

Prep News



“If nothing else, value the truth”

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ELECTION ISSUE

COMMENTARY

This special issue of the *Prep News* contains descriptions of the Student Council’s (STUCO) six executive positions, as well as the candidates’ responses to the *Prep News*’ questions. While a STUCO election issue has not been published in recent years, we, the *Prep News*’ junior staff, made this issue to inform the junior class about the election.

For us, the current juniors, the elections are particularly important. The results of the elections will set the tone for our senior year and will determine who our most visible leaders will be. Participation of the entire junior class in the elections is essential.

Over the past three years, our class seems to have acquired a bad reputation. During a meeting for the class banner and motto, some of our classmates discussed whether or not such a reputation is valid. We contend that it is not. No one has successfully given any reasons to support that reputation, and our acceptance of it will hamper our senior leadership.

In fact, like every senior class, our class has the opportunity to lead better than any other class before us. For three years we have observed the strengths and shortcomings of upperclassmen, and for three years we have formed relationships within our class. If

we seek to examine our class introspectively and to strengthen the relationships we have built, we will succeed.

The elections on Friday are a chance for us to define exactly what kind of reputation we want our class to have. STUCO’s executives represent the senior class to the rest of the school. Much of what others will think of our class as seniors will be based on these executives.

We encourage all juniors to read each candidate’s responses to our questions to help make an informed vote on Friday. Each candidate was asked four questions—three general questions and one question specific to the position for which the candidate is running. Judge each response with the descriptions of the roles of the executives provided. In addition, we encourage juniors to attend the candidates’ speeches on Monday during activity period.

We urge every junior to participate in the primary election this Friday and the final vote on Monday.

-The junior staff of the *Prep News*

QUESTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES

For each candidate we asked three general questions and one office-specific question. Answers were submitted by e-mail and appear exactly as we received them. The names of candidates who did not respond in full or respond at all will run in the corresponding section.

General questions:

1. What do you think is the most important issue you as (insert position) will face next year, and how do you plan to deal with it?
2. What characteristics and experiences qualify you for your position?
3. How do you see STUCO defining its role differently than years past?

Office Specific Questions:

(President) How do you plan to increase communication between the student body and the administration and to distinguish your leadership of STUCO from past presidents?

(Executive Vice President) How do you plan to improve cooperation between student organizations to better the camaraderie of the student body as a whole?

(VP of Public Relations) How do you plan to improve coordination between STUCO executives and student homeroom representatives?

(VP of Pastoral Activities) How do you plan to increase student involvement in community service projects and spiritual life?

(Treasurer) How do you plan to expand STUCO’s reach while maintaining a balanced budget?

(VP of School Spirit) How do you plan to revitalize school spirit, not only for sporting events, but for other co-curriculars as well?

President— Write agenda; run weekly meetings; write speeches for Father-Son banquet, Mom Prom, Day before graduation, Jr. Ring, School assemblies; delegate responsibilities of other STUCO members; lead HR rep meetings; maintain deadlines; part of SAC; run Talent Show and other major events; lead forum meetings; attend Trout Lodge

Tim McCoy

Running unopposed

1. The most important issue I will face next year as Student Body President will be regaining an overwhelming sense of school spirit at the U High. As seniors, we will not only have to bring ourselves together as a class, but also will have to work towards creating an even closer knit community of students (regardless of age.) faculty and staff.

2. I feel that over my three years of STUCO involvement, I have acquired a knack for leading, for being interested in the lives of each of my classmates, and for working with all types of students to create a more unified class as we move along through our U High experience.

3. STUCO will continue to be an organization that will organize school events, promote spirit and unity, etc. Apart from these things, though, we will act as the hub of communication for the school, where faculty, students, even the Prep News can come sit in on meetings, or use us as a liason to other parts of the SLUH community.

The STUCO website will be resurrected, along with a STUCO email address that we will encourage students to use to ask questions, post concerns, etc. This list will be brought to quarterly meetings with the administration, which I also look to begin next year. How to distinguish my leadership of STUCO from past presidents? That is tough to say, for they have shown me the ropes and I look to them as role models. However, I look to lead STUCO with the utmost interest in the students' lives, learning of talents and fears, hearing stories, finding out what is really on the minds and hearts of my classmates. Equipped with this, I feel that the bridge between STUCO and students will be more easily crossed, and that Student Council 2010-2011 will be the most student-friendly Student Council ever.

