

S.C. president candidates chart different courses

*Junior, sophomore
throw hats in ring*

Revising the Student Government Constitution to create committees with broader responsibilities and reevaluating the need for an Honor Code are among ideas the two candidates vying for Student Council president feel will make next year's S.C. more effective in representing U-Highers.

The candidates are Junior Tarik Scott and Sophomore Nick Pangere.

President of his class both freshmen year and this year, Tarik feels his experience will help him serve U-Highers' interests well next year. He also feels he can build on student government's progress this year.

Continuing initiatives

"Great initiatives were taken this year," Tarik explained. "Many of these initiatives fizzled before elections. We started the cafeteria surveys, the constitution revisions and course evaluations. I hope to continue these activities next year and put out additional surveys about the cafeteria to get feedback.

"The only project started this year I do not believe in personally is the Honor Code. But if students feel it is in their best interests then I will do my best to make it happen."

Besides continuing projects begun this year, Tarik hopes to correct what he feels are problems which have resulted in tensions within this year's Council.

"This year a lot of pressure was put on class officers by executive committee members to have events," Tarik explained.

"But I feel some officers were treated more harshly than others and I hope to correct this next year."

Better communication with faculty about students' opinions and S.C. projects are ways Tarik feels he can represent U-Highers' opinions.

"In order to get the faculty to implement course evaluations and other projects I want to schedule

regular meetings with the faculty," he explained. "In those meetings I can stress the importance of these projects. Although I cannot force the faculty to implement these projects, I might meet with Ms. Goldschmidt or Mr. Minelli.

"I also plan to revise the Constitution to change S.C. members' attendance policy to better fit reality. By making the Constitution more clear, members will have a better idea of what is expected of them. If a member does not live up to their expectations then I would not be opposed to impeaching them."

Nick feels a reevaluation of all of student government is necessary. He would like to make it simpler but also more effective.

"I feel a lot of projects sponsored by S.C. this year were done so that a few seniors could make their mark," Nick said. "Those people will not have to live with the consequences of their mistakes.

"Also, the only way I feel things will get done is through compromise. S.C. does nothing for the common students who are getting their lounges shut down. By making things simpler we can address real student problems. Projects like the Honor Code are too vague and redundant to do any good."

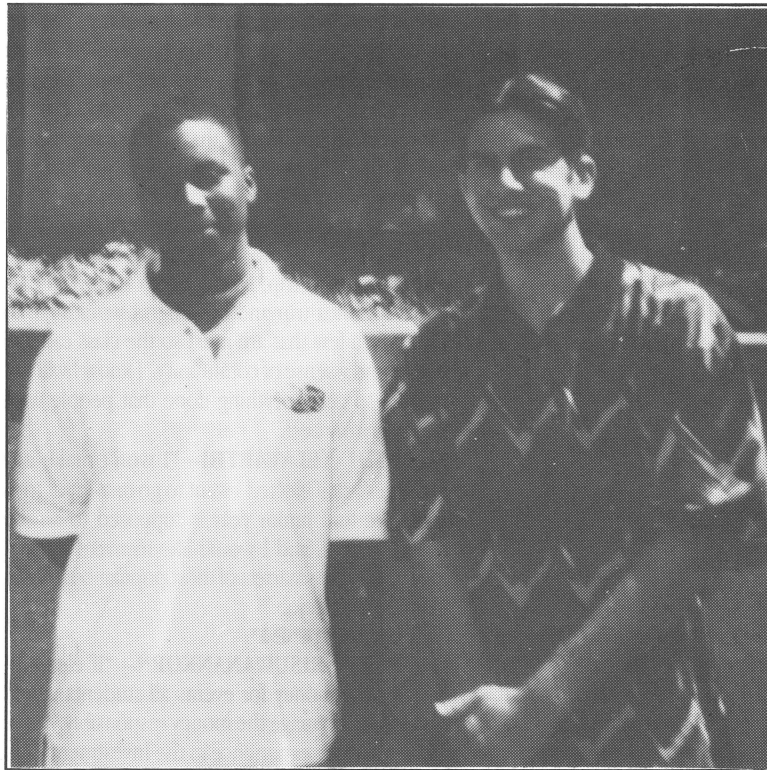
Keeping in touch

Believing that S.C. has become increasingly out of touch with students, Nick believes more contact between the Council and the average student is necessary.

"The fact that there are only two candidates for S.C. president illustrates the fact that S.C. has lost touch with the average student," Nick said.

