SGA CRISIS COMING?

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by Dave Wilson

**BRIDGEWATER... A potential crisis looms on the Bridgewater State College campus as a result of the Student Government Association's rejection of a motion to hold elections for the positions of President and Vice-President of the S.G.A. The motion, which was brought before the S.G.A. Council Meeting on November 20, 1969, by Senior delegate Paul Costa, was initiated by the petitioning of a motion to the council signed by 974 students, one third of the student body at B.S.C., calling for new elections to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of Vice-Presidents Mancini and A. David Cappella. Paul Kosciak, who was elected Treasurer of S.G.A. earlier this year, is now President of S.G.A. as a result of the council's interpretation of the SGA Constitution which he said should succeed to the school's highest elected student position. The petition proposed that Paul Kosciak, who was appointed Vice-President pro-tem by President Kosciak, would fill the vacancy.

The petition drive calling for new elections was spearheaded by Mary Ellen Donahue, President of the Women's Dormitory Council, who, with the assistance of Mary Moore and Anne Krysan, collected over 1000 signatures in four days. This is the largest amount of signatures ever collected on a petition drive, a supporter of the petition pointed out.

The SGA Council rejected the motion for new elections after the petition was presented to them and after a debate that lasted, according to President Kosciak, over a week. The council was 12 opposed to new elections, 3 in favor of the motion, and a third abstention. Jim Stenton, President of the Class of 1971, explained during the debate, "We are not saying that those who opposed new elections on the council. He said that in view of the fact that a new President and Vice-President couldn't take office before the spring term, new elections will follow in late February. The SGA Council members pointed out that they were the elected representatives of the students, and it was their duty to interpret the SGA Constitution, which they said had been moving Paul from Treasurer to President.

Mary Moore, on behalf of the petitioners, said that there was nothing personal against the present members, a fact reiterated to this reporter by Miss Donahue, but that it was purely the principle that campus wide elections should be held. "I believe Paul Kosciak could do a fantastic job," Miss Donahue stated to THE COMMENT, "but there is no constitutional basis for his succession. The President of Student Government is an elected position and I believe students should have the chance to elect who they want to serve in that capacity."

"We gave the petition our most serious consideration," President Kosciak stated after the meeting, "and it is our feeling that we are working for and acting in the best interests of the students whom we are representing."

The basic point of argument in the matter is that the SGA Council believes it has interpreted the Constitution correctly and Paul moved automatically to the position of President in accordance with its interpretation. The students who are represented in the petition do not feel that the SGA has the authority to act in this manner, and insists that the student body alone has the right to elect its representatives in such a situation as exists presently.

The Elections Committee has announced that a "vote of confidence" will take place on December 17th, 1969, for students to indicate their support by ballot for President Kosciak, while the students sponsoring the petition have indicated that they are going to form a committee in hopes of procuring 2000 signatures and present their request once again to the SGA Council. "I couldn't believe they rejected us with 1000 signatures," a committee supporter said, "but I cannot see how they could ever reject a similar petition with 2000 signatures," a committee member said. "We feel that the majority of the student body. They will have to listen and act then."

The members of the council have expressed a private intention to quit the council if they're forced to hold elections. "What that will mean," said one council member, "is that the student body has no faith in our judgement and we're giving up a hell of a lot of time for nothing."

"I know," he continued, "that Kosciak devotes about twenty hours or more a week to the SGA business, and a pay that dedicated needs support, not hate. We feel, we honestly feel, that we made the right decision, the decision that will have the greatest beneficial results for the students we represent. We need excellent leadership right now, and Paul Kosciak provides that."

The matter remains undecided at this point, with both sides adamant that their position is the correct one. The next few weeks will decide the outcome, with the next move up to the petition committee."

**BRIDGEWATER... Wednesday, 12 November from 9:00 P.M. at the Men's Great Hill dorm approved Plan A of the Dorm Judiciary.**

A total of 171 students out of nearly 300 students voted on the plan.

A copy of the proposed Judiciary was given to each room on the Men's side of the dorm. A meeting was devoted to the proposal and the minutes of this meeting were posted on the bulletin board.

