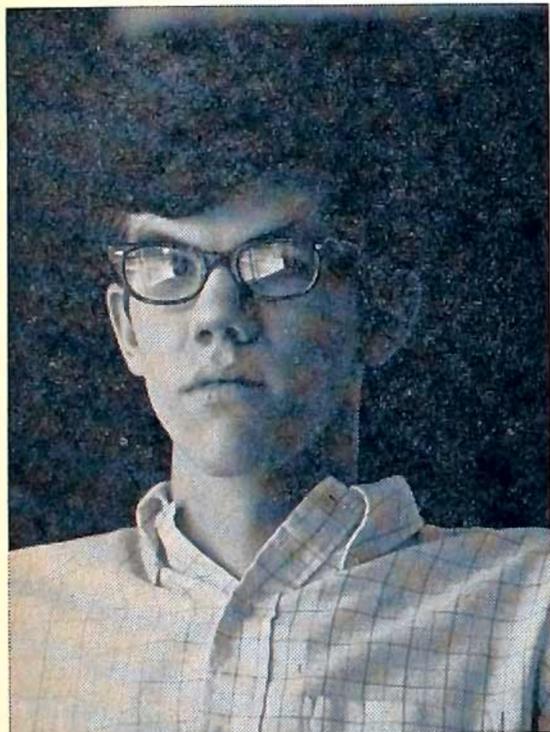


CC elections slated for Monday



Richard Coe

A dissatisfaction with the existing C.C. and a belief that students deserve better has led me into the campaign for C.C. president.

Top priority should be given to the question: "What form of student government, if any, do we want?" A few of the several possibilities include: no student government, a treasurer's office to appropriate funds; a purely democratic townhall type of government; an expanded C.C.; the existing C.C. There must be a referendum on this issue since a decision of this nature should be made by all the students—not by one candidate, one dorm, or one interest group.

When reviewing the operations of the C.C. for this year, I wanted to determine what benefits students have received from the \$84,000 C.C. budget. That money comes from student activity fees—\$44 per student. Too much of the money has gone for perpetuation of the existing C.C. structure, for trips for hondas to Washington, Pittsburgh, etc.

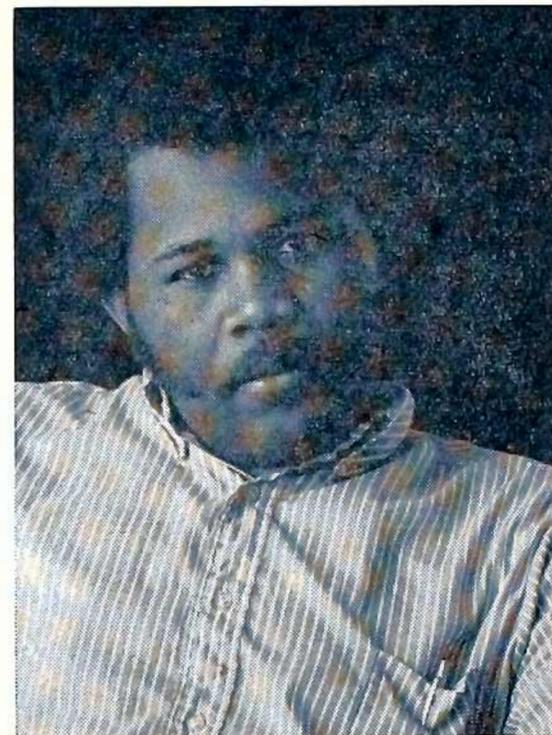
I propose that the C.C. appropriate at least \$15,000 for additional student financial aid! And, students should exert pressure on the college administration to match that amount. Students have been hurt by the tuition hike and high interest rates and more financial aid is needed!

Much is said about student power, but nowhere is it more needed than in determining administrative policy. There should be student consultation in determining the financial priorities of the College. And provision should be made for student consideration of all future proposals for the creation of administrative positions.

Another area where student government can provide a service is that of active support of the efforts by the commuters to make rooms available in the dormitories for their use.

Perhaps the biggest problem with the current C.C. is its preoccupation with itself and politics. I believe that the only justification for the existence of student government is the active work by that government for student interests.

Richard Coe



Charles Cambridge

I believe that independence from or association with the administration of Macalester college is quite irrelevant in this campaign. I believe that there are interests common to all present and prospective Macalester students, interests which are not being represented for want of an effective student lobby. In my position paper, which I hope you can all look over, I do two things.

First of all, I list as broadly and specifically as possible what these interests are. Secondly, I promise to actively use my position if elected and with your undying support, to accomplish all of them.

To paraphrase that noted sage, Karl Marx: "Students of Macalester, we have nothing to lose but the shackles placed on us by the faculty and administration. We have our demands to be met. Students of Macalester college unite! Let our voices be heard!"

