

Gaymon is our queen; let's get back to work

During this restructuring and revitalization, some things have remained constant: controversy, cafeteria food, controversy, pounds of homework and of course, controversy.



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On the Belle Network, the ever-present rumor mill that feeds us the latest gossip, nothing has caused more controversy than the Miss Bennett College Pageant.

I often think the Miss Bennett Pageant can bring out the worst in students. One year at the President's Ball, I watched the friends of a Belle who did not get the Miss BC title storm out of the ballroom in the middle of the announcement of the winner. Another year, I saw students tearing down one candidate's posters, and replacing them with their choice's ads.

The pivotal point to all the pageant drama for me was hearing that the Miss Bennett College who was announced last year, Monica Gaymon, was stripped of her title pending investigation of the elections.

When I heard that two sister Belles (both purportedly members of SGA) questioned the integrity of the elections, I was floored. I thought the meaning of sisterhood was to support one another. I thought Miss Bennett was somebody the College supported no matter what. Apparently I was wrong.

I would be foul not to say that Gaymon is my friend, my classmate, and my sorority sister. Even my biased eyes see something is wrong when the opinions of two people have impact on just about everyone from organization queens to faculty and staff. It seems that the Miss BC pageant will be a fixture on the Belle Network forever. I just wish that people wouldn't let the controversy bubble up in them to the point that they feel they should question the facts. Gaymon won! She is our queen.

Now let's get back to work, back to the controversy.

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What do you think about the Miss Bennett College election investigation?

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The whole election was bogus. Check the integrity!



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The election was unfair and we should have had a chance to do the whole election over.



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What is done is done and now its time to move on.



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It [the election and the controversy] was an interesting series of events.



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I believe that the issue was handled properly.



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Uninvolved parties investigated the elections of last semester and found no discrepancy, so lets support our officers.



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The situation was handled in a professional manner, and I am glad that it is settled.



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I am glad the votes are in and that its over we should move on.



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I am glad that it [the election controversy] is over.