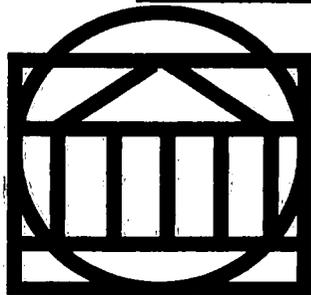


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## SGA wrestles over removal of freshman representative

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HC Staff Writer

In what may have been the most emotionally charged meeting in recent CVC history, the SGA wrestled for more than an hour over the controversial removal of Greg Platt, freshman representative, and the conflicting reports of his unexcused absences from regularly scheduled meetings.

The controversy over Platt's removal centered around Platt's insistence that he had actually been

excused verbally by Kim Lee immediately following his illness. President Lee vehemently denied that she had excused these absences without receiving a note from Platt.

According to Platt, "It's my word against hers. She's lying."

Several members brought up the incident between Platt and Lee after last week's meeting, stating that Platt had proved himself incapable of being a responsible representative for his class.

Lee herself stated, "I am a senior, I don't deserve the treatment I re-

ceived last Tuesday."

Several members also expressed deep concern that it is written nowhere that members must have a written note to be excused, that this was simply a verbal agreement, and one member freely admitted that he had not heard of this requirement before this meeting.

Timothy Collins cautioned members of the SGA to remember that what was really on trial here was the integrity of Platt, not just the question of whether Platt's absences should be excused.

After more than one hour's deliberation, the SGA voted on a motion to excuse Platt for the first two of his unexcused absences and reinstate him in his former position. The vote was 5-4 in favor of reinstating Platt with one abstention.

This vote, however, came under attack as being illegitimate by several members because they said that Platt's newly appointed replacement, who was present, did not vote.

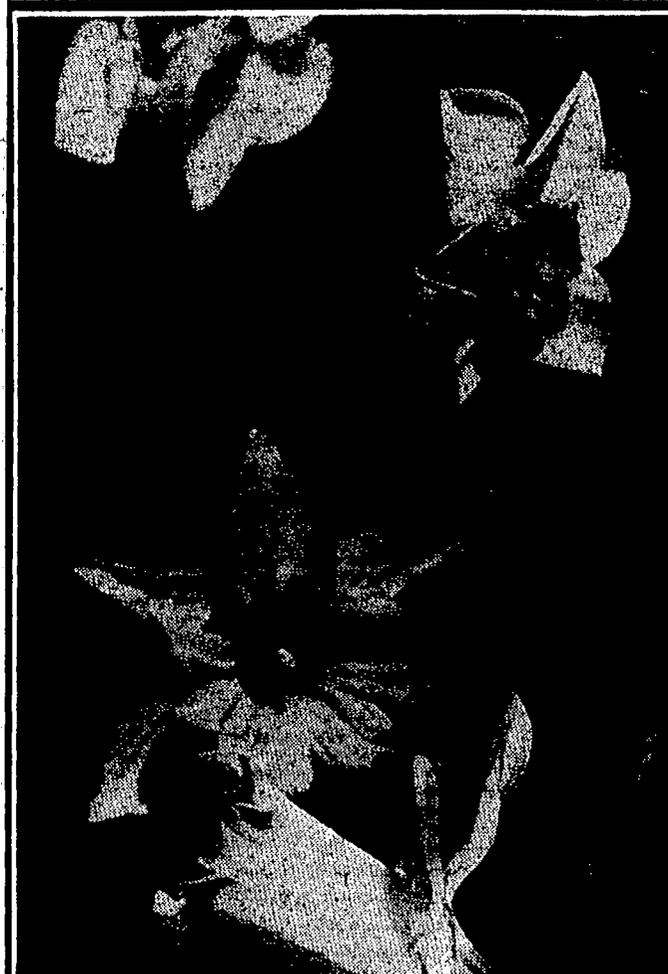
After more deliberation over the ethical and legal right of a member

to participate in a vote which would directly affect her position and status, another vote was taken. This vote was made a secret ballot, with all members voting save one abstention.

This vote succeeded in rejecting Platt's attempt at reinstatement by what was termed "a clear majority", although Lee declined to give the actual figures of the tally.

When asked if there were any plans to change, or to more clearly

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Flowers  
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photo by Travis Snyder

## College working on sexual assault issue

Beth Finne  
HC Assistant Editor

A subject on the minds of many people at CVC since the fall semester has been sexual assault. It began when one student informed an administrator that her friend had been sexually assaulted and no more information was ever discovered.

