

2004 SGA Election continued

Our second candidate for Vice-President is freshman Jordon Huppert. His involvements include: Senator in SGA, member of the Debate Society, member of the YPA and has just this semester started up a Fencing Club of which he will be President. "I want to see things happen to this college. I want people's opinions and suggestions and to go out to get people involved. I don't want this to be like my SGA in high school, which was more or less a running gag."

And finally our last candidate is sophomore John Billingsley, better known as "Tex", who is currently a Senator, President of the Fly-Fishing Club, and serves on two committees, the Safety and Security Committee and the Academic Support Committee. "I would like to promise you the world. I can't promise you that, but what I would do is promise you all of my abilities and do everything in my power to work with SGA, the Executive Board, and to work with all the SGA Senators to get things done."

The following questioning period was a bit "bogus", since not much more new was said, aside from Vinny Wong and Jan-Michael Cohen's "fiery" debate on their ethics about giving out candies to the student body.

The results of the election were posted on email and announced after the SGA meeting on March 3rd. President: Jan-Michael Cohen, Vice-President: Aleece Fosnight.

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The Passion

By Heather Ochse, editor and staff writer

The movie that is bringing a lot of controversy all over the world is the title that does not even need mentioning. But to help audiences understand the movie better, maybe it should. Mel Gibson is an actor and producer turned director whom communities have heard of and possibly do not want to hear from in the future. *The Passion of the Christ* is all the rage since the premiere of the film February 25, 2004.

The film begins with Jesus shaking and trembling in the Garden of Gethsemane. As he steadies himself against a tree he is experiencing the agony of the impending betrayal he told about in his teaching. As he endures beating after beating, the brutality of violence that starts from his capture by the Roman soldiers continues until Jesus' crucifixion. Scenes of Jesus' woe include Satan weaving in and of the crowds taunting him in a shadowy cape. Sexuality is expressed only when Mary Magdalene is caught in adultery. A flashback shows Jesus challenging those bent on stoning her. A depiction of Herod's court subtly alludes to his sexual deviances.

Other characteristics in the film include the unusual use of language. There was the sub-titled word "damn," however the entire film is sub-titled in English while the actors speak Aramaic and Latin. According to movie critics Bob Smithouser and Steven Isaac, "Gibson's reluctant decision to include English subtitles turned out to be enormously helpful, especially for viewers unfamiliar with the details of Christ's ministry." Gibson also shot the film in Italy using largely unknown actors rather than a cast of familiar faces. This was to aid the film's feeling of realism. For a list of the full cast and crew, visit www.imdb.com.

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