

Competition is high, the heat is on: Who will the winners be?

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Erika Egger, Associated Student Government legislative affairs senator, is running for the office of vice-president and would like to use that position to open up more lines of communication between the ASG and students.

"I would really like to make a difference on the Clackamas campus," Egger said. "We would like to do everything in our power to give the students what they want and need."

Egger's position as legislative affairs senator has given her the opportunity to see the inner workings of the student government and has let her take an active role in many of the ASG's activities.

"I have taken a very active role in fundraising since joining ASG," commented Egger. "We raised almost \$4,000 during winter term, mainly for the student government's trip to Washington, D.C., but also for other activities through our office. It was a very exciting time, and that is mostly why I wanted to get involved in student government."

Egger, 19, graduated from North Clackamas Christian High School in Oregon City and came to Clackamas mainly because of how close to home CCC is.

"I received a scholarship to come here Fall term, but it is so much more inexpensive to take the general education classes here at Clackamas than it is at a four-year school," Egger said.

Egger is a business major, hoping to receive an AAOT degree in the next year. She hopes to study abroad down the road, eventually getting a business administration degree.

"I thought that it was not going to be very easy, but it has been easier than I expected. I took 18 credits during the fall, but I needed more to motivate myself," said Egger. "Friends told me to join ASG, because it was a lot of fun. I really needed to be busy, to get involved. This group was the perfect outlet for me."

Egger is not shy about what she wants to get out of this office. She wants to get more students

involved at Clackamas and wants to use her role as vice-president to help streamline the organization of the ASG.

"I just want to make sure that people in the office are getting their jobs done and to have more accountability," said Egger. "I am a big believer in organization, and I would like to instill that on the rest of the members of the group."

When asked to describe herself, Egger gave some thought to it, but she said it boiled down to three words: spunky, hard working and open-minded.

Jason Gibson, a candidate for the office of president of the Associated Student Government, believes that the time is right for a campaign of a new time, the reality of a new time, and hopes that the office of ASG president is a platform for some of these ideas.



Gibson, 32, lives in Oregon City and has an AA degree from Clackamas, which he obtained in 1992. Although he is not currently a student at Clackamas, he intends, if elected to office, of enrolling at the college with the goal of "refining my personal discipline, of wanting to better myself in courses of art history and natural science."

Gibson says "I have probably broken at least 7-10 rules during the course of this campaign. But I know that the campus and the people in this school are thirsting for a vision for the future."

Contrary to many rumors that have been circulating on the Clackamas campus, Gibson has never been involved with drugs or any drug activity in his life.

"People have this conception that because of the way I look, and the ideas that I am trying to relate, that there must be something strange going on with me. I have very out-there ideas that are not so far out. I am about time and the perception of time and the reality of time. Most people have no concept of time."

Since everything follows from the mind it is no wonder why the biggest complaint we hear is 'I don't have enough time.' Those with time find

ways to kill time, waste time and spend time. Change the time and change your mind. Time is art."

Gibson would like to weave ASG and the institution of learning into a social mandala of creativity. To implement real-time education through awareness of natural time or the time of nature.

"The country is thirsting for a vision. We have no vision for the future. The vision is not comprehensive enough," says Gibson. "We need to be more sensitive to the environment and the needs around us."

To all of his skeptics out there, Gibson has these words to say: "Trust your intuition. Take back the time. Investigate your own mind. If you are not living for a dream, then you are probably not living."

Gibson's campaign has him thinking that others have been accusing him of wrongdoing, of being outside of the norm. Gibson really doesn't see it that way.

"This campaign is not really about my ego, not about my name. The whole issue is self-empowerment. Trust yourselves to make the right decision and trust me to carry out the plans of the students and what I am trying to do with my time. We all will be better off for it."

Associated Student Government Senator **Stephanie Neuhauser**, a candidate for vice-president, would like to see more students get involved in their campus and that is the main reason why she is seeking elected office.

Neuhauser is the campus activities senator for student government this year, and is mainly responsible for organizing activities for students.

"We work mostly with the clubs and other activities designed to get the students involved with the campus,"



Neuhauser said. "We have been doing a lot of fundraising and holding a lot of BBQ's and other events. We have an Environmental Day in the works and more BBQ's in the near future."

"The Vice-President is responsible for a lot of the internal workings of the student government office and I believe that

is one of my strengths," Neuhauser said. "I want to make sure that the office runs smoothly and make sure that everyone in the office gets their work done without too many problems."

