

Presidential Candidates Present Platform

MAXINE NEWBERRY
While working with freshmen this fall and being on the SGA Council for a year, I realized how much the SGA means to this college. I realize that the SGA does not have the power or independence it needs in order to function adequately. It not only lacks power, but it lacks money and student interest also. When I was a freshman, I often complained about the SGA and its inadequateness. I never realized how much it does that people do not notice. After being on the SGA one year, I know now that it cannot please each student at this college. However, the SGA as stated in the "V" Book "... exists on this campus primarily as a social activities coordinator and a voice through which the students speak their opinion."

Probably the number one complaint among the students is the food service. The present SGA tried to do something about this problem. I was the SGA representative to a committee of faculty and students to discuss this problem. I do not think students, particularly upperclassmen, should be required to buy a meal ticket. The students have a right to decide for themselves. The students have a right to voice their opinions through their SGA representatives. If elected, I will support the mandatory buying of meal tickets by lower-classmen only. At it is now, upperclassmen have no privileges at all. This would give upperclassmen prestige over lowerclassmen.

In my opinion the main problem at VSC is a lack of communication within the student body. After serving as chairman of the SGA publications committee this year, I know the problem exists. Students are not aware of SGA activities. They do not realize how this college functions or why it functions as it does. I think this situation could be corrected by:

1. A college assembly with required attendance possibly held twice a quarter. Perhaps this would help the lack of information among the students.
 2. An SGA Bulletin published bi-monthly to inform the students of its activities.
- The SGA exists to serve the student body as a whole. It should satisfy the majority of the students. With student support and interest, adequate funds, proper communications, and independence to function for the students, the SGA can become a meaningful, governing body.

CONLEY SALYER
Conley Salyer, of Cincinnati, Ohio, presents the following as his platform.

1. To help the student realize that the Student Government Association is his functioning agent in all matters between himself and the college—whether it be in formulating activities policies or in presenting his complaints or suggestions to the college administration.
2. To channel, through SGA Presidential appointive powers, the policies and management of

the Campus Canopy into areas which will provide a rigorously effective newspaper and one which will hold student interest.

3. To work and press for a revision of women's residence hall regulations—to the end that women students be allowed freedom of personal actions consistent with their station.

4. To have the three dollar charge on returned checks abolished, and to have the parking fees reduced to a reasonable level.

5. To ammend the SGA constitution to allow the President to open any meeting to the student body at large when he shall feel that such a meeting is in the student interest.

6. To examine all suggestions concerning a new honor system with extreme care and caution in order to prevent a fiasco of the type VSC has endured these last years.

7. To amend the SGA constitution to enable either juniors or seniors to run for SGA President. This is in keeping with the idea that this office is one of functioning ability and leadership, and is not simply an honor extended to a senior.

8. To stand first, last and always for the student, realizing that without the student this college would be non-existent. This is a concept which is admittedly simple, but which has slipped through the grasp of many at VSC.

9. To dissolve Section 2 of Article IX of the SGA constitution which requires the Council to supply two candidates for each office if only one is running. And to replace this with a requirement of at least one candidate for each office.

10. To supply the student body with the kind of leadership which it deserves, and to help mold VSC into the type of institution it should be without further delay.

WILLIAM PANNELL
It is my firm conviction that the SGA and its various functions should be expanded so that it may truly lead, unify and represent the student body. As each year brings this expansion to the role of the SGA, the SGA constitution must also be expanded to include these vital changes.

With the establishment of a sound constitutional government in which growth will be more easily accomodated, concern should then turn to the SGA

membership (the Student Body) and a problem that has gone unsolved for too long. I believe that the SGA, as a service to the Student Body, should establish a Student Book Exchange. This exchange would not buy and sell books but would provide the means through which such transactions could take place among the students. There are two general approaches to such a proposal as this:

1. A Student Book Exchange in which students receive vouchers for their books. The student will then be notified via a bulletin board if his book is sold. He may at any time, however, withdraw his book from the Exchange.

2. A Student Book Exchange in which no books are placed, but names and addresses of students wanting to buy or sell books is published on a regular basis.

In accordance with the emphasis that the SGA should put upon the academic success of each student, an academic committee should be created. Comprised of one member from each department of study who is se-

lected by the council and approved by the department chairman, this committee will make recommendations that, will benefit the student in his academic undertakings.

The Honor Code, if it is to remain in our constitution must be made a vital part of our academic way of life.

The Social and Cultural Committee should be strengthened to not only serve for the cultural betterment of each student, but also to act as the catalytic force that unites the entire student body.

