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President Speaks

by Sara Hathaway '84

The current Constitution mentions only a few of the duties performed by recent Self-Government Association (SGA) presidents: presiding over weekly meetings of elected SGA officers, occasional meetings of the entire student body, and communicating regularly with administrators. It fails to mention regular meetings with more limited groups of officers, creating agendas, getting in touch with committees, individuals, and college personnel on subjects ranging from recycling to public information to alcohol abuse. And then there are the dinners with Trustees and Alumnae to which one is expected to wear uncomfortable shoes, as well as bi-college relations, official letters, publicizing events, interviews with student newspapers, and phone calls from promoters, constituents, and from crazy friends who want to play with the answering machine—the list goes on.

Aside from demands on time, the job requires a person to be a quick study in human relations: it involves careful listening, knowing how to get a point across, being supportive of co-workers, keeping spirits up in the face of yet another election. Self-knowledge also has to grow as the term progresses. No matter how president aren't unreasonable.

After I breathlessly relate all of the details of the four meetings I attended on some busy day, my friends' icy stares remind me, "It's just a student government." I know, I know. But I believe the SGA embodies a measure of Bryn Mawr's self-image, a chance to shape a fine college, and a way to learn how to earn respect. For me it's an experience that's fun and interesting, an experience that will be a point of departure to the world of work I want to enter.

Residence Council: Liaison between Students and Admin.

by Julie Reardon '84

The office of the Head of Residence Council is an elected one which is held from September to May of the school year. Its purpose is to act as a liaison between the students and the administration concerning residence matters and to act on any residence problems. This is done with the assistance of the Residence Council, which consists of the Vice-Presidents of every dorm.

My job, among other things, is to convene and chair Residence Council meetings, serve as a member of the Executive Assembly of the Self-Government Association and on the Steering Committee and to run Room Draw and administer all special case procedures. Along with other members of the Council, I serve on committees to hire Hall Advisors and Wardens, and work closely with these officers throughout the year. It is also a Council task to enforce the infamous cat policy, and to see to it that the Physical Plant problems in dorms are corrected.

During second semester the Residence Council devotes much of its time to preparing for Room Draw, which takes place in the second half of the semester over a period of several days. Each dorm Vice-President is responsible for running a Room Draw in one of the dorms, as well as working on the overall procedure. Hopefully mention of Room Draw gives all of you something to look forward to in the coming months.

Honor Board Head

by Rakia Ray '85

The Honor Code is a set of basic principles given to the Bryn Mawr community by faculty in 1892. It entrusts each individual with responsibility and integrity of action in both social and academic matters, and thus enables students, faculty, and administration to live and work in an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect. The Code can only work with the full cooperation of every student. Each student is encouraged to discuss matters which she feels are in violation of the Code, and to talk with students whose actions she feels are against the spirit of the Code.

The Honor Board oversees the smooth functioning of the Code in both academic and social matters. The academic Honor Board is a committee comprising five student representatives, three faculty representatives, the Dean of the College and the Student Chair. The Board convenes on cases of academic infringement such as plagiarism or cheating. To ascertain the student's intent, and her attitude towards the Code, the Board hears and questions first the professor and then the student concerned. The Board attempts to arrive at a constructive resolution which will benefit both student and community. All decisions are reached by consensus.

The social Honor Code is concerned with the day-to-day issues of life in the community. It is therefore run entirely by students. This Board comprises only the five elected student representatives, the Head, and four students (one from each class), selected randomly. The Board is called upon only after the parties involved in a problem have failed to reach a satisfactory compromise on their own. Furthermore, the dorm president must have attempted to mediate a solution. In all cases, confidentiality is stressed very strongly.

A new procedure, record-keeping for academic trials, will be instituted in 1983-84, not only because the College's lawyers have recommended it, but because it ensures consistency in decision-making, particularly with repeat offenders. Record-keeping will also meet the deans' concerns about recommendations and student advising.

The members of the community are encouraged to discuss any questions or problems they might have about the Code with me or with any other member of the Board. Our names and addresses can be found in every dorm.

DEADLINES

Deadlines will be Saturday at 5:00 P.M. before publication.
by Maria Bruehwiler '85

One of the three hottest questions of my summer was: "What is a Traditions Mistress?" After avoiding detailed explanations whenever possible and acquired the title every time asked, I now am faced with explaining to those who deserve a real answer why I have been called this title.

Traditions Mistress is a position unique to Bryn Mawr, and it is, as the name implies, multi-faceted. Traditions. Dates are set, supplies are bought, people are informed, and the ceremonies are organized and celebrated by the mistress. Usually, the Traditions Mistress has assistance (and openly welcomes any offered). Dates for the traditions are fairly well established: Parade Night is held on the first day of classes; Lantern Night is the last week of September or the first two weeks of October; Hell Week is in February; and May Day is May 1st. For most of these events, the class presidents, particularly the seniors, are in charge of organizing and recruiting the students. Most of these events are originated by a group of seniors, but finally the seniors are chosen to organize and execute the events.

The Vice President, more than any other president, is in touch with the many possibilities. The right of representing the students to the administration doesn't end with the student body either, as the office requires much more than that. I was asked this summer: "What is a Traditions Mistress?" Perhaps you can understand why I answered: "Bryn Mawr!". As for the third burning question: Well, my boss this summer couldn't wait to ask me what turned out to be the second hottest question of the summer: "Whose mistress are you?" Perhaps you can understand why I answered: "Bryn Mawr!". As for the third burning question: Well, my boss this summer couldn't wait to ask me what turned out to be the second hottest question of the summer: "Whose mistress are you?" Perhaps you can understand why I answered: "Bryn Mawr!". The most important part of the job is immediate, and I believe it is this responsibility that makes the job of Vice President the best on campus. After all, the Vice President knows that if there is a good film series or good parties it has been the "A" committee that has made it all possible.

