

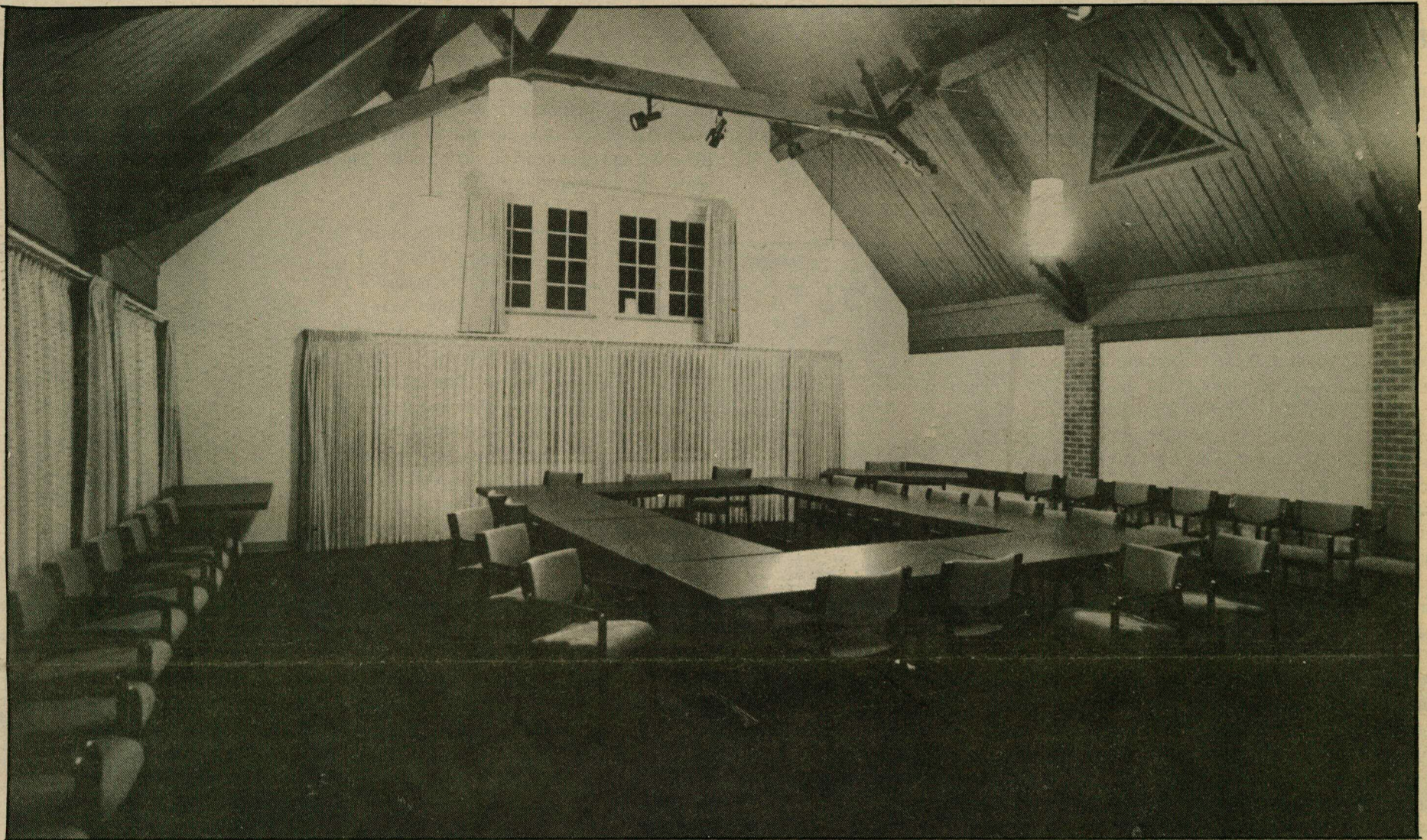
# The Trail



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By Friday, everyone will know who will fill these open seats in the Union board room. Look for The Trail with the results on Friday.

## Candidates tell all to Trail reporters

Interviews by Wendy Lee, Sally Eames, and Angel Overbaugh  
Compiled by Tom Koontz

Candidates in this Thursday's ASUPS elections have expressed views ranging from giving the Director of Business Services more power to reducing the minimum number of points food service users must purchase.