Because of the personal satisfaction that I have received from being a part of the Valdosta State College traditions and way of life. I hold strongly to the belief that the image projected by the College should be expanded. (A Public Relations Committee selected on a quarterly basis would serve both as an advisory board to the SGA and as an aid to the director of public relations. No person should be more qualified to tell the VSC "story" any better than a person enrolled in VSC.)

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Revisions Made

Revisions have been made in the Student Government Constitution, according to President Bill Wright.

"Some of the changes are relatively minor. Many changes merely clarify certain points and eliminate overlapping," he said.

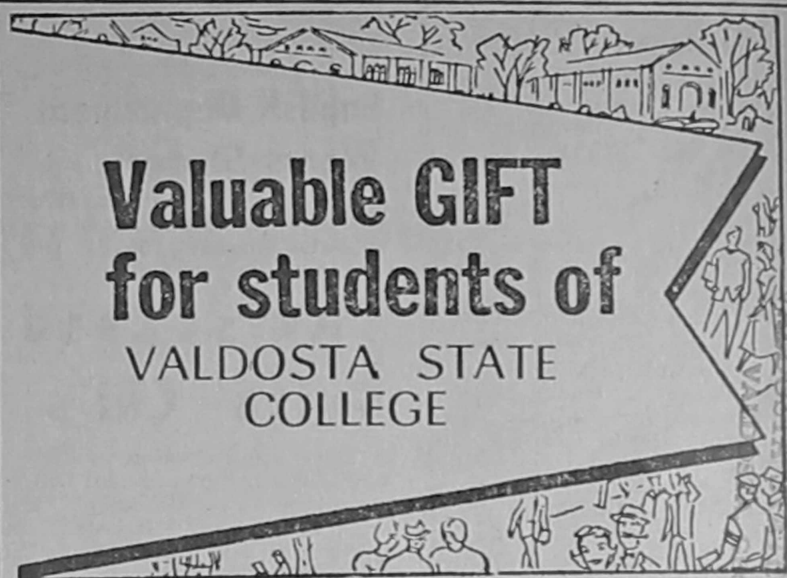
He added that copies of the revised constitution would be circulated around the campus before the elections so that the students could study the changes made.

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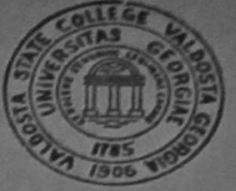
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Drive Begins For Volumes

April 24-28 has been set as the date for Operation Book Drive, a project to increase the number of volumes in the Richard Holmes Powell Library at Valdosta State.

At present the library has 60,000 volumes. College officials feel that with a growing enrollment and the introduction of graduate study this summer, the library should have at least 200,000 volumes.

The drive is being sponsored by the Valdosta State College Foundation, a group of interested citizens in Valdosta. I. H. Tillman is chairman of the Foundation, and Dr. Loyce Turner is chairman of the book drive.

"The library needs old, as well as new, books," said Turner. "In areas of the college curriculum, the older works are just as useful as the newer ones."

"We will not refuse any books, though we are particularly interested in books of local and other historical value, periodicals, current subjects, scientific information and novels," he went on.

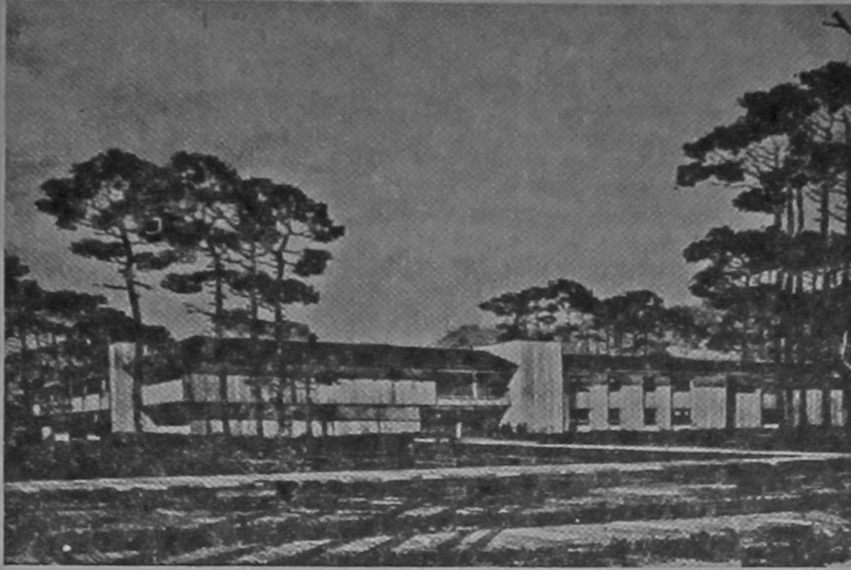
Prior to and during the week of the drive, representatives from the college administration and faculty and students will be speaking to various civic groups in the South Georgia area.