The Candidates

Student Body President

Tim McCoy

Executive Vice President

Gino Perrini

Secretary/Treasury

Brian Brown

Patrick Hart

Michael Mentel

Phil Nahlik

Patrick Quinlan

Will Schmitt

Adam Stoeppler

VP of Pastoral Activities

Nick Hartzler

Aaron Heisohn

Drew Pereira

VP of Public Relations

John Brusati

Tom Dell'Orco

Andrew Evola

Marcelo Fernan III

Mo Oginni

Greg Scheetz

John Tsikalas

VP of School Spirit

Cy Hill

Tate Macarthy

Joe Murray

John Sachs

John Soucy

Brett Weber

Vice-President-- Fulfills president's role when president cannot; assists president in major events; in charge of elections; part of SAC; in charge of STUCO bulletin board; attend Trout Lodge

Gino Perrini

Running unopposed

No submission

VP Pastoral Activities— work with Pastoral Director to help organize masses, retreats, and other pastoral activities; read final prayer at the end of each day; attend Trout Lodge

Drew Pereira

1. The main issue I will have to face is interest. Getting interest and participation in pastoral activities will take some time to generate, but I have a plan. Looking back on my own experience, I felt that because I was struggling with faith, that going to prayer services and seeking out God didn't really help me. But I was almost snuck into faith through other things such as retreats with friends and music. With friends and music, I was comfortable and I let myself explore the faith. I hope that I can do the same with the SLUH community. As for interest in service, my plan is to try to inspire the SLUH community with simple ways that they can help and the wonderful affect only 3 or 4 hours

can have. I plan to latch on small incentives to make people more willing to try giving some time for service, so they can really discover the happiness it brings.

2. The main thing that qualifies me is experience. I have had two years of experience in the past with the student council at my old school. I also have had experience organizing and going on retreats from Luke 18's to Steubenville's. I have helped run a bible camp at my grade school. And I have been a part of my youth group since I began high school. I feel like my dedication to my faith is a major part that will motivate me to help improve the Jesuit experience at SLUH.

3. Looking STUCO and seeing what they have done, I feel that they have worked hard in the past. But the major goal being held in mind is bringing SLUH closer together. The coming STUCO group will definitely try to make the SLUH experience better in every aspect. Getting interest not just in a mixer and two football games, but in many other activities too. I support this goal and hope it is realized.

Nick Hartzler

1. The most important issue that I as Vice President of Pastoral Activities will face next year, will be a very general topic which will serve as a base to branch out to other topics. This will be raising the school's attitude towards Pastoral activities to a higher level. This year's pastoral theme was Spirit Lifts Us Higher; however, I do not feel like it was referred to as much as it could have been throughout the year. I plan on this being my jumping point. From here, we are able to go into each individual activity to increase the general attitude (i.e. prayer services and the Community Service Program). In terms of prayer services, I believe one of the primary causes of disappointment in them is, to be frank, they do not appeal to teenagers. I plan on dealing with this through a way that has been tried before, but I believe still has great potential. In order to make prayer services more appealing to us, we must be the ones who organize and lead them. In order to make this a success, I will encourage each class's Pastoral Rep. to physically help the homeroom reps plan these prayer services.

2. What qualifies me for this position? In the past 3 years, I have run for this position 3 times. I haven't exactly been successful with any of the attempts in terms of being elected, but I have been successful in getting to know my class. In running for office, I met and got to know people in my class that I didn't even know existed. I think that getting to know so many of my brothers really helps me out to be able to see the potential that lies in our class to be great. I know that there are some rumors floating around the school about our class, but I see something that overpowers these rumors, and is also what I believe is my greatest attribute that I can give to the community, and that is brotherhood.

3. I see next year's STUCO leadership defining itself off of communication and connection to the rest of the school. I think that one of the most important attributes in any Student Council is communication between the class representatives and the student body. If our STUCO is organized and communicates well through the homeroom reps, there is no telling what we will be able to accomplish next year.

