

Take back...

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to be careful at all times. "Taking back the night is really important," she said, "but the day is really scary too. It can happen anytime."

Yet another survivor stressed the importance of the unity of people in preventing all types of violence. "Everyone - male, female, white, black, must unite to take back the night."

Organizers of the march and rally

Room Draw

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Jan Kessinger '92, house director of Forest, commented that one of the main problems this year is "the lack of lounge space." As a result of the student overload, many lounges were turned into rooms. She stressed the importance of having common space in a dormitory for people to use as a central meeting place.

Jeanie Hudson '94, who will be abroad next year and did not have to participate in room draw, commented, "I give this school a lot of sympathy and credit in trying to accommodate everyone's needs to the best of their ability." At the end of last year, she was unable to get a room and was informed

Republicans

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younger people right now, there is no doubt about it." He also said that, "non-college students are probably a lot more Republican."

Hansen stated that those who came of age during the 1980s will make up 27 percent of the electorate going into this election.

Discussing the current election situation, Hansen said, "we do worry about the position of the president right now. I am not very optimistic. I am not very pessimistic, but I do know it will be a very tough fight and the economy is not a plus right now."

He predicted a "very difficult re-election campaign for the Republican incumbent president."

Finally, Hansen mentioned that there are three ways in which voters choose their presidents. He ranked them in order of importance: partisanship, personality, and issues.

He did not blame the electorate for depending on personality since he noted that in our representative system people turn their decisions over to

were overwhelmed at the response. "I think that all of us, especially the organizers, were amazed by the response from the men and women in the audience," said Darak. "Overall it was just amazing . . . that kind of sharing of people's voices is what needs to happen for (other) people to understand these issues."

Mathewson perhaps expressed the message of the night best in an original song she performed for the crowd.

"No matter how strong you feel," she sang, "violence can still be real."

in August that they had found her a place. She added, "people need to not stress as much and just let it happen."

Kelley stated, "Room change requests will be taken into consideration after all students have gotten a room...just because you hand in a room change request doesn't mean you get a change automatically."

During the months of July and August, Kelley and other housing assistants work to meet the requests of students who desire room changes.

Much effort is made to please students and provide them with the housing that will satisfy them and their personal needs, said Kelly. "Whenever dealing with enrollment," Kelley stated, "you need three things: preparation, planning, and prayer. You pray that things work out as you planned."

the people they trust.

Porter spoke next and began his comments by saying, "I want to tell you that George Bush is going to win the election."

Porter said, "people realize that putting a few smart people in Washington is not the answer to economic problems."

He explained that this system does not function effectively because, "the economy is far too complex and too fast-moving to manage today in the bureaucratic state." Porter said that today, "the predominant belief is in free markets, free exchange."

Porter said that "information is increasingly freely available." He mentioned the growth of the personal computer and CNN's ability to present 24-hour news, both of which "were unheard of a generation before."

"In the modern state we should look for all possible ways to decentralize power to individuals," he said.

Porter related his discussion of choice to the education problem in the United States. He blasted public schools, saying that "the principal won't give a damn about you. They don't care

Sanders

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is that the production of food, it seems to me, it seems to most people, an issue of national security. What happens if we lose our ability to produce food in America? We will lose our ability to have agriculture based on de-centralized principles. What does it mean if we lose the family farms in New England? Then the production will rest in the hands of relatively a small number. It will mean that they [agribusiness] will be able to determine the prices you will pay.

Campus: Is there support in the House for these family farms?
Sanders: Senator Leahy and I and others have tried to do something, but there is really not majority support in either body.

The basic problem we have now, is that you have a President who, in my view, on every significant issue, is interested in protecting the power of the oligarchy, not of working people and the environment, and not of those of us concerned about social justice. And you have a Democratic party which is while better, not good enough to make a difference. Democrats have a 102 vote majority in the House... and the majority in the Senate. Yet, in those two bodies, we are not seeing the significant legislation that we need in terms of the environment, national health care, social justice, economics, and so forth. The people are feeling tremendous frustration, because they look out and they see a two party system which is not working. The major issues are not being debated, legislation is not being passed, people are giving up on the political system. I think a lot of the young people are giving up on the system. Three out of four young people under 24 do not vote. We want to reverse that, we want bring people into the political movement, we want them

about you, because they don't have to respond to you." He proposed giving poor people the option of pulling their children out of public schools in an effort to make the system more responsive.

