Committee Reports

The Student Affairs Committees of Associated Student Government are the Housing Committee, the Student Services Committee, Communication Committee and the Discount Committee. These Committees were established to try and make Associated Student Government more responsive to the students. Through the various activities of the committees this year, Associated Student Government has succeeded in helping the student body make it through another year with less hassle.

The Discount Committee this year put together one of the best discount cards that Associated Student Government has had in a number of years. New Businesses were added to the card and different varieties of businesses took advantage of the card. A new method of getting contracts was tried this year with each congress member being assigned one business to get a contract form. This will prove to be successful of procuring contracts as different problems will be ironed out with time.

A new committee was established by Associated Student Government this year, that being the Student Complaint Committee. This committee was established to hear student complaints concerning any subject. This is a big step in making Associated Student Government more accountable to the student body. This is one major method in trying to learn what is on the student's mind so that Associated Student Government policy will reflect the proper attitude of the student.

The Communication Committee was chaired by Cathy Murphy, the Student Services by Gene Saunders, the Housing Committee by Bill Cortus and the Discount Committee was co-chaired by Tim Leigh and John Evans.

Student Services

Student Services sponsored two resolutions in Congress this year - one asking for a library bookdrop and the other asking for a copy machine to be installed in the Downing University Center. This copy machine was approved.

Also discussed through the committee were increased check-cashing facilities, special lunch-only cards at Garrett Conference Center, Life/Property Insurance for students and campus park behind Grise Hall.

Communications

The Communications Committee has the major responsibility for keeping open a channel of communication between the student and student government. This can be done through many ways, but we chose:

1. A survey at registration taken by every tenth student passing our booth, consisting of eleven questions. (copy included with survey results)

2. Dorm Symposia - Associated Student Government members went to the dorm students for a panel-type question and answer session.
3. Direct contact with students through receiving their ideas and answering their questions.

Possibilities were also discussed for an Associated Student Government newsletter, making Associated Student Government members more known to the students, and making Representatives-at-Large responsible to certain clubs and groups on campus.

Housing Committee

The Housing Committee of Associated Student Government was successful at opening the channels of communication between the administrators and the students for the first time this year. Jeff Cashdollar, a senior, and Bill Cortus arranged a meeting with the Board of Regents to discuss proposals for 24-hour open lobbies in the dorms and to schedule dorm elections next fall to determine open house policy. Policy guidelines would limit open house to four per week each not exceeding twelve hours in length. Currently these recommendations are under study by the University Housing Committee.

Students were invited to this meeting and were allowed to express their views on any housing issue.

A dorm troubles hot line was set up so that students on campus could contact an Associated Student Government member directly. The Housing Committee authored several successful resolutions including recommendations for ice machines in the dorms, increased laundry transportation service and check cashing facilities in the Downing Center Grill. Most of these never received approval from the University.

Another event undertaken by the committee was a random survey of the on-campus residents. The information was used in the passage of several resolutions and in discussions with the Board of Regents.