(Pastoral) To increase student involvement in spiritual activities, I think is not something that I will be able to fully accomplish in one year, rather it must be something that we establish next year and continue for years to come. One thing that I plan to organize and promote is multiple days of service throughout the year. I remember freshman year going on my one day of service, and remember how I wish it could be done again. If we offer one in the fall and one in the spring for each class, we are a small army ready to serve. In order to promote this, I plan on establishing a great line of communication among the class reps, homeroom reps, and the rest of the student body. In all teams, the key to success is communicating well. We, the community of St. Louis University High School, are formed up of many parts, but through organization and communication we will form one body.

Aaron Heisohn

1. At the time of SLUH's Lenten Prayer Series, less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of SLUH students were registered with service projects. In a Jesuit school, marked by Pedro Arrupe's dynamic call to social justice, I consider that $\frac{1}{4}$ to be an unacceptably small portion of our student population. Practically, students need not serve through SLUH's community service program, so long as they honestly care for God's least, but our Campus Ministry Staff works hard to offer diverse and fun opportunities for us to serve people in honest and humble need in spite of our busy school schedules. I hope to build a service-oriented SLUH community so that my brother students and teachers feel encouraged to love and to give. So next year, I hope to organize and advertise differing service projects, by means such as service days for individual classes, prayer services designed to prepare us for school-wide fundraisers, possibly a Campus Ministry fair similar to our activities' fair, a prayer-chain for our school community, and fun events for fundraisers such as this year's Rocktoberfest.

2. As a Roman Catholic, I attempt with all that I am to love God and to love others, and I consider my relationship to God to be my highest calling. God gave me a strong mind, a disciplined soul, and a sensitive heart. I

believe leaders should be able to function intellectually, spiritually, and intimately, and so I believe God has graced me with a personality that is naturally directed towards leadership. Therefore, I have led my peers at South Side Youth Ministry to deeper faith by leading prayer services, discussing redemptive suffering, the importance of humility, being a member, chastity, and different styles of prayer. This year will be my third year as a Luke 18 disciple. I volunteer at St. Louis Crisis Nursery Center, and I will attend SLUH's Urban Challenge this summer. I love the SLUH community, and my compassionate and devout desire to serve other people makes me a generous leader. To use biblical imagery, I enjoy rolling up my sleeves and washing feet.

3. I hope SLUH's 2010-2011 STUCO will be energetic in actively and intimately engaging the entire student and teacher population. Gino, Phil, and Tim work hard to engage students in SLUH's affairs, and I want to carry that energy into next year. I want STUCO to remain a source of personal and adaptable unity in our school community. For example, I hope for the return of STUCO videos.

(Pastoral) I want to inspire a confident, fresh air in student confidence. Unless a better idea surfaces, I would like for STUCO's Pastoral Motto next year to involve the values of the Suscipe. In the Suscipe, St. Ignatius encourages us to give all that we are to God for the fulfillment of His will, of love, and of grace. I believe, SLUH's mission and our universal vocation to love rests upon this self-giving motion. Several students and I have talked with Father Tran to offer students more opportunities to claim ownership over SLUH's liturgies. I hope to offer lively, fresh liturgical celebrations, student led prayer services, themed afternoon prayers, and more opportunities for students to share and to live their beliefs in SLUH's halls. Please see my answer to the first question for my plan to increase student involvement in community service.

VP-Public Relations— in charge of organizing dances and mixers; make flyers, trailers, announcements; organize belly brigades; organize running of the bills; help coordinate freshmen funday with freshmen moderator; organize barbecues; organize Spirit Week events; write STUCO letters for Prep News; in charge of social/intramural homeroom reps; communicate with the broadcast club; attend Trout Lodge

John Brusati

1.) The most important issue, I think, will be to get high attendance at sporting events and other STUCO events such as Spring Fling. I plan to increase awareness, as well as enthusiasm for these events by advertising them using flyers in bathrooms and halls as well as posters, announcements at the end of the day, and many crazy belly brigades for numerous sporting events.

2.) I was on STUCO in grade school and I am a very “public” guy. By this I mean that I am very sociable and keep in touch with the student body. I can lead everyone to the events and, because of my enthusiastic attitude, will be able to raise the level of enthusiasm and attendance at STUCO events.