In interviews with each of the candidates this week, the Trail received the following responses:

**Why do you feel you would be an effective senator/executive?**

Presidential candidate Steve Shelver stressed his "tremendous amount of experience in several aspects of the community . . . (including) greek representative and . . . special events coordinator. . . I think that's really important -- to be exposed to a lot of different areas."

Presidential candidate Gillian Gawne noted her experience working as an R.A., a member of the trustee committee on investment responsibility, ASUPS

Director of Public Relations, and Leadership Retreat Chairperson.

Vice presidential candidate Chris Musselman feels he would be an effective executive because, "as vice president, personal communication is important. I know a lot about ASUPS through the Student Honor Court. . . Ken Miller may have a better background handling financial matters, but look at Mimi Dega. She picked it up, and was excellent -- I can, too."

Vice presidential candidate Ken Miller feels he would be an effective executive

because of his experience on the Budget Committee and Senate.

"I have a good perspective of what ASUPS is all about. . . I've seen some problems (while on the Budget Committee) that need to be resolved. . . There are no clear guidelines for allocating funds."

Senatorial candidate Mike Haines said he is committed to getting things done, and he is willing to put enough time into the position. He also noted that he

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## Endorsements Spring 1987

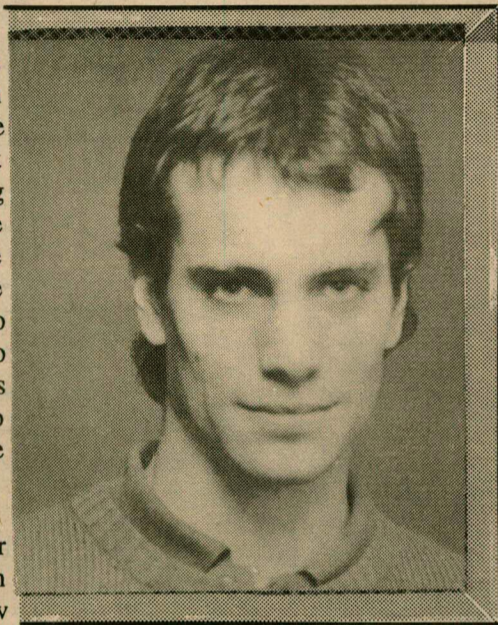
### The Trail endorses...

Our selection for endorsement recommendations was especially difficult because this is the best election slate we've seen in years. After much discussion, we finally settled on the candidates we thought would help constitute the best senate, both for their individual personal attributes and for their contributions to the group as a whole.

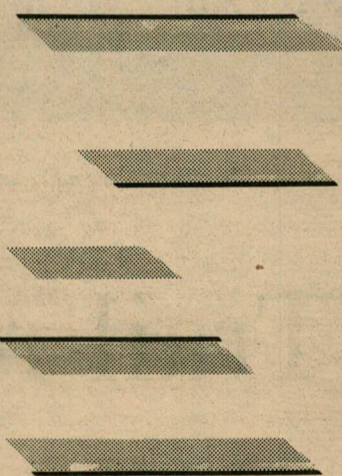
The endorsement committee, drawn from the Trail editorial board, was composed of Amy Stephenson, Tom Koontz, Caitlin Moughon, Katie de Gutes, Rich Underhill, Dave Harlan, Melisse Swartwood, and Brent Grisim. Our recommendations were based on candidate speeches, interviews with candidates, Friday's press conference in the Rotunda, and personal knowledge of the candidates. Following are our picks for the senate and the executive offices.

#### SENATE

**Matt Bean** -- Though Matt has come across as somewhat of a joker in his speeches and his contributions to the Trail's "Matt and Steve" column, it seems that a sense of humor is one thing the senate could stand more of from time to time. His pursuit of orange juice portion changes and answers about the mannequins represent an attention to detail and a desire to get things done to help students within his term. He is quick and perceptive, and will serve to keep a little reality and humor in the administrative beauracracy.



**Helen Dolmas** -- Our recommendation of Helen is not bias on the part of the staff; we at the Trail know better than anyone how well she would fulfill her duties as a senator. She has extensive experience in ASUPS committees, clubs and organizations, and holds a position of responsibility in each. Her commitments reflect her time management skills, her versatility, and her enthusiasm. She's a hard worker and sees a job through, making sure someone else takes care of it if she is unable to do it herself. She is well informed on campus issues and events and is acquainted with a broad spectrum of the university community; thus, she has a solid handle on what's important to the students and to the university. Her status as a senior for 1987-88 will lend maturity to a heavily freshman senate.



