

**RUN-OFF
ELECTION
APRIL 14**

Charles Bowen

I shall address myself to two major areas of concern:

1) Finance — Mercer is experiencing financial strain. I feel that priority should be given first to retention and acquisition of faculty, second



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to fulfillment of loans and scholarships to students, third to improvement of student facilities (ping pong, pool, TV rooms), food services (optional meal ticket), reduction of textbook costs.

extension of co-op hours, and fourth to the developmental program including the construction of new buildings and expansion of departments with special stress being given to music and drama and the addition of a business administration department.

2) Community — An advantage of a smaller school is an enhanced possibility of some degree of unity from which the common benefit of a college education can be applied to society's problems. At Mercer there is a great need for all factions, whether they be black — white or Greek — non Greek to make concessions toward this end.

Also the existence of community between students, faculty, and administrators is imperative. Faculty and administrators should be concerned with the interests of students and students should not be apathetic about the administering of their education. Students should have a voice in these decisions which affect them.

Effort confronting these areas of concern and others

SGA Vice-President

(student retention, Wonderful Wednesday, open dorms) is essential. Toward the solution of these problems and attainment of these goals, I solicit your support.

Charles Bowen

Ted Kandler

In two years of being a Mercerian, I have found that many students are displeased with various facets of the school. These students are not just the



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Black students, but they include every student who has an interest in the community of Mercer University. I believe that there are three basic areas that the SGA should involve themselves in with a maximum of effort. These areas are Student Rights, Curriculum and Fiscal Review.

In exploiting these areas, it is that we continue to make sound proposals to take their place.

All year I have heard many students voice their lack of faith in the Senate due to the fact that many of its proposals get bogged down in its own committee and the red tape of the Administration. In every way that I could as Vice-President this would be my own little red wagon to ramrod SGA committees in to doing more than just forming a committee and waiting for nature to take its course. In other words, I want the Senate to work towards accomplishing some of the desires of the students.

In the past the office of Vice-President of the SGA could be compared to the office of Vice-President of the United States — a job that has little assigned duties and leaves the V-P to do his own choos-

ing. Well it is my desire to change the do-nothingness of this position and to start by making sure that the three areas mentioned above receive some attention by the SGA Senate.

A good question for me to answer now is — How do I propose to accomplish these? The biggest obstacle in the effectiveness of the Senate lies in Communication. If the Senate can communicate to the Student Body what action it is taking, or why there is no action being taken, then the students can support their action or speak out against it. If this sounds like the kind of things that you want done in the 1970-71 year then I feel that I can be your candidate.

Ted Kandler

One of the most serious deficiencies of Mercer, and one of the least discussed, is the lack of recreation. Recreation is needed to prevent Mercer from becoming solely a "study factory". Mercer needs game rooms, handball courts and the like. Does the Administration call ping pong tables sufficient recreation? Other small colleges have these things why does not Mercer.

Also, in the short space allotted, I want to briefly mention the urgency of the optional meal ticket, optional because some students don't eat every meal. This results in wasted food and "money down the drain" for the student and this is uncalled for.

Finally, I would like to present some questions and answers to enable you to better know me.

Why do I Chris Sullivan want to be a Senator-at-Large? My answer to this is that I want to serve the student body of Mercer University. I want too give instead of just receive.

Do I have S.G.A. experience? Yes! I am a Senator at present and a member of the Auxiliary Services and Evaluation committees.

Do I, Christ Sullivan, seek this office for personal gains? No. My only purpose in running is that I want to help my fellow students.

And in closing, I leave you with one reminder which is — "YOU CAN'T MISS WITH CHRIS".

G. Henderson

Fellow Students,

The time has come for those of us who are interested in the welfare and the perpetuation of a homogenous relation between students, faculty, and administration to present ourselves to you for your judgement on our ability to uphold the office that we seek. This judgement can be best manifested after a thorough deliberation of what we have to offer.

For two years, I have trod the Mercer campus and have seen, along with other students, several gopher holes that need to be celled with positive thinking before someone stumbles into an undesirable situation. These holes that I make reference to are most plentiful on the grounds where the following opposing forces meet: affiliates and unaffiliates, SGA members and the student body, and the informed and the uninformed. There is a great deal more that can be done by each SGA officer if he or she has the interest of the Student Body utmost in mind.

If I am elected Senator-at-Large of our SGA, I shall make an all out attempt to see that the uninformed become in-

formed; that a more intelligent and humane relation between affiliates and unaffiliates be made to exist; and that SGA members and the Student Body find a common ground for debate and understanding.

Senior Senator

M. Moorehead

Fellow Students,

This brief note will be my formal announcement of my candidacy for Senior Senator. My name is Mike Moorehead. I am a concerned Mercerian —

concerned about our Student Government. This year our Student Government as a whole has done a good job

of fulfilling its objectives, but I feel that the Senate itself has shown itself to be weak, easily pliable, and incapable of making a definite decision that it can uphold. If we only had a strong, determined Senate that was willing to keep the average college student informed about what's happening, and that was willing to stand together on certain issues then next year could be the year of change on this campus. A strong Senate is an absolute necessity for next year's term because there is going to be strong opposition to overcome for us to open our dorms, check our administration, do away with some of our color book teachers and to change the things that this student body is ready for and, may I say, most deserving of.

I believe that I have the type of strong personality that is needed here now. I will stick behind what I believe but follow a majority vote with just as much enthusiasm. I am also level headed enough to know that we can only change as much as Mercer is ready to but that this Senate must be able and willing to initiate these new steps. I want the opportunity to help lead the way. Will you, Class of '71 give me this chance? I solicit your vote in the upcoming elections.

