

editorial

Eight people have gained office by acclamation. That means that we the students did not get to vote for these people as we are supposed to according to democratic process. And why? Because of seven lousy minutes.

You see, people had nominated for most of these positions but they were disqualified for lateness. They even had their nomination forms in on time, but they happened to be late for the meeting for all the candidates.

According to the regulations, all candidates must be at the Student Union office by 5:00 pm the day the nominations close. This meeting allows the electoral officer to instruct all candidates on the rules of running their campaigns. It also allows the newspaper and the radio station to meet with the nominees.

Realizing that some people are going to be late, the accepted rule in the past had been to give the candidates an extra ten minutes. This year it was changed to three minutes. In that seven minute time difference, five students who wanted to run lost out.

Those people aren't the real losers. We are. We were denied a democratic right because someone wanted to wait for only three minutes rather than ten. Now we can't who we want for an Education Representative or for the Art Representatives. (An interesting note is that this is the first time in years that anyone has expressed interest in the latter position. This year two people were interested but one was disqualified for being late.) That decision has been made for us.

This action was done by a person who has the interests of the students at heart. This person wants us to have the best student council that we possibly can have. This person wants everyone to get out and vote for the students running in the election.

One may say a rule is a rule but some things cannot be avoided and so the rule has to be broken. Some classes are aren't over until after 5:00. Some students would have to rush their supper in the cafeteria to make it to the Barn on time. Is allowing ten minutes asking for too much for these students.

A rule exists to benefit us not to hurt us. The three minute rule defeated any purpose it had for benefitting us. The rule could easily be changed to ten (or maybe even better fifteen) minutes. It may be too late this year but not for thenext. I hope this does not happen again. I would rather vote for people who are nine minutes late than not to vote at all.

LETTERS

My Dearest Editor:

In response to the letter from anonymous with respect to 'no minds and animals', I would like to add this tidbit. I love Pig and Whistle because I like to drink myself into a coma and get into brutal physical abuse. Why do I like to abuse others?

Because they are all smaller and smarter than me. I love to dance on tables, especially the little ones that tip easy. I love it when the 'little folks' start fighting and I can come in and break THEM up. I love to exhibit my power and virility as this shows my maturity, self-respect and intellect. It also helps me to get laid because only intelligent self-respecting women will have

anything to do with my type.

If I catch any of these bleeding heart liberals who try to put down good clean fun, I will rip their throats out, bite their ears, shine my boots with their crotches and generally disfigure them for life.

Love

Son of Sam

P.S. I can lift 450 lbs. over my head.

Dear Editor;

Apparently, some members of the University deceive themselves into thinking that "borrowing" a shopping cart from one of the local stores is not theft - even when the "borrowed" cart is not returned. The carts cost about \$65 each. A number have been abandoned



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around the campus, some under snow drifts; some have been damaged by snow-clearing equipment; those left and caught by snow-plows are potentially extremely dangerous to the operators of the snow-clearing equipment.

I have been informed by the vice-president, personnel, of Sobey's (the food store in the K-Mart complex) that they will prosecute to the full extent of the law anyone caught stealing, whether it be by taking a shopping cart or by shoplifting. I need not point out the seriousness of being con-

victed and having a criminal record. I am also perfectly prepared to give evidence that members of the University have been warned.

If I might offer a practical tip from someone who for many years transported groceries without a car, could I suggest that if necessary you get a shopping bag, a packsack, or something else in which to carry your groceries.

Yours sincerely,
R.J. Baker
President

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