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IT'S A BIG DAY FOR SGA POLITICOS

... And Here's Everything You'll Need for the Big Election Tomorrow

By Sharon Wancho
Staff Writer

The annual election for Student Government Association executive officers will be held tomorrow, April 21. Voting will take place in Memorial auditorium lobby from 9 a.m to 5 p.m.

At that time MSC students will elect the SGA president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer for the 1970-71 school year.

SGA Vice-President Greg Doucette, emphasized that students must have their SGA card to be able to vote. The requirement permits election officials to register voters and prohibit students from voting more than once.

Voting machines have been provided to simplify the procedure. Students should indicate their choice of candidates by pushing one lever under each designated office.

Commenting on tomorrow's expected vote turnout, Mrs. Janet Young, SGA secretary-bookkeeper, doubted that more than one-quarter of the student body will vote. "The largest number of votes I've seen was only 1050 back in 1966," she recalled.

Here's Why Thomas Benitz Is The Best Bet

The issues attacked by both major candidates in this year's Student Government Association sweepstakes apparently came out of a student-power handbook issued in the 1940s.

Somehow the phrase student apathy was mentioned umpty-five million times during the course of the campaign. And somehow there are umpty-five million remedies. The problem is that remedies for this kind of sickness don't usually work.

EDITORIAL

But since we're placing our cards on the table, we're also making a bet. We're wagering that no matter how dynamic the head of the SGA may be, students will not get involved in its affairs unless there's a cube of sugar in front of them.

David Mende suggest a type of Pied Piper is needed to counter the apathy business. But unfortunately we don't see that type of dynamic leadership around.

Mende's approach to problems confronting our campus is ancient. We really don't see him saying anything that creative. But he's a cold, logical thinker — one thing in his favor.

Thomas Benitz also plays by the 1940 book of rules. But now and then Benitz comes up with some ideas worth consideration. His stand on the possible student operation of the cafeteria, bookstore, and sports clinics and off-campus housing is interesting. If bonds can be sold, as he suggests, channeling student idealism into SGA capitalism could be beneficial.

Benitz is worth a vote.

As to vice-presidential hopefuls, Stanley Grajewski is a popular SGA personality who looks the best to us, tho he lacks originality in any way, shape or form. Donald Pendley, on the other hand, knows the campus from the inside as a result of his connection with this newspaper and other campus publications. He's progressive and worth a vote.

And in the money department, Dawn Sova is the winner. She wants another year on the treasurer's hotseat. That's admirable, and worth the vote.

David M. Levine,
Executive Editor.
Benito the RA Talking Business About the SGA

The sign on the door in Stone Hall read: "Thomas Benito, Resident Assistant. The introduction was appropriate, for inside the room Benito enumerated an array of campus activities he felt qualified him for the position of 1970-71 SGA president.

As SGA rep from the business department, Benito was appointed this year to the newly-created office of vice-president of external affairs. "Basically, my function is to maintain communication with and awareness of off-campus programs of interest to MSC students," he explained.

\[ \text{Thomas Benito Academic Credit} \]

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which Not a Politician
Dawn Sova

The 20-year-old sophomore business major from Middlesex leaped back with legs outstretched on his dormitory-stye bunk. "I was a member of the coordinating committee and planning committee for the proposed collegewide governance body," he continued. The list went on. "I am currently on the parking committee, the financial board, and the educational reform committee."

Peering under a flop of blond hair, Benito explained some ideas for improved communications between the students and their governing body. "I would like to initiate a regular SGA president's column in the MONTCLARION," he said. "Conspicuous locators being posted at meetings perhaps sandwich boards in the lounge and a display case outside Life Hall would keep students posted on SGA affairs."

His room was neat and inviting. "I would like to see a greater student-campus relationship developed by bringing the public into SGA activities and extending our interests off-campus," Benito suggested. He feels that sports clinics for local youngsters run by MSC athletics and a summer job-placement bureau would serve this need.

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3 SGA VEEP SEEKERS ARE WALKING,
A Trackman That Knows About Running

Competing in a race is not uncommon to Stanley Grajewski, joy of the 1970-71 SGA vice-president. Four years of cross-country has provided this experience.

Atired in the garb of the proverbial Joe College rather than his track skivvies, Grajewski related his reasons for seeking the SGA second spot. "The importance of the vice-president lies in his responsibility to their legislative meetings and assume the presidential role when necessary," he summarized. "I feel I can meet the needs of the students in this capacity."

