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Briggs Snags Presidency With 97% *Snelson wins by 1; Turnout high despite unopposed races*

by Jeff Sheets

Current sophomore Hunt Briggs was elected Student Body President for the 96-97 academic year in last week's SGA elections.

Asheville native Briggs ran unopposed and won with 97 percent of the vote. The Environmental studies major commented, "I have some ideas and things I can't wait to implement. I'm excited about next year and where it is going."

The main duties of President according to the Student Handbook include "serving as the official representative of the student body" and "calling and pre-

siding over all meetings of the SGA Executive and Legislature branches."

Besides Briggs' office, there were ten other leadership positions filled.

Alabama native Billy Shugart will be assisting Briggs as Vice-President which he narrowly won by a mere 16 votes against rising senior Bob Kerich. "I would be interested in starting a young republicans club on campus," remarked the Outdoor Education major. "I'd like to see students involved with politics."

Human Services major Lisa Cox seized the Secretary position with an 87 percent majority. "I hope to see the SGA

and the aspect of community prosperity when it comes to solving problems," stated the McGregor resident.

The Student Activities Chair was filled by second year student Anna Darby. "I think I can bring to this position fresh ideas and enthusiasm." The Human Services major went on to say, "Doing activities such as a dance just to be having a dance is not what I want to do."

Covenant College transfer Mark Arnett grabbed the office of Senior Associate Justice.

Appeals Court Chair and Judicial Court Chair were swiped by first semester seniors David Cohn and Andrew Bobilya respectively. The two Outdoor Recreation majors will be graduating in December 96 and their vacancies next spring will be filled by assistants.

Newly elected Off Campus Representative Amy Guffey stated, "I want to be the voice between off campus students and the SGA."

The close race for Senior Class President was decided in a runoff between Amanda Nesbitt and Mary Jo Snelson with English major Snelson tasting victory.

Howerton resident Chris Walkup was elected Junior Class President. "I can bring an open mind to SGA and can help people look at more than one solu-

tion when it comes to solving problems," the Business major stated. "One goal is that I'd like to see something done with the current visitation system to make it more effective."

Drama Ministry leader Naomi Richard filled the Sophomore Class President office. The Bible and Religion major said, "I envision trying to lengthen the hours of the cafeteria and computer lab once in office next fall."

The election saw a fair amount of students turn out to vote. "Over 50 percent of the student body came," remarked current SGA President Karis Boyer.

In addition as Briggs noted, "There is a variety among the new members which should bring in a diversity of ideas."

Even though the student turn out to vote was pleasing to most, there weren't many running for office.

Brevard transfer Guffey observed, "Over 80 percent of the candidates ran unopposed. So many people gripe about the problems of the school and when there is a chance to do something such as running for an SGA office, no one responds."

Bobilya remarked, "I would encourage anyone interested in SGA to get involved and run for other positions that arise."

Board of Trustees Visits College

By Shazette Davis

Members of the Board of Trustees are visiting campus April 24-26. The Board is expected to aid the college in making important decisions for the students and college life.

Last time the trustees were here the tuition raise was the main topic of concern. The Board agreed with the tuition raise, but concluded that the way it was presented to the students was too spontaneous and needed to be explained to the students more accurately.

This week the board will listen to various concerns of the students and proposals that are brought to them and make changes or additions where they see fit. One proposal that is expected to be put before the trustees is a change in the handbook constitution.

Freshman Kelly Owen expressed, "The Board of Trustees are the backbone of our college. They really care a lot about our college and accomplish a great deal. While here, I hope that they will be able to fulfill the needs of the students as well as the college."

"They are very open to the concerns of the students and want what is best," commented Student Body President Karis Boyer.

Stephen Sevell said "In the past what we've brought to them has been carried out. I hope that they deal with the aesthetics of the college, like a new gym, new chapel and etc."

History Department chair Jack Crawford, who has had a relationship with the board since 1971, replied "They (the trustees) are the legal body for governing our college and keeping it going. They make im-

portant decisions on what should and can be done to bring the college forward. I encourage the students to be friendly to the trustees and recognize that these people have a great responsibility in the upkeep of the college. They have made sacrifices and given support and money to lead us through difficult times."

Stan Bamberg, associate professor of Bible and Christian ministries, concludes, "The board provides direction to the college in the fulfillment of our mission and adds to the quality of college life."

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Sophomore Jeremy Witteveen stated that he had not really noticed. When Nat Ruland was asked if he enjoyed the new channels, he joked, "What new channels?"

The dorms do not come equipped with television sets, even though they all have cable access. Anderson Hall resident Stephanie Italiano stated that she did not have a television in her room so she did not get to take advantage of the free channels.

Channels 39 is the history channel. It gives a diversity of series, documentaries and movies that bring history alive. Channel 40 is The Learning channel which focus on educational programming that is enjoyable.

Channel 41 is FX. FX features old favorites like Batman and Family Affair. It also offers fresh new shows like Collectibles Corner and The Pet Department.

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