Election Debate Leaves Two Clear Choices

Debate Hindered By Rowdy Supporters

By Hubert Reyes
Editor-in-chief

The field of four contenders for the soon-to-be-vacant Undergraduate Student Government was unofficially cut down to two after April 5's debate. Instead of serving as a forum where issues relevant to the student body were to be discussed, the debates turned out to be a raucous rally for the most popular parties.

C.U.R.E., The Campus Party, and United Undergraduates for Better Jobs are the three parties running for this week's elections, taking place April 24 through 26. Kashon Jun is running as an independent. The three party presidents, as well as Jun, were given an opportunity to present their party's platforms in front of an audience of about 100 people in the window lounge of the 36th Park Avenue South Building.

Each candidate was allowed five minutes to quickly present his party and its platform to the audience. Based on crowd support, at this point, it is clear that this has become a two-horse race.

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Candidates for student government continue to up their game in order to get elected. On Monday, April 2, Baruch students travelled to Town Hall to campaign for students’ votes. Each candidate emphasized their experience when speaking to the students about their respective platforms.

The next speaker was Edward Ellis, a first-year student at the U.S.G. He started his campaign by stating, “As soon as I got here two years ago, I had no interest in politics, but the more I found out the more I was involved. The Campus Party “wants to improve student government on a grand scale.”

The Campus Party wants to make Baruch more involved in the community. Ellis pointed out that his involvement in the officers in the Black and Hispanic department are very strong at acknowledging diversity, and we are very strong at celebrating diversity,” states Ellis. “Something we have baruch. We are making sure we do our best to ing of the Black and Hispanic department in and knowledge to get this done.

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Three Parties, Four Candidates, One Victor

By Brian Yonahs

The undergraduate Student Government elections for 2001 are split. We have not seen the same campaign efforts on the part of the student body as we have in previous years. The student government (S.G.S.) and a separate, yet fairly fied party, Garibaldi and her party mates came from one crowd, mostly made up of former D.S.S.G. and Ticker/Reporter sponsored Debates on April 5th, this is what I have gathered about the candidates and their parties.

Until recently there had been a day-student government. Undergraduates Reinventing Education (U.R.E.), a group of students who want to unite the campus. He says, "I'm running on a mission to rid us of bureaucracy and create a network of opportunities for students. To today's web connected society, he speaks of his plan to revitalize the Baruch site and create new forums for discussions. However, he also mentions a "Friday coffee hour" between students, faculty and administration, which would bring the university community together. In today's web connected society, he speaks of his plan to revitalize the Baruch site and create new forums for discussions. However, he also mentions a "Friday coffee hour" between students, faculty and administration, which would bring the university community together.

Several students who want to form a movement that would put Baruch on the map. "I believe that Baruch is an under-rated school," he said. "I want to bring the university to a national level that would put Baruch on the map."

From Friends to Foes: A Tale of Two Candidates

By Haasen Citron

As the elections for Baruch's undergraduate Student Government drew to a close, students technically have four options. In reality, this is a vacuum of a campaign. The Campaign Party (C.P.), headed by Edward Ellis, and (College) Union for Social Economic Reform (C.U.R.E.), headed by Kaleem Qureshi. The main issue in the campaign is that the candidates are running for a position in the student government. The following are the profiles of each candidate.

Edward Ellis, a campus resident for four years, is an active student who has served on the Student Government for two years. He is running for re-election. In the campaign, he says, "I want to make the university a better place to do business."

Kaleem Qureshi, the student government president, has been involved in student government for two years and doesn't see any reason why he shouldn't run for re-election. He says, "I'm staying neutral this election."

"Two individuals from the same group come out with their own ideas and causes and a sensation."

Still, Qureshi has his eye on Ellis. "I've heard people say, "I'm going to run for USG and I'm going to be a different type of president."

Edward Ellis is currently Vice President of the Student Government. "I want to be President," he says. "I want to be the leader of the student government."

He calls his relationship with Qureshi "friendly." "We're trying to work together," he says. "I think he's a good leader and I think he's a great leader."
Having to decide who will run the student government for the next year can be quite a task, especially for the notorious Baruch student body. The same student body that does not have time to care about each other or the state of their college. Perhaps this is why the media is the responsibility of those who do not or can not make the time to care about their beloved institutions.

Running in this year’s election are three parties – C.U.R.E, The Campus Party, and Baruch for Better Jobs. The third runner is an independent candidate by the name of Karimel Jon. While it appears that the slate is pretty full, the list of four can be quickly cut down to three. The independent candidate is one to be taken lightly, entering into an area of politics that he believed would be nothing more than fun and games.

While it may be fun to run for the Undergraduate Student Government, fighting on behalf of the student body is nothing to be taken lightly. The slate is further shortened when Don Reitberg, president of United Baruch for Better Jobs, is ruled out of the picture. Although he does appear to be a much more serious contender than Jon, his view of creating an Internet campus to solve all real life problems is less than inviting. While his desire to promote Baruch’s name is obvious, the quality of his work is less so.

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Tues., Apr. 24 thru Thurs., Apr. 26
10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Lobby / E. 25th Street.

Graduate Elections:
Internet Balloting from 12:01 AM on April 23 until
12:00 AM on April 26 @ www.iballot.com.
If you have not received voting instructions by mail,
contact: Student Life, 1512 / 360 PAS.