

## Editorial

# Informed voters make the difference

ELECTIONS

# SGA

1992

It's that time of year again. With the whole country watching the goings-on in the presidential primaries, everybody seems to be talking politics.

Now the political talk on campus is starting to shift to the Student Government Association elections scheduled

for April 7 and 8.

Currently, potential candidates are drubbing up student signatures with the hope of acquiring enough to gain the nod of approval to enter the race.

Soon those candidates who do make it into the race will be spewing forth rhetoric in the hopes of gaining students' votes. Interestingly enough, those votes are incredibly hard to come by. Not for any particular candidate or ticket, but for all of them.

In the past few years, the race for the office of president of SGA has been decided by a handful of votes in each election. But keep this in mind: during each of those years, the number of students who actually voted hovered around an incredibly sad 25 percent.

This sort of gives new meaning to the old saying, "Every vote counts." Since every vote does count, it is imperative that the voters are an informed group of students.

To that end, SGA has organized two "Meet the Candidates" programs where students will have the opportunity to learn about the different candidates and ask them questions about their plans for the office they seek.

The first program is scheduled for Monday, March 30 at noon in the Wintergarden. The second is slated for Monday, April 6 at 8 p.m. in the Perry Hall lobby.

In the interest of making informed decisions come election day, it is vital that students who plan to vote attend one of these programs. It is just as important for students who currently don't plan on voting to be in attendance. Perhaps a few minds will be changed, and a few more votes will be cast.

After all a few more votes will, more than likely, make quite a difference.

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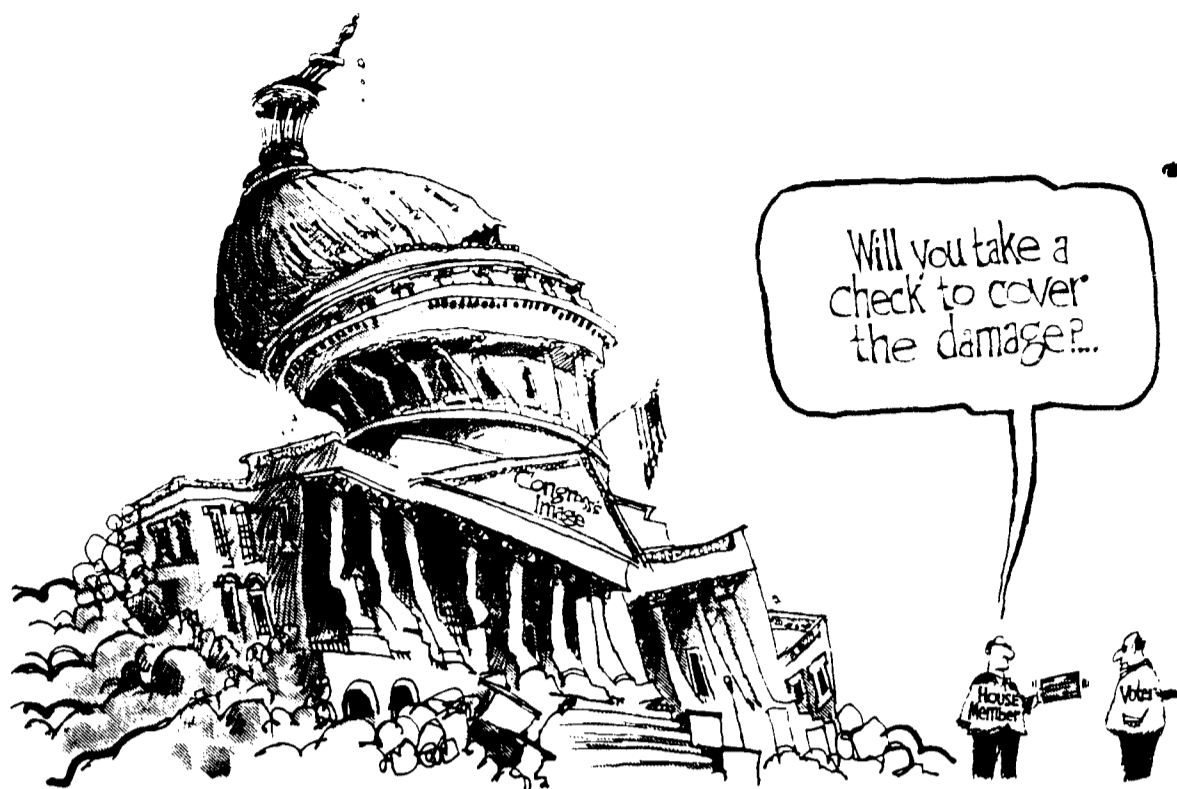
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## Letters to the Editor

### The challenge

It appears that this year's election will include only two tickets for the position of Student Government Association President and Vice President.

The Elections Committee has scheduled two open forums in order to "meet the candidates" during the campaign phase of the election. As a result of the narrow field contending for these positions, it would truly benefit the student body if a debate between these two tickets could be held during lunch in the Wintergreen Cafeteria to facilitate the discussion of issues which are pressing to the student body.

John Mack and Jake Sherosky would like to challenge Joe Mycka and Greg Farrell to a public debate in the above-mentioned location, at a time that will accommodate both parties.

The presidential candidates will debate first, directly followed by the vice presidential candidates. Let's put the student body first in this year's election.

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### No condom tact

Valentine's Day is usually celebrated with cards, flowers, candy, etc. Now in the 1990's, condoms have found their way into the special day for loved ones. In the Health Center on Feb. 14, they handed students condoms with an instructional leaflet and said, "Happy Valentine's Day." Organizations sold baskets of candy with condoms attached, "Happy

Valentine's Day."

Our openness towards safe sex is great, but it has evolved as a result of tragedy. With thousands of people afflicted with A.I.D.S., we are more conscious of our sexuality than ever. Ultimately, it all comes down to choice, though. People can choose whether they are going to engage in sexual relations or use contraception.

By voluntarily handing me a condom without asking me if I want or need it, is stepping over a thin line. Two assumptions are made when automatically giving someone any form of contraception, in absence of a request. One, the assumption that the person is involved in an intimate relationship, and two that the person believes in and uses contraception.

Certainly, the intentions behind distributing the condoms were good, but tact was not employed. Informing us, as students, of the availability of contraceptives is important and beneficial, but equally important is consideration for students' reactions to various means of conveying that information. And using Valentine's Day as a justification for blatantly dispersing condoms, detracted from the nature of the holiday.

Valentine's Day is not isolated for lovers, it is for everyone. And not everyone is "doing it."

**Tesha Lynn Nesbit**  
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### Thank you

On behalf of Omicron Delta Kappa, I would like to thank all those who helped make this year's Mile of Pennies the most successful ever. I would especially like to thank our

friends in the community, Giant Eagle, who came through for us when all others turned their backs. This year we collected over \$300 for the playground construction at Emerson Elementary.

Once again, thank you for your time, resources, and pennies.

**Marty Jackson**  
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*The author of this letter is the Chairman of ODK's 1992 Mile of Pennies Committee.*

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