

## Women's Issues

# Women trained to campaign

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Approximately 19 out of more than 50 Government of the Student Body members are female, a statistic the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women in Politics is working to change.



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The center will be hosting Iowa State's first Campaign College — ISU Women to Win on Saturday. The one-day seminar encourages and trains young women to run for student government on their college campuses.

Although geared primarily toward women, all current students are invited to attend the seminar. The event will feature speakers brought in by the Campaign College staff, including a keynote address by Becky Greenwald, a former female U.S. congressional candidate, as well as cur-

rent and former leaders from Iowa State.

"Presentations will cover the nuts and bolts of running for Government of the Student Body, the responsibilities of GSB and what students can do to continue their leadership experiences after serving in GSB," said Dianne Bystrom, director of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics.

In addition to information on running for and serving in campus government, Bystrom said the program will also cover how students can get involved with other campus leadership positions such as Veishea, Dance Marathon, Student Alumni Leadership Council and Collegiate Pan-Hellenic Council.

"We hope that these sessions provide students with the basics of leadership, serving in leadership positions, and running for elected office on campus," Bystrom said.

The program originally began at American University in order to give more young women the experience of running for stu-

dent government or applying for other student leadership positions, as it is their belief that there is a direct connection between service in student government and future leadership service.

"We are hoping that students will gain leadership skills and learn about getting involved in student organizations across campus and become involved in a leadership position within organizations," said Chris Fowler, advancing citizenship together program coordinator for the Catt Center.

Although this is the first Campaign College hosted at Iowa State, Maggie Luttrell, GSB vice president and senior in history, hopes it won't be the last.

"We're hoping to get a good turnout and enough support to do it again," she said.

Based on the interest in Campaign College, it is possible that it would become an event held every other year alternated with Ready to Run, a campaign school, including statewide centers interested in becoming more involved in politics, Bystrom said.

## Government of the Student Body

# GSB turns down constituency bill

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After debating for nearly an hour, the Government of the Student Body voted against the senate bill enabling un-Housed constituency councils, 15-13-1.

The bill would have given un-housed constituency councils, such as Campustown and off-campus constituency councils, the chance to receive \$200 each year.

Engineering senator Dan Finnegan, senior in aerospace engineering, addressed many concerns about the bill.

"This is about fundamentally changing the rules of this government," he said. "It created an unfair playing field around this table."

GSB Finance Director Tom Danielson, senior in civil engineering, was in favor of the bill.

"[The off-campus constituencies] have spent money out of their own pockets and they've done a great job this year and we are giving them a fighting chance to exist," he said.

Danielson said he believes each ISU student has had the opportunity to visit Campustown and benefit from all that it offers. Also, he said, as the constituency doesn't receive this kind of funding from anywhere else, he didn't see how it would be unfair to give them \$200 per year.

"We don't want them to be spending all of their time recruiting members just so they can exist," he said.

Danielson said if GSB didn't pass the bill, they would be effectively killing two constituency councils.

"A vote against this bill is not a vote against Campustown. If we don't pass this bill, Campustown isn't going to turn into a third-world country," Finnegan said.

Off-campus senator Jacob Wilson, sophomore in political science, said he can't even send out a mass e-mail as an off-campus senator without paying for it out of his pocket and thinks the fair thing to do is give the two constituencies the \$200.

"The world isn't fair and I don't support this bill," said off-campus senator Nathan Rockman, senior in political science.

Because the bill didn't pass, the constituencies will have to write their own bill and present it to the senate in order to receive funding.

The senate bill Funding the Financial Literacy Campaign passed with a 26-2-0 vote at Wednesday's meeting, allocating \$1,890 to the campaign. The program aims to educate students about their finances.

The purpose of the campaign is to "inform students of resources and send a message that student debt is an issue and we want to help students where we can," said GSB President Daniel Fischer, senior in agricultural business. Resources available to students through the campaign are available at [gsb.iastate.edu/debt](http://gsb.iastate.edu/debt).

## Harkin says

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