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Presidential Hopefuls Give Their Views

Reid...

Richard Reid feels that the present SGA is “not well organized, not responsive, and not efficient,” and pledges to work to improve the organization if elected President.

Reid is a junior from Amite. He is presently serving as an SGA senator. He is a member of both the Lyceum Committee and the Liaison Committee. He was a SCOAG delegate and is a member of the Accounting Club.

Reid feels that the SGA should improve the students' cafeteria. He advocates that entertainment be handled by a committee composed of a cross-section of students. Reid also sees the need for better communication between the SGA and students. He feels that the SGA should strive to keep the students informed. In Reid's opinion, students living in dorms are “being abused” because they are not aware of their right to appeal to the Student Judicial Court in cases of infractions of dorm rules.

“I feel students are being ripped off by the book store,” states Reid.

Reid and assistants are sold at higher prices at the Campus Book Store than at other book stores, while the Campus Book Store is supplied by non-profit-making. He would like to investigate this situation and remedy it if possible. He would also encourage the use of more paperback books, which would be cheaper to students.

Reid would definitely work for optional meal tickets. In his opinion, it would provide for “better quality and more efficiency” because the cafeteria would be forced to appeal to students.

Reid hopes to work with the attorney whose services are now available to the SGA and to students, to correct the cafeteria and book store problems. He would also work for the legal deletion of the discriminatory school rule forcing girls from 18 to 20 years of age to live in the dormitories.

Reid would like to see the SGA receive the profit from all university vending machines, not only that of those in the dormitories. He would work to accomplish this as President.

If elected, Reid plans to take full advantage of the money made available to the SGA for outside speakers. He would also see that these speakers were adequately publicized in advance.

“I don’t say that I’ll be the best SGA President ever,” says Reid, “but I can promise you this: I’ll try.”

Russell...

Rusty Russell is running for SGA president. Rusty is a 1969 graduate of Phillips High School in Birmingham, Alabama. While in high school he was active in the school’s student government, serving as president. Rusty also served as president of his class as a junior.

Rusty is a sophomore on the JSU campus. He served as freshman SGA senator. As a sophomore, he served as vice president of the class. Currently Rusty is serving as president of the junior class. Having served in these positions “gives me the experience that is necessary to do the job of SGA president. Having two years active membership in the SGA, I feel that I can communicate with the students.”

Rusty stated that he has enjoyed the two years he has worked with the SGA. Assenting some of his plans and giving some of his views, Rusty said:

“In my campaign for the presidency of the SGA, I plan to appeal to the student. Letting the students know what is going on in campus will give them unity toward a common goal.

“I consider overall student unity on Jacksonville State's campus to be the major issue in this election. I feel that one of the major reasons for the student apathy is that the university does not appeal to the majority of the students. There is too much of what the students want that has been cut and dried by the administration.”

Asked what he feels is the greatest weakness of the present SGA and how to improve it, Rusty replied:

“The greatest weakness of the present SGA is that there was no real unity. Too many big promises were made at the start and the SGA ended up with only a few small accomplishments. There was no unity or priorities.

“The greatest way to improve the present SGA would be to make an appeal to a larger number of the student leaders and get the students involved in campus affairs.”

Rusty feels that the SGA should take on more responsibilities to improve student activities. “The intramural sports have probably drawn more attention than any other sports event on campus,” with a great majority of the students participating in one sport or another.

“The intramural football field, in its present condition, is a rock pile. The SGA should take into its efforts to have this field sown in grass.

“The SGA should also act as a clearing house where student leaders and organizations can get information which would be of interest to them. As Rusty put it: “The bookstore is not well organized, not group enough for a well-known group to perform. Perhaps the SGA should also consider booking some big bands who are on their way from Atlantic to Birmingham.”

Rusty also discussed the meal ticket problem. “The meal ticket issue has simply been dragged out too long and needs to be finished as soon as possible. The longer we wait to settle the issue the more we lose through student apathy. According to Rusty, one final survey should be taken, opinions gotten from JSU students, and consultation had with other schools who have faced similar problems. “A lawyer should be consulted to determine the feasibility of taking the matter to court; if this becomes necessary to effect a meal ticket change.”

The book store should be changed. As Rusty put it: “The bookstore has too high a mark-up on books that are sold to the students. The University Bookstore (located on campus) should sell the textbooks to the students at the lowest possible price, perhaps charging only enough for their overhead expenses.”

Women’s Rights? Rusty shared his views.

The women should be given the same rights as the men to live off campus. The university should have taken this into consideration when it applied for federal grants to construct new women’s dorms. For the women living in the dorms, visitation rights should be extended to them to have male visitors.

Rusty had an idea for after-football-game activities. “The SGA should consider the possibility of having a free chicken barbeque for the students on a warm evening after a football game, possibly including live entertainment.”

Vann...

Rusty Vann, a candidate for SGA President, would like to see an SGA that would act in accordance with the opinions of the students as a whole rather than the opinions of the officers and senators.

Vann is a junior from Gadsden. His qualifications include service as a dormitory representative in the SGA, service on the Lyceum Committee, and service as Chief Justice of the Men’s Judicial Court. Vann was a SCOAG delegate last year and was “Treasurer” of SCAG this year. He is now a counselor in Logan Hall.

Vann is active on the JSU campus. He served as freshman SGA senator. As a sophomore, Vann strived for better communications between the Senate and the Students through the use of suggestion boxes and questionnaires. He would also make visits to the dormitories as President to answer questions and to get suggestions from students. Vann believes that the Senate should “get the students to react” before acting on issues. For example, he would like to see the students behind the crusade for the optional meal ticket rather than just senators.