**Shelby Wright** -- Shelby presents herself professionally and effectively, and is very thorough in finding out about the issues. An R.A., she has constant exposure to student concerns and interests, and has experience being responsive to those concerns. In addition, her inquiry into textbook buyback shows a desire to assist students with a very real problem and an initiative to take on a challenging task. She's level-headed, assertive, and committed.



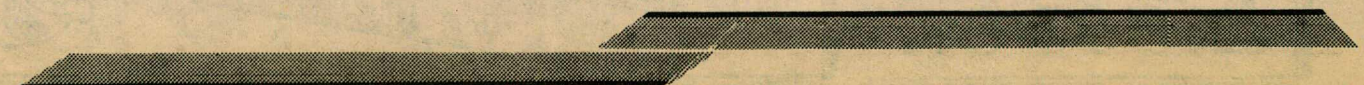
**John Schussler** -- Though a freshman, John is knowledgeable about ASUPS and the university structure. For example, at the press conference last Friday he mentioned that a faculty concern is the chairing of Faculty Senate by President Phibbs, a fact few freshmen and not many upperclass students would have known. John has attended senate meetings and so is familiar with the present working structure. Perhaps his greatest strength is his voice, quiet and composed, which compels attention from those to whom he speaks. People will listen to him, and he is going to listen in return -- both very important qualities in a senator.



**Patrick Gabrish** -- Also a junior and familiar with university history and policies, Pat has dealt with the issues of delayed rush and deferred residency from a greek perspective. His interests range from Sigma Chi to the Honors Program to the Inside Theatre Box Office, acquainting him with different groups within the university community. While he came across during speeches and the press conference as less responsive to students than other candidates, he is outgoing and personable and can very likely make up for any potential rigidity. A close vote clinched this endorsement, wrapping up our best-list suggestions.



Once again, these are our recommendations. They are not commands, and they are not set in stone. They are simply what we recommend, based on our knowledge of the candidates. If you disagree or just aren't sure, read the rest of this issue. Talk to the candidates. Find out what they stand for. Decide who would best represent you and your interests. And by all means, get out there Thursday and VOTE! It's quick, it's easy; it's not the law, but it is the student government.



## VICE PRESIDENT

This decision ended up being too challenging for even our endorsement committee to decide conclusively. Both candidates have a lot of strengths. **Ken Miller** has served on the senate and on the finance committee, and is familiar with the present working structure of ASUPS. **Chris Musselman** has extensive experience on committees, including governance committee, and the trustee committee on investment responsibility. Both have experience with financial matters and ASUPS budgetary considerations. What made our decision impossible was the weight of both candidates' faults. Ken is assertive

and has taken a lot of initiative in his campaign, but his determination stands in the way of his effectiveness in committee work -- definitely a crucial aspect of the role of the vice president, who sits on every ASUPS committee. Chris works extremely well in committee, but has difficulty expressing himself clearly when trying to make a point, which would be a real hindrance in the financial administrative side of senate work. Our board argued for close to an hour before finally agreeing to disagree. Ultimately, the voters must make the final decision anyway.

## PRESIDENT

While both candidates are enthusiastic and have a lot to offer the office, our recommendation has to go to **Gillian Gawne**. Steve Shelver is enthusiastic and motivated, but has displayed a certain amount of irresponsibility in failing to turn in his election essay on time. Seven hours after the deadline had passed, he remembered which week the essay was due, but sixteen more hours passed before he contacted anyone on staff. With a campaign that has been in the works since last November, he could have kept closer track of deadlines. Steve's enthusiasm is equalled by Gillian's, and her experience with the trustees surpasses his. She has been a member of the trustee committee long-term financial planning committee, and is familiar with the board of trustees and its processes as well as with individual members of the board. Both have a wide acquaintance with a significant number of students and



are very involved in campus activities, but Gillian has a stronger ability to be able to communicate students' views to the real wielders of power on this campus. While both would commit themselves to the job, in our estimation, Gillian would be the best one for the office.

