LET THEM BE APATHETIC AND HAVE YOUR FUN

Kay Powell

The extreme apathy of this student body has been expressed by the lack of students willing to run for SGA offices for next year. It is hard to know what caused the utter lack of concern among the student body for serving on the SGA. Some students who did not have the grades to qualify for any position didn't even bother to be eliminated from running for an office. This apathy has been taken to such extremes that there is a possibility that the student body will not have a Student Government Association next year.

No student really wants this to happen. Perhaps now that students have been made aware of how bad the problem is, they will respond by taking action and begin competing in the student campus activities.

The SGA has expressed concern for the apathy of the student body, as have SGA's for the past several years. What it wants to do is get rid of all this apathy, preferably overnight, and have a really enthusiastic student body to inspire the SGA to do really great things.

Frankly, I don't think anybody really and truly is in favor of apathy. It's just one of those intangible problems that we would like to solve by magic, but can't. If it can't be simply solved, I'd like to offer a positive solution to the handling of an Apathetic Student Body (ASB).

We must look at the advantages of having an ASB. At VSC the student body does not riot, demonstrate, or protest violently against local, state, national or international issues. This gives a clear atmosphere for academic pursuits. When an organization tries to do something to cure the ASB, for instance sponsor a baseball league or try to get the school spirit up, it has a 50-50 chance of either succeeding or failing. If it succeeds it comes out smelling like a dead rose. If the attempt should fail, nobody will do anything about it but talk.

So, why don't we operate realistically and get of these delusions of grandeur. Admit that VSC has an ASB and go from there. Without trying to reform the school, each club should just go its merry way and do what it pleases. Since the student body doesn't seem to want to be energetic and non-apathetic, don't force it. Each organization should do things to please itself and let the chips fall where they may.

If students respond and get rid of their apathy, it will all go well and good. If the student body doesn't, then it's far for the course and no harm done. But when the ASB sees all the fun things going on just for the sake of fun instead of out with any reformatory measures read into them, changes are the initiative of the active groups and apathy will be done away with naturally.

SHEILA McCoy

Opinions Vary Concerning College Newspaper's Function, Allegiance

Varying, vague concepts, concerning the allegiance and function of the Campus Canopy in relation to the college community, were air ed in a recent student government meeting. The conflicting, often erroneous, opinions expressed have indicated that a clarification of the Canopy's position is necessary.

A college newspaper has as its primary objective, the responsible, unbiased and accurate coverage of news as it affects the campus community. As a newspaper reporting college affairs, the Canopy, while it must make certain adaptations—accepting certain limitations and also enjoying certain freedoms not accorded community papers, is still a legitimate news medium. A model recognized as the newspaper is, and must of necessity remain, an independent communication medium, not merely an extension of, or promotion publication for any particular organization or interest group on campus.

While the paper is responsible to both the student and administration, it owes its allegiance to a certain journalistic code which must be observed even at the risk of criticism. The Canopy does not publish news articles but presents them impartially, according to its merits. Otherwise, the Campus Canopy would have no justification for its publication. The Canopy is not a club in either the fraternal or physical sense of the word, dictating campus policy.

Any interpretation of evaluation of the news is limited to personal columns or published articles. While it is not journalistically correct to offer opinions in the news articles, it is perfectly legitimate to comment on news in editorials. However, each reporter is obligated to exercise good judgment in his writing and offer opinions in editorials conscientiously and responsibly, and if necessary offer criticism. Admittedly, the Canopy does make mistakes, being understaffed and having no department of journalism is a definite drawback at times. However, the paper attempts to serve the student body as efficiently as possible as the campus news medium.

Let Them Be Apathetic And Have Your Fun

Kay Powell

I am writing this letter concerning the coverage of Homecoming. I think the homecoming coverage could have been better this year.

There was only one picture of the homecoming in the Canopy. Four of the five winners of the awards should have been pictured. Many of the pictures were hard to distinguish and I think the winners should have been included in the campus newspaper.

Many of the girls in the dance included only a copy of every issue of the Canopy that they had received. I think that pictures of someone in a tune and articles on SGA aren't as important as the homecoming and I think that more space should be given to coverage of campus activities such as Homecoming.

Sincerely,
Saundra White

Editor's Note: We owe the Campus Canopy appreciate your interest in both the Canopy and campus activities. However, you must realize that staffing is limited in the work it can do.

Sometimes we feel that it is not possible to present or future news in the paper as interestingly as it should be. As for homecoming photographs, we were unable to take pictures that were produced in the Canopy because of bad weather and inadequate equipment.

