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# Elections Extra

## CANDIDATES PRESENT PLATFORMS

### Open Letter to The Nominating Committee

Campus wide opinion indicates, as you must know quite as well as the Colonnade does, that the way in which candidates have been nominated in the present election is extremely unsatisfactory. Questions have been raised which would have naturally been raised among any group of people even ordinarily interested in the prospective officers of the major positions. We think it advisable, both for your own sakes and for the good of college government as a whole that these questions be presented for you to answer just as they are being asked in every room on the campus.

1. Does it not seem a little peculiar, to say the least, for the nominating committee to nominate to fill a vacancy in the Chairman of Judiciary roster a person who is obviously the choice of a large part of the student body for another office? The fact that two petitions naming Hortense Fountain as a candidate for the position of President of College Government were handed in by students—a larger number than for any other one office—proves fairly conclusively that it was popular opinion that she should run for president. Bearing this in mind how can the nominating committee reconcile their position as representatives of the student body with their action in this matter? Nominating Hortense for the other position created an artificial choice, forcing Hortense to assume the responsibility for such a choice, as well as creating a chance for pressure to be brought to bear.

2. Was Hortense Fountain told that the nominating committee had met and had decided that it was illegal for her to change her mind a second time and run for President of College Government? If so, on what grounds? The election system constitution fails to make any such provision, and any such provision inserted at the last minute by any group would have to be presented to the student before becoming valid.

3. Why did the committee so obviously desire that Hortense run for Chairman of the Judiciary? Three STRONG candidates could have been found without transferring a person already nominated to an office.

4. Exactly how many of the members of the nominating committee were present at the time the question of nominations was brought up and who were they?

All these things sound very strange coming from a group which has professed a deep regard for democratic principles. Perhaps these questions arise merely from circumstantial evidence, and if so they should be cleared up immediately by a reply to the charges as listed. A four-page edition of the Colonnade will appear as usual Saturday. An answer to these questions from some member of the nominating committee will be printed in the same space and it is suggested that such a move would be expedient.

### If You're Not Satisfied With Nominations Write Your Candidate's Name in the Ballot!

There is an old practice, which consists of writing in a candidate's name which has been omitted from the ballot, that has come very near to electing mayors before this.

It is just a suggestion, but for that percentage of the student body which is still dissatisfied with the candidates for CGA President, it is highly probable that the name of the person whom you wish to elect could be written in the ballot among the other names and consequently be victorious. It is absolutely not illegal, it has been done before, and even in national elections, such votes HAVE to be counted.

# The Colonnade

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## McConnell, Pitts, Lott State CGA Intentions; Fountain, Krauss Aim For Different Court Revisions

Margaret Pitts, Jane McConnell, and Frances Lott were interviewed yesterday as to their campaign platforms for the election of College Government President.

Frances Lott, when asked for her platform, said, "I think that the students should fully understand the work of Council and that the actions of that body should be presented to the student body."

## Carson, Donald, Proctor Seek Increased Interest In Student Recreation

Candidates for the position of president of the Recreation Association who gave their platforms in interview yesterday afternoon were Henrietta Carson, caught between swim-suit and clothes over in the gym dressing room, Ruby Donald and Loraine Proctor, who were found in their rooms in Bell Hall.

Etta stated that if she were elected president of the Association she would devote much time to creating a campus-wide interest in recreational activities.

"I think it is a shame that such a large number of the students do not take advantage of the more than adequate sports and other play equipment that the new physical education building has to offer. I would like to have a program to help students find ways to use their leisure time in a pleasant and wholesome manner. To further such activities as the intramurals and skill clubs would include efforts to provide such a wide scope for the Recreation Association that it would be felt in every corner of the campus. Much of the spirit of the school as a whole, comes directly from the contacts and cooperation experienced in playing together. If I am elected I promise to wholeheartedly work in the interest of making students see the necessity of knowing how to play together as well as work together. I would like to make the Recreation Association a vital part of every student's life."

