problem to misunderstandings. "We were a little bit unclear about posting policy because it is a little bit ambiguous," she said. "We ended up putting up two signs per board." Still, Sachs did not think the suspension was appropriate. "We had been caught for all these ridiculous violations," she said. But, she added, "We don't think the punishment was very harsh."

After Sharma informed the team that it had violated the posting rules, they took down most of their posters, but forgot posters on "some of the very obscure boards," Sachs said.

Sharma also cited Gastelum and Sachs for tearing down other candidates' posters, though Sachs denies the charge. Someone else probably tore down the posters, and the coincidental nature made it look like Gastelum and Sachs had, she said.

Sachs did not characterize the violations as intentional. "There were not the same problems over and over. New violations came up and they were very cooperative about it," he said. "It had to be done, just to keep the elections as fair as possible."

Problems are ' petty'

Many candidates think the problems are the result of pettiness - both because of the actual violations and because candidates complained about them. "It wasn't so much that [the commission] complained about it, but that other candidates complained about it," Sachs said.

Sookkyung Lee '95, a candidate for class president, was disturbed by the problems. She has not had many problems with her own posters, but is concerned by other candidates' actions.

"I feel harassed because I've been accused by the other candidates of putting down their posters and removing them. I've been wrongly accused of it, but not only that — my posters have been torn down too," Lee said.

"I thought this election thing was going really great and I was really happy," she said. "I think it's gone over the limit of the normal election campaigning."

Sandy Jong '95, another candidate for class president, agreed that there were some problems, but was not as concerned as Lee. "There is a problem, but it's not ripping down posters, but with the rules," Jong said.

"It is kind of a problem because there is a limited amount of space. Right now I don't see it as a big deal," Jong said. She noted that a few of her posters had been taken down recently.

Jay Sarkar '95, a third class president candidate, agreed that problems exist. "General problems always arise when people are running for office. I think the intensity this year has caused some of the problems," he said.

"I don't think anyone has any malicious intent," Sarkar added.

Violations should have little effect

Sharma and Jong downplayed the significance of the posting problems. "It's just a little problem," Jong said. Sachs did not feel the ban of posting would seriously effect the Gastelum and Sachs campaign either. "I personally don't think that it will have too much of an effect on the campaigning or the election process," he said.

Sachs was also unconcerned by the ban. "We feel that we've posted too much in the last few weeks that a few days won't make a difference," she said.

Part of the posting problem anyway have nothing to do with the candidates, Lee noted. "It could be just other random people — that's how I looked at it. Other people post too, it's not just the candidates," she explained.