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# HASTINGS LAW NEWS

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## Special ASUCH Election Issue

### ASUCH CHANGES RULES TO FACILITATE ELECTION

#### Many Candidates, But None Registered for Secretary, Director of Community Affairs

Glenn E. Von Tersch  
ADVERTISING MANAGER

This year's candidate pool for ASUCH elections has more depth even without any official entries for two officer positions. In addition to seven second-years running for the office of ASUCH president, there are multi-candidate fields for three other executive board positions as well as a ballot initiative proposing a \$5 fee to fund a post-graduate public interest employment grant.

No candidates registered for secretary or director of community affairs.

The six executive officer positions are president, internal vice president, external vice president, secretary, treasurer, and director of community affairs. However, write-in candidates, accepted for all positions, can win with a plurality of the votes.

ASUCH's 1997 election plan addresses last year's fiascoes. All candidates for executive office automatically qualify as candidates for the appropriate

class representative position. In addition, ASUCH will see ranked voting in order to avoid runoffs. Unlike last year, ASUCH plans to indicate on the ballots that candidates should be ranked, eliminating some voter confusion.

Frequent voting rule changes are possible because the ASUCH Constitution is vague, only specifically commanding ASUCH to hold an election and to have a committee of third-year ASUCH members run the election. While this allows flexibility in adapting ASUCH rules from year to year,

such flexibility allegedly leads to inconsistency.

Outgoing Internal Vice-President Scott Kuhn heads the ASUCH election committee.

Interested voters should attend this afternoon's election debate from 3:40-5:30 in the LBM Lounge. Polls will be open 9:30 A.M. to 5:45 P.M. Tuesday Mar. 3rd to Thursday Mar. 5th. The close of polling will culminate in a Beer on the Beach.

The Law News strongly encourages all eligible students to vote.

Polling Times: 9:30 - 5:45 p.m. Tuesday Mar. 3 - Thursday Mar. 5

Where: 198 Building lobby.

What should students bring: Student ID card and ballots. Students will be SIC draped ballots on Monday night, Mar. 2.

Write in candidates will be allowed.

#### Candidate Profile Travis Baird

What one experience makes you qualified for the job?

I fell on my head as a small child.

What is the greatest challenge facing the next ASUCH administration?

Re-evaluating our commitment to the student body as a whole, thus resisting the temptation to favor financially a select few student groups.

What is the most important

component of any law student's legal education?

Gilbert's outlines.  
How would you describe Hastings to a prospective 1L.

Fadeily.  
Why do very few alumni give back to Hastings? How would you improve that?

1. As students, they develop the same animosity towards Hastings.  
2. Improve our alumni outreach efforts. (see candidate statement).

How do you conceive of the role of the ASUCH president at Hastings?



As a representative of the entire student body.

#### Candidate Profile Rob Booker

What one experience makes you qualified for the job?

My experience on the career services committee during my first year was what I would emphasize. There I learned to dedicate a substantial amount of time to something I cared about and I learned how to work most effectively with the administration to accomplish things that were important to the student body.

What is the greatest challenge facing the next ASUCH administration?

Achieving better communication between the student and ASUCH, which means two things to me: 1.

Do things worth communicating about. 2. Let the students know about these activities in a timely manner.

What is the most important component of any law student's legal education?

Learning how to learn about the law and learning how to enjoy it.

How would you describe Hastings to a prospective 1L?

Hastings is something different for everyone and it is generally what you make of it. Hastings does provide opportunities to have a good experience for those who choose to pursue it.

Why do very few alumni give back to Hastings? How would you improve that?

In the past Hastings has treated students in a purely academic fashion, not as future contributors. When you



don't treat students with long range vision, you can disappoint them frequently without worrying about the consequences.

How do you conceive of the role of the ASUCH president at Hastings? Voice of student concerns AND preventor of student decisions.