"Students do not feel like they have a say in student government or that their opinion matters. That is why there are not many candidates this year. No one really cares. That hurts students like me who want a choice. There is no variety.

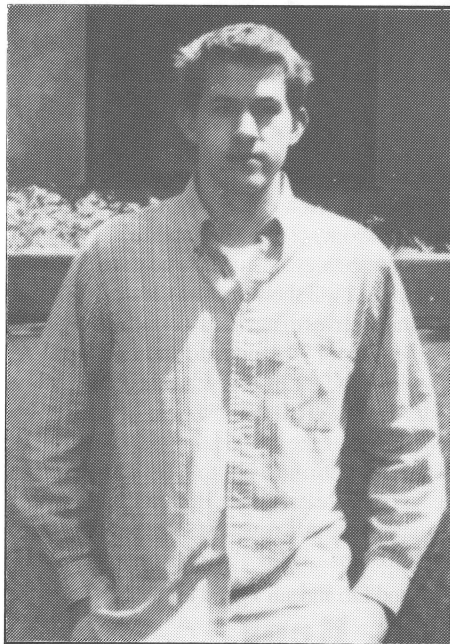
"I want to do things the average student will care about like creating a designated eating place in the library. I feel that only by compromise with teachers and administrators will S.C. actually serve students."



The Council's Presidential Possibilities

MAY THE BEST MAN win, 'cause there's no girls running for the school's top student government office. Candidates for Student Council president are Junior Tarik Scott, left, and Sophomore Nick Pangere.

C.U. presidential aspirants, both juniors, value variety



One

Of
Two

AMONG TWO candidates for presidency of Cultural Union, student government's social component, is Junior Adam Fetsch. The other candidate, Junior Dana Cohn, was out of town when the photo was taken.

Building on successful dances and events sponsored by Cultural Union (C.U.) this year, Juniors Dana Cohn and Adam Fetsch, candidates for C.U. president, hope to diversify events so all U-Highers will feel comfortable attending at least some events.

Serving as junior class C.U. representative this year, Dana feels her experience has helped her work with other people and get involved in school events, both qualities she feels are important in a C.U. President.

Listening important

"Being on C.U. this year had given me ideas for what students want," Dana said. "But most importantly I want to listen to what students want and then work from there."

Sponsoring new events as well as continuing old ones, Dana would involve the whole student body in C.U. projects.

"I want to find things that appeal to a wide range of students," Dana explained. "I do not think people look forward to school events because they do not appeal to them. Projects like the coffee house are good because they allow students who do not like to dance to still have a good time with their classmates and get to know more people.

"Having a pep rally is a great way to get the school involved," she added. "Each sport team and club

could do something and connect with each other and have fun."

Spending more money on dances and events, Adam hopes to use his experience as junior class C.U. representative to aid him in planning new events.

Money issues important

"I want to keep and improve upon a lot of the projects started this year," Adam explained. "This year we have made money on all the dances. I do not see the point. This year during semiformal we wanted to have a fruit juice bar with a real bartender. But a lot of people said that would be too expensive.

"I feel it is important to have a good d.j. or bartender even if it means we do not make money because as long as we break even we do not even need the money."

Introducing new projects, Adam would hope to appeal to all types of students.

"I would like to add a block party," Adam said. "One day after school we could hire a band to play in the Japanese Gardens and have a barbecue. I want to make events where people can sit around with music and talk.

"My goal is that each student can have at least two social events at school that they are comfortable going to, where everyone can participate. I think I can do all these projects because when I want to do something I make it happen."

Candidates for offices outline goals

The Midway attempted to contact and interview all candidates last week and weekend, making over 100 phone calls. With the deadline for filing at the end of school Friday, time was short. We made every attempt to quote every candidate.

Student Council Vice President

RALPH AHN—“If elected I will plan better assemblies with more teacher and student interactions, and ski and paintball trips. I also will try and sponsor more contests open to all grades and cool trips to Great America, water parks and places like that. In addition I will plan more fundraisers and Community Service activities like the blood drive.”

MIKE ZABEL—“I want to make sure Student Council representatives fulfill their obligations as class representatives. In past years there have been many great ideas that Student Council has come up with, but somehow they have not happened. It would be my goal as Student Council vice president to accomplish many fun and productive activities that have failed to take place in past years, such as grade competitions and school spirit activities before ISL games.”

Secretary

SONIA MITTAL—“As secretary I would fulfill my duties and crack down on attendance. I would also work hard on all-school activities. I have the experience with working on this years' S.C., which also qualifies me to be secretary.”