Neuhauser, 21, is a graduate of Las Cruces High School in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She came to Oregon on the encouragement of her extended family and has enjoyed the experience so far.

"I really did not have anything to keep me in New Mexico, so my family gave me a little nudge to come up to Oregon, and I have no complaints yet," commented Neuhauser.

Neuhauser is a pre-med/criminal justice student at Clackamas, with a goal of becoming an FBI agent in the future. She is not sure where she wants to transfer to, but would like to go to the East Coast to continue her studies.

"I absolutely love the East Coast, and in a perfect world, that is where I would like to go to school," said Neuhauser. "But we don't live in a perfect world, so I will probably end up going to Western Oregon or Portland State. Then, hopefully to medical school. Again, preferably on the East Coast, but probably to Oregon Health Sciences University."

Neuhauser was asked what distinguishes her from her opponent, but was a little apprehensive in her answer.

"Erika (Egger, the other vice-presidential candidate) and I are a lot alike in many aspects. We both have the same goals and are two very hard-working people," Neuhauser said. "We have similar management styles. I would like to see people just do their jobs, without the backbiting that seems to have gone on to a certain degree this past year. I want to step in when conflict arises, and see projects through to the end. Just get the work that needs to be done, get done."

When asked to describe herself in one word, Neuhauser came up with two: Hard working and spontaneous.

The executive director of the Associated Student Government, **Molly Stanley**, brings motivation and commitment to her life and her office, and those are two of the points that will be mentioned as she embarks on running for the position of ASG President this spring.

Stanley, 18, is a graduate of Portland Christian High School and is majoring in Elementary Education here at Clackamas. Her time spent at school has been "challenging enough, but getting repetitive." She hopes she can put some of her endless energy into making the role of president into a memorable one.

"Sure it (school) has been stressful, isn't it for all of us? I

hope to strive for a balance between school and the office of ASG president and have some fun while doing both," said Stanley.

Stanley's role as executive director has been likened to that of an administrative assistant for the office, kind of a jack-of-all-trades. She has been called on to perform many functions within the office, and she hopes that the experience that she has gained will bode well for her in the future.

"I work with both the president and the vice-president on a regular basis, sometimes help out with planning, with activities and with fundraising. I just love what I do now for the ASG, but would like to inject some new ideas and some more organization into the mix," said Stanley.

Stanley hopes to receive her AAOT degree next spring, and then will probably transfer to Western Oregon University to finish up her studies.



"I have been taking a lot of classes, all of the required classes that are needed in order to transfer on schedule," Stanley said. "It has been a major challenge, but I, so far, have been up to the task."

Stanley sees her major role in being ASG president as helping the group get more organized in their day-to-day tasks, working out the loose ends of many projects. One of her goals next year is to increase the amount of student space on campus and to improve on the amount every year. Another goal is to foster better communication between the students, the college administration and student government.

"I really want to work for students, to listen to their needs and desires, to make the college experience better for everyone concerned," said Stanley. "Communication really is the key. If everyone can keep an open mind about the issues, then we all should be able to come up with some reasonable solutions to those issues."

When asked to describe herself in four words or less, Stanley let out a laugh and said "committed, determined, organized and friendly."

Candidates debate, expressing ideas, hoping to win

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The Associated Student Government sponsored a debate between the presidential and vice-presidential candidates yesterday in the Skylight Dining Room, and the four candidates involved bandied about many interesting ideas.

Jason Gibson, candidate for

ASG president, is a self-proclaimed Planet Art Networker, who believes that "time is art, that the phrase 'time is money' is fiction. People need to look beyond ego, beyond a title in finding new knowledge about themselves and their lives."

Molly Stanley, Gibson's opposition for ASG president, wants to increase communication

between the students and the college administration. "I want to increase student space, keep tuition rates down and work with the bookstore on textbook prices."

Erika Egger, vice-presidential candidate, wants to better the ASG organization and give, to the best of her ability, what students want and need. "I want to make students and staff more aware of the recycling

opportunities on campus. To work with Plant Services to increase our recycling and get people more involved on campus."

Vice-presidential candidate Stephanie Neuhauser would like to increase communication between students, student government and the college administration. "To make students more aware of the opportunities on campus, by the

way of campus clubs and other ways to express themselves."

The ASG elections are tomorrow and Friday. Students may vote online or fill out ballots in the ASG office in CC-140. Results will be published in next week's *Print*.

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