

Editorial/Opinion

A 10% Solution

It is important for students to vote in the SGA elections on April 21 and 22, 1981. The elections will be held two days in order to accommodate night students who only have Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday classes. Students will be voting on the ratification of the proposed SGA Constitution, candidates for SGA officers and senators, and nominations for the Dr. James A. Jordan, Jr. Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence. Student I.D.'s are required.

Constitution

The student body of Capitol Campus has not had a Student Government which was working under an officially ratified constitution for years and years. The problem has been that ten percent of the student body usually has not voted on the SGA Constitutions that have been proposed in the past. Since a simple majority of those voting is required to adopt the document, it is theoretically possible for one person more than 5% of the student body to vote "yes" to officially adopt the Constitution. Should the student body adopt the SGA Constitution that is proposed for this year?

Yes.

The SGA Senate should have the opportunity to operate under a legitimate constitution. Remember -- The Student Government Association is responsible for student organizations and representation. This year's Constitutional Revision Committee has worked very hard to ensure a minimum amount of mistakes. Do not disappoint the committee by not voting on the constitution.

Officers

Next year's SGA officers will probably be the group which will most affect student organizations, student activities, student representation to faculty and administration, and student life in general. Each officer serves a very important specific function.

The president acts as the spokesperson for students to the faculty and administration whenever a single representative is needed. The president has to be responsible for the respect of the individuals who are in key student support positions, i.e. the Student Affairs staff -- Athletics, Counseling, Health Services, International Students, Placement, Residence Living, Safety Services, Student Activities, and Police Services. A president who chooses not to use the facilities and services that are available to students is denied the full potential of achieving worthwhile goals. Other characteristics which the president should possess are the ability to conduct a smooth business meeting and the wisdom to appoint responsible people to important committee positions.

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Editorial Editors

The Assistant Editors shall serve as Editorial Editors for the remainder of the academic year.

The vice president of the Student Government Association is the chairman of President's Council (a committee composed of the leader of each student organization). This means that the vice president is the liaison between the SGA Senate and the student organizations. The vice president is also in a good position to offer support to the president when needed.

Besides the president, the treasurer must be the most responsible officer of the SGA. Money is one of the most important factors of the student government. Although Capitol Campus receives \$17,000 in annual allocation from the University, parking fines and vending machines also contribute, to give the student government an estimated \$30,000-50,000 annually. Normally, this money is quickly distributed toward social activities and the more than 30 student organizations. Thus, it is important that student organizations are appropriated funds in a fair and unbiased manner. The treasurer, serving as chairman of the Finance Committee, is in charge of recommending all appropriations of funds to the SGA Senate. All student organizations must go to the Finance Committee prior to any allocation of money.

The Executive/Senate Secretary and the Club/Committee Secretary have the responsibility of controlling information coming in and out of the SGA senate. As officers, both secretaries may vote in the SGA senate. It is important to master communication skills in today's society. Both SGA secretary positions provide excellent experience in communication skills.

All of the officers should be able to get along with each other. If they work as a team, the SGA senate will accomplish a lot next year. If, on the other hand, the officers constantly argue among themselves, next year will be disastrous for students.

Senators

The major responsibility of an SGA senator is to attend a weekly meeting and participate in two committees. SGA senators play an important role in student politics by representing students according to their academic division. The SGA senate is responsible for appropriating money to student organizations, as well as informing students, faculty, staff, and administration of student problems.

James Jordan Award

The Dr. James A. Jordan, Jr. Memorial Award for teaching excellence is presented annually by the student body to a faculty member who demonstrates effective teaching, enthusiasm, and sincere interest in accomplishing above-average results as an educator. He or she must also exhibit an unlimited concern and a humanitarian attitude toward the students and members of the campus community. Nominations for this award will take place during the SGA elections April 21 and 22. The six nominees receiving the highest votes (preferably one per division) will then go through a screening process by a student committee composed of seniors. It is important that the students on this award committee be objective and fair during the screening process to ensure the credibility of this prestigious award.

-- Harry H. Moyer

A Scrapbook Cartoon