#### HPILF Fellowship Committee's Argument for Ballot Initiative

On behalf of the underrepresented, and the many Hastings students who want to serve them, we urge you to vote yes to fund HPILF's new post-graduate fellowship program. The funds will help create the Ralph Santiago Abascal/HPILF Fellowship which will enable recent Hastings graduates to either fund public interest jobs with non-profit organizations or create their own projects. The fellowship will be named in honor of distinguished Hastings alumnus, former board of director, and instructor Ralph Santiago Abascal who has served for over 28 years at California Rural Legal Assistance and Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment. As a student at Hastings, Ralph was instrumental in establishing the student/faculty committee structure and in creating LEOP.

With cuts to the Legal Services Corporation, and increasing loan debt, Hastings graduates have difficulty finding and affording public interest jobs. For example, a January 1996 survey by HPILF and the ASUCH Loan Forgiveness Committee found that 64% (259/404) of responding students indicated that they planned to work in public interest. However, less

than 12% of Hastings graduates from 1988-95 entered public interest employment. The difficulty that Hastings' graduates face in finding public interest employment negatively impacts Hastings' placement rate and ranking.

Many law schools already have post-graduate fellowship programs, including Boalt Hall, Stanford and Yale. Since its founding in 1979, HPILF has distributed summer grants to over 80 Hastings students. Recognizing the success of fellowships at other top law schools, HPILF decided to create a fellowship program to assist public interest careers.

HPILF will administer the fellowship through a Board of Directors whose membership will include a diverse group of students, alumni, and faculty. If the ballot measure passes, the fellowship program will receive over \$12,000 per year. On top of these funds, we will conduct other fund-raisers and hope to begin our yearly distribution of funds in 1998. Please vote yes to fund the fellowship program. If you have any questions, please contact HPILF via SIC folder or at 565-4690. Thank you for your support.

# ASUCH CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

## PRESIDENT

### CYRIL YU

My name is Cyril Yu and I want to be your President.

I have been serving the students of this school since I was elected a 1L representative. I was elected as a 2L representative. I have been a writer and news editor for the Hastings Law News. Through those roles, I learned how ASUCH functions; I worked with both student leaders and the administration; I have spoken with a broad cross-section of the campus, including students, staff, and administrators. I know how ASUCH and this school functions.

My experience reaches much further. I have served as a 1L and 2L representative in APALSA. Having been on the ASUCH finance committee, I understand the budgeting process and its impact on all student organizations. And I have served as the 14th Circuit governor this past year for the American Bar Association/Law Student Division. I have worked with law students across the country on issues that confront all our schools such as funding for student organizations and public service.

These experiences have provided me with building blocks for my vision of creating a "professional community" at Hastings. I intend to unite all the resources at this school and in the surrounding legal community to achieve our common goal: train future lawyers. To do so requires an effective administrator, a visionary, and an advocate as the president of ASUCH.

I will effectively lead and run ASUCH. I have added my ideas to a proposal that will make ASUCH more responsive to student needs and more effective in achieving our goals. But unless someone who believes in this plan is there to execute it, ASUCH will be no better than it currently is. I promise that next year, every idea will be explored and when appropriate, will be implemented. We will not waste our time battling heads with the Hastings administration.

I will build a "professional community" at Hastings. We will find innovative ways of getting more students involved in the legal community and increasing the interaction of law students and lawyers. In particular, it is time to tap our extensive network of alumni. Having been an ABA/LSD governor, I know of the range of opportunities for students to get involved in the legal

community now. And this goes beyond net working opportunities; it also means instilling a sense of community service.

As the student representative to our Board and administration, I will both work with them and advocate for us. It is time they understood that we are here for the long-term: our stake in Hastings is equal to, if not greater, than theirs.

I will give you one full year of hard work and dedication on your behalf in exchange for your vote. Thank you.

### DEE DEE WILSON

*Quick to criticize, naive not to recognize.* As a first year representative, I looked at ASUCH and pointed out all the things I saw wrong. I walked around the school and thought to myself "ASUCH should be doing this," or "ASUCH should resolve that problem." I became ASUCH treasurer. The executive board discussed the problems of the previous year and vowed to make improvements. In a meeting this January, I asked the first year reps to voice their sentiments to ASUCH. I heard them voice the same criticisms and concerns I felt as a first year rep. What happened?

