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Special Election Issue

Mayor: "Involvement Is The Only Key To Good Representation"

Sindo Mayor, a junior from Tampa (Fla.) is seeking the office of SGA President. Sindo is majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry.

He has played on the JSU football team for three years and on the baseball team for two years. He is also the president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, vice-president of the "J" Club, the current Mr. Friendly, and the winner of a scholastic award in football. He loves "sports especially skiing and meeting people."

Sindo feels qualified to run for office for many reasons. "I feel that I am genuinely interested in the needs of the students and have a good working relationship with those on campus who can provide solutions to these needs. I think my years on campus have enabled me to feel the impulse of the students and truly understand their wants and needs."

When asked his reason for seeking this office, Mayor replies, "The main reason I am seeking this office is because to serve the students and I enjoy the personal contact with people that this office requires."

Questioned about what he would hope to accomplish, Sindo answers, "I plan to provide a government of action and not promises. I intend to give every student a personal relationship with his elective representative and input into university policy-making."

As to the matter of criticism of past presidents, Mayor says, "I don't believe it is my place to openly criticize someone who has previously held the office. But I do plan to learn from their weaknesses and strive to serve the students to the best of my ability."

Sindo says that the main purposes of the office is "to coordinate the efforts of the Student Senate and other elected SGA officers, to act as a representative for the student in negotiation, issues and policies with University Administration, and to give every student an

active input into the Student Government process."

He feels that the role of the SGA is to "represent the total needs of the student before the University Administration, working for change when it leads to progress."

He says, "A breakdown in the communication process between the University Administration and student representatives is the greatest obstacle in the path



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toward student government. In my administration sincerity, devotion, and honesty will conquer this obstacle."

As to what type of relationship should exist between the SGA and the students as a whole, Sindo states, "I seek a one to one relationship with every student on this campus. I am his president and I am in office to serve his needs."

Concerning the SGA's responsiveness to the student body's wishes, he says, "Rather than to look back and criticize for the commission or omission of acts in the past, I will only pledge to do my best to respond effectively to the wishes of those I represent."

To combat student apathy, Mayor says that "all students should realize that a representative government promises only that we will be governed as well as we deserve. In other words, involvement is the only key to good representation."

Wilkes: Student Involvement Needed

John Wilkes, a senior from Birmingham, is a candidate for the office of SGA President. He is majoring in political science and minoring in history.

He is a member of the Dean's List, a holder of the Bronze Star (received in South Vietnam while serving with the 101st Airborne), and a supporter of "all JSU activities."

He feels qualified for the presidency because "Being a political science major I know the process of government."

His reason for seeking this office is that he feels that he "can represent all the students."

If elected he plans to "get more students involved in JSU."

As to criticism of past presidents, he says, "They have done their jobs and accomplished a lot."

John says that the main purpose of the office is "to get students involved."

Concerning the role of the SGA and obstacles which prevented the carrying out of this role, Wilkes says, "Students have been afraid to bring their ideas forward, with me as president I will hold an open office that will be available to the students all the time."

Questioned as to the type of relationship which should exist between the SGA and the Administration and between the SGA and student body, John answered, "Conflicts between the



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SGA and the Administration are unnecessary because we are all working toward the same goal. Students should know they are welcome at the SGA."

Asked if the actions of the SGA have demonstrated the SGA's

responsiveness to the student body's wishes, Wilkes states, "They have tried but an all out effort should be made."

His solution to student apathy is to "let the student know this is their school."

Whisonant: Write-In Candidate

Mike Whisonant, a senior from Leeds, is a write-in candidate for the office of SGA president. He majors in marketing and minors in economics.

Mike is currently chairman of



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the Liaison Committee, chief justice of the Traffic Appeals Court, a member of the Publications Board, a member of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," and a member of "The National Student Register." He is a commuter senator for the senior class. He has been president of Alpha Tau Omega, president of the Interfraternity Council, a director of SCOAG, and a commuter senator for the sophomore class and junior class.

Asked why he felt qualified to run for office, he replies, "I have served in the senate for three years and feel that I have an intimate knowledge of its workings. As chairman of the Liaison Committee, I have learned how to negotiate with the administration for the students."

