Eli Sabin discusses local politics with students

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On Feb 17, the College Democrats hosted a conversation with Eli Sabin, the former Ward 7 New Haven alder and current candidate for the Connecticut House in District 92.

This created an opportunity for students to listen and ask questions about local and state government with an active representative from their community.

"I think young people bring different perspectives," Sabin said. "If you want to get anything done you need to build trust and learn how to make an impact."

Sabin is in his third year at Yale Law School. He grew up in New Haven and spent his early career in community activism.

Now, early into his new campaign, he hopes to replace incumbent Patricia Dillion, who has represented the district since 1985.

While Sabin admits that he and Dillion would likely vote similarly on many issues, he stressed that perspective change is necessary.

"I think that the work that I've done on the board of alders and as an advocate at Connecticut Voice for Children has really prepared me to do the work of bringing people together and bringing new ideas into the process," Sabin said.

During the event, he focused on highlighting key issues and his plan of action should he be elected. One of the major issues Sabin touched on was Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

"I think there's a lot more the state can do to protect our residents, and I want to make sure that the state is really stepping up to provide a backstop for our community," Sabin said.

Voters are showing concern about the Trump administration's intentions to expand ICE enforcement. It will be a key issue in the upcoming midterm elections. Sabin plans to combat expansion by creating a fund to go towards lawyers for families impacted as well as pushing to ban agents from wearing masks and refusing identification.

Sabin encouraged those who are looking to get involved with their local political community by stating that it gave him purpose.

"It gave me purpose I've mostly felt like school and being involved in the community can add to each other. And you know, you learn so much working in the community," Sabin said.

Sabin was on the board of alders starting in college and has been engaged in public service work since.

Being in office as a young person was another major topic discussed.

The consensus was that those who wish to get involved should reach out to their local communities.

"Show up and talk to the people around you. Politics impacts everything in life. You can meet someone and hear about their problems, and there is a way to fix it with policy. It affects our day-to-day lives," political science major Cynthia Sanchez, a junior, said.

Political science major Carlos Agüero Echavarria, a junior and the vice president of the College Democrats, shared a similar sentiment.

"Eli Saban really showed today that we need candidates that are driven, young and new. I think it is great to see new and exciting young, motivated people," Agüero Echavarria, said. "I hope to see more of that throughout Connecticut and nationally."

The event and its sponsors encouraged students to become active in their communities and to stay informed.

"I think it is so important to be involved in local politics; it means so much to know and understand how politics work. It is in every aspect of our lives, especially locally," Agüero Echavarria said.



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The College Democrats and attendes at the event standing with Eli Sabin, the former Ward 7 New Haven alder and current candidate for the Connecticut House in District 92, in the hallway of the third floor of the Adanti Student Center on Feb. 17.



Eli Sabin talking to attendees at the event.



Eli Sabin talking about the impact college students can make in politics.

PunKnight event rocks Lyman

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The Ruby Leftstep set brought slow melodies and upbeat tunes, which had the audience dancing and singing along.

"I hope we can host more shows on campus with more bands and people. I also hope my band, Firecharger, gets to play with WSIN and Knight Owls Show again soon," Flanagan said.

Finance major Julio Merced, a junior and the live music coordinator, shared his thoughts on how the show went.

"The show was great. When I initially came onto the station, we heard stories about what student-led shows used to be. We see what other universities are doing with similar concepts, and it has been a huge success," Merced said.

The radio station is looking to shift its focus towards highlighting bands within the campus community and music scene.

Communication major Gerryiki Williams, a junior and the general manager of WSIN, shared his new vision for the club.

"It's been my dream for the past year to use our university and radio station's resources to support the incredible local bands and artists that are keeping the live music and DIY scene alive in Connecticut and around the east coast," Williams said.

The show was successful because it was a collaborative effort between the WSIN team and university and community partners.

"We came together as an E-board and decided we have so much potential. Everyone did a fantastic job," Merced said.

Merced and other club members said they are thrilled that they had the opportunity to bring rock and roll to Lyman stage, for all students to enjoy.

"We want to do more shows, and Crescent Players played a huge part in making that a reality. It is great to give students the chance to experience shows like this," Merced said.