I am now running for ASUCH president. Why? Because I recognize that ASUCH did this and ASUCH did address that problem. Career services improvements, professor-student interaction, and grade confidentiality are areas that ASUCH has been involved in addressing. As president, my goal is to continue improving the Hastings community and better the flow of communication within the community.

I sat on a Hastings Board of Directors finance committee meeting. They were actually surprised to hear that students would appreciate the creation of a service based scholarship as opposed to another merit based one. I found it surprising that they were surprised. Professors and students chatting over lunch in the Law Cafe seems pretty basic. Not. Students communicated that idea to the faculty at their retreat last year. Various organizations volunteered to speak out with the Black Law Students Association against racism. Without the Law News, those various organizations would not have known about the problem.

I cannot make promises that as president I will get the administration to do this or the

faculty to do that. I can only pledge my commitment to have ASUCH work with all the groups here at Hastings — students, organizations, faculty, administration, etc. — in order to voice concerns, resolve issues, and create the "Hastings Community" that is sold to each and every incoming student.

### CHRIS MOROSOFF

I propose to amend the ASUCH Constitution to allow for a 30 minute public question-answer session at each meeting of the ASUCH governing council. Currently, students who are not members of the ASUCH governing council have no right to speak at ASUCH meetings, either to comment or ask questions. Furthermore, by a simple majority vote of the council, the ASUCH Governing Council can hold closed sessions in which no student outside the council may attend. I also propose an ASUCH constitutional amendment to require that all governing council meetings be open to ASUCH members (i.e. any student in good academic standing).

My goal is to make ASUCH more inclusive and more responsive to the concerns of all students. I will provide more fairness and accountability with respect to ASUCH governing council procedures. I will strive toward keeping all students accurately informed of all matters concerning ASUCH and the governing council. I will ensure that every student's voice is heard and respectfully considered. Finally, I will ensure that all voting on all ASUCH matters is conducted fairly and openly.

### JASON CHUN

My election theme is to address the practical needs and concerns of students. ASUCH and the administration need to build a relationship of mutual respect so that together we can meet the needs of students and, in doing so, improve Hastings as an institution. ASUCH has to work with the administration in order to have real influence and results on school issues. Likewise, the administration should work with ASUCH because meeting students needs improves the overall perception students have attending Hastings and its future alumni, we will be the representatives and revenue donors of the school.

Proposals:

1. No construction at the tower

during finals. Since most of our grades are based on one final examination, finals period is a very crucial time for students and is the last thing we need to worry about or deal with is construction noise.

2. See if something can be done about classroom temperatures. Learning in class becomes less effective when professors and students are distracted by an uncomfortable classroom temperature. Classroom J is notorious for being too cold whereas alot of other classes are too warm. The solution probably means changes in the building infrastructure which might take time to accomplish but we must start now. If this isn't feasible, maybe portable heaters can be installed for the cold classrooms while quieter fans can be purchased for the warmer ones.

3. Work with the administration to ensure that Hastings remains part of the University of California.

4. Develop a system where students turn in their grades before the add/drop deadline so students can evaluate their most recently completed courses with what they need to take in the current semester. This can be accomplished by stricter enforcement of the deadline for the professors or by extending the add/drop deadline for students.

5. Purchase a second microwave for the dining commons so that students don't have to wait so long to warm food during peak times. Begin updating some older computers in the computer room and adding software such as Excel and Microsoft Word.

6. Students have complained about lack of upkeep at the tower gym. Repairs take too long, but I think this is because of lack of communications with the tower management rather than neglect. Therefore, I would develop a system where a record is kept at the front desk so that students can request repairs and which management can check weekly.

7. Ensure that the grade normalization curve (60 to 70 percent above A-) is not changed to a lower percentage.

8. Have more student input on the school's budget decisions and find out how the differential fee is being spent.

### ROB BOOKER

During the past few days, you have been airpopped with thousands of pieces of paper by the four hundred people running

for president. This has all happened at a time especially convenient for your first year students, who are nearing a Moot Court-caused mental breakdown of nuclear proportions. You have recently checked your grades. You may have even considered joining the military, where at least you get paid to be harassed. So why should you give a damn about ASUCH elections?

