

Opinions

Nursing Student Attacks Student Senate Action

This morning on my way to class, I thought about the country side. I do a lot of thinking while I drive to school, because I have a long way to go and I was thankful for the scenery along the way. It brightened my objectives for the day.

Objectives are very important in the nursing program, that I am enrolled in. It is true, I'm sure, of many other programs as well. One thing we learn quickly about objectives, is that they are idealistic. If we can't fit them into our present situation, we may have to alter the objective to reach our goal with integrity. (Integrity-ie, to form an unimpaired condition, soundness of values.)

One of my objectives is to write this article in rebuttal to a piece I read in our school newspaper last February 27, which questions the integrity of our Student Senate President and Student Senate advisor. The real issue is the process of electing our homecoming queen.

First of all, I would like to clarify that I am a member of the Senate as a Student Nursing Association (SNA) representative. I have attended many meetings of

the Senate. The only thing I can see from my attendance is a great deal of discord, animosity and fault finding among its executive board. I am becoming so discouraged from the lack of support, that I'm not attending meetings anymore.

Second, the author of "The Whole Story" neglected to mention the fact that the SNA did not receive their application until after the January 20 deadline, so how could the application even be returned before hand?

Third, I could not understand any reason for the nomination to be rejected so adamantly. Especially since, under the circumstances, many other clubs were late returning the applications also. The amicable solution would have been to accept all applications turned in before the election. This way every club would have equal representation and opportunity to have a candidate elected homecoming queen.

I felt that the article published in the newspaper had nothing to do with the Senate. We are pledged to help each other, to collaborate our club efforts between the faculty at ACC, the students and the

community of Alpena. These are supposed to our main objectives. Michael Fournier, and Mr. Fournier, our advisor, have collaborated between faculty and students, assisted the committees in vital projects to raise funds for club activities, and also co-chaired community functions and campus affairs.

Finally, I would like to say a word about that article and my concern with how Laura Crosby must have felt. Her fellow candidates gave her no support, in fact insulting her. I think she should be commended, not condemned. She was elected by all the students through a general election which every student had an opportunity to vote in.

We should be proud, not just the SNA, but all of the student body, that Laura was chosen. She chose to demonstrate dignity and integrity in the face of adversity and she deserves the honor of 1989 Homecoming queen. I say "Congratulations" Laura Crosby, well done.

Sincerely,
Collette K. Born

Senate Executive Board Actions Explained

Thank you for the response to my Homecoming story entitled "The Whole Story". It is good to know that people still will question something that they feel is inaccurate. In regard to your letter, I feel it necessary to clarify a few things.

First of all, you speak of "discord, animosity and fault finding" among the members of the Student Senate Executive Board. Our executive board has 4 members who clearly don't agree on everything. But, is that not a foundation of what government, be it student or otherwise, is based upon.

Admittedly sometimes things do get out of hand, but we all believe in our convictions strongly and at times we all lose track of objectivity. I would also like to ask, if you feel the situation is so bad, why did you not stay on board to help rectify the matter?

We were all under the impression that your husband had health problems that required a great deal of your attention and that was why you could not attend meetings.

Secondly, you state that I neglected to mention the fact that the Student Nursing Association received their nominating petition late. It is not the fault of the

Senate that someone didn't pick up a form when it was published in the "Splinter" for the two weeks leading up to the January 20 deadline.

Furthermore the president of the Senate is also a member of the SNA and he could of handed the form directly. Also if the SNA would have sent representatives to meetings they would have been properly informed as to the schedule and deadlines of the event.

Thirdly, you ask why the nomination was rejected so adamantly. The reason is twofold.

First, deadlines are essential in keeping the events organized. A great deal of planning goes into an event such as Homecoming. There are many arrangements to be made such as flowers, sashes, and the organization of the program, (i.e. such as who is to walk out when and what foot to lead with and when will all of this take place). To be frank, we don't have time to chase after every club involved to make sure things get done on time. Responsibility does run both ways. We do follow up, but we can't remind people every day as to what their responsibilities may be.

