

Junior Senators

Steve New

Campaign or platform promises do not usually amount to anything and it is in my opinion useless to have several pseudo-beliefs just for the sake of capturing a few people's vote. My only purpose is to have students become aware of what the SGA has done, is doing now and will do in the future. I never knew what was going on inside and therefore I hope to be used as an instrument of the student body to find out just what is happening.



New

Richard Heider

When we speak of Mercer's campus, two words come to mind; awareness and change. By living and exchanging ideas on this campus for a year and a half, I've grown aware of the problems facing the student body and I have also come to realize that a change is needed now!



Heider

Through this year's senate have come many questions and problems that the senate of next year will have to deal with. And so an awareness to the feelings of the student body is essential in our senate next year.

But not only is an awareness necessary, the senate needs people who are willing to accept these new problems and adapt accordingly someone who will not be afraid to work or take on responsibilities.

And then finally we need people who will act as true representatives of the student body — ones who will feel the student body out and act accordingly to their best interest.

In voting next week we students must realize the needs that I have stated above and really try to find a representative who is qualified. So I enter this race because I feel that I am aware of these problems, willing to adapt to change, and ready to act as your representative. Thus I solicit your support on April 10th for JUNIOR SENATOR.

Lee Bowers

Perhaps most of the candidates competing for the honor of Senator will use this opportunity to express their qualifications from previous activities for this office. But these are of minor importance when compared with the awesome responsibilities of this office. Too long, the position of Senator has been used, not for the betterment of Mercer, but for additional charms to attach to a string of token awards. The Senate



Bowers

needs to be transformed from a place of all "talk," into an administrative body of action.

I plan, if elected, to work for a revamping of the cafeteria program, no hours for upperclassmen women and freshmen on the Dean's List, as well as many other vital reforms. All I ask is your vote and the opportunity to serve you, not with vague promises but with action for a better Mercer.

Sincerely,
Lee Bowers
Candidate for Jr.
Class Senator

Janet Hogue

By not presenting a concrete platform I reckon that I would appear as apathetic as the apathetic students that I want to activate. But platforms go with politics and I'm playing the game as best I can. I owe it to Ya, then to give you some idea of what I'd like to do. I think I'd be pleased to work on getting the rah-rah out of SGA and a little freedom for the resident women students. But I can't work miracles — I can only work.



Hogue

Wayne Gullatt

Perhaps the best way for me, Wayne Gullatt, to introduce myself to those of you

who don't know me and to further acquaint myself to those of you



Gullatt

who do — with regards to my candidacy for junior senator — is to set forth my position regarding the SGA. It is my observation that the SGA is prevented from being a viable and efficiently functioning organ of the student body because of four gaps existing within.

The first of these is a communication gap. The SGA has failed to mobilize public opinion in support for Mercer and its needs. The SGA has failed to motivate student opinion and support for SGA activities. The SGA has failed to articulate the consensus of the students to the faculty on matters of mutual concern.

One of the results of this lack of communication is a coordination gap. A function of the SGA is to coordinate student and faculty efforts to better the university. The SGA has failed to do this and our college has suffered.

Mercer has also suffered from a comprehension gap. The SGA has become isolated from the student body and the effect has been that student positions and opinions are too often not reflected in SGA actions.

The fourth gap existing within the SGA is the completion gap. The standard SGA

procedure has been to appoint endless numbers of committees to investigate campus problems. It is common for either the committee to fail to report or no action to be taken on the report. The effect of the completion gap has been to render the SGA sterile of accomplishment of consistent action.

As I realize that the only orderly manner in which student power can be manifested is through viable and effective SGA, I am also aware that the only manner in which the SGA can become viable and effective is through the closing of the four gaps outlined above. When I am elected your junior senator, I will be committed to the task of bridging those gaps.

Wayne Gullatt

B. Cavallo

I have had much experience as an average member of the student body. As a student who is representative of the Mercer silent majority, I am only too aware of the fact that student government is not known by the student body. That is to say that the student government is not communicating with the student body.

I do not see that it is a very potent organization as far as realizing the goals which it seems to talk about. I would like to see that the committee



Cavallo

becomes an effective tool and not a way of delegating responsibility.

As an example of the above two points, let's look at the cafeteria problem. What did the committee accomplish? I can not answer this through my experience as a student body member mainly because I have not been made aware of any progress reports. It is fine to have a committee, but it is not beneficial to the student body unless the student body is aware of what the committee is doing and what, if anything, it is accomplishing. How can a student take an active part, become instrumental in the workings of the SGA unless he knows what is going on? It is not possible to intelligently criticize something about which you know nothing.

As a Junior Class Senator I will work toward alleviating problems such as these.

Special Announcement

Dean William B. Lockhart, University of Minnesota School of Law, will speak as the Sidney Hatcher Lecturer this year. Dean Lockhart will speak at the Science Center auditorium on April 17, at 8:00 P.M. He is the chairman of the President's Commission on Obscenity as well as past president of the American Association of Law Schools. Dean Lockhart will speak on the work of the commission.

The entire Mercer community is invited to hear this talk.

Sophomore Senators

Bruce Gandy

Can you give the names of your five senators?

Know anyone who is transferring away from Mercer?

Ever been caught facing the cafeteria without ALKA-SELTZER?

Has your hand hurt from filling out polls and signing petitions?