Let me say a few words about law school to give you some reasons to care.

After one semester of law school, you may have considered quitting. This is impossible, however; because in order to go to law school, you must get a "loan." Put English word for "loan" comes from the latin word "lonus," meaning "bend over, here comes the interest..."

Hopefully, now that I have your attention, I want to let you know that while I have enjoyed my Hastings experience, I know that we all wish some things were different. After speaking with many of you, I have planned a three point strategy towards making improvements where you feel they are most necessary:

1. A SENSE OF COMMUNITY: We all know that law school tends to create an atmosphere of competitiveness. I plan to initiate activities to bring the faculty and students together to help the community in which some of us live and where all of us study. Speak to me about two specific projects I have in mind to help us work with each other instead against each other.

2. BETTER COMMUNICATION: You probably don't know what the hell happens at biweekly ASUCH meetings. I plan to change that. ASUCH should and can do more to make your life better at Hastings, and I plan to make sure that happens. Once again, I have specific ideas in mind and I encourage you to speak with me about them.

3. CAREER SERVICES: I worked during my first year to bring student concerns about job placement to the forefront of student-administration communications. Now, the administration and the students together have helped to provide career services with the tools they need to help us. Placement statistics are up almost twenty percent this year, and they can improve even more. Now, back to why you should give a damn:

In law school, you will learn many useful skills which must be acquired before you are prepared to work during your summers at a

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## law clerk.

For example, in law school, you will read thousands of pages of case law, you will prepare hundreds of briefs, experience the "Socratic Method" (pronounced "Soz-rick In-keh-shun"), and live in the tower, which was the only part of the Louisiana Purchase that Thomas Jefferson called "a piece of crap." These are all important experiences, because in your first years of working, you will make millions of photocopies (to the delight of the Sierra Club).

Hopefully you got "good grades." Only three people got "good grades," however, and the rest of us received C's. This is okay, though, because if you got good grades, you would be tempted to participate on a law review. Upton Sinclair wrote about law reviews in *The Jungle*, which is a very good book about people who made photocopies until their eyeballs fell out.

Most court was perhaps the most important experience of law school. You there learned to use a "word processor." These are very similar to "food processors," as you will find when your twenty page "Reply to plaintiff's motion to compel further discovery" suddenly prints out as "Reply to further discover plaintiff's bowel movement."

I rest my case. Please vote for me — we can make Hastings a more enjoyable experience.

## JAMES BREEDEN

I am running with Christine Drake for Internal Vice President and encourage you to vote for both of us.

### Our Pledge to You:

1. We will listen to you and keep you informed.

A. Create a student consent box.

B. Improve the consistency of ASUCH office hours.

C. Post a visible and comprehensive calendar of campus events.

2. Work for meaningful change.

A. Continue to improve career services.

B. Ensure the hiring of quality staff (there has been no admissions director since August).

C. Demand timely grade notification (over 20% of professors submitted late grades).

3. Fight to enhance the quality of life at Hastings by making part of the dirt lot adjacent to the 200 building into an outdoor grassy area with trees where students could study, relax, or eat.

4. Stop the attempted elimination of journals by

rewarding participation with academic credits.

F. Require students be notified before their professors are charged.

G. Implement a disciplinary procedure that protects students' rights.

H. Continue to improve our U.S. News ranking by increasing bar passage rates, and job placement rates.

3. Follow up with the administration.

A. Promptly inform the administration of ASUCH decisions and encourage a speedy administrative response.

As the current ASUCH Director of Community Affairs, I am responsible for BOBs, gym lockers, aerobics, Barristers' Ball, IM basketball, the first-year Barbecue on the Beach, and the Day of Open Minds. Because of the regular shortage of gym lockers installed to have 24 new lockers arranged in both the women's and the men's locker rooms. I submitted the unanimously passed resolution to reform the current disciplinary procedures which do not adequately protect student rights. Finally, I have demonstrated my commitment to the student body and ASUCH by attending 100% of my meetings as an ASUCH executive officer.

## TRAVIS BAIRD

Your thing has monetary value. Today's estimated value: jigg-a-jigg.

