

Candidates Prepare For Election

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ed. He emphasized, "The SGA cannot work efficiently and will not work efficiently unless students participate in their government."

"My quality, which makes me an asset to the student body, is my outgoing personality. I am a hard worker and I won't give up in the first month or the first two months," he remarked. "We have to keep trying to bring the students together," Michael exclaimed.

He does not feel students see the SGA only for its social aspects. "The president this year has done a good job in trying to involve students. Ivory Bailey has made the SGA a governmental organization. Students do realize that this is a serious thing, Michael said.

Michael concluded, "There are no sure and tangible things that I can give to the students, unless they help me with their ideas. However, I can only do my best and I'm asking for your help and God's help."

Vice-President

James Estes, a sophomore from Richmond, Virginia, is a candidate for vice-president of the SGA. "I want to put my leadership skills to use for the good of the student body," he says.

James, a business administration major, was born August 2 under the astrological sign of Leo. His hobbies include listening to music, sports and meeting interesting people. He is presently sophomore class president and feels that this will give him the necessary experience he needs to fulfill the job of vice-president. According to James, his other assets are his determination, his leadership and his willingness to work.

He perceives the position of vice-president as an opportunity to deal with bridging the gap between students and administration and as a chance to deal personally with students. James says he does not see the SGA as being a social organization, but considers it to be a serious organization that goes about taking up the concerns of students. Once elected, James proposes to see that students have a better voice in affairs directly pertaining to them; he wants to help encourage students to participate in the SGA.

He added, "People should take government more seriously at all levels because without government we would have anarchy and where would we be then?"

Jackie Neal, a junior majoring in office administration, is seeking the position of vice president in the Student Government Association. Jackie, A Gemini, is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina. Her hobbies include bowl-

ing, rollerskating and traveling.

Jackie served as secretary of her high school student government.

Since coming to WSSU, she has become active in the Business Industry Cluster, University Ushers and Phi Beta Lambda. Currently, she is the vice president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Jackie remarked, "I have researched the position of vice president. I know I must be able to function as the president does. I will have basically the same responsibilities and I must be able to fill in for the president when necessary."

Jackie is very concerned with eliminating the apathy among students. "Some students don't take anything seriously," she remarked. She added, "I am not sure what I would do personally. I feel that this problem has to be dealt with by the entire executive board." She believes that the SGA should become more involved with community activities. SGA should stress participation in activities like Black College Day, according to Jackie. "There were some very positive things done and said at Black College Day and WSSU had only about 100 students participating," she recalled. She went on to say, "The SGA should definitely become involved in other situations too, such as fighting issues such as Reagan's cutbacks in financial aid."

Jackie stated, "I can't make definite, material promises, all I can promise is to give up as much time and effort as I can to make the 1982-83 year the best year I possibly can."

There is a need for strong, dedicated leaders with a serious attitude for a serious job," exclaimed Robert Phelps. Robert, a junior from Columbia, South Carolina is a candidate for vice-president of the SGA. He is a business administration major with a concentration in accounting. Born under the sign of Taurus, Robert enjoys sports of all kinds, reading sports magazines, shooting pool and meeting new people.

In high school, he was a member of the varsity football team, Key Club and participated in South Carolina Boys State.

Currently, he is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

In changing the SGA, the most important thing is to change the attitudes that the older and younger people in the community have about WSSU, according to Robert. He feels that students should become more involved with the community. Robert stated, "College students will be the future leaders of the community."

The candidate feels that not enough stress is placed on the important events on campus. "We can always advertise dances and parties, but we don't always advertise the important things which happen on campus such as the

lyceum series. The SGA should help promote these things," he emphasized.

He is also disturbed by the fact that students seem to lack confidence when it comes to changing things. "Take for example, the money crisis with our institutions. Students say we can't do anything. But we can. People listen when you get their attention," Robert exclaimed. He believes that by making their concerns known and getting the community involved, they (the students) can accomplish things. "We can get picket lines started, get the TV stations out here if that's what it takes," Robert continued.

The candidate considers himself an objective person and a serious one. "I'll always listen to both sides of an issue," he said. He feels that most people do not understand the purpose of the SGA. He explained, "The SGA serves as the 'middle man' for the student body. The student body is actually the SGA. The members are the informers. Their job is to take information to the administrators and the community."

As for campaign promises, he has only one. He stated, "As vice-president, I know I can help to correct student apathy."

One of the SGA candidates for vice-president, sophomore Brian Womble, said that he does not want to be an SGA officer, but an SGA leader. "An SGA leader is more apt to get across to more people and I want to get across to more of the apathetic souls on campus and make them believe in themselves and the black institution," commented Brian.

Brian, a music education major, with a concentration in voice, from Newport News, Virginia, was born April 12, under the sign of Aries. When asked about his hobbies, he said, "I love singing." Womble said other interests include reading books, women, sports and statistics. He is a member of

the yearbook staff, the University Choir, the University singers, Schola Cantorium, the WSSU jazz ensemble and is an eternal sphinxman.

This is Brian's first attempt at being an SGA officer, but he feels that he knows as much about the position as any other candidate. He said he is eager to learn more about the position of vice-president. Once elected, Brian said, "Black awareness is first on my list of priorities; self-identity is second, if not first." He feels that these two aspects are basic and once they are taken care of, student apathy and non-participation will take care of themselves.

Some of his proposed plans, upon his election, consist of a theory called "Same Difference," "Taking programs we already have and expounding them," said Brian. Examples of this proposal would be to coordinate our "dating game" with Wake Forest and A&T State University, the school's rivals, to establish relationships with these colleges and to give Miss Bathing Beauty and Mr. Atlas, regional and national attention in *Jet* magazine or in other local contests.

When asked if the SGA was a social organization, he replied, "Yes, and no. Yes, because a great deal of people on campus are socially minded. The SGA provides for the individual who likes to get up and go, and I tip my hat to the quality of work they put into a program. No, because they reach beyond the social aspects of college life in relationship to the community in achieving higher education for black people, and that in itself, is a task."

Brian has many plans for the SGA and has an air of positiveness about himself. According to Brian, his assets are his relationships with people, his sense of humor and his sensitivity. "I can get one-on-one with anybody on this campus," he concluded.

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