

Elections: Brady, Mathis in running for SG President

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administrators and students to examine dining service changes, conduct surveys, hear student input, and develop a plan of action for improvements.

In addition, Mathis said he would like to refocus Students Activity Fee on bringing in a big name musical or comedy act, such as Chris Rock.

As the other candidate for SG's top office, Brady said, "I believe I have the character, vision and leadership that can turn Student Government around and truly make it the students' governing body."

Brady named his key goals as increasing communication between SG, students, and administrators, protecting student initiatives like the Campus Grounds coffeehouse and planning for more student involvement in the future.

"With (President-elect Nathan Hatch's) term, he's going to be a much more student-oriented administrator. I think the Student Government can especially tap into that and use the administration in great ways," he said.

He had a list of ideas he would like to enact, including SG regaining control of Shorty's and revitalizing it as a social venue with a bar atmosphere.

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Candidate for SG Treasurer

He also said he wants to expand options in the new meal plan such as adding Subway as a meal.

"I have a lot of platform issues; I can help delegate a lot of these issues to committees. One of the problems in ... SG is that legislators don't feel connected at all to what's going on. If you can empower legislators, it will also help increase communication," Brady said.

Both candidates have had extensive experience in SG over the last four years.

Mathis has served as a representative on the Student Activities Fee Committee, the Executive Advisory Committee on Basketball Ticket Distribution for the past three years and the chair of the Judiciary Committee for the past two years.

Brady was a legislator in 2002-2003, Co-Chair of the Physical Planning Committee in 2003-

2004, and is the Co-Chair of the Academic Committee for Spring 2005. He also served on the University Committee on Capital Planning from 2003 to 2005 and has been on both the Reynolda Campus Traffic Commission and University Security Council since Fall 2003.

This is Brady's second try for the SG presidency, having run unsuccessfully in a four-way race last year.

In the other contested race, sophomore David Bruno and freshman Ritu Bhattacharya will compete for the office of Treasurer.

Both candidates noted that the university has not increased funding to SG in three years and pledged to appeal to the administration to raise that amount.

"If I am elected treasurer, my number one priority will be getting more money allocated to student organizations," Bruno said.

"Something that I want to work on is perhaps increase the amount of money allotted to student government ... every year, a lot of new organizations are getting chartered and so their requests and needs are growing. That needs to be addressed appropriately," Bhattacharya said.

Bruno said there were problems this year with special events funding being allocated unfairly and he promised to be "unbiased

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and impartial" on budgetary decisions.

He also said he sees the Coffeehouse as an important institution for the campus, one that deserves SG's attention and any funds the Treasurer can provide if necessary.

He has SG experience on the Academic Committee and Legislative Appointment Committee.

Bhattacharya said she hoped to better use the funds left over after initial Fall allocations by the Student Budget Advisory Committee and be more flexible in providing emergency funds to organizations that need it.

She is currently a SG student legislator who serves on the Judiciary Committee and the Campus Grounds Advisory Board.

In the uncontested races, junior Lena Marie Benson is the candidate for Speaker of the House and junior Bryan Locco is the running for Secretary.

Benson, currently co-chair of

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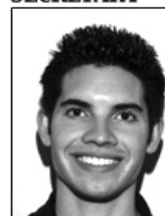


BRADY



MATHIS

SECRETARY



LOCCO

TREASURER



BRUNO



BHATTACHARYA

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE



BENSON

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the SG public relations committee, said she plans to improve SG's communications and provide incentives for underclassmen legislators to continue working in SG year after year.

Locco said he aims to improve communications between SG representatives and the student body, through new venues if necessary, as well as enhancing The Campus Grounds' operations and responding to student concerns when

changes to dining services take effect next semester.

He is currently a member of the Campus Grounds Advisory Board SG Public Relations Chair.

Campaigning will commence this week before the elections. From midnight to midnight starting April 5, students can vote online via WIN for candidates in all SG positions, in addition to Honors and Ethics Council representatives.

