

Student Government Senate Candidates Present Platforms

Student Government elections will be held September 26, from 10 AM to 3 PM. Commuter students will vote in front of Lipinsky Student Center and dorm students will vote in Vance Hall.

There are six student Senate seats and a constitutional amendment to be voted on. Students will select three Freshman Senators, two Commuter Senators, and one Senior Senator. The constitutional amendment, approved by last year's Student Senate,

drops the word "annual" where it refers to the budgeting process.

The Ridgerunner of fered free space to all candidates to present "platforms, political promises, and statements of intent." As of Tuesday, the deadline for the paper, only four candidates had responded. Their statements are printed below for public inspection and consideration.

SENIOR SENATOR

In the first place I want to thank you,

kind heart, for reading this bit of potential boredom. I realize what a pile of dreck campaign statements are. Now for the part about what I would do if elected Senior Senator. I will be available for interegation over any subject (except my Saturday night in Memphis). I will not be a rubber stamp. I will advocate the right of students to have a good time. I will make my bed. Now since I'm not where you're at, fake a firm handshake and a toothy grin (dimples if you like). Seriously I would appreciate your support. So long.

Bill Cathey

In the past, I feel that we, students, have not been represented. For example, last year a major issue that concerned the students was the question of the mandatory food program for dorm students. Numerous polls and questionnaires were taken concerning the mandatory food program and the results showed the students against the program. Yet, we have a mandatory food program this year requiring the students to buy \$200 worth of meal tickets instead of the previous year's \$100 worth of meal tickets. Whether the administration listened to the students with deaf ears or whether the student representatives ignored the voices of the students is not known. I want the chance to listen to the students and represent them in SG. I can't promise any earth-shaking changes, but I will do my darndest to represent the students.

Delene Gillison

COMMUTER SENATOR
My name is Jim Cavanagh. I am a commuter student from Hendersonville, I support a strong centralized Student Government, the athletic program, (even though I would like to see more women's athletics), and especially WUNF-FM where I work as a DJ for one hour five nights a week.

I have held numerous positions of authority, and can handle responsibility well. In 1972 I was on the Campaign Staff for Daniel Walker, the present Governor of Illinois, and even received an invitation to the Inauguration. I was also on the re-election committee of a U.S. Congressman. I moved to New Jersey and in 1973 I began an environmental education and action program.

Upon moving to Hendersonville, I started my own graphics agency, and became officially recognized by the Federal Government in May of this year. I have also held many other positions too numerous to be mentioned here.

I stay around UNCA

enough to know my way around, but not enough to loose touch with the commuter life-style. A life style which only a commuter can really understand. I feel that I am capable of fulfilling the job of commuter senator, and if I am elected I will work hard for you--very, very hard. It's the only way I know of to get anything accomplished.

Consider all of the points carefully, and I feel that you will put your "X" next to JIM CAVANAGH COMMUTER SENATOR.

FRESHMAN SENATOR

Since coming here I have wondered on many occasions just what is going on in this "higher" institution of learning. Can we not say that anything forgotten is not learned at all but just passes thru as unused data. Well--let's not make our students feel as they are unused data. Let the students speak and be heard. Let them become involved. Let them make UNCA happen for and by the student. Let me become involved. Thank-you,

Dugan Lewis

UNC-A Improving Handicapped Facilities

BY ALLISON PHILIPS

Much is being done at UNCA to aid the handicapped in attending classes. According to Chancellor William Highsmith, "The goal is to make every floor accessible to those in wheelchairs." Although there is still a lot to be done, some of the present improvements include gradual inclining ramps, remodeled restrooms, lowered water fountains, an elevator in the library, reserved parking places, and a special P.E. course for those with limited physical abilities.

The project goes back to 1964 when UNC-A was selected by the state to be one of three barrier-free campuses in North Carolina. The other two being East Carolina and UNC Chapel Hill. It was not until 1973 that \$175,000 was received for the construction of necessary changes.

The student center consumed the majority of this money because of the difficulty in making changes and the library, being the least expensive, only needed an elevator.

The \$175,000 only started the project and a request for an additional \$200,000 was turned down. It may be two years before the money is received and it is doubtful that even it will be enough. The greatest conflict will come from the gym which is so large and complex that it will be difficult to make all parts

accessible to the handicapped, also elevators will have to be added to all buildings except the library and student center. Chancellor Highsmith states, "That it will take several years to complete all work, all the money will not come at one time, but will have to be done in phrases."

George Swift, a senior social science major, says that being handicapped did not influence his decision to come to UNC-A. He states that, "They are not living up to what they should be and that more should be done." George does not entirely blame UNC-A but notes that it is a law that all places must be made accessible to those with handicaps. The state should carry the project through.

Also George mentioned that the path around the social science building leads directly into the steps and also some of the paths lead to an eight inch drop between the end of the path and the road.

George hopes that all inconveniences will be corrected so that all people with any disabilities will be able to attend. He says that the students are very friendly about helping him and appreciates the professors moving classes to the first floors. When asked if he would recommend UNC-A to any other handicapped person, he replied, "No, not at the present time."

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"HARD-WORKING & SEMI-SOBER"

SENIOR SENATOR

AMY ARNOLD

A little lady... with... BIG ideas...

FRESHMAN SENATOR