Vann considers the need for academic counseling to be the biggest problem of JSU students. As President he would work to correct this problem.

Vann is opposed to the rule which makes it impossible for a student to withdraw passing from a course without a “D” average or better. He feels that this rule is detrimental to the student. He is in favor of instituting pass-fail courses at JSU. He proposes that each student be able to take 15 hours of such courses. These courses could be used for academic counseling, but they would not count toward a major or a minor. They would be credit courses, but they would not affect the student’s grade point average.

Vann feels that the dormitory rules “need a few changes.” He also proposes that the university try an experiment with one dormitory in which there would be no counselors, just a dormitory manager.

For the SGA itself, Vann proposes a 30-minute session of instruction in parliamentary procedure. This, he feels, would make SGA meetings more orderly and would save time. He also states that as President he would furnish each senator with a copy of the SGA Constitution.

Vann stresses the fact that he will work for the things the students want. “I don’t sit on fences,” he states, “if the students want something, I think we can get it.”
McBay. . .

Gary McBay, a candidate for the office of SGA Vice President, feels that entertainment selection at JSU should be in accordance with the wishes of the student body.

McBay is a senior from Athens, Alabama. He served as a committee member in the SGA at Calhoun Junior College, the school he attended before he came to JSU in the fall of 1970. He was also President of the P.E. Majors' Club at Calhoun. He is now serving on the Jacksonville SGA's Drug Abuse Committee and is a counselor at Crow Hall.

McBay proposes an entertainment committee which would be composed of a cross-section of students. Both residents and commuters would be included. Any entertainment McBay would book would have to pass in the committee by majority vote.

McBay would also create a committee whose sole purpose would be publicity. This committee would put up posters to inform students about entertainment.

McBay says he would work toward an optional activity fee of five dollars. He proposes that this fee be paid at registration and that each student who paid it should have his ID card stamped to signify payment. Such a student would be entitled to free admission to entertainment programs. McBay reports that if a majority of students would have to pass in the committee by majority vote.

If elected, McBay would work for "less friction in the SGA." He feels it would be up to him as Vice President to create in students the "desire to participate" in the entertainment that is scheduled. He would also like to involve students more in the selection of entertainment.

Lewis. . .

As SGA Vice President Don Lewis would work to create an SGA which would "inform the whole student body.

Lewis is a junior from Talladega. He served as an SGA senator both in high school and at JSU. He is now secretary of his fraternity, and a dormitory counselor.

Lewis has praise for the present SGA and its accomplishments, but he sees the need for some improvements in the organization. He would like to see more students involved in the SGA and its activities. In particular, he would like to involve students more in the entertainment program. He feels it would be up to him as Vice President to create in students the "desire to participate" in the entertainment that is scheduled. He would also like to involve students more in the selection of entertainment.

Lewis has lived on campus in the past and says he "feels for" residents. He thinks that improvements should be made in dormitory living.

Lewis is definitely in favor of the optional meat ticket. He feels that a pay-as-you-go meal plan would be best of all.

Lewis feels that the needed changes would be made "if we show the administration we are really against something."
Proposed Amendments To The SGA Constitution

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The present SGA Constitution states that all proposed changes to the Constitution shall be made public and printed in the CHANTICLEER for students to read and understand. The Senate has dispatched the following amendments to the SGA Constitution. Students will be asked to vote on these amendments in the near future, therefore, it is essential that they are read and fully understood. If students have a question concerning any of the proposed changes, consult your Senator or attend the SGA meeting.)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE II-EXECUTIVE BRANCH
SECTION 4-TREASURER
A-The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Association and dispense them under the direction of the Senate.
C-The Vice-President and the Treasurer shall be responsible for seeing that the books of the Association are audited by a Certified Public Accountant during the month of March.

ARTICLE III-LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
SECTION 2-The Student Senate shall consist of the following:
A-The four executive officers, as elected by the student body.
B-Senators representing each dormitory, as prescribed.
C-The President of each of the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, and Graduate Classes.
D-Class Senators, as prescribed.
E-Appointed officers, as specified in the powers of the President of the Student Government.
F-The Head Cheerleader, or the Co-Head Cheerleader.
G-The Editor of the CHANTICLEER or his appointed associate.

SECTION 3-The following will be voting members of the senate:
A-The four executive officers, as elected by the student body.
B-Senators representing each dormitory, as prescribed.
C-The President of each of the five classes.
D-Class Senators, as prescribed.
E-The president of the Senate will have a vote only in case of a tie.

ARTICLE VI-CLASS OFFICERS
SECTION I-ORGANIZATION
C-The Graduate class shall meet and organize as a separate class and shall elect the following officers:
1. President
2. Secretary-Treasurer
3. Senator

ARTICLE VII-ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS
SECTION 1 QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICERS
A-To be eligible for the office of President of the Student Government Association, the candidate must have to his credit in the office of the registrar of JSU (on or before the day of the election) sufficient total hours to be classified as a junior or above and must have been in attendance at this institution at least three complete semesters prior to the election excluding spring sessions.
B-To be eligible for the office of Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer of the SGA, a candidate must have to his credit in the office of the registrar of JSU (on or before the day of the election) sufficient hours to be classified as a sophomore or above and must have been in attendance at this institution at least two complete semesters prior to the election excluding spring sessions.
C-Candidates for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, must have and maintain a one point two five (1.25) average for all college credit attempted. No student shall be qualified for any office of the SGA who has previously been removed from an SGA office for any reason. No candidate may be on any type of school probation.

SECTION 2-ELECTION PROCEDURE
A-The election of the executive officers of the SGA shall be held during the month of March, the exact dates to be left to the discretion of the election committee, and to be reported to the Senate at least one (1) month prior to the date of the election.