Governor's candidate seeks less government

Newspaper editor from small-town Indiana wants to win Republican nomination this May

By Christopher Hedges
Managing Editor

George Witwer, one of the founders of a citizen's government group and a newspaper editor, is seeking the Indiana GOP's nomination for governor. As a part of this quest, Witwer came to Valparaiso University School of Law to speak to interested students and professors Saturday, March 4.

Stating his belief that government needs fundamental change, Witwer said: "Right now, you have a state government where the professional lobbyists, career politicians, bureaucrats all work together to keep the status quo in place."

"That means government grows and grow and grows and taxes go up and up and problems get worse," Witwer said. "A huge disconnect has resulted in between what the voters want to see change and what actually happens."

Witwer blamed the government for creating many social problems. "I have a very strong commitment to really standing up for a principled change, the restoration of liberty and getting government out of the business of the destruction of the family and self-destructive behavior," said Witwer. Part of the solution, according to Witwer, is cutting welfare.

"You are going to get people to start making the right decisions if you make welfare no more attractive than a private sector job," Witwer said.

Witwer would also like to see changes in the taxation of businesses, according to Witwer.

Candidate George Witwer is seeking the GOP nomination for the Indiana governor's office.

Candidates for SBA speak out

By Gary Shupe
Staff Writer

The SBA's annual spring election process is under way as this issue of the Forum goes to deadline.

Students will elect officers to the executive board as well as select class and faculty representatives when the ballot box is opened March 30 and 31.

As the campaigns get into full swing and the election results are posted, the Forum will provide complete election coverage. At this early stage, before the process is truly underway, the Forum contacted the two persons running for executive board positions known to us.

Renee George is seeking to become the next SBA President, and Tom Betker is hoping to step into the office of the Treasurer. Renee said, "I believe that this year's president, Christine Drager, has done a good job and I would like to carry on where Christine leaves off."

Renee thinks she has also, in her office as this year's vice-president, learned how to help the SBA avoid some of the protracted problems it experienced this year, or in the alternative, deal with them more quickly.

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Moot Court intellectual property team places high

By Gary Shupe
Staff Writer

The Moot Court Intellectual Property Team recently won the right to advance to the National Championships that will be held in Washington, D.C., April 12-15.

Team members, Chad Schiefelbein and Paul Richards, will move on because they won the regional competition held in Chicago. Only eight teams are accorded the honor of appearing in the championship competition.

Schiefelbein and Richards jointly authored both the 35 page briefs discussed six different issues, five relating to the area of copyrights, and one dealing with the Lanham Act and the protectability of trade dress (product appearance).

Valparaiso's team bested squads from the big-name schools of University of Illinois, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, and Cornell University, among others.

The contest itself, the Gile S. Rich Competition, consisted of three rounds, the first two of which were argued at the Federal District Court of Northern Indiana, and the third and final of which saw oral arguments presented at the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago.

Judges for the competition were comprised of

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Al Meyer writes letter to VULS

At left is a picture of
Al Meyer watching
the
Presidents
and Bob
Hope play
golf

As I reflect on the experience and contemplate my fate (for the next three months!), I shudder to think of having been in competition with all of those graduates from the many schools accredited only in California and whose curricula are four year, bar review courses. I talked to one who had gone to the Shirley Temple School of Law and Tap Dancing. But then I am buoyed up by the thought that there were more than a few graduates from Berkeley, Stanford, Southern Cal, and UCLA all of whose curricula feature seminars and independent study in cyberspace law, post-modern feminism, and critical race theory. Being in the middle of these two extremes, I figure I'm in pretty good shape. We'll just have to wait and see. You can stay tuned but The Forum will have ceased to publish for the year by the time the results are announced—so, you may never hear from me again. Do I hear someone say: "Who cares?"

I should have heeded Woody Allen's aphorism about timing being everything. Horace Greeley's advice about going West was given to a young man. With California's economy in the dumper and an uncertain fate hanging over my head, I, along with the state and the sun, may be sinking slowly in the West.

Give my regards to Lincolway....

VULS West Coast Unrepresentative, Big (But Shrinking?) AI

'exclaimed: "Thank god, I didn't get hurt." You can check this out with Berner—it was one of his classmates.

