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[A few jabs made at Anoka Technical College candidate forum](#)

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Although the six gubernatorial candidates appearing at the Anoka Technical College education forum today (Oct. 29) in general shunned displays of partisanship, a few soft jabs were landed.

Former state senator Steve Kelley, a Democrat from Hopkins who teaches at the Humphrey Institute at the U of M, spoke of teaching a class on government budgeting and perhaps inviting a well known someone to attend.

“I thought about inviting Tim Pawlenty to the class. But I concluded that he didn’t the prerequisites for it. And I really hate to flunk students,” said Kelley.

Ramsey County Attorney Susan Gaertner, another DFLer hoping to become governor, with a touch of irony spoke of how Republican candidate Rep. Marty Seifert, of Marshall, had cut social programs, taken away meals from prisoners, and yet spoke of lowering the cost of attending community college.

“If he becomes governor instead of me, you hold him to that,” she said.

But Seifert, to the amusement of the audience, merely thanked her for the “endorsement.”

“I appreciate that,” he said.

Four Democrats and two Republicans attended the 90-minute forum.

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