Past UAP elections offbeat

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Tufts' UAP election promises to be one of the calmest in recent years, but not only because of the lack of controversial platforms or candidates.

Last year, the UAP race boasted some of the most politically active students in recent history. Phil Mauze '77, known for his Taiwan activism and bold dealings with the administration, edged out Katrina Wootan '77, noted for her position on Headboard. The tally was 621-507, with 35 percent turning out at the polls.

In 1975, the team of Jon Hanson '77 and Tim Wilson '78 of the shahader staff split the race with a week to go and threw their support to Ken Bachman '75 and Dominic Zito '76, who in turn pledged to share their positions with their benefactors.

Despite the team-up, Lee Allen '76 and Steve Shagoury '76 triumphed easily, garnering 607 votes to their opponents' 433. Only 30 percent of the student body voted.

In 1974, election proceedings were even more bizarre. The Bob Zimmerman '76-Larry Appleman '76 ticket was first excluded for not having enough signatures, and then replaced on the ballot when the Registrar's Office noted that the number of under-graduates was far less than the number used by the UAP Elections Committee to determine the number of signatures needed.

The night of the election, vote fraud was charged when the Elections Committee found 60 ballots for his Taiwan activism.

The year before, when nearly 50 percent of the electorate showed up, Linda Tufts '74 was elected UAP, with the closest run in history for Baker House, which ran as a collection entry. The final margin for Tufts was only 22 votes.

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