In Defense of SCA Council’s Decision

By Scott Bennett, SCA Attorney General, College Coordinator

It is certainly well known that a substantial group of students are questioning the constitutional basis for our decisions of late and have put forth a valid constitutional argument which is in opposition to the SCA Council’s recent decision.

My purpose is twofold: number one to show that constitutional justification of the SCA Council’s decision do exist and are valid, and secondly to show why a clear majority of the council chose the course of action that they did.

The following are sections from the constitution which provide the basis for the constitutionality of the Council’s decision:

Article I, section 1; Article VI, section b; and Article VI, section D.

I quote: "The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer." This is a clear order of priorities. I will not consider all matters and in the absence of an explicit statement of succession procedure, this constitution can be taken as an indicator of the succession procedure.

In Article V, Section 1, the following states: "The Student Council is to be responsible for and take the action concerning all matters pertaining to student life involving the entire student group or any one of its members."

This part can interpret it's own constitution and that this interpretation is valid. Article VI, section 8, D states, "The decisions of the Council shall be final in deciding student issues which fall under their jurisdiction." Since the jurisdiction has been clearly established the disputing of the SCA Council’s interpretation is clearly illegal and a change in that interpretation can be done only by the Council.

I want to now begin the second part of my article and tell why the SCA Council decided to interpret the constitution the way it did. There are a great many factors involved in the decision and I could write a letter on each one. A major influence on the decision was the actions of the administration of the college.

An SCA meeting was called by the administration during the recent crisis and it was certainly in the intention of the administration that no provisions for special elections and so the regular procedure must be followed. Therefore no senior could run so the people who had planned to serve in the SCA government this year cannot run. Also the seniors qualified to run have made many commitments already established for this year. They could feebly run in March for an office and if they won could plan next year accordingly; but all the qualified people in the student government cannot run out on this year’s commitments.

I would like to ask that the people, who are running the opposition movement to the Student Council, make a good faith effort to make sure that they do not unintentionally undermine their own cause. The autonomy of student government must be restored totally no matter what their motives may be, good or bad.

Another influence on the Council is the number of occurrences on the state level which require the immediate attention of the the Council. The expansion of power and the new programs currently being set up in the Union of State Colleges. Are part of the story at the state level. The Union is rapidly becoming a more powerful organization because it is needed for gaining political objects and the like.

Unqualified people not information on how the state educational organization works cannot adequately represent this college at the Union. All the state colleges are moving toward reforms in such areas as college disciplinary systems, off-campus housing, the regulation of the students activity fee funds by the President, censorship of the free press by any group except the state and federal laws, and the present laws concerning alcoholic beverages on state property.

The attainment of these goals requires experienced personnel who are capable of getting permanent reforms and not just proposals which can be reversed by the desire of the student body. If and when problems do arise, concerning the ballot with the Student Judiciary, to be held half after Thanksgiving, and voting will take place in the future, contact with Matt Chauncey, Elections Committee Chairman, is a must for the ballot with the Student Judiciary will be a space for the student body to indicate from them that he has his support. Paul is asking for a "firm and substantial" vote with the many duties and responsibilities of the SCA. President.

Paul concluded his statement to THE COMMENT by expressing the hope that the students will respond to the earnestness of the SCA. to become involved and accept the responsibilities as well as reap the benefits of student life at Bridgewater State College.
Dear BSC students and especially J. Robert Mancini,

I know it should not be said, but it is because no interest was being shown in something which to me was very important. Did it ever occur to you that your resignation proves you to be as immature and apathetic as everyone else? You failed in your mission (or as it seems, you failed us, we failed you), so you give up. Giving up doesn’t solve anything! It just puts it off for someone else, and perhaps more patience, to take up the fight where you left off. Meanwhile the problem still exists and you (with your great criticum of mankind) are doing to combat the situation. One quarter isn’t hardly enough time to dispel an attitude that has been in existence for more years than either you or I. Yes, apathy does exist at Bridgewater State, but you, Robert Mancini, have added to it by showing that everyone is being failed in your mission. You are no better than the rest of us ("immature and apathetic" students). Please think, Robert Mancini, and enjoy your mediocrity!

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Sorumities: Why Not?

by Janice Indurato

There are approximately two women to every man at BSC. There are five fraternities and no sororities.

Over half a century ago Bridgewater had two active sororities on campus. In the early 1900's state was created by some of the female students who did not make a sorority. Pressure was put on the trustees and the legislature and sororities became undemocratic. They did continue for some time by means of the college. Qualified girls were invited to teas in the second semester of their senior year. More select invitations were then sent for a dinner; this invitation was accepted.