The Judiciary will improve student representation here in the dorm as nothing like it has existed before. One person will be elected from each of the five floors to serve on the Appeals Board. This will be a change from elected from appointed officials. The board will handle all cases except those dealing with expulsion and those concerning state laws.

The Judiciary will go into effect almost immediately. Tuesday 18 November another dorm meeting was to be held. At this meeting nominations were made for justices from each floor. Elections will take place in a week or so in the lounge of the respective floors. Each dorm student was given a choice of voting No, Yes, Plan A, or Yes, Plan B. Plan A was approved by a 97-71 margin. Plan B would have allowed for several minor changes—mainly there were more restrictions on charges.

The Executive Board of the Great Hill Dorm has several new ideas in improving the writing and passing of a Constitution for the Dorm. As of now the dorm has four elected officers but no Constitution. Other ideas for improvement of the dorm include the improvement of the week-end meals system; a bus service; and the purchase of a stereo.
The Bridgewater Comment
Thurs. Thrasher at 378-2560, or
Mrs. Sullivan at 588-1094.
Sincerely,
Betty Louise Tubman, '70

ATTENTION STUDENT BODY:

I would like to inform you about the action taken by the Student Council on the petition. With a vote of 12 against 3 for, and 1 abstention, the petition was rejected by the Council.

Close to 1000 signatures were presented to the Council to disregard the petition on the grounds that:

1. The petition is not a valid indication of the students' will.
2. The signatures were either pressured into signing, or were totally ignorant of the situation.
3. 1000 students do not indicate enough voice for the Council to change its views.
4. The Council feels that the disregard of the petition was not fair, and that their grounds for ignoring the petition were illogical.

Petitions are recognized on all levels of U.S. government as a valid means of voicing the opinions of the people. To discredit the validity of a petition is to discredit the democratic method.

The students were pressured or ignored and thus signed the petition, then the Council is in reality that almost 1000 students at Bridgewater are immature and irresponsible.

I do not believe that anyone would sign anything unless they had fully read the document, understood it, and agreed with it.

Almost 1000 students do not have a loud enough voice to change the Council's views. Yet only 1000 students voting, and 501 voting pro, could pass a Student Judiciary for the entire student body. The signatures of the petition were almost 100% of the voters needed to vote for a Judiciary, and over 100% of the votes needed to pass a Judiciary. Yet almost 1000 signatures were insufficient in the Council's view to call for a campus wide election for the offices of Student Council and Vice-President of S.G.A.

Let me not feel that the Student Council acted as our representative government. I question their reasons and their actions in disregard of the petition.

Mary M. Moore

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

The question before the student body is not whether we should have an election for SGA President and Vice President. The question is whether or not we have such officers. It would be contradictory to have an election to see who would be president if in fact we do actually have a president. If the student body refuses to give Paul Kosciak a vote of confidence in the upcoming referendum it then is obvious that we do not have a president and an election is made necessary. But if the student body is in support of Mr. Kosciak, then he is clearly the recognized president, and I would think that there should be no need for an election. Student Government would then be free to begin functioning effectively. And effective work must begin on such pressing problems as the Collegetown Community Center, the phase-off of DSA, revision of the educational syllabus, and the ever-present Bookstore problem.

The SGA council fully realizes this is not the way this action was taken, and it also realizes that its prime goal is to provide for the continuous and effective student government. The present method is not the fault of those who demand an election but neither is the fault of the student council. The fault lies with the present constitution. The present constitution does not set any guidelines regarding the present situation. Lacking such guidelines the SGA council is forced to take swift and positive action to prevent student government at the college from crumbling beneath the eight of the paternal authority of certain members of the administration faculty and students.

To whom it may concern:

We are not resorting to name-calling.

Kevin D. Preston

VIETNAM

Dear Editor:

We all felt relief when the information machines of the Johnson Administration were turned down but the brutal war of the people's peace movement kicked their pencil points and now we are off and running with the shoe on the other foot. It may be a different tune but it is the same dance. I would like to hear something of meaning about this war and I mean from someone who has more authority than the subject than just Sen. or Phd written before the name and a question trip to Vietnam.

Mary M. Moore

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medical supplies to the very men we fight. It does more than eich the men with courage and sweat to find those same soldiers hidden in jungles.

