

Vice-presidential candidates speak out Boedigheimer stresses 'strong work ethic'

by Frank Jordan
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Jeff Boedigheimer, a candidate for Associated Student Government vice-president, believes that a strong work ethic instilled in him from a young age and the desire to do what is best for Clackamas makes him the best-qualified person for the job.

Boedigheimer is a first-year student at Clackamas, currently majoring in general humanities, with a computer aided drafting minor. He hopes to receive his associates degree in drafting next year and then transfer to Oregon Institute of Technology to get a bachelor of science in industrial management.

"I really do love school. I like the fact that I am learning something new everyday. Working full-time and going to school full-time means that I am a very busy guy, but that is better than not being busy enough," he said.

When asked why he wants to run for vice-president instead of president, Boedigheimer replied, "I think that I could help out better in a support role instead. Right now, I am in the process of getting my second degree and I'm working, so I am pretty busy. I can give more of my time and be more productive in the role of vice-president with



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Jeff Boedigheimer believes he would be a good ASG vice-president because of his strong work ethic.

the limited amount of time that I have."

Boedigheimer is currently the ASG senator to the entertainment coordinator, and said that his present experience will help him in the new job he is seeking. "I believe that I am more in tune with what is going on around our school. I got involved because there were not enough people running for the job, and I'm hav-

ing more fun than I ever thought that I would have. I can help student government out more than I can hinder it, and that is part of the reason that I am running. I have a good feeling about this," he said.

When dealing with the year in and year out problem of student apathy, Boedigheimer comes up with this: "Let's face it, Clackamas is a commuter cam-

pus. We don't want and have no intention of becoming like the four-year school. What we have to do is to try to get things that will spark the students' interests. We have to keep something going on constantly. I really believe that the more options that we give the students, the better that it will be for all of us," he said.

One of the biggest problems that has faced this year's version of the ASG is the problem of high turnover among ASG officers and senators. Boedigheimer said that

the ASG has to go back to the initial interview process used to select ASG officers and senators to solve the problem. "If we are to get the best people, it goes back to the interview. We have to ask the right questions of people, and to let those people know what is expected of them. ASG constitutional revisions are going on at the present time, and individual duties as far as the constitution is concerned will be reworked. Up to this time, we have been kind of running blind as far as responsibilities of positions," he said.

What makes Boedigheimer different than the other candidates running against him? He said it is the strong work ethic that has driven him since a young age. "I started working at age 13. I worked on fishing boats in Alaska, and all sorts of different jobs. At the present, I am working on my second degree. I feel compelled to do my part. I have lots of energy to give to this school. When I begin a task, I usually finish it. I guess you might say that I am the eternal optimist. I'm willing to try anything that is asked of me. One of the mottos that I live by is 'The worst thing that someone can say is no,'" he said.

When asked to describe himself in one word, Boedigheimer didn't even have to think of an answer. He said, almost immediately, "Spontaneous."

Thomas envisions 'brand new ASG'

by Nolan C. Kidwell
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Joel Thomas is running for the office of Associated Student Government vice-president for the coming school year.

"I'm used to working with students and helping them succeed at what they're doing," said Thomas, who has had two years of leadership training.

Thomas, in his first year at Clackamas, would like to have an "open door policy" if he is



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Joel Thomas, who is running for ASG vice-president, is used to working with students and helping them succeed.

means committee," he said. "I learned the bookkeeping side of things on the computers at my work." Thomas said that his past experiences with money will help him with the treasurer responsibilities of vice-president.

"I get along with people," Thomas said. "I think the vice-president has to be really flexible with the way he or she deals with people."

Initiative is an important part of the position, according to Thomas.

"I get things done. I don't sit around and wait for people to tell me things to do," Thomas said.

One specific change which he would like to see is "the attitude of the clubs," Thomas said. "They can be a factor in knowing what is going on."

Aside from his student involvement, Thomas likes to ride horses, which he would like to do in the Olympics some day. He also enjoys a variety of sports and reading books.

"I love to read. That's probably what I spend most of my time doing," he said.

Thomas is hopeful about next year's student government. "It will be a brand new ASG next year," Thomas said.

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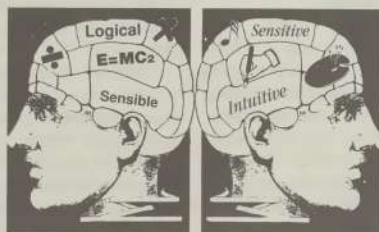
elected. "I want to have a better relationship with students than there has been in the past," he said.

He would like to have ASG members go and talk to students around campus. "As vice-president, I would think that I would be a support for students," Thomas explained.

In high school, Thomas was part of the debate club and worked with student government.

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