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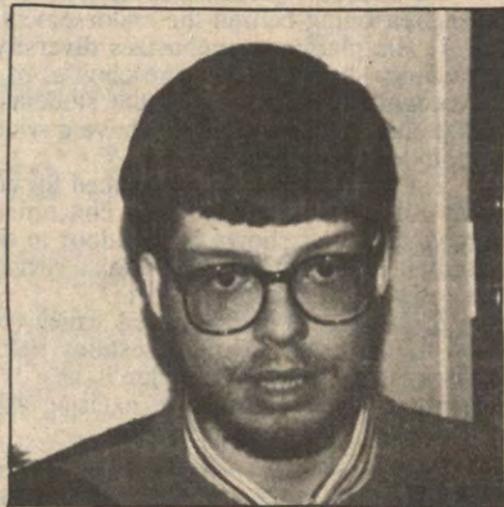
Presidential Candidates

Fernando Espuelas-Asenjo

[Editor's Note: This issue of *The College Voice* has been written without any input from Mr. Espuelas-Asenjo. Should he be elected SGA President, Mr. Espuelas-Asenjo will resign as a member of the staff of *The College Voice* before he is officially inaugurated as President.]

"S.G.A. has a responsibility to the students primarily not by being confrontational but by seeking new solutions, being involved in all facets of college life, addressing the problems that need to be fixed, improving what is not broken to make it more efficient. S.G.A. needs to

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Fernando Espuelas-Asenjo

Sam Seder

Sam Seder is running for S.G.A. president. This year he is House President of Burdick, and a member of the South African Scholarship Committee. He was also President of the sophomore class and a member of both class council and the Student Life Committee.

According to Seder, "SGA should be the primary advocate for student concerns." He believes that SGA should be a forum for students to voice their concerns, and bring these concerns to the attention of the administration.

Seder doesn't think that the

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Sam Seder

Vice Presidential Candidates

Victoria Johnson

Victoria Johnson, Class of 1988, is running for Vice President/Finance Committee Chairman. Though she was away last semester Johnson believes she can bring "new blood" to the make up of S.G.A.

She said "I think that S.G.A. should represent the student body, and that's its primary goal. I don't think it does that right now." Johnson believes the majority of people on campus do not feel comfortable going to an S.G.A. meeting to voice their opinions.

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Victoria Johnson

Tom Price

Tom Price, a junior, is running for Vice President/Finance Committee Chairman. He has been the S.A.C. Rep for the Class of 1988 and the Activities Coordinator of the Undergraduate Alumni Board.

Price said "S.G.A.'s primary role is to hear the concerns and needs of the student body at large and then to voice the concerns to the administration." He does not believe the current S.G.A. has effectively fulfilled this role.

Price identified the house president positions as a specific

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Tom Price

SAC Chairman Candidates

Greg Gigliotti

Greg Gigliotti, '88, is running for S.A.C. Chairman. After two years of experience with S.A.C., he is presently a member of its executive board. As Chairman, Gigliotti said he would like to improve the attendance and recommendation procedures of the dorm S.A.C. representatives as a means of increasing student input. By preparing a daily agenda of topics to be discussed at S.A.C. meetings he hopes to better inform the students.

"S.G.A. should represent students in such a way that things don't slip by us. S.G.A. is

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Greg Gigliotti

Quentin Nason

Quentin Nason, '88, is running for the position of S.A.C. Chairman. He has previously served as the S.A.C. Representative for Marshall Dormitory and has also sat on the Food Committee. Nason's primary focus is choice and the need for diversity.

"Things are getting monotonous and students feel alienated because there is nothing to do. S.A.C. must break up the week with variety so that there will not be any dry weekends, meaning weekends with nothing to do," said Nason.

Nason would like to plan events that would "attract

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Quentin Nason

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ENDORSEMENTS

The Editors of *The College Voice* met with each candidate for fifteen minutes. During the interviews three standard questions were asked followed by impromptu questioning and discussion. The three questions were: 1) What do you think the role of SGA should be? 2) Does the current SGA fulfill your definition? If so, what should be maintained? If not, what should be changed? 3) What can you bring to the position that you are running for?

