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## Joan Bunting: New SGA president

In the recent first slate elections held at Meredith, Joan Bunting became the new SGA president for the 1984-85 school year. The rising senior has many new and exciting ideas planned for Meredith in the upcoming year.

Joan first became involved in student government her freshman year when she served as class secretary. She continued her interest in school government activities by serving as Sophomore class secretary and Junior class president. Joan credits much of her interest in student affairs to her involvement with the 4-H club throughout high school. It was through this club that she learned much of what it takes to make ideas and projects work.

During the past year, several changes have been

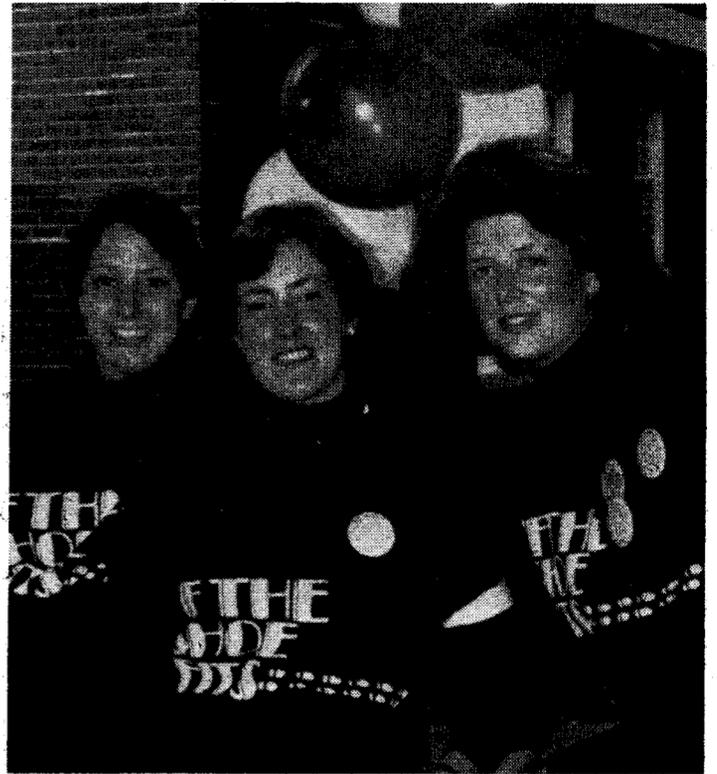
made to Meredith's SGA Constitution and By-Laws. Joan hopes that through her position as SGA President she can set these changes into motion. With the addition of the Senate and Student Activities Board, Joan is optimistic that much of the overlap of duties will be deleted and that specific energies will be channeled by specific committees. Joan is also excited about plans for more select activities to be offered next year to Meredith students. This means perhaps a fewer selection of activities and events but ones in which the majority of the students will want to participate in.

Meredith plays an important role in Joan's life. She is not only involved in student government but is also a member of the PHI society and the Barber Science Club. She

enjoys getting involved in student activities and served as a Student Life Sub-committee chairperson this past year. She is a strong supporter of the Honor Code and feels that it is an important part of Meredith. To her, the Honor Code goes beyond the campus by helping girls build their own honor codes in their personal lives.

The 1984-85 school year plans to be a busy one for Joan. She hopes to increase the enthusiasm on campus and to get more students involved in campus affairs. Joan wants all students to know that she is available to them and will listen to any complaints or suggestions they may have. She wants to make the coming year an exciting and eventful one.

Jill Hensdale



Joan Bunting [far right] is seen here with Becky Evans, [center] and Tracy Thompson [far left].

## Much student support seems to swing to Hart

### BIG CAMPUS CROWDS, A RUSH OF VOLUNTEERS AND MISSING MONDALE 'SPUNK'

ALBANY, NY (CPS) - When a lonely candidate named Gary Hart visited Albany in May, 1983, Gov. Mario Cuomo was too busy to see him.

Hart's organizers gave up trying to book a room at the State University of New York-Albany (SUNYA) campus because, as one organizer remembers it, they were worried the candidate couldn't draw a crowd big enough to fill one.

Things have changed. In the weeks before the April 3rd New York primary, the campus chapter of Americans with Hart had about 100 volunteers, about 40 of whom were "active," says Michael Schmall, the campus campaign's co-coordinator.

And while there is student support for both Walter Mondale and Jesse Jackson on the campus, Patty Salkin, the officially-uncommitted head of the Albany State Young Democrats, concedes that "from what I've seen and personal contact, I'd say there's a lot of student interest in Hart."

Indeed, for the first time since 1972, a Democratic presidential candidate seems to have caught fire among a broad cross section of students around the country.

Over 5000 students heard Hart speak at the University of Illinois two weeks ago. About 1200 showed up to listen to him at Cal-Berkeley, while another 300 couldn't get in. During the Massachusetts primary, Hart handily won student precincts in Amherst.

Now Eric Schwartz, Hart's youth coordinator, speaks of mobilizing a nationwide volunteer corps of 10,000 students to match Walter Mondale's volunteers from organized labor.

