

From the Editor

Craig Peretz

On April 9 and 10, it will be your responsibility to elect the new president and vice-president of the student senate.

When you cast your vote for the new president, remember:

- it is the president's job to preside over all meetings of the student senate and to establish an agenda for all senate meetings.
- once the president is elected to the position, he or she is automatically prohibited from serving in an executive position on any organization which is budgeted funds by the student senate.
- the president will act as a liaison between the student body of Alfred University and the administration. Therefore, the president should know the needs, feelings and ideas of the student body.

When you vote for the next vice-president of the senate be aware that the vice-president:

- should know and understand all the duties of the president since he or she will take the place of the president, in case the president is absent.
- assist the president in creating the agenda.
- has jurisdiction over the publicity director by making sure the publicity director performs his or her duties.
- becomes a member of the student senate financial committee.

Keep these responsibilities in mind when you vote for these new campus leaders. And as you read the answers to the questions the Fiat Lux asked the candidates, think of questions that you would want the candidates to answer and ask these questions at the Meet the Candidates night to be held April 8 at 7:00 pm in Rogers Campus Center.

In addition to selecting a new president and vice-president to lead the campus, you must decide whether or not to allow two structural changes in the student senate.

The senators have voted to have representatives from all standing committees attend all senate meetings. You are being asked whether or not these new representatives should have the same voting rights as the current senators.

The Fiat Lux does not support the idea that these "new" representatives should be given voting rights.

The standing committees were created to respond to students' needs for campus recreation and communication. Representatives of standing committees provide the senators with information about these needs, so senators can make decisions with information from the groups on campus.

We are asking you to say "NO" to giving voting rights to these standing committee representatives.

You are also being asked to decide whether or not the position of the student senator and the position of the residence hall council representative should be combined.

The Fiat Lux, again asks you to vote "NO" concerning this item.

It is the job of the Inter-Greek Council to solve the problems of the greeks; it is the job of the Residence Hall Council to solve the problems of the residence halls; it is the job of the senate to solve campus-wide problems.

Whoever you vote for, or whatever you decide concerning the senate reconstruction, the Fiat Lux urges you to vote April 9 and 10.

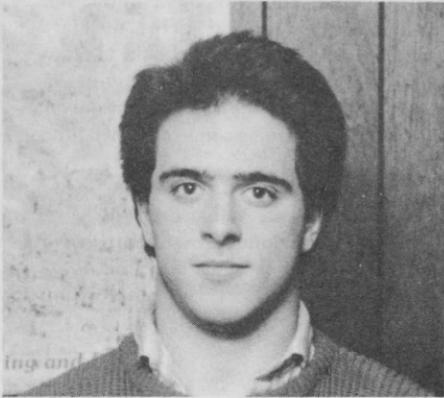


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Senate Presidential Candidates



Frank Dalessandro

Marleen Whiteley

Frank Dalessandro, a sophomore Ceramic Engineering major, is one of this year's candidates for the Presidency of the Student Senate. He is also applying for a minor in Business Administration. He has been selected to be an RA in Tefft.

Q: What are your qualifications?

A: "I have a lot of leadership experience from high school. I was captain of the wrestling team and was President of the Athletic Association. I was also a Senator in my High School's Student Senate. Currently, I am a member of the Student Senate Financial Committee. I am involved in intramural sports. I am a member of the American Ceramic Society and National Society of Professional Engineers, and a brother at Lambda Chi Alpha. These activities put me in close contact with many different students."

Q: Do you support the Senate revisions?

A: "I feel the revisions are a step in getting students involved, but it isn't enough. It's important, but it won't stop the apathy among the senators. In following these revisions, many groups and many students who have important opinions and ideas would be left out."

Q: How do you view senate-greek relations?

A: "The Greeks represent a large part of the student population. Their input to the Student Senate is very important because it represents the voice of a large part of the student body. There is a lot that each group can contribute to the other."

Q: How would you promote student unity?

A: "The Student Senate President is a vital part in promoting unity. First, I would establish strong communication between the Senate and SAB. Together, they can develop activities that include the whole campus. Another idea, which Lou DiCesare and I developed, is a program on the Student Senate which would be given to Freshmen as part of their orientation. If students are more aware of the workings of the Student Senate, it would put pressure on the senators to get things done."

Q: What power does the Senate have?

A: "The Senate has traditional allocated power. But, it is communication with the students that is vital. With student input, the Senate can use their power to get positive things accomplished for them."

Q: Other comments?

A: "To be Student Senate President, you must be able to communicate with the students. You must take their ideas and formulate them in an organized way to create positive results. The President must be able to see in terms of short and long range effects. With past experience, he himself can come up with excellent ideas."



Amy Neubecker

Dara Ratner

Amy Joanne Neubecker, 1986-87 senate vice-president is a junior applied clinical psychology major. When not conducting senate business, she is an avid tennis player and enjoys psychology and giving educational programs.

Q: What are your qualifications?