Treasurer

ANJU MAHAJAN—“I think this year's treasurer did a good job distributing money fairly. I've been on Student Council the past two years and that has taught me responsibility and is something I take seriously. If elected, I will follow in the footsteps of this year's treasurer and do a good job.”

Cultural Union Treasurer

CHRISTINA SRISUWANANKORN—“I want to try and get more participation from students in the school. I will plan more new and fun activities. I like to help and organize events and feel I will make a good treasurer.”

Class Offices Next Year's Seniors President

JAMES CHEUNG—“As president I want to give my grade a great year. I will try and put the senior class on a different level then other grades with fun senior-only activities.”

JENNIFER JONES—“I really want to make senior year the best year possible and I know I can. I have the experience necessary to do the job. I was a C.U. member freshman year and sophomore president and coordinated Arts Fest '98. I know what kind of commitment the job will take and am sure I can do it. I want to cram as much fun and eliminate as many problems that exist during the year. I have the experience, dedication, the drive and organizational skills necessary to create a fantastic senior year.”

Treasurer

KATHERINE LIN—*Did not respond to a Midway request for a statement.*

C.U. Reps

CATHERINE CHANDLER—“I don't think there's a lot a C.U. representative can add except their opinions. I was disappointed by a lot of the dances and want to change the dances and make them more fun. I think I represent a lot of groups of students and sports in the school.”

KATEY SCHEIN—“I am running for C.U. representative because I want to become more involved in school activities. I think I represent a lot of students and can make the year fun.”

Political Rep

JOHN LAUCIS—“With the expansion of the political representatives' job in the Constitution, I feel I can be a good liaison between Student Council and my grade. I will sponsor more trips and full-school activities. My experience as political rep freshman year and with Arts Fest will make me an effective political rep.”

Next Year's Juniors President

ANNA BLOOM—“I know I cannot make radical changes. I'll do my best to represent the grade and follow in the footsteps of those before me. I really care about the grade and want to make junior year as fun as possible.”

ALEX CHEUNG—*Did not respond to repeated Midway requests for a statement.*

IAN KYSEL—“I think that junior year should be the most fun and, if elected, I intend to do my best to make it fun. I am responsible and feel that I can do a great job as president. I have always been interested in S.C. and specifically being president. If elected I will do my best to make junior year the best at U-High, and that in itself is reason enough to elect me.”

GEORGE YAMAUCHI-WIED—“If I were to be elected president, I naturally would give all my efforts to make junior year the best it could be. I would have to listen to the wishes of my class and see if what they want would be possible. I, of course, know that money is always a problem, a hindrance to the president's plans. Thus I would try to set up fundraisers that would raise money for events. My main objective is to get as many events scheduled, even if I must give money myself. Some small events, such as breakfasts, will be financed solely by me. Several events I am thinking of are a ski trip, North Beach trip, paintball, Great America trip and bowling. I would like to schedule a few that are must so the class can feel unity and a sense of community. I know I will not be able to get everything done that people wish but I'll try my best.”

DEEPTHI YELAVARTHI—“I won't make any promises but if elected I want to go on a lot of trips and have fun. Junior year is supposed to be the most stressful, and I would like to make it fun. I may not be the smartest of most popular but I think I can do a great job.”

Treasurer

CHARLES SRISUWANANKORN—“If elected I will use the money for events all students would enjoy. I will manage the money responsibly. I love money and my experience in the Investment Club has taught me how to use it responsibly.”

C.U. Rep

ALEXIS MITCHELL—“If elected I will try my best to have parties and other activities which all students will enjoy. I will try to increase participation at dances and events. I have served on Cultural Union before and that has shown me ways to get things done.”

ELISABETH MULLER—“As C.U. rep, I would relieve some of the stresses of junior year with fun activities. I will organize events which are held on convenient days and times such as scheduling events during weekday study breaks. The continuation of Homecoming and the emphasis on U-High's sports teams are important to me. The class of 2000 just want to have fun.”

MC OXTOPY—Sophomores! Do you want a Coke machine, trip to North Beach, awesome retreat, Lava Lamps and cool activities with the rest of the school? If you want these things or if you don't, I'll work hard to represent the interest of our class. I'll be an enthusiastic, approachable and organized C.U. rep. Vote for MC and we'll all win.”

