

SGA Corner

by Kenneth Raymond

The SGA Corner is a section of The News Argus reserved for the Student Government Association. In this section, a student government official will address the student body on certain matters or special announcements.

This issue of the paper will feature an interview with Sheila Ijames, SGA president. "I would like to thank the student body of WSSU for their support of Black College Day and me," said Ijames. "I asked everyone to pray for a safe trip, that I would be able to deliver my speech smoothly and that the trip would be profitable. Everything went just that way," she continued.

According to Ijames, the trip to Raleigh for Black College Day was very profitable. She met Gov. Jim Hunt and Senator Jesse Helms. From this meeting she now has an appointment to meet with them to discuss how the SGA president can benefit the black college in various ways. This meeting is scheduled for October 6.

Ijames would also like the student body to think about what is the actual role of the Student Government Association.

The activities planned for this semester are somewhat limited due to our budget, she explained. "This is something the students often wonder about and question each year. They seem to fail to realize that there is more to the SGA than sponsoring 'jams' and providing transportation to ballgames," she continued.

Concerning the willingness of the SGA to serve student body better she had the following comment.

"If the students are not satisfied with something going on here on campus, they need to speak out about the situation," she said. "Unless the students inform us about whatever is disturbing them, we will never know that they are dissatisfied," she added.

Ijames has also taken steps to see that students actually participate in some of the operational processes of the university.

"The university has approximately 200 students informing them of committees they have been appointed to sit on," she added.

Ijames hopes students will remember that she and her cabinet members are students just like them and not school administrators.

"Many times the students stop us on our way to classes to tell us what me be bothering them. They seem to forget that, we are students first and SGA officers secondly," she said.

To alleviate this problem, SGA members would like to encourage students to use the Suggestion Box, which will be placed in the Student Union during the first week of October.

"Marching Rams" Have New Directors

Several new faces have appeared on our campus for the 1984-85 academic school year.

Dr. LaPointe Davis and Duncan Gray, WSSU's "Marching Rams" Band Directors are two new faculty members. Both Davis and Gray have several tentative plans and new ideas for the university's bands. Together they bring 15 years of experience in the field of music.

Dr. Davis would like to get the symphonic band on solid ground. He plans to introduce WSSU's symphonic sound to other institutions as well as the community.

On the other hand, Gray is concentrating on the marching band. He writes the music as plots shows for the half time performances.

Gray, who was once a "Marching Ram," feels that student's attitudes about the band are basically the same in 1984 as when he was a band member.

"The band is still family oriented and believes in working together," he explained.

Yet, he also feels that students have more to occupy their minds than in previous years. There are more forms of entertainment.

Davis, who has taught abroad, feels there are many differences as well as similarities in students of WSSU and elsewhere. He folds "The WSSU students seem to be more concerned with the welfare of each other and are much more manorable, friendly, and cordial," he said.

Both men are very happy to be here and anticipate having a good year. Gray is especially happy due to this being his alma mater.

Gray is originally from Trinity, N.C. and now resides in High Point. Davis is a native of Fayetteville, N.C. and recently moved to Winston Salem from Ohio.

Young Democrats of WSSU "Young But Serious"

The Young Democrats Association (YDA), a new student organization, whose purpose is to get students to register to vote, has become very active on WSSU's campus.

The slogan of the YDA is a statement made by Rev. Jesse Jackson "Our time has come."

Reginald McCaskill is President of the group and he feels that the YDA will be having a Voters Registration Drive twice a week until October 8, 1984 which is the end of the Voters Registration Period.

YDA is part of a national organization called College Democrats of America there are two other colleges besides this one that represents Winston-Salem they are Wake Forest University and Salem College.

The officers for 1984-1985 are: Reginald McCaskill-president; Sebastian Mayfield-vice president; Wanda Westberry-secretary; Kerry Riddick-treasurer; Cleotis Haney-parliamentarian; Michael Clark-chaplain; Alisa Wilson-Miss YDA; and Joseph O'Pharrow and Victor Coffey-public relations.

Currently the club has 25 members. It has not closed its membership drive, the club meets on Thursday nights in the Green Room of K.R. Williams Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

The advisor of the club on campus is Dr. Manderline Scales and off campus is Miss Earline Parmon, chairman of the Democratic Party for Forsyth County and a former "Ram."

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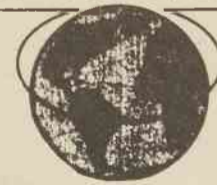
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