Election Debate Leaves Two Clear Choices

Debate Hindered By Rowdy Supporters

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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 debate 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 360 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 Stress Focal Points One Last Time

The four presidential candidates at the USG debates. From left to right: Kashon Qureshi, EdWARD Ellis, Dan Reitberg. (Photo/David Martinez)

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Candidates Stress Building Bridges

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Context from news:

In a world where students are often depicted as passive participants in their college experience, two candidates for the University Student Government (USG) are calling for greater involvement of the student body in decision-making processes. Daniel Reitberg, president of the United CUNY Republicans, and Jun, a transfer student from Virginia Military Institute, are pushing for a shift in focus from top-down administration to a more participatory approach to student affairs.

Reitberg has been involved in student government for several years, serving as a representative for various classes and positions. His campaign slogan, “We want to build bridges,” reflects his desire to foster a stronger relationship between students and the university administration.

Jun, on the other hand, is a new face in student government, having just joined the USG this year. His platform focuses on the importance of student voices being heard in decision-making processes.

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While Daniel Reitberg, president of United CUNY Republicans, and Jun were both making strong cases for their respective parties, III, a candidate running for the USG, appeared to be struggling to gain support. III, who is a senior at Baruch College, said that he was feeling overwhelmed by the intensity of the debate.

However, the debate was not without its highlights. III, who is known for his quick wit and ability to handle pressure, responded to a question about the university’s budget by saying, “I’m not running for fun!” He added, “C.U.R.E. is not a game that we are playing.”

Qureshi pointed out that he was more focused on the issues at hand and that he would be open to discussing them with his opponents. “We need solutions,” he said. “We don’t want empty promises.”

Overall, the debate was a lively exchange of ideas, with each candidate bringing a unique perspective to the table. The candidates’ ability to engage with each other and the audience was a testament to the importance of discussing these issues with the broader community.
The Undergraduate Student Government elections for 1998 were so nasty. We have seen such campaigns before, but nothing like this. The candidates are fighting for their lives, and the whole campus is suffering.

It's interesting to see how the candidates are reacting to the current administration. It seems that the S.U.G. is being used as a tool to gain power and influence. The candidates are trying to distance themselves from the administration, while at the same time, trying to get as much support as possible from the student body.

The election process is a reflection of the current state of the university. The candidates are representing the interests of the students, but they are also being influenced by the administration. The students are not in control of the process, and the administration is using the election to further its own goals.

It's unfortunate that the students are being used as pawns in this game. The candidates are not representing the interests of the students, but the interests of the administration. The students are being asked to vote for candidates who they don't know or trust, and who are being used as tools to further the administration's goals.

The students should demand more from their representatives. They should demand that the candidates represent their interests, and not the interests of the administration. They should demand that the candidates be held accountable for their actions, and that the election process be fair and transparent.

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Public Enemy #1

Since last year, Baruch College President Ned Regan has been under fire concerning his treatment of the Black and Hispanic department. It is about time that we, the students of Baruch, decide to engage this man and show him the striped way. We have no time to drive him out of office.

We are simply here to help come to a compromise.

As many of you must have heard, the mainstream media is getting involved in the fight to preserve the department. This outreach by the students to the media is a loud enough of a cry to consider the putting much desired attention that this race truly deserves in perspective.

To further this point, the USG, debate on April 5th will be an important indication of how important it is to this point. It is through these four candidates indicative of the concerns of the department, candidate Edward Ellis of the Campus party especially stressed the issue. Ellis, who has served two years in the USG as the President of Legislative affairs.

While some may try to run a campaign based purely on popularity, a kin to the kind you would find in any Junior High School across America, Ellis states his platforms and solutions clearly. His experience and knowledge is key. Whether it be his relent­

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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 list is furthered on when Don Reitberg, president of United Baruch for Better, is ruled out of the picture. Although he does appear to be a much more serious contender than John, his view of creating an Internet campus to solve all our real life problems is less than inviting. While his desire to promote Baruch’s name through various media events is something that should not be ignored, his lack of experience begs us to look elsewhere.

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Undergraduate Elections:
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.