3.) STUCO just needs to be a little more in touch with the student body. More belly brigades and Pep rallies need to take place. Also, just more STUCO events in general.

(Public Relations) I plan to improve this relationship by holding more meetings during activity period in which it is mandatory for homeroom representatives to attend. Also, if meetings are unable to be held, I will start a group on Facebook that all of the homeroom representatives must join. That way, we will not be required to have a meeting overtime something new comes up. Also, I will acquire all homeroom representatives cell phone numbers to text message them about urgent messages. These steps will greatly improve the coordination between STUCO and homeroom representatives, and therefore also improve the relationship between STUCO and the student body.

Tom Dell’Orco

1. I am running for Public Relations because I want to do all I can to help promote and organize school events such as mixers, dances, belly brigades, sporting events, etc. Also, I enjoy making trailers and if I am elected, plan to make many for next year. Over the last three years I have been at SLUH, I have admired STUCO for their spirit, enthusiasm, and creativity. Now, I want to join them. I want to lead the school and promise to be a productive and quality leader.

2. I have many qualifications for Vice President of Public Relations, but I don’t want to bore you, so I’ll just name a few: I have wrestled a bear to submission (beat that Espen), I am the runner-up North American pogo-sticking champion, I have a banana suit, and I can hold my breath for a really long time. These may just seem like a load of random facts, but I see them as the traits of a champion and a leader. One might think that I am over qualified for this position, this may be true. However, I promise to not let this effect me in office, and turn it into a strength.

3. Next year, I plan to hold more STUCO forums so that we can inform the student and body and also get feedback from you. I want to hear what others have to say. Also, these more frequent STUCO forums will be used to get information to the homeroom reps, so that we can inform those who didn’t attend the forum. I also hope to try and get monthly homeroom rep meetings when a full on forum is not necessary, this way we don’t have too many unnecessary forums, yet we can still let the student body know what is going on. I also plan to give all homeroom reps walkie-talkies and pagers to be on their person at all times just in case I get bored want someone to talk to. If you decide to elect me for Vice President of Public Relations, a.k.a. Social guy, I will ensure all students free health-care proudly paid for by your tuition.

(Public Relations) I plan to improve coordination between STUCO executives and student homeroom representatives by holding regular, mandatory meetings between the homeroom representatives and myself. During these meetings, I will let them know

what is going on and what they need to inform their homerooms and then they will report back to me any problems or potential flaws. I feel this system will work better than the classic “STUCO representatives going door to door and telling everyone what is going on within the 5 minute period of homeroom” deal which we have going on currently. This will also bring more responsibilities to the homeroom reps therefore boosting their low self-esteem.

Marc Fernan

1. Lack of advertisement of school events, from theater to sports to community service. Marc wants to be able to get people to just participate not anticipate. The Big U-High has all this talent that it can show, but have you ever seen it?

2. Over the past three years, I’ve been open to meeting new people and still am open to. I’ve also been able to get involved in sports, theater, and even the Student Council Sophomore Year. Being able to lead excites me somehow. I love to talk and smile which allows me to seem approachable.

3. Every year student council has its own set of challenges. The question is how will we be able to approach these challenges. Campaign promises are stupid, so I cannot really say what can be different. All we can do next year if elected is go with the flow, ride the wave.

(Public Relations) Every year this question comes about, but what can we do about it? I want to be able to motivate every single homeroom rep and actually let them know that their voice can be heard. Their position is not just a joke. It’s something that can help the student council hear what the actual students in the homeroom have to say. It’s serious business, but it’s risky business. All they need to do is work, and that work can be done.

Andrew Evola

No submission

John Tsikalas

1. The most important issue I want to find a solution for is getting people excited for more events throughout the year. Letting people know is one thing, but making an effort to really getting people to WANT to go is another problem I hopefully will be able to try and address.

2. I think that naturally I am a leader. I take the work of a group that I am a part of very seriously and if the group messes up, I take it personally. I will not simply try and put all the work on other people in STUCO. From speaking with current STUCO guys, the Public Relations guy is responsible for notifying people both in the SLUH community and outside as well and I think that I also work very well with people I have never met before.

