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Steve Van Pelt seeks presidency

BOB SCOTT

Proposals like parietal hour could be researched by the Con-
mittee and then presented to the major boards, thereby elimin-
ating some of the research done by the board. Though I am sure
the board would want to do some of its own research, there will at
least be some started already.

Also, people like the Inter Fra-

culty Council president, Pat

Scott, president of the fraternities and sororities, pre-

sident of the Black Student Union and various other organizations
should be invited to be at Congress meet-

ings so that there is a greater

focus on what is going on.

"Part of the president's duty

would be to talk to members of

the faculty, to the President or to

members of the Board of Trustees if things did start to get

bogged down or to get them inter-

ested, find out how they feel and get some reaction from them.

Is the present community gov-

ernment system effective if not, what changes would you pro-

pose?"

As Congress was run this year it appeared ineffective be-

cause most of the things done were procedural, often concerned

with the rules and regulations of how to take action. There was a

great deal of lost time involved in the type of action.

Also, these procedural matters have been established to a

very great extent, a lot of things have come out like the addition

of students to the Judicial Board is the Meetings and Appendices
Committee which was done in one week. The policy change

was approved, the parietal hour procedure was worked out and a

curriculum change has been implemented. I guess in the past

we have come out with a lot of new things being done in com-

mittees since they established a procedure. It has been effective,

but in a small, unscientific way. We have come out like the addi-

tion of communication with students should be improved. Four

minutes of the committee and board meetings could be com-

pressed into two or three pages and then distributed to the stu-

dents. Students should be able to more readily know what is going

on within the various boards and committees and could react to

what is going on.

In the past several weeks black students have been added to

the Judicial Board in an effort to be Student Standing and

Appeals Committee, and blacks have expressed a desire for

further representation. What is the need to have black students to gain more posi-

tions in student government?

One of the big problems last year was the failure of black stu-

dents to apply for committee positions. This year quite a few more blacks were not on the various boards. This shows that the black students are inter-

ested in student government and will try to work through it. The

black students should have every opportunity to work through the system; they have the right as everybody else to be part of the government and the Judicial Board.

The thing about the Judicial Board that is very interesting is that there are only eight people on the Board, leaving the chance of a four-four tie. In an effort to avoid this situation there is need for an additional position to be made on the Board. Hopefully there will be black students interested in being mem-

bers of the Judicial Board and making boards.

That would help to make Congress a more representa-

tive body on campus. These changes would bring more diver-

gence of ideas and so that more blacks would be invited to be at Congress meetings and what needs to be improved.

What do you envision your role as president of the Congress organization? For one it is very important to be involved in the congressional system, and if I were going to be involved I think I could almost fool them into making more of a four-four tie. My role should be that of being very, very active, pursuing all these issues. This applies to the faculty, to the Board of Trustees. If there is a Board of Trustees, at least inform-

ing them what the ideas of the students are.

This sort of diplomacy would also apply to finding what the ideas of the faculty, the President, and members at the Board of Trustees are and relating them to the Congress organization.

I think this would not only help the faculty, the President, the Board of Trustees and the students, but would draw these four groups together so they could work better together.

These issues would be talked about and resolved before a new demo-

stration would be necessary.

What specific changes will you strive for in your term of office?

As far as there are no specific plans for use of the new Dewitt

Student Cultural and Social Cen-

ter, I will push those people who are responsible for making these plans to have them ready when the new center opens.

I would like to see the Cultural Affairs Program upgraded to per-

haps do away with some of the recitals, instead bring more big

name personalities to campus, people that can present the stu-

dents with pertinent issues.

Hopefully the four-four-plan or some kind of curriculum change will be implemented. Also, I would like to see more student involvement through surveys like the anchor in the hiring and firing of the faculty I think students should have a voice in those deci-

sions which so effect their academic lives.

I would also like to see a student member on the Board of Trustees to act as a reference source to the Board and aid the students.

Applications due Friday

Applications for the nine cab-

inet posts in the Student Con-

gress will be held April 29. Be-

fore the election, applicants will be screened if necessary by the standing

members of the cabinet to reduce the number of candi-

dates for CLB seats to no more than ten and the number of candidates seeking AAP positions to no more than eight.

Applications for seats on standing committees under the policy-making boards will be due May 1, after which the newly elected cabinet will screen the applicants and submit a com-

plete list of the 29 students recommended for the committee positions. Any student who dis-

agrees with the choice of the cabinet may write in the name of his candidate at the time of the final election.

Positions are open on the following Boards and Committees:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS BOARD

International Education

Teacher Education

Cultural Affairs

Curriculum
Selfridge unchallenged in V-P re-election bid

Junior Jane Selfridge, Student Congress president, was unchallenged for a second term, a 2-1 vote by the Sophomore Senate last week.

Selfridge has held a seat on the Campus Affairs Board for two years and is the only sophomore to serve on the Board.

Selfridge, who has served as Student Congress secretary and vice-president of the Class Council, is a junior major, Mrs. Selfridge holds a degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan.

She said that issues such as the new draft program, the campus budget, and the academic calendar change are among the most important issues facing the Congress.

Selfridge also stressed the importance of the Budget Bureau, which is responsible for overseeing the financial operations of the Congress.

She said that the Budget Bureau has made significant contributions to the Congress in the past year, and she expects it to continue to do so in the future.

Selfridge also expressed her gratitude to the Congress for giving her the opportunity to serve in such an important role.

She said that she looks forward to working with the Congress in the coming year, and that she is excited to see what the future holds for the Congress.

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