When Dr. Maxwell started Bridgewater Area Clubs the sororities began to decline in popularity. Only one, or two still exist.

A practical reason for starting a sorority is the need for female representation. Not only would it be fair but helpful to the school and the students. The next decade BSC will become a university. With all the students that a university admits, some sororities will be needed to help handle the social and moral questions necessary for a university.

I had no idea when I set out to answer my initial question of why there are no sororities that sorrorities were such a controversial thing. I thought that sororities could degenerate into a clique, and true girls would rise above this reflection of the members. A sorority is capable of the greatest goals and the most ridiculous pettiness. But, what a sorority is depends on the sorority itself, its personality, its members.

A sorority could be one of the most helpful organized groups on campus. The girls could gain from the experience and learn something. It is honest to think that honestly not think of a nicer complement for a friend than to call her a social sorority. Dean Shea has offered to help in any way.

The first question is interested in starting a sorority on campus, or if you are curious or even if you object entirely, let me know.

Write to Janice Indurato or lave your name with Miss Drumwright in the Student Personnel office. A discussion will be scheduled if enough people show interest.

Jaiine Indurato

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Winds and Drain

by Janice Indurato

Bridgewater... Around 300 people packed the bleachers in the Kelly Gymnasium Friday, November 7, for the Jaime Brockett concert. The sophomore-sponsored concert began with "Sandy and Cha", the flip-comedy and Sandy Drew, a junior and senior from Wood. They did songs by Simon and Garfunkel, Paul and Mary, and other folk songs. They also did two of their own combinations: "Today" and "Never My Love" and "Jet Plane" and "By the Time I Get to Phoenix"; as well as "Sorrow" written by "Sandy."

They had great harmony. A real good sound.

Jim Palano the sophomore Donovan did a fold-comedy number. He told audience of why no witches coffee unicorn anymore. It seems that to catch a unicorn you put a virgin out as bait. If she is truly a virgin the unicorns will come and lay their heads in her lap. Jim looked out at the crowd and told the guys they were the main reason why no one catches unicorns anymore. They are the cause of homosexuality among unicorns.

Then came Jaime Brockett. The concert entered and a deep purple mood touched our minds. He did some of his well loved songs: "Saturday's Child", "Suzanne" and "The Legend of the Titanic".

After a two hour concert
**BEARS POP COLONELS 25-6**

by Gunp Cullen

BRIDGEWATER, N.J. - The Bears, by combining a brilliant defensive effort with three second half touchdowns, scored a 25-6 victory over the stubborn Curry College Colonels 25-6, on Saturday, at Legion Field. The defense dominated Curry by constantly pressuring the Bears with great field position and by setting up a field goal and two touchdowns. The offense, unable to move in the first half, came to life after halftime and connected on 22 points on the board.

Local hero, Tommasino again for the score after the Bears scored with an 8-yard strike. The Bears countered the Colonels' scoring effort quickly by taking the ensuing kickoff and driving 55 yards in 7 plays. A spectacular diving catch by John Pirillo of a 35 yard Hickey pass was the key to the drive. The march ended as Pete Rowe batted his way 7 yards to pay dirt. The Bears added 2 points on a fake kick play when Jim Waters hit freshman Pirillo in the endzone for the conversion and an 8-0 lead.

The Bears concluded the scoring following a Herb Lynch interception by which the co-captain ran back 22 yards to the 6. After a clip had placed the ball back on the 25, Hickey hit Federico at the 11 for a 14-yard gain and Rowe battled his way 7 yards to the 4. Federico then cut back on a sweep into the endzone for the score. LeFavor once again booted through for the final count of 25-6.

**BEETHEN THE UPRIGHTS**

The win evened the Bears' goal of the season to give the Bears a 3-4 margin at the half.

BSC came to life the first time they touched the ball in the second half. After Dan Houghton had blocked a Curry punt and put the offense on Curry's 25 yard line, quarterback John Hickey led the Bears on a 77 yard march in 15 plays to the Colonels' goal line. From there, Vin Hickey hit Jim Federico with a 20-yard strike at the 13. However, the offense stalled and Lefavor kicked BSC's first field goal of the season to give the Bears a 3-0 margin at the half.

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**In Memory of Marty**

Ed note: The following memoriam appeared in the 1964 edition of Alpha. The Comment feels that it cannot more adequately express our feelings toward Martin Rizzo and the ideals which he exemplified both in life and death.