3. I think opening itself up to more suggestions would be good for STUCO. I know all the guys welcome them, but I want to encourage suggestions and ideas. In more forums or simply encouraging people to email STUCO guys more frequently.

(Public Relations) I think this year homeroom reps were much more prominent with the meetings. I think this should be continued and also maybe have more emails around each rep to keep communication strong between STUCO and the homeroom reps.

Greg Scheetz

1. I think the most important issue to the Vice President of Public Relations would be getting everyone involved - through intramural activities, student fundraisers, and attendance at sporting events to increase school spirit. If elected, I plan to broadcast these events better than they have been, create a more friendly atmosphere for everyone, and to portray in all my actions what it means to be a true SLUH Junior Billiken.

2. Throughout my three years here at SLUH, I have kept a first honors cumulative GPA. I am a leader of SLUH Wellness Club and help with the publicizing of the club's activities - a quality that proves my experience for this position. In addition to that, I am a very

well-organized and well-disciplined person. I seem to get along with everyone around me and I always tend to bring an optimistic view to the table. Overall, I feel that all of these qualities make me the person fit for this position.

3. Mark my words: the class of 2011 has so much potential in it, that no matter who is elected for these positions, we will definitely leave our mark. Our strong leadership has been shown through the last three years of STUCO executives and we will all push forward into our senior year with strong motivation and determination. Next year is a big year for us, and through the unity that STUCO will provide, our class and the whole school will show our entire community why going to SLUH is such a big deal.

(Public Relations) I plan to improve coordination between STUCO executives and homeroom reps by mandating constant homeroom rep appearance at ALL STUCO meetings. If you are willing to be a homeroom representative, you must be willing to sacrifice time to gather vital information for your homeroom. In addition to that, I would be making constant appearances to homerooms making sure that each homeroom is up to date on all of STUCO's ideas and thoughts. I'll do my best to make available a comment box for students who would like to submit any suggestions or questions that they have of STUCO, but may not want to come forward about publicly. I feel that if elected, it will be my job to ensure that every student feels completely comfortable with their leaders and that they understand that their input and participation is just as important as anyone's.

Mogboluwaga Oginni

1. I feel the most important issue that I will face next year is making sure that all the whole school is well aware of all the upcoming events so that people are more motivated to attend. In order to deal with this issue, I will put up flyers, make facebook events, and hold a meeting once or twice a month with the homeroom representatives to make sure people are up to date with what will be coming up. Once I get all the homeroom

representatives on the same page, getting word out for the events will be easy.

2. I am a well known guy around the school, and I am very easily approachable if there are any questions or suggestions about upcoming events. I am organized and I know what it takes to be a leader.

3. Over the past few years at SLUH, I have seen a decrease in the attendance of some school events. Part of the reason is because people are not completely aware of everything that goes on at SLUH. As Vice President of Public Relations, I will take the first big step in the process to increase attendance for all SLUH events by making sure people know what will happen. By people knowing, eventually it will lead to the increase in school spirit.

(Public Relations) After a STUCO meeting, I will make sure I hold a meeting with all the homeroom representatives so that they can then advertise any sporting events, fundraisers, or club events to their homeroom. If the homeroom representative have a suggestion from their homeroom, I will make sure that suggestion gets brought up at the STUCO meeting.

ELECTION CALENDAR

Friday, April 9

STUCO Executive Preliminary Elections

Monday, April 12

STUCO Executive Speeches (AP)
STUCO Executive Final Elections

Wednesday, April 14

STUCO Senior Class Preliminary Elections

Friday, April 16

STUCO Senior Class Speeches (AP)
STUCO Senior Class Election

Secretary/Treasurer-- keep minutes at weekly meetings; take attendance at meetings; maintain an archival record of meeting minutes for the year; publish a "state of the union" in Prep News once a quarter (beginning); order t-shirts; handle money; work with business office; attend Trout Lodge

Patrick Hart

1) I think that the most important issue for the treasurer will be expanding STUCO's fundraisers and keeping the budget under control. I have some great ideas for new and fun fundraisers for next year (will be listed in speech). Keeping the budget on track is something I believe can be accomplished by hard work and diligent book keeping.

