



## Students Elect 13 New Senators

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As the polls closed on October 7th, it was nervousness, that filled the air outside the SGA Conference room. Anxious candidates paced and shuffled until the results came out. With the results, came joy to 13 of the prospective hopefuls.

There are nineteen spots on GC's Senate; almost 70-percent of the governing were chosen on the 7th. Why only thirteen?

Last year, the Senate was faced with the annual problem of nobody guarding the fort over the summer months. It was proposed that a spring election be held for six Senate spaces, and the remaining thirteen spaces be put up for grabs the regular time of fall.

This proposal was passed by the Senate, written by the constitution committee, and ultimately given to the student population on the ballot with the executive officer elections of the spring. It passed.

Competition gelled as the election wore on. Giant banners hung in conspicuous places and custom posters reached for the eye of anyone who would look. Personal appeals were extended and most everything except kissing babies prevailed. For some it worked. For others the agony of defeat was waiting just around the corner.

The voters turned out in droves. Over 400 students voiced their opinions. Some candidates recieved as much as two-thirds of the popular votes while others recieved only a handful.

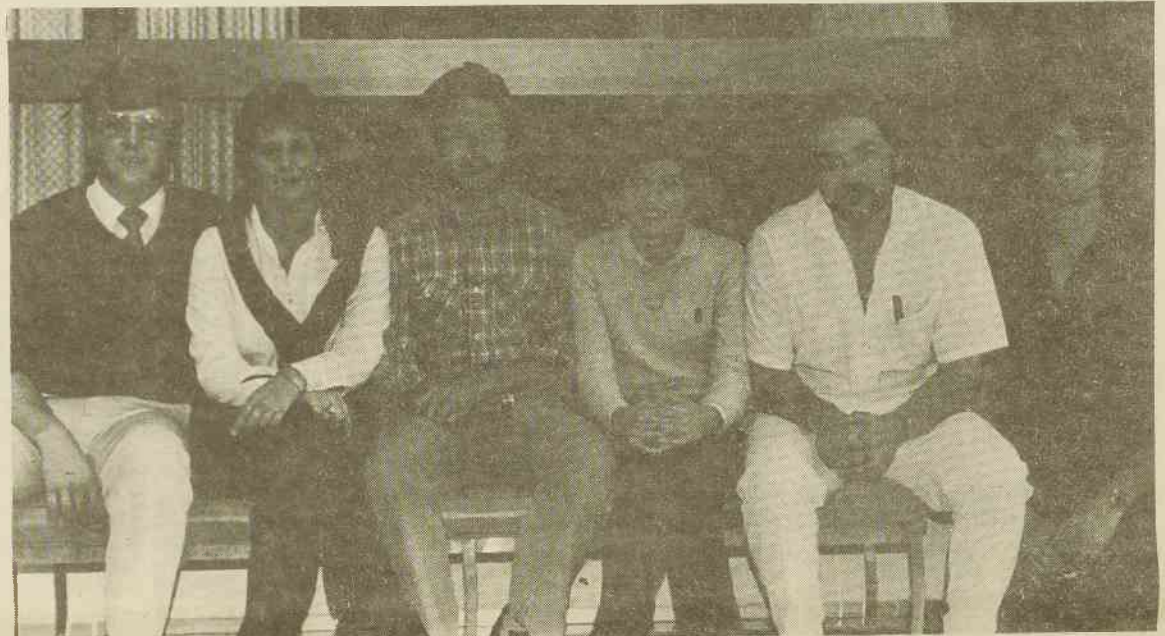
The counting of the ballots was a long and methodical process. Votes had to be counted in groups, spot checked for accuracy, and totaled.

After all was said and done the final results were posted and some very happy winners were off for celebratrions.

Here are the winners in alphabetical order

Sandra Carpenter, 19, wants to involve everyone in everything at Gaston College. She is a sophomore majoring in Physical Therapy.

Jeff Clemmer, 23, is currently a member of the Dallas Rescue Quad and wants Gaston College to go from a two-year school. He is a sophomore.



Left to Right Jeff Clemmer, Patti Cline, Mark Sherer, Laurie Hughs, Joe Shelton and Raymond Davis. (Not Pictured)

Sandra Carpenter, Angi Cline, Dana Collins, Bill Halland, Jim Lopp, Jeff Powell and Bob Keirstead.

Angi Cline, from Gastonia is a freshman who ran in the campaign for the mercy of the general improvement of Gaston College. She is 17.

Patti Cline was re-elected after already serving for one year as a senator. She is 20, a sophomore, and wants to stamp out student apathy.

Dana P. Collins is a sophomore from Gastonia who thinks day and night students should be persuaded to participate in activities. Dana is 22 and a Electronics Engineering major.

Raymond Davis wants to take the student government to the students. He is 23, a sophomore, and an Engineering major from Mt. Holly.

Bill Holland was re-elected from last years Senate. He is 22, a Broadcasting major, and wants to make the following year the best in Gaston College's history.

Laurie Hughs, 18, is a nursing major. She mainly wants a better relationship between students and the Student Government Association.

Jim "Cowboy" Lopp of Dallas (N.C.) is 28 and an Electronics Engineering major. He believes the Vets of Gaston College should get more involved. Ride 'Em Jim!

Jeff Powell is an Electrical Engineering major from Stanley. He wants to voice the

opinions of his fellow classmates and to promote Student Government Assatiion activities.

Joe F. Shelton, 25, is a Pre-Med major and has his fingers in a lot of things at Gaston College. He wants to improve the quality of student services and the efficiency of the Student Government Association.

Mark Sherer, 20, of Cramerton is devoted to seeing that the night students at Gaston College get more for their activity dollar.

When the results finally came, only 12 positions were filled. Six candidates finished so close, a run off election had to take place. There was only a nine vote spand between the following hopefuls. Lisa Carroll, Alison Leslie, Bob Keirstead, Treasa Davis, Thomas Falls, and Fredrick Dee were all running for the one opening.

The election to decide the winner of the six, was held on October 12 and 13. When the votes were finally tallied, Bob Keirstead was chosen to fill the position.

Also on the ballot was a referendum for a change in the constitution. It passed overwhelmingly.

Congratulations gang! The GASLIGHT would like to challenge you to give your all in the following school year.