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THREE CANDIDATES VIE FOR SGA PRESIDENCY



Henry Hausdorff

A resident of Salisbury, Henry Hausdorff is one of the three candidates for the SGA president.

Henry was born in Brooklyn, New York and was graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School there. He was editor of his high school newspaper and also captain of the bowling team. Serving for four years in the U. S. Navy, Henry was stationed at the Chincoteague Naval Base in Virginia. At this time he attended night classes here at State Teachers College.

A member of the Men's Day Association, he has been a participant in this year's intramural basketball program.

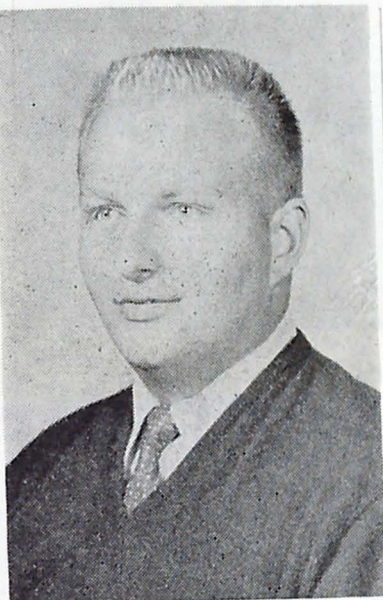
Henry, better known as "Hank" is married and has a two and one-half year old daughter. His wife, Irma, is the physical education instructor at Delmar High School in Delmar, Delaware.

He is a member of the junior class and is enrolled in the junior high curriculum. His plans for the future include teaching social studies in the junior high school.

SGA Committee Formed To Direct Elections

The SGA Election Committee was formed in order to coordinate the various election proceedings. Thomas Fallin, vice-president of the SGA, is chairman of this committee.

Serving on the committee are Barbara Mumford, who is in charge of counting the ballots; Louise Holbrook, responsible for having the ballots made; and DeJores Gardner, in charge of the ballot box and the polls.



Bill Livingston

Bill Livingston, a member of the 1954 graduating class of Wicomico High School, is a junior at STC. While in high school, Bill served as senior class president and was editor of the school newspaper.

Attending the University of Maryland for one semester, he entered STC in 1955. During his first semester here he was business manager for the *Holly Leaf* and the following year he wrote the column, "Sports Beat" for the paper. Bill is, at present, a reporter for the *Salisbury Advertiser*.

On campus, Bill has served as moderator for the Christmas Candlelight Service, a member of the snack bar committee, a member of the student life committee and has participated in intramural basketball and softball.

As an active member of SGA, he has served on numerous committees including the advertising committee, the May Queen election committee and the committee investigating the cut system.

His primary goal is to teach junior high school; his specific interest is in the social studies field. In his spare time, Bill enjoys reading contemporary literature.

SGA Board Nominations Will Be Held April 9

Voting for president of the Student Government Association for the school year 1957-1958 will take place Friday, April 5. Nominations for president were made in an assembly on Wednesday, March 29.

Nominations for vice president, secretary, and treasurer of SGA



Wayne Smith

Wayne Smith is a graduate of Laurel High School in Laurel, Delaware. While in high school, he was president of his class during his freshman and sophomore years, president of the French and Latin Clubs, sports editor for the yearbook, and sports writer for the high school monthly paper.

He entered STC in September, 1954, and is presently a junior. He is entered in the junior high school curriculum, and he plans to teach English and social studies. He plans to eventually teach on the high school level.

Wayne is a member of the FTA executive board, and he recently attended the convention of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers which was held in New York. He helped to supervise men's intramural basketball program and the election of the Harvest Queen. He is president of the junior class, a member of the *Holly Leaf* staff, secretary of the Men's Dormitory Association, and a member of the Cheerleading squad.

Wayne holds a job on week-ends at the Acme Supermarket in Salisbury. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, especially historical novels and current best sellers.

will be made at the close of the Honors Day Assembly on April 9, and voting will take place on April 10 and 11.

To be eligible for the vice-presidency of the SGA, a student must be a member of the sophomore or junior class at the time of the nomination. Any member of the student body is eligible for the secretary and treasurer positions of the SGA board.

Why I Am Running For SGA President

I take the liberty of changing the title of this article to "Why WE Are Running for SGA President." The writer of this article, and candidate for the aforementioned office, seeks to fulfill no personal ambitions or desires.

Our political "party" came into existence because we realized the need for a great awakening. We feel that STC primarily exists for the student body, and that the Student Government Association should be an important cog in the governing wheel of the college, not in name alone, but in reality. To accomplish this aim, we feel it is necessary for the student body to assume the responsibilities and authorities required of a representative government. It is our desire to fulfill these aims through representation of the thoughts of the majority of STC students, for the benefit of the college as a whole, being fully cognizant of the fact that each of us combining to make up the majority is an individual entity.

—Henry Hausdorff

Why I decided to run for president of the SGA is simply, that I sincerely believe in the ability of the SGA to function as it was originally set up, a student organization interested in the welfare of the entire student body; and the desire of many of the students for a candidate that knows and understands their problems.

In the past year, as a member of this organization, I have worked to keep the student in the Student Government, and feel that it should not be termed "your Student Government," but "our Student Government."

These facts plus the confidence and faith that my many friends have shown, by placing my name for nomination, helped me to decide to run. I hope that I can live up to their trust.

—Bill Livingston

Student Government at STC can progress only if the students themselves are well-organized as a compact unit. As I now see it, there is too much negativism on our campus undercutting the very principles upon which our campus life is based. This feeling of indifference and unconcernment is

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Editorially Speaking

The right to express personal preference through voting is deeply rooted in our American tradition, so much so that it appears to be taken for granted. In a school-wide election on our campus, three courses of action seem to prevail: (1) casting a ballot after giving careful consideration to the merits of the candidates or arguments for both sides of the issue; (2) voting simply to cast a vote, without regard for the merits of candidates or arguments for both sides of the issue; or (3) failing to vote at all, from a lack of interest in school affairs.

