

Student Government should be disqualified

by William Holt

The politics, and government, around campus have become rather silly.

Instead of heated debates and speeches between political candidates determining "the best man for the job", people win elections by disqualifying each other over a photograph.

Example: "I planned to allot 53.9 percent of my budget to computer advancement across the campus, and I intended to lower food prices by creating policies for the food services, but unfortunately, somebody took my picture, so I'll have to go back home."

People try to win elections by having the best smile. Example: Some of this election's campaign photos.

People win arguments by saying that they have already won and leave it at that. Example: Joe Bunin said in a senate meeting

that if somebody fights him, he wins. (Oops. Sorry, I didn't know that you had such strong debate skills.)

People win elections by chasing after students walking by; like a dog chasing a passing car, so that they might be able to be "nice" enough to get an extra vote. ("Hey, did you vote? Come back, come back here, wait-a-minute — please. I'm telling my mummy.")

Candidates "kiss up" to get elected. Then, when they're in office, they make students "kiss up" to get anything done.

If you've ever watched how student officials behave at events such as senate meetings, it reminds you of haughty children with rich parents who are "playing house." They treat the newspaper people sitting in the gallery like the old man who they know they can tease or else their mommy or daddy will get mad (or in this case

the childish policies that they have created against the paper will get mad).

I think that student government should get disqualified. There is a time when every child needs to be sent to his room no matter who his daddy is or what position he holds.

Student Government should now be called the "Do-nothing Club," because that's what it is. It does nothing, except hinder those who want to do something, and its members have fun feeling important, looking pretty, and enjoying the success of being themselves, as they take money through fee waivers and stipends.

Something needs to be done when a government has made "looking important" its job.

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