Like a stock, the value of our legal education rises and falls with our reputation. We all agree CHANGE is a necessity. Our low ranking in previous years is predicated on our extremely low job placement percentage and bar passage rate. I am confident we can reverse this trend by pursuing the following goals:

1) I promise to create a comprehensive report detailing alumni support strategies of today's top law schools.

We all share a common goal: employment. In the Hastings admissions catalog, Hastings claims more alumni in California than any other California law school. Where are they when we need them? Alumni could provide financial support and valuable job opportunities to each and every one of us. Instead, they receive less than a warm welcome from our severely underfunded alumni-relations office. The result: little support from thousands of potential employers. Many years ago, NYU leaped to its current ranking by employing similar strategies. We can too.

2) I will push for an equitable

modification to our current grading curve.

Nothing encourages a cutthroat atmosphere lacking community spirit more than our grade curve. According to my best estimation, Hastings allows less than 20% of the class a fighting chance in today's competitive job market by granting fewer than 20% "A's" in any particular course. In turn, we develop animosity toward Hastings which we carry long after we graduate, making us uncompetitive alumni.

No logical reason exists for continuing to foster such animosity among students?

3) We must increase our recruiting efforts.

I have served on the admissions committee. Many changes are made to ensure we attract the nation's top prospective candidates. The reasons are self-evident, the solutions easily achieved. Currently, we hand prospective students a thin pamphlet and send them along their merry way on a self-guided tour. Our admissions director was hired LAST WEEK. This is unacceptable, and Dean Kane, if we fail to attract top prospects, our national ranking will continue to plummet, and the value of your single will be even less.

4) We must develop a cooperative relationship with the administration.

I fail to see the logic in continuing ASUCH's current adversarial relationship with the administration. We must recognize that in many respects we only have the power the administration grants us. Do you truly believe the administration is pleased with our national ranking? Of course not. I, too, have been disappointed with various decisions the administration has made during the past year. However, we will win only by working together in this collaborative effort.

WHY SHOULD YOU BELIEVE I CAN ACHIEVE THESE GOALS?

Good question. As your external V.P., I have spent more than 70 hours a month bettering our school. This year I've developed cordial relations with the UC Office of the President, UC Student Admissions, UC Board of Regents, Hastings General Counsel Angele Khachadorian, and leaders from every UC campus. I lobbied statewide opposing Hastings' privatization. This was paramount to the initiative's defeat LAST WEEK! As President, these connections will prove invaluable.

My dedication is unparalleled. My ideas are innovative. VOTE TRAVIS BAIRD FOR ASUCH PRESIDENT.

## INTERNAL VICE-PRESIDENT

### CHRISTINE DRAKE

The Internal Vice-president is in charge of allocating resources to student groups and helps to organize student group activities in the school. I have been HPLF president for the 1996-97 school year which gives me a unique perspective on student groups. Having been a president of a student organization, I better understand what student groups need and how to foster better communication between the student organizations. I have also been a second year representative in ASUCH. This experience has made me familiar with ASUCH procedures and the needs of the students. I know how to listen and how to promote positive changes at Hastings.

*[In addition, Christine Drake submitted a statement identical to that of presidential candidate James Breeden.]*

### JOHN GRUSHKIN

I throw my hat into the ring simply to have the opportunity to represent my peers. ASUCH needs to improve its communication with the students it represents, and I know that as internal vice-president, I will be able to address that issue. The effectiveness of ASUCH also needs to be improved upon, and I am currently working on a proposal to reorganize the internal structure of ASUCH. As Internal Vice-president, I will be able to help implement this restructuring, and thus help make ASUCH more effective in representing the students of Hastings.

### DEE DEE WILSON

*[Dee Dee Wilson submitted one candidate statement for both President and Internal Vice-President. It is published above.]*

## EXTERNAL VICE-PRESIDENT

### ALYSON "ALY" LEWIS

As external V.P. I am willing to devote all the time necessary to fulfill my duties; including my weekend. I have a public relations/communications background which makes me especially suited for this position. But, make no mistake, I have my biases and will admit to them. As an ASUCH member I will never vote to hurt

public interest organizations at curial academic support programs. I am also an advocate for more student involvement. In short, I am never too busy to do what's right and what's responsible.