Ever wake up in class to remember it is costing \$2,400 a year?

Have you ever wanted to buy stock in the book store?

Getting tired of hearing the word "where" when you say Mercer?

It is time for a change — Let Gandy do it.



Gandy

N. Toothman

A general attitude of indifference seems to be prevalent among large numbers of Mercer students. Therefore, if elected senator I will first help to instigate an inquiry as to exactly what it is that is causing this problem and second what needs to be done about it.

For without a

SENIOR SENATORS

(Continued from Page 2) voice on issues of mutual interest. Your vote for Leigh Montgomery will be a vote pledged to removing these communication barriers.

Make sure you vote on April 10 and please consider Leigh Montgomery for your senior senator.



Toothman

feeling of school pride and spirit an institution of higher learning becomes solely academic and a balance between academics and other aspects of college life is essential.

I would list some of my gripes which seem to be common among the Mercer student body, but I think they are evident to all who take a close look at the situation here on campus. True many problems on campus have been brought before S.G.A. but just how much has been done about them is somewhat questionable at this time. I feel that I could fulfill the responsibilities of the position and help to make the solutions to these problems a reality.

Bill Adams

Perhaps now, as upcoming Sophomores in a pertinent election, we can get away from the old spiel of: "I did this and that in high school..." We have all been thrown into an environment in which issues, attitudes, and maturity have changed.

The foundation for my Adams platform is based upon the fact that nobody really knows what is going on the majority of the time. To really be aware of situations at the present we have to dig through a huge conglomeration of rhetoric and rumor. Not only communications between the students themselves is very poor, we are not, as a group, informed of SGA actions, JFC actions, BSA actions, and other groups that



Adams

are important to the campus lives of each of us.

Many of us, as Freshmen, who care, have come together in group meetings not just to talk things over but to get things done. As a result of these concerned peoples' efforts administration and faculty alike are aware of, more than ever before, the needs of the students. Three minute accomplishments of this group are: curriculum changes have come about and are coming about, better facilities and better hours for the Co-Op, and the proposed recreation room is finally getting some work done on it. These are but three small examples of what can be done at Mercer.

I believe that a mandatory meal ticket is a ridiculous waste of money for some students and should be abolished. Even if Mercer needs funds, I don't think it should charge the students for it.

I have talked all year through this freshmen group and outside of it with administration, faculty members, and many students. We have accomplished a little by the efforts of a few and we can accomplish much more with people that are concerned. I am concerned. I am concerned because I feel that many things should and could be changed to benefit all parties concerned; namely, we, the students. I can promise only one thing: I will give my utmost in trying to make Mercer a more livable place for all of us. It has been said before with some degree of sincerity, but now I think it is time to elect someone who has worked all year on your behalf, elect Bill Adams.

Tom Gordy

We the students of Mercer University need a strong student government association more than ever before. To obtain this strong S.G.A., we need officers and senate members with a desire to work and the ability to be able to channel important issues for the betterment of the individual student and the university as a whole. Popularity is fine, but it doesn't get a great deal of the work done.

There are two days until the elections on April 10th. During this time please consider each individual running for each office — then select those whom you think can do the best job for YOU.

I trust that you will find these qualifications in me and on April 10th will TURN TO TOM. ELECT TOM GORDY FOR SOPHOMORE SENATOR.

Truett Ashley

What is the purpose of S. G. A.? This group of leaders, chosen by you to represent you and your ideas, should be made up of experienced, responsible, and hard working students. Experience is a qualification that cannot be overlooked by a student seeking the office of sophomore senator. Last year I



Gordy

was secretary-treasurer of my high school student body, and before holding this position, I served in student government as President of my junior class and Secretary of my sophomore class. I have the experience needed, but more than this, I have the desire to work for you. For better student government, TURN TO TRUETT for Sophomore Senator.

G. Copeland

Mercer's SGA should be a very powerful organization conveying the ideas of the student body, instead our student government has taken a back seat in student affairs. It is subject to the influence of only a percentage of the Mercer students and organizations. I believe that the duty of a Senator is to represent the opinion of his class. He should weigh all proposals and make his decisions for the betterment of all concerned. Most important is that the people he represents be informed. As a representative of the students it is his duty to see they are aware of all proceedings of SGA.

The present senators could be working to better Mercer in all ways possible, but how are we to know if we never see them? Should we have to find our Senators and cross-examine them for equal representation?

As a Senator, I will work to revive lost interest in the SGA. I will work to express the

opinions of the Sophomore Class. As your representative I will work to keep you informed and abreast of SGA proceedings.

As a Black Co-ed on Mercer's campus I am very much aware of the racial tension existing within the student body. Since Black awareness is a part of my identity I cannot become alienated from my heritage. However, as your Senator I will work to represent all Sophomores.

Glenda Jean Copeland

Beth Turton

APATHY — There is too much of it, and not enough being done to alleviate it. Too many people believe that the present conditions can be changed by mere complaints. Such inert words reap no results. INVOLVEMENT — This is the only way conditions can be changed. Such concrete action is the only manner Mercer can continue to exist and to progress. I want to become involved as a sophomore senator in our SGA so that present conditions can be changed and improved.

There are many situation that need to be altered. The curriculum should be broadened. More courses in present areas should be offered and additional majors should be made available. In addition, course requirement should be re-evaluated. Also, such school

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