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Indiana plans health care reform

State Democrats and Republicans hope to introduce bill this year

By Jessica Bowman

Health care reform may be dead on Capitol Hill, but it is alive and well in Indiana. Health care reform took on the agenda for the 1995 session of the Indiana General Assembly. Senator Steve Johnson (R) and Representative Charlie Brown (D) have agreed to co-chair a committee on health care within the state. They are working in conjunction with Dr. James Javor, a law professor from Indiana University, who has proposed a modified single-payer plan. This plan appeals to everyone because it combines elements that both the liberals and the conservatives want: namely, universal coverage and medical savings accounts.

Dr. Javor’s proposal is a single-payer plan that is patterned after Medicare, and would cover all residents of Indiana. The plan would stress disease prevention and give patients some control over how their health care dollars are spent. The state would collect the money from employers and employees on a 50/50 basis. Part of the premiums would be placed into a medical savings account which would allow a participant to decide where and how to spend his or her health care dollars. The rest of the premium would be applied towards catastrophic insurance coverage which would kick in when an individual’s medical account is depleted.

Participants could then keep half of the remaining money in the account tax free. The other half of the remaining money would then be split between funding long-term health care and supplemental insurance. The health maintenance organization would encourage people to spend wisely, because they are rewarded for their efforts. There may also be financial incentives for people to get annual check-ups. The preventive services a person is entitled to such as mammograms and cholesterol screenings, would depend on a person’s medical history and age. These check-ups will save people money because sick people will seek treatment earlier and when it’s less expensive.

The proposal will also address long standing problems by making it easier for people to keep their health insurance while they are changing jobs. It will also restrict insurers from excluding people because of past or present illnesses.

Moot court intellectual property team scores high

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Judge Kanne from the 7th Circuit and various intellectual property practitioners from the region. Schiefelbein said this is the third consecutive year that the Intellectual Property team has qualified for the championships in D.C.

The team is coached by Professor Yonover and received additional help from Professor Meyer and Dean Cichowski. The Moot Court Society paid for the team’s expenses in Valparaiso and the team’s scholarship covered the cost of the plane tickets for the trip to D.C.

Schiefelbein said he and team member Richards were grateful for all the assistance they have received. He considered the chance to go to Nation’s capitol to compete in the championships a great opportunity to gain valuable experience and to bolster in some way the School’s reputation on a national level.

VU at Night plans Open House

Forum News Reports

Valparaiso University will host an Information Open House for persons interested in the VU at Night Program on Tuesday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom on the main campus. The program is designed to acquaint prospective students with the many opportunities and advantages that the University offers.

The Valparaiso University School of Law will host a Career Development Seminar on April 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Valparaiso University School of Law library. The seminar will feature information about career development opportunities in the legal profession.

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and satisfactorily for the parties concerned.

Another thing Renee hopes to accomplish as president is to show the student body that the SBA’s function is more than just to provide occasional beer parties. She wants to encourage more teamwork between the students and the SBA and develop more programs like DDI.

Tom Betker hopes to make a few changes in how the Treasurer’s office is run. Tom stated that “we need a more equitable distribution of funds between the student groups.” His belief is that the current budget process isn’t flexible enough. Student groups are forced to submit budgets at the beginning of each semester, usually before they have their entire semester agenda planned.

The problem, said Tom, is that the present budgeting procedure doesn’t accommodate for any changes in student groups agendas.

In the next issue of the Forum: more campaign comments and election results as well..

DTP plans elections, blood drive

By Heidi Meyer

Delta Theta Phi Contributor

Those of you who took off early for spring break missed DTP’s party at Oneida’s. The pitchers and buffalo wings went fast, but everyone had a good time and got to start their spring break partying a little early. Next week DTP will have a few events planned for the rest of the semester.

Elections will be held April 19. So if you are interested in running for an office or nominating someone, talk to Bruce Parent or Heidi Meyer.

A new position will be created and filled during the elections. This new position is being created in order to handle publicity and news information. So if you enjoy making those colorful posters, or just smelling the scented markers (as some have been known to do), turn in your nomination.