Several students have been appointed to head up the book drive in their home towns. These students are as follows: Alice Kennington, Thomasville; JoAnn Cason, Homerville; Beth Taylor, Nashville; and Susan McLaughlin, Moultrie.

Others are John Romine, Quitman; Dottie Stubbs, Adel; Charlie Howell, Lakeland; and Gloria Gattis, Waycross.

Turner expressed a hope that several thousand useable books will be provided through the drive, including some rare and first-edition books.

Those wishing to contribute to the book drive should contact the College Relations Office.



The Architect draws his concept of the planned Fine Arts Building.

Governor Breaks Land For VSC Arts Building

Governor Lester Maddox and George L. Simpson, Chancellor of the University System, will participate in ground-breaking ceremonies for the new classroom-arts building at Valdosta State College on April 19 at 10 a.m.

"This classroom-arts building is a greatly needed addition to our academic program at VSC," said S. Walter Martin, president of the college. "It will mean that we are finally able to get our arts programs together in a suitable instructional atmosphere, relieving many of the handicaps under which these areas have been operating."

Building Houses Fine Arts

The new building, which will be constructed at the corner of North Oak Street and West Brookwood Drive, will house the departments of art, speech and drama, and music. Studios for painting, drawing, sculpture, metals, ceramics and advertising design will be in the building, along with an art education area, a teaching gallery, an art gallery, two visual studios, and

two drawing and art structure studios. Also included in the new building will be a graphics laboratory and an exterior painting court, plus 11 art studio offices.

Four speech classrooms will be housed in the new building, along with a scene construction shop, a scene and costume design laboratory, makeup and dressing rooms, and oral interpretation laboratory with circular tiered seating arrangement, and a radio and TV closed circuit studio.

Martin said the building will also contain a 244-seat little theatre. He pointed out that the original plans for the building called for an auditorium that would seat from 800 to 1000 persons. Space for this auditorium has been left in the center of the building, Martin said, with the hopes of adding it as soon as funds become available.

Music rooms will include four music classrooms, a music appreciation and reading room, a listening room, 12 instrument practice rooms, and organ practice room, nine music teaching studios, a band practice room, a choral rehearsal room, storage rooms for instruments and music, and a conference room with an exterior court.

At a cost of \$1,750,000 the new 75,736 square foot building will be built in Spanish Mission architecture.

versity of Georgia.

Colonel Christie says that he will run the department on a cooperative basis whereas the students and faculty members will take part and make suggestions for improving the department. One of his main objectives is to get as many people as possible involved and interested in the Speech Department's activities. Colonel Christie emphasizes that, "the staff and the department exists for the students."

The new department head hopes that the Speech Department can give the college and the community the kind of plays they want to see.

Mr. Stan DeHart, Associate Professor of the department, has suggested that a series of religious plays be presented and Colonel Christie says that the department believes this is what the college and the community would like.

SGA Has Large Slate Of Candidates Running

Student Government Association elections are scheduled for April 19 with a slate of 35 candidates.

Three seniors are in the running for the position of SGA president. They are: Maxine Newberry of Arlington, William Pannell of Cordele, and Conley Salyer of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Competing for vice-president are Donna Gleaton of Arlington; Bill Moore of Ocala, Florida; and Joe Smith of Albany. Charlie Howell of Lakeland, and Louise Moore of Griffin are the candidates for secretary of the SGA.

Joey Davis and Benita Thomas of Valdosta, and Ervin Wood of Moultrie are seeking the post of treasurer.

Candidates for representative from Ashley Hall are Gloria Gattis of Waycross, and Martha Johnson of Sylvester. Candidates for Reade Hall representative are Susan Hancock of Pelham, and Gloria Thompson of Macon. Glen Phelps of Camilla, and Mac Wilcox of Abbeville are the candidates for representative from Brown Hall.

JoAnn Cason of Homerville and Sandra Rabenstein of Moultrie are vying for the post of senior women's representative. Candidates for senior men's representative are Eddie Hanley of Blackshear and David Strickland of Jesup.

Candidates for junior women's representative are Sandra Coley of Ocilla, Carol Dial of Griffin, and Susan Fulford of Shellman. Candidates for junior men's representative are Cam Hickman of Lakeland, and Richard Nijem of Valdosta.

Susan Henderson of Blackshear, Julie Johnson of Waycross, and Shirley Robinette of Shellman are running for sophomore women's representative, while candidates for sophomore men's representative are Ronald Hogan of Waycross and Jeff Mays of Mechanicsville, Pennsylvania.

Two girls are running for the post of girls' town representative. They are Sue Davis and Mary Joyce Eanes. Running for boys' town representative are Bryan Almand and Randy Smith.