Endorsement For Vice President

The position of Vice President entails filling in for the President in his absence in addition to acting as chairman of S.G.A.'s most important committee: The Finance Committee.

In electing a Vice President, it is important to consider a person who has a broad perspective on S.G.A. as a whole, understands where change may be needed, and has a strong sense of his own role in the direction of change or improvement. More specifically, as Vice President, the elected person must be skillful in working with the budget and must understand the best manner in which to allocate funds to clubs or activities.

We endorse Tom Price for Vice President of the S.G.A. Our reasoning behind the endorsement:

1) Mr. Price has had solid previous experience in S.G.A. He has been his class S.A.C. representative for two years and has gained valuable experience in the allocation of funds to different activities within his own class's budget. He has served as the Activities Coordinator of the Undergraduate Alumni Board.

2) During his interview, Mr. Price responded to our questions with confidence and ease. He conveyed a complete understanding of the duties of the Vice President and of the importance of his position as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

3) Mr. Price expresses himself well. He is capable of communicating and debating ideas within S.G.A. He is well equipped to become an active and productive Vice President oriented towards change and meeting student needs. Mr. Price's clear cut, thoughtful approach make him the best candidate for the position.

J-Board Chairman

Paul Hyde

Paul Hyde, '88, is running unopposed for Chairman of the Judiciary Board. He is presently Chairman of the Student Activities Council (S.A.C.) and serves on various committees including Alcohol Policy and Recommendations Committee, and Priorities, Planning and Budget Committee.

Hyde said that his perspective of S.G.A. has changed after one year of being on the Executive Board. "Students are taking something for granted. There's a lot that we can get done, and we have to let students know how effective we really are. In most respects we are getting things done. We're making sure we're not run over."

Hyde said he believes that if S.G.A. has had an ineffective voice with the students, it can blame itself. "That's our fault for the most part. I would argue that there could be more communication coming out from our assembly to the students about what we're doing that's positive."

The complicated role of House President is a prime example of how S.G.A.'s own structure has hindered itself, according to Hyde. "The role of House President is complicating because it is an uneasy compromise between two different jobs. A House President has to be an S.G.A. member, a political being, and a dorm member on House Council and have those responsibilities. It's almost impossible for anyone to be good at both. In that way, the basic structure of S.G.A. hampers itself. You can't criticize individuals, you have to criticize the system."

Hyde suggests that next year, S.G.A. should try to



Paul Hyde

keep it's voice with the student body strong. In addition, Hyde plans to keep the Honor Code strong, as Chairman of J-Board. "The Honor Code is so unique and in my eyes, makes this institution very special."

Hyde plans to strengthen the traditions of J-Board and the Honor Code. "Keeping up these traditions will help to make sure our voice is still strong," said Hyde.

Personally, Hyde said he believes he can bring a lot of experience to the position of J-Board Chairman. "I have a wide range of perspectives on various issues and various people in the administration and how to deal with these issues with these people."

"I want to make sure that students are held in the highest regard," said Hyde. "That's really why I'm doing this, because I love this place so much and that I want things to go smoothly."

Public Relations Director

Carla Munroe

Carla Munroe, '90, is running for Public Relations Director of S.G.A., she currently serves on the Drug Education Committee.

Munroe said she feels that there "should be more input by the students. They (S.G.A.) have to get the students interested in Student Government. Many students are not actively aware of what is going on."

Munroe said if elected, she sees the chairing of the Campus Election Board being one of her primary responsibilities. In reference to the present election procedures, she said, "I've seen a couple of arguments about the rules. Things have to be set down."

Giving the students more of a voice in the Assembly is another of Munroe's strong concerns. She said she wants to make students feel more comfortable speaking at S.G.A. meetings. "There's got



Carla Munroe

The Voice endorsed candidates for Vice President and for SAC Chairman based on a majority vote. Because one of the candidates running for President is a member of *The Voice* staff we did not make an endorsement. And because the candidates running for J-Board Chairman and Public Relations Director are uncontested we did not make endorsements.