DTP, in conjunction with the Health Law Society, is sponsoring a blood drive scheduled for April. The drive will be held at the law school and membership in either group is not required. See the sign-up sheet on either group’s board. Being scared is not an excuse! (My excuse? I don’t weigh enough - one of the few perks of being petite!)

It’s also not too late to join this spring. The spring “quiet” rush is not yet over. An application, located on the board, and give us a check for $60, and turn it into locker #393 or give it to one of the officers. Doyll Andrews, the 11 representative, can also answer any questions you may have.

Another spring party is tentatively being planned. Keep watching the bulletin board for more information.

Those popular T-shirts (“We came, we saw, we sued”) won’t be back next year! So buy one for your significant other, for your parents, or another one for yourself.

As always, if you have any suggestions or comments, let us know. We appreciated those who attended the meeting in February.

Classical Indian music concert scheduled

Forum News Reports

The Valparaiso University Department of Music will present a program of Northern Indian classical music with guest artist Hasu Patal, on Thursday, April 6, at 8 p.m. in the Gloria Christi Chapel.

Admission is $6 general admission and $3 senior citizens and students. Tickets will be available at the door.
Letter to the editor: Cutting AFDC encourages abortion

Editor, The Forum:

There are other ways to encourage sexual responsibility: Please oppose child exclusion from AFDC

Please ask your state and federal representatives to oppose the "teen mother's child exclusion" and the "family cap-child exclusion" from Aid for Dependent Children (AFDC) and other welfare programs. Studies have proven that cutting back on aid to pregnant women pushes them into abortion. We must as a caring, pro-life community continue to provide alternatives to abortion for women caught in crisis pregnancies. I understand that many of those pushing these limits on welfare have the good intention of encouraging a more responsible sexuality among the poor. However, this good end does not justify a means that pressures women into killing children already conceived.

Moreover, there are other, non-lethal ways to encourage sexual responsibility. For example, the federal government could link Medicaid payments to any or all of the following requirements:

1. That states must cease to fund elective abortion. (Closing the easy way out would make many think twice before risking pregnancy).

2. That states must require parental notification before minors' abortions. (Studies have shown that knowing that parents will find out about a pregnancy makes teens more cautious about having sex).

3. That minors must continue to live with their parents or in a group home, or remain in school, in order to receive welfare assistance. (This removes the "pregnancy means independence" incentive and helps ensure proper guidance for the young mother).

Richard Stith
Professor of Law

Dean proposes unprecedented cuts

By Delbert Clay
Note Writer

[April 1--Valparaiso, IN] In an unprecedented move today Dean Gladfly announced that he will eliminate the office of Dean at the law school. When asked about the move Dean Gladfly said, "It's a figure-head position. I'm never here anyway."

The Dean today also limited paid sabbaticals by professors to two years and increased the number of faculty members by five. When asked about these moves the Dean said, "Two years is long enough to write a forty page paper that no one will read." and, "No one should have to teach more than one class, three times a week. It's a real strain on a professor to be at the law school more than eight hours a week."

Other proposals being considered by Dean Gladfly include: Limiting paper in the computer lab to five sheets per week; eliminating Career Services, the Office of Admissions, and the Office of Financial Aid; and increasing tuition by $10,000.00.

VU offers elderhostel program

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Valparaiso University will offer an Elderhostel program June 4-10, 1995. The session is now open to individuals age 55 or older, as well as their younger spouses who are at least 50.

Three courses are offered. "They Don't Make Movies Like They Used To," taught by Dr. Richard Lee. "America's Place in the World," taught by Professor Albert Tros, will provide an opportunity to look at the United States after the Cold War. Is the U.S. the world's policeman? Is it the refuge for the world's hungry and oppressed? Does the U.S. have any realistic choices in these matters? How biblical narratives can be transformed into dramatic presentations is what "Sacred Stories on Stage" is all about. Taking a seemingly simple, straightforward text and moving it into contemporary dramatic presentation is something that will involve the class in a fascination process. The teacher will be Prof. John Steven Paul, director of University Theatre.
By Troy D. Clayton
Contributor

I was watching the television the other day when a real interesting show came on. I don't remember the show's name, or even what channel it was on, but I do remember what was being discussed. The topic was one familiar to me; conservative bashing. There were five panelists (4 liberals, 1 conservative). The liberals said there for an hour and called the conservative a racist, a sexist, a Christian, a murderer, and an elitist. The conservative never had a chance to respond to any of the charges leveled against him. In order to stick up for the panelist, and conservatives who have been charged with similar crimes, I have prepared a response.