Culture Group Present Trio

The Cultural Committee will present the Wesleyan Faculty Trio in concert at 8:15 p. m. on April 18, in Pound Hall.

Linda Lane will play the piano, while Robert Harrison will play the violin and Walter Steinhaus will play the cello.

The Trio will play selections from Mozart, Brahms, and Mendelssohn.

Faculty To Play

The Circle K Club is sponsoring a Faculty Basketball Game on Thursday, April 18. Beginning at 8:00 p.m., the game will be held in the VSC gym; admission for the game will be 35c for VSC students and 50c for the public.

Ogletree Retires As Dean; Intends To Enjoy Free Time

Miss Fredeva Ogletree, Dean of Women at Valdosta State College, is "not going to set the world on fire" when she retires this spring, but "just have fun." Miss Ogletree, whose retirement will be effective June 30, came to Valdosta in the fall of 1927, and to VSC in 1960 when the college housed 192 women in the only two dorms built at that time—Ashley and Converse—a far cry from the present num-

ber of 640 girls in five residence halls.

Miss Ogletree was born in Middle Georgia, where her family raised peaches, and also lived in Cornelia, Alabama, where her family grew apples. Graduating from Agnes Scott College, Miss Ogletree received her Master's degree from the University of Georgia. She has done additional graduate study at the University of California and Syracuse University. She attended the Appalachian Teachers College for a while, where she learned to weave, in addition to her academic courses.

In addition to her many duties as Dean of Women, Miss Ogletree has found time to enjoy one of her favorite pastimes, that of travelling. She has been to Europe, where she visited Italy by herself and "met lots of interesting people." While in Italy, she sat at a sidewalk cafe and drank coke in a wine glass. "You've no idea how wicked coke can look in a wine glass," revealed Miss Ogletree.

After she retires, Miss Ogletree plans to learn how to cook, sew, and she plans to catch up with friends. As Secretary of the Red Cross, Miss Ogletree hopes to be able to work more with that organization, and she would like to be a Pink Lady.

Christie Becomes Head Of Speech Department

By PAT TAYLOR

Colonel Wesley Ren Christie has been appointed the new head of the Speech Department at Valdosta State College. The former department chairman, Mr. John Rudy, resigned his post, but will remain a faculty member of the department.

Before coming to VSC three years ago, Colonel Christie served 25 years in the United States Marine Corps. He also taught one year at the University of Georgia. Much of Colonel Christie's time in the Marine Corps was in the area of teaching. He also held positions such as squad leader, battalion commander, and Marine detachment commander.

After retiring from the Marine Corps, Colonel Christie received his Master's Degree from the University of Georgia in General Speech and Drama. He also holds a specialist certification in education from the Uni-



Miss Fredeva Ogletree, Dean of Women, pauses in her duties to discuss her future after her retirement.

SHEILA McCOY

Newspaper Needs Staff Applicants

Having haunted the office mailbox for the past two weeks and after beating the bushes on campus for possible fugitives from the fifth estate, all to no avail, we have reached the expected conclusion that the last issue of the **Campus Canopy**, published by the current staff, will be its obituary.

This highly predictable lack of response to fill next year's posts on the newspaper can be attributed to three factors: 1. Student apathy, 2. Lack of training, 3. Failure to recognize the paper as a legitimate news media.

The apathy of this student body is a chronic disease that prevails in some degree all year with its most evident flare-ups occurring during the drive made to fill campus positions for the coming year. Filling empty positions on campus is usually a fatiguing and often humiliating ordeal which involves begging, cajoling or threatening students (especially those with masochistic tendencies) to apply or run for these vacancies. After the candidates find themselves in office, the student response to their efforts is such that these disillusioned students wonder, why bother? And it is no small task to provide a convincing reply to this question.

Especially for the **Campus Canopy**, one deterrent to applicants is a lack of training in journalism. The only journalism course now offered is one which involves working on the paper itself. While this course is indispensable in providing journalism experience and the credit received is an incentive work on the paper, only those few students who apply for staff positions benefit. Also, there is not enough time to allow staffers to experiment and find the category of writing for which they are best suited or to receive thorough instruction in the principles of journalism. Valdosta State needs an introductory course in journalism which would benefit not only those students who wished to work on campus publications but also students who plan to teach below the college level and who might be called upon to advise their school publication. This journalism class would provide a constant,

qualified source for staff members, thus eliminating the end of the year panic to assemble a competent staff.

Another reason for the lack of applicants for the paper seems to be the failure recognize the paper as a legitimate though specialized new media, which performs a legitimate function on campus and does not exist as simply another extra-curricular activity for those students with a surplus of free time.