The administration found its hands tied because the victim never told anyone herself, or pressed any charges, so no one could begin an investigation. The students found themselves in a world of rumors and fears as the story changed its focus day by day.

The question soon to be asked was what can be done to stop this from happening again? Many people had different ideas. The Inner Greek Council held a meeting in which they discussed the role of the fraternities and sororities in the issue. Chancellor Jim Knight also held countless meetings with students, campus security, and career counselor Judy Hodge to see what administration could do.

This semester, however, not much has been heard on the subject. The problem of campus sexual assault most definitely has not died.

According to Knight, one thing

that has been done is to increase the lighting in certain areas on campus at the request of the students. He has also spoken to Dean of Students Michael O'Donnell and Hodge about the possibility of a rape awareness class on campus.

Knight believes, "We need more security on this campus, but how much is enough?" No matter how big the college became, or how much security we had, it would still not be enough, he explained.

Knight believes that the students themselves can go a long way towards protecting themselves. He admonishes them to "be concerned for each other and take care of each other". One helpful tip he would give would be for students, both male and female, to walk in pairs at all times if possible.

He also feels strongly about reporting incidents of assault when they occur. The administration and security, according to Chief of Campus Police Frank Collier, can do absolutely nothing unless the victim reports the attack immediately. Second hand reports by friends are useless and not reporting the attack puts all students in danger if the criminal hangs around.

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### A Matter of Record

Editor's Note: The quote by Greg Platt in the March 27 edition of *The Highland Cavalier* contained an error. Instead of "notified," the word should be "nullified." We apologize for any inconvenience.

O P I N I O N S

# SGA President finds fault with several issues in articles

To the Editor:

As former Editor of *The Highland Cavalier* and as current President of the Student Government Association, I feel compelled to take issue with several points presented in last week's edition of *The Highland Cavalier*.

I just wish to deal with the article concerning the "ejection" of Freshman Representative Greg Platt from the SGA. The SGA Constitution of Clinch Valley College provides for the discipline of its members who are in absence from regularly scheduled meetings. For those interested, Article VIII, Section 2 reads: "Absence from

three (3) meetings of the Student Council without compelling reason acceptable to the Council shall automatically remove such member from the Council." Mr. Platt has missed three (3) meetings of the SGA and none of these absences were excused.

Mr. Platt mistakenly believes that by merely telling me that he was sick, his absences would be excused. This is an incorrect belief. When approached by Mr. Platt concerning his absences, I informed him that to get these absences excused, he needed to write the SGA a note informing the organization as to the nature of why he missed these meetings.

While this may sound childish, these notes are needed for filing purposes and to allow the SGA to be in accordance with our Constitution. The SGA would have gladly accepted the notes after the missed meetings instead of requiring them before, but Mr. Platt apparently did not take this requirement seriously. He made no effort to write me a note that would have taken but five minutes to write. Thus, the SGA could not excuse his absences.

Concerning Mr. Platt's statement, "No hard feelings on my behalf," I find that incredible to believe. Especially since, upon hearing of his automatic dismissal, Mr. Platt proceeded to the SGA office and became so rude and threatening as to warrant my calling security to have him escorted out. Now tell me, CVC Freshman, do you wish your representative to act in such an

irrational manner?

I think not! Mr. Platt's irrational actions have cast doubt upon his ability to represent his class responsibly.

I would also like to correct an obvious mistake made by the editorial staff of *The Highland Cavalier*. Former SGA members Sheila Marshall, a Senior Representative, and Vickie Rudder, SGA Treasurer, were in no manner what-so-ever ejected from the SGA. These two responsible individuals voluntarily offered their resignations due to personal reasons. The statement that they were ejected is totally false. I feel the editor of *The Highland Cavalier* needs to be more careful before she prints such obviously false statements. Being a former editor of this paper, I know the

responsibility of the content of *The Highland Cavalier* falls upon the editor's shoulders. With this enormous responsibility, I should think the editor would be more careful, wouldn't you?

I also feel that the article in question was done under suspicious circumstances. By virtue of my position last year, I know that when a controversial subject is reported upon, both sides of the issue should be aired in the same article. I was not even approached concerning the SGA's point of view concerning this subject. I feel this breaks the ethical standards all newspapers should follow. The article presents a very biased point of view particularly since only Mr. Platt's "version" was aired. What can this be

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# Befallen SGA member feels he should be punished for actions

Confessions of a befallen SGA member:

I'm writing this letter to show my great appreciation to the Honorable SGA President Miss Kimberly Lee.

Miss Lee, in her infinite wisdom, called security Tuesday, March 21, to have me removed from the SGA office. I hadn't realized that I posed such a threat to Miss Lee in that I was walking out the door of the office when the threat to call security was made. Being as it was that I had never had the opportunity of having security called on me before, I sat down and waited for security to come.