Endorsement For SAC Chairman

The S.A.C. Chairman endorsement was surrounded by debate. The editors found both candidates to be very well qualified with similar, solid platforms. We looked primarily for a candidate that would bring exciting and new ideas to the position and not simply duplicate the previous activities of S.A.C. We were interested in an individual that didn't just talk but proved that he would be capable of carrying out his responsibilities to both S.A.C. and S.G.A.

We endorse Quentin Nason for the position of S.A.C. Chairman. Are reasoning behind the endorsement:

1. His platform emphasizes diversity and choice. He believes the students should have more choices of social and cultural activities. Recognizing that most of the students cannot drink because of the state laws, Quentin's ideas have a wide focus encompassing the majority of the campus.

2. Quentin recognizes the need for communication in all aspects of the college community. He is concerned with what the actual students have to say as shown by his door to door campaigning when he not only talked to students but took a survey of their feelings and suggestions about the quality of life.

3. S.A.C. needs fresh ideas which Quentin has to offer. He provided the answers to our questions before the questions were asked showing his awareness of the issues. We saw in Quentin the ability to bring change and a more exciting and satisfying social life to the students.

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area of S.G.A. in need of change. He supports the proposal that north, south, and central campuses elect regional representatives to S.G.A. The house presidents would be dorm oriented without a definitive presence at S.G.A. meetings.

In addition Price backs current Vice President Dave Flemister's proposal that sports club funding change from S.G.A. to the administration. And Price sug-

gested that all funding be more closely monitored in the future. "Those funds should not be going toward alcoholic beverages," he said.

If elected Price said "I can bring a fair and objective way of hearing the needs of clubs and organizations on campus." Price plans to draw on his past experience as a S.A.C. Rep to propose and maintain an "operative budget."

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Johnson thinks one of the student government's major problems is having the same people year after year. This solidity impedes change and makes students at large reluctant to attend the meetings or to become involved.

She said that Conn is entering a period of transition where "we can either expand into great areas or we can be mediocre."

As chairman of the Finance Committee, the Vice President is responsible for allocating funds to clubs and organizations on campus. Johnson would place her emphasis on activities that the students want and that seem important to the school.

If elected Johnson said "I think I can bring fresh perspective to the position."

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Presidential Candidates

Fernando Espuelas-Asenjo

My philosophy of student government is straightforward: proactivity. Too many times in the past has the S.G.A. gone from pitfall to pitfall because it lacked a clear plan of action. Reactive government becomes self-absorbed with the trappings of prestige and the self-aggrandizement of its members; and it totally forgets those who should be the only beneficiaries of its services—the voters.

I am seeking the Presidency of S.G.A. to put my philosophy into action. Building bridges by creating a clear agenda and carrying it out with energy and creativity is the responsibility of the President. I have the determination and dedication to do this.

My three years on The Voice Editorial Board have given me the chance to be in touch with most segments of the community, to learn how they operate, and to appreciate their positive and negative points. I have served on the S.G.A. Review Committee; the Academic and Administrative Procedures Committee; the Dean's Panel on Co-Curricular Life and the Students for Coherence in Education. I was elected House President and am currently serving on the Dean of the College Search Committee. This diversity of experience has given me the ability to adapt quickly to any situation, and to find the best solutions to challenging problems.

I would like to share with you the four items which will top off my agenda if elected President of S.G.A.

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Vice Presidential Candidates

Victoria Johnson

I believe that S.G.A. should be an effective voice of the student population. In order to fulfill its responsibilities to the student body, it must first and foremost represent that student body. It must be open to new perspectives and approaches to both old and new issues on campus. In addition, S.G.A. should also serve as a spark for new ideas and issues. I feel that the school at this point is at a crossroads. The college can remain a traditional unchanging organization or it can explore its resources and realize its potential. It is my hope that next year S.G.A. will take an active role in changing the latter. As vice-president I feel that I can offer fresh insight for such a progressive course.

