Presidental Debate

By Greg Fuchs

A pub on campus, unified student body, coed housing, and contraceptives were some of the topics discussed at the ASG presidential debate in DUC, Thursday, March 21.

Chris Watkins, one of four presidential candidates for this year's election, listed his views on liquor in the dorm rooms as a 21 or over dorm' with a pub.

Presidential candidate, Tim Jackson claims small evidence of problems. "It blows my mind," Jackson said. "The students own this university and should dictate the policy." Candidate Mitchell McKinney said there were no legislation for liquor in the dorm rooms.

"One person cannot create or defeat legislation for liquor in the dorm room," McKinney said.

Presidential hopeful Keith Froedge was concerned about the increased cost of dorm living brought about by having liquor in the dorms.

"I don't know if we can run a pub," Froedge said. "It would even mean an increase in campus police."

Candidates were disappointed at the small turn out for the debate.

"There were only about 80 to 70 people who actually stayed throughout the debate," Jackson said. "We expected a much larger turn out, but the bad weather may have had some effect.

Besides questions on liquor in the dorms, each candidate was asked his opinions on future of WKU's football program and what the requirements of a student regent should be.

According to Watkins, "the student regent is the only voice of the students on the board of regents."

But McKinney claims that the most important duty is to have a working knowledge of ASG.

"Experience," said Mitchell, "through committees and campus organizations can be the most important qualities a student regent should have."

And Froedge said the student regent should represent ASG according to majority wishes.

"To represent, you should know the students feeling and wishes," Froedge said.

Finally Jackson stressed involvement by the student regent. "There should be actual representation of Greeks, independents, religious, and athletic organizations. A student regent has to have the guts to say no."

When asked how they felt about WKU's football program, Watkins stated that no changes should be made at this point. "We should let Coach Roberts have a chance to prove his abilities before any action is taken to change the program."

McKinney expressed support for an athletic freeze. "I am against over spending," McKinney said. "But don't drop the program before Coach Roberts' contract has expired."

According to Froedge, $1.6 million was spent in 1983-84. "About $396,000 would be eliminated if we moved to Division 3," he said.

Jackson said the answer was not to eliminate the program but to find ways to solve the increasing expense of football, if it came down to a decision between football and academics, Jackson stated. "We're not here to play football. We're here for an education and in such a case I would back an athletic freeze." He suggested that the sale of alcohol at the games may be one way to fill the stadium and keep cost down.

With the first round of questioning over each candidate was given a separate question.

Chris Watkins was asked his views on a family planning center being established on campus. He said that his religion banned the use of contraceptives but that if it was the wish of the student body he would back such a proposal.

Mitchell McKinney was asked how he felt about departmental exams and if they were fair. "I think departmental exams are ok," McKinney said. "It's the pass/fail exams that I think are unfair, where one's entire grade is based on one exam."

Keith Froedge was asked to address the question of having continued on p. 7
What is A.S.G.?

by Teresa Lindsey

Associated Student Government has been called many things by many people. Some say that it is a good organization which does a lot for students rights. Yet others do not even have a faint idea of what ASG is or does. ASG is the connection between the students and the administration of Western. Jack Smith, president of the Associated Student Government, says that student government is "the students' voice to the administration. We try to turn students' desires into realities."

ASG turns 'students desires into realities' by listening to their complaints and recommendations, and by taking appropriate actions on the opinions voiced. By working closely with both the faculty and the students, Associated Student Government deals effectively with matters which are important to both groups.

ASG takes many measures in resolving student conflicts such as: holding opinion polls during election times to make the students' voices be heard, and writing and sponsoring legislation, which once passed by Congress, is presented to the Board of Regents.

Thirty-three pieces of legislation have been presented to, discussed by, and voted on by Congress this year alone - legislation concerning controversial issues such as co-ed housing, a campus pub, the English pass/fail exam, and athletic fees.

The Associated Student Government is the students' means of voicing their opinions to the administration of Western and is very effective for this purpose.

Old Courses

by Jennifer Barwick

WARNING: Characters and courses mentioned in this article are fictitious and should be read by open minded people. Any names, places, or other wordy elaborations are merely coincidental.

Dr. Z. of WKU recently announced a new renovation of Western's course offerings and ideals. Considerations undergoing scrutiny by the Board of Regents include a twenty-four hour study area with Jacuzzis, saunas, and physical therapists to help students relieve cram-time tensions; rotating study months where students can optionally work toward increasing grade inflation, and dorm maid and room service. All funds for these facilities will be provided by another hidden $30 athletic fee and collected state monies through non-used, death temperatured winter days that Western students braved. Some new courses offered by the university's most liberal and versatile teachers will be:

Morals and the Western Relation: 178

This course deals with coping with the sexual and moralistic assumptions placed on all of Western's students. A semester of out of class experimentation will be used as two thirds of the class grade requirements. The out-of-class trial can be arranged through the WKU Housing Department: students living in a minimum security prison. Experimental pressures will include limited visitation hours, registering of opposite sexed visitors: unlimited noise allowances and many others. Teachers as well as students are expected to mature from this seminar type course. Other topics under discussion: Men in the 80's - Chicken or Quiche? Being Friends Before, During, and After Visitation, and Sleeping Together While Miles Apart.