If these positions and this commitment appeal to you; then I am after your vote.

Charles Cambridge

four vie for top position

"Expression" — this word best symbolized my ideas about Community Council. Complete expression of various ideas is the primary requisite for effective student participation at all levels of the institution.

Perhaps the best way to increase the expression of diverse ideas and viewpoints at CC is to change the structure. I propose to add one student from each academic department to CC, and one from undecided students. This would be in addition to the present residential representation. Besides providing for a wider expression of ideas, and coordinating student activities at the departmental level, it would also provide another avenue of representation. This new channel would be particularly important to off-campus students, whose major campus interest is generally departmental rather than residential.

Expression of diverse ideas can be promoted by recognizing the special concerns of commuters and those of off-campus students in general. I support the proposal to provide adequate lounge space and lockers in the lower Union for commuter students. I advocate a program of meal ticket booklets for off-campus students which could be used at any meal. I would encourage the administration to provide available room space for commuter students who would like to spend certain nights on campus. In addition, I support the constitutional amendment that would increase commuter representation on CC, though I believe my proposal for CC would also enhance off-campus representation.

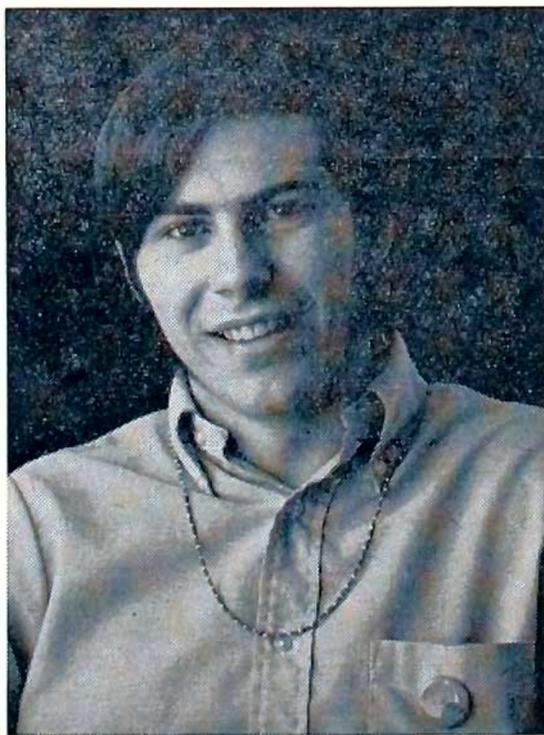
Campus communications are essential for the expression of ideas. Consequently, I consider campus communications to be the top budget priority of CC, while it should also finance student organizations and interest groups.

Student participation at the department level is required if student viewpoints are to be expressed at all levels of the institution. Recently great authority, particularly in the areas of curriculum, faculty personnel, senior comps, and budget priorities, has been transferred to the departments. However, students have failed to respond to this shift in emphasis. Therefore, I propose to add student members with full voting privileges to all faculty departmental committees.

It is difficult for ideas to be expressed if people are unaware of the proper channels through which to voice them. Therefore, I propose to establish an Ombudsman, whose chief duty would be to aid students who are having difficulty in their relationships with either CC or the college. In so doing, the Ombudsman would guide people through the proper channels, and if necessary, represent them or articulate their interests.

Join with me in expressing your desire to constructively change student government at Macalester by voting for me for CC President on April 13. And after the election, let me join with you in implementing those proposals that will increase the expression of the views of the entire student body.

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John Berquist

The student government we've got now can't claim to speak for the student body. It's one small group of people who see too much of each other and not enough of what's happening on and off campus to be reflective of student opinion or to be a dynamic force pushing for student demands. Student government, the C.C., is way behind in most meaningful student movements. It's bottled up in its own red tape and in the limited viewpoints of its members, as honest and as well meaning as they might be. The whole structure just gets in the way. We box ourselves in and set up all these ridiculous procedural rules that keep anyone from doing anything effectively within the framework of student government. We don't need all that bullshit. We don't need a more complex maze to wade through. We've got to get rid of all these things hanging us up so we can get out and do.

I see a very simple solution, just get rid of representative government and replace it with a democracy—one man, one vote. In effect, set up a town meeting wherein all functions, actions and decisions are made by the participants, the student body, in open meetings. It'll be an accurate reflection of student opinion, a forum for exchanging ideas, and an assembly from which can come as many forms of action as we as students want. It'll necessitate a well informed and active student body. You won't be able to sit on your ass and wait for someone else to do it and you won't have to settle for what someone else decides because you'll have just as much right to say what you think, to participate as anyone. There'll be no one assigned to speak for you. You'll have to do it yourself.

John Berquist