

Managing editor speaks out

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When everything hit the fan last week and staff positions were being cut, people were understandably upset about the events transpiring. In the days since, many have speculated publicly on why this took place and what will happen next.

I was annoyed when people began to circulate wild rumors and bash the administration for making these difficult decisions.

But what really fired me up were the statements made on Facebook, particularly from BC alumni, because many of them offered no realistic solutions and bashed those who pointed this out. They seem to believe that by retaining their donation money, using big words, and throwing insults and threats at the people trying to make this institution work, they could somehow make a difference.

That much is true--a difference for the worse.

These alumni are raising hell. Some of them claim to stand up for the students, and then call them delusional when they try to stand up for their college. Since when is this an "us and them" institution? We have to get through this turmoil together, and through difficult times, some positions will be lost.

I come from a family who has been hit hard by the reality of recession. I know it is

tough, and some situations are grim no matter what decision is made. Rather than furiously bashing the people who had to reach this decision, however, these clearly passionate people should be working diplomatically with BC.

The kneejerk reactions flowed hard and fast on Facebook, despite a lack of evidence upon which to base their opinions. One alumnus said, the institution was making another poor decision and he wishes us the best. I'm not sure this person would know what to do if placed in these administrative roles. I think that the people who were and in a way are still a part of this community should be more understanding and patient with President Teague and his staff.

The facts are these: Just as we did at the beginning of last week, we now still have a registered nurse available at Stamey Health Center (albeit for fewer hours of the week), and lo and behold it's still free!

I could fill up another column or two on the knee jerk reactions that took place, all the hate that has been spilling out, but it is not productive for our newspaper or this college. I hope we can all work through staff, faculty, and the student government body to bring our information to the Board of Trustees and the senior staff.

Like I said, times are tough on the college--tough on staff, tough on faculty, and tough on students. But if we can all work together, we can make it through.



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