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I will be hosting a small Tea open to anyone in the three college community who might like to work on the College News. I also extend a special invitation to past contributors. Thank you. The Tea will be held in Rock Living Room, 8:00 p.m., Monday, Sept. 12.

I will be holding an organizational meeting in Rock Living Room at 8:00 P.M. Wednesday, Sept. 7th. Lauren A. Williams.
**POLICY**

I. The Publication
A. The name of this publication shall be The College News.
B. This newspaper shall be published biweekly while classes are in session by the students of Bryn Mawr College.
C. This newspaper shall be supported wholly or in part by revenue received from the Self-Government Association (SGA) of Bryn Mawr, and by other revenue, e.g. from fundraisers, as the editorial board shall determine.
D. Subscriptions to The College News may be offered as determined by the editorial board.

II. The Editorial Board
A. All editorial, publication, budgetary, and policy questions shall be addressed by the Editorial Board.
B. The board shall be appointed by the editor in chief in each semester the editor heads the paper.
C. The board shall operate by consensus of its members. Those who withdraw from consensus may outline the reasons for their opposition to a decision in a subsequent issue of The College News, where editorial space not to exceed 500 words shall be allowed for that purpose.
D. The editorial board shall consider itself bound by the Bryn Mawr Honor Code in its decision-making, recognizing also its duty as a journalistic enterprise to cover newsworthy events as accurately and fairly as possible.
E. In cases of confrontation under the Honor Code, the editorial board as a corporate whole shall answer for the actions and opinions of the paper. No individual member or members shall be required to answer charges alone.
F. The editorial board shall reach consensus at the end of each semester on the appointment of an editor-in-chief for the following semester.

III. The Editor in Chief
A. The editor in chief shall be chosen by the editorial board, as above.
B. All day-to-day operation of the paper, including assignments, copy editing, meeting deadlines, representing the paper at College functions, and so forth, shall be the responsibility of the editor in chief.
C. The editor in chief may appoint various other editors as she or he sees fit.
D. The editor in chief shall be the chair of the editorial board, and shall call meetings, preside over them, and be responsible for implementing decisions made.
E. The editor in chief shall choose an editorial board for each semester that she or he serves in that position.
F. An editor may be removed from office upon consensus of the other editorial board members, but only for good cause and only after an attempt has been made to resolve existing problems. The Honor Code may be invoked by either party in the course of such negotiations.

IV. Letters and Other Submissions
A. Letters and other submissions shall be considered only when they are typed double-spaced and turned in the Friday before publication. No late submission will be accepted. Publication will be in the order in which letters are received, if known.
B. No unsolicited poetry will be accepted for publication.
C. Multiple authors up to five will be listed.
D. If there is not sufficient space in which to publish all letters received for an issue, the authors will be contacted and the editorial board will decide which letters should be held over for a subsequent issue.
E. The College News reserves the right to refuse to publish any submission which it deems libelous or grossly inaccurate.

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**College News Returns**

The College News was founded in 1914 as the student newspaper of Bryn Mawr and continued publication until the late 1960s, when it and the Haverford Record merged to form The News, a two college paper. Re-founded in 1978 to provide coverage of the entire Bryn Mawr community from a largely feminist viewpoint, The College News suspended publication in May of 1982, and was not published again until January 1983.

We who have once again begun publication of the paper believe that there is a need for a separate paper which covers the Bryn Mawr community. There is specifically a need for covering relevant issues which are current, and of more than passing interest to the community.

The College News as now reconstituted, then, has changed its focus somewhat. There will be more space devoted to straightforward news coverage. Each issue will also focus on an aspect of the community, devoting up to half of its pages to a consideration of an issue. And, of course, the paper has switched from a word-processed to a newsprint format, adopted its own rules of usage, and otherwise striven to upgrade its journalistic standards.

We urge those interested in participating to contact us: those with criticisms to address them to us; and the community to keep reading The College News. Your support for our "debut" last semester was strong; we hope you'll continue to find The College News provocative reading.

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**Appointments**

The following appointments are open to any Bryn Mawr student or Haverford students living at Bryn Mawr. Please send a letter of interest including campus address and phone number to Sharon Gerstel, Rockefeller Hall. You will be called to arrange a time for an interview. Questions? Call x6146.

Security Committee Head—One year term. Heads committee of dorm safety officers and serves as a liaison between the Association and the Administration to coordinate action for better security. Moderate time commitment.

Food Committee Head—One year term. This position involves coordinating meetings between dining hall managers and dorm food committee reps. Light policing of food service. Gourmets only.

Arts Council—Five positions. Two year terms. The purpose of this council is to increase campus awareness and participation in the Arts both on and off campus.

Speakers Fund: Two positions, one year term. Appointed members will research controversial issues and recruit speakers to campus to address these issues for the enlightenment of the students.

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**Statement of Purpose**

The College News seeks to provide a forum for the students, faculty, administration, and staff of Bryn Mawr. While articles on topical subjects will be published, each issue will seek to examine in-depth an issue of relevance to the College community. The College News welcomes ideas and submissions from all members of the community, as well as from outside groups and individuals whose purpose or functions are connected to those of the College.
Dorm Pres.
by Aurora Vicens '85, Radnor, x5899

The Dorm President is a link between Self-Government Association (SGA) and the residents. The position is student-led, and the Dorm President represents the students who participate in dorm life. The position is crucial to the community's well-being and is a key role in the dorm's success. Each Dorm President is elected, and the election process involves students voting on candidates presented during dorm meetings. The Dorm President is responsible for organizing events, communicating with the college administration, and representing student concerns to the Dorm Life Committee. The position is an excellent opportunity for students to gain leadership experience and make a positive impact on their dorm community.