In view of the coming election for the president of SGA, it may be well to consider the issue of popularity versus merit in selecting persons to fill important positions. All too frequently the choice of a candidate is based upon his ability to further his social career, and little or no consideration is given to his leadership ability and over-all capacity to fulfill a particular position.

It is acknowledged that a good, qualified leader should be endowed with a sense of diplomacy, as well as a developed ability to coordinate groups and to get along with others. However, this ability need not be the prime consideration in making a choice of a person to fulfill a position whose importance will be felt by every member of the student body.

Of the utmost importance is the evaluation of a person's abilities to competently fill a position. The evaluation should not be based upon incidental impressions, but a conscious effort should be made to learn the available facts concerning the candidates' capabilities, achievements, and attitudes.



SGA CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE at work completing the final revisions of the constitution. Left to right: Louise Holbrook, Roberta Mason, Wayne Smith, Mrs. Frances Fleming, Richard Marshall, Thomas Fallin, Dr. Robert Elderdice, and Charlotte Lynch.

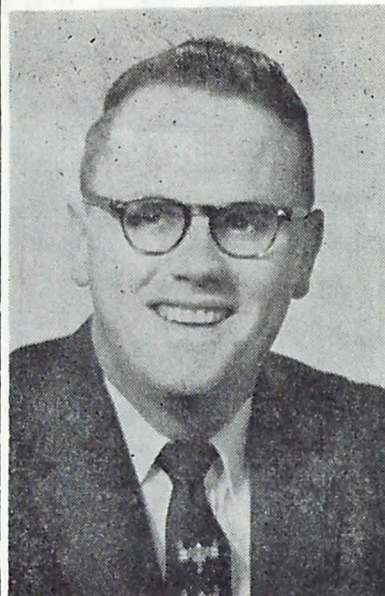
Constitutional Revision Committee Proposes New Methods for Election of SGA Officers

The constitutional revision committee of the Student Government Association held its final meeting on Tuesday, March 26th, at which time the finishing touches were placed on the draft for a new constitution. The group was composed of Louise Holbrook, secretary of SGA; Dick Marshall, SGA treasurer; Charlotte Lynch, editor of the *Evergreen*; Mrs. Roberta Mason, president of the Women's Day Association; Tom Fallin, vice-president of SGA and Wayne Smith, junior class president with Dr. Robert Elderdice and Mrs. A. L. Fleming as advisors.

Under the newly proposed constitution, the manner of electing SGA president would be remodeled. Those individuals choosing to run would be required to submit a declaration of intent prior to

nomination and to deliver a platform address at the assembly of nomination. Qualifications for the office of vice-president would be altered to allow lowerclassmen to compete for this position. The assembly committee would be subordinated directly to the jurisdiction of SGA and the office of assembly chairman would then be eliminated. This would provide for the planning of an assembly program more closely coordinated to the needs of the student body as a whole.

A reading of this proposed constitution was held at a scheduled session of the Student Government Association on April 2nd. As this special edition goes to press, the results of this meeting are not known.



Looking Back

By DICK MURPHY

[Editor's Note: *The Holly Leaf* staff asked Dick Murphy, President of SGA, to look back on his year as president, and to comment on the progress SGA has made, to give advice to next year's president, and to give his views concerning the SGA.]

The major accomplishments of the SGA this year have been better unity, better attendance at meetings, and better organizational participation. There is a lot of room for improvement, and with a new constitution, the road is open for even greater gains next year.

Part of the pleasure of being president of SGA is the response and support received in SGA work from the organizational presidents. I would especially like to mention the work of the Day Associations. They have been very active in SGA, through the active leadership of their presidents.

The executive board has been most cooperative. Dick Marshall has done an excellent job in organizing the treasurer's duties into a systematic procedure. Louise Holbrook has been an able secretary and has devoted a lot of extra time to her office, over and above what was required of her. Tom Fallin, as vice president, has had to shoulder a lot of extra responsibility, especially so during the second semester, and he has done exceedingly well.

The advice I would have to offer next year's president would be the following three things: (1) plan the year's activities in advance as much as possible; (2) delegate responsibility to members of SGA; (3) have broad shoulders.

Voting Hours

The polls will be open from 8:15 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 5 for the election of the president of SGA. Special provisions will be made for student teachers to vote.

Ballot Box Has an Interesting History

The tradition of electing campus leaders every spring was begun by a joint Publications Staff (*The Holly Leaf* and *Evergreen* staffs were not separated at that time) with Dr. Anne Matthews serving as advisor. It was for these elections that the ballot box presently in use was made.

Prior to the election of the first campus leaders, various types of boxes which were mostly cardboard were used in student-wide elections. A need was recognized for a student ballot box, and the present ballot box came into being.

This ballot box was designed by students and constructed by Mr. Dave Black, the first janitor at the college.



BALLOT BOX

WHY I AM RUNNING FOR SGA PRESIDENT

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detrimental to the character of the individual; it is more so to the growth of our college.

To combat and defeat this wave of negativism the student body must have a strong Student Government and leader. They must build a positive Student Government Association through increased student activity, greater independence of student organization and broader assumption of student responsibilities. The individual student must realize his responsibilities to the college; he must maintain the standards of the college.

It is the duty of the Student Government to take the leadership in this progress. Under the new constitution the Student Government will be able to assume greater leadership. There is a need for a conscientious, enthusiastic, competent SGA president.

This is my platform. It is three-fold: it covers every aspect of college life; its objectives are positive; it can be carried through.

—Wayne Smith