Secondly, other clubs were not able to participate because they could meet the established

deadlines. I felt, that as chairman, a double standard of allowing the SNA on the ballot was detrimental to the purpose of club unity. In my opinion it would be showing favoritism to the SNA.

You also stated that "under the circumstances, many other clubs were late in returning there applications also." This is not true. All the candidates in the court all had their forms to us on or before January 20.

Finally you say that there was no support for Laura Crosby. You state that her fellow candidates insulted her. How could they, when at the time they were not aware of the situation and even if they were, how would you feel if someone just stepped in and did not play by the rules? I am sure that they would be upset, as would anyone else in their situation.

In conclusion, I must mention that we do agree on one thing. We all should be proud of choosing a Homecoming queen. It is a time of great school spirit and optimism. But when the process has been violated, would you honestly want to wear the crown?

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A Fond Farewell

By John Pines



With this being my last column for The Lumberjack, I have decided not to talk about politics in any way, shape or form. Instead, I want to thank the people that have made my last year at ACC the best.

First and foremost I would like to thank my editor Mary Bartz. Her patience with this young upstart, who wanted to learn everything, is appreciated beyond words. Mary believed in me when nobody else thought I could write. She basically let me do my own thing and it turned out that I want to make this my career.

On that note I would like to thank Purdue University for accepting me. Now I can do the two things I like best; journalism and performing jazz.

Next on my list is Chuck Witt. He helped make the rough times bearable. Chuck is the best friend a person could ask for; even though I didn't sell him my Nintendo.

Don Witt, "the Dad", thank you for being a good ear. Please remember me this summer; I will be back.

To Max Lindsay, He always helped when the Senate was in a jam. You are a good friend and I thank you.

A big thank you to Dr. Newport. When we were short on ideas you were there. May your Presidency be long and fruitful.

To Mr. Bob Dominic, my supervisor. I know I ticked you off a few times and you never got upset. I would like to work for you forever.

To the Student Senate, especially Mike Fournier. I was a thorn in your side all year. I made demands and maybe expected a bit too much from everyone, but we got the job done. I promise I won't yell any more.

Mike Rhea my on and off co-writer. The Lovewriters would have been awesome if we would have had about five more issues.

Robyn Hitchcock thank you for providing the greatest music in the world to write by. May "Listening to the Higsons" and "The Bones in the Ground" live forever.

Now that we are just about to the end of this list I would like to thank the teachers that have really made a difference:

Jim Miesen, for helping when I needed that extra little bit to make a paper work and for listening when I needed somebody to. You are the absolute best.

Paulette Frantz, you are such a sweet lady. Thank you for standing outside for the better part of six hours so that we could build a float. You also deserve a huge thank you for agreeing to help advise the Student Senate.

Bob Fournier, it has been a real interesting year. I would like to thank you for the many pep talks we had in your office. I know that I have done some things wrong and you always seem to give me another chance.

Staci, you mean more to me than you'll ever know. Thank you for the all of the patience and understanding that you have displayed; even when the times were rough.

And to all my friends that were not mentioned in this article: Nick, Tracey, Kathy, Brian, Debbie and Robin. You are more precious than anything else.

And last but not least to my homecoming queen Kristen. Even though we never really met, you were an inspiration for the last three issues. Although you never answered my pleas, I forgive you. I don't think you were unwise in choosing not to respond to my outcries for love. I hope you like the rose I sent you.

Finally to ACC, goodbye and farewell, Purdue here I come.



To The Editor:

ACC has some terrific supportive students. They make me proud to say "I am from ACC".

As a part of the millage campaign I was involved with door to door visits to homes in the Ossineke area. Immediately student participation seemed appropriate and so I began asking them for assistance. All said "yes" and on Sunday April 30, 1989 eight fine young students canvassed the Ossineke area. The example they set is one we can be proud of.

Thanks to Debbie Neumann, Jeannie Londo, Staci Radke, Tracey Barracco, Brian La Fave, Jeff Hanson, John Pines, Nick Barracco.

Also a big thanks to Chuck Wiesen for transporting the students and thanks to John McCormack and Mel Matchett who canvassed those areas near their homes. To all-- a good job--well done.

Don Witt - 'The Dad'
Director of Buildings and Grounds