ASA Elections
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the Augustana student body.”

Zierke originally was planning on running for ASA president before agreeing to run with Wheeler.

Opponents Rasmussen and Ailts said they were not only disappointed when Carlson had to drop out but also happy for Wheeler when she decided to continue her run for vice president with a new running mate.

Both teams have been drawn to this race, hoping to make changes to the campus. Each person in the running has had previous experiences with ASA.

“This past year, both of us observed firsthand the opportunities that the president/vice president had to positively affect student life at Augie,” Zierke said of him and his running mate.

“However, we both felt that there were numerous opportunities that were not taken advantage of. It was the lack of action on the part of ASA leadership that prompted us to run.”

Rasmussen and Ailts attribute their passion for the experiences they have had over their years of working on the Senate.

“It is our desire to make improvements to the campus and within the student Senate to build stability in the tasks ASA takes on annually,” Rasmussen said. “Also, we are excited to represent our constituents by listening to their concerns and suggestions in order to address issues that may arise.”

It is these desires to help Augustana that are now controlling campaigns promoting each team’s unique plan to address various campus issues if elected.

The Zierke/Wheeler team is focusing their campaign on four words: expansion, improvement and personal responsibility. They are hoping to inaugurate more student/ASA Senate communication through senator office hours, weekly publications and recruiting at-large members for the Senate.

“We feel our advantage in this race is that we are more focused and driven—driven by ideas and action, not personal ambition,” Zierke and Wheeler said. “Ask any student what ASA has improved or expanded this year...and the answer will be silence. We are tired of the lack of action on the part of the Senate when so many opportunities are out there.”

The Rasmussen/Ailts team is also focusing on getting students more involved. Their top priorities if elected include establishing a plan to improve exterior lighting on campus and providing emergency call boxes around campus, establishing ASA office hours and expanding recruitment efforts.

“Looking forward to next year and the progress we will make as ASA presidents and vice-president is a great opportunity of the elections,” Rasmussen said. “We are enjoying the chance to meet our constituents, hearing their concerns and working together to make Augustana a better place.”

As posters around campus are advertising, voting for ASA president and vice president will take place next Wednesday throughout the course of the day.

“On May 3, students will receive an e-mail with a link that will allow them to vote online,” Andersen said. “We are hoping that this will increase voter turnout. The results will be available Wednesday after voting closes.”

Regardless of the results of this election, both teams are glad that this year’s race is contested in order to give students a choice at who is going to represent them.

“Postponing elections was an unforeseen bump in the road, but we believe it was worth it to ensure a contested race for the students,” Rasmussen said.

Zierke also adds that this election has more to do with the input of the student body than anything.

“We want this election to be about leadership,” he said. “Two people alone cannot accomplish everything we’ve discussed. However, with the support of students and the Senate we have the ability to accomplish great things.”

Zierke/Wheeler Platform

- Expansion, improvement and personal responsibility
- More action, more communication
- Recruiting at-large members for Senate

Rasmussen/Ailts Platform

- Plan for better campus lighting/safety
- More ASA representative office hours
- Replace ASA homepage and update more often
- Expand recruiting

The culprit's were able to flee the roof by jumping down the east side of the building onto power generators below.

“A campus-wide power outage happened in the late afternoon of April 23. The cause of this power outage is still under investigation.

- Another house party, held on the evening of Sunday, April 23, had been broken up at the corner of 28th Street and Prairie Avenue after complaints of noise disturbance. A campus safety officer paid the residence a visit around midnight to address the problem.

- This same evening of April 23, someone reported that there were several cars in the Granskou parking lot that had had their windows smashed. After further investigation, campus safety found that someone had thrown rocks through seven car windows/windshields causing expensive damage.

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- A student broke out the glass plate of the fire extinguisher holder on the second floor of East Hall on Monday, April 24. The student has been identified as the offender, who, at the time of the crime, was intoxicated. The case has not yet been recovered, Tupper said.

- A campus safety officer was told to go to the roof of the Commons on the night of Saturday, April 22, to investigate noise. When arriving at the scene, the officer heard noises from the roof. After getting onto the roof, he discovered the remains of a small gathering, which included two pizzas and beer.

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