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Three students campaign for ASG president

The Associated Student Government presidential elections this year features three contenders for the first time in years and give the students some hard choices to make in next week's election.

ASG Advisor Norm Berney said there has never been this many students campaigning for executive positions.

Polls will be open for two days starting May 10 and polling boxes will be available at the Community Center and at

Streeter Hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., said ASG Vice-President Bryan Fuentez.

Absentee ballots will be available at the ASG office starting May 7.

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Brown has managing ability, a desire to serve students

Lynn Brown is a graduate of Portland's Franklin High School. While attending school she was a member of the school's speech team



and participated in Junior Achievement and Honors Society.

She worked eight years as a bank manager for Oregon's Key bank and then left to become a manager of a Burgerville, even though she enjoyed her job at the bank.

"Bank managers don't make a great deal of money, but Burgerville offered me \$3000 more a year to be a manager for them," she said.

With the extra money from her job at Burgerville, she

saved enough to begin attending Clackamas as a full time student. This is her second year and she is seeking a transfer degree in business administration. She said she will go on to a four-year university. Currently she is the ASG Chief of Staff and it is her first year participating in student government.

"Since I have gone into student government, I'm leaning toward political science. I'm staying another year because I want to take

the necessary required classes for the political science transfer degree," she said.

Since beginning her political science studies, she said she is now considering becoming a lawyer and eventually she hopes to be elected to a state office such as a senator.

Brown voted to approve of the tuition increase to \$36 per credit. "We got ourselves into a bind with the building improvements be-

cause of the water intrusion; we are really hurting. The choice was to either raise the tuition and keep up the programs we currently have or we would have to start cutting back on the programs because the budget is so tight right now, we couldn't continue to go the way we were," she said. "I think for the students we need to keep up the programs we currently have."

When the ASG first voted on holding a constitutional

convention, Brown voted no. "It was unclear to the majority of the student government as to why it was occurring, why all of a sudden it was brought to the student government," she said.

She abstained during the second vote, because she felt some issues were still not cleared up, but the motion to hold the convention passed. She now supports the constitutional convention. "I am for the revision of the bylaws," she said.

Lewis has experience at organizing school clubs

Mike Lewis was born in Portland, moved to Milwaukie in 1994 and attended Milwaukie High School. In high school he was not a member of the student government, but many of his friends were and he helped with projects.

One event he helped organize was Living History Day, held on Memorial Day. The school invited military veterans from all 20th century wars to share their

memories. Each year they got at least one World War I veteran.

Lewis was a wrestler in high school and placed in three events at the Oregon State High School finals in 1997: collegiate, Greco-Roman and freestyle.

Lewis attended Portland State University for two terms before he transferred to Clackamas.

He came to Clackamas because of the wrestling pro-

gram and "a lot of friends are here and I like the atmosphere here," he said.

"I'm majoring in business and plan to go on to U of O to get my four-year in business when I am done here next year, and possibly law school after that. I would like to be a business lawyer."

Lewis has been the Club Senator for the ASG this year and organizes clubs council, the clubs fair and the clubs Valentine's crafts fair. "We

have also had three or four new clubs start up this year," he said.

He is also working on hooking up a clubs page connected to the school's website, "so that everyone just checking out our campus can look up the different clubs on our campus," he said.

He also organized the Building Bridges dessert and is ASG vice-president Bryan Fuentez' assistant.

Lewis voted to approve the tuition increase, indicating that Clackamas still has one of the lowest costs for tuition of Oregon's community colleges.

On the two votes for holding a constitutional convention, Lewis abstained from voting. "I declined to vote because I don't agree with either side really," he said.

"It doesn't matter what we write on paper, it's what we do."



Rankin wants to open ASG up for better communication

Jennifer Rankin is from Eastern Oregon and was



raised on a ranch south of Heppner. She attended Heppner High School by riding a bus for almost two hours each way every day.