2) I have had jobs ever since I started babysitting in the sixth grade. This job experience has given me an ability to keep track of my own money through a bank book. I plan to use the resourcefulness I have learned spending my own money, and apply it to STUCO spending.

3) I would love to see the class of 2011's STUCO bring a fire and intensity to school spirit. As treasurer I see myself planning and organizing new events that would not only help balance our budget, but also excite the student body like never before.

(Secretary/Treasurer) I think that through a series of new and revamped fundraisers I will be able to expand STUCO's budget and reach in the community.

Michael Mentel

1. The most important issue as treasurer will be to make sure that next year is fun as possible without going over budget. The most important issue as a Treasurer is to keep the budget balanced. However, STUCO is looking to make SLUH the most fun and active and possible, so the biggest issue is having fun and not going over budget. I plan to make sure SLUH can do as much

as possible without going over budget with fundraisers.

2. Some of my qualifications are having played baseball, football, rugby and have managed for the SLUH basketball team. These are important qualifications because through playing and watching these sports I have learned many very valuable lessons for both life and leadership. For example, I have learned that if everyone works together and does what they are supposed to then they can excel. I can incorporate this lesson to Student Council by not only doing my job to the best of my abilities but also helping to insure everyone on STUCO is on the same page and working for the greatest STUCO year ever.

3. If elected as Treasurer I promise that next years STUCO will be as active with the student body as possible as well as being extremely hard working. If I am elected I promise I will give everything I have and hope to push everyone else on STUCO so we can have a fantastic year. I also hope to allow the student body to have even more interaction with the students so that every single student enjoys everything that STUCO plans through the entire year because that is our job as STUCO members to let the student's voice be heard.

(Secretary/Treasurer) As Treasurer I understand that one of my very important duties is to expand STUCO's reach while maintaining a balanced budget. I hope to make next year as fun-filled as possible while ensuring that the budget stays where we are in a perfect balance. As Treasurer, my first job is to ensure that the budget is where it has to be, however I also feel that we can have more fundraisers and more events so that our budget can increase. I promise to be responsible while making sure the student body is happy.

Phil Nahlik

1. The most important issue I expect to face next year was our biggest problem this year: record keeping. That sounds like a really petty problem, but I think most of our failures really just stemmed from not keeping track of all our goals and decisions. For example,

at the beginning of the year we decided to have quarterly meetings with the Homeroom Reps and class moderators, yet we completely forgot about this decision once we got entrenched in our other responsibilities. So I plan on keeping systematic, meticulous minutes with all our decisions online, on a bulletin board, and organized in binders to help out future STUCO's. By being more transparent to the school, hopefully we can be more responsible to ourselves.

2. Qualifications-

2.5 awesome years of experience on STUCO as pastoral officer.

Experience as a secretary through Boy Scouts for most of the West County region.

And one way I do everything- Only with Complete Devotion

3. STUCO will definitely be more organized. I personally can't stand pulling things together last minute, so I am going to carry that over to STUCO and make sure we are always looking ahead to improve our school. I have already started this year doing personal reviews of each event and noting things to change for next year. I also instituted reviews that many STUCO members already filled out to help improve next year.

(Secretary/Treasurer) As Secretary/ Treasurer, I will hold each member of STUCO personally responsible to their job and to their duty to SLUH.

Patrick Quinlan

1. I think that the proper use of funds in order to increase the budget is the most important issue with this position. This can be accomplished through an increase in advertisement of SLUH events, which will hopefully lead to more income for STUCO. This requires not simply an increase in the amount of notifications, but the interest value. For instance, although printing in color costs more money, it is obviously more interesting and attracts the attention of people.

2. As for leadership qualities, I have been a counselor at several summer programs, I was the social representative last year for my homeroom, and I like people.

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3. I think that with the proper leadership, STUCO will be able to do more. That sounds vague; but it's the truth. If we are given the chance, we can increase the amount and the quality of school events and get more people involved, which is something that STUCO has had a problem with in past years.

(Secretary/Treasurer) One important step to be taken is to cut down on some of the more worthless expenses that STUCO makes in order to save money. With this "extra" money, we can create more influential advertisements, which will hopefully increase the attendance of school events. With increased attendance comes increased income, and so we will then be able to use that money to start something new, better existing events, or simply save for future needs.

