SGA Election Candidates

Presidential Candidates

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SGA 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. SGA needs to

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Victoria Johnson

Tom Price

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 a majority of people on campus do not feel comfortable going to an S.G.A. meeting to voice their opinions.

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Greg Gigliotti

Quentin Nason

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.

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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 a Vice President should be? How will the current SGA fulfill your definition? If so, what should be maintained? If not, what should be changed?
2) 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.

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.G.A. representative for two years and has gained valuable experience in various activities and committees within his own class's budget. He has served as the Activities Coordinator of the Undergraduate Alumni Board.

2) Mr. Price responded well 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 makes 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 and Poland Recommendations Committee, and Priorities, Planning and Budget Committee.

Hyde said that his perspective of S.G.A. has changed after one year as being on the Executive Board. "Students are doing 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. We have a wide range of perspectives on various issues..." 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 background in student government and of the importance of his position as Chairman of the Finance Committee."

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 to be a period of transition where "we think this is our student government's major problem," said Hyde.

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area of S.G.A. in need of change. He supports the proposal that sports club funding is voted on in the future, and that the S.A.C. needs fresh ideas. 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 opposed to students interested in S.G.A. He has tried to make students feel more comfortable speaking. "Those funds should not be going toward alcoholic beverages," he said.

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. He is concerned with what the actual students seem important to the school."

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 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 you 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.

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

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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Presidential Candidates
Fernando Espuelas-Asenjo

My philosophy of student government is straightforward: proactivity. Too many times in the past the S.G.A. has 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-agrandizement of its members; it totally forgets those who are 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 to the other constituencies on this campus, gaining the confidence and creating 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 Cohesion in Education. I was elected House President and am currently serving on the Dean of the College Search Committee. I would be made to ensure that "CHOICE" permeates all areas of college life.

My primary responsibility in this position is to clubs and special interest groups of the student community. 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 is the support for the. group in the month 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 this summer 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 continue on page 4

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 role, as a representative of 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 that sometimes is lacking.

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 Cohesion in Education. I was elected House President and am currently serving on the Dean of the College Search Committee. I would be well equipped to enhance student government with the "CHOICE" presence which 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 my agenda if elected President of S.G.A.

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 offer positive contributions 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 which few others have had the opportunity to expose. With the reorganization taking place next year in our administration it will be important for a chairman who is familiar with the role of responsibility. I have been dealing with the perpetual problems 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 start next year. I am confident in my ability to be an effective SGA President and am currently serving on the Dean of the College Search Committee. I believe that the S.G.A. can be an effective resource for helping out the many problems which often appear on campus.

I am confident in my ability to be an effective SGA President and I look forward to serving the students in this capacity.

Carla Munroe

The most important quality of any elected position is commitment. One must be willing to make the commitment, or given a priority level equivalent to other activities, work, keep time, and energy to help our body and Connecticut College. Student body commitments are set forward.

As Public Relations Director, one is primarily responsible for publicizing all S.G.A.'s related meetings and activities. I hope you will give me a chance to prove that I am capable of publicizing these responsibilities. I am confident in my ability to be an effective Judiciary Board Chairman, and look forward to serving the students in this capacity.

The platforms were submitted by the candidates and were not edited by the Voice.
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the organization which serves as a safeguard and a mediator between the students and the administration. The Honor Code is in danger unless "we take steps to safeguard it," Espuelas-Asenjo said.

After two questions were addressed from the floor centering on the relationship between S.G.A. and The Voice, and on the relation of the students and the administration to the diversity on campus, the candidates gave their closing remarks.

Espuelas-Asenjo focused on creating an SGA which identifies and solves problems to promote diversity and choice.

Gigliotti said he would like to "fire the image of SGA" by initiating new and bigger programming. Besides building an emphasis on cultural events, some of his ideas are creating a campus carnival, cartoons and improving professional technical equipment with the goal of providing a Satellite of events.

According to Gigliotti, S.G.A.'s major problem now in "motivating students to accept non-alcohol events" and he said he aims to make them more people-friendly.

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Nason believes there should be more communication on campus between students, 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."