

Plenary 2004: Non-stop Quorum

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"We thought of this because all you can get online is name, email and box number. You can only get it from the Tri-co. The Computing Services office can set up the directory through the Virtual Registrar with access to only Bryn Mawr students," they stated.

The resolution stipulated that students could opt out from having their home addresses, phone numbers, and photographs in this directory. Chelsea Rosenthal '05 voiced her concern over this issue: "Would people be able to opt out from other things? There's no way that you could opt out of having your campus information online?"

After several questions, the students proposing the resolution clarified that information currently available on the paper directory would be on the online directory, plus the student's ID picture. Including all information would be the default; however, students would be able to opt out of including their home information and picture.

Rachel Dworkin '04 proposed an unfriendly amendment to make the directory opt-in, instead of opt out. Jackie Pilch clarified that making it opt-in would

actually be impossible, given the way that currently system works. Students would necessarily have to opt-out at the



beginning of the year if they did not want their default information included. Natasha Seth '07 remarked "If you accidentally forget to opt-out, then it's your own problem." Kim Cadena '06 proposed a motion to vote on the amendment. The amendment failed and discussion on the resolution itself continued. It was reiterated that it would be impossible a student's campus information, such as campus phone number.

The resolution was finally put to a vote, and passed with 470 people in favor.

The next resolution was also very controversial. Christina Alfonso '05

proposed having a mandatory credit/no credit first semester, where freshmen would receive written evaluations, but no grades, as it is done in schools like Swarthmore.

In the discussion that followed, students voiced their concerns about having first semester grades "shadowed," with only internal access. Lindsay Rowe '04 wondered if they would be counted towards one's major GPA. Alfonso responded that "no, those grades are not counted towards your major GPA or overall GPA." Students, however, would still be able to count

classes from their first semester towards their major provided that their "shadowed" grades are 2.0 or above.

Supporters of the proposals argued that not having the pressure of grades would help take first-year students make a smoother transition into Bryn Mawr. Genevieve Stein-O'Brien '07 said, "Freshmen have to make a lot adjustments. You can make the decision to slack off later on, but freshman

don't know the system and this is a way for them to get to know the system without worrying about grades."

Others, like LB Graham '05 worried that this would only put off adjustment to a fundamental part of college life, grades.

The resolution failed with 335 against, 100 in favor and 52 abstentions.

Amanda Boehlert '07 presented a resolution to offer housing for student mothers and their children. Students expressed concern over the space where the mothers would be housed, the amount of financial aid allocated to housing children, if any, and the liability issues related to having children on-campus.

Due to the lack of information, Lila Garrott '04 proposed an "amendment for discussion to be tabled for a year ending further study of finances, logistics, and number of

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Student Gateway Poll

The most important issue at plenary this year will be:

the pass/fail freshman semester	85 (31.6%)
reaffirming self-government	65 (24.2%)
a campus bar	50 (18.6%)
brunch	29 (10.8%)
an online directory	20 (7.4%)
housing for mothers	20 (7.4%)
the size of plenary committee	0 (0.0%)

Total Votes: 269

We Present to You:

The Leaders of 2004-05

by samara schwartz

**Vice President
Amy Craiger '06**

Amy Craiger has attended every SGA meeting during her Bryn Mawr career. And she's especially looking forward to next year, during which she will serve Vice President.

Craiger's previous position as a member of the Appointments Committee has fueled her plans, which include "finding more effective ways to publicize Appointment rounds and hopefully increasing the number of people applying for the positions offered," she said. "I would also like to establish some way for people appointed to positions to report back to the committee."

Craiger, a double major in political science and math, will continue to keep busy with her other commitments on campus, including Model U.N., Debate, and serving as a Soph Rep. She's also a peer mentor and tutor for the math department. But this Auburn, WA-native seems to like variety. When asked what she would purchase with \$5 at UnCommon Grounds, Craiger said, "bubble tea, smoothie, white chocolate mocha, or hot chocolate - depending on my mood."

**Traditions Mistress
Devon Montgomery '06**

Devon Montgomery has a lot to live up to. Her grandmother graduated from Bryn Mawr in 1949 - and Montgomery

wants to make her proud. A hard task, since this Philly native views the Traditions Mistresses as "legends." But knowing she'll make a difference in Mawrtys' experiences makes it all worthwhile, she said.

Concerning her goals for the upcoming year, Montgomery wants "to bring some diversity to traditions," "I want everyone on this campus to feel a welcome part of the traditions," she said.

A music major, Montgomery enjoys her job on campus as a supervisor at Wyndham and is looking forward to working there this summer as well. While one of her so-called "lofty goals" is to work for the Opera Company of Philadelphia, she dreams of opening her own bar someday. In the meantime, she's content to relax by playing pool and visiting with friends.

**President
Amanda Glendinning '05**

Entering her third year in SGA is Amanda Glendinning. She brings to her new position as president her experiences as Denbigh dorm rep and secretary.

"I think that students need to see the Assembly as a bridge to the administration that can help them get what they want," Glendinning said. Therein lies her challenge for the upcoming year: helping to effectively bridge the gap between the administration and the students. She

also expects that One Card will be a major campus issue.

An anthropology major from Ridgefield, CT, Glendinning likes long-term involvement with organizations. "I've been on the volleyball team since day one," said Glendinning, who has also served as the treasurer and now the vice president of the Athletic Association.

If Glendinning could share a something with the community, she would say: "My family is really important to me. My parents, my brother, Jon (17), and my sisters, Mackenzie and Jackie (12). We also have 2 vizslas (dogs) named Amber and Callie."

**Honor Board Head
Katie Clark '05**

After serving in the two-year freshman position, Katie Clark knew she wanted to apply these experiences and serve as Honor Board Head. "I wanted to run for head in order to continue the work of my two predecessors as well as continue serving the Bryn Mawr community in a meaningful way," said Clark.

And how does she plan to do this? "The Honor Board (HB) in general tends to be shrouded in mystery," Clark explained. To better inform the community, she plans to release minutes of the meetings and continue a poster campaign that was started last semester. She even has an Honor Code/HB web site in the works.

Clark, a bio major from Pittsburgh, PA, focuses mostly on HB and her coursework. But she wants to be seen as approachable. "I feel like people get scared of the Honor Board," Clark noted. "I'd really like people to know that they shouldn't hesitate to e-mail me, call me, or stop me on campus."

**Traditions Mistress
Shannon Friday '06**

"Devon and I have been talking about running together since Lantern Night our freshman year," recalled Shannon Friday. They ran. They won. And Friday's thrilled.

"I am so excited to get to know all the new freshman during Customs Week when they pick their songsmistress," she said. "Just being able to know that all the hard work I've done is putting a smile on someone's face is going to be so worthwhile." Friday can't pick just one favorite tradition. "I especially love Lantern Night and Hell Week, though," she said. "Lantern Night is so iconic; it is really the first time you begin to feel like a part of Bryn Mawr."

Though this is Friday's first position in SGA, she was involved in student council for three years when she lived in "a teeny-tiny town called Atlantic, Iowa." Now an English major and theatre minor, Friday recently began her third semester with rugby; she also enjoys participating in the Shakespeare Theatre Troupe productions.