And what a thrill it was! I felt like

a Ted Bundy, or better yet, like a Salmon Rushdie! You can imagine my disappointment when security seemed very unimpressed by what Miss Lee had called an "emergency" when calling them.

I realize that I had committed a terrible act by coming in after the SGA meeting wanting to know why Miss Lee did not tell the SGA that two of my absences were excused.

I'm also so very deeply sorry for yelling at her when she told me that she had too many things on her mind to bring up this point during the meeting.

I feel I have not been properly disciplined for my inexcusable

and horrible actions.

Fully realizing my guilt, I am willing to propose a punishment. Although it would be painful and unbearable, my punishment should be in the form of a spanking—to be dished out by the one for whom I have caused so much grief in the course of this year: SGA President Kim Lee herself!

Or, if this punishment isn't harsh enough, I propose the cruelest punishment possible: reinstatement in the SGA. But if this is the punishment that is decided on, can I still get that spanking?

Respectfully submitted,  
Greg Platt

## FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

# Hall of Fame has organized scholarships

Marianna Smith  
HC Staff Writer

The Automotive Hall of Fame has organized a new program designed to help college graduates in their search for employment after graduation.

The Scholarship Program, Outstanding Scholars, and the Hall of Fame Resume Bank were created to encourage promising college students to seek employment in the automotive industry.

The Scholarship Program of the Automotive Hall of Fame awarded \$12,700 during the 1988-89 academic year in financial assistance to several deserving students who intend to pursue a career in the automotive industry.

The Outstanding Scholars Program seeks to identify graduating students who meet strict scholastic standards and have automotive career goals. Recipients of this honor are presented in the Automotive Yearbook which is reviewed by

employers when seeking new employees.

The Resume Bank is a collection of resumes from students interested in employment in the automotive field. The Hall of Fame matches prospective employers with qualified students in the Resume Bank.

Students are encouraged to apply for these scholarships for the 1990-91 school year. More information concerning these programs can be sought at the Financial Aid in Smiddy Hall.

# Cavs make progress as they take doubleheader from Tornadoes

P.J. Elkins  
HC Sports Editor

Thomas More College, Kentucky, made a long trip through the bluegrass and over the mountains for naught.

CVC, led by junior lefthanders Bill Higgins and Jeff Gilliam, took a double header from the visitors, 4-2 and 10-0. Higgins (3-1) gave up only six singles and struck out eight in the opener. Gilliam, following up last week's no-hitter, allowed just one hit while fanning six in the closing game.

The Highland Cavaliers have won 10 straight to raise their record to 15-3. They are 6-0 in the NAIA's District 32.

In addition to standout pitching, John Raynor had five hits in six at bats in the two games. The sophomore DH had two doubles and, in the second game, smashed a fourth-

inning inside the park homer. Mighty mite catcher J.K. Perkins chipped in four hits in six trips to the plate.

In the first game, Higgins gave up an unearned run in the first inning, and then steadied to throw shut out ball over the next five innings. Relying primarily on a smooth curve ball until the seventh inning, when he switched to a slider, Higgins fought off a last gasp effort by Thomas More to score. But with the tying run on second, Higgins struck out the last hitter, stranding the tying run on base.

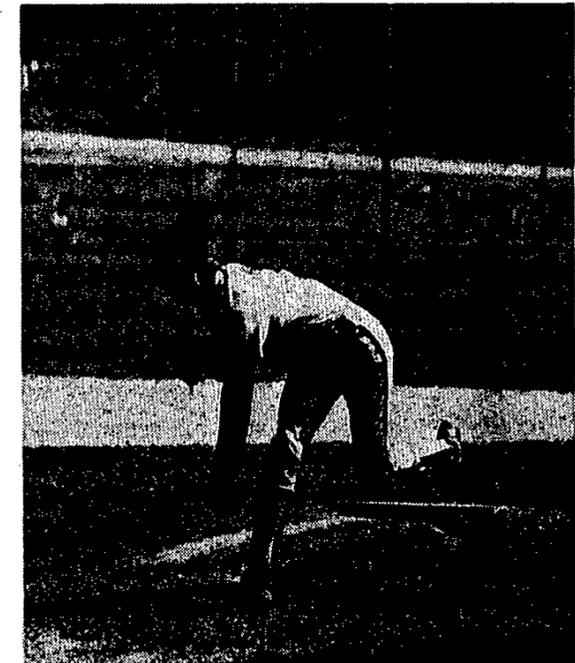
Higgins said that he has worked hard to improve his slider during the off season.

