

SGA Elections TODAY

The elections for the Student Government Association offices for 74-75 will be held today in the cafeteria & the College Union lobby. The Hilltop asked each candidate to write a statement telling about him/herself and their reasons for running and their platform. Listed below are the responses of the candidates.

president: DAVID BOSCHELLI

William Allen White once said: "If our colleges and universities do not breed people who rebel and attack life with all their youthful vigor, then there is something wrong with our colleges and universities."

Is there something wrong at Mars Hill College? I have chosen to run for President of the S.G.A. along with my running mate, Mike Gardner, because for the past year we have witnessed a growing apathy and mistrust among the student body as to the effectiveness and worth of S.G.A. on this campus. This apathy has contributed to empty seats at concerts, movies, games, and all areas of social activity. Is there something wrong? I believe there is a failure of effective leadership, and it can and must

be changed.

During the past year of the current S.G.A. administration only one significant piece of legislation—Title IX sex discrimination bill—was presented to the Student Senate.

I believe we can and should have a more effective S.G.A. Presently, the S.G.A. has made great effort to improve relationships between that group and the Administration, but during this period of improved relationships, what attention

istration, but during this period of improved relationships, what attention has been given to the needs and desires of students? Students are seen but are they heard by the current S.G.A.? The blunt truth is that there has been a total breakdown in communication between the S.G.A. and the majority of students. Where was the S.G.A. when you needed them? I think students have had enough of this type of leadership.

It is time for the S.G.A. to achieve its true goal, that is to serve as the voice of the students, rather than a mouthpiece for Administration.

Only when the S.G.A. earns the trust of the student body will the leadership of the campus start to become effective in dealing

with the problems which exist at Mars Hill.

JIM McReynolds

This is my first year at MHC. I am currently a junior majoring in Biology and Psychology.

My reasons for running are very straight forward. I feel students do not have an active part in the S. G. A. By this, I mean it seems as though one can not make his voice heard on various issues.

I feel the present administration has geared itself more for the future and has left the present student body hanging. Whoever is in office should consider the rights of those students here and now and concentrate on the future in what spare time is left.

My platform is a simple one. I plan to have an open administration and should like to get more students involved in student government affairs. It is your government and I feel that students should be made aware of any issue which arises, especially with the gas shortage here to stay it seems.

It is my opinion that the students' rights concerning the area of financial spending of student activities should be observed closer and a monthly report issued on how it was spent.

A suggestion box could decide what is to happen within that year. That could bring about new ideas that may have never

occurred otherwise. Students' rights should be observed politically and socially.

I expect to make progress. I feel a few minor changes should be made immediately especially in the area of traffic control. I do not feel the students' best interest was at heart when it was allowed to charge the student \$8.00 for a parking ticket. Publication of future issues and proposals could be put in the Hilltop before each meeting so the students could find out what is happening and reserve time to come and hear as well as express their views on these bills. Let's face it, without you (the student body) there would not be any reason for a S. G. A. Make your self heard. Vote.

LARRY PIKE

The office of Student Government Association President is unusually demanding. It requires an individual who is not only self confident and enthusiastic, but one who is highly qualified and experienced. Since coming to Mars Hill, I have dedicated myself to the improvement of this college. I have

always felt that no good will be accomplished by complaining; progress is achieved only through hard work. In most instances even changes of the least consequence are the result of a slow thoughtful--sometimes tedious--process of study and carefully planned strategy. Nothing worthwhile occurs simply by chance. Only a President with a working knowledge of Mars Hill's traditions, purposes, and student body opinion can hope to succeed.

During my three years here I have gained valuable experience in all areas of Student Government that will enable me to continue to serve our student body in positive ways. I have served as a senator, and I presided over the Senate as Vice President of the S.G.A. during my sophomore year.

For the past twelve months I have worked as President of the student body, and I have served as a student representative to the Athletics Committee, and the Board for Student Communications Media. Neither of my worthy opponents can claim this experience so necessary to fulfilling competently the

duties of Student Government President.

If you re-elect me as your President, these are some of the goals I will work for: 1) Carry Title IX (Elimination of sex discrimination) to its ultimate conclusion. 2) Work with the Administra-

Cont. on page 3

CONSIDER...

According to an Official List of Endangered Species, there are 31 species of fishes 8 species of reptiles and amphibians, 17 species of mammals, and 54 species of bird which stand the possibility of extinction. Included in this list is the Eastern timber wolf, Columbian white-tailed deer, the American alligator, and the whooping crane.

In a summary published by the National Wildlife Federation, it is stated, "We are robbing our U.S. wildlife of living space as well as polluting their environment." For example, more than 150,000 birds die annually in the oil field sumps alone. In a recent study of one oil sump there were 187 victims -- 90 songbirds, 87 ducks one owl, one egret, five geese, and three herons.

Next week is National Wildlife Week. Listen to Mike Lennartz, for your own good.

**CAROLYN'S
SEW & SO**

**MOVED
NEXT
DOOR**

SPRING FABRIC

for EASTER &

JR-SR FORMALS

**WE SEW FOR
THE ENTIRE
FAMILY**

MAIN STREET
689 3103

Hilltop Staff

EDITOR.....ERIC GARNER
THE STAFF.....TONI WHITE, JIM BAKER
LARRY PIKE, JUDY SMILEY
BEN SPROUSE, GENE HOLDWAY
DIANE KING, CONNIE MONTAGUE
JON RIDDLE, ANDY STEFANIK
ANGIE STEPHENSON
BELINDA SCALZO, VERNON THOMASON
ADVISOR.....JOHN CAMPBELL

The HILLTOP is published on a fortnightly basis by the students at Mars Hill College. Mailing address is Box 1148-C Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C. 28754. Rates for subscription are calculated at \$2.00 per year and advertising rates at \$1.50 per column inch.

Cont. SGA Elec

tion to proposal Baptist convention seven Ba es to ap accept T ies (thi able us badly n ment with funds); student in polic institut tions; disclosu students parents lege budg toward a Senate"--- bring stu ulty, ad and staff and staff college o

6) toward a Court"--- of stud and ac and staff all cases college o

7) regularly Newslette student posttions issues; ums where can with stu as well a trators;

9) Wor ual stud tation o lege com

Those marks to but with leadership help, student lieve thos am confic ability t that must President

M H P HAF

OUR Sel

Sta MAIN