### JAMES ROBERTSON

I want very much to institute a program whereby all faculty and Administrators are addressed by their first names and bring a mascot to Hastings. No felony convictions lately, willing to deal with a lot of bullsh\*t!

### WILLIAM SHIF

It is time for Hastings to continue and set up its active participation with the outside world. Under the administration of the former external vice-president, we have had a consistent and firm presence in organizations such as the University of California Students Association (UCSA) among others, and it is important that we continue to do so.

To represent the interests of the Hastings community, whether in statewide organizations, the city, or with the administration, is the essence of external vice president, and one which I will perform to the utmost. With a background of representing interests in state legislatures across the country as a former legislative advocate, I know I have the skills and abilities to represent and advocate for the interests of Hastings. Issues such as the privatization of UC Hastings (which would result in higher fees for us all), representation at UC Regents meetings, keeping our fees affordable, and working to make our community more effective and proactive are only a few of the projects I will work on. However, I can not do it alone, and it will take the commitment of not just myself, but of the whole student body to make Hastings a better place. Hastings is a reflection of us all, both as individuals where we are standing but also as our future alumni. If you care about what this reflection says about you, then challenge you to work with me, with ASUCH, and with the whole Student Body to stop the decline of Hastings, and make this a place we can be proud of calling our own. We're all in this together, and I hope to have the privilege of representing our law school whenever and wherever it takes so that we get the respect and attention we rightly deserve. I ask for your vote during election time, and I thank you very much for your support.

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## TREASURER

## DIANE HUNTER

As a 2L rep, I plan to work toward the following goal:

1. Improving the legal writing / moot court programs
2. Making sure career services caters to all students, not just those in the top half of the class
3. Improving student access to health care
4. Keeping students informed about administrative decisions

I support the proposals being developed by Chantal Sampogna, Josh Grushkin, and Cyril Yu to restructure ASUCH in order to

foster accountability and make ASUCH more responsive to student's needs.

As treasurer, I plan to work with student groups to study and fairly allocate our Student Activity Fees. 100% of the student activity fees should go towards Student Activities. (Novel concept!) Let's get funding to student groups EARLY in the fall semester, and let's make sure students know exactly what their money is being spent on.

## KAWAN KAKAR

Hastings needs a responsible treasurer to fund our all important social activities such as BOB, Cabaret, Barrister's Ball. Since

so far no one responsible has stepped forward, I chose to wear that veil of responsibility and be a candidate for the treasurer. If elected, though, I plan to fund the current social activities and new cultural activities to make Hastings' community atmosphere friendlier and more enjoyable. I thank you in advance for your support and trust.

## BARTHOLOMEW WILLIAMS

As treasurer, I will ensure fiscal responsibility.

My undergraduate degree is in accounting, which will help me

for being treasurer. I was assistant controller for a 40-employee office. As an undergrad I was president, treasurer and secretary of my fraternity. I was also secretary for the inter-fraternity council judicial board.

## 2L REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE LIST

Nathan Ballard  
Divya Bhardwaj\*  
Lafcadio Darling  
Josh Grushkin\* [JVP]  
Diane Hunter\* [Treasurer]  
Kawan Kakar\* [Treasurer]  
Su-Jin Lee\*  
Sydney Leung

Alyson "Aly" Lewis [EVP]  
Bill Shie\* [EVP]  
Eddy Song  
Tyler Yu\* [Treasurer]  
Matt Weber

## 3L REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE LIST

Travis Baird\* [President]  
Rob Booker\* [President]  
James Brendon\* [President]  
Jason Chun\* [President]  
Christine Drake\* [JVP]  
Tracy Morosoff [President]  
Chris Roman\*  
Dec Dee Wilson\* [President]  
Cyril Yu [President]

\*Incumbent

Candidate Profile  
Jason Chun

*What one experience makes you qualified for the job?*  
My experience as ASUC Judicial Council chair where I headed the nine member body that made up U. C. Berkeley's third branch of government, because it gave me a unique perspective in dealing with the executive and legislative branches of student government.