A case in point presented itself in the last issue of the **Canopy**. Due to a reporting error in a sentence of an article which the administration considered critical, over 1,000 Canopies were called in by the administration. The paper was not allowed back into circulation until the issues had been reprinted. This action was taken at the expense of important news which was outdated when the paper reappeared.

The paper does not wish to evade its responsibility for the error, an error in reporting is a serious offense. However, it is felt that the reaction to the error was out of proportion to the mistake. In passing over the offer of a front page retraction and by impounding the papers, the administration demonstrated how lightly they hold this paper. Had the article appeared in a newspaper other than the school paper, there would have been no thought of demanding that all the papers be collected. A city newspaper might not have even printed a retraction. If the administration does not take the school newspaper seriously, except as an extension of an image, why should the students?

All these conditions contribute to the difficulty in securing a new staff. However, a newspaper is important; not for the image it may project for the college but for its basic function of informing the campus. If students want a newspaper next year they must apply now to box 207 or the **Canopy** will be discontinued. Students who have any knowledge of journalism should apply and the last month of school will be used to acquaint the staff with newspaper techniques.



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Students Cheat Pay Phones

There seems to be a brash movement in the Valdosta State College dormitories to get something for nothing from the Southern Bell Telephone Company.

Students in the dorms devised a way to cheat the pay telephones. The idea is to place a strip of cardboard down the dime slot and drop a penny into the nickle slot. This plan thoroughly confuses the mere machine of a telephone and the student gets a dial tone and proceeds with the business at hand. There is but one flaw. This plan is too widely known.

Everyone and his best friend knows the combination and the telephones can not take the overload. Thus most of the pay telephones in the dorms are out of order.

This cheating is wrong, yes, for, why should a dorm boy put his dime into the telephone to talk 10 minutes to his girl friend in another dorm? Or why should a call within the campus or within the city cost the penniless coed a dime? It is easy to see that the Valdosta State campus should provide a new system of communication.

Underway already is an investigation, headed by Dr. Martin, of a central switchboard for the campus. This central switchboard would make the no-pay telephone a reality on the campus.

If regulation phones and pay phones were placed on each dormitory floor, students could talk over the regulation phones for local and dorm calls, while the pay phones would be open for outgoing long distance calls. The switchboard would also alleviate the problem facing many parents trying to get a line into VSC during the rush hours. This plan would additionally clean out the penny caper which plagues the telephone company.

Scholars Need One Quarter To Demonstrate College Value

By CLAUDIA CHASE

Last fall eleven freshmen were chosen on the basis of their College Board scores and their high school performance to be the President's Freshman Scholars. The idea of a freshman scholar group was conceived by President Martin to honor outstanding students entering college and to provide an incentive for superior work and study. A follow-up on the freshmen scholars revealed that one of the eleven dropped out of school before honored and six of the scholars have made the Dean's list for the two quarter period.

The major question arising from this is what about all of the other freshmen who did make the Dean's list and were not chosen as scholars? Perhaps some of these students deserved the recognition and honor that was bestowed on the chosen eleven.

It seems unfair to call freshman scholars on their College Board scores and grades alone, for the students who were not superior in these areas in high school might produce outstanding results in everyday assignments in college. Some are as capable of being leaders in their class, as the President's Freshman Scholars chosen last fall.

To strengthen this program, all freshmen should be given the opportunity during Fall quarter to prove themselves and make the Dean's list. Then if the student who made the Dean's list as well as having outstanding high school grades and College Board Scores would really be eligible to be one of the honored scholars.

Freshman as well as sophomores, juniors, and seniors are in constant competition among each other. Why not allow these beginners a goal to strive for instead of choosing an elite group who have not proven themselves in college but merely seem to be riding on laurels of high school days.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



Committee Makes Report About VSC Food Situation

The Food Service committee, headed by Mr. Raymond E. Hunter, has submitted a report on the investigation of the Valdosta State College dining hall. The committee held meetings on February 27, March 6, and March 29 to investigate student complaints against the dining hall operations.

Concerning the sanitary conditions, the group found that the kitchen and dining hall were clean. "Complaints concerning the dirty glasses and silverware are apparently based on a misinterpretation of the filmy mineral deposits that remain as a residue from drying water." These water spots are unavoidable with the local water supply and are totally unrelated to dirt.

The next topic incorporated in the report is the mandatory purchase of meal tickets. It is noted that a college of the size of VSC cannot operate a dining hall at the present low meal ticket cost without the mandatory requirement. However, as the college enrollment increases, this policy, states the report, should be reviewed to determine if the requirement can be partially relaxed.

The committee further recommends that at each meal a selection of foods be given, allowing the student to choose one meat out of two, two vegetables out of three, one salad out of two, and possible one dessert out of two. Since selections are occasionally provided, this plan will merely be an enlargement of policies already in practice.

