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Good afternoon, my name is Andrew Stern and I am a freshman majoring in Political Science. As a student it is apparent to me that too often our voices stand unheard. The concerns and perspectives of the Universities student population is an extremely essential and vital resource. It should be without saying that we are paying an exorbitant amount of money to attend this great University therefore having appropriate representation is of utmost importance. An additional undergraduate member on the board of trustees would only help the overall wellbeing the great university, because at the end of the day it is the student population for which all of the time, effort, and money are being indirectly or directly allocated towards. Having more than one student member on the universities board of trustees is not unprecedented. For surrounding public Universities such as the University of Vermont, University of New Hampshire, and Rutgers, have at least two voting undergraduate students being represented on their respective boards. Clearly, having more than one undergraduate student is seen as an asset by nearby universities. Within the preamble of the University of Connecticut's bylaws it states that the university "has highly-qualified and successful students", so why don't we utilize an additional highly qualified student for the benefit of this great university. The great writer George Bernard Shaw, once said, "progress is impossible without change" and adding an additional undergraduate member to the board of trustees is the change we need.