

Executive tickets against senate pay

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If ASWSU senators backing a measure that seeks to pay senators for their services for the first time ever were hoping to find some support at Friday's ASWSU executive candidate debate, they walked away disappointed.

All three of the four teams vying for the executive posts that attended the hour-long session in the CUB Auditorium came out against pay for senate members, but were less willing to give up their own salaries.

The rather tame debate also featured two situational questions, from moderator Stephan Collins, head of ASWSU's voter action committee, to which the teams were asked to respond.

On the issue of pay for senators, Derek Mitchell said he and his running mate, Richard Dunton would be willing to give up "\$2,000 or \$3,000" of their nearly \$8,000 salaries to keep financially distressed senate members at their posts, although all three tickets agreed that a set pay for senators is not a precedent they wanted to establish.

When the discussion was opened up for question to the more than 100 people in attendance, ASWSU Sen. Marc Burns (At Large) asked the first question concerning the support of the pay bill that will be up for a vote at Wednesday's senate meeting, and all three teams indicated they did not support the proposal.

Burns' question was followed by one from senate district 1 candidate Brian Burnett, asking if the executives wished to give up portions of their salaries to help ASWSU budget woes.

Executive candidate and Sen. Wayne Asmussen (Off Campus), whose running mate is Sen. Anne Marie Martinis (District 2), seemed to express the feeling of the other two teams, Dave Pridemore and Barb Gorham; Derek Mitchell and Richard Dunton, when he said the executive posts are "full time positions" which require many more hours than do senate positions.

The situational questions posed by Collins' turned out to be loosely veiled rewordings of two major issues tackled by the senate this year, so-called "Ticketgate" and the issue of ASWSU committee status for the

Gay People's Alliance.

In the "Ticketgate" scenario, the candidates were asked whether they would seek quiet diplomacy or would choose to "go public" when a campus department sought to remove students from a traditional recreation area for research on which the "rabbit" department made "a tidy little profit."

Asmussen said he would opt for private negotiations, because public airing of the issue "doesn't do anybody any good."

Pridemore, on the other hand, said he would let the student opinion play a major role in the resolution of the

controversy and would "confront the rabbit department immediately."

He said he and Gorham, would "get feedback from students as to what they wanted us to do."

Mitchell and Dunton said they hoped they would have established a strong network of communications with the faculty and administration when a situation similar to that came up.

It is a mistake, Dunton said, that many think campus departments "are always looking for the dollar amount" when they undertake projects.

On the Gay People's Alliance

issue, which was presented as a group of clowns pushing for sexual freedom on campus, as well as committee status, each of the teams agreed they would tend to follow student opinion against committee status expressed in an equally hypothetical student poll.

"We would try to represent the student view," Mitchell said, "that's what we're elected to do. You have to draw the line somewhere (in granting committee status)."

Mitchell's running mate, Dunton, said that in the event the group was denied committee status it was important to seek other forums through which a group could attempt to convey their messages.