Semiotics - On Speaking Terms: 301

A new twist will be given to all familiar courses. Different teachers will lecture without saying anything of value. Question and answer sessions will be reluctantly offered by professors cowed to concise answers in relation to perfected English and distinct clarification of meaning. Guest speakers will include Ronald Reagan, Phyllis George Brown, and Andy Rooney. The only prerequisite for the course is students willing to waste their tuition money for an easy A.

Theater Arts - Acting How To's for the Dorm Idiot and Pseudointellectuals

This should prove a popular course for freshmen and residents of PFT. General oafishness from blasting Quiet Riot at 2:00 a.m. to wearing 'glow in the dark' clothes to be trendy will be stressed. Practical joking, illiteracy toward slang, and speaking Southern for the slow tongued and fast minded will be reviewed. Case studies of beer bonging, women chasing and one nighters will also be used. Yuppies versus Yuckism and The Art of Plaid can be purchased in the College Heights Bookstore as study guides. Both books will be overpriced as usual. Feature lecturers, advisors, and tutors will be from volunteer residents who tested out of this recommended class.
After 5 years of involvement, Smith’s

Exciting views as A.S.G. president

by Daniel Rodriguez

It has been two years since Jack Smith first filed an application for the presidency for the Associated Student Government of Western Kentucky University. He became the only student ever to be re-elected for a second term with more than 75% of the popular votes. This semester Smith will graduate with a triple major of Public Relations, Government, and Speech. Smith will leave his two-year reign as ASG president to a new leader. Among the main contributions Smith has given to the government organization are: enthusiasm, dedication, organization, and revamping of ASG’s role towards more participation from Western’s student body as a whole.

Election ’85 will determine the future of ASG. They could represent a big change for the strongest and most effective student government in the state of Kentucky. A continuing question has been raised: Will this change be positive or negative? ASG president Jack Smith has given Hilltalk some of his ideas and insights toward the upcoming elections.

HOW DO YOU THINK YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATION WILL AFFECT THE FUTURE OF ASG?

I hope my contributions as president will be a positive background for the new president and I hope that ASG will continue to grow as it has in the past two years. I would like to see the students at Western becoming more involved in ASG, asking questions, and increasing their rights as students. These are things that I have strived for and hope that my drive will continue through the future of ASG.

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THE PAST ELECTIONS AND THE PROBLEM A.S.G. HAS HAD? WILL THIS EFFECT STUDENTS ATTITUDES TOWARD THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS?

Anytime there are problems with elections voter turnout is affected; but, I hope that by holding elections in two different places and by having candidates who will take a stand on recent issues, student enthusiasm and activism will increase.

WHAT NEW STRATEGIES HAVE YOU PERSONALLY INCORPORATED TOWARD ELECTIONS ‘85?

I am looking for the two-day election time and two separate voting locations to help student involvement. I personally want to educate candidates on how to run a campaign; so hopefully, more people will vote.

Will Elections ’85 make or break ASG? Jack Smith thinks that there will be no more breaking points. As for the new presidential candidates, they will just have to wait and see if Jack is right.

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Chris Watkins
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Aid Cut

by Jennifer Barwick

As new editor of what could be an upcoming major policy issue, I would like to bring up a question and idea that will most likely affect a vast number of Western's scholars. "Can you think of a way to reduce the deficit without ending all government assistance to over one million students?" Deep? The decisions of our government today will affect us in a rapid approaching tomorrow. Students, we need to start expressing our opinions on top voting questions and there is only one logical way to do so - in union!

President Reagan has asked Congress to reduce government aid to students by $3 billions of dollars. That is a twenty-seven percent cut that will leave over one million needy intellects without the aid that may decide whether they agree to attend college. Mr. Reagan's proposal would vastly narrow middle income families. A four thousand dollar Pell Grant would injure lower income units. Also, let not the rich get richer!

How can you get the financial aid you deserve? There is a new student coalition called AmeriQuest that may lead the way. AmeriQuest was founded by two members of Brown University - Paul Lipson and Kevin Todd. AmeriQuest is non-profit and works for the consolidated voice and action of, for, and by the students. It works to "complement other approaches to the financial aid issue."