My primary responsibility in this position is to clubs and special interest groups of the student body. As head of the finance committee, I will work towards the growth of such groups because their energy and motivation will help lead Connecticut to new levels. The delegation of finance is essential to the maintenance of such groups; equally important though is the support and receptiveness on the part of S.G.A. Another important issue to be addressed is that of the college's relationship with the New London community at large. I hope that next year S.G.A. can be an active participant in strengthening that relationship so that we can best take advantage of each other's resources. I feel that there is a much needed flow of communication between the different constituencies on this campus. If students are to

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SAC Chairman Candidates

Quentin Nason

Unlike other candidates, my platform is unique in that it can be stated in one word—CHOICE. The issue of CHOICE will not only become evident at Conn Cave parties but it will also permeate student life as a whole. For instance, it is my firm conviction that Cave parties must change in focus so as to encompass everyone in spite of the new federal laws. Next year, every party should have additional events such as live bands, raffles, contests, etc. Hopefully, these attractions will add the spark that sometimes is lacking.

Nevertheless, it must not be assumed that all campus-wide activities are parties. I will do my best to promote a strong cultural events agenda and coordinate this schedule with UMOJA, La Unidad, SOAR, and ASIA. I would also like to encourage more functions such as coffeehouses, comedy nights, etc. A concerted effort will be made to ensure that "CHOICE" permeates the entire social life. This way, when one is asked what there is to do on campus, he/she can list off several options. The existence of these options is essential to our campus setting.

My "CHOICE" platform is based on new ideas and concepts and on my past political experience. The S.A.C. Chairman must be good at organizing events but, more importantly, he/she must be able to effectively coordinate and cooperate with S.G.A., the Executive Board, the administration, trustees, and alumni. The stronger the S.A.C. Chairman, the better S.A.C. will be as an organization. My active involvement in both S.G.A. and S.A.C. for two years has helped me expand my leadership qualities and has aided me in developing a keen insight of the inner-workings of the system. For these reasons, I hope you will allow me to enhance student life and give me the opportunity to bring to Connecticut College the concept of CHOICE by supporting me on March 31 and April 1.

Public Relations Director

Carla Munroe

The most important quality of any elected position is commitment. One must be willing to put his/her office on a priority level equivalent to other activities, work, and school. I can make this commitment towards the position of Public Relations Director. I want to give time and energy to help our student body and Connecticut College achieve whatever aims are set forward.

As Public Relations Director, one is primarily responsible for publicizing all S.G.A. related meetings and functions, introducing students to Conn's various clubs and activities. I hope you will give me a chance to prove that I am capable of handling these responsibilities.

Please come and vote on March 31st and April 1st.

The platforms were submitted by the candidates and were not edited by the Voice.

Sam Seder

The Student Government Association enables us to exert influence on the decisions that affect us and our college. If the potential impact of SGA is to be realized, its leadership must earn and maintain the support and confidence of the entire student body. This can only be achieved by focusing SGA's efforts on resolving issues registered on a clearly defined agenda.

Through extensive restructuring of SGA's committee system, forceful publication of pertinent issues, and interactive leadership, SGA can effectively address specific student concerns. SGA must work to improve the deteriorating housing situation, to strengthen Student Advisory Committees, and to receive more physical and financial resources from the administration to meet the needs of a changing social environment on campus. As SGA President I will concentrate on legitimizing SGA as the most significant and effective advocate of student concerns.

My extensive experience as Sophomore Class President, House President, and a member of numerous prominent committees, has prepared me well for the intricacies involved in working with the administration and in leading SGA. More importantly, I feel I have the ability to make SGA a truly credible student voice by making our student government more responsive, more communicative, and more pertinent to all of the student body. To the position of SGA President I shall bring experience, hard work and a commitment to promoting student concerns. Please vote.

Tom Price

Connecticut College is a growing institution and the needs of its students are also growing. I believe that the Student Government Association is an important organization which hears the concerns of the Student Body and then voices those concerns to the Administration. In order for the Student Assembly to work effectively, the Assembly must have the confidence and the support of the Student Body. I feel I can build trust in the Assembly by establishing an operative budget and by representing the interests of the college community as the next Vice President of the Student Government Association.

My past two years as a SAC Representative for the Class of 1988 has increased my awareness of a workable budget. As Chairman of the Finance Committee I promise to hear the financial needs of all clubs and organizations and, along with the other members of the committee, will appropriate funds in a fair and objective manner. In addition, the SGA Vice President serves as a member of the Trustee/Liason Committee. I believe I would be a worthy member of this committee. My experience as Activities Coordinator of the Undergraduate Alumni Board entailed the responsibility of promoting and encouraging positive relations between alumni and undergraduates.