Ruby Donald's platform is "broadly to fully fulfill the aim of the Recreation Association." With that ideal in view she outlined a few of the things she plans to do if elected: 1.—Offer a program which will meet the needs and interests of each student; 2.—To have everyone

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"I also think," added Frances, "that there should be more people in office—not just a group perpetuating itself. There should be regular meetings of the student body and more chapels devoted to College Government activities. I shall, if I am elected, do all possible to further the work of the Honor System."

Margaret Pitts gave as her platform this statement: "If elected President of College Government, I shall put forth my best efforts to create and carry out the most desirable and most beneficial type of government."  
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## Bone Favors "Big Sister" Program; Noble Prefers Freshman Sponsors

In interviews Wednesday the candidates for the office of president of the YWCA stated their platforms. In other words each has ideas for the Y during the coming year should she be elected.

Said Josephine Bone, "I am in favor of work in the Y which is more concerned with the individual student. I feel that the Y should reach more of the students and make everyone who is interested in Y work feel more a part of the organization. The Y should do more about maladjusted people, that is students who find it difficult to adjust themselves to our campus in particular."

Along this line I favor going back to the "little sister" plan where upperclassmen volunteer to adopt about five freshmen and help them get acquainted with all phases of the college life. I think that we should bring more speakers to the campus.

Our YWCA should also send more delegates to more conferences, interracial and otherwise. With this phase of the Y

broadened and the freshmen groups working more for the individual the Y will have much work to accomplish during the coming year."

Winifred Noble rushed over from A Cappella practice a la confusion to state her plans for the Y if she should preside over that organization. In general she promised to "carry on the Christian ideals and fellowship which the Y has established on this campus." Getting down to specific ideas she said "I think the freshmen sponsor groups are one of the best programs for introducing the freshmen to the campus and each other that an institution could possibly have."

The Institute of Human Relations has come to mean much to our campus. I promise to see that we have speakers next year who will contribute much to our campus.

## Fundamental Faults in Election System That Should Be Remedied

Amidst all the furor raised over the nominations, rejections, and general backings, fillings and comic opera interludes, which have been going on on the campus for the last few days, one or two facts about the often discussed election system are becoming obvious. In the first place, it places still too much power in the hands of a small group, no matter how sincere that group may be, and second, it is not specific enough.

At least two changes should be made which would make the system more democratic and make it in spirit at least more in harmony with what the students desire. In the first place the nominating committee should be just that. It should receive nominations made by petition, and nominate for office girls for those places not filled by petition. **It should not have the power to nominate for another office a girl who has been nominated for one office by petition of the students thus forcing upon that girl the necessity of making a choice which is wholly artificial and might be construed to mean the exertion of pressure.**

It is unreasonable to expect that the petition system will ever result in the nomination of more than a few girls for the highest offices. The minor offices will continue to be filled by elections between candidates nominated from the committee and that should be the committee's duty, not passing judgment upon the qualifications of whom the students have nominated but merely nominating girls for the offices not nominated by petition.

**Under no circumstances should the nominating committee have any authority to pass upon the qualifications of the candidates. That is what the election is for.** Nor should the past record of the candidate be any bar to nomination. After the election is over, there are ways and means whereby a person may be removed from office. But the student body deserves to get its candidates uncensored, please.

One other change would make for more definiteness in the system. After the petitions are taken by the nominating committee and the necessary nominations made, the candidates should be immediately notified of their nomination, and their acceptance or rejection of the nomination should be made by chapel time of the following day and so announced publicly.

These changes, we believe, will make for more definite, specific delineation of duties on the part of the committee and avoid such unfortunate situations as excessive zeal may have led us into, in the, shall we say contemporary past?

### CGA PLATFORM

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ment for all concerned with regards to student representation, to the individual student, and to the student body as a whole."