She was active in the county's 4H Club, raising and training horses. It was at Heppner that she began her efforts on track teams. "I hold the record in the pole vault at Heppner," she said. She continues to compete at pole vaulting here at Clacka-

mas.

Rankin also continued her involvement in 4H Club here in Clackamas County, leading a group that will be showing their horse training skill at the County Fair this fall. She also teaches horseback riding from her home in Oregon City and is learning to rock climb here at Clackamas.

She said she would like to someday teach as a profes-

sion and has been interested in political science and has taken some of Social Science Instructor Dean Darris' classes.

For the past year she has been the Childcare Services Officer for the ASG.

She supported the tuition increase to \$36 per credit hour indicating that Clackamas still has one of the lowest tuition rates of Oregon's community colleges.

Rankin is also one of the main proponents for holding a constitutional convention and voted yes twice to have the review.

"My main concern is to open up the constitution to the students," she said.

"I want them to see what is in it and to suggest changes. I would really like to see more student involvement in the student government process."

Candidate Forums

Today, 11 a.m. to noon
Skylight Dining Room

Today, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Barlow Hall, upstairs in
the lunchroom

May 6 noon to 1 p.m.
Skylight Dining Room

Two students seek position of ASG vice-president

Gould will do what he can to save students money on tuition

James Gould, a resident of Oregon City, attended Canby High School before coming to Clackamas. While at Canby he attended leadership classes and helped with the student government. Gould gained the honor roll while at CHS. His decision to attend Clackamas was based on the fact that he lived nearby and he can take the bus to school each day.

"I'm saving money because I can live with my parents," he said. His studies are aimed at becoming an elementary school teacher, and he is looking to attend Western University in Monmouth, a popular school for future educators.

He is interested in elementary school teaching because, "elementary teachers teach everything, math, spelling, English and writ-

ing."

Gould is the ASG Intramural Sports Senator for the 1998-99 term. This is his first year on the ASG.

Recently the ASG voted to approve a raise in tuition rates to \$36 per credit hour at Clackamas and Gould voted in favor of the increase. "We are one of the lowest [in tuition] compared to Mt. Hood or Chemekata where they're like \$40 or \$41

per credit hour. If I can, I will find a way to keep the costs the way they are," he said.

In another vote that has divided the ASG, Gould approved to review the school's constitution by holding a constitutional convention. In both succeeding ASG meetings, Gould voted for the convention. "We want to be more accessible to the students.

We want to make it so stu-

dents can have a chance to look at [the constitution] and see what they think about it."

The ASG has also been involved with lobbying efforts at the federal level and at the state capitol to improve tuition and childcare grant funding. "I support David (LeDoux) and Christine (Reed). I would try and keep the effort up to help community colleges; it

would be a benefit to the students," he said.



Jacob Pence is not an ASG regular but wants to be V.P.



Jacob Pence was born and raised in Prineville, Oregon and graduated from Crook County High School in 1998. He came to Clackamas after looking at a couple of other schools. "I talked to Coach Martindale and he gave me a tour of the school and I liked it here. I liked the wres-

tling program he has here," said Pence.

Seven of his friends from Prineville also attend Clackamas and they live together in an apartment known as "The Prineville Apartment." Pence wrestles collegiate, freestyle and Greco-Roman style, in all of which he won

awards in high school. "I went to the nationals in Fargo, North Dakota, for freestyle wrestling two years in a row," he said.

In high school he was the commissioner of athletics in his senior year and ran the pep assemblies.

He admits he is not familiar

with a lot of the programs that the ASG has been working on this year, but, "I think the book exchange is a really good idea. It's a good way for students to get some money back and a good way for students to buy books at a reasonable price," he said.

Polls will be open May 10 and 11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Polling booths will be set up outside the Community Center and outside Streeter Hall.

Absentee ballots will be available for three days prior to the opening of the polls, May 7, in the ASG office.