Lipson and Patrick are asking students all over America to do two simple things: (1) sign postcards bearing the question, "Is there another way to reduce the deficit without ending all government assistance to over one million college students?" and mail one-half to President Reagan and divide the rest between two regional Senators (preferably one Democrat and one Republican) and (2) encourage others to participate so a greater student voice will be recognized.

Students of Western - we need to take action before action takes us.

It's a shame our nation's leaders need a mass postal bomb to increase their awareness of the severity of American's problems. More worse, it is discouraging to think students are just now realizing their need for a unified voice. Action like Paul's and Kevin's is long overdue. Help increase our voice - your voice. Take AmeriQuest to heart, pick up pen and postcard, and write to save your chances for a better education... the one you deserve!

For more information write: AmeriQuest P.O. Box 1930 Brown University Providence, Rhode Island 02912

Importance of Voting

by Greg Elder and Tim Todd

On the 27th of March March and the 2nd and 3rd of April your Associated Student Government will be holding elections so that the student body can select the membership of the student congress for the '85-'86 term. However, if past trends continue, ten percent or less of the students body will participate in an event of importance for all students enrolled at Western Kentucky University. Apparently, ninety percent of the students at Western ask themselves, "Why vote?" The answer to this question, and it is fairly asked, is threefold; it directly involves students in the process of changing university policy, it allows students to elect their leaders, and it increases the credibility of the student government so that it can convey student wants and needs with more authority.

Voting directly involves students in changing university policy. Two years ago, a poll was held concerning co-residential housing in which about seventy-five percent of the student body participated. The will of the students was heard, and this fall Western's first co-residential housing hall will open. Last spring a poll was held concerning alcohol at sporting events and a campus pub. Again the students were heard, student government pursued it, and it is still an issue on campus. There will be polls in this election and if the student body votes, it will be heard.

Voting allows students to elect their leaders, the people who represent them. Students who choose to vote will elect people they have confidence in and who will raise the issues they want heard. Those who forego taking part in the elections let people speak for them who they had no hand in choosing. Remember, an organization is only as good as the people in it, so elect the people who will represent you best.

Lastly, voting increases the credibility of student government. Associated Student Government is the students' voice to the administration. If students vote and speak up for student government, the student government can speak for the students, and, if need be, make a lot of noise. Should the student body fail to vote, then students can be very silent, and a good many needs could go ignored. The student body and the Associated Student Government - together could be a combination to be reckoned with, but will they ever come together and have the chance to prove this?

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Jobs and Justification

by Renee Romans

Thousands of dollars will be spent on Western's campus during the following weeks, not on books, but on campaign blites even on party supplies will this money be spent. The money will go to numerous campaign blites taking place in order for candidates to hook every vote possible during Elections 85. The goal? To hold an office with the Associated Student Government. A.S.G. is made primarily of an executive board, voting Congress members, and committee members. The executive board is composed of officers, President, Administrative Vice-President, Public Relations Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. All members are full time students, have a minimum of 30 hours, are in good standing with the university, and have an academic standing of 2.35.

The president of A.S.G. has numerous responsibilities such as presiding over all meetings of Congress and processing all legislation passed by Congress. While the president is the official representative of the student body, he does not vote during Congress meetings except in the case of a tie. One advantage to being president of A.S.G. is membership to the Board of Regents as student regent, unless the president is a non-resident of Kentucky. If such a case arises, a student regent will be elected by special vote. A good president will go beyond the call of duty and become actively involved and interested in each committee. He will also keep his eyes open for things in need of improvement on campus and provide Congress with a suitable alternative in bill or proposal form.

Another person with whose hands full is the Administrative Vice-President. As well as assuming the duties of the president in his absence, the Administrative Vice-President coordinates all activities of committees which the Public Relations Vice-President does not have control over. He makes a report to Congress monthly on legislation passed by Congress and action upon the legislation by the university administration. Unlike the president, the Administrative Vice-President is a voting member of Congress.

The position of Public Relations Vice-President is an office that calls for a person with a creative mind as he must coordinate all publicity campaigns for student government meetings, activities, and programs. He chairs the public relations committee as well as assisting any committees that concern public relations. He also is a voting member of Congress.

The main job of the treasurer is to be responsible for A.S.G. in financial affairs and to make reports to Congress of current financial statuses. He must help prepare the budget, keep records, and submit reports for official audit. Like other executives, other than the president, the treasurer may contribute opinions by voting in congressional meetings.

Taking minutes of meetings is part of the job expected of A.S.G.'s secretary. However, responsibilities of the secretary also include maintenance of files of past and current legislation and congressional members qualifications and makes reports of proceedings to interested parties.

The legislative branch of A.S.G., or Congress, involves class officers, five On-Campus Representatives, five Off-Campus Representatives, one Academic Council Representative and alternate from each college, two freshmen representatives, and the Executive Officers. All members must be full time students, be in good standing with the university, and have an academic standing of 2.25 or better, except for the Academic council which must have a 2.7 or above.

