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Meet the Presidential Candidates

1. Why are you running for president?

As a freshman I was a senator and as a sophomore I was secretary. Being involved in student senate the last two years, I've seen a lot of things that could be changed.

I've got a lot of ideas—I went to a leadership conference in St. Louis and I've talked to different schools from all over the country. I have also talked to some schools around here, like Geneseo, and I think that there are things which can be done with our student senate which haven't been done in the past.

2. Have you been active in campus organizations?

Senate, APO, I'm an RA and the arts and crafts chair for Hot Dog Day, the Society of Women Engineers, and Tau Beta Pi, an engineering society.

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

I think we started to do a little bit of that this year which we hadn't done in the past in terms of dealing with the ROTC issue and the possibility of making foreign language a general requirement for liberal arts students.

I would like to see more student involvement in administrative decisions or at least more students knowing what's going on in the administration, because I think most of us really don't know what's going on.

We have students sitting on administrative committees that may not be voting, but at least they're putting in their say. And nobody even knows that we have these committees; personally, I'd like to see more of them. I think that would bring up more issues.

4. Who do you expect to vote for you, and why?

I think that I know a lot of people on campus because I've been involved in a lot of activities. I think that most people who know me, or have worked with me, know the way I work and whether or not I'm dedicated and whether or not I'm going to do a good job.

So I think that the people who know me will hopefully vote for me and perhaps pass the word on to others.

5. What do you perceive to be your role as president? That is, describe your relation to the students and to the administration.

The president should act as a link



Christina Ruf

between the students and the administration. Also, they should be someone who can bring all of the other organizations on campus together and work as a communications link between them.

6. What administrative policies would you like to see changed or created at Alfred?

I would like more student input into administrative decisions and whatever issues or topics are important.

7. 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?

I'd like to see the senate become more of an umbrella organization for the other groups on campus.

For example, Darryl had tried a presidents' council where he got all the presidents from the different organizations together for lunch. He only did that once or twice, but I'd like to see that once or twice a month.

I'd like to see the senate become more in touch with town issues and maybe have the executive board attend some town meetings. I think that would help to ease the tension between the town and the students.

I think that the senate image has to be improved. The students' image is rather poor now, because before this year we really haven't been doing nearly as much.

8. What good is the senate? What can it do? Why should we care enough to vote?

The senate *could* be a unifying force on campus but it's not being utilized as much as it should be. Administration has been coming to us recently for student input and opinions. We do have some power to accomplish things.



Joseph Linehan

1. Why are you running for president?

I thought that it was terrible that there was only one person who would want to run and get involved with this senate position.

2. Have you been active in campus organizations?

I have been senator for WALF, and I am the current senator for a new group that I helped form on campus, the performing artists guild, which I helped get started.

In WALF I started a couple of new programs which are now being used daily.

I am a current member of the jazz band and concert band.

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

Some of the current issues include the ROTC motion, which should be brought to the administration.

Currently, Dr. Ninos is under a lot of criticism and because of his policies with HIV testing.

4. Who do you expect to vote for you, and why?

I believe that this question is irrelevant at this time and point. People should look at both candidates.

They should listen to what the candidates have to say.

5. What do you perceive to be your role as president? That is, describe your relation to the students and to the administration.

The number one role of the student president is to be the voice of the campus toward the administration.

The president is a liaison between the student body and the administration. The student body should be heard, and those voices

should go to the administration of President Coll and the trustees as well.

6. What administrative policies would you like to see changed or created at Alfred?

Current things that are going on are computer services, food services, the building of the campus center. There should be more of a student drive to push the administration.

7. 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?

I am a graphics design major and a communications minor. I know how to communicate an idea, I know how to communicate the facts.

If we're dealing with senate image, how better to complete that image and work up that image than to put someone who can communicate that proper image to the administration in office.

One way is to do a visual revamp of the senate, so that students know it is an important organization.

One thing that can be done with it is with posters and things that are printed up.

The whole view of senate and how it's looked at needs to be overhauled and changed. Darryl Moch has started that and I'd like to continue.

8. What good is the senate? What can it do? Why should we care enough to vote?

The senate is there so the students can be heard—so they have a forum to voice their views about administrative policies, student policies, etc.

It's my job to filter out the opinion and take it to the university. It can affect change in university policies and in organizations.

It can do something. It can create change, it can have an affect. For example, the Gulf War debate which was just held. A forum is present for students to air their views, their grievances, their compliments, their criticisms, and concerns.

As to why we should care enough to vote, you're voting for your university. You're going to belong to this university for the rest of your life.

And what you're voting on affects your life here at the university and after you leave the university. You should care enough because this is your home and you want to make some sort of change and some sort of impact for a good university that is called "Alfred."

Meet the vice-presidential candidates

1. Why are you running for vice-president?

I think that the senate has had a lot of problems in the past. Everybody goes into it saying that they need major reconstruction, they need to change things, and I agree with that.

But I see it as an outlet for the student body. If you're going to do something and involve the whole campus, the senate is a place to facilitate such cooperation.