We feel that the Pine Cone covers such campus activities adequately. We cover it as news.

Dear Editor,

I am writing this article to persuade the student body to accept the changes in the current SGA. The model is of a larger university where the SGA has been a hallmark of student government. The proposed plan would have an Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branch.

This is why we need a change:
1. The revamping with modifications
2. The present SGA in the present era will not fit the needs of our rapidly growing college. The present SGA has 4 goals, which are the need for a more sophisticated SGA.
3. A more sophisticated SGA is a great body to a more sophisticated student body.
4. Better organization means more efficient operations.
5. A cabinet of Secretaries and a Legislative Council would allow this

Student Government Association

I. Executive Branch
A. Consists of (Elected by the Student Body)
1. President
2. Vice-president
3. Treasurer
4. President's Cabinet:
   a. Administrative assistants
   b. Secretary of Academic Affairs
   c. Secretary of Legislative Affairs
   d. Secretary of Organizations
   e. Secretary of the Student General
   f. President

II. Legislative Branch
A. Unanimous Representation
B. Legislative Council composed of representatives according to:
   a. Population
   b. Geography
   c. Schools

B. Purpose
1. Legislative council committee investigates, recommends or kill legislation.
2. Apporion funds.
3. Some definitions of offices.
4. Secretary of Academic Affairs carries out all activities related to student faculty relations.
5. Secretary of Legislative Affairs records and indexes all laws of the Student Body. He attends all meetings of the Legislative Council and reports to the Legislative Council all legislation proposed by the executive branch.
6. Inspector General investigates and prepares studies upon areas concerning student interest. He conducts surveys, determines student opinion, and desires. I urge you, the student, to consider this proposal. This is the beginning will not be easy, for this proposed plan will be well publicized. If it is set up, it must be designed to fit the needs of our college. You and I will ultimately be the beneficiaries.
**Sororities Take In New Pledges**

**Plan Initiations For Old Pledges**

**Music Club begun**

**To Meet April 9**

The Eutrope Society, a music club, has been formed on the VSC campus. This club is for the benefit of everyone who appreciates music.

The club will meet each first and third Tuesday on the stage of the gym. The club will have a small musical program and serve refreshments at each meeting. The Folkswingers will entertain at the next meeting which will be April 19th.

**Alpha Xi Delta Offers Scholarships To Women**

Alpha Xi Delta, national social fraternity for college women, is again offering a graduate fellowship for advanced study in the field of Social Service, the grant to be $1,500.00. This annual award was first made in 1959. Alpha Xi Delta is continuing to offer this fellowship because it concurs with the Civic Authorities and Juvenile Court Officials that there is an increasing need for trained personnel to work with youngsters.

To be eligible for this fellowship award, an applicant must be a graduate of an accredited college or university, have an outstanding scholastic record and be interested in pursuing a career of working with children or youth to prevent delinquency in the United States.

Interested persons may obtain an application for this fellowship at this time from Gail Pinkston, Converse 176, 242-0110. Completed applications should be sent to the National Philanthropy Chairman and postmarked no later than May 1, 1966.

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**ETV On View Each Night In Room 33**

Students may now view educational television in room 331 in the administration building.

Mr. Van B. Darby, consultant for educational television, commented that Valdosta State College is the first in the system to make such arrangements.

Channel eight may be watched from 6:30-10:30 each evening.

The educational television committee has asked department heads to appoint major students to represent their departments and be interested in pursuing a career with ETV, the faculty, and students.

The ETV group plans to survey students, faculty and ETV to make such arrangements.

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**Tickets Available Now To Go Off Sale Friday**

Friday, April 15, will be the last day VSC students will be able to buy tickets to the "Where the Action Is" for $2.00. According to SGA Treasurer James "Tex" Bentley, tickets will then be $2.50. Tickets at the door, for the public and students alike, will be $3.00.
April Brings Exciting Holidays To Celebrate

Great Wall of China was lesser for billboards. Sunday, April 10, is Easter Sunday. On the eleventh of April in India, barbers were shaved with a gilt lettered blade in Paris. Friday, April 12, 1579 B.C. the Phihian Sybli predicted the saxo's eruption. Under his prediction, the pyramids instead of Jazin Street might have given birth to Jazz.