In addition, it is suggested that individual item prices be posted to allow a student to add an item in addition to his meal ticket selection, also it would allow a student to purchase any combination of items without a meal ticket.

The Food Committee makes these specific recommendations: "One serving of milk should be provided to each student at each meal. Also that frozen desserts should be served separately so that the student can get his dessert when he is ready for it, in order to avoid having the dessert melt while the meal is being eaten."

Lastly, it is the opinion of the committee members that a cool dining hall, partitioned to minimize noise is needed at VSC. They strongly recommend that the dining hall be remodeled if necessary to allow air conditioning, and that this air conditioning be provided at the earliest possible date.

The Campus Canopy congratulates and endorses the committee on their study and recommendations concerning the dining hall.

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Cook To Give Lectures At Young Harris College

Raymond A. Cook, chairman of the English department and the Humanities Division of Valdosta State, has been invited to deliver the Byron Herbert Reece lectures, April 20-21, at Young Harris College. Dr. Cook was a personal friend of the late Mr. Reece, who was a Georgia mountain farmer and poet.

In August, 1965, the Byron

Herbert Reece Memorial was dedicated at Young Harris College. This collection of Reece memorabilia, unpublished materials, correspondence, and manuscripts, was collected from sources all over the United States. In the spring of 1966, the Byron Herbert Reece lectures were established at Young Harris College for the purpose of encouraging further interest and scholarship in Georgia literature.

The lectures, extending over two days in the spring, are delivered by authorities on famous Georgia authors. The lectures last spring were given on Flannery O'Connor, the young Georgia novelist.

McKinley Chosen

Linda McKinley, 18 year old freshman from Lyons, was chosen sweetheart of Alpha Phi Omega national service and social fraternity.

Miss McKinley is majoring in secondary education. She plans to teach for two years in the United States and then go abroad to teach. She is a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Chosen as APO sponsors were Vivian Davidson, Atlanta; Barbara Williams, Albany; Jennifer Piper, Covington; and Janet Clark, Atlanta.

Sororities Hold Initiation Rites

Sororities on the campus of VSC have begun the spring quarter with initiation and election of officers for the coming year.

Alpha Delta Pi will initiate four pledges on April 22. The pledges to be initiated are: Emily Ferguson, Dawson; Jan James, Lyons; Billie Nunn, Albany; and Jayne Spell, Lyons.

The Alpha Xi Delta Sorority has elected officers for the next year. They are: Nancy Barrow, President; Carol Dial, Vice-President; Gayle Merritt, Recording Secretary; Donna Gleaton, Corresponding Secretary; and Suzanne Schiefelbein, Treasurer.

Kappa Delta Sorority initiated three pledges on Sunday, April 9. Those initiated were Maribob McConaughay, Ocala; Kathleen Chapell, Macon; and Gloria Thompson, Albany. New KD pledges are Grayson Travis, Jacksonville, and Teresa Rogers, Valdosta.

Sisters of the Phi Mu Sorority held initiation Saturday, April 8, for these girls: Nancy Tanner, sophomore; Nancy Wilson, freshman; Denise Cross, freshman; and Shirley Geiger, sophomore. The sorority also held its annual Parent-Daughter Tea on Sunday, April 9. Sister Judy Lester has been elected Sweetheart of the Circle K Club.

Students Express Opinions In Student Government Survey

By BUNNY BRIDGES

With their usual enthusiasm and interest in college conditions and affairs, 551 students of Valdosta State College—that's about one-third of the total enrollment—took the time and energy to check a few blanks in a questionnaire recently sponsored by the Student Government Association. The purpose of the survey was to find out student opinion on several services at VSC, and here are some of the results.

One interesting fact concerning the questionnaire was that it was filled out mostly by dormitory students, almost equally filled out by males and females, and evidently by the intellect—67% checked their overall grade and a portion of the students, as average as being from 3.5 to 4.0.

In answering questions on present and past laundry services, 22% of those answering felt that past laundry service was terrible, and 16% felt that the present laundry service is terrible, also. The largest percentage of students made no answer at all, indicating that they either wear very dirty clothes and sleep on very dirty sheets, or else they have a monstrous dry cleaning bill.

On the recently controversial issue of food service at VSC, no one checked the blank which read: "I like it (food service) very much;" while 34% of those students who answered the questionnaires think the food service is "terrible." Most students—424 of the 551—felt that an optional plan, where students would pay for meals only when they ate them, would work much better than the present system.

A group of questions on student opinion of the SGA itself revealed that only 33% of those students filling out questionnaires felt that the SGA is effective as "voice of student interest in campus affairs," and over half of the responses indicated that students do not feel the SGA provides enough recreation and recreational facilities.