"My platform," stated Jane McConnell, "is based entirely on

my beliefs. They are: 1—I believe in uniting the student body. Let the students know the workings of College Government. 2—I believe in a democracy. I think there should be more freedom of expression. 3—I think that rules are a minor part of College Government. When stu-

## STRICKLING, REVELLI, HOFFMAN, CARSON LEAD CHORUS, BAND, DISCUSSIONS IN MUSIC MEET BEGINNING TODAY

With students and faculty arriving from all over Georgia tonight to begin rehearsals of the all-state chorus, the Georgia Music Education Conference begins its two-day meeting here today already assured of more than five hundred visitors.

### Famous Musicians

Music and more music is the order of business, with discussion groups being centered around such personalities as George F. Strickling, Cleveland, Ohio chorist, who will lead the discussion on Choir Organization and Development at 11:00 in Russell Auditorium, today. William Revelli, noted University of Michigan band expert, who will discuss Band Class Teaching Procedures at 11:00 Friday; Mark Hoffman, brilliant pianist from Greensboro, N. C., who will conduct a piano clinic from 2:30 until 4:00 today and will give a short piano recital preceding the all-state chorus tonight; and Miss Cleve Carson, of the University of Florida, who will conduct a clinic in Elementary Music Education 4:30-5:30, Friday.

In addition to the outside experts, many prominent Georgia leaders will be present to discuss the problems of music education.

### All-state Band and Chorus

The all-state chorus and band appearing on the program will consist of the pick of the high school singers and players from all over the state selected and brought to Milledgeville for the Conference. These two programs are expected to attract many visitors alone, as both of them will present trained musicians in full length recitals.

The program includes a dance given for the delegates Friday evening in the gymnasium.

all forms of Recreation which will have a carry over value into after-college life, and provide permanent interests in sports activities; 5.—To lead students to a realization of real joy in play.

Lorraine Proctor gave the following statement concerning her platform: "If I am elected President of the Recreation Association, I want to get the whole campus more acquainted with the functions of the Association, and to introduce more activities in which the whole campus will participate. I believe that the aims of the Recreation Association should be better known to the whole student body. I think that the Recreation Association should help the students to realize that recreation is a joy as well as a necessity in college life. If I am elected I will endeavor to make this condition realized."

dents feel they are capable of taking on more responsibilities and do away with a rule, I think that it should be abolished. 4—I believe that there should be more cooperation between students and faculty and a closer relationship between student body and Student Council. 5—In brief, I believe that if there is a greater interest among the students there will be a bigger and better College Government."

Hope was expressed by both candidates for the office of Chairman of the Judiciary that in the coming year, the students will understand more about the actions of Upper Court and will be interested enough to form opinions on the matter.

"I am especially hopeful," Hortense Fountain said, "that the time will come soon when the student body and Upper Court are more cooperative. I believe that this will come about only when the students are given the chance to know the truth about Court actions and the chance to express openly approval or disapproval of any such actions."

In concluding her platform, Hortense Fountain said that "more student participation in College Government would be the finest thing we could have." "I think," she added, "that it is inevitable that Upper Court

will be abolished. My reason for thinking this is that there will be no need for Upper Court when the Honor System has been thoroughly tried out and accepted."

Vivian Krauss, second candidate for the office, expressed her desire that the prevailing idea of Court's being purely a punitive organization could be cleared up. "I believe that Upper Court has other functions than punishment, namely, the building of attitudes. I hope that through Court students will feel and assume the responsibility of their position."

"The biggest thing that I shall work for, if I'm elected, is the continuance of the splendid work of the Honor System," Vivian said. "I think that if we can get the Honor System working throughout the campus, there will be no need for Upper Court."

### REC. CANDIDATES

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feel a genuine interest in and feel a part of the Association in all of its functions; 3.—To provide a program which will adequately take care of the leisure time which many have;



CBS' Ruth Brennan, starlet of "Aunt Jenny's Real Life Stories," models a negligee that combines durability and comfort with charm and freshness. (Styled and executed by Radelle Lingerie, New York.)

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