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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 Anniston. He is presently serving as an SGA senator. He is a member of both the Lyceum Committee and the Liason Committee. He was a SCOAG delegate and is a member of the Accounting Club.

Reid feels that arranging entertainment, which has been handled by the SGA Vice President in the past, is too big a job for one person. 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 appellate jurisdiction in the Student Judicial Court in cases of infraction of dorm rules.

"I feel students are being ripped off by the book store" states Reid. He observes that books are sold at higher prices at the Campus Book Store than at other book stores, while the Campus Book Store is sup-

posedly 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 ticket. 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 dormitory."

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.

But who is Rusty Russell, why is he running for president, and what does he have to say?

Rusty Russell 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 active 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 as 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.

Asserting 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 on 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 try to get the university to sponsor night classes (to the students on campus) that would broaden their knowledge of the world by teaching such liberal courses, such as yogi.

"The current SGA could have done more with the money that was given to them. The best way to improve the entertainment possibilities would be to go through some different booking agents to schedule entertainment. The SGA should also consider renting the municipal auditorium in Birmingham in order to schedule some really big bands. Perhaps a profit could be made. Leone Cole Auditorium is simply not big enough for a well-known group to perform. Perhaps the SGA should also consider booking some big bands who are on their way from Atlanta 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 Russell, 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 Liason Committee, and service as Chief Justice of the Men's Judicial Court. Vann was a SCOAG delegate last year and was Treasurer of SCOAG this year. He is now a counselor in Logan Hall.

As SGA President Vann would strive 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' reaction" 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 "b" 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 not be counted toward a major or a minor. They would be credit courses, but they would not effect 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."

# Three Vie For Vice President

## Hughley. . .

Tommy Hughley is a candidate for SGA vice-president. He is a sophomore from Anniston. After graduating from Cobb High in 1965 he served four years in the navy.

Tommy has seen various organizations fight for their rights such as college students picketing at peace park in Berkley, California and Black Panthers in Oakland, California. He has participated with NAACP in picketing for equal job opportunities without discrimination. He feels that his experiences will help him in leading the students.

Tommy wishes to stress that his only concern in running for this office is to help the students, without regard for the administration's opinion of him or his actions.

He feels that the students should have a stronger voice in the running of their school, and he would like to see the students get together.

Tommy says, "If I am elected I think I can bridge the apathy gap between the students and work with them in making some needed changes."

## 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 is 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 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."

## 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 as a whole.

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 were to participate in such a program, the entertainment budget would be doubled or tripled.

McBay states that he would use the influence of his office to work for an optional meal ticket, and that he would use his influence in any arising issue of importance to students.

# Secretary Race Hosts Two Candidates

## McCamy. . .

To Sharon McCamy, a candidate for the office of SGA Secretary, meal ticket reform is "a real issue in this election."

Ms. McCamy is a graduate of Scottsboro High School where she served as reporter for the Spanish Club and secretary for the Future Teachers of America. Here on campus she has served as vice president of the sophomore class and as a SCOAG delegate. She now holds the offices of secretary of the AWS and president of the Panhellenic Council.

Ms. McCamy believes that action on the meal ticket issue can be obtained by "staying on the administration." She feels that students should "talk to them" and "exert pressure." Her decision for or against active protest concerning this issue is dependent on the administration's reaction to student demands.

If elected, McCamy would work for "less friction in the SGA." She would also remain in her office as long as necessary each day to carry on all necessary correspondence. She pledges to carry out the duties of secretary to the best of her ability.

## Sundberg. . .

Shirley Sundberg, a candidate for secretary of SGA, is a graduate of Lee High School in Huntsville where she got much experience in holding offices. She was active as vice president of the Anchor Club, treasurer of the student government, and she was a member of the All City Advisor Board to the mayor of Huntsville.

Shirley is a junior here at Jacksonville, serving as vice-president of the junior class and junior senator in the SGA. She is also a member of the Star Duster (Kappa Sigma).

Shirley feels that her past experiences in holding offices have helped in preparing her for an office such as SGA secretary. She is also a past secretarial science major, but has since changed her major to business, and in the summer she gained additional experience by serving as a private secretary at NASA Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville.

"If elected I will support what the students want," says Shirley. "I feel that the meal ticket is a major issue that can be changed if the students want it changed, but a change in the present meal ticket system will be a matter of time and due process. How the SGA will change this issue depends a lot on who is elected president."

"I feel that present SGA was generally a good administration, but I realize that each year something new comes up and improvements are always needed."

"If elected I will work hard and stay in the office. I do have the time and the ability to do the job well."

# Two Seeking Treasurers Post

## Atkinson. . .

Cheri Atkinson, a junior from Birmingham, is a candidate for SGA treasurer.

Cheri served as treasurer of two clubs in high school, and she is now treasurer of the junior class here at JSU. Therefore she has had much experience in money management and feels that she could do a good job as SGA treasurer.

"I have always been interested in SGA," says Cheri, "and I would like to see our students take a more active part in it, because its main purpose is to serve the students. If I am elected I plan to keep good accurate records for the students to see at any time they wish. I also plan to do my part in creating a stronger link between the students and the administration, because this is greatly needed at this time."

## Jones. . .

Rick Jones, a candidate for treasurer of SGA, is a junior from West Palm Beach, Florida.

Rick feels that he is qualified for the job because he was treasurer of his junior class in high school, and because he has a genuine desire to serve our student body.

Rick says, "What I would like to see done is up to date records. I would like to keep the SGA treasury financially sound, and I will keep the students informed. I would want to see the books audited so that the student body would be aware of the job that I am or am not doing."

Rick, being involved in ROTC, has received the honor of professional scabbard and blade. He is a member of Delta Chi fraternity, but he runs as an independent.

# 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 presiding officer will have a vote only in case of a tie.

### ARTICLE VI-CLASS OFFICERS

#### SECTION 1-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.