My commitment to fairness, my ambition to represent the Student Body, and my past experience can bring strong leadership to the Vice Presidency.

Greg Gigliotti

I am running for S.A.C. Chairman because I believe my experience as well as my creativity and enthusiasm will allow me to positively contribute to Connecticut College. I have been involved with S.A.C. for the past two years and as the Special Events Chairman of its executive board I have gained experience organizing and planning major events to which few others have had the opportunity to be exposed. With the reorganization taking place next year in our administration it will be important to have a chairman who is familiar with such a position of responsibility. I have been dedicated to the perpetuation of past traditions such as Oktoberfest, which many can remember was discontinued last year, but returned this past fall as a result of my efforts. New events such as a Winter Carnival and Mardi Gras are two ideas I would like to pursue. I am willing to take on and develop new concepts as my background reflects from my participation in the formation of our school's alpine ski team.

The Insider's Guide To Colleges referred to this year's S.A.C. as "revitalized" and I would like to continue to build upon this new reputation we have developed. I believe I have all the necessary qualities which will allow me to pursue these goals next year.

J-Board Chairman

Paul Hyde

As a candidate for the position of Judiciary Board Chairman, I believe I possess the qualities and skills necessary to make me a capable, effective leader. The academic year of 1987-1988 is going to be full of changes, especially in the administrative positions. There will be a new Dean of the College, a new Dean of Freshmen, and a new Dean of Student Life. Wholesale changes like this could threaten our Honor Code if these key position holders have no previous experience. I will use all of my experience in dealing with the administration to ensure a smooth transition to our newly restructured student life scheme.

In terms of running the Judiciary Board, I believe my experience this year as S.A.C. Chairman has taught me much about listening to others opinions and using all of the available resources. These skills are necessary because it is important for the Chairman to articulate and stand by the decisions of the Board. I would like to see the Board establish itself early and be characterized by fair decisions and consistency.

Respect of the Honor Code will ensure that its tradition of integrity will not be threatened. I look for the Board to continue to have the regard it has had for so many years and which makes our institution unique.

I am confident in my ability to be an effective Judiciary Board Chairman, and I look forward to serving the students in this capacity.

ELECTION NEWS

Presidential Debate

by Elizabeth Huffman & Sarah Schoen

Richard Greenwald, '87, mediated the SGA Presidential debate between Fernando Espuelas-Asenjo and Sam Seder on Sunday at 7pm in the Cave.

In his opening remarks, Espuelas-Asenjo said, "We've reached a crisis in leadership. We need to change the way things have been done in the past because they haven't worked."

In his opening address, Seder said, "This is a time to be proud that the Student Government can bring this many students out. I hope this debate will prove to be useful in showing the difference between Fernando and myself."

The first of Greenwald's four questions addressed the need for greater diversity on campus.

Seder believes that SGA has the means to create diversity through a more varied allocation of funds. He said, "The school has not done its job in increasing Financial Aid to enhance diversity."

Espuelas-Asenjo responded, "That's not the way to do it." He pointed to SOAR's Fanning takeover as an example of SGA's inability to identify issues before they become critical such as the lack of minority presence on campus.

Greenwald's second question addressed the problem of "clogged" issues in SGA and asked the candidates whether the solu-

tion lies in the restructuring of the Student Government.

Espuelas-Asenjo stressed the inability of a large group of people to make effective decisions in time to alleviate the problem. He said, "We need to prioritize."

Seder disagreed with reducing the size of SGA: "I'm not so concerned with students governing other students. I am concerned with students governing themselves."

Greenwald next asked each candidate to list five issues that SGA should focus on next year.

Seder's points were: lack of communication, the housing shortage, a need for better pre-major advising, the drinking age, and a need for better communication between the administration and the students.

Espuelas-Asenjo's points were: a need for constitutional reform, a need for greater attention given to academics, the publication of crime statistics, the alcohol question, and more emphasis given to cultural events on campus.