The first claim made by the liberals is that conservatives are racists. If wanting each person to be treated as an individual is racism, then conservatives are racists. If wanting each person to be evaluated or viewed, not by the color of their skin, but by their talent is racism, then conservatives are racists. If promoting individual responsibility is racism, then conservatives are racists. My point is that liberals see individualism as the cause of racism when, in fact, individualism is the only way to defeat racism. Grouping people together causes the hate, the fear, the stereotyping, the "if you've seen one, you've seen them all" attitude. Only when the group veil is lifted will we see racism fall. Individualism will set us all free.

The second claim (that conservatives are sexist) is so closely related to the first that I'm not going to talk about it. Just reread the prior paragraph inserting sexism for racism and sexist for racist.

The third claim made by the liberals is that conservatives are pushing their Christian values on to all of society. This is the claim I find most offensive. It is offensive because what the liberals are pushing for is the elimination of any moral code at all. The liberals have almost succeeded in their task, but the conservatives are trying to re-infuse morals into society. It is truly pathetic when a person is criticized for believing in Jesus Christ. Even though the liberals' argument is pathetic, I guess I do have to defend my position. The easiest way to do this is to ask one question: Are we a better society today than forty, fifty, or one hundred years ago? Look at the statistics to find the answer. Crime is way up. Illegitimate births are way up. Educational performance by children is way down. I like to extend a sincere gesture of gratitude to those who brought us the 1960's for ruining our once great society.

The fourth claim made by the liberals is that the conservatives are murderers. This relates to the pro-death penalty stance of conservatives. In regards to being pro-death penalty, the fact of the matter is that the majority of Americans are for it. Yes, I know the "why not lock them any way forever in the Westville Country Club, I mean Correctional Center" argument is compelling, but I am not swayed. First, these people always walk. A life sentence doesn't mean life anymore. They're out running around in eight to ten years. Second, we all must realize that the people who are put to death have taken innocent human being's life. Yes, it is an "eye for an eye", and I, along with the majority of Americans, like it that way.

The last claim made by the liberals is that conservatives are elitists. This claim doesn't really merit discussion, but I'll try to explain some things just for fun. First, the majority of people in this country who have money have earned it unlike the Kennedys (note they are liberals). They deserve to keep what they have earned. They should not have to give the fruits of their labor to those who have not labored at all. It's really simple to understand; our government punishes those who have worked hard in this society and rewards those who do nothing at all. It discourages success and encourages failure. It discourages inventiveness and individualism and encourages mediocrity and dependence on the government.

In the end, I hope that the liberals will give up their illogical ways and join with the conservatives to make this country as great as it can possibly be. I know it would be a stretch for the liberals, but I think they could manage. For all you liberals out there who want to shut me up, just remember: As long as there is liberal stupidity, I'll always have something to write about, so keep real, real quiet.
In a surprise move today, the Student Nuclear Committee detonated a small nuclear device on the outskirts of Valparaiso. The detonation was the first of several scheduled explosions in the SNC's quest to develop a viable nuclear weapons program.

SNC Chairman, George Decartes, said that people should not be alarmed, a "nuclear weapon is not something that the SNC would ever really consider using, it's just really neat to have."

When asked, the SNC nuclear committee chairman, Matt Jeffman, stated that he didn't give a **** what has been done in the past! From now on we're going to use nuclear weapons! YOU PEOPLE ARE ALL GOING TO DIE!!!

SNC Chairman, George Decartes, said that he doesn't want anyone to tell The Greenwich Street Journal about this because if they do, they will probably just blow the whole situation all out of proportion.

Brad Barker, pro-life radical, over-reacted and called the Journal. For his rash move, Mr. Barker received an "F" in Feminist Studies.

Several students were interviewed in the hall, but apathy seems to be running high. Said one student, "We don't care what the SNC does, we just want to graduate and get the heck out of here."