TIAGO PAPPAS—*Did not respond to Midway requests for a statement.*

Political Rep

VENN MOTHKUR—*Did not respond to Midway requests for a statement.*

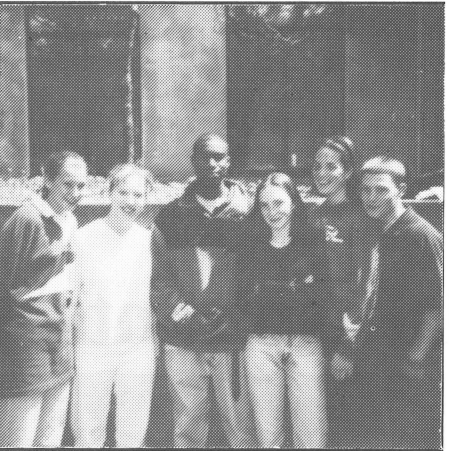
LIBBY O'NEILL—“I plan to go to each advisory and explain to people what Student Council is doing. I hope to increase the publicity of events because things are not fun when a lot of people don't go. I want to preview activities with the grade. I think the political representative should take the time to get advisories excited with things. I love to talk and get people excited.”

TOKOYA WILLIAMS—“Have up ever sat back and said to yourself, 'When is Student Council going to listen to me?' Well, it's time for your voice to be heard. If elected junior class political representatives I will make sure that your needs are met. I will actively visit each advisory (at least once a month) in order to get a clear and precise picture of what you want to see happen your junior year. I will keep an open mind and listen to all of your opinions and suggestions and try to bring those thoughts back to Student Council meetings in order to make sure that the junior class voice is heard.”

Next Year's Sophs President

NICHOLAS HILL—*The Midway tried to contact Nick by phone three times and left messages but did not get a statement; the editors could not locate him in school and have no way of knowing if Nick got their messages.*

TIFFANY NORTHRUP—“I will work my hardest to make next year the best it can be. I believe direct communication between the grade and S.C. is



STUDENT GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES—Student Council vice president, Ralph Ahn; Student Council treasurer, Anju Mahajan; Student Council vice president, Mike Zabel; Cultural Union treasurer, Christina Srisuwanankorn; Student Council secretary, Sonia Mittal.

NEXT YEAR'S SENIOR OFFICE CANDIDATES—President, James Cheung and Jennifer Jones; political representative, John Laucis; treasurer, Katherine Lin; Cultural Union representative, Catherine Chandler. Absent from the photo is C.U. representative candidate Katey Schein.

NEXT YEAR'S JUNIOR OFFICE CANDIDATES—President, Ian Kysel; Cultural Union representative, MC Oxtoby; president, George Yamauchi-Wied; treasurer, Charles Srisuwanankorn; president, Deepthi Yelavarthi. Absent from the photo are presidential candidates Anna Bloom and Alex Cheung; C.U. representatives, Elisabeth Muller, Alexis Mitchell and Tiago Pappas; and political representative, Venn Mothkur, Libby O'Neill and Tokoya Williams.

NEXT YEAR'S SOPHOMORE OFFICE CANDIDATES—President, Tiffany Northrup and Elizabeth Stigler; Cultural Union representatives, Ayinde Bennett, Erica Pilcher, Dan Schatt and Katie Tulley. Absent from the photo is presidential candidate Nicholas Hill.

important so that no activity will be planned without the majority of the class's approval. I will offer monthly meetings for student who want to give us their ideas. I will show that the Class of '01 is mature and deserves things like a lockin. There is nothing the Class of '01 cannot do and I will prove to the school and the teachers that this is true.”

ELIZABETH STIGLER—“With me as your president we will make sophomore year the greatest. To do this I plan to work to build class spirit, as well as other great activities. However, I believe that the only way to plan really awesome trips is to work with C.U. reps. I have a lot of experience with U-High and Lab and am a good leader.”

C.U. Reps

ERICA PILCHER—“I am running because I believe next year can be exciting and fun and so that everyone will have something to look forward to. If I get elected, everyone will have a say in what we do. I have many ideas that will make people want to go to dances. I will make sure this will be a year to remember.”

KATIE TULLY—“If elected, I will organize events the whole class will enjoy. I think it is important that our whole class's input is recognized so that

we have a fun year. I have a lot of new ideas that we could try next year.”

DAN SCHATT AND AYINDE BENNETT (*made joint statement*)—“We were unhappy with the parties and events sponsored by C.U. this year. If we win we will throw some decent parties and activities. We will take the time to make sure our grade has fun.”

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