*What is the greatest challenge facing the next ASUCH administration?*  
Students' perception of Hastings.

*What is the most important component of any law student's legal education?*  
Perseverance because there will probably be some disappointment in a student's law school career that shouldn't deter him or her from continuing.

*How would you describe Hastings to a prospective 1L?*  
Large student population. Decent school.

*Why do very few alumni give back to Hastings?*  
*How would you improve that?*  
Maybe, because as students their perception was the school administration didn't consider students' needs and concerns as much as they should have. Work with the school administration and convince them that promoting students' concerns will improve the school.

*How do you conceive of the role of the ASUCH president at Hastings?*  
The representative voice of the student body and the responsibility that role embodies

Candidate Profile  
Chris Morosoff

*What one experience makes you qualified for the job?*  
I have read the ASUCH constitution. *What is the greatest challenge facing the next ASUCH administration?*  
To get more students involved in the ASUCH decision-making process.

*What is the most important component of any law student's legal education?*  
Real world experience, such as clinical training, summer employment or volunteer work.

*How would you describe Hastings to a prospective 1L?*  
Hastings produces a first-class legal education and makes available a large variety of beneficial career opportunities. It is up to the student to

get involved and take advantage of them.

*Why do very few alumni give back to Hastings?*  
*How would you improve that?*  
I don't know why. I would make an effort to get more students involved in contacting alumni who do not contribute and finding out why they don't.

*How do you conceive of the role of the ASUCH president at Hastings?*  
As a representative of all Hastings students. As a mediator and spokesperson on behalf of all students in relation to Hastings faculty and administration.

Candidate Profile  
Dee Dee Wilson

*What one experience makes you qualified for the job?*  
Being ASUCH treasurer has allowed me the opportunity to work with the current ASUCH president in a close capacity (i.e. attending Board of Directors meetings, attending meetings with the three deans) and this exposure makes me aware of the responsibilities of the ASUCH president.

*What is the greatest challenge facing the next ASUCH administration?*  
Improving the communications line within the Hastings community

*What is the most important component of any law student's legal education?*  
Learning how to be an effective lawyer, as opposed to learning how to be a good law student.

*How would you describe Hastings to a prospective 1L?*  
It's a great institution for a solid

legal education, but the bureaucratic aspect of the school needs an overhaul.

*Why do very few alumni give back to Hastings?*  
*How would you improve that?*

I believe they don't give back to Hastings because they were disenchanting with the bureaucratic aspect of the school. I believe that problem would best be resolved by the administration working with the student body and actually addressing valid student concerns.

*How do you conceive of the role of the ASUCH president at Hastings?*  
The ASUCH president is a focal point where the entire gamut of student concerns are directed and then from that point those concerns can then be directed to the appropriate branches that can address them.

Candidate Profile  
Cyril Yu

*What one experience makes you qualified for the job?*  
Having served on the board of national student organization (ABA/LSJ), I have a better command of how ASUCH needs to be run to make it more effective.

*What is the greatest challenge facing the next ASUCH administration?*  
The next ASUCH administration must prove to the students that it is relevant to the lives of students. ASUCH has been an effective advocate for individual students this year, but has failed to serve the entire student community as it had done last year.

*What is the most important component of any law student's legal education?*  
It is legal writing and research because LWR&R combines the fundamental skills of any future lawyer such as legal analysis and legal writing. Unfortunately, Hastings students are not given equally competent instructors nor is

the course given respect by the faculty.

*How would you describe Hastings to a prospective 1L?*  
Hastings is a great law school. Nowhere else will you find such a diverse student body, experienced and engaging faculty, and a city that is rich in legal opportunities and activity.

*Why do very few alumni give back to Hastings? How would you improve that?*  
Alumni will not give unless given a reason to give. It is ASUCH's responsibility to find ways of getting alumni involved with current students.

*How do you conceive of the role of the ASUCH president at Hastings?*  
The president is the "communicator": the president must be able to motivate students, persuade ASUCH members to move forward on issues, advocate for students before the administration, and represent students' issues and concerns before the Board of Directors.