It was a good day April 13, when Ogny was dedicated in Knode, Congo. On April 14, 1195 in Brick, Armenia, Baron Furgie Huk fouled the servis from Sunday dinner. In 1498 on April 15, nautical history was made when "Flyin' Flossie" the first ship to be made of bottle caps was launched. Afghanistan, Log- Iun Tug found fossil bicycles on April 16, 1142. On April 17, 1742, Sir Lloyd Ski coined the word "and". President Bralch Orskovitch, who was a more enthusiastic decorator than politician, chose his cabinet on April 19, 1902, and declared up on Chippendale. April 19, 1162. King Arthur denied his shining armor when he bumped his leg on the corner of his round table.

Hagius, who always seemed to have some truths, cast a vote for everything, objectied to his seat in the Trojan Horse. April 20, 2679 B.C. On April 21, 1829, Percy Nyshke Rubs wrote his famous poem, "Ode to Me."

Late News

No one looking for an occasion to have a party may celebrate any number of noteworthy events for the month of April. On April 9 in 1045 the

Sociology Club

Go to Nassau

Seven students and two professors from the Sociology Club on a trip to Nassau composed the first out-of-the-country field trip ever sponsored by a VSC campus organization. The purpose of the trip was to study British culture.

The students were Jack Bridges, Neil Bell, Gayl Fowl- tain, Lewis Holdendorf, Vickie Brown, Alex Stewart, and Gray Cook. Mr. Hidel of the sociology department and Miss Gog- gins of the Spanish department chaperoned the students.

The group drove to Miami on Friday and boarded the S.S. Bahama Star, the largest ship travelling from Miami to Nassau. They docked in Nassau Friday morning and began their island tour.

On the Island several of the students took a surrey ride tour, others rented bicycles, some rode in a limousine, and one student rented a Honda.

The students visited the Strand market, Fort Charlotte, the water tower, the hospital, and several gardens. On Saturday afternoon, they rode in a limousine to Cowper tower, the hospital, and several other buildings. On Saturday night, they went on a shopping spree and had an exciting experience. They took in the night clubs and toured the large hotel Saturday night before returning to the school.

Sunday several of the students visited the underwater sea garden in a glass bottom boat.

Lack Of Interest

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Sanders, Snapper Gandy and Richard Reynolds are running for the junior boys position. Sanders, R. Reynolds, and Converse Hall are to be elected in the fall next year.
Lack Of Student Interest May Cause Student Government To Be Eliminated

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There is a possibility that VSC will not have an SGA next year if students do not respond to the petition deadline extension and qualify to run for 1966-67 SGA offices, announced Dean of Students O. C. Aderhold. When the petition deadline closed Wednesday, no one had qualified to run for SGA president, Reade Hall representative, or senior boys' slot. Since Wednesday, Bill Wright has been advanced to run for president. Alice Scott has qualified for Reade Hall representative, and junior girls' slot is being sought by Kay Adams, while the girls' town representative seat is being sought against Sherry Sosebee. Besides having to get students to run for the unfulfilled offices, SGA has to nominate one opponent for each candidate running unopposed.

Pember Exhibits Paintings At Georgia Artists Show

Joe Pember, chairman of the VSC art department, is currently part of a special show of the Association of Georgia Artists being held at Georgia State College beginning today and continuing through April 25. Pember is showing works of landscape studies painted in oil. The subjects are taken from his home in Lowndes County.

At the Arts Festival, to be held at Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, April 15-17, VSC students will be exhibiting works ranging from still life to industrial illustrations with wide variations of approach. These VSC art students have been holding the Art Festival Show of the Association of Georgia Artists being held at Georgia State College beginning today and continuing through April 25. Pember is showing works of landscape studies painted in oil. The subjects are taken from his home in Lowndes County.

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Freshmen Lead With 54 Students On Dean's List

Freshmen lead academically with 54 students named to the dean's list. A total of 173 students have been named to the dean's list at Valdosta State College, according to Dr. J. A. Durenberger, academic dean. Students in grades 12 included in the dean's list, junior college students, are required to have a 3.0 average, while freshmen and sophomore college students must have 2.5 average out of a possible 4.0.

Peace Corps Placement Tests To Be Given At Post Office

Peace Corps placement tests are to be given May 1 and June 11 at 9 a.m. in room 309 of the Valdosta Post Office.

Petitions Called Now For Editors

Petitions of students who would like to edit a campus publication should be turned to Dr. Louie Sosebee's office by May 4. Those named for the winter issue of The Canopy until two years ago when the publication of a separate magazine was beginning. For lack of concern among the students, the current publication, "Belt Book and Candle," has not been submitted one may apply for under the act. The first meeting of this advisory committee was held April 5 in Athens.

High school seniors tour Hopper Hall on their visit to Valdosta State College for Senior Day, April 2.