We are never nice (much to many) and is stupid as well as quite avoidable, but when one sets out to play the game it should be to the hilt. We set out to push our Will onto Vietnam and then we only went half way. Our biggest mistake was to get into this and the second war, once started, not to have played the game. Where would blood and sweat pile up with seemingly nothing gained, people start to see that maybe there is some good idea after all of sort of a bad investment you might say.

I can detect a teeny bit of egoism, a dash of immaturity, a slight crack at Mommy and Daddy, a taste of idealism, a little emotion, some overripe old fun, and whole bunches of ignorance. Yes, there are those who are serious and know why. The rest are students of these people who cry peace from every corner. It is out of character for humans to be so concerned about world peace. I can detect a teeny bit of egoism, a dash of immaturity, a slight crack at Mommy and Daddy, a taste of idealism, a little emotion, some overripe old fun, and whole bunches of ignorance. Yes, there are those who are serious and know why. The rest are students of these people who cry peace from every corner. It is out of character for humans to be so concerned about world peace.
make-up to accent the change. Otherwise, the characterizations were nicely played.

Another consistent and believable character was that of Baptista, and Greg Lee played his character with a studied manner that came across well, though he could have been stronger. Dan Reilly also played an easy interesting character, Baptista, and Greg Lee played though he could have been believable character was that of manner that came across well, Vincentio and added a nice touch to the scenes he played. Another fascinating character was given by Ted Gallagher, as Biondello. Ted's comic timing and finesse was fun to watch. And Richard Colburn produced a character that worked in the play, although his Lucentio seemed one-sided and pat. More inner life to the character and more involvement with his characterizations, and I think Richard would have drawn the sympathies of the audience at his falling to a shrew—as Rick Carlson's Hortensio drew sympathy at his ironic fall to a shrew. In the end, such sympathy is needed for two sorry grooms in order to emphasize more strongly the Petruchio-Kate show taming theme. And except for Hortensio the sympathy for the grooms was not as strong as it should have been.

The other smaller characters were all well played. Cynthia Faxon (as Hortense or the one-line quip), Joan Medeiros (Curtis—what did she really say), Dianne Bandara (the Widow, another cunning shrew), Gerald Swift (the one hat Haberdasher), and Robert Vailencourt (an enjoyable, relaxed Minstrel), they were all good and provided thorough interaction with the rest of the servants and townsfolk much of the rich background fabric of the performance. One special note about the last scene. Saturday night's performance was excellent, but the wedding feast was too was The Taming of the Shrew's flavor of your program of study in institution. is available at a different accreditation in anticipation of BSC's grad school, which has the new library. It is simply a more broadening academic experience to go to a different grad school.

But a financial problem may develop coming from SGA with a tuition of $200 and going to a grad school with as high as a $2500 tuition. Although scholarships are available, some are given only after entrance.

Requirements for every program of study are different, and every institution offers a different program and environment. Consider the program, location, environment and financial aspects of prospective schools. Then they'll consider you.

Your Chances At Grad School

by Janice Indorato

When you graduate from BSC what are your chances of going to grad school? According to BSC Guidance Director, Phillip Dooley, the chances “haven’t been excellent, especially in the field of education.”

However, education majors don’t have the edge on grad school. It’s simply that there are more education majors here, than a greater number of people going to grad school. Also, our liberal arts fields are fairly new compared to education. A comparison would be unfair.

No matter what your major, in order to have a good shot at grad school you need a strong 2.5 - 3.0 gpa. Besides having a good gpa either the Miller’s Analogy Test or the GRE’s are required. These are super advanced college entrance exams.

Professor Dooley advised that seniors should take the Miller’s or the GRE’s now, even if plans for grad school are not definite. As seniors you are at your highest scoring potential for these exams. The scores are always valid whether grad school is an immediate hope of somewhere in the future.

Three letters of recommendation are usually required and should be obtained as a senior. And of course, an early application is advisable.

When selecting a prospective grad school it is better to select one other than your present school. A new and different flavor of your program of study is available at a different institution.

This is not to discredit BSC’s grad school, which has received temporary accreditation in anticipation of the new library. It is simply a more broadening academic experience to go to a different grad school.