Will Schmitt

General Questions:

1. The issue that I believe to be most important next year is keeping the budget at a reasonable yet functional level. I will try to keep the tradition of mixers and t shirts going and also invent new fundraisers in order to pay for these traditions.

2. I am good at analyzing situations and working things out with a group. This is important because I will be able to sit down and help formulate a viable budget with the other members of STUCO.

3. I see STUCO as more active this year, especially in generating attendance for events that are ordinarily neglected by the majority of the SLUH community.

(Secretary/Treasurer) I plan on being able to help make STUCO an even more valuable piece of SLUH by keeping the amount of money at STUCO's disposal at a responsible level that will allow STUCO to increase the number of events they are able to coordinate and sponsor. I feel that the best way to do this is to introduce more fundraisers and competitions into the SLUH culture.

Adam Stoeppler

1. I think that the most important issue I would face as treasurer would be how to spend money on great shirts, mixers, etc. without going over-budget. The best way to deal with this would probably be to simply communicate with Mr. Kesterson and the other STUCO members as often as possible, and keep detailed records of our funds and what we have already spent.

2. I am very organized so I think I could maintain records pretty well. I am also very responsible and I feel I could represent, not only STUCO, but SLUH itself extremely well.

3. I think STUCO next year will just try to go above and beyond what they have in the previous years. My main goal is just to try and help the Class of 2011 have our best year at SLUH yet, while also setting a good example for the underclassmen and making sure there year is also a good one.

(Secretary/Treasurer) I think to expand STUCO's reach, I would advertise strongly, whether it be via flyers, emails, etc. I would also try to organize fundraisers for us in order to get additional funds.

Brian Brown

1. Many issues face my job as treasurer: car theft, drug use, sporadic crime to name a few. I plan to do things about these issues. Without being too specific just know things will be done.

2. Good question. I am a part time vigilante. I can easily strike fear into people's hearts and teach them to fear the night. I can provide food, I can provide shelter, I can provide security.

3. Excellent question. And it is good that we are asking questions because without questions all we have are answers.

(Secretary/Treasurer) 1. My philosophy has always been you have to spend money to make money. We will maintain a high level of income with ruthless economic policies and still maintain a high GNP coupled with low protective tariffs.

VP-School Spirit— organize pep rallies; meet with athletic director regularly; attend as many sporting events as possible; organize blue crew 3 days in advance; support other non-athletic events; attend Trout Lodge

Cy Hill

1. The most important issue I will face next year will be bringing people back to SLUH events. It was obvious that this year's school spirit was lacking mainly because we did not have a leader. I plan to bring people back by advertising better than this year by coming up with creative promotional videos.

2. Characteristics of mine that qualify me for the position is my sense of humor and quick wit. My experience has taken place at SLUH, last semester I took Acting Improv, it honed my ability to think on my feet, and now I am taking Oral Communications, a class that will improve my ability to speak in front of a crowd.

3. I see next year's STUCO as one that learn from previous mistakes and one with more school spirit.

(VP Spirit) See first answer, I do not want to repeat myself.

Tate Macarthy

1. I think that the most important issue as Vice President of School Spirit I will face next year is maintaining participation in activities through out the year. I remember being at football games last season wondering if I was on the home team or not because the turn out of students was so poor. The way I plan to deal with this issue is by advertising events more, creating a vibe that going to the game or any event is the place to be and attending will be a lot of fun. I will increase the amount of pep rallies and make spirit week a big event.

2. I have an out going personality. I have participated greatly every year during spirit week because it is a time to show how creative you can be. I have been participated at sporting events that consisted of great cheers and I have always wanted to lead. Also I will not be playing a sport this year even though I have in the past because of this I will have ample time to devote to the commitment this

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job will take.

3. I think STUCO should be more involved with what the students want and what they think should be done. Student council is supposed to represent the students the best they can so that every voice is heard and it feels like a group effort.

(VPSpirit) I plan on revitalizing school spirit by creating hype among the student body. Grab people's attention so they want to go to events and not just sit around and say they have better stuff to do. I believe freshmen participation will be vital to the success of spirit next year because the entire school needs to get involved and not just the upper class men. It will be a group effort and I will lead the way. BOOM!

