

Freshmen SGA candidates explain their goals, intent

Andrea Schmidt Staff Reporter

Background:

Bryan Bowen is from Columbus, Ohio and will be majoring in International Management. Bowen is 18.



Bryan Bowen

Experience:

Bowen was superintendent of Youth in Government at his high school, which was involved in working with the city of Upper Arlington. As a part of the Senior Committee at his high school, Bowen said he helped change the school's class scheduling to more of a university style.

Goals:

Bowen said he likes learning from experience. If elected he would like to send a committee to other campuses to critique their dining services and to get ideas on how to make Elon's better.

"I enjoy getting involved with people and making a change when I can," Bowen said.

Background:

Jason Dennis is from Hendersonville, N.C. and will be majoring in communications with emphasis in broadcast. Dennis is 18.



Jason Dennis

Experience:

Dennis held offices in six clubs

at his high school. Some of them include president of Key Club, Drama Club and his church youth group.

Goals:

Dennis said he wants to make a difference on Elon's campus and would like to hear any suggestions from the Freshman class.

"Whatever the students want, I'll try to get done," Dennis said.

Background:

Tricia DiMaria is from Saddle Brook, N.J. and will be majoring in secondary education. DiMaria is 18.



Tricia DiMaria

Experience:

DiMaria was president of her high school's Interact Club which helped to raise \$2,500 in seven months to bring a child to the United States from Poland who needed heart surgery. She also served on student council for four years.

Goals:

If elected DiMaria wants to work toward changing visitation hours for the campus dorms. She says the office of the president needs an energetic person and that she is just the person for the job.

"I think I'm more open-minded and with my background I could do a good job," she said.

Background:

Karen Kennerly is from Alexandria, Va. and will be majoring in English. Kennerly is 18.

Experience:

None.

Goals:

If elected, Kennerly would like to work with the Dining Committee and help make some changes in the food service. She would also like to set up a forum once a week for the freshmen class so they could speak with the class officers, voice their opinions and give them suggestions.

"It's important that the freshmen get a voice and are heard on campus," she said.

Background:

Jason Nollen is from Springfield, Va. and will be majoring in sports medicine. Nollen is 22.



Jason Nollen

Experience:

None.

Goals:

"I know what it takes to be a leader," Nollen said.

Nollen worked for four years after graduating from high school to save money for his college education and believes that his maturity and experience in life will benefit the freshmen class.

If elected Nollen wants freshmen students to feel comfortable with coming to him with problems or concerns.

"I want to hear their ideas, because it's their class," he said.



Karen Kennerly

Background:

Jason Peel is from Elizabeth City, N.C. and will be majoring in Spanish and secondary education. Peel is 18.



Jason Peel

Experience:

Peel was student body president of his high school and was responsible for organizing a half day forum for each grade level of the school. These forums helped the student government hear what changes the student body wanted to see in their school, Peel said.

Goals:

Peel would like to see the grading scale changed and wants to work to get 24 hour visitation for campus dorms.

"I think I am a hard worker and that I could represent the students well," he said.

Background:

Michael Stamps is from Blairs, Va. and will be majoring in communications with an emphasis in broadcast. Stamps is 18.



Michael Stamps

Experience:

Stamps was vice president of his senior class and helped plan his senior prom and senior class trip. Stamps also helped bring in a speaker for his high school baccalaureate.

Goals:

Stamps would like to take on a leadership role within the freshmen class and says that he has a lot to offer. Stamps said he believes freshmen aren't taken seriously and he wants to change that.

"I want something fresh for the class of '98," Stamps said.

Background:

Cory Yeager is from Lexington Park, Md. and will be majoring in political science. Yeager is 18.



Cory Yeager

Experience:

Yeager served with the model general assembly at his high school and worked as committee chairman in areas such as human resources and crime.

Goals:

Yeager thinks that too many politicians let their power go to their heads and don't truly represent the people.

"I want to represent people rather than make their decisions for them," Yeager said.

Yeager is currently working on aspects of student housing and says he said he will continue to do so if elected.

**SGA Elections
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Crime Watch

On Sept. 14, Joseph Caprio of Falmouth, Maine, was cited on West Haggard Avenue and charged with failure to wear a safety belt.

On Sept. 15, George Trantas of Smith dormitory was cited on South Williamson Avenue and charged with exceeding the posted speed limit.

On Sept. 16, Thomas Worrell of Hillsboro Beach, Fla., was cited on Oak Avenue and charged with failure to wear a safety belt.

On Sept. 17, Bryan Partyka of Trenton, N.J., and Keith Lively

of Bowie, Md., reported that someone took their Chesapeake Bay Retriever puppy, Roy. Valued at \$250.

Jonathan Stup of Sigma Phi House was cited on West Haggard Avenue and charged with littering.

On Sept. 18, Edward Neff of Elon College reported that someone damaged the cover of his Jeep while trying to break into his vehicle. Estimated damage was \$180.

All information gathered from the Town of Elon College Police Reports.