

Listen Up—

Student Campaigns Approved, Questioned

Editor:
As a resident of Keathley Hall, I was entertained Sunday by a candidate for a political office, Shariq Yusufzai. During the course of his campaign rhetoric, he had the audacity to state that because of a bill he had proposed to the senate, there was a "50 per cent chance or better that the residents of Keathley, Fowler and Hughes would be able to live in those dorms next year." I have five questions directed to Mr. Yusufzai.

1. Why did he fail to originally prevent action taken by the Senate and the Board of Directors which ultimately resulted in the loss of our dorm?
2. What basis does he have for making the claim that there is a "50 per cent chance or better" of our living here again next semester?
3. How does he plan to change the views of the Directors even if the Senate approves his proposal?
4. Why is he mis-informing

the residents in this dorm that he has proposed this legislation when in fact, his proposal was scratched from last week's Senate agenda?

5. Why did he wait until a week before the election to become concerned about the issue and not when the topic was subject to debate?

I think Mr. Yusufzai's attempt to capitalize on the feelings and emotions of displaced students in this area with grossly exaggerated and unsubstantiated claims, is a classic example of drumming up issues based on sensationalism rather than facts. If he wanted the votes of the residents in this dorm complex, he should have begun his representation of our views at the beginning of this year, and not just one week before the election.

Joey Robinette '74
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Editor:
I would like to personally invite each candidate running for student government position to

come campaign at Puryear-Law halls' joint "Meet the Candidates" assembly. The assembly will start at 5:30 p.m. in the quad area and will run until dark. Each candidate will be limited to five minutes. If you're interested in doing some last-minute campaigning before Thursday elections we would be glad to have you come over. The meeting allows the men in our halls to select more than just a name Thursday and gives them a chance to personally discuss issues with the candidates. If anyone has a question please contact me at 845-1078 or come by Puryear 8-A.

Buddy Hale—
President of Puryear Hall
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Editor:
David White is the best candidate for Student Body Treasurer. His experience as treasurer of the Residence Hall Association and work with various committees and organizations make him most qualified for the position. He will be responsive to the students and keep a tight rein on the student's money. David White will create better communications between the students, faculty and administration. He will work for the students and exert his influence to see that the students have a say in all affairs. We support David White for Student Body Treasurer.

Pamela Jewell
Karen Sparks
Karin Wilwerding
Paul Gugenheim
William Ouren
Bill Suter
Randy Gillespie
Barry Hards
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Editor:
David White would make an excellent treasurer. He has the knowledge, experience, and dedication to do the job well. He will work to represent the will of the students.

Karl Kuykendall '76
Ken Marchal '75
Don Wray '74
Charles Puckett '75
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Editor:
I was fascinated to see the names of Mark Blakemore and Joe Hughes conspicuously listed in last week's Battalion ad "describing" the Residence Hall Association. What's interesting is that both of them are presently campaigning for elective positions and that both of their names (as officers, of course) were conveniently listed in the ad (unquestionably for the benefit of the student body). Such trivia would not typically warrant a response, but I was amazed at the following "coincidences:"

1. The ad's supposed purpose was to explain "what in the hell is the R.H.A.," but we were only told that R.H.A. means "Residence Hall Association"—interesting, of course, but not very informative.
2. Without the advise or consent of the R.H.A. Assembly, administrative advisor, or its full executive committee, Blakemore and Hughes "objectively" decided in conference (with each other) that the R.H.A. must immedi-

ately advertise its purpose (since its name was changed only last November).

3. Blakemore and Hughes personally designed several ads and then committed \$— in R.H.A. funds to print them in The Battalion.

4. In designing the ads, they somehow forget to tell the student body anything about the R.H.A.

5. While their names were so generously listed to let students know that "These are the people to call when you need help;" in their dedicated efforts to provide for our convenience, Blakemore and Hughes forgot to list their telephone numbers. Or that of the R.H.A. office.

I would certainly not want to assert anything questionable from what surely must be mere "coincidences." However, my devious mind keeps raising several questions:

1. On what objective basis did Blakemore and Hughes suddenly conclude that the R.H.A. had an identity problem?

2. Was it such a pressing problem that there was no time to inform the R.H.A. Executive Committee or Assembly about it?

3. If a listing of officers' names was utterly vital, (and if their concern for the R.H.A. was their only motive), why didn't Blakemore and Hughes wait until this Thursday and list the names of the new R.H.A. officers?

I am forced to conclude that these two candidates—I mean, officers, were either a bit unobjective in placing their names in the ad, the lucky (but certainly unplanned) beneficiaries of several "coincidences," and/or don't give a damn about seeking the advise of their peers in the R.H.A.

Chet Edwards

The publicity campaign was planned in January and budgeted on Feb. 28 after letters appeared in The Battalion asking about the R.H.A. Final University approval of the organizational change from Civilian Student Council to the R.H.A.—Ed.

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Editor:
This department is impressed by the energy and determination shown by Junior Yell Leader candidates Joe Hughes and Ron Plackmeier in their quest for their positions. They want to be yell leaders and are working to let people know it.

They aren't out to destroy traditions, they only believe that it is time for leadership to represent the entire student body. Give them the chance to put some of their energy and love for this school to work as yell leaders.

The choice is in our hands to take advantage of spring elections for progressive change in student leadership—VOTE.

Harry Bloomfield, Chairman
Moses Hall Public Relations

Battalion Endorsements

The Battalion editorial staff endorses the following candidates in their campaigns for student government executive committee offices. We think these people are the best qualified and characterized to do an excellent job of working FOR the student body and University.

- T. Mark Blakemore, President
- Mark Fitte, Vice President
- David White, Treasurer
- Steve Eberhard, Academic Affairs (unopposed)
- Barb Sears, External Affairs (unopposed)
- Curt Marsh, Rules and Regulations
- Steve Wakefield, Student Services

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"I just wanted to remind you that since I grade to a degree on your improvement during the course, that it's about time to begin!"

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