At Marquette, Hart seems to be drawing a lot of support on a campus that is "about 80 percent Republican," reports Kevin Jereczek, president of Marquette's Young Democrats' chapter.

With the possible exception of schools in New York and Pennsylvania, adds the nominally-uncommitted Dave Smith of Young Democrats' headquarters in Washington, D.C., "campuses are pro-Hart as opposed to Mondale."

"I sense a great lack of enthusiasm and lack of inspiration for Mondale," says Cathy Campbell, Berkeley's student body president.

Campbell believes Hart's "spunk" and faithful evocation of the Kennedy style probably help attract student support as much as anything.

Mondale's student organizers contend their volunteers are more concerned with issues than Hart's.

"Students who look at the issues and not at appearance are swinging to Mondale," claims Valarie White, national student coordinator at Mondale headquarters in Washington.

Mondale's campus supporters, adds Sean O'Brien of SUNYA's Students for Mondale chapter, are more "committed" than Hart's. "Rather than jumping on the bandwagon, they are a determined group."

In a sort of reverse bandwagon effect, O'Brien says "we got 10 new members" after Hart beat Mondale in the New Hampshire primary in early March.

"Since New Hampshire, (the campaign) has really started to roll," adds Schmall of Hart's campus group. Schmall says he has 40-45 active volunteers. O'Brien says he has 30.

Both have been courting student support - and the

immensely valuable free labor that comes with it - for a long time.

Hart, for example, made campaign hops through northern California and Colorado campuses as early as spring, 1982.

Hart spoke against the nuclear arms buildup to University of Denver students in May, 1982.

The month before, Mondale delivered the same message at Yale.

Mondale and his family have worked campuses in all the big caucus and primary states for the last two years. Hart's reach has been a little shorter, due primarily to having less money to spend.

Still, by last November, Patti Grogan, president of the national Young Democrats, told College Press Service, "There is no student candidate. No one has really touched the hearts and minds of students across the nation."

The early primaries and caucuses appear to have changed that.

"I think there is a revival of student activism," contends Chris Phillips, a Hart national student support coordinator.

"Student activism is coming around a little bit," says Brian Grossman, president of the University of Illinois' College Democrats, of the campus support for Hart. But "we still have a little way to go to get students involved."

Involved or not, students historically don't vote. Only 30 percent of the registered college-aged voters actually cast ballots in the 1980 presidential race.

"The problem is getting people out to vote," points out Ilise Levine, a Hart worker at SUNYA.

The Jackson campaign,

which appears to have wilted after a uproarious campus start last fall, has had the most success in actually bringing new voters into the system, the observers suggest.

At SUNYA, the student Democrats' ambitious voter registration plan has run out of money, and now relies on "word of mouth," Salkin says.

The College Republicans on the other hand, say they have a registration budget,

which they'll use for the general election.

At SUNYA, College Republicans chapter President Will Kamishlian says that, until the general election in the fall, his group will "sit back and watch the Democrats slit each others' throats."

"The interest is there" in supporting President Reagan's re-election drive, Kamishlian says, though "it's not on the surface."

## What is the Student Life Committee?

This is a question heard often around campus and it needs to be answered. Many students seem unaware of the Student Life Committee, its members, purpose, and function.

Each student at Meredith is represented on the Student Life Committee by one of the following members:

Becky Pyles, Chair; Mary Tronnes, Secretary; Grace Akers, SGA President; Jill Humberger, MRA President; Jan Joyner, MCA President; Peggy Overton, CCA President; Kim Causey, Senior Class President; Joan Bunting, Junior Class President; Renee Godwin, Sophomore Class President; Becky Auman, Freshman Class President; Kelly Leazer, Non-Resident Student; Monica Keele, ABA Representative; Connie van der Does, MIA Representative; Teresa Uzzle, WINGS Representative; Donna Sartain, WINGS Representative; Terri Holland, Legislative Board Chair; Maia McNulty, Member-at-Large; Michele Cherry, Member-at-Large; Linda Sellers, Twig Editor;

Cynthia Washington, Handbook Editor; Lelia Davenport, Oak Leaves Editor; Dr. Carolyn Grubbs, Faculty Representative; Dr. Peggy Starkey, Faculty Representative; Mrs. Betty Cook, Faculty Representative; Rhoda Sowers, Director of Student Activities; Mrs. Dorothy Sizemore, Dean of Students; Dr. Sandra Thomas, VP for Student Development and Advisor to SLC.

The main purpose of the SLC is to deal with student concerns. If a student has a concern about any aspect of student life, she may either voice her concern at a Student Life Committee meeting or relay her concern through a committee member. After the concern has been looked into, the SLC may then decide to send a recommendation to the appropriate person asking that action be taken on this matter.

In September this year's committee held their retreat at Quail's Roost where nearly a hundred goals were set for the coming year. These goals deal with either student concerns or ideas for constructive changes

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