My name is Alexander Schaefer, and I’m running for SGA Senate.

Some of you may know me as the freshman Economics major down the hall in Austin, and some of you may just know my face from Drag Bingo. Either way, it’s my pleasure to announce my run for the Student Government Association’s Senate seat.

I’ll keep it brief:

I am running on a policy of mental health resources and sexual assault prevention. When I am elected, I promise to make it my goal to present and pass expansion to mental health resources, for LGBTQ and heterosexual students alike. My goal is to make sure that everyone in the student body, regardless of background, religion, sexuality, or otherwise, has access to mental health resources, so that if you need to talk to someone about anything, you are able and encouraged to. Whether that be academic or physical stress, sexual assault or harassment, gender identity, crisis of belief, or any other mental health concern. We all know how stressful dorm life and exams can be.

Sexual assault is an especially hard topic to talk about, and whether you want a Title IX coordinator to lead you through the proper channels for reporting the assault or harassment, or just need someone to talk to, I will make it my mission to make sure everyone on this campus has readily-available access to it.

How this will be achieved:

As a Senator, I will be able to vote and put forth motions on your behalf to expand budgeting for these resources. * I have experience with management, budgeting & finance, and public speaking, and am looking forward to debate on the committee floor.

In closing, it is my mission to help everyone on this campus get access to and feel comfortable using UVM’s resources for mental wellbeing and sexual assault counselling. Look for my flyers in your common rooms and in the Davis Center, and thank you for your time. **
*A responsibility of the Finance Committee of the SGA Senate

** There is a Google Forms link in my flyers where you can speak to me directly about what issues you care about, and what you want to see changed at UVM. I will personally be replying to these forms. My UVM email address is alexander.schaefer@uvm.edu, I live in Austin 119 of the Marsh-Austin-Tupper building, and I am always happy to discuss anything and everything. If you would like to learn more about me, there will be a link to my website on my flyers.