A: "I have spent the last three years learning the process of government. In 1985, I was the senator from Cannon Residence Hall; 1986 Senate Secretary where I had to correspond with all members of the senate continually; and this past year's senate vice-president. As vice-president, I am learning from Andy Burns, senate president, and the budget process from the finance committee. Twice a year, I meet with the Board of Trustees to let them know what is happening on campus. The trustees want to know how students feel, how the athletic programs are progressing, and life in general on Alfred campus."

Q: Do you support the senate revisions?

A: "I strongly support senate revisions. The senate, though only ten years old, has potential to be a very viable representative body on campus. The addition of the standing committees to the senate brings knowledge, ideas, and initiative to the students. It has a strong financial aspect, due to the control of funds and most students benefit from that. What the senate needs to do is to turn senate meetings into student forums--like a 'town meeting for Alfred University'."

Q: How do you view senate-greek relations?

A: "Greeks only represent student living areas on campus. I understand the impact they make. The senate would be significantly lacking without their support, since they do make up 25% of the campus."

Q: How would you promote student unity?

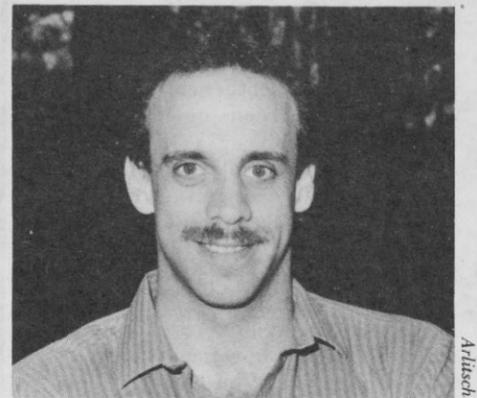
A: "I'm working with Mark Stein, on a Video Information Center, which will be installed in May, 1987 and in full operation by September, 1987. It is the one special place where students can find information. International students do not have a strong enough voice and we will try to bridge that gap by encouraging interaction at orientation. The living arrangements that are set up in the residence halls do the best job of student interaction between the different colleges on campus."

Q: What power does the senate have?

A: "The senate has definite financial influence. Representation to the administration can be stronger because the administration will listen."

Q: Any other comments?

A: "I strongly encourage students to vote. Whoever they decide to vote for on April 9, their vote will make an impact."



Todd Werth

Joseph Keddie

Todd Werth, a junior political science and criminal justice major, is serving as the 1986-87 Senate Secretary after having been a senator from Kruson Hall last year. He has been a resident assistant for the past two years.

Q: What are your qualifications?

A: "With past experience in the Senate, I think I represent a majority of the views on campus. Being an RA next year, instead of being in conflict with Senate, will be an aid because I will be in close contact with student opinion. One of my strengths is being able to incorporate everyone's views and interests in deciding on the outcome of an issue."

Q: Do you support the Senate revisions?

A: "I think the concerns are justified. In the past, there has been a laxity in the performance of senators. However, I feel the existing structure is good, and it is not the cause of these problems. The blame lies not with the structure but with the selection of senators."

Senate has lost direction in its purpose. It should be a sounding board for student concerns on academics, student living, or student parking. In the past, what has come before Senate has been acted upon, but not enough people realize that's what the Senate is for. I would like to solicit views from people and make it clear that Senate can take a lot of action. Senate can be very effective if students make use of it."

Q: How do you view senate-greek relations?

A: "Senate should represent the views of the entire campus. The Greeks comprise such a large percentage of the campus, their views should definitely be represented in the Senate. Some of the best senators have been from Greek houses. Usually the best work is from the most active students, and most Greeks are very active on campus. I'd like to see the Senate use the Greeks in programming because they are such a great resource."

Q: How would you promote student unity?

A: "Lack of unity is inherent to A.U. because it is so diverse. Through programming campus events, the university has tried to alleviate the problem. It's nice that Senate is here to represent all the different groups on campus."

Q: What power does the Senate have?

A: "The power of Senate is determined by how much it is willing to become involved and is willing to work. In the past, Senate has been very effective. The power is there to shape things on campus. But students haven't used the power of Senate to their advantage. As president, I would like to see Senate solicit the opinions and concerns of students."

Q: Other comments?

A: "The Senate should be a sounding board, and the Senate is getting away from this role. The potential is there. The administration does listen. People in school here should use the Senate for the betterment of their campus."

• VOTE •

April 9th and 10th

From the Student Senate

Todd Werth
Student Senate Secretary

On April 15, the last student Senate meeting of the year will take place. At this time next year's president and vice-president will be installed. In addition, next year's senate secretary, treasurer and publicity director will be elected by the senators.

The secretary is responsible to perform all written correspondence for the senate. His or her responsibilities also include recording the minutes of the senate meetings and distributing them to all senators.

The treasurer is responsible for the accounting of all Student Senate funds and the overseeing of allocations to student groups.

The publicity director oversees the publicity of all senate activities.

If there are any questions concerning the responsibilities of these positions, please feel free to contact: Todd Werth, secretary; Bob Derochie, treasurer and Jeff Byrne, publicity director.

