SG ELECTION VOTING GUIDE

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Katkin in SG on Dare; Finds New Personality

By MARK BRODY

After being a "moderately shy" student in Clinton High School, Danny Katkin became a "loud, verbose" Freshman Student Council member and evolved to a "not quite as long-winded or loud" Vice-President.

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"I can't believe that Student Government can and ought to be more than a Wednesday night debating society," he says. "It was there that I realized that Student Government can and ought to be more than a Wednesday night debating society." Part of the changing role of American students, Zippert says, may be seen in their growing ability to take direct political action in matters that concern them—like the College's anti-tuition fight.

As an example of the new attitude, he relates the story to Mrs. Paul Curran (wife of the

Where The Candidates Stand

Commitment

The first commitment of a student to his education. At City College that commitment is being compromised; more students are being taught by fewer teachers in larger classes. Curriculum requirements are antiquated, politicians without foresight compromised; more students are being taught by part-time faculty... A Social Psychology major because "he likes to work with people," Danny wants to eventually teach in college. He hopes that he may be seen in the world, thereby changing both.

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Free Higher Education

A specific and detailed plan designed to foster greater student involvement and participation in the activities of the College as a community and as part of a community.

1. FREE TUITION — As our name implies, we place a primary and special emphasis on the anti-tuition campaign. The experience which we have gained from creating and implementing this semester's district level anti-tuition campaign has suggested certain refinements which will bring us to...
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Zippert for Prexy

If the selection of a Student Government president were a simple matter of choosing between an incompetent and one who had demonstrated outstanding leadership ability and imagination, the task of endorsing an individual for this position would be easy. As this is not "the best of all possible worlds," however, the responsibility of endorsement is far more serious.

Observation Post endorses John Zippert for the position of Student Government President because he represents the type of leadership that embodies the philosophy that will most benefit the College, its students, and the community. His opponent, by dint of naming his slate Free High Education, has indicated undue stress on only one major function of Student Government's many functions. While not discounting the vital need for maintaining the City University on a free tuition basis, Zippert realizes that "free tuition does not a college make.

This is not to say that Zippert will not handle the anti-tuition fight with skill. Despite the fact that his opponent's name has been more closely linked with the free tuition struggle, Zippert has been working in areas of campus life which allow the anti-tuition campaign to be organized effectively. It was Zippert, along with SG Treasurer Larne Steinheiner, who plotted the areas to be canvassed by free tuition volunteers and continued to canvass them himself.

In formulating his platform, moreover, Zippert has indicated his recognition of two factors just as significant as free tuition. His work on the Committee for Liberal and Sciences and the SG Enrollment and Curriculum Committees demonstrates his concern for the academic aspect of Student Government. As the representative of the student body, SG should be the source from which the impetus to reform and improve curriculum arises. Council's work in this area has been much less effective than in the free tuition fight.

SG's other task should be to encourage New York's students to take advantage of the free higher education available to them and to aid those students who have the interest but because of socio-economic factors are not able to continue their studies. Student Council has not found a way to make the College a true "City of the College of the City of New York" representing the metropolis in which it is located and offering the best education available. Possibly more than anyone else presently involved in Student Government, Zippert is aware of this fact and, consequently, has been one of Council's prime innovators in both of these areas.

Although we are in no way attempting to denigrate the merits of his opponent, Observation Post urges the election of John Zippert to the position of SG President for we feel that he alone possesses the idea of Student Government suited to the potential and responsibilities of this organization.

Campus Affairs VP

The Campus Affairs Vice-President will be responsible for coordination of on-campus affairs and will serve on the Finley Board of Advisors, one of the most important student-faculty bodies at the College. Neither Paul Hirsch nor Stan Lowenthal is qualified to hold this post. The College must approach its office creatively and possess the ability to translate the student's ideas into action. Unlike his opponent, Mark Landis has the knowledge and background to carry out his duties effectively. He also places no premature restriction on the scope of Student Government as does Chuck Miller.

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Landis for Secretary

The Secretary of Student Government must be more than just a keeper of the minutes. As a member of SG's Executive Committee, he requires an understanding of both the intrinsics of SG and the Administration of the College. He must approach his office creatively and possess the necessary leadership qualities to put his plans into action.

Fortunately, a candidate with just such a conception of the office exists.

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Vestigial Organs

The student body has in the past abolished both the Student Activities Board and Honors and Awards. Both deserved to be abolished—the first because, without having seen its second because it was being used as a political pay-off.

The two have survived because the referenda abolishing them were unfairly worded and some politicians chose to disregard their obvious intent. These politicians should be rebuked. Vote to abolish the Student Activities Board and Honors and Awards.

Play Ball

Any bunch of kids can get together on the street and play ball; but they won't be a team. At times some of the College's teams look like just a bunch of kids because they haven't had the chance to win together. They may have missed this opportunity because the College's programs were not designed for them. The College offers a number of teams for students to try out for, but the majority of students are not interested in participating in these activities.

The choice is yours. Vote for Mark Landis for Secretary.

The Choice

Observation Post offers its endorsements as a guideline to students voting in the Student Government election on the supposition that through weekly contact and special endorsement interviews the Editorial Board has become familiar with both SG and the candidates that the average student and, therefore, should make known its "expert" opinion.

Candidates seeking Observation Post's endorsements are questioned about (1) their qualifying experience, (2) their knowledge of the College, SG, and specifically the office for which they are running, and (3) their ideas and plans for the office. Candidates for Council are interviewed for approximately fifteen minutes; candidates for major office approximately half an hour; and candidates for the SG presidency for an hour or more. Each candidate is then discussed individually by the Editorial Board—no candidate is ever endorsed as "the lesser of two evils."