Holocaust survivor shares experiences of persecution

By Rachel Kowal
Old Gold & Black Reporter

Nesse Godin, who lived through the Holocaust when she was barely a teenager, now travels around the country giving animated and moving speeches about her story. That mission led her to make a stop at the university March 23 where she was met in Pugh Auditorium by a large and attentive audience of students and faculty. The event was sponsored by Student Union.

Godin lived a fairly normal life in her birthplace of Shauliai, Lithuania with

her family until June of 1941 when the Germans marched through her town. At the age of only 13, she and her family were forced to live in the ghetto in the town, which was enclosed by a barbed wire fence and guards at the entrances. Godin was lucky to receive a permit to live in the ghetto with her family because many children were turned away. Since the children were not considered useful, many of them who lived in the ghetto hid for fear of their lives.

Although it seems as if it would have been easy for Godin to simply not wear the Jewish badge on her clothing because she had blonde hair and blue eyes, her neighbors would have turned her in.

While living in the ghetto, the two emotions Godin most vividly remembers feeling were hunger and fear for her life, but this was only the beginning.

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Holocaust survivor

One day, her father was taken away from the ghetto and was killed along with approximately 1,000 children, 500 elderly or sick and a few hundred healthy people in the gas chambers at a concentration camp in Auschwitz. Soon after, Godin was forced apart from her other family members and traveled to a concentration camp. Luckily, she managed to get out of the concentration camp and snuck into the women lined up to go to a labor camp where she had

been told she would have a better chance of survival.

Here, Godin only possessed one set of clothes, a blanket and a dish for food.

At the labor camp, she received the number 54, 015 for identification purposes, which was painted on her clothing.

Godin was one of around only 200 women out of 1,000 to survive the labor camp. After she received her freedom, Godin eventually reunited with her mother who also survived the Holocaust and discovered that her two brothers were also still alive. She married a man named Jack and the two traveled to the United States after around five years of waiting for Visas.

Even after all of the horrible things she encountered during the three years in which she was a prisoner of the Holocaust,

Godin does not live with hatred to the men who killed over six million Jewish people alone. Godin said, "God does not do these evil things to us. We do them to each other," she said.

Godin also found closure when she went back to Lithuania to visit the sites where she had been held captive, and yelled aloud, "Hitler, you are dead, and here I am!"

Nesse Godin has dedicated more than forty years traveling and giving speeches on her experience during the Holocaust in order to educate people and promote awareness. Godin says, "I am not a speaker, a teacher, or a lecturer. I am a survivor of the Holocaust. I give speeches for one reason, and that is to share memories and to make sure that we never allow another tragedy like this to ever happen again."

Rubin: Speaker expresses concerns about the state of economy

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Our close economic allies of Europe and Japan are in periods of tremendous uncertainty and doubt.

Rubin said he is concerned with European Union's expansion and Japan's lack of space for expansion. Ruben also said he was optimistic about the Chinese and Indian economies.

Rubin mentioned that educated workers of China and India score better overall on math exams than do U.S. workers.

He did note that a small and only a small percentage of people are educated in these nations, but, "In nations with billions of people, a small percentage is a lot of work-

ers."

"The current conditions of globalization are not favorable for the United States," Ruben said. "A Chinese worker makes \$1 for every \$21 a U.S. worker is making."

Americans are not only more expensive to employ, but they don't provide far superior labor, which makes foreign workers almost impossible not to employ, Ruben said.

To combat this, Ruben said he believed one of two choices needs to be made, "The United States

can be come protectionists, or we can do what we have to do to compete."

Rubin stressed that higher taxes and fiscal responsibility will skew the high cost of living the American worker enjoys compared to that of India and China. He believes that infrastructure improvements, especially in education, will elevate the American worker above the workers of other countries.

Rubin concluded by acknowledging his pessimism and recognized that if the United States faces these challenges, which it has a history of doing, there is a chance that prosperity will come to the American economy.