Tips for the wary

By Anne Morgan
Contributor

I read the VU undergrad paper, The Torch, pretty regularly and I noticed a pattern emerging on the opinion page. Many of the authors discuss their living arrangements and lack of money. Ah, the good old days.

Looking around our law school, I see tin in most cases we're much better off. It's easier to con money out of banks at this stage. But, don't you sometimes miss the challenge: Do I eat this week, or does my dog?

One summer, several years ago, I thought I had it made. I was on my way to Wisconsin to design costumes for a Shakespeare festival. After a series of automotive -- related mishaps that would rival Planes, Trains and Automobiles, I found myself back in Lafayette, same car, with my backpack on my shoulder, and my dog on her leash, knocking at a friend's gate and asking tearfully, "Can I stay with you until I get some money together?"

Of course, she didn't care. She lived in an abandoned building. She certainly wasn't paying rent. (You may wonder why I didn't give up and sink home to southern Indiana. Any money I would have saved on living expenses would go straight to a therapist).

From this and other experiences, I've gathered a list of tips for apartment hunting:

1. If the roaches don't scatter when the light goes on, keep looking.
2. If the cats could take you in a fair fight, add in the cost of appeasement food.
3. If the landlord frequently drops by as you're taking a shower, leave the furniture (like you owned any of it) and get out of there.
4. If the landlord wants more than one month's rent for a security deposit, he/she is planning on keeping it.
5. If the neighbors approach you as you're moving out and tell you, "Make sure the landlord fixes those slats on your bedroom blinds. Anyone going by can see right in," resist the urge to damage properly.
6. If the landlord says you remind him of his ex-wife and inquires if you like "Mad Dog," adopt a big, loyal Rottweiler.
7. Remember that anything that isn't fixed before you move in, won't get fixed after.
8. If there is a pregnancy or "immoral acts" clause in your lease, consider how they hunt down violations.
9. If there are more than two or three people you actually know as neighbors, realize your right to privacy is non-existent.
10. If the landlord says, "It's a pretty quiet place, the police were only called twice last month" keep the Rottweiler and shelve on a deadbolt.
Law Week: A fun time for all

By Robin King
Features Editor

Law Week was once again a success this year, much to the credit of all of the people who spent a great deal of time and energy in its planning. The week began on Monday with a tribute to the faculty here at VU. Students were able to send notes of appreciation to special professors who have made their studies here at VU a positive experience.

Gail Peshel received many "stars" as did Professor Lind and Sharon Charbonneau who were close behind.

On Tuesday, the 1995 Law Week Luncheon took place at the Great Hall in the Student Union. The keynote speaker was Barbara J. Ruhe, a VU law graduate who spoke of "Life After Law School." Ms. Ruhe encouraged law students to follow their passions in choosing a career.

Many awards were given at the luncheon. Vaughan Award recipients included Chris Becker, Bennet Bush, Nicole Menz and Bruce Tepikian. The Federal Bar Association Award went to Jack Kramerzewski. The Women For Women Award was presented to Tracy Lewis. Edward Hearn, Shawn Swope and Peter Velkokav received the Ten Commandments For Lawyers Award. The Corpus Juris Secundum Award was presented to Christine Drager, Ilse Masselink and Robert Null. Scholarships from the Indiana State Bar Foundation were given to Robert Null and David Richards. Highest Scholastic Averages went to Amy Hansen, Joseph Morris, Vaughan Award recipients included Chris Becker, Bennet Bush, Nicole Menz and Bruce Tepikian. The Federal Bar Association Award went to Jack Kramerzewski. The Women For Women Award was presented to Tracy Lewis. Edward Hearn, Shawn Swope and Peter Velkokav received the Ten Commandments For Lawyers Award. The Corpus Juris Secundum Award was presented to Christine Drager, Ilse Masselink and Robert Null. Scholarships from the Indiana State Bar Foundation were given to Robert Null and David Richards. Highest Scholastic Averages went to Amy Hansen, Joseph Morris,

On Thursday, the annual Roast took place at Casa Del Roma's. The night consisted of skits, a slide show, dancing and socializing with friends. On Friday, the Musicale was a great success, with many students and faculty sharing their talents. The audience was treated to musical, vocal, and dance performances, proving that lawyers and law students are not only academic but also versed in the arts when time permits!!!

