

# opinion

## An old joke never dies

Today and tomorrow the election of the student senate will be taking place.

There are 15 positions to be filled and 22 candidates. Last year there were 15 positions and 15 candidates, a situation which Assistant to the ASG President Jerry Bellavita said "was kind of a joke."

This year's election will be no less a joke than last year's election.

It seems ironic that Bellavita made the "joke" comment during what had to be the biggest joke of this year's election -- the Student Senate Forum.

The forum was held to give the senate candidates a chance to relate their qualifications and aspirations to the student body as well as give the student body a chance to ask questions of the candidates. We hope that the dozen or so students who paid attention to the proceedings got something out of the forum.

There was almost as little participation shown on the part of the candidates at the forum. Only four candidates were actually present at the forum and two other candidates had statements read by Bellavita.

The six candidates who participated -- in one way or another -- were Howard Burke, Tom Blether, Candice Schwabauer, Earl Diment, Maureen Kearney and Ken Roberts.

By the way, this version of the forum is only half the story. The second session of the forum saw only one candidate participating; one who had taken part in the first session.

The next bit of humor stems from the way names were allowed to be placed on the ballot.

It was discovered the ASG constitution has made no provisions for the necessity of candidates turning in petitions with a set number of student signatures.

For all we know, students may have decided to do something hilarious like putting the name of an imaginary student on a petition.

The election as a whole has been unorganized. It was scheduled that elections would start three days after the due date on the petitions. This leaves three days for candidates to "campaign" among the student body. Hardly enough time to "barnstorm" the campus.

But maybe there isn't enough interest on campus to warrant serious campaigning. If there was interest then all of the candidates would have taken advantage of the forum instead of a mere handful.

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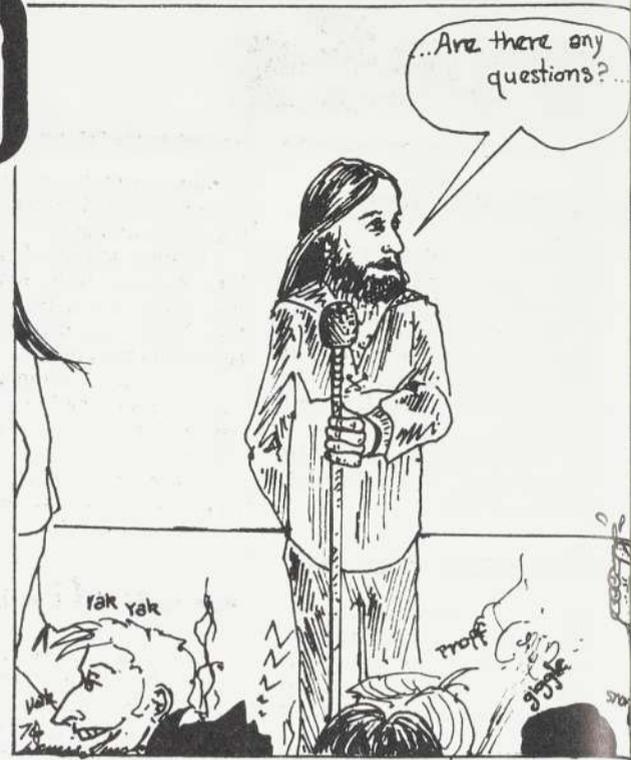
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