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Monday, Dec. 8, 7:40 p.m., and.
Tuesday, Dec. 9, 3:40 p.m., and.
Thursday, Dec. 11, 7:10 p.m., and.
Monday, Dec. 15, 7:10 p.m., and.

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Skaters Open Tonight
by Frank Cullen

BROCKTON. BSC's Hockey Club will open its 1968-1969 season tonight against Stonehill College. The game will begin at 7:30 at the Brockton Skating Rink, located behind the new Brockton High School with the face-off scheduled for 9:00.

The Bears this year will be looking to improve on last year's 2-4-5 slate. With a strong corps of veterans returning and several promising freshmen in the fold, the prospects are good. The team will be paced by Captain Bob Lovett, a shifty skater from Saugus, strong and tough Mike Lyon from Lynn, and Jim Taylor, a good two-way man from Framingham. Newcomers Dan Cobb and Rich Mahoney should take up the slack back on defense, a depleted position by graduation. However, the defensive corps was hurt by the loss of Tom Kennedy due to a knee injury. The goaltender's job is still up in the air. Steve Naper, Gump Cullen, and Kent Harlow are in a holycontent battle to gain the nod for the opener. The starting lineup for tonight's game hasn’t been named yet.

Ice Crips

Due to a limited budget, BSC's sextet will be going into tonight's game with only three practice sessions under their belt... if last year was any indication of student support for the Hockey Club, then there should be a good turnout for the contest. The rink is situated behind the new Brockton High School... from BSC, go north on 24, to 121 go across to Brockton Center, turn right at Forest Avenue, just past the high school... the team currently has 23 members, or a roster, Coach Frank Roberts indicated that he planned to alternate the three goaltenders, each playing a game each... the Bears will battle Rhode Island School of Design Sunday, 7/15, in Methuen Auditorium, at Brown University... additional games with Nichols, Curry, and possibly Suffolk have been added to the schedule... see you tonight.

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Cagers Win Openner 86-69
by Lynn Bromley

NEW BEDFORD. After a sluggish start, the Bridgewater State Basketball Team caught fire and coasted to an easy 86-69 victory over Southeastern Massachusetts University at the Palmer St. Gym Monday Night.

Bridgewater scored 41 points in the first half, and 45 in the second session to register an impressive opening game win. Appropriately, Bears co-capt. Barry Fitzpatrick netted the first points of the season for Bridgewater. After 60 freshmen Keith Richards controlled the opening topoff, Fitzpatrick dribbled down the left side and hit on a 25 foot jumper to put his team out front.

BSC came roaring right back though, and the lead shifted hands for the first time with 6:56 on the clock. With Bridgewater trailing 25-24, backcourt ace Dan Ryan hit on a 20 footer at 7:13. The Bears then ran off 8 straight points to lead 32-25. After Ryan's hoop Bridgewater never trailed.

Barney Ross, back at Bridgewater after a year at Massasoit put in two quick hoops at the 2:00 mark to give the Bears a 10 point lead 39-29. In the second half the Bears fast break offense caught fire once again s they ran up 45 points to SMU's 36. With no less than a ten point lead through most of the second half, Bears' head coach Tom Knudson was able to substitute freely. With 7:28 left in the contest, Carl Reevy's three pointer play gave the Bears a 67-46 lead.

At intermission Bridgewater led the Corsairs by a 41-37 margin. In the second half the Bears fast break offense caught fire once again s they ran up 45 points to SMU's 36. With no less than a ten point lead through most of the second half, Bears' head coach Tom Knudson was able to substitute freely. With 7:28 left in the contest, Carl Reevy's three pointer play gave the Bears a 67-46 lead.

The 21 point margin was largest spread of the game.

SMU's Bill Violette hit on three straight hoops to cut Bridgewater's lead to 15 points, 73-58 at the 5:00 mark, but the Bears easily slowed down the pace, and led 86-69 at the buzzer.

Ryan led all scorers with 19 points. Bears forward Frank Smith, who was a teammate of Ross at Massasoit last year added 12. Also in double figures for Bridgewater were Jack "Hick" News. O'Donnell with 14, and Ross with 11. Violette led the losers with 14 points.

The Bears Fresh team was also victorious, 86-68.

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