

charged? Have they found any suspects even? And, lastly, didn't they break this annual house function up after the alleged assault was reported and send people on their merry way? I hesitate to call that excellent!

Surely you must be over-reaching when you say everyone thinks all of you at Marion Hall are the culprits, although, I must say, if people are thinking in that mode, I suspect it is because of the amazing fact that "no one" knows anything! I sincerely hope that no one is holding back any information at all for any reason, because whoever took part in this crime needs help. He or they need to be punished, and he or they need therapy -- don't you think?

Sure, you state that everyone at Marion Hall was not involved and had "no part whatsoever." Well, unless you, at Marion Hall, know who did this, there is absolutely no way you can say that! I suspect that most of you, if not all are as upset as the rest of the campus, but the fact is that the "alleged" rape took place in our home, so, indirectly, everyone will blame you people or your house until the real "bad guys" are found -- which may be never.

In that case, however, people will forget and other things will go on, including your annual house function. Everything will carry on the same except for the victim who will never forget. Sad but true.

Gina Foy

Dear Editor:

Re: Impeachment of Tracey Arsenault

In order to get off on the right foot, I want you to know that I don't know Tracey Arsenault and I didn't vote for her. In fact, prior to the public forum, I had never seen her before. People in our university are in a state of shock and they are rightfully angry at the way the sexual assault incident has been handled. However, I heard the President of the university publicly apologize to Ms. Arsenault, because he did not inform her of the incident until sometime afterward. I then heard Ms. Arsenault state publicly that she used what she thought was good judgement when she withheld her formal statement until the afternoon of September 30. She also apologized to those of us who felt she should have handled things differently.

My feeling on this matter is that Ms. Arsenault probably did what she thought best and, considering the precarious situation the administration put her in, whatever decision she make would have been difficult and perceived by some as wrong. If her delay was, as she said, to gather as much information as possible, then I applaud her delay. By that time enough rumour and heresay had been circulated around the university to warn everyone that the incident had taken place. What we didn't need was more inaccurate information.

I don't believe it would be fair to anyone if Ms. Arsenault were to be impeached. If she is not equipped to do the job she was elected to do, it will be evident in the way she proceeds with the important matters which have been brought to light by this incident. If she is capable, who could possibly have more drive and motivation to push the administration to deal with the seriousness of an unsafe campus?

In any event, what our student body needs now is to pull together and begin to take action to make our campus a safer place and, in so doing, begin to address the larger issue of violence against women and children. Serving Ms. Arsenault up as a sacrificial lamb will do little more than weaken the Student Union's direct influence on the administration. Let her, no, make her prove herself worthy of the position to which she was elected.

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