and Referral Center.

The Information and Referral Center (I and R) is the only comprehensive information and referral service in the county and handles up to 700 calls a month from county residents who need aid in finding help for their problems.

"I and R is a clearing house for anyone with a need", said Esther Walworth, I and R Coordinator, "And in doing so extends that service with an attitude that will help preserve pride and dignity.

"I and R is linking people in need with an agency designed to eliminate or alleviate that need."

I and R isn't just a phone answering service, according to Walworth, but an agency that follows up on its callers to insure that they have found the help they needed.

"We've had people call us from a phone booth with their last dime and we've kept them there while we made up to ten calls to find them emergency shelter, food and whatever they needed," said Walworth.

I and R also has a small emergency fund to help people pay utility and fuel costs provided they meet Community Service Administration guidelines.

Along with providing information and emergency services, the coordinator and three assistants work with other agencies to tabulate data to determine the

need for services in outlying areas of the county.

"We gather statistics for the other areas and help locate such things as the Loaves and Fishes programs (a program that provides hot meals to senior citizens)," said Walworth.

Walworth doesn't feel that the agency can continue to help the people it does now on a reduced budget.

"We need all our staff and I don't see how the budget could be cut and have us continue to work effectively," she said.

The budget cuts will also close down the county transportation system that provides transportation for senior citizens and handicapped persons throughout the county. It could also affect the proposed crisis line, that is scheduled to start June 1.

"If they don't have the funds for a toll-free line there won't be a crisis line," said Walworth. However, there may be a crisis line without the toll-free services that would offer help locally.

Closure of the I and R program would in itself have far-

reaching effects on the citizens of this county, said Walworth.

Many of the people who call I and R for assistance either don't know which agency to get

hold of or have tried once and were rebuffed and don't have the courage to try again.

"Having us project a person's story opens some doors because agency people know who to go to, while an individual might be

told to call another number and be too timid to phone."

I and R helps put residents in touch with counseling, employment, emergency housing, live-in assistance, yard work and small chore services and businesses that offer senior discounts.

Individual wishing to protest the proposed budget cuts should call or write to the county commissioners at the county courthouse, said Jim Phillips, community action director.

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