In the second game Gilliam was near perfection again. Offensively, CVC jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the second added a pair, then added a few more.

"We're making progress," said CVC coach Ray Spenilla, whose team is only six wins shy of the school record 19 victories. "Thomas More is a good ballclub. They split with Georgetown there, and Georgetown last year finished fifth in the National World Series."

Spenilla added that the challenge for his team is to play intelligent ball: "The kids are still growing; they are still young, but we can play with anybody if we make good adjustments and play intelligently," Spenilla said.

Starting four sophomores, two juniors, and three freshmen, Spenilla has reason for optimism. The future continues to look bright for the Cavs. A good ballclub already, as the team gains experience and maturity to go with the talent it possesses, even better things may be just around the corner.



Bill Higgins

# Clinch Valley College pounds Pikeville

P.J. Elkins  
HC Sports Editor

Clinch Valley pounded Pikeville, 11-0 and 15-4, with Miller Castle throwing a one-hitter and Mike White belting a couple of home runs in a college baseball doubleheader.

Castle, 1-1, allowed one-hit from the Bears in the opener, while his

teammates collected 11 hits. Steve Jesse had three hits, including a solo home run that put the Cavaliers in front, 3-0 in the fourth.

White's three-run shot in the sixth inning finished an eight-run inning and the game was called due to the 10-run rule.

In the second game, White belted a two-run shot in the first inning

which sparked a 12-hit drive. John Pendergast led the Cavaliers with three hits and two RBI. Todd Dean and J.K. Perkins added two hits each.

David Shelton, 1-0, pitched three innings and earned the win in the second game. Tim Largen stopped a Pikeville rally in the fourth and worked the final two innings.

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attributed to?

Finally, I would like to address the Letter to the Editor from Alan Lovelace. While I agree with Lovelace's statements concerning the separation of powers, I feel his deliberate attack upon two of my SGA members was unnecessary and in poor taste. It in no way gave any further credence to the subject and, I felt, took away from the point he was trying to make. Why he felt it was necessary to do this, I do not know.

I would highly suggest to those involved with *The Highland Cavalier* that the generally accepted practices of ethical journalism be followed in order to avoid any more unnecessary problems.

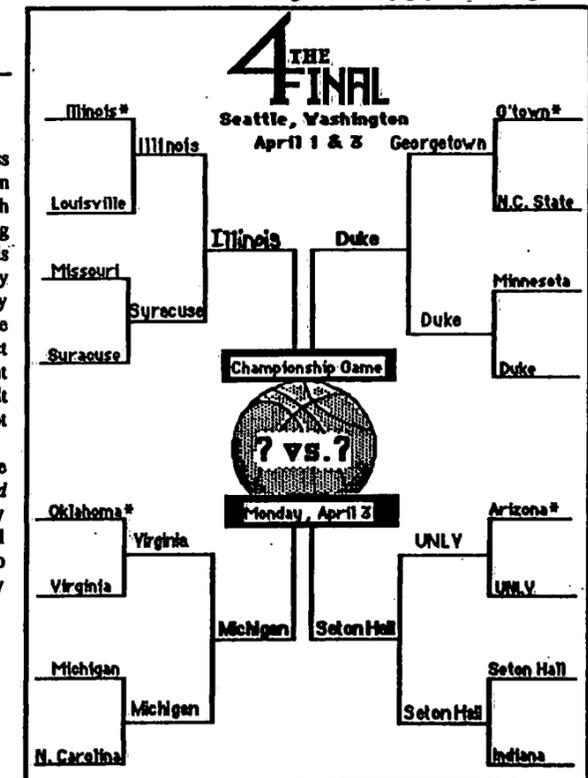
Respectfully submitted,  
Kimberly Lee  
SGA President

If you can read this, maybe you're too close!



Ray Spenilla - Coach and Waterboy?

Coming soon . . .  
Outdoor activities at CVC



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# C L A S S I F I E D S

## International Club to present dinner

The monthly meeting of the CVC International Club is Thursday, April 6, at 4 p.m., in the Chapel of All Faiths. A program on Brazil will be presented, and appropriate refreshments served. All members are encouraged to attend, as well as those who would like to join

Each comedian presents a stand up routine, then students are chosen by random drawing to be contestants in the game.

Students who would like to participate in the show can do so by filling out an entry blank on April 26. A table will be set up in the cafeteria to take the names of interested students.

"We Can Make You Laugh" is sponsored by the Student Activities Committee. For more information call Charles Engle at 328-0216, or Sharon Daniels, 328-0130.

