

# Petition circulated

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fraternity membership was apparent, as he happened to be wearing his fraternity letters during the few times he met with the petitioners.

Arsenault arrived in the cafeteria where Velásquez approached him and asked him to sign her petition.

"I assumed it was for Frosh Week or something," he said. "I read it, and then I read it a second time. I said, 'Sorry, no thank you.'"

Arsenault said Velásquez then met her friend at the bottom of the cafeteria steps where he said he overheard them talking.

"They used the words 'sell-out,'" he claimed.

Arsenault said that they condemned him for not "sticking together." He said he felt insulted and upset.

He took the problem immediately to Vice President-elect Katherine Hannah and VP Academic Chris Lydon.

Arsenault asked if the petitioners could be removed from the building, Hannah said. Hannah and Lydon approached DSU head of Technical Services, Pat Martin.

In turn, Martin told the petitioners that they would have to book a table through SUB reservations if they wished to circulate a petition, thereby following the SUB regulations policy of no solicitation.

At that point, they put the petition away, and as of yesterday morning, nobody had booked a table, according to Chris Baxter, SUB Reservations manager.

Even after the issue had been addressed by Martin, two of the petitioners continued to direct comments at him as he passed through the SUB, alleged

Arsenault.

He said he tried to state his point of view to the petitioners by citing his involvement with the case and explaining that he felt harassed to sign a petition on the basis of his race.

"I just really didn't appreciate being approached like that...it took a lot of gall for them to single out...myself like that," he said. "I support the fact that they're supporting their family and friends...power to them. I don't think that these petitioners really understand the seriousness of the damage that was caused to Darren Watts, and the serious toll that it took on all of his brothers, and his family as well. If these

people, who always say that we have to stick together, can't respect myself, as a black person, and my opinions, where I stand on certain topics...then they're the real sell-out."

Phi Kappa Pi has one of the most diverse memberships of any campus organization, said Arsenault.

"We are a representation of what brotherhood should be," he said. "We have such a diverse membership, that for anybody to argue that we're racist is ridiculous. These people obviously don't know what's going on. They're all into Kool-aid but they don't know what colour, so to speak. It's all so hypocritical."

# Supercard

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the Marine Institute and one for Sir Wilfred Grenfell College.

The Supercard will only hold a total amount of \$50. The university has chosen this amount, so that if the card is misplaced, the loss is not too damaging.

Negotiations with vendors are on-going to speed up Supercard access in the vending machines around campus, including the cafeterias and the food court.

As long as a vending company wishes to set up an agreement to join this operation, a portable unit used by a pizza delivery company, for example, would enable students in residence to order pizza, whether it is on campus or off.

"The capability is there," said Leonard. "It depends how we want to set it up. We have established the platform, and if any group wants to go out, the services are there, and every student will have one, [and] every

faculty and staff will be encouraged to get one. There will be benefits to them."

As for long-term goals, the university is hoping to use the Supercard to beef up security on campus.

The Supercard could be used as a key-pass to all doors within the university — including the residences — with the purpose of tightening up campus security. The ID also allows an instantaneous cancellation of any ID belonging to a student who is barred from a residence or building.

Students who lose their cards can be issued a temporary one.

"It's our intention for it to be on a trial basis over the summer, but whether or not we will be able to have ID cards at that time, that will depend on how things work," said Leonard.

The university hopes to have the system operating in September, but it may take some time to phase out the old card and bring in the Supercard.

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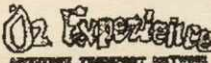
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