The 20-year-old industrial arts rep to the SGA outlined what he feels are some of the important needs of the students. "Increased funds to CLUB and MAC is one measure I would try to initiate," Grajewski contended. "Greater enrollment next year should provide the additional student activity fees necessary for these programs."

Grajewski throws his support behind policies of unlimited cuts, liquor on campus and faculty evaluation by students. "I would like to see published a standard procedure for evaluating faculty members," he added.

Involving directly-concerned students on appropriate SGA committees is one method the vice-presidential hopeful would use to curb student scathes. "I would also like to see the Commuter Chronicle reinstated with SGA news included," Grajewski said.

On his cross-country race for SGA vice-president, Grajewski pointed out areas which he feels reflect his leadership ability. "My qualifications include cocaptain of my high school cross-country team and former veep of the Industrial Education and Technology Club. I have also served on the traffic appeals board."

In his SGA role, Grajewski this year represented MSC at the Association of Student Governments' conference in Atlanta. As concert chairman of CLUB, he attended the National Entertainment conference in Memphis this March. (Talk about cross-country.)

As to why she's running for reelection the 20-year-old math major and Dalphac sister revealed: "The SGA is growing and its power as a voice of the students can grow, also. To strengthen its position on campus, the SGA needs individuality and efficiency. I'm not a politician; the treasurer should not be, but I am an administrator. I feel that my continuity of office and the knowledge of its workings can help make the organization more effective."

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SGA would afford students the advantage of being judged and disciplined by their peers," the candidate suggested, kicking his shoes off. "It's worth looking into." A four-foot high inflated plastic whiskey bottle at one end of the room implied that Benitz had not lost touch with student social interests. "I believe CLUB should receive money for expanding their social programs," he explained. "The SGA president should be open to criticism from his constituency. I would support a periodic press conference to meet this obligation," Benitz concluded.

"I am not out to oppose people for their votes, but to present a perfectly honest campaign." Besides being outspoken, Mende is direct and to the point. In a recent letter to the MONTCLARION, Mende stated, "I will get directly to the issue." And that he did, as he outlined them in detail. Mende is strongly in favor of the unlimited cut policy. He stated: "This cut policy, started by the students, is getting bounced around by the faculty and administration, and when it gets back to the students it will be in a barely-recognizable form."

Continued growth of the SGA would make Mende happy, and he wants to get more people "aware of the activities of the SGA." He emphasizes the commuter and proposes some form of a newsletter to keep them informed. Mende is in favor of faculty evaluation by the student body but specifies that students should "hold the results until tenure (three years at present) is decided. This would allow a faculty member to improve and not be judged by premature conclusions," Mende related. He is the only candidate that specified this point.

When asked when he first got involved with SGA activities, Mende stated: "Last year a friend of mine asked me to attend a meeting. I was surprised at the lack of students at the meeting, I thought it was time to get involved."

One thing is sure — Mende is involved now, and when the time comes to counting out the votes, Mende will be there.

Mende — The Serious Man

As a commuter last year, sophomore Donald Vanarelli for the SGA vice-presidency, would seek to engage more commuting students in campus activities to alleviate such uneasiness. "I was really disappointed last year," confided the 19-year old English major. "It was almost impossible to get to know many people, but I saw other people having a good time. I didn't feel I was a part of MSC life.

"Commuting was terrible," Vanarelli recalled, rubbing the lines of "traffic pain" from his brow. "The only pleasurable part of the daily grind from Lyndhurst was the sight of MSC set against a scenic background," he quickly qualified his statement: "I fear the campus will become a concrete jungle if students don't take an interest in planning functions," he warned.

This year Vanarelli turned in his car for a nearby off-campus apartment. "There's been a world of difference. I've gotten to know many people. I'm shy to begin with, so this has been a major step," the candidate said.

If elected to office Vanarelli promises to strive for greater commuter involvement in campus life. "A PA system in Life Hall and TUB could be used to make periodic announcements of student interest," he suggested. "This would give all students an opportunity to know what's going on." He also suggested more conspicuous posting of SGA news.

Vanarelli's interests include Newman House, where he is occasionally a lector for Sunday masses. Also he represents his Tau Lambda Beta brothers in intramural sports, and working in the library gives him

He's on the Money Fence

"I feel the duty of the SGA treasurer is to efficiently and impartially serve all of the students at MSC." That is the opinion of Thomas Hayes, candidate for 1970-71 SGA treasurer.

Such a responsibility would be nothing new for the outgoing, personable Hayes. "For the past year I have been treasurer of Players and also the SGA representative for the physics-earth science department. This puts me in the position of working with student government from both sides of the fence so to speak."