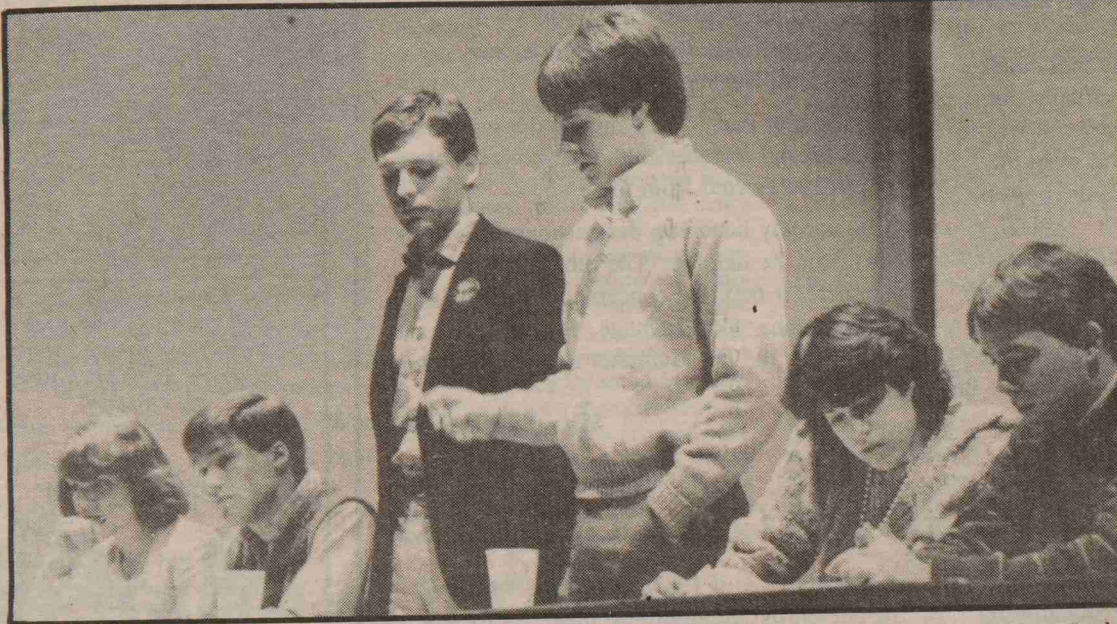
Pridemore expressed a similar opinion when he said, "the role of the ASWSU President and Vice President is to be a vehicle for student wishes" and expressed support for surveys of student opinion on controversial subjects like the one presented.

Asmussen, who voted against granting the GPA committee status in the senate last month, also said he would lean toward allowing student opinion guide his actions in the hypothetical situation.

"If the students don't want it, that about ends it," he said.

The two members of the fourth team seeking the executive posts for next year, John Baechler and Mike Johnson, did not participate in the debate, Baechler said, because a mix up in communications between the voter action committee, which sponsored the meeting, and that team.

He said the two were told the debate would be moved to a location in the CUB basement, from the CUB Mall location where it had originally been scheduled.



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Student executive tickets vying for the top spots on the ASWSU Senate debated Friday at noon in the CUB. Standing are Derek Mitchell (right) and Richard Dunton. On the far left are Barbara Gorham and Dave Pridemore, far right are Wayne Asmussen and Anne Marie Martinis.

Centennial

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The annual Pettyjohn lecture will tie in with the celebration, Peterson said. Frank E. Vandiver will speak on the "Historical Role and Mission of Land-Grant Universities" at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday in Bryan Auditorium.

A program set in the time that the university was founded is scheduled for Saturday, Peterson said. Character actor Pat Hingle will perform "An Evening with Thomas Edison, Reflections of a Genius" at 8 p.m. in the Coliseum.

The events for the 95th anniversary are a "dry-run" for the centennial celebration, Peterson said. The official centennial school year will begin with commencement 1989, and will include the state centennial, Nov. 11. Charter Day, the official centennial, is Mar. 28, 1990. With the state centennial in the same year as the university's, prog-

rams may overlap to the benefit of the university, Peterson said.

"We are hoping the state will make a major push, and encourage people to get out and see the state. In Eastern Washington, this university would be a natural place to spend a day or so."

As part of the centennial plans, George A. Frykman, professor of history, has been appointed WSU historian. Frykman is researching and writing a history of the university's first 100 years, to be published by the WSU Press in 1988, with sales beginning in early 1989.

The university will use the centennial to raise public awareness of this university by taking their show "on the road", through seminars and presentations, Peterson said. By the end of the celebration of the past, this university will be in a better position for the future, he said.

"We will have greater visibility, the public will have greater awareness of the university. We may not attract greater numbers of students, but we'll attract higher quality."

Though modesty is a virtue, bashfulness is a vice.
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Candidates debate today

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During the forum, sponsored by the the Women's Center and YWCA, each of the candidates will have five minutes to raise any issues that they choose and will be asked questions by a four-member panel, according to Heidi Froseth.

The panel members are Mark Ufkes, Tarri Rude, Ben Craig and Sonia Murphy, she said.

The four presidential tickets are: Wayne Asmussen and Anne Marie Martinis; Dave Pridemore and Barbara Gorham; Derek Mitchell and Richard Dunton; and John Baechler and Mike Johnson.

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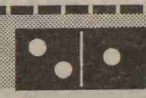
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