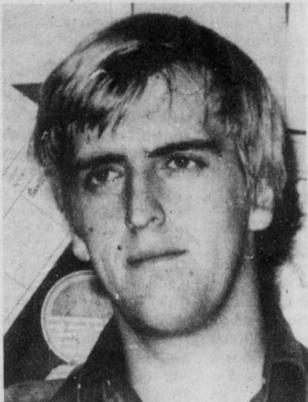


# Tempers flare again

By MARK ESTILL

An otherwise routine forum Wednesday to introduce the candidates for next week's election was marred by an extremely personal confrontation between presidential candidate Doug Varty and comptroller Scott Cronshaw.

Cronshaw named several areas in which he felt Varty had behaved 'childishly'. He referred to Varty's decision to pull CHSR off the air "when the radio station did not get exactly what it wanted from the SRC." Varty replied that the decision to pull the station off the air was not his alone and he felt that he had not endangered the chance of gaining an FM licence by the action. Cronshaw, obviously referring to Varty's letters in the Bruns, then asked Varty whether he would use "smear campaigns" to achieve his goals in office. Varty said that he felt that personal attacks do not work. He pointed out that he had apologized publically to Cronshaw. Varty finished his comments to Cronshaw by stating that he had not been convicted of libel. He also noted that Cronshaw himself could be victim of a libel suit if Cronshaw continued to



Doug Varty



Scott Cronshaw

maintain the Varty was libelous.

Before this outbreak of tempers the meeting had been running quite smoothly. Both presidential candidates stressed the need for more communication between the SRC and the students. Thorbourne stressed that "an open door policy was not enough" to maintain this communication. Thorbourne also talked of the need for 'reason' rather than 'impulse' when heading the SRC. Varty and

Thorbourne seemed to agree that the ever-present topics of student fees, loans and open pubs in residence were priority items.

The only contentious issue between the candidates for comptroller came when Steve Howes asked first year education student Akumu Owuor whether he thought he could handle the new university. Owuor pointed out his extensive experience in

his native Kenya including his position on several national associations and replied that he

felt he could deal with the new university. He said he had chosen to run for comptroller because of

this experience plus the fact that no one had volunteered for the position of comptroller.

Owuor asked Howes why he had announced his candidacy after the deadline. Howes replied that he had been asked to run and he felt that he could do the job.

David Kay, Katie Lyons, Carol McDevitt, and Chris Tari were the Senate candidates attending the forum. The one Board of Governors seat was contested by three very strong candidates, Marv Greenblatt, Gerry Laskey, and Ray Shalala.

The candidates for senate seemed in agreement on most issues. David Kay, Katie Lyons, and Gerry Laskey shared a tendency to long speeches. Greenblatt and Shalala gave clear answers to the often very ambiguous questions directed at the candidates.



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Chief returning officer Tim Gorman received the last nominations for S.R.C. positions 5:00 Wednesday. The S.R.C., Senate and Board of Govoners elections will be held Wednesday.