He added that this was the main reason for his desire to spend his last year at MSC serving in the SGA. "Working with student government from "both sides of the fence" led Hayes to his basic criticism of the way the SGA treasury is functioning at present. He pointed out that the treasurer has control over appropriations thru guidelines which have been established. He feels that these guidelines are sometimes stressed too much. "It is unreasonable to expect an organization to be able to predict exactly where money will be channeled when it asks for funds."

The opinion has been held by some students that if Hayes is elected, he should resign his post as treasurer of Players, claiming that a conflict of interest would exist. Hayes rejected such speculation, pointing out that Players is a subdivision of SGA, and that there should be no conflict between the two organizations.

He added that he would like to change the image of the treasurer, "I don't want people to think of the treasurer as the little bailiffed man in the back room with the green eyeshade and the elastic arm band," he said.

No More Criticism — Just Work

"It's time for me to stop criticizing and start correcting the situations I outlined," said Pendley. "This year I opened my campaign for the SGA vice-presidency. Questioned at his cluttered desk in the MONTCLARION office, Pendley said: "During my two years here I've served as Galumph editor-in-chief and MONTCLARION managing editor. In both these positions I've held the responsibility of criticizing the SGA."

"However, I think I've criticized SGA long enough to want to take an active part in changing the way things are done. That's why I'd like to be vice-president."

Pendley's interests vary from the creative to the academic to the practical. He's produced and written amateur theater productions in his hometown, Paramus, and spends his spare time writing poetry, satire and musical lyrics.

In the world of academics, Pendley specializes in American studies — particularly literature — and European languages. He speaks Spanish conversantly, and has studied Italian and French. On the practical side, he has worked as a writer for The Passaic Herald-News and Quarterly business manager.

Pendley feels that his varied interests will aid him in his SGA career. "An academic community," explained the sophomore humorist, "of its very existence, must encompass many fields, but these fields cannot afford to become divided and separate. They need a unifying force. One of these forces can be SGA."
The VEEP Has Some Words

By Greg Ducotte

When the student body goes to the polls tomorrow, they will vote on three important SGA offices and one relatively unimportant one. At least, that seems to be the attitude of most people on campus. The executive vice-president seems to many to be an "extra-added attachment" much like green stamps at the supermarket. Few people think the importance of the office of the vice-president.

If one were to ask a typical MSC student what the SGA vice-president did, he would probably answer "he keeps the minutes." The vice-president is usually the most silent of the student government and generally goes unnoticed. As speaker of the house, the vice-president actually conducts the SGA meetings. By virtue of the SGA rule, he is an "extra-added attachment" in the actual operation of the SGA. The immediate effect of the legislation will be felt after the legislative elections on May 15. Under the new reapportionment, delinquent figures are drawn from the schools and departments will be chosen at that time.

The decision not to recognize the SGA under which Stickel, English department reps. By Timothy Fanning and Robert Carteret resident explained, "the SGA will act as an intermediary between the student body and the administration." In similar legislation approved at the meeting, social science rep. Bonnie Miller asked that representatives from the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences not be recognized. She called for the recognition of the humanities and social sciences faculty as a separate entity. "With the SGA Legislature being composed of representatives from the various schools as well as departments," she went on, "the SGA will act as an intermediary between the student body and the administration." She requested that representatives from the humanities and social sciences be seated. Her bill reflected the concern of many of the humanities faculty over "the method of ratification of the school's constitution," she explained. Discussion of the bills was directed at the actual methods used by the respective schools to ratify their constitutions and the procedures employed to elect senators from the individual departments. Publicity of such elections in the two schools also entered the discussion.

Fanning reported that the Humanities constitution was originally rejected by the students in that school. A second proposal was initiated with no solicitation of student approval," he argued. "The students were poorly publicized and based on a very low voter return." Frank Grillo, senior social science major, pointed out that senators from the history department were poorly publicized at a student meeting. It was also brought out that the psychology department senators were elected at a meeting of the psychology department. But no objections to this procedure had been raised.

According to the Fanning-Stickel bill, the SGA now calls for a "disbandment of the present governing body" of this school. It also requires ratification of the constitution before a new governing body is elected. Miss Niedbala asked that representatives from the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences be recognized. She pointed out that a "properly-publicized referendum" of her school's constitution before the school is recognized. The SGA further established a committee to investigate, reorganize, and make recommendations in the respective schools.

Representatives from the concerned schools and departments therein will be elected at the legislative elections on May 15, but only department reps will be recognized.