He is seeking the office because he feels he "can effectively represent the students." He further stated he has "experience in the senate and understands its workings."

If elected, he says he "will work to see that programs such as the radio station are completed as well as working to improve other SGA organs such as the Off-Campus Association and entertainment." Furthermore he also wants "to see new programs carried out which will make Jacksonville a more pleasant place to go to school."

To Mike, the main purposes of the office are "to represent the students, to represent them to the administration and the community, and to be able to express their view and attitudes in an effective manner."

As to the role of the SGA and obstacles preventing the effectiveness of this role, Whisonant stated, "The SGA should represent the students. It should be a vocal point whereby the students can communicate with the administration. The SGA should be a service organization. In the past the main obstacle has been communication. I believe that the radio station will be a tremendous help in this area."

Mike feels, "A cordial relationship is the best way to negotiate or accomplish goals with the administration. A hostile atmosphere allows no time for reasoning a solution to a problem." He further says, "A receptive relationship should exist between the SGA and the students with the SGA ready to react to the student needs."

Asked if he felt that the actions of the SGA have demonstrated the SGA's responsiveness, Mike

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Stewart: Communication Is The Key

Bert Stewart, a junior from Anniston, is a candidate for the office of vice-president. He is majoring in political science and minoring in English.

He is a member of Alpha Tau Omega and a Junior Class Commuter Senator to the SGA. He was an officer of Sigma Tau Delta (the professional English fraternity) and Director of Entertainment at the Student Conference on American Government.

He feels qualified to run for office because he has served as a senator and "worked on the Liaison Committee, which handles all relations with the Administration. Also I was Director of Entertainment for SCOAG which is the prime responsibility of the Vice-President."

His reason for seeking this office is "to give the students a good entertainment program, and be a voice for their needs and wishes."

If elected, he plans "to reestablish an entertainment program for the students, to give the students the kind of entertainment that they want and deserve. I believe that Jacksonville can support big name groups, with the right promotion and handling."

In criticizing past veeps, he says, "The past vice-president has accomplished many needed changes and reforms. The concerts and entertainments were lacking some this year but there were many circumstances affecting it and it was not completely the fault of the past vice-president."

Concerning the main purpose of the office, he states that it "can be summed up in one word, Entertainment. He should provide the best possible entertainment and the most reasonable prices. The V. P.

should also work closely with the President and other officers in fulfilling the needs of the students."



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Bert says that the role of the SGA is "to act as a liaison between the students and the administration. It has accomplished this in the past. One change which will affect the office of Vice-President will be the new coliseum. He will have better facilities to bring better concerts.

As to the type of relationship between the SGA and the Administration, Stewart says, "The SGA should maintain a good relationship with the administration in order to better represent the students. More can be accomplished through cooperation than any other way."

Asked if he felt that the actions of the SGA have demonstrated the SGA's responsiveness to the student body's wishes, he responds, "Yes, as shown in the meal ticket dispute a few years ago. Whenever a legitimate complaint is brought before the SGA some action is taken to rectify the situation."

Concerning student apathy, Bert says, "Better communication is the key to solving most problems that the student encounters with both the SGA and administration."

Kirkland: Experienced

John W. Kirkland III, a junior majoring in political science and minoring in economics, is running for the office of vice-president.

Kirkland was an SGA representative during his freshman year. He is a member of the Law Club and Phi Beta Lambda, and an officer of Delta Chi and treasurer of the economics club.

Kirkland feels he is qualified to run for the office since he worked with former vice president Jeff Frazier, gaining some experience. He says he has had "past experience in bringing entertainment to Jacksonville," and he knows "what kind of entertainment students support and what kind of entertainment they will not support."



KIRKLAND

Kirkland seeks the office primarily to "bring changes into the office that will be effective and make social functions at JSU a success."

If elected Kirkland plans "to reestablish an entertainment committee that will represent all phases of the student body and work with this committee to bring to JSU entertainment that will be appealing to all students."

Kirkland feels "the SGA has to have the support of the administration," and the way to gain this support is to "work with the administration instead of against them."