2. Have you been active in campus organizations?

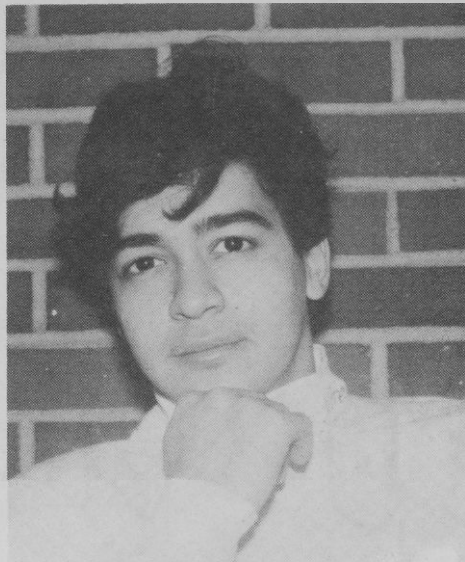
Yes. The reason why I am so active is that the campus has so many opportunities. Where else could you be a president or vice-president of an organization in your sophomore year? You just couldn't do that in a big school. I am active in many different things, from SAA to cheerleading.

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

This year is the first time I have seen the senate take a position in major issues. I think the focus should be on issues that effect the whole campus, like ROTC, racial issues, social concerns — the senate should be a place where the student body can bring issues concerning them that involve the university as a group.

4. Who do you expect to vote for you, and why?

From past experiences, I know that a lot of times this can turn out to be a popularity contest. But I would hope that the student body would take it more seriously. I know that last year only 300 people voted — I got more people to



Christopher Pepin

sign my paper than voted last year. I would hope that the students I have spoke to personally would get out there and vote. The activist groups, the freshmen and sophmores who really have a chance to start new programs, I really tried to get out and let them know what I am all about.

5. What do you perceive to be your role as vice-president? That is, describe your relation to the students and to the administration.

My role as a vice-president is to be a medium between the president and the student body. I expect to have a comfortable role with the students and a professional role with the administration.

6. What administrative policies would you like to see changed or created at Alfred?

I don't know specifically if we can change anything about administration. But what I would like to see is more of a faculty-student relationship. There should be more of faculty supporting students as well students supporting faculty, and that's what my program is all about.

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

Senate doesn't have the image it should have, and one of my goals is to improve that image. Everyone sometimes sees the senate as inefficient. I want them to see it in a different light as an efficient working body that is helping to bring the campus together. I'm shooting for unity and pride. This school has improved their image in competitions with other schools in the last few years, and I want people to know how exciting that is. This campus is important, and the students should know that.

8. What good is the senate? What can it do? Why should we care enough to vote?

The one thing good about the senate is that it is participated in by people from all corners of the campus: all the organizations, the residencies, the greeks; its a good mixture of people with different interests

Everybody out there, your vote does count. You should care enough to vote out of pride in yourself and in our campus. You're the people who are part of those clubs and organizations that come to senate, and your going to have something to say.



Svetlana Gorodetsky

1. Why are you running for vice-president?

I've been involved with student senate since freshman year. I've served on three executive boards in two different capacities. I started out as an assistant secretary and then I was chairperson. It was a new position created at the time—I was the first chairperson to serve on the executive board.

Working with senate so long, I have seen many great things the senate has done. On the other hand I see many problems. There are not enough things being done in terms of I would like the senate to be more of a liason between administration and students.

I'd like to get the leaders of all organizations in touch on a regular basis. The idea is not original, but it has never been done successfully.

I see a lot of things that could be done with senate and being in it so long, I feel that I am competent to improve on it.

2. Have you been active in campus organizations?

I have been pretty active in senate and RHC, I have been involved with the long-standing campus center committee which has been going on since spring of 89, APO, I'm an RA, as well as being on the RA council, and I've been on special committees like the Shamrock Cafe and Hot Dog Day.

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

Right now I think my main goal would be to anchor the senate. Bring it back to earth and just start out small and do things, rather than planning many elaborate things.

For example, I think things like the multi-cultural fair are just wonderful. It's

a good experience, good education for people, because we do have some diverse students on campus.

So my main thing would be to build a base and go from there. Get the student leaders together on a regular basis so everyone knows what's going on because in my opinion there is a lack of communication.

4. Who do you expect to vote for you, and why?

We'll start with the why and go backwards.

I'm hoping because people generally know me on campus from involvement in other activities—I've tried not to hide anyway for my three years on campus!

So I think people generally know me, know I've been involved in senate for quite a long time as well as other organizations, so I think they know that I'm aware of the problems and what exactly is going on, and would have the energy plus the ideas to change those things.

As far as who, that's a good question. Hopefully, just anybody who has been involved in senate and knows me through that for the past couple of years.

I think a wide range of students would just because they know me.

5. What do you perceive to be your role as vice-president? That is, describe your relation to the students and to the administration.

I think primarily the vice-president works together very closely with the president to accomplish various goals. We set goals in the beginning. Things come up as our term progresses and I think, from experience with past executive boards, the president and vice-president must work very closely together.

The vice-president acts as a backup. Plus, there are very important duties of the vice-president, like elections. The vice-president chairs the elections committee, which is quite relavent now.

I see myself, if elected, being a liason between the administration, faculty, and students. I think that's something that we need.

6. What administrative policies would you like to see changed or created at Alfred?

There are certain issues on campus presently. There's the computer policy, the HIV testing problem or disagreement. And there are many things that I've heard of very recently that students are trying to either have changed or get justification for, and I think that's the senate's job.

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