The cold, rainy day of November 9, 1963, will be forever imbedded in our minds and hearts. On that day, in an effort to spring a team mate loose on a punt return, Marty Rizzo of Bridgewater's BSC football team, threw a fine block, and, as a result, fell to the ground severely injured. For nine weeks, Marty struggled valiantly. He died on January 11, 1964. His foremost element for success was to give of himself one hundred and one percent. He was the kind of man that on a gridiron and from his hospital bed, his victory was that of a larger victory. A victory for the ideals of his agressive and his pleasant smile are but a few of his endearing qualities. He was a favorite of all the students. His coaches, teammates, and classmates will always recall him for his sportsmanship, leadership, the will to win and the desire to excel that Marty possessed. To the final second of his life, Marty exemplified and ideal. He never knew what it was to quit.

**What's Happening At BSC**

**Press Box**

BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CLINIC

BRIDGEWATER, A clinic in basketball officiating will be staged for serious interested in basketball officiating. You will be trained in the rules of the game as well as officiating techniques. Practical experience will be gained by officiating intramural games for which you can be paid. Being a registered official can be a source of outside income; as well as keeping yourself involved with young people, the game of basketball, and physical exercise.

The only requirement for entrance to this program is a sincere and serious desire to become a basketball official. No experience is required.

**Bear Tracks**

by Jim Doody

The Bears will close out their 1969 football season Saturday when they journey to Trenton, N.J. to tangle with Trenton State. Bridgewater 3-3-1 on the season after last week's 23-6 win over Curry, will try to finish over the .500 mark.

Commenting on the Curry game, Mazzaferro added, "Our boys were in better shape than Curry was. They had fellows going both ways and they got tired in the third quarter."

Safety, Buddy Fanning suffered a shoulder injury late in the first half against Curry and now saw limited action after interception. The injury was not serious though, and Fanning is expected to be in the line up at Trenton.

Saturday's game will mark the appearance of five BSC seniors: Herb Lynch, Leo Kozlowski, Paul Grubb, Pirello and Paul Grumm. The Bears will embark on their journey to Trenton Friday afternoon at 1:00. Let's hoo!
GOODBYE MIKE
by Dave Wilson

B R I D G E W A T E R . . . Mike Maguire, one of the most controversial and, indeed, most powerful students to ever attend Bridgewater State College, is gone. Mike graduated on Monday, November 30, 1969, after finishing up his quarterly requirements for graduation. Mike's Freshman Class, and probably most of the Sophomore Class are not acquainted with him, but many Junior and Senior Classes are well acquainted with Mike, and remember him because of the many activities, both quiet and controversial, that he has been involved in.

Among those many activities have been Mike's editorship of musical chairs. During his Junior year, S.C.A. delegate all four years, Chairman of the Sophomore Class, and Resident Advisor during half his Senior Year.

Mike has never hesitated to express his opinion, nor stand up for what he believed in, but even this is a far cry more than a few of those at Bridgewater because it is his nature. Usually we can assume that Mike is an objective individual who does not close his mind to rational argument.

He is gone now, not to face the world out side of the Bridgewater campus, but he did not leave without a parting shot at what he feels this college is lacking. In view of all the work Mike Maguire put into improving this college, few have a better right.

"I'm very disappointed at what has been happening here during the last month," he told the COMMENT, "we hear so much about a college community, but if we did exist here, if it ever existed here, it has disappeared. Last year the S.C.A. and Faculty Council risked the complete eminence of the rest of the State College system by violently objecting to what we felt to be at the Lowell State Conference an attempt by the Board of Trustees to remove from B.S.C. the right to administer the college as the college community saw fit. Now we hear a lot of issues being raised about accountability as in the use of student fees, partisian, Student Judiciary Proposal, and other such items of great concern to the students of this college."

"Just what is Do, Rondeau trying to do here?" he wrote to the Junior class, and our primary concern was that the college should run itself, but now when students are asking that the real control of their lives be delegated back to them, we are continuously told that it has been checked out with the Board of Trustees. I believe that these problems can and should be solved within the confines of this college alone, and continuous references to the Board of Trustees are nothing but a cop-out."

"I leave this college bitter about the work I put in for four and a half years, and I feel like all the things I worked for are going down the drain, I regret the necessity of many resignations that have taken place among students leaders in the last month," he told the Board of Trustees.

Mike has left Bridgewater, and many of us have to say that his departure is still worth saving, but I'm not optimistic.