Rebels Lose To Armstrong To Play Again Saturday

By GENE DEARISO

The Valdosta State Baseball Rebels, experiencing the kind of season they would not like to have, stand 8-8, before they journeyed into the heart of their schedule. But more important, they are 0-1 in GIAC Conference play, after their 13-2 loss to Armstrong College.

Coach Bill Grant has been satisfied with the performance of his pitchers but has not yet

found a solid infield combination. Weaknesses at key spots have caused him to juggle his lineup. Dan Petrovich has been the most effective hurler for the Rebels with a 2-0 chart, giving up 6 earned runs in 25 2/3 innings.

Claude Speck, with a bad case of kleptomania, has jetted for 22 stolen bases and has batted a solid .346. Ben Bates, playing a fabulous center field, is batting a consistent .308.

The Rebels suffered a crucial blow to their title hopes when Zack Wade sustained a broken collarbone near the end of the first Armstrong game. Wade was the leading Rebel hitter at the time. He will not be able to play the rest of the season.

The Rebels have conference games slated with Armstrong College this Saturday, and with West Georgia College on the following Saturday.

Reames Presides

Don Reames, a junior from Valdosta, has been elected president of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity at Valdosta State.

Other new officers of the fraternity are: Ronnie Rowe, Morver, vice-president; Ronnie Williams, Quitman, comptroller; Larry Bostic, Nashville, secretary; Dicky Reynolds, Sylvester, recorder; and Judson Rackley, Whigham, chaplain.

English Department Warns Students

The English Department wishes to inform students who plan to take English 105 or 106 in

TKE's Lead Intramurals; Delta Chi's Trail Closely

Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity is leading the Intramural League standings at Valdosta State with a total of 770 points and Delta Chi fraternity is trailing with 765 points.

Delta Chi is trailing the TKEs with 765 points, and Pi Kappa Phi is next with 760 points totaled.

Eleven teams are competing for the Intramural League trophy which will be given to the team that has the most points at the end of spring quarter.

Since the beginning of fall quarter teams have been competing for points in areas of flag football, basketball, badminton, bowling, and volleyball. Coach Bill Bennett, director of the league, has scheduled tournaments in softball, tennis, and

swimming for the spring quarter.

The basketball competition was captured by Delta Chi, who nudged out Pi Kappa Phi in the championship by one point. Delta Chi also defeated Tau Kappa Epsilon to win in the volleyball division.

The softball games have begun between nine teams at the city softball fields behind the city cemetery on Oak Street.

Tennis and swimming competition is expected to get underway at the end of April.

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Presidential Candidates Present Platform

MAXINE NEWBERRY

While working with freshmen this fall and being on the SGA Council for a year, I realized how much the SGA means to this college. I realize that the SGA does not have the power or independence it needs in order to function adequately. It not only lacks power, but it lacks money and student interest also. When I was a freshman, I often complained about the SGA and its inadequateness. I never realized how much it does that people do not notice. After being on the SGA one year, I know now that it cannot please each student at this college. However, the SGA as stated in the "V" Book "... exists on this campus primarily as a social activities coordinator and a voice through which the students speak their opinion."

Probably the number one complaint among the students is the food service. The present SGA tried to do something about this problem. I was the SGA representative to a committee of faculty and students to discuss this problem. I do not think students, particularly upperclassmen, should be required to buy a meal ticket. The students have a right to decide for themselves. The students have a right to voice their opinions through their SGA representatives. If elected, I will support the mandatory buying of meal tickets by lower-classmen only. At it is now, upperclassmen have no privileges at all. This would give upperclassmen prestige over lowerclassmen.

In my opinion the main problem at VSC is a lack of communication within the student body. After serving as chairman of the SGA publications committee this year, I know the problem exists. Students are not aware of SGA activities. They do not realize how this college functions or why it functions as it does. I think this situation could be corrected by:

1. A college assembly with required attendance possibly held twice a quarter. Perhaps this would help the lack of information among the students.
2. An SGA Bulletin published bi-monthly to inform the students of its activities.

The SGA exists to serve the student body as a whole. It should satisfy the majority of the students. With student support and interest, adequate funds, proper communications, and independence to function for the students, the SGA can become a meaningful, governing body.

CONLEY SALYER

Conley Salyer, of Cincinnati, Ohio, presents the following as his platform.

1. To help the student realize that the Student Government Association is his functioning agent in all matters between himself and the college—whether it be in formulating activities policies or in presenting his complaints or suggestions to the college administration.
2. To channel, through SGA Presidential appointive powers, the policies and management of

the Campus Canopy into areas which will provide a rigorously effective newspaper and one which will hold student interest.