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Former Secretary of the Treasury

economy has enormous strengths ... the ability to accept change, flexible labor markets, the sure size of our economy," Ruben said. "On the other hand, the U.S. has challenges that it needs to face, and if these challenges are not combated there are serious repercussions."

The lecture was very well-

attended by the general public and MBA students; however, the undergraduate school, for the most part, was home for Easter. Nevertheless, the auditorium was packed and captivated.

In Patel's introduction he detailed Rubin's career, in which he rose to the rank of co-chairman of Goldman Sachs & Co. after 26 years with the firm.

In 1993, he left Goldman to assist President Clinton in economic policy and guiding the recently formed National Economic Council that oversaw the administration's domestic and international economic policy making.

In 1995 Rubin was appointed by Clinton to be the 70th secretary of the treasury.

When he stepped down in 1999 he was heralded for his leadership in balancing the federal budget, furthering globalization, curbing the financial crises in Mexico, Asia and Russia and protecting the dollar against counterfeiting.

Rubin joined Citigroup in 1999 to act in strategic, managerial and operational matters. He is also a member of the board at Ford Motor Company.

Rubin graduated Harvard summa cum laude with an A.B. in economics. He then received an L.L.B. from Yale Law in 1964 and attended the London School of Economics.

The Broyhill Executive Lecture Series was established in 1980 with a grant from the Broyhill Family.

Housing: Changes to system

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this year, unlike in past years. "This gives students a chance to live with friends before they have to live by themselves," said Alice Sherman, housing assignment coordinator.

Sherman and Carson agreed that the Yet To Be Assigned (YTBA) list is a viable option for students without formal plans.

Students who choose to be put on this list are still guaranteed housing, but are not engaged in binding agreements.

They receive their assignments during the summer and have the option of living off-campus. According to Carson, the students who are placed from the YTBA list often receive better housing options because they take the place of upperclassmen that drop out.

The only possible complications regarding accommodating students arise when trying to place students who study abroad in the fall and return to campus housing in the spring.

According to Carson, the ratio of students study-

ing abroad in the fall versus those who go in the spring is three to one. Furthermore, three times more women study abroad.

"Being able to accommodate such a large number of people, especially women in the middle of the year can be difficult" she said.

This can problem is remedied by converting spaces such as lounges into rooms for students. "Typically in the fall these spaces are not needed" Carson said. However, they are sometimes used in the spring.

The required dining plan will take affect in the coming fall, however, Residence Life and Housing does not anticipate a long-term adverse affect on students' on-campus housing decisions.

Prior to the introduction of the meal-plan, the university was the only school out of its comparable institutions that did not have a meal plan. It was also atypical with its lack of dining plan required with on-campus housing.

"Wake Forest is a residential campus" Carson said, regarding the sophomore living requirement. "The residential experience is a major part of the college experience."

POLICE BEAT

Projectors stolen from Tribble Hall

Estimated value of the book bag and contents was \$2,190.

Two LCD projectors were stolen between March 18 and March 21 from Tribble Hall, rooms A203 and A303. Estimated value of the projectors was \$8,000.

Theft

A bass guitar and case were stolen between March 18 and March 21 from Scales M201. Estimated value of the guitar and case was \$500.

A mini flagpole was stolen between March 21 and March 22 from the front of the College Bookstore. Estimated value of the flagpole was \$25.

\$700 was stolen between March 21 and March 22 from a drawer in Scales A116.

A student's book bag containing a laptop computer, textbook and headphones was stolen around 11:45 p.m. March 21 from the Benson University Center food court.

Miscellaneous

University Police responded to a domestic disturbance involving a female student and a male student at Huffman Residence Hall around 2 p.m. March 23. The female student stated that she wanted the male student, her ex-boyfriend, to stay away from her.

University Police advised the male student not to contact his ex-girlfriend.

A copy of this report was sent to Harold Holmes, associate vice president and dean of student services.

University Police responded to 32 calls from March 21 to March 28, including eight incidents and investigations and 24 service calls.