My candidacy for senior senator represents a desire to serve the Mercer community. The Senate, if filled with interested and active members, can be a powerful instrument of student expression. Your vote for Leigh Montgomery will be a vote pledged to responsible representation.

L. Montgomery

Foremost in my duty would be to represent senior students in the Student Government Association. Issues of interest to seniors, such as the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) are misunderstood and seemingly meaningless. Your vote for Leigh Montgomery will insure an opportunity for you to express yourself on student issues.

Our campus has become factionalized into interest and identity groups. The result has been the creation of communication barriers between these various groups. The distrust and dislike of these groups for each other prevents our community from working together to present a forceful student

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Sally Fulcher

As a representative for the entire student body, I would work in areas of greater student interest and concern. These areas being academic-administrative and student activities.

In the realm of academics there is a need for more reevaluation and future reorganization in Mercer curriculum. Quarterly student course evaluation cards will be continued. Reciprocal professor classroom evaluation cards will be added. The combined results then should be known to both students and professors. Therefore, a more objective view of the total situation is possible. Future reorganization would include the additions of important professional majors interjected into the curriculum, for an example, in the much needed fields of education and physical education. To secure present and prospective student enrollment these two fields should be supplemented into the School of Liberal Arts. In order that these measures will be more effective, student and administrative participation and cooperation are imperative.

Student activities are a necessity to safeguard against student apathy. Student apathy is a definite problem that can be corrected by involvement in campus concerns. These concerns are: Food Services conditions, Infirmary services, and Recreation facilities. As chairman of Food Services Committee I will continue to strive in working with the Administration for non-compulsory meal tickets. Also, if elected, I would promote better Infirmary services. Being a member of the Recreation Committee, I can see the need for more recreation facilities and would continue to work diligently on this committee. Student involvement is much needed on this campus and with cooperation from students, these above proposals can become successful realities.

Julian Gordy

Because I have a vital interest in the Mercer Community, I have decided to become a candidate for Senator at Large. Factors which influenced my



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decision were a lack of SGA leadership in academic involvement and curriculum reform, the poor record of the present SGA in following up projects and committee work, and, lastly, the pressing need for a realistic approach to campus community. I feel that it is high time the good of the community was put above personal political gain or purely partisan interests. It is high time for student leaders to consider Mercer first, then friends, brothers, or sisters. It is high time for students to seriously consider realistic academic reform rather than merely the invalidation of personally undesirable academic requirements. It is high time SGA projects initiated in committees were carried through to fruition.

To these issues I will turn my attention first. It is time for us to get to work. Together we can solve these problems. Join Julian. Elect J. Gordy Senator at Large.

Julian Gordy

Gail Kline

Now that elections have come again it is an opportunity for the entire student body to reevaluate the past SGA and decide whether this year has



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been a productive one in terms of significant change. By significant change I refer to that legislation which has been initiated in order to encourage the best interests of the University but especially of the constituents who each Senator represents. I am not satisfied. I cannot be content with committees that are formed but produce nothing, with the lack of interaction between the Senators and those that elected them. My platform is a simple one, one of change and concern.

Change in the representatives elected; change in the attitudes of the University and the Senate in reference to the student bodies desires and interests; change in the direction in which SGA functions and its slow workings through committees. Change is definitely needed, a general revamping of SGA is essential. New ideas must be conceived and evaluated. I am concerned and by running for SGA office with the desire to work for change I am showing my concern for the future of Mercer University. Show your concern and cast your ballot on April 10 and please consider me, Gail Kline for SGA Senator-at-Large.

Charlotte Love

I have decided to run for Senator at Large as a representative of the whole student body. I hope to help solve many of the pressing problems



Love

that face Mercer. However, among them I would like to see special emphasis applied to curriculum review. A failure to provide adequate business training and an obvious lack of material in the Education, Political Science, Physics and Economics Departments leads a number of students to many other colleges.

Working together as a united student community, we can make Mercer a more valuable and worthwhile university. Please let me have your help in helping you.

Charlotte Love

Chris Sullivan

When giving my speech for Freshman Senator I stated that the, "I will" in American youth is just as and possibly more important than the "I can." As a Senator I feel that I have fulfilled this statement by representing my class with the best of my ability. It is my hope that I

Sullivan will be able to serve the entire student body as I have my classmates.

If elected Senator-at-Large I would like to see, among other things, more recreational facilities and cafeteria changes (that is optional meal tickets, etc.).

Senator-at Large

L. Kicklighter

I would like to represent the whole student body as Senator-at-Large because I would like to help and see Mercer expand its scope so it may offer more to incoming students and to our present student body.



Kicklighter

I feel that working together as students we can make Mercer more attractive to incoming students. Mercer is not utilizing its potential. Therefore we are losing many students to state schools. In the academic curriculum there is a definite need for a re-evaluation. The majors offered to students now at Mercer are not adequate to meet the students future needs hence an expansion in new areas is needed.

Our main concern in receiving an education should be

geared along academic lines. We as Mercer students must realize that we have a voice in academic structure. This is an indirect voice which can be projected through a petition, or some other means.

If Mercer offered more majors in various fields such as elementary education, secondary education, business administration, and physical education, then upperclassmen would not be forced to attend other schools which offer these majors. This academic barrier also includes the present course requirements. Language and Christianity requirements should be reduced because not all students are interested in these fields and could be taking other courses of their main field.

I am aware of other problems on our campus such as the food problem, mandatory meal tickets, and infirmary services.

If elected, I shall also aim to help correct these problems to the best of my ability.

Lynne Kicklighter

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