



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE  
IF WE DON'T  
WAKE UP?

## Senate Presents Legislative Synopsis

**Editor's Note:** A report of the 1969-70 Student Government Association activities was to have been printed at the end of second semester. However, misconceptions concerning legislative programs have, in the opinion of this newspaper, warranted a publication of SGA activities to this date. The author of the following article is a Senator of the senior class.

by Cathy Bowen

The Senate has tried throughout the year to support the desires of the students and see that they are implemented. The officers of SGA and the Senators have succeeded in improving the students' lives on this campus. A list of improvements which have been catalyzed by SGA during this administration follows.

Constitutional changes require a good deal of time; it is with great pride that the 1969-70 SGA completed the court system reform and had the student body's approval by Oct., 1969.

### Court Reforms

- 1) Insured student rights of 5th Amendment and Double Jeopardy. Essential to a fair trial.
- 2) Commission Court will now try all cases which would have come before the House Council to insure an unbiased jury and judgment by one's peers.
- 3) Student Court can publish a report of each trial to inform students of the decisions at its discretion.
- 4) Trials are to be held "open" if at all possible.
- 5) A new method for selecting court members was adopted. The new method makes it possible for all students to be not filed and interviewed if they are intrusted in the court.
- 6) Court will consist of: 16 upperclassmen selected at large from the student body, 4 additional members chosen second semester, ten members will sit on a trial, 9/10 vote for a verdict, and 8/10 vote for

a penalty.

7) Established the ability of the court to grant suspended sentences for any penalty.

### General Campus

- 1) An SGA Bulletin Board was created in cafeteria to improve communication.
- 2) Establish definite policy regarding the campus radio station WMHC. The SGA gave financial aid to get it on its feet. The treasurer of SGA will serve on the Board of Directors. The radio station will function as an autonomous part of campus life to insure freedom of speech and thought.
- 3) The closing of the radio station each Monday night corrected is now closed only one Monday night a month.
- 4) Recommended to Dean Sears that ID cards not be necessary to eat in the cafeteria and only the ID number be told to the "checker".
- 5) The boycott last spring of Chapel was followed up by the SGA and a definite plan was submitted to the necessary officials. As a result a more suitable system was obtained and is still under study for improvement.
- 6) A Senate Pro Tem was established to see that all registration reach its appropriate destination.
- 7) The Academic Development Committee was created to be concerned with matters concerning curriculum, etc.
- 8) Recommended to Dean Hoffman that the requirements for a foreign language were too stringent. The requirements are now under review by the Faculty Curriculum Committee.
- 9) Smoking in the cafeteria was brought before the student body and was defeated 246-211.
- 10) Keys for Senior Women 21 years of age was passed by the Senate and sent to Student Affairs Committee where it was also passed. This proposal was later defeated by

the administration.

- 11) A new cafeteria policy was established by the Senate whereby a person forgetting his ID card could merely sign a book in the cafeteria. This policy was later overruled by Dean Sears after it had been in progress for 2½ months. A new policy was created by the administration.
- 12) It was proposed and passed that students be allowed to keep two-wheeled motor vehicles on campus. This was also passed by the Traffic Committee and will go into effect in the fall.
- 13) The Traffic fees for car registration are extremely high at MHC and the Senate asked that they be lowered. The administration has promised that they will be lowered next year.
- 14) A study of the entire SGA construction is being studied to determine if SGA could function more effectively as a one-house body composed of representatives from throughout the student body.
- 15) Last spring hours for women were changed so that, beginning with fall semester, senior women have 1 a.m. permission on Friday and Saturday, and juniors have 12:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Freshmen have 12 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.
- 16) The Senate sought and received permission to rent refrigerators to the students. A company was contacted by SGA and orders were taken. Student interest was not enough to allow us to order the refrigerators.
- 17) Perry White and the Student Activities Committee of SGA secured numerous dance bands and movies for the students' enjoyment. SGA took sole responsibility in clearing up after the dances.
- 18) An entire weekend was spent by President Pons and Vice-President

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Danny Ray was made President-elect of the Student Government Association for 1970-71 by the popular vote of the student body on March 4. Vice President-elect is Lake Ellis; Secretary-elect is Nancy Collis and Treasurer-elect is Terry Kuykendall.

## Cathy Bowen Blows Her Mind for Community Affairs

by Sam Wallace

The little, green-eyed whirlwind has been seen racing around the Mars Hill College campus on the way to one of her many activities is Cathy Bowen. Cathy is a senior religion major from Shelby, North Carolina and is one of MHC's most active and prominent students. She is a Senior Advisor, Director of the Juvenile Assistance Program, a Justice on the Student Court and an Intern with the Christian Ethics Institute.

In a united scope. After her research Cathy wrote a 45-page report which is now being used as resource material for ministers who attended the Institute last fall. She is presently working as a tutor for the students taking the Christian Ethics course this semester.

Cathy has been named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, is on the Dean's List, ranks second in her class scholastically and is a member of the Advisory Committee to the Academic Dean.

When asked why she came to Mars Hill College Cathy replied that she liked the friendly campus and beautiful scenery. She said, "It is really true that MHC is a friendly campus. I think that Mars Hill students have a certain identity of their own. Here at MHC there is a constant effort to complement the academic and social life of the students. Programs such as the Community Development Institute program, the Christian Ethics Institute, the Juvenile Assistance Program and others in this scope make MHC unique. These programs are of great benefit to the community and give students practical experience. There is a great opportunity here at MHC to become involved in many outside activities to increase your educational experience. My only regret in my college experience is that I have been able to be at MHC only two years. I was a transfer from Gardner-Webb and therefore could only put two years of my life into MHC. At Mars Hill I feel I have matured. I have had a chance here to think about what life is all about and that in essence the meaning of life is serving. If I were only concerned with myself my life would not be anything. MHC has done far more for me than I have for MHC."

Cathy became interested in working with juveniles when she became aware of the high rate of delinquents in the Pisgah View Apartment area. Cathy said, "When I saw the face of the delinquent, with no one to care for them, no one to help them and be a friend to them, I became deeply concerned with their problem. Under the Judicial Department of MHC I made a proposal for Juvenile Assistance Program. The program was approved and I am now directing this program this semester. I have four tutors working under me, on a one-to-one basis with the delinquents. The tutors, Danny Ray, Morris White, Ben Cochran and Bill Early, spend approximately three hours with their "buddies" on two weekdays and as much time as possible with them on weekends. I feel the program is a great benefit to the juveniles in that it gives them someone who really cares about them and is willing to spend some time and talk with them about their problems." The program has been funded for next year for an area including all of Buncombe County.

Last summer, under the direction of Dr. Page Lee, Cathy worked as an intern with the Christian Ethics Institute. During the summer she worked with agencies and churches to coordinate their activities to serve



Cathy Bowen takes time out from her frantic schedule to rest (and browse through a dictionary?) on an easy-going Monday afternoon.