Porter related the issue of education to that of food, saying, "we don't rely on public distribution system." He said competition and incentives result in "higher quality and better prices."

When asked about his views on health care, Porter said, "if you were to nationalize our health care system you

to think about politics and to understand what politics in government means.

Campus: What are your thoughts on the presidential campaign?

Sanders: I would say what we have is a very depressing situation. President Bush's popularity has declined by 50 points in the last year. I think that an overwhelming 3 out of 4 people polled feel that Bush is not dealing with the economy effectively. He is a very unpopular president. And then we look at his opposition...and I am concerned about the media coverage, especially that Clinton has gotten. Because frankly, what his sex life may or may not be is not one of the major issues facing the country. The media is doing their usual sensationalist, stupid reporting rather than concentrating on the major issues. On many of the important issues facing the country, [Clinton's] views are not, by any means, terribly progressive...That's why half the people are not going to vote. The prediction is that over half of the American people are not going to participate in this election—that's very frightening and very sad. Until we build a strong third political movement, where people really can get excited about the candidacy of a Jesse Jackson or somebody else, I think people are going to have to hold their nose and vote for the lesser of two evils.

Campus: You are a proponent of many social welfare programs. Where do you propose we as a nation find the funds to cover the expenses of these programs?

Sanders: We're talking about the peace dividend...the media's done such a bad job of reporting it. Legislation was very strongly passed recently through the House that would have doubled the amount of the Pell Grants available, and significantly expanded eligibility...[This legislation] would essentially say to any kid in America,

would end up having a system with the cost control of the defense department, the bed-side manner of the internal revenue service, and the efficiency of the post office."

He said that market forces could be applied to just about any problem, and cited the recent attempt to harness market forces to help clean up the environment.

Porter described American culture as reprocessed elements of many different cultures. One effect of technological advancement, he said,

'there are loans available to you.' The legislation was passed, that's the good news, know what the bad news is? There's not enough money to fund it...because there is no peace dividend. [The peace dividend] is the most important piece of legislation that was dealt with in many, many months; it dealt with how much military spending should be cut, and whether in fact we should be able to divert money from military funding to domestic purposes, such as higher education. The reason that we will not have...not be able to adequately fund higher education is because the President of the United States is adamant about keeping military spending much higher than it should be. We should be able to significantly reduce military spending and use some of that money to deal with the deficit, but much of that money should go into building housing for those people who need it, providing Pell Grants and student loans for students who need it, wiping out childhood hunger [we have five million kids in this country who are hungry], environmental clean-up, help for the industries so we can rebuild America and deal with our infrastructure. People don't understand the correlation, [for example,] to understand why there isn't a larger Pell Grant you've got to think about defense spending and your taxes—they're intimately related...the choice that you have to make as a citizen is, do you think that we should spend one hundred billion dollars defending Western Europe against a non-existent enemy, or do you think we should bring that money back home to provide educational opportunity, wipe out childhood hunger, rebuild our infrastructure, and provide millions of jobs...two political parties have not provided [that information]. The Democrats are bad, the Republicans are worse...What we're trying to do is build a political movement where people become familiar with those issues.

was the creation of a "global consumer culture."

Porter said we shouldn't be embarrassed about American culture and was quite willing to boast of the benefits of Western society.

He mentioned that people all over the world want to live like Americans, meaning that they want to exercise free choice.

In this new global order, as described by Porter, "George Bush is not just leader of the United States, he is the leader of the world."

ALL COLLEGE MEETING NIGHT

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

7:00 PM

SPEECHES BY SGA PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES IN MEAD CHAPEL

WITH INTRODUCTORY NOTES BY STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT CHIP MULLER on "SGA THIS YEAR"

8:00 PM

DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS

THINK ABOUT IT: HOW CAN YOU VOTE IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE ISSUES AT HAND??

COME TO MEAD CHAPEL AT 7:00 PM.