Any student who is interested in running for any of these positions must attend the meeting on April 15. They should express their intentions to the executive board before the start of the meeting.

Candidates will then have a chance to give a short speech on why they feel they are qualified. The candidates will then leave the room, and be voted on by the senators.

All three of these positions involve a great deal of work and responsibility. However, the experience gained is well worth the time put in. I would like to strongly encourage you to consider running for these positions.

Vote at:

**Campus Center
(1 - 4 pm)**

**Ade and Brick
Dining Halls
(Lunch and Dinner)**

Vice-Presidential Candidate

Mark Stockman

Edsel T. David, who is running uncontested for the position of student senate vice-president, is the first floor R. A. in Cannon hall. He is currently carrying a double major in Political Science and English. He is also the captain of the men's tennis team and assistant coach of the women's tennis team. His hobbies include racquetball, soccer, volleyball, and football.

Q: What are your qualifications?

A: "I am qualified for the position because of my varied interests and activities on campus. Because my interests are so varied, I do not feel that there will be any conflict of interest or favoritism on my part."

Q: Do you support the senate revisions?

A: "I do not think that there should be a drastic restructuring of the senate. I agree with your editor that the role of the individual senator is most important."

Q: How do you view senate-greek relations?

A: "Senate-greek relations need to be strengthened. Although the greek houses are not officially considered part of the university, their members are university students

and take part in most campus activities. The greeks should be represented in the senate; if not a representative from each house, then a single senator to represent all the houses."

Q: How would you promote student unity?

A: "There is a slight unity problem on campus, mainly between International and American students, but also to a certain extent between the two sides of campus. I believe this is due to a lack of interaction between the groups involved. Increase interaction between these groups, and you alleviate the problem."

Q: What power does the senate have?

A: "The senate has budgetary control over the standing committees, such as the Fiat Lux and the Kanakadea yearbook. I believe that the senate should sponsor activities on its own, similar to a high school student council, and possibly raise some of its own funds."

Q: Other comments?

A: "I believe that the current senate president and vice-president, Andy Burns and Amy Neubecker, have done an excellent job, but because of student apathy this is unknown. I intend to make this known and improve on their accomplishments. I support Amy's



Uncontested vice-presidential candidate Edsel T. David

candidacy for student senate president. Also, any student with questions on my position on these issues may come to me at any time. I live in 115 Cannon hall and my telephone number is in the campus phone book."

Senate Reconstruction Vote

Joyce Wagner

At a meeting on April 1, the senate established two final proposals to be set forth in a campus-wide referendum on senate structural reforms.

The referendum will be held alongside the elections for Student Senate president and vice-president. The elections will take place on April 9 and 10.

The issues up for vote include:

- 1) whether to grant standing committees voting status in the senate.
- 2) changing the job description of student senators to make them representatives of both the Senate and Residence Hall Council.

As reported in the Mar. 25 issue of the Fiat Lux, a student affairs-sponsored group proposed to bring standing committee leaders

into the senate as a way of increasing communication between campus organizations and the student body.

Senators voted to grant standing committee senate membership, to Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity.

Representatives of these groups will be required to attend senate meetings beginning next fall. They will give reports on their organizations and offer input on senate proceedings.

Whether they are allowed to vote on issues that come before the senate will be decided by the student body.

Students will also vote on whether to assign the responsibilities of a senator and an RHC representative to one person.

The idea behind this proposal, according to senate president Andy Burns, is to make the position of student senator more presti-

gious.

A dual senate/RHC representative would be responsible for attending the meetings of both groups, and would be expected to communicate frequently with his or her constituents. A representative who misses more than three meetings without finding a substitute would lose his vote for the remainder of the term.

Beginning in the fall, all representatives will be nominated by their residence halls, but the Executive Board will make the final selections for senators.

The senate will hold a meeting Wed. April 8 at 7 pm to vote on standing committee budgets. They will sponsor a "Meet the Candidates Night" to acquaint students with the nominees for senate president and vice-president. All students are welcome to attend.

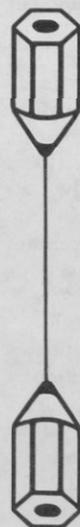
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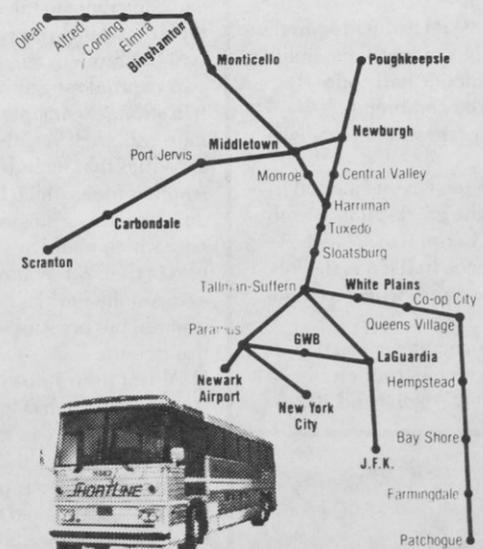
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