As a member of Congress, one is responsible for discussing and voting upon pieces of legislation in such a way that the student body is represented fairly. Members of Congress should be responsible for proposing new modified university policies in such a way that it would have a positive effect on the university and the student body.

Committees are made of any interested persons. While it may be too late to run for an office, it is not too late to get involved. One can join a committee or get involved by the existing meetings. Look at the candidates closely, choose who will do the best in the office described, then show your preference. VOTE!
A.S.G. LEGISLATION

84-1-F Notary public service-passed. Now available in the ASG office.
84-2-F Financial aid to students-passed. Now being researched.
84-3-F Orientation class for Freshman-Tabled.
84-4-F Book exchange Committee-passed. Committee formed and book exchange organized for spring semester.
84-5-F Check cashing on weekends-passed. Process being researched.
84-6-F Extension of incomplete period-passed. Went before University Academic Council-failed.
84-7-F Changing the speed limits on U.S. 68/80, Normal & State streets-failed.
84-8-F Posting of parking lot names-passed.
84-9-F Improvement of railings in the parking structure-passed.
84-10-F Installation of warning signs for pedestrians in the parking structure-failed.
84-11-F Reduction of general education hours-failed.
84-12-F Enforcement of course make-up work policies-passed.
84-13-F Absentee notification of Congress members-failed.
84-14-F Abolition of University attendance policy-passed.
84-15-F Support of Faculty Senate athletic freeze resolution-passed.
84-16-F Installation of an unlocked bulletin board in DUC-passed.
84-17-F Reduction of speed limit on Russellville Road-passed.
84-18-F Requirement of an examination prior to end of “W” period-passed.
84-19-F Repeating of Ds at other institutions-passed.
84-20-F Adoption of university textbook policy for one year-passed.
84-21-F Formation of an Alumni committee by ASG-failed.
84-22-F Reduction of account requirements for Super Card passed.
84-23-F Reduction of Residence hall inspections to once per month-failed.
84-24-F Petitioning the Office of Housing to furnish box springs or double mattresses for FPT-failed.
84-25-F Establishment of book exchange program-passed.
84-26-F Requesting abolition of the ASG attendance policy-failed.
84-27-F Requesting a sample test which will indicate the format used by the teacher for future tests-passed.
84-28-F Movement of the Pass/Fail test from a Saturday morning to a weekday evening-passed. The test has been moved to Tuesday night.
85-1-S Rezoning of Grise Hall parking lot from a Faculty-Staff zone to a “B” zone-passed.
85-2-S Reduction of general education hours.
85-3-S 24-hour open house for the residents of the co-residential Poland Hall-passed.
85-4-S Reduction of required hours for co-residential housing-passed.
85-5-S Inclusion of an International Student Representative to ASG Congress by an elected popular vote-passed.
85-6-S To record the student's final exam grade on his report card at the end of each semester-passed.
85-7-S Redesignation of the grade of WF-passed.

Best of Luck
to all of the
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a 24 hour open house without registration. "I think it will do more harm than good," Froedge replied. "The present open house system cuts down on crime and disturbances and I think the only change that should be made is to extend open house hours."

Ending the second round of debate, Tim Jackson was asked if he thought dorm directors should be allowed to control the lobby TV in their dorms. Jackson's reply, "No! The dorm director is an employee paid by the students and to allow such censorship would be unfair." Jackson suggested close work with IFC could bring about a quick resolution to this problem.

The third and final round of the debate was a 3 minute rebuttal session given to each candidate.

Chris Watkins used his time to address the issue of alcohol on campus. "The students elect us to take action," Watkins said. "Alcohol on this campus is an important issue that must be dealt with and it will take a strong leader to see that the wishes of the student body are carried out through the board of regents."

Mitchell McKinney pledged his full support to help ASG grow if elected, through better representation of students on state, local and national levels.

"An open house policy and better academic advisement are two of my goals," McKinney said. "Only when we address the issues and represent them well can growth be accomplished."

Keith Froedge said alcohol on campus and more student involvement in ASG were two of the things he was most concerned with. "About 30 percent of the Jr. and Sr. Class live on campus," Froedge said. "It would be in the school's best interest to listen to the wishes of the students to keep them on campus, but the only way school officials can do this is for the students to become more involved in ASG."

"Unifying the campus was the main concern of Tim Jackson. I see a lot of representatives, but no actual representation," Jackson stated. "Forward progress can only be accomplished when each group's representative take an active role. As president it would be my duty to see that the student body as a whole moved toward that progress."

The debate ended with a question and answer session. It may not have been the debate of the century, but many important issues were raised and the student body had a chance to see how the candidates felt.

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