This show was the first of its kind for the station; the club aims to continue its momentum and host more events like this in the future.

"This was a really empowering moment for our club and the campus. Seeing the success of this concert, I would like to make this a reoccurring monthly event and establish the university and WSIN as staples and allies of the DIY scene," Williams said.

The radio station will host another show on March 27 in collaboration with Knight Owls New Haven and Crescent Players.

Until show time arrives, students can support local artists and bands by tuning into wsinradio.org.

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New policy impacts financial aid

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A few clicks during registration can shape an entire semester, making preparation and advising meetings crucial for students trying to stay on track for graduation.

Meredith Sinclair, the faculty director of Academic Advising and an associate professor in the English department, shared strategies to help students avoid common mistakes and build their desired schedules.

"My best advice would be to see your adviser as soon as you can for appropriate advising," Sinclair said. "The Summer and Fall schedules will be out on March 1, so set your appointment for early to mid-March."

Sinclair explained that students meeting with their adviser is only the first step.

"If you are at 60+ credits, you should have each semester mapped out between now and graduation. That way, you don't end up with surprises at the end," Sinclair said.

Sinclair recommends that students lean on their adviser for help in order to prevent any misunderstandings.

Advisers can help map out general education requirements, writing intensive courses, major requirements, cognates and electives.

"Your adviser should be able to help you prioritize your must takes," Sinclair said. "If there's a must take like a course that is part of a sequence, make sure to build your schedule, including work or extra curriculars, around that."

Students can find their assigned adviser in Banner Student and should also meet with any secondary advisers, such as those for minors.

According to the university's website, registration will open in phases based on credit level.

Graduates, post baccalaureates and seniors accepted to a graduate program may register March 30 at 8 a.m.

Seniors register March 31 at different times based on credits, followed by athletes, honors students and students registered with the Disability Resource Center at 4 p.m.

Juniors register on April 6, Southern Educational Opportunity Program students on April 7, sophomores on April 8 and freshmen on April 16.

Graduate non-degree students register April 20 and undergraduate non-degree students April 23.

Sinclair said that students being aware of their class registration dates in advance allows them to prepare schedules, and meet with advisers

This gives students a better chance at securing required courses.

Before choosing classes, Sinclair highlights that students should be aware of a new policy that affects financial aid.

"The biggest new policy is that we will begin enforcing the CPOS federal financial aid policy around minors," Sinclair said. "Minors, unless required by a major, are not eligible for federal financial aid."

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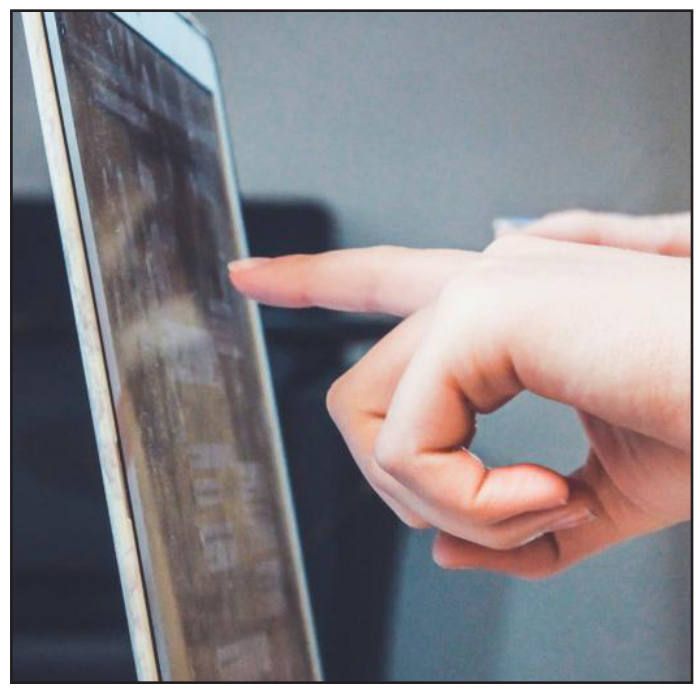
Meredith Sinclair, the faculty director of Academic Advising and an associate professor in the English department on Feb. 25.



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Student pointing at their laptop while choosing classes.