Shades of Gandalf
GAMES STUDENTS PLAY

If you find yourself bored with the everyday routine of college life you are not alone. Thousands of other students have found themselves in the same predicament.

Sure there's plenty to do at night and on weekends but what about the days? At 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Monday through Friday! Well, don't give up. With the following suggestions under consideration.

The CIA game is "squares:" Now you may say: "Look buddy, I am a mature individual attending a school of higher learning and I'm too old for that."

President Nixon and Ted Kennedy have time to play games why don't you?" Perhaps if you find yourself bored with the everyday routine of college life you are not alone. Thousands of other students have found themselves in the same predicament.

Okay, enough said about that. One of the "all time" favorite games is musical chairs. The rules are much too complicated to enumerate, here as a reason why you shouldn't play.

While walking around campus and you come upon another student who has agreed to play you yell, FREEEEEEE! At this time he has to stop. If not, you can't move until you say unfreeze. Some of the better times to do this are in the library near the water gugger, lighting a cigarette, or reading the C.A. column. In all of this one instance the individual is in quick torture. He's in danger of either drowning, asphyxiation or dying from heat stroke!

Another exciting game is a variation of musical chairs, and is especially fun in the mezzanine of the library. You have to be there though when all the seats are taken. Now if there's someone else sitting for a seat then just wait for the setting to be perfect. You just keep walking around until someone leaves and then both of you race for the desk. The first one there is the winner and should report his win to the head librarian. If the person at the end of the year with the most wins (played under A.U. rules, of course) receive a solid gold plaque engraved with directions on how to use the Dewey Decimal System. Every reason. This would make life so hideously convenient. How hideously convenient? So convenient that we could rid ourselves of our conscience and resort to our instincts. How humane can a person be anyway? Well, let's see who could argue with these proposed commands?

1) Thou shalt worship thy own opinion and heed no mind of thy fellow man, esp. R.M.N.
2) Remember to be unemotional and sympathetic to others' feelings, esp. on holidays.
3) Thou shalt not treat equals unlike those whom you consider superior.
4) Honor thy local anarchist and thy President, right or wrong.
5) Thou shalt not kill but napalm bombs, abortion, capital punishment and underlaced wars are okay.
6) Thou shalt not commit suicide.
7) Thou shalt not bear witness against thy neighbor...true or false?
8) Thou shalt not borrow or infringe upon the rights of property or the power of word. Remember word is a four-letter word, just another one of those quadrilaterals.

Stairaces OPENs IN BROCKTON

If you groove on hard music, you're happy to know that Brockton has finally got a place you can go. The name is Stairaces and it's a heavy thing.

The Stairaces are located on Franklin St in Brockton opened Nov. 7 with two great bands—Reunion and Spice. Reunion is an eight man band and there's a lot of sound coming from each one of them—and it's good sound. Leading their first set off with "Gimmie Some Lovin" they followed with eight others ranging from "I'm A Man" to "Mustang Sally."

Spice came on next, starting their set off with "I Feel Good." Spice is a seven piece band with a slightly mellower sound, running along the lines similar to Blood Sweat and Tears. Blending their set with a variety of great sounds such as "People Got to Be Free" and "Easy to Be Hard," they ended with "I Can't Quit You Baby."

The lighting was as great as the music, Ultra-violet lamps lit the many posters adorning the walls and the dance floor. Two moduels of green and silver flashing flickering fading do-anything lights were trained upon the stage. Two huge banks of Blood lights bathed the dance floor in pulsating color. Three strobe lights were aimed at the dance floor and there is nothing like dancing with strobes flashing all around. The single most fantastic part of the light show was the sheet sound projection. It defies explanation in its infinite variety of forms, colors, and motions. It's beautiful.

The Reunion presented some different kinds of music in its second set leading off with "Good Times, Bad Times." Next song was "Pleasure Heart" and ended their Set with "Hush."

Spice took the stage and came out with some heavy sounds including "Spinning Wheel," "Muddy River," and "By The Time I Get To Phoenix."

If you didn't come to any of the many dancing sets in by the third set, grab a drink (the non-alcoholic variety, of course) and go upstairs where the tables are set up overlooking the dance floor and the stage. Stairaces offers the kind of sound and color that's been too long in the coming to the Brockton area. With "People Got to Be Free" and the many weeks Stairaces has some really great entertainment lined up. So if you groove on sound and sight drop up some Friday or Saturday and groove on the Stairaces.