

# S.U.B. responds to student complaints

To the Editor:

Remembering the week that we call "Homecoming," I shrink in sadness and disgust, for it is this week that competition is supposed to peak togetherness, but instead a bitter feeling plagues my mind. As many of you know, for the last two years the Student Union Board has participated in the Homecoming competition, and many people have believed the myth that we spent about \$550 on Homecoming, and this year the same figure will apply. This is a figure that is insignificant to the majority of the membership, and I must add that our membership is not based on sex or creed. We do not screen or examine our members based on a preference like some organizations. Our participation in Homecoming is representative of the entire student body, not just one sector; therefore, I feel the amount is justified.

Yet, it is the poor attitude among students that concerns me the most. It was the Interfraternity Council that shocked me the most, requesting to review our financial records from last year. Certainly, it is within every student's means to see what part of their activities fees are going towards, but it is simply inexcusable for the Interfraternity Council, who has never supported the Student Union Board in any of its efforts or endeavors, to insult the executive members of the Student Union Board with false accusations. As I continue to write, I think of the telephone threats and complaints that we received last week. I think of the stupid insults and inconsiderate remarks made against our representative and the organization. I think of the rudeness of the audience at the announcement of our skit. I think of those of you that stopped me last week to share with me your discontent in our participation. It is as though some organizations and people feel threatened by the Student Union Board. There is no need to feel threatened, for the students who dedicate their time to the Student Union Board work long, exhausting hours for little or

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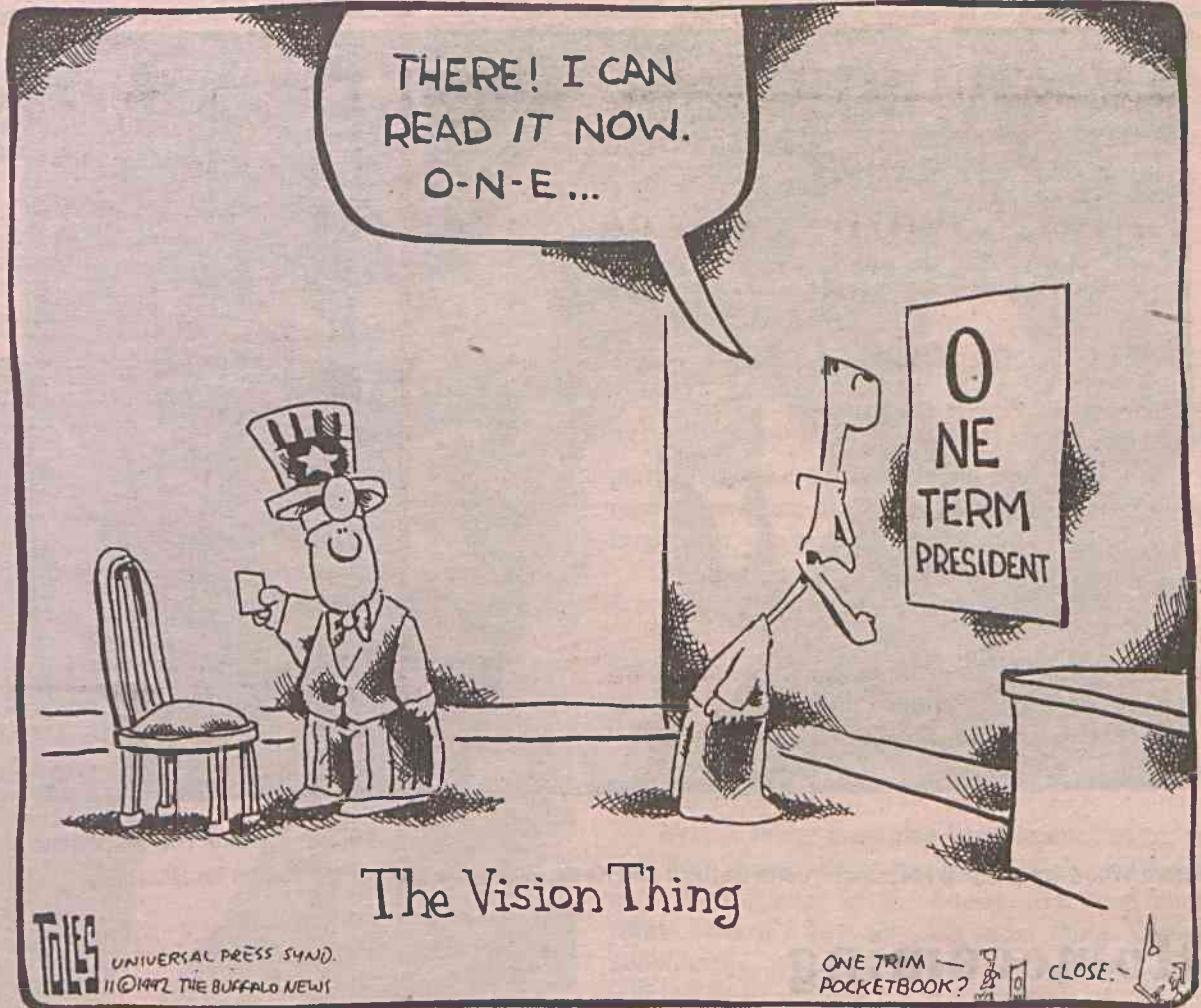
no benefits, and even the week of Homecoming, we were busy competing in the events, and planning and implementing entertainment for the campus. We spend our energies planning events that most students blow off as nothing. Sadly, many students fail to realize that some of the entertainment that we provide would cost them a lot of money if they went off campus to see the same act.

I would like to extend a heart of thanks to the members of the Student Union Board; it is your hard work and dedication that makes this campus spin the wedges of the wheel of Wellness, although we are over-looked by many ranging from students to administrators. It is my involvement in many organizations and activities on this campus that will allow me to say, the members of the Student Union Board work harder than any other student organization on this campus. I extend an invitation to every student to take a more active role in the programs that we provide, and I also extend an invitation to every student to take a more active role in the programs that we provide, and I also extend

an invitation to every fraternity and sorority that is affiliated with this college to stop programming against us, but join in our efforts to make our weekend environment as safe as it can be. This is our call, and we live it. Can you do the same?

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# A working mother hopes

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For the last 15 years Barbara Walters has been haunted by the comment she made to Jimmy Carter in a pre-inaugural interview. "Be wise with us," she said. "Be good to us." The truth is that we all know what she meant, because most of us, on one Tuesday in November or another, have felt at least a whiff of the same thing. It's called hope.

I flipped the little blackjack next to Bill Clinton's name with hope, the first time I recall feeling that emotion since I cast my first vote for George McGovern in 1972. If ever a man has been tested for the presidency, it is this one, not in Vietnam or even in the trenches of long life, but in the court of public opinion.

My polling place was choked with voters; even children wanted to stay up and hear the news. Everyone is eager to say that this is because the American people seized the day. And they did, fashioning a real contest from common sense, Larry King, the debates, the MacNeil Lehrer Newshour, the pages of their newspapers, the Today Show, and endless dinner table discussions and concern for their children and their checkbooks.

In time there will be many post-mortems of this election, but one thing they should all have in common is the admission that Clinton ran the best Democratic campaign in recent memory, and George Bush, the worst Republican one. The man who was inexorable vs. the man who didn't turn up, then turned nasty. History will record that the president turned in two lackluster debate performances and that when he got his campaign back on course with questions about higher taxes and misplaced trust, he detailed himself by the sophomoric jaffe of calling his opponents "bozos" and comparing their expertise to that of his spaniel. They say it's not over till the fat lady sings; I say when the dogs rear their heads, it's time to bow-wow out.

But ultimately Bush's greatest burden was to his own first term. On the morning after Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected president in 1932, the editorial page of this paper thundered: "The

Republicans got what they richly deserved. During the past 12 years they have displayed that insensate pride which goeth before destruction. ... Four years ago Republicans promised, under their benign guidance, an ever-ascending scale of prosperity, just before the worst and longest financial and industrial and agricultural disaster fell upon the land." And the editorial added, "There can be no mistaking the determination of the American electorate to order a change in their government and in its policies."

I am a working mother, a feminist and a reporter whose enduring interest has been in the small moments of the lives of unsung people, the kind of people who only ride in limos when someone in the family dies. I thought George was not interested in, not even aware of, most of those disparate parts of my life, whether vetoing family leave, nominating Clarence Thomas or talking endlessly about a capital gains tax.

One night I saw Bill Clinton on the news say, "The hits that I took in this election are nothing compared to the hits the people of

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