It's not over yet

By Caitlin Moughon

# Senate: the victory brings tasks

Elections. New senators. New opinions. New liaisons. But what happens after the elections? What really goes on? What in the hell do these people do?

According to Senate Chairperson Jill Nishi, the job of a senator is three-fold. Their main duties include liaisons, committee work, and a project of the senator's choice.

Nishi said that projects are largely dependent on the senator's own ideas and are "pretty much self-initiated." The amount of time involved "really varies," from the installation of pencil sharpeners to establishing a lasting organization like S.O.A.R.

Although projects are a positive way for a senator to impact the campus, Nishi has recently "felt like the projects were really lacking."

She noted that "sometimes it's difficult to find your channels," especially in the case of new, or junior senators, but "not all senators have reached the potential they have."

There is no specific way to gauge a senator's progress, Nishi said, but earlier in the year she didn't hear of any progress and decided to request reports.

She found that in general junior senators "should get the ball rolling" but that the "projects that are working are working well."

According to Nishi, some of these outstanding projects include the establishment of S.O.A.R., which was taken on by Ken Miller, Bryan Kean, and herself.

In addition, Nishi cited Lawrence Neville's library improvements, Mike Korch's cash machine installation, and the evaluation of the common freshman experience, taken on by Lisa Davenport and Korch as being exceptional.

Davenport is "the project woman," Nishi said. She is currently "working on self-defense training, especially for women."

Finally, Nishi encouraged students to "give ideas to their liaisons" about anything they feel should be done around campus, since liaisons are the best way for senators to get ideas and opinions directly from students.

Liaison duties consist mainly of directly reporting to a living group on a regular basis as well as posting information, usually in the form of a liaison board.

According to Senate Liaison Director Lisa North, liaisons are "the most important duty of a senator." In addition, they "take a lot of effort and a lot of time," North said. "Even if you have an unsuccessful meeting you have to go back."

As director of the program, North conducted a phone check on the effectiveness of senators in their liaisons last semester.

North said the only "specific complaints" reported at that time were from the chalets and Sigma Chi fraternity, the responsibilities of Ken Miller and Melisse Swartwood, respectively.

North's report said that Miller had "not established any contacts, had any meetings, nor has he posted written reports," in the chalets. Swartwood, according to the report, had "only reported at chapter meetings twice."

However, North indicated that the senators in question had improved during spring semester.

The remaining senators received satisfactory to excellent reviews. North lauded Davenport for her liaison relationship with A/L. Davenport "had really good turnouts" at her meetings.

In order to improve the quality of liaison relationships, North said that students should "come to meetings with questions ready," and "seek out their senator if they have questions."

In addition to the phone check, North requested written reports from the senators on their contacts, due at the end of last semester. As of this week, Senators Swartwood, Allison Dobbins,

Allan Nelick, and Davenport had still not turned in a report.

The third major senatorial duty is committee work. According to ASUPS Vice President Mimi Dega, who sits on all of the student committees, senators "are just another resource person."

As a committee member the senator votes and is expected to research and find opinions on issues discussed. Next, they "report back to Senate" on what happens.

Committees meet anywhere from once every two weeks to a couple of times a week, depending "on if we have stuff coming right up."

Senators are placed on the various committees by Dega, who asks for preferences. She generally puts them "where I think they would do a good job," or in a group which can "get their interest sparked," in her opinion.

"We don't really have a way to evaluate (the senators' performance)" besides her own notation of their attendance. "We just call them if they aren't there."

Dega also noted that senators haven't had any problems in this area. "They know that it's an important part of their job," she said.

"What makes a good committee is getting the students at large involved," Dega stressed. Students with problems can contact their liaison, the committee

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has attended liaison meetings in other halls (in addition to those in his own hall) to hear other people's views and feelings on issues.

Senatorial candidate Helen Dolmas said, "In the three years I've been at this university, I've been involved in a wide variety of activities. I've gained knowledge and insight that I feel could be put to use for the best interests of students."

Senatorial candidate John Schussler cited his experience with RHA and attending Senate meetings. He feels he

applied to force the issue to be addressed."

Steve Shelver said the key issues are the types of programs developed, and that "all along I've seen the lack of communication between groups on campus . . . The role of Senate needs to be identified -- who do they represent? are they being held accountable for their projects?"

