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# Blood and Thunder

## Formal complaint

Dear Editor:

The following is a copy of a letter I sent to Larry Long, Chief Returning Officer and Jane Arnold, President of Student Council. As I candidate for Valedictorian, I am extremely upset with how the student elections were run.

Dear Larry:

I am filing a formal complaint against how the elections for Valedictorian were carried out. On the tenth of November you contacted me by phone to say that the meeting of candidates scheduled for that evening was cancelled and the elections were postponed until November 25, one week later than originally scheduled because not enough candidates had offered for all seats. That was the last I heard from you. Late Monday night (November 16), around ten p.m., I met a candidate for the Senate who told me that the elections were still scheduled for the 18th. The date had not been changed.

When I contacted you that evening, you said that Council had not agreed to change the date from the 18th to the 25th. Neither myself nor my agent had been told about this. When I informed you of this, your reply was that you thought you had called everyone to tell them of the date but you guessed that you had missed my name. You were sorry, it was your fault but the elections would still be held on the 18th. Your apology meant little to me because I was now left with less than 2 days to campaign.

I do not feel these elections were properly run. You phoned me saying the election date was changed prior to meeting with Council. When Council voted to keep the 18th as election day, you failed to let all candidates know. I was left thinking elections were on the 25th. Furthermore, a meeting of candidates to establish rules of campaigning was never held. I know of candidates who were told that posters could be put anywhere only to have them removed because they were in the wrong place.

I am very angry and frustrated that this election was so unorganized and run in such an irregular manner. If it

was your job to keep candidates informed then I do not feel you were successful at all! Elections are supposed to treat all candidates fairly and give each a chance to run a campaign. With all the confusion, disorganization and lack of communication, this election did not permit this.

Therefore, I feel it is up to Council to declare the election for Valedictorian invalid due to irregularities and run the position again. This time making sure there is only one date for the election and keeping all candidates informed. As a student of political science, I believe in democratic elections and from my point of view as a candidate, this one does not meet the requirements.

Sincerely,  
Cathy Steele

## Sexist paranoia

Dear Editor:

I'll bet that Mr. Kane did not expect his cartoon to become so popular. It was probably just a moment of thought on his part which initiated the script and no further thought was put into it. Perhaps he was innocently trying to instill some cute image of "little boy" acting like "big bro". If this is in fact what he was trying to do, I will not commend him on a fine job since I found no such humour in the comic strip but I do think that the sexism involved is being highly over rated and above all, solely in the mind of the reader. I refer to one such article from Ms. Braun published in last week's *Brunswickan*. She appears to be insulted by the slang use of the words "hot" and "babes" which appeared in the script. Or perhaps it was an implied message that offended her. I think that the message, as well as the giggles, oggly eyes and verbal torment that she frequently receives, are sickly programmed in her mind. After so many years of education, Ms. Braun should shun her paranoia and now learn to live with herself as a woman. After reading her sob story, I can safely say that "it" is the most insulting "joke" that I have come across.

And yes Ms. Braun, I am of the same gender.

M. L. Picot

## "More porridge, Oliver?"

Dear Sir:

The Board of Governors has made a further advance in the squashing of student representation. Hurray!!!

Any student removed from the Board (you want MORE porridge Oliver?--Get out!!) will not be permitted to run for a seat on the Board for one year after his/her removal.

Bravo! What is this University for anyway? Students? Pshaw! It's for money. That's right money, money, money. (Why else would the Board be plugged with corporate executive types instead of educational specialists?)

Students who stick up for student rights (those flakes!) are nothing but a disruption in the steady flow of the corporate enterprise, the University.

Who do these students think they are anyway? Why don't they just shut up and get jobs and cross their fingers and hope to become corporate executives on University Boards? What do students have to do with education anyway? Oh sure, their a great tax write-off... Well, at least this University's got 'em under control. Applause for another blow from the great hammer at Old Arts.

Draco Lives!!

Yours truly,

Brothers in the Name of  
Totalitarianism

## Ineligible candidate

Sir:

I write concerning the recent declaration of Barry White as ineligible to run in the upcoming election for the Board of Governors. Mr. White was removed from the Board earlier this year. It seems the Board passed a motion stating that students removed would not be eligible to run for one year after their removal.

This is an interesting decision in light of the recent case of Billy Joe MacLean who was declared by the Supreme Court

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