Greenwald's last question addressed changes in the administration, specifically in the reconstruction of the Offices of the Deans. Both candidates agreed that the changes taking place could have a detrimental effect on the quality of student life.

Seder stressed that the new

Deans could infringe on our rights. He said, "We will always have an honor code but SGA must ensure the extent to which the administration respects that Honor Code."

Espuelas-Asenjo said that the Honor Code could be in danger unless "we take steps to safeguard it."

After two questions were addressed from the floor centering on the relationship between SGA and *The Voice*, and on the relationship of the students and the administration in creating diversity on campus, the candidates gave their closing remarks.

Espuelas-Asenjo focused on creating an SGA which identifies and seeks solutions to problems before they become critical. He said, "I'm talking about action; I'm talking about thinking—not about the creation of a polit bureau, but of the creation of efficiency. I have no loyalty to the past. I want to change what doesn't work and keep what does."

Seder focused on allowing everyone's voice to be heard and said he believes that the primary role of SGA should be to build a consensus and then to act on that consensus. He said, "I'm very proud of the experience I've had in the past three years. I have my own opinions, but I don't begin by assuming I'm right. That may be weak leadership; that may be inefficient, but that's what I do."

Espuelas-Asenjo's Platform

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1.CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.The root cause for S.G.A.'s paralysis and inability to by-pass triviality is the archaic, irrational, and undemocratic constitution. The system, as most people are aware, is a synthesis of divergent political philosophies. Unfortunately, the seams which hold the different parts together are splitting under the stress of conflicting expectations, goals, and responsibilities. The new constitution must overhaul the representation system, assuring the accountability and effectiveness of elected officials.

2.ACADEMICS.The supposition that S.G.A. should only attend to the social life of students is inherently wrong. As the legitimate representative of the student body, S.G.A. must be a partner with the Faculty and the Administration in promoting and enhancing excellent educational standards. This can take the form of everything from pushing for higher faculty salaries to requesting rationals for each major. A good first step could be lobbying to restructure the academic advising system so as to better guide undergraduate scholarship.

3.PUBLICATION OF CRIME STATISTICS.It is a fact that there are violent crimes committed on Campus, by other students or by outsiders. There have been, according to the New London Police Department, two rapes on College property in the last few years. Why wasn't the student body alerted? Would people walk unescorted from South Lot to Branford if they were aware that there is a danger? We must safe guard the student body by creating student awareness and promoting common sense. Hiding the facts of life from us—like crime—can only lead to tragedy. We must publish these statistics in the most appropriate manner possible.

4.EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP ON THE ALCOHOL QUESTION.S.G.A. must be at the forefront of any and all deliberations concerning alcohol regulations. It must make clear to the Administration that a dry campus is not acceptable. S.G.A. must be proactive in striking a balance between the College's legal responsibilities and a probable suffocating social life which might result from a repressive alcohol policy.

My agenda does not offer a panacea for all student problems. But it does offer a point of commencement, a context of debate, by which important concerns may be translated into meaningful change. Although if elected President of S.G.A. I will not stand for reelection to the Voice Editorial Board, I will apply the same energy and inventiveness to the student government as I did to the newspaper. I hope to have your support in this coming election.

Johnson's Platform

be active agents in shaping the character of the college, they must have access to the information the need to be responsible decision makers. I look forward to providing them with the necessary resources to do that. I want to help make S.G.A. a place where all the students can go and have their ideas on how to improve the social and intellectual life on campus heard and acted upon.

This college has unlimited potential, however, to actualize this will require insight, new perspectives, and a willing ness to work—important qualities that I possess. I am confident in my ability to instigate and motivate active and positive change in our student body. I hope you share my confidence.

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to be more student activism. You have to give more leeway to the students...there should be the opportunity for students to speak."

Munroe, who is running unopposed, said that she believes her experience with committees would be an asset to the position of P.R. Director. "Everyone always says that they have the energy for the commitment. That's token. Anybody coming into S.G.A. has that...I feel I should be given the chance to fill the position."

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navigate between the college's legal responsibility and the students' social interest. In the past, S.G.A. has not represented the students, it has represented itself," said Fernando Espuelas-Asenjo, '88, Candidate for S.G.A. President.