Since "the SGA is supposed to

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Roi Roberts: Vice-Presidential Candidate

Roi E. Roberts, a junior from Anniston, is seeking the office of SGA Vice President. His major is history, with a minor in political science.

Roberts says that he feels he is qualified because "I have had experience in politics and the booking of entertainment." He gave as his reason for seeking the office, "I feel that there is a need for a more able vice-president and certain changes within this institution." He listed love of politics as another reason for seeking the office. He said the main purpose of his office should be "to represent the students and their wishes concerning entertainment."

When questioned about student apathy he said that it could be stopped if the SGA would be more responsive to the needs of the students. In relation to this, he added "There is a great lack of awareness between the senators of the SGA, and their constituents. Senators should become more responsive to wishes of students."

He says if elected, he will get more and better concerts, and will emphasize weekend entertainment on campus. He

added that "A committee should be set concerning entertainment from a cross section of the student body. This should have been done earlier and used accordingly."



ROBERTS

When asked about the SGA's responsiveness to the wishes of the student body, he said "Absolutely not, there is nothing but political concerns in this SGA. I would characterize it as a three-ring circus."

He also stated, when asked about the relationship between the SGA and the Administration, "The SGA should cooperate with the Administration in the role of mediator of the Student's views."

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Tanner Vies For Treasurer

John Tanner, a junior from Hartselle, is seeking the office of treasurer. He is majoring in political science and minoring in economics.

Tanner feels he is qualified for the office because he has been treasurer of various organizations. "I feel I have the time to devote to the job which it merits because of the large amounts of money the treasurer is responsible for. I, being married, have had experience handling money and finances, and have the responsibility of "balancing the budget."

Tanner is seeking the office because he wants "to become a part of the SGA and thereby, a good representative of the student body," and "to broaden my experience with student government."

If elected, Tanner plans "to keep the treasury running as smoothly and as efficiently as possible."

He thinks "the main purpose of treasurer should be to manage the funds of the SGA and to regulate the collection and

disbursement of the funds."

"The SGA should lead the student body and try to help solve the problems between the students and the administration," Tanner said.

"I think on the main issues in



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the past, the SGA has represented the student body and has succeeded in obtaining some of these goals such as the new meal ticket program and the entertainment; however, as in everything else, there's room for improvement," Tanner said.



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Averitt Seeking Office Of Treasurer

Barry C. Averitt, a senior from Birmingham, is seeking the office of treasurer. He is a management major and an economics minor.

Averitt feels he is qualified for the office because he is treasurer of the senior class and parliamentarian of the SGA. He is also president of Collegiate Civitans and served as executive

director of logistics for this year's SCOAG.

"Past service in the SGA has motivated me to seek a more responsible position so that I may further the cause of the JSU

student," Averitt said.

If elected, Averitt plans to work toward "efficient management of the treasurer's office and a closer rapport between the SGA and the students of this university."

He said, "the office in the past has been held by capable people and fine work has been done, but improvements are possible."

"The role of the SGA is to serve the students. The main obstacle

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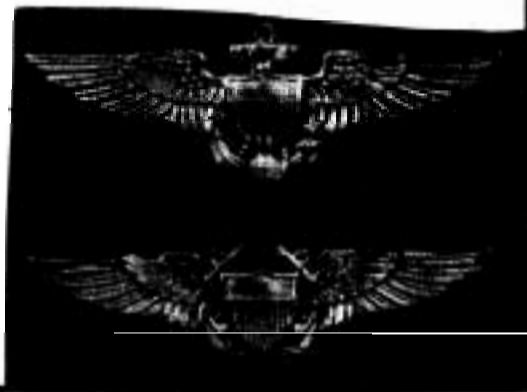


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has been a communication gap. This communication gap may be overcome by active participation of the SGA in all student matters," Averitt said.

Averitt feels "the SGA should act as a liaison between the students and the administration." He feels the SGA "should act on behalf of the students as a whole at all times."

"The SGA has not responded to the student body's wishes in all areas," Averitt said, and student apathy can be combated "only through an active SGA and effective leadership."

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Mullins: The Only One Running

Joy Mullins, a junior from Birmingham, has qualified for the office of secretary. Unopposed, for office, she majors in nursing and minors in biology.

