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SGA HOSTS THREE NEW OFFICERS

by Ben Sprouse

Two new officers to the SGA have taken office and a third will be sworn in after Christmas break. These are Susan Perry Brenda Hale, and Rick West. Susan Perry, a junior from Raleigh, N. C., is now serving as SGA Treasurer. Susan is an elementary education major and is presently doing her internship with the 5th grade at Glenn-Arden Elementary School. Before becoming SGA Treasurer, Susan served as junior class senator, intern treasurer, and house council member.

Brenda Hale, a junior from Tigerville, S. C., is our new SGA Secretary. Brenda, a history major

has high hopes of attending graduate school and becoming a high school teacher. Brenda was class president in high school and has worked with several student subcommittees.

Due to the graduation of Frog Howes, Rick West will undertake the duties of Chief Justice after the holiday break. Rick, a junior and a biology major, is from Marble, N. C. Rick has served as a justice for three years. Rick, himself feels that his past experience will play a vital role as he undergoes his new duties.

The Hilltop Staff, along with the student body, extend to these new officers the hardest wishes for success as they step into the spot-light of leadership.



Rick West - Chief Justice



Susan Perry - Treasurer



Brenda Hale - Secretary

Exam Schedule

	Class-time	Exam-time
Tues. Dec. 11	3:00	8:30
	11:00	2:30
Wed. Dec. 12	10:00	8:30
	2:00	2:30
Thurs. Dec. 13	9:00	8:30
	1:00	2:30
Fri. Dec. 14	8:00	8:30
	12:00	2:30
Sat. Dec. 15	Dorms close at 10:00	

SGA Senate Report

By Valerie McNabb

The regularly scheduled senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Ken Chamber. Treasurer, Susan Perry led in prayer.

David Robinson, Senior class senator, brought up a point recommended to him by one of his constituents. He suggested that the senate recommend to the administration that the original exam schedule be moved back one day. This was recommended due to the recent gas shortage in light of students with Sat. afternoon exams. This suggestion was sent to the administration and approved.

Larry Pike is good-looking, intelligent well-behaved, wonderfully considerate and well-mannered. This motion failed 0-2-24.

Class allotments in the proposed budget were distributed according to the number of students at \$1.50 each per class.

The Senate wants your involvement in SGA. Let your opinion be heard by voicing your views to your class senators.

Proposed Budget for S.G.A.

Received: SGA Dues
1406 Students at \$4.00 each
\$5,624.00

Class Allotment:
1406 students at \$1.50 each
\$2,109.00
287 Seniors \$430.50
306 Juniors \$459.00
350 Sophomores \$525.00
463 Freshman \$694.50

Officer Scholarships: \$200.00
President \$100.00
V. Pres. \$100.00

Publications: \$750.00

Operating Expenses: \$2,565.00

Total Budget \$5,624.00

Respectfully submitted
Susan Perry
S.G.A. Treasurer

Freshmen elect new officers

by Jonathan Riddle

The Freshman class has just recently elected officers for the 1973-1974 school year. These new officers, bringing with them the enthusiasm of the class they represent, hope to add fresh ideas to the business of student government at Mars Hill. They are: Steve Yacobi, president; Benny Sprouse, vice-president; Patty Mills, secretary; and Lillian Lightsey, treasurer.

Steve, a political science major from Greenville, S. C., has hopes of going to law school in the future. Yet, he also has goals for the present, especially in regard to the role Freshmen will play in student government. First of all, he hopes to be instrumental in the long range idea of liberalizing social policies at Mars Hill. More important though, his goal is to get Freshmen involved in student

government, believing that once the spirit of cooperation starts in the Freshman class it can continue throughout the three succeeding years at Mars Hill.

Benny, an accounting major from Forest City, N. C., hopes to further his education at the seminary, eventually working through the Southern Baptist Convention's financial services or simply becoming a missionary. Benny enjoys working with people, as shown by his rank of Eagle Scout, and hopes to play an important part in helping the Freshman class become a strong unit in all phases of academic and social life.

Patti, a political science major from Fort Mill, S. C., has high ambitions in the field of politics. In fact, she hopes one day to become governor of her home state, South Carolina. Patti knows no

strangers because she loves to meet all sorts of people. Her goal, as secretary is to help make it known that there is a Freshman class by helping all its members get involved in student affairs.

Lillian, a double major in Art and Home Economics from Greenwood, S. C., hopes someday to become an interior decorator. Lillian is a lover of people, truly interested in all the members of the Freshman class. Her goal, as treasurer, is to help bring everybody closer together through school spirit.

All these officers are concerned about the wishes of the students they represent. They are pledged to making their government more responsive to those wishes and more effective as an instrument of progressive change on the campus. The staff of the Hilltop welcomes them.

When You Wish Upon a Star . . . ?

by Marcia Cope

So far in this century, there have been very few spectacular comets. Comet Kohoutek, officially called 1973F, will be crossing the earth's orbit during the Christmas season. Scientists already know a considerable amount about Kohoutek and its family. The cometary nucleus is actually a lot of frozen gas, a little water, possibly some complex hydrocarbons, but mostly methane and ammonia with small bits of rock and dust. Combined, the nucleus is probably only a few miles across and weighs, perhaps, a trillion tons.

Generally, these big space "ice cubes" hang together in interstellar space about midway between our sun and Alpha Centauri, recently named Oort's Cloud. Since Oort doesn't seem to be going anywhere, it is considered part of our solar system. Once in awhile, one of the icy chunks breaks out of the cloud and falls towards the sun. Solar

radiation melts the ice, liberating the frozen dust and hydrogen gas which the solar wind blows backward forming the bright tail, millions of miles long.

Kohoutek will make its closest approach to the earth on January 15. The best viewing time will be January 10-20. Until New Years, Kohoutek can be seen near the horizon in the southeast sky before dawn; then in the west near the horizon after sunset.

Kohoutek provides a host of interpretations on almost every

level. It has been labeled with religio-metaphoric connotations - being our closest replay of the star of Bethlehem in recent times, to premonitions of some sort of doom. Premonitions aside, if the tail formation proceeds as hopefully expected, it should be a spectacular entrance into 1974.

Scientists estimate that comet Kohoutek is on a clearly parabolic orbit that will not bring it back for at least ten thousand years. Look closely then, it could be the last unmolested comet in this century.

Merry Christmas

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