## Comedy troupe to challenge CVC

Get ready CVC!

On April 26, three comedians will hit the stage with a challenge to CVC students—we can make you laugh! Some lucky students will even have a chance to win \$25.00 each.

The show is at 8:00 p.m. in Cantrell Hall and is open to the public. Admission is \$5.00. CVC students with valid I.D. will be admitted free.

"We Can Make You Laugh" is a nationally based comedy troupe that takes its shows to approximately 180 colleges each year. They offer \$25.00 in cash to those contestants who can keep a straight face through three comedy routines—an idea derived from the old television show of the same name.

## Barton presents CVC research seminar

A seminar entitled "Kinetics of an Iodometric Reaction" will be presented by John Barton, a senior chemistry major at Clinch Valley College, on Tuesday, April 4, 1989 at 1:00 p.m. in the Science Building Lecture Hall. The seminar will deal with research conducted at Clinch Valley College over the past six months involving the reaction of sulfite ions with iodate ions and applications thereof. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Portuondo talks about Cuban position

Augusto Portuondo, Professor of Spanish at Clinch Valley College, will present a lecture, "Cuba: Imperialism, Hegemony, Revolution. And now what?" as part of the Faculty Colloquium seminar.

The lecture is April 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the CVC Chapel of All Faiths and is open to the public.

For many years Cuba had a special relationship with the United States, but it now has a special relationship with

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	WEEKEND
	Faculty Colloquium/1p.m./Chapel SGA Meeting/1p.m./SH100b Wesley Dinner/4:30p.m./Wesley Foundation	BSU Dinner/4:30p.m./Baptist Student Union	Judd Lewis Society Lecture/7p.m./Chapel International Club Meeting/4p.m./Chapel	Science Seminar/1p.m. Friday/Science Lecture Hall

the Soviet Union. Its impact on world affairs is unparalleled by any other Latin American country, although several are much larger in land, population, and resources. Cuba also has the only totalitarian regime in the western hemisphere.

Portuondo's lecture summarizes the history of Cuba in this century, adds reflections about its present, and asks questions about its future.

## Wiles to discuss longwall mining

Clayton Wiles will present a seminar on longwall mining on Friday, April 7, in the Science Lecture Hall. Longwall mining is becoming a wide-spread means of extracting large amounts of coal. Several controversies surround longwall mining and the impact its having on the environment. To learn more about this issue, please attend the seminar.

## Erickson speaks on Heidegger

Glenn W. Erickson, philosophy professor at Western Carolina University, will speak at Clinch Valley College on April 6. The topic of his address is "Heidegger and the Left Heideggerians."

The address is at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths. It is sponsored by the Judd Lewis Society. The public is invited to attend.

Martin Heidegger (1889-1976) has had major impact on philosophy, psychology, and literary studies. His work has been particularly influential in the development of post-structuralism and deconstruction.

Erickson has taught philosophy at the Southern Illinois University and the Rhode Island School of Design.

**Deadline for material submitted to *The Highland Cavalier* is Wednesday at 2 p.m.**

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Collier stated that campus security has met many times with the Chancellor and Clayton Willis, Business Manager. One result of these meetings was a new light pole between the Zehmer and Science buildings, one behind McCrarry dormitory, another just below the security building, and a final one at the corner of the Theatre building.

Collier also said that security has stepped up its patrols in potentially

unsafe areas on campus, particularly around the dorms. McCrarry, housing the most students, even has its own special security officer who patrols the lobby and the boy's side of the dorm. Collier said they are looking for anyone not immediately recognized as a student, or anyone from town.

In the near future, said Collier, CVC students will have a number they can call to reach security around the clock. The college has just ordered a mobile telephone

system that will be installed in security cars, so all students will have to do to get help or an escort is to dial a number.

Collier concluded by saying that he "is available for anyone at anytime and would welcome input. No matter how many precautions are taken, the students will have to be more aware themselves. Be familiar with who you meet and see. Just use good judgment and common sense."

He advises students to stay away

from any place at night that has bad lighting, and never go anywhere alone. He warned that according to national statistics, there are more rapes and assaults involving friends and acquaintances than strangers. "And," he added, "most college attacks come from the athletes more than any other type of student."

As far as protecting oneself from a would-be attacker, he says to carry an umbrella, a handbag, or a whistle. These are good 'weapons' for the student. Never carry an actual weapon such as a gun, knife, or even mace, since these can be used against a victim. "Make lots of noise, too. Scream, yell, shout, raise hell! No, really, make as much noise as possible and call the police immediately," he instructed.

Another way of dealing with the problem of campus safety that has been discussed by students, security, Knight, