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Student Government Association election allegation

from staff reports

Brevard College students went to the polls this week to vote for next year's Student Government Association officers.

Candidates running for office in the 2013-2014 academic year included Patrick Helmick and Kyle Jackola for president, Rory Northam for vice president, Breanna McMahon and DeAngelo Smotherson for secretary, Dominique Butler and Heather Morris for speaker of the clubs, and Burton Hodges for treasurer.

Votes are being tallied by Campus Life staff and election results will be announced Wednesday during the college's annual Honors and Awards Day.

However, three students have expressed concern, one of them via an Emailed letter to the Clarion, of possible electioneering during voting in which students staffing the voting location in Myers Dining Hall were overheard recommending one candidate over another to students casting ballots.

The Clarion has spoken with the three students, who all say they heard a poll worker telling prospective voters that they should vote for Helmick. These students have asked to remain anonymous, despite our requests for them to go on the record. None of the three were affiliated with either candidate's campaign, and in each case, the sources said

poll workers' suggestions for Helmick were in response to voters expressing a lack of familiarity with the candidates, or asking poll workers outright who they should vote for.

"Students wanted to know who candidates were and the person at the table would point to Patrick's name on the ballot and say vote for him," one source told The Clarion.

Four students staffed the voting locations

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during the election this week, including current SGA president Elise Labus, vice president Chantel Azevado, secretary Caroline Anderson, and student life liaison Mark Moseley.

When asked about the allegations of electioneering by poll workers, Labus said in a statement that "the four people that have manned the tables have been specifically told and trained not to influence a vote in any way. If we are asked who a student is, we state their major and activities on campus."

Electioneering is defined as actively working for the success of a particular candidate for office. Most states have laws prohibiting poll workers from actively engaging in electioneering for a particular candidate or political party in state or local elections for public office.

The SGA constitution posted on the Brevard College website states in "Article IV: Elections" that campaigning "must not take place directly outside of voting station" and "must be conducted in an ethical and fair manner determined by SGA and Campus Life."

Despite any hiccups that may have occurred during this year's election, however, this year's SGA officer elections show marked improvement over the past few years in terms of timing and process. In 2011, SGA opted not to hold elections at all when all candidates for office ran unopposed. Last year, an election was held, but many students felt there was not enough time in the process for voters to get to know the candidates running for office.

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National Association of Teachers of Singing, Regionals

By Erica Zaveta
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Rachel Anthony, Natalie Comeaux, Blake Ellege, and Meg Swinney advanced to the second round of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. They were chosen from the first round of state competition, which consisted of 600 North Carolina singers.

For regionals, students can compete in either the Music Theater or the Classical category. Comeaux, an exercise science major with a music minor, competed in the Musical Theater category.

Students were required to perform four pieces ranging from the 1960- to present, with a 10 minute allotted time from. After hearing the first, the judges will choose who

gets to continue.

Comeaux chose to perform Music Theater because of her background as an active member of her high school choir. She placed first for Freshman Women, and she says that it was a joy to compete.

For her, the experience was new and exciting. Although she toured in Chicago with her high school choir, she never experienced direct contact with the judges.

She is looking forward to next year's completion. Nationals are held every other year.

Come and hear these talented vocalists perform on Monday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Porter Center with the Brevard College Choir. It will be a great evening of music.