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 failed 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.

“Other than 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 then others and I hope to correct this next year.”

Better communication with faculty about students’ opinions and S.C. projects is 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. Although I cannot force the faculty to implement these projects, I might meet with Ms. Goldschmidt or Mr. Minel to "promote them."

“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 the 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.”

“Ako, 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 so 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 where’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

Building on successful dances and events sponsored by Cultural Union (C.U.) this year, Junior 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 don’t 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 filling all offices Friday, time was short. We made every attempt to quote every candidate.

**Student Council 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 potlucks 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 recent years there have been many great ideas that Student Council has come up with, but somehow they have not happened. It would be my job 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 IS games.

**Secretary**

SONIA MITTAL--As secretary I would fulfill my duties and rack down on attendance. I would also work at all school activities. I have the experience with working on this year's 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.

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**Treasurer**

CHARLES SRISUWANANKORN--I was a U.C. 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.

**Class Officers**

**Next Year's Senior President**

JAMES CHUng--As president I will give my grade a great year. I will try and put the senior class on a different level then other grades with fun and entertaining 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 U.C. 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.

KATHERINE LlN--I did not respond to a Midway request for a statement.

**U.C. Reps**

CATHERINE CHANDLER--I don't think there's a lot a U.C. representative can add except their participation in school activities. I think I represent a lot of students.

KATIE SCHEIN--I am running for U.C. representative because I have become more involved in school activities. I think I represent a lot of students and can make the year fun.

**Political Rep**

JASON PAPPOs--I am running for political rep because I have grown and learned a lot through 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 try and make my grade more involved in full school activities. My experience as political rep freshman year and with Arts Fest will make me an effective political rep.

**Next Year's Junior President**

ANNA BLOOM--I am running for junior president because I have grown and learned a lot through 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 try and make my grade more involved in full school activities. My experience as political rep freshman year and with Arts Fest will make me an effective political rep.

**Next Year's Sophomore President**

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

**Next Year's Freshman President**

Tiffany NORTHROP--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 important so that no activity will be planned without the majority of the class's approval. I will work with the students and faculty to make sure the class of '01 is more involved than in the past.

**Student Government Candidates--President, Ralph AHN; Student Council Vice President, Mike Zabel; Cultural Union President, Christina Srisuwanankorn; Student Council Secretary, Sonia Mitella.

*Next Year's Senior Office CANDIDATES--President, James Cheung and Jennifer Jones; political representative, Johnson Laussi; treasurer, Katherine Lin; Cultural Union representative, Catherine Chandler. Absent from the photo is C.U. representative candidate Katelyn Schein.*

*Next Year's Junior Office CANDIDATES--President, Ian Slocel; Cultural Union representative, MC Oxtoby; 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 Christiana Canakur, Libby O'Neill and Tokoye Williams.

*Next Year's Sophomore Office CANDIDATES--President, Tiffany Northrup and Elizabeth Stigler; Cultural Union representatives, Ayinde Bennett, Erica Pitcher, Dan Schatt and Katie Tully. Absent from the photo is presidential candidate Nicholas Hill.**

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