Joy is an SGA Senator, member of Circle K, secretary of the Kappa Sigma little sisters, and "an avid Gamecock Fan and supporter." She was a Sophomore Class Favorite in 1973 and Miss Congeniality in the 1973 Miss Mimosa contest.

She feels qualified for office "because I have an interest in the student body and student government. The past year I have served as a senator in the SGA and therefore have a better insight of the operation of the Student Government."

She is seeking this office "to help the SGA provide more activities for students which should begin with better communications between the students, administration and with student government association."

If elected, she plans to accomplish "a greater unity between the Student body and the Student Government."

Concerning past secretaries, she comments, "I think they have done a good job but still we have improvements."

Joy says that the main purpose of the office of secretary is "communication between the Student government, student

body and the administration, and also help coordinate activities for the students."

As to the role of the SGA as a whole and obstacles in the way of the performance of this role, Mullins comments, that the SGA should "communicate with the



MULLINS

students and administration and provide activities and organize all school functions. If we together can combat apathy we can have an effective SGA."

Joy says that "the relation between the SGA, Student body, and Administration should be sincere and open with positive action."

Questioned if the actions of the SGA have demonstrated the SGA's responsiveness to the

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SECTION 3—The secretary , treasurer, and business manager shall receive compensation in the amount of \$50 per month during the months of September through July. This compensation is to be paid monthly.



(Present form in SGA Constitution)

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student body's wishes, Joy says that this was not done "as completely as it could have, because the war against apathy has not been effectively combatted."

She says about combatting apathy, "To combat apathy it will take an enthusiastic environment which will have to be provided by the SGA."

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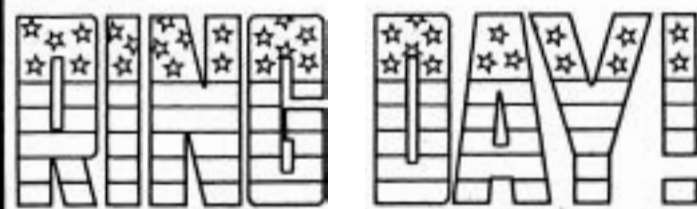
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Kirkland

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represent the ideas and desires of the student body," the student-SGA relationships will be strong "if their ideas and desires are carried out," Kirkland said.

"Students will only support actions that appeal to them, so action that is appealing must be demonstrated by the SGA this next year," he said.

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Whisonant

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stated, "I believe that the SGA has responded to the students effectively in every instance that there was a clearly understood problem. This gets back to the problem of communication. I believe that if the SGA is aware of a problem it will really try to correct it."

Concerning the problem of student apathy, Whisonant says, "In order to combat apathy a person has to become involved.

He has to care about what he's doing and see some meaning to his activity. By getting students more involved in what's going on at this campus. I believe that they will become less apathetic!"



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SECTION 1

Tryouts for cheerleaders will take place during the spring semester. It will be the responsibility of the outgoing cheerleaders for the publicity and training of the candidates. The time spent and the date of the tryouts will also be decided by the outgoing cheerleaders.

SECTION 2

A student must have a 1.0 overall average to qualify and must maintain a 1.0 average and be on no type of probation. A student who has previously been a cheerleader at JSU but quit or resigned from the squad is not eligible to tryout.

SECTION 3

The candidates for cheerleader will tryout before a selection committee consisting of four (4) members of the staff of the National Cheerleader Association none of which attends or has ever attended this institution. This committee and only then shall calculate the points scored by each candidate. The

expenses for this committee shall be furnished by the Student Government Association (SGA).

SECTION 4

The selection committee shall select five (5) men cheerleaders and five (5) women cheerleaders. The incoming cheerleaders shall select from the men cheerleaders a Head cheerleader and he in turn will select from the women cheerleaders an assistant or co-head cheerleader in agreement with the rest of the squad.

SECTION 5

The selected cheerleaders shall conduct tryouts within the first three (3) weeks after the first day of fall registration to select one freshman man and one freshman woman to serve as alternate cheerleaders for the year. These will only be alternates and will be utilized only when needed as decided by the varsity cheerleaders. The judges will be authorities on cheerleading other than JSU cheerleaders.

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