Presidential Candidates

Darryl Moch

What do you see as major issues on campus the senate ought to deal with?
"I would like to see Alfred have more options in food services, and I would like to address the issue of the bookstore, and see cheaper books and better buyback rates. The prices there now are outrageous. But my main, main issue is student activities. Where are the organizations? I know they're here. I want to see them have more money so that they will be better and people will have more to do on campus. The myth that there is nothing to at Alfred is just that—a myth. Also, I would like to encourage students to start more new groups.

Although I cannot solve all the problems at Alfred in one year, my goal is to make these problems issues and address them, and get people thinking about them so that the next president can deal with them too. I believe in progress for the future."

Who do you expect to vote for you, and why?
"I represent everyone in the student body: graduate students, international students, minorities, Greeks, I know what their needs are. They all deserve the best, and I will do the best that I can for them."

What do you perceive to be your role as president? That is, describe your relation to the students and the administration.
"As president, I want to be a trusting, sympathetic link between the student body and the administration. I want students to feel that they can at any time walk up to me and be able to talk to me about a problem. If we're not pleased about something that the administration has done, such as the new hotel, then we have to be able to communicate effectively with them. State your concerns. If you have a problem, then don't be afraid to speak out about it."

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Tim Schwab

Why are you running for president?
"First I was a concerned student. I saw problems in the senate, and I became an off-campus senator (this semester). "Change is our campaign motto," Schwab said. He is running with vice-presidential candidate Todd Wagner.

Have you been active in other student organizations, or held any offices?
"I have been involved with the American Marketing Association, Delta Sigma Phi and varsity track. I have not held any offices."

What do you see as major issues on campus the senate ought to deal with?
"Within the senate there is a need for student senator education. If senators hear about something they don't (agree with), they still vote for it. They don't know they can oppose it." "Also, there are no means for a gynecologist on campus, or means of birth control."

And, "We have a need for a better liaison between students and the administration."

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"Schwab again cited senator education, saying senators need to be informed of their duties when they take their jobs."

"We want to see more debate... the meetings (now) are short and nothing gets done." Schwab also said he wants to "help out campus organizations, not just financially but help them with leadership and organization. Organizations just see the senate as a bank."

What is the senate? What can it do? Why should we care enough to vote?
"The student senate should be a lifeline for the students on campus. The senate is there to help students with their problems and to enhance their social and academic life. It provides a place to build leadership and to get students involved with Alfred University life."

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Vice Presidential Candidate

Todd Wagner

Why are you running for vice president?

"For no other reason than to generate interest in the student senate. If it brings people out to challenge me, that's what I want."

Have you been active in the senate or other campus organizations?

"I've been on the senate for a year and a half, secretary for the last year. As secretary, you're overseeing everything from constitutional duties to the everyday activities of the senate, so I have a good sense of how things work. Also, I'm involved with the InterGreek Council and I'm vice president of Sigma Alpha Mu."

What do you see as major issues on campus the senate ought to deal with?

"The fact that there is no senate and no students in the senate is the first and foremost problem. I want to draw people in. We give them the tools but we don't help them present their case to the administration or debate how we ought to help them achieve their goals."

What are your ideas for making the senate a more vital part of the campus? What specific plans do you have for making this happen?

"There is nothing to be done until student participation is resurrected. My plans aren't to spend hours each day in the office doing menial tasks; rather, I wish to use by leadership abilities to lead a group. My little quote is 'one person with a bucket in his hands can't build out a sinking ship.' It needs to be a collective effort. Once we have support, my main concern is having the senate be an outlet for campus concerns, knowing these concerns will be followed up effectively and immediately."

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"The senate is no good without student participation. Its original framework was designed to be a liaison between students and the administration, to further voice student concerns. Until students come out with concerns the senate cannot be effective. My hope and reason for people to vote is so they can see someone is willing to take the time to try and promote a very-much needed, but dying, organization. Senators must be made accountable for their responsibilities, and I don't plan to do the work on my own."

Wagner is running with presidential candidate Tim Schwab.

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