Joe Murray

1. I think that the biggest issue I will face is comparison to past years' school spirit leaders, and to deal with that issue I just plan to bring a unique creativity to the position and just be myself. By doing that, I hope to bring a great sense of pride and community to the school we are blessed enough to attend.

2. I think that I am very qualified for the position. I've been the guy at football games painted blue with no shirt on even when no one else was. I have a great love for SLUH and my peers. Not only am I not afraid to be excited and crazy at SLUH events, but I am willing to work hard outside of those events as well. I realize all the work that the position requires other than just being crazy, and am more than ready to take on the responsibilities that come with the job. I feel that my personality fits the position well.

3. I see STUCO becoming more of a "student government" with much more input and participation from both those elected to it, and those who are not. I think it is important that STUCO keeps moving towards that and keeps working more and more with the students. There are many great ideas that are yet to be heard.

(VP Spirit) I plan to revitalize school spirit

by becoming a more personable spirit leader. I want to attend as many co-curricular activities as I possibly can. I want to be a leader that supports all the teams and clubs here, whether there is cheering at the event, or just simply watching. I feel that there are a lot of great clubs that do not receive the attention that they deserve at SLUH, and I want to bring that attention to them. By revealing all the great talents our school has to offer, I hope to strengthen the pride and love for our school in every student.

John Sachs

1. The most pressing matter that faces the new V.P. for School Spirit is bringing back confidence in STUCO. There are two things that we must do to resolve this. The first is to have a solid Council, with everyone being held to the highest expectations. The second is to increase dialogue between STUCO, the administration, and the student body. If STUCO is to get anything done, we need to work with the administration and the purpose of STUCO is to improve life for the students. We need to work to get advice from the student body and learn about anything that needs to be done.

2. I'm exactly what you want for a V.P. for Spirit: I'm loud, creative, a little crazy, and I'm not afraid to make a fool out of myself. I don't play any sports, so I have plenty of free time, which means I can be at every game. I love the school, and there is nothing I want more than to see more support for our teams.

3. The STUCO next year has to learn from the students themselves as to what has been done correctly and what has been done incorrectly. I want my STUCO to learn from the past and learn what needs to be done, and then do that. The way to do that is to make student forums better and work with the administration to get stuff done.

(VP Spirit) I think the key to bringing back our great school spirit is to appeal to the whole student body through trailers and announcements that actually appeal to the school. Improved forums are also essential to bettering school spirit. I love this school and I want to lead you into a great year.

John Soucy

1. The most important issue I will face next year as vice president of school spirit would be consistency. I'm sure everyone could make a good first impression, but to follow through with quality material for the rest of the year is another story. My plan to fix this problem is to seriously devote all my efforts to be the best spirit guy this school has ever seen. I will fill the empty, gaping, lifeless hole that you call lives with joyous, child-like laughter. Light at the end of the tunnel. Icing on the cake. John Soucy on STUCO. It's going down!... consistently!

2. One- I am a good speaker

Two- I'm hilarious

Three- I'm a superb leader

Four- I have serious hunting/survival skills

Five- I can provide consistently good material free of charge

Six- I have the power of teleportation.

3. I see that STUCO'S role in the past as the core of our student body has been rapidly depleting with horrible, boring trailers, lame speeches, weird, uncoordinated cheers, lack of leadership, and many more downsides to unpreparedness. I intend to change that sweaty "fat role" of a STUCO into a luscious, buttery "dinner role" that melts your faces with its pulsating excellence.

(VPSpirit) Basically I plan on keeping it real. I know how it goes down and what people want to hear. I shall grasp this knowledge of the common people, wielding its great power to create something beautifully unique and prosperous to our school community. You think you know spirit, think again. ADRIENNE!

Brett Weber

I would plan to do better job with communication with the student body through STUCO fliers and announcements. I would organize prep rallies to get engage the student body and create an excitement that would make students want to come to SLUH events. My main goal that I would work toward is making SLUH events the "thing to do." The more people that come to SLUH events the better time everyone will have. So increasing communication and participation would be my major focus.