

STEPHENSON - STEVENSON Vie For Election As SG President

Age 19. Graduate, Asheville High School, Asheville, N.C. (graduated with honors). Sophomore (she has the credit hours). Classics major, B.A. program.

Experience: Freshman class senator, 1973-74. Copy editor, The Summit, 1973-74. WUNF disc jockey, August 1973-December 1973. Member, Student Government Select Committee on Faculty Evaluation. Member, Student Government ad hoc Committee on birth control. Member, Student Government Committee to re-write The Ridgerunner Policy Statement. Member, Editorial Board, The UNC-A Free Press. Writer, artist and cartoonist, The UNC-A Free Press.

Platform: "I think the University can do better. UNC-A can provide more of a service to the region and the state by remaining true to its liberal arts tradition. Duplicating programs available at Western Carolina University is not the path to greatness. UNC-A has a tradition of academic excellence. Students, faculty and administration must work to maintain excellence and at the same time create an atmosphere more responsive to student needs. North Carolinians were acting wisely when they established a liberal arts campus here for The University of North Carolina. We have a good basis on which to build, and we ought to do that. The taxpayers of North Carolina deserve a good liberal arts school in the state-supported higher education program. UNC-A can be a star in the state's educational crown."

Proposals: There needs to be more student involvement in the decision-making process, especially on the Academic Policy Committee, which has no student members. Students are in a good position to know what needs to be done in this area, and the faculty and administration should consult with us in good faith on these matters.

Student evaluations of their professors should be used by the administration in deciding who to keep and who to fire. I am afraid Dr. Riggs has taken to dismissing those professors who get high marks from students on the evaluations. This should be changed and can be, if students and their government take a stand on

the issue. Evaluations results should be public.

I am opposed to the new mandatory food plan for dormitory students. We should work together to formulate a new plan equitable to the students and their needs. Members of the student senate and students at large need to be consulted on this, instead of there being unilateral decisions handed down from on high.

In general, the UNC-A Campus needs to become a more dynamic place. Every day talent is being wasted that could work to solve problems in student life and university policy. By denying students effective access to campus decision making, the University is wasting its most abundant resource. Students can and will work together for progress if they think the administration is taking them seriously. The Student Government presidency can provide the leadership for dynamic change and innovation, and we could see UNC-A become a happier place, providing a better education for the people of the state.

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I am running for Student Government president because I feel that the students need an elected leader who would be responsive to more than one point of view.

My major objectives would be to strengthen the organization of Student Government, to improve the communications between Student Government and the students: with special attention to the commuter students, and to protect student rights as is the duty of any student representatives.

My plan to strengthen the organization of Student Government includes the appointment of those workers who are not dawdlers to any executive commissions. The social commission is a difficult job to maintain because of the limited monies with which we must support Student Government activities. My plan is to place more of the additional monies that will be coming in to the student activity fund into more quality entertainment. Dances, films and other social events will be planned well in advance of their occurrence. They will be scheduled so as to assure no conflict with other activities that are held on the campus.

I plan to rely on the Student Senate for a certain amount of direction.

Direction which has not been sought by past Presidents of the Student Government. In this light they should take more responsibility for determining what they will legislate instead of waiting for the executive branch to determine how the government will be run.

The idea of a Student Government newsletter originated during the first discussion of the Free Press. My intent is to publish campus activities and items of interest in this Student Government newsletter. I would have the Student Government Secretary write up a schedule of activities which would include both Student Government activities and campus activities. It would be similar to the campus bulletin, only it will be mailed to all student at the beginning of the month yet it would cover activities that have been planned for the entire month. If there arose a need to print information concerning the Student Government prior to the first of the month, then the Student Government Newsletter could be mailed more often.

Those of you that know me realize that I am a person who speaks my mind and that I support the increasing of involvements and interests of students in the decision making processes which affect students on this campus. Most of my editorials validate the fact that I spoke out for students rights in all of the eighteen issues of the Ridgerunner which I edited. I have spoken out against using students as token members of campus committees in a Ridgerunner editorial which was published last year when the Instrument of Government was being considered. I also spoke to preserve the type of quality education which UNC-A provides for us in the wake of plans to turn UNC-A into an extension of A-B Tech, I have condemned the Athletic Department for its various discriminations against female

As to the amount of time I shall have for my duties next year if elected, I need 24 hours to graduate from UNC-A with a double major in Psychology and Philosophy. I have already made plans to attend summer school thus eliminating nine of these hours. Therefore my course load for next year will allow me plenty of time to fulfill the duties of Student Government President. I have applied for residence hall proctorship because I support myself and I need the money that the job pays to finish my last year at UNC-A.

My plan for governing and my commitments have been presented to you. Please vote for me, Zöllie Stevenson, at the polls on Wednesday.
THANK YOU.