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"SRSC" sweeps in SGA election

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Wendy Wanser and the entire SRSC party swept the Student Government election Wednesday.

Wanser, presidential candidate for the Students Representing Students in Compromise, won with 400 of the 851 votes cast for president.

SRSC vice presidents are, John DeMarco, Student Affairs, Debbie Ignatenko, Academic Affairs and Financial Affairs, Jim Mullaly.

The original four candidate race for president ended abruptly earlier this week when SSP presidential hopeful Tris Procopio was disqualified for unethical campaign practices said SGA President Joe DeMarco. Also cited in this decision by the rules committee were SSP's Vice President for Student

Affairs Vince Callahan, and Senior Senator Chuck Brochetti. All three Students for Students Party (SSP) candidates were dropped from the ballot.

Scoring political victories outside the SRSC party were independent candidates Wendy Bossons for CAS coordinator, and Wendy Filer for sophomore senator.

Voter turnout of approximately 900 was down 400 from last year's 1300.

In other CAS matters, their referendum to retain this campus as a member while raising the optional refundable fee from \$1 to \$2 was passed 584 to 167.

The SSP put the highest number of senators in office with six. They were senior senators, Judy Jones, Anthony Fantuzzo; Junior Senators, Beth Balchon, Cheryl

Jones; Sophomore senators, Cindy Nolan, and Don Fox.

The other 12 seats were split evenly four apiece between SRSC, YES, and SOS. SRSC senators were, senior Mark Stumpo, junior John Brunot, sophomores Jeff Mullaly, and Sheila Bailes.

YES contributed senior senators Jeanne Westervelt and Darci Munn along with

up in both cafeterias throughout election week as well as in the College Union on the last day.

With 5600 students this turnout represents approximately 16% of the student body.

Wanser was primarily disappointed in this fact and stressed that student involvement was one of her primary concerns. She said she'd like to kick this involvement drive off with bulletin boards in each dorm giving information on SGA and campus activities.



Wendy Wanser

She looks to change the constitution so that each dorm would have a senator assigned to it.

Making more use of her cabinet with voting members from such organizations as the Rocket, WRCK and Interfraternity Council is another way she said she'd like to increase student input.

SGA disqualifies 3 candidates

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Tris Procopio, Students for Students Party presidential candidate, was taken off the SGA ballot and later eliminated from the election after being cited with "unethical campaign practices" Monday morning.

Procopio was to be taken

off the ballots, but still eligible to run as a write-in candidate, after he and several friends took down posters of the opposing parties in Boozel Dining Hall, Sunday. Procopio entered the cafeteria Sunday morning and discovered that his posters had been removed by cafeteria attendants because they

would not allow things to be hung on the painted walls. The cafeteria employees told Procopio that the other campaign posters would also come down when they found the time to remove them.

Upon entering the cafeteria that evening, Procopio noticed that the other parties' posters had not yet been removed. After the meal, Procopio stood by as several friends and Bill Shephard (current SGA senior senator) pulled down the signs, folded them, and placed them aside. Shephard said he removed the signs as a member of the election commission. It was not, however, in his power to do so, according to the commission. The removal of the signs was witnessed by several cafeteria employees.

A hearing was held to discuss the sign removal matter and an accusation that Art Politano (Students Oriented Students party) had been taking down SSP posters.

After hearing the details of the cafeteria incident, the election commission decided that some type of action should be taken against Procopio since, they felt, he had condoned and provoked the

sign removal.

The commission almost declared Politano guilty of removing posters and was also going to remove his name from the ballot. This was after a testimony from SSP senior senator candidate Chuck Brochetti. SSP candidate for vice president for academic affairs and junior senator, Vince Callahan, also testified before the commission. Brochetti stated that he had seen Politano taking down SSP posters in Bard Hall. He explained, saying, he and Callahan were hanging posters in the dorm (Callahan was on the third floor and Brochetti on the second) when the incident occurred. He stated that he was about to go meet Callahan on the third floor when he realized he had forgotten something, turned around and saw Politano.

Just as the committee had reached a decision, Brochetti phoned them to hear their verdict. After speaking on the phone, the committee members asked him to come down to the SGA office for further questioning. It was at this questioning that Brochetti admitted Politano had not torn down signs and the en-

tire story had been created by Procopio. Procopio, himself, later admitted to arranging the story. It was at this time that Procopio was eliminated from the election.

Although the general election campaigning rules and regulations do not speak of this type of incident specifically, the commission felt that it warranted such actions. The rules are general, and they probably do not mention this type of situation because it has never come up before, said one member. Also eliminated from the campaign were Brochetti and Callahan for involvements.

A third incident caused questioning from the commission. Politano stated that he had received several phone calls and a visit from a group of male students threatening him in the event he did not stop taking Procopio's signs down. Wendy Wanser (SRSC presidential candidate and SGA president-elect) also said she had received that type of phone call. The commission decided that there was not enough evidence pointing in that direction, and they advised the candidates to take the problem to the Campus Security.

Theta Chi brother fair after 60 foot fall

Michael Peter Johnson, 21 year old sophomore, was in fair condition Wednesday at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center after a fall of approximately 60 feet Friday.

Johnson, a Theta Chi brother, was attending Theta Chi's formal at Niagara Falls when he and three other Slippy Rock students went walking along a sidewalk path on the Canadian side of the falls. Vanessa Verna, Theta Chi Little Sister, said that she, along with Ann Lanuzza and Rusty Truman, accompanied Johnson, and witnessed his fall.

According to Verna, Johnson stopped at a point along the walkway about 10:30 p.m. and bent over to jokingly kiss the "Blarney Stone." When he couldn't reach it at first he leaned over a rail a second time, said Verna, throwing one foot up into the air, and he fell about 60 feet to a road below.

Verna added that Johnson had not been drinking.

Johnson's mother said Wednesday that he was coherent and had been taken off the critical list but declined further comment to the nature of his injuries.