He also mentioned displacement of upper classmen as an important issue: "It is a compromise that's here to stay, and we have to work with it; there's a new understanding between greks and independents. I'd hate to see it lost."

Chris Musselman said budget guidelines are key: "There are too many documents. The country has one document, the Constitution. Why don't we?"

all student committees would be about seven hours a week. . . about 20-25 hours a week altogether."

Ken Miller said, "It's a full-time job, 30 to 40 hours per week. There should be more time for the vice presidential committee work. . ."

Pat Gabrish "expect(s) to make sacrifices," and he said he will adjust his time commitment according to student needs and the issues being addressed.

Mike Ross said Senate is "a full-time job," and he will put in "as much time as necessary."

Matt Bean said he will devote eight to ten hours per week, while Shelby Wright said good senators put in up to 20 hours per week.

Lynn Hendricks said senators should put in at least seven to 10 hours, and that she can put in more than that.

John Schussler said the basic requirement is about ten hours per week,

and that he would devote at least 15 to 20 hours per week.

Helen Dolmas said she would have at least 10 hours per week to devote to what she sees as a 10-12 hours per week job.

Mike Haines said senators need to commit all the time they can, and that "if a job needs 24 hours a day to get done, so be it."

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in question, or Dega herself.

Committees will be accepting applications again after elections. Dega said that committees are "a great way to get involved," and that "everyone who interviewed (last semester) got a place on one of my committees."

Interested students are encouraged to pick up a brochure in the ASUPS office. They have hundreds.

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has a good idea of what is going on and what needs to be done.

"I enjoy being involved in this sort of thing. . . I enjoy getting things done," he said.

Senatorial candidate Lynn Hendricks said she is involved enough on campus to be a good leader, and she is an effective communicator.

Senatorial candidate Pat Gabrish said, "I feel I am good at being able to see the big picture." He noted his experience as fraternity treasurer and working with residential life.

Senatorial candidate Shelby Wright said, "I am an effective communicator. I take a strong stand on issues but have an open mind in formulating that stand." She said being an R.A. helps give her increased awareness in student concerns.

Senatorial candidate Matt Bean said he is a person who, when he sees something wrong, does something about it. He feels that the university has many positive aspects, but that he could help in "ironing out" some of the problems, acting somewhat as a troubleshooter.

Senatorial candidate Mike Ross cited his experience on the Student Concerns Committee. He feels that he knows the key issues and concerns brought up by students and that, with his persistence, he would be able to get things done.

**What do you see as key issues in this election? How do you stand on these issues?**

Gillian Gawne cited the displacement of upperclassmen, saying, "There should be more organized student pressure

Ken Miller said, "Unlike the past, there are no diehard issues that all of the candidates are talking about, but concerns include budget and allocations."

Several senatorial candidates said deferred residency was a key issue.

Mike Ross, Lynn Hendricks, and Mike Haines said they were opposed to deferred residency, while Shelby Wright, Matt Bean, and John Schussler went on record as being in favor of it.

Helen Dolmas said, "We need another year to evaluate the current system and then decide on it."

On the recent Senate crew loan of \$11,000 for a new shell, Matt Bean said the funding should have come from the university (rather than ASUPS), and Mike Ross said it points to the need for better ASUPS funding guidelines.

Shelby Wright agreed that there was a need for the new shell, but "\$11,000 is a lot of money to be allocated to a select group of students."

Pat Gabrish said the key issue is a need to define the responsibilities of both the administration of the university and ASUPS, which could be aided by increased spirit, morale, and student and administration involvement.

**How much time is necessary to devote to being a senator/executive? If elected, how much time can you devote to it?**

Steve Shelver said, "as much as possible," while Gillian Gawne said, "I'll put in as much time as necessary to do the job well."

Chris Musselman said, "Serving on

## ELECTION SCHEDULE

**Tomorrow, Wednesday, February 25 -- Open Forum!!**  
Come grill the candidates about the issues and get free ice cream in the bargain.

**Thursday, February 26 -- ELECTIONS!!**  
Punch-ballot polls will be located in the SUB, Tunnels, Jones, Thompson, Library, OT/PT  
7:15 am to 7pm  
(times vary by location)

**Friday, February 27 -- The Trail comes out**  
Read the election results and all the week's news in this special late edition.

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