3. To work and press for a revision of women's residence hall regulations—to the end that women students be allowed freedom of personal actions consistent with their station.
4. To have the three dollar charge on returned checks abolished, and to have the parking fees reduced to a reasonable level.

5. To amend the SGA constitution to allow the President to open any meeting to the student body at large when he shall feel that such a meeting is in the student interest.
6. To examine all suggestions concerning a new honor system with extreme care and caution in order to prevent a fiasco of the type VSC has endured these last years.

7. To amend the SGA constitution to enable either juniors or seniors to run for SGA President. This is in keeping with the idea that this office is one of functioning ability and leadership, and is not simply an honor extended to a senior.
8. To stand first, last and always for the student, realizing that without the student this college would be non-existent. This is a concept which is admittedly simple, but which has slipped through the grasp of many at VSC.

9. To dissolve Section 2 of Article IX of the SGA constitution which requires the Council to supply two candidates for each office if only one is running. And to replace this with a requirement of at least one candidate for each office.
10. To supply the student body with the kind of leadership which it deserves, and to help mold VSC into the type of institution it should be without further delay.

WILLIAM PANNELL

It is my firm conviction that the SGA and its various functions should be expanded so that it may truly lead, unify and represent the student body. As each year brings this expansion to the role of the SGA, the SGA constitution must also be expanded to include these vital changes.

With the establishment of a sound constitutional government in which growth will be more easily accommodated, concern should then turn to the SGA

membership (the Student Body) and a problem that has gone unsolved for too long. I believe that the SGA, as a service to the Student Body, should establish a Student Book Exchange. This exchange would not buy and sell books but would provide the means through which such transactions could take place among the students. There are two general approaches to such a proposal as this:

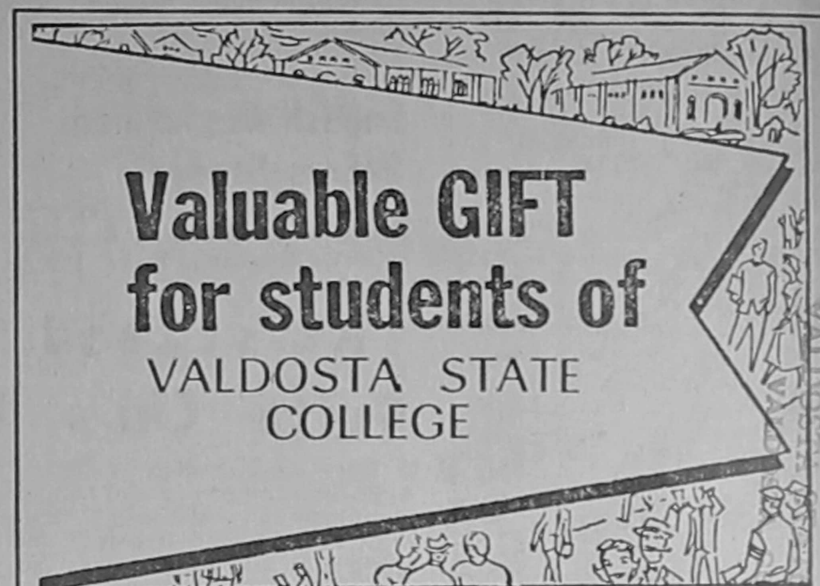
1. A Student Book Exchange in which students receive vouchers for their books. The student will then be notified via a bulletin board if his book is sold. He may at any time, however, withdraw his book from the Exchange.
2. A Student Book Exchange in which no books are placed, but names and addresses of students wanting to buy or sell books is published on a regular basis.

In accordance with the emphasis that the SGA should put upon the academic success of each student, an academic committee should be created. Comprised of one member from each department of study who is selected by the council and approved by the department chairman, this committee will make recommendations that, will benefit the student in his academic undertakings.

The Honor Code, if it is to remain in our constitution must be made a vital part of our academic way of life.

The Social and Cultural Committee should be strengthened to not only serve for the cultural betterment of each student, but also to act as the catalytic force that unites the entire student body.

Because of the personal satisfaction that I have received from being a part of the Valdosta State College traditions and way of life. I hold strongly to the belief that the image projected by the College should be expanded. (A Public Relations Committee selected on a quarterly basis would serve both as an advisory board to the SGA and as an aid to the director of public relations. No person should be more qualified to tell the VSC "story" any better than a person enrolled in VSC.)



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Revisions Made

Revisions have been made in the Student Government Constitution, according to President Bill Wright.

"Some of the changes are relatively minor. Many changes merely clarify certain points and eliminate overlapping," he said.

He added that copies of the revised constitution would be circulated around the campus before the elections so that the students could study the changes made.

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