The culmination of Law Week '95 was Barrister's Ball, a formal event, Saturday evening at the Star Plaza in Merrillville. This year's Barrister's had a very large turnout. The night was filled with great food, great friends and lots of dancing! Those in attendance could also spend time viewing the Class of '95 Yearbook Videos sponsored and organized by Jus Vitae. Law students could also have their pictures taken as a way to remember this special evening.

A special thanks to everyone who spent so much time, energy and hard work in planning Law Week '95. The SBA worked especially hard to ensure that everyone had a nice week. As always, it was a great success and enjoyed by everyone. *
Schulte receives fellowship

By Robin King
Features Editor

Rick Schulte recently returned from London, England where he completed the Joseph Blade's Fellowship which provided for an internship with Lloyd's of London. The fellowship was in honor of his achievements while working last summer for an insurance trade association, NAPSLO (National Association Professional Surplus Lines Offices). NAPSLO represents the interests of a small portion of the overall insurance industry which specializes in placing non-admitted insurance business. NAPSLO sponsors a national internship program with the goal of recruiting talent into the industry. The program places interns with specialized insurance companies located throughout the United States. Interns' backgrounds usually include law, risk management or some type of insurance degree. As a result of Rick's work during his internship, he and one other intern were honored at the annual NAPSLO Convention held in New Orleans this past September. The convention also enabled Rick to meet many officers and directors of insurance companies that are members of NAPSLO. For Rick, the highlight of the convention was meeting the chairman of Lloyd's of London, David Rowland.

While participating in NAPSLO's internship program Rick spent the first half of the summer working for the Evanston Insurance Company in Evanston, Illinois. The second half of the summer was spent working for All Risks Ltd., an insurance wholesaler, located in Baltimore, Maryland. The summer program enabled Rick to learn about the surplus lines insurance industry. Due to his successful work in these areas, he received a fellowship to study the London insurance market.

During the three week fellowship program in London, Rick stayed in Chelsea, a borough of London. The Lloyd's insurance market began more than 300 years ago in London and has led the global insurance industry ever since. Currently, Lloyd's is home to what is most likely the world's greatest concentration of underwriting expertise. He was hosted by Lloyd's of London broker, Corrie, Bauckham and Butts. He spent time working at Lloyd's and also learning about the London Underwriting Institute. Rick also spent time with law firms in London, including Barlow, Lyde and Gilmore, one of the primary insurance law firms in England. In addition, Rick spent time with the Munich Reinsurance Company, learning how reinsurers differ in function from primary insurers. According to Rick, London is the nerve center of the world insurance industry. American law firms often have representatives based in London, and Rick was able to meet with many of them also. Rick feels it was an incredible experience because he was able to learn how many different types of insurance is placed throughout the world.

Rick, who is from Dubuque, Iowa, received his undergraduate degree from Quincy College in Illinois. His interest in insurance law arose before attending law school, while working as an insurance retailer for the Freiburg Insurance Agency. After graduation, Rick is considering the possibility of working as in-house counsel for an insurance company. Congratulations to Rick Schulte for his great achievements! *

Witwer seeks GOP nomination

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the opportunity for parents to select the schools where their children go, and in general reduction in the scope of the government's role in the daily live of Hoosiers. He is also a supporter of term limits and establishment referenda.

"We can start making some real change by empowering the people through referenda," Witwer said.

Witwer gained political acknowledgment when he wrote an article for the Indiana Policy Review critical of Governor Evan Bayh's administration. According to Witwer, the administration started with a budget surplus and "frittered it away to the point where we were in for a tax increase or a bankruptcy." Witwer wrote what he thought was needed to solve the problem. This led him to being a runner-up in the nomination for the GOP candidate for Lt. Governor in 1992. It also led him to create the Opportunity Project, a group of citizens that want to change the way state government operates.

"There was a desire in the public for change and we were standing for the kinds of things the public was standing for all along," Witwer said. The project raised $130,000 in contributions to be given to candidates statewide. *