Espuelas-Asenjo criticized S.G.A. for being a passive reactionary body rather than a proactive force. "Last fall the S.G.A. spent the first month of school filling committee posts when they should have addressed the cramped enrollment problem and the effect it would have on housing and student life second semester. If they could have identified the housing problem earlier, something could have been done instead of waiting for things to fall apart—that is their problem," he said.

Espuelas-Asenjo added that he would correct S.G.A.'s problem of inefficiency by successfully utilizing the resource of its thirty members. "I will create task forces that will deal with problems and issues, such as the Coors, housing, and parking issues, that will resolve the problems within a two week period," he said.

"S.G.A. is like a man with a

brain tumor. I want to take the tumor out and others want to give it a haircut. S.G.A. deserves more than that because it's a viable and necessary organization. The same faces are trained as freshman to become officers their senior year. The same core-group runs the government and that is no longer a legitimate solution. I will provide a completely fresh approach because I have no loyalty to the way things were done in the past," he said.

According to Espuelas-Asenjo, the President of S.G.A. should provide creative solutions and then move towards a debate which results in the resolution of the given problem. He concluded that "as President I will be 100 times more visible than past Presidents. How can a President claim to be aware of campus concerns if his connections are limited to other S.G.A. members as they have been in the past? By operating in this manner, S.G.A. becomes a self-perpetuating oligarchy. I will make a concerted effort to move back towards a historical democracy: rule by the people."

Seder

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specific group of people in SGA this year has adequately fulfilled the ideal role of SGA. "I don't think we've been proactive enough," said Seder. "This year we have people who are more dorm oriented, not policy oriented. Last year we had the opposite. This leads me to believe there is a problem in structure."

Seder wants to reorganize the structure of SGA. "I tend to lean toward a two or three dorm system [of organization]," said Seder. The duties of House Presidents would be more dorm oriented, while the policy making aspect in SGA would be handled by regional representatives or senators who would represent two or three dorms.

Seder also wants to clean up the committee system in SGA. Seder said, "I would categorize committees. We would find some process to elect or appoint student representatives to report back [to SGA]. This will provide for direct communication and information for assembly members; it will increase effectiveness and follow through."

Seder believes he can bring "a tremendous amount of experience in student government and student life" to the job of SGA president. "I have the ability to mobilize students around an issue. I have energy and enthusiasm to get things done, and to promote the honor code because I feel very proud of it."

Seder believes the SGA President must have foresight and be able to see down the road. "The President of student government should lead the assembly in a way that doesn't stifle anyone's opinions," added Seder.

Seder wants to make student government independent of the administration. Said Seder, "SGA must be independent and strong enough so that issues won't die when people graduate. The institution must have a memory."

Some of Seder's larger, broader concerns are working with the administration to ease the housing situation, and a revamping of the pre-major advising system.

Gigliotti

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the organization which serves as a safeguard and a mediator between the students and the administration," said Gigliotti.

Gigliotti said he would like to "fight the image of a suitcase school" by initiating new and bigger programming. Besides building an emphasis on cultural events, some of his ideas are Mardi Gras, a Winter Carnival, cartoons and improving present technical equipment with the possible purchase of a satellite dish.

According to Gigliotti, S.A.C.'s major problem now is "motivating students to attend non-alcoholic events" and he said he aims to make them more popular.

Nason

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everyone". Previously Nason organized an all-campus Casino Night which combined a coffee house, dancing, black jack/poker tables and served both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. His other ideas include coffee houses, comedy nights, bringing bigger name bands to campus and expanding cultural events.

Nason believes there should be more communication on campus: between S.G.A. members, students and administration, and among student groups. "S.A.C. isn't just a party throwing entity. It is a political group which must communicate and reach everyone in order to promote diversity and choice."

FESTIVAL

Saturday Night—April 4 in Cro

7:30pm Leslie Liddle: 'Current Situation in South Africa'
8:30pm Free Food and Beverages A Film & Music
9:30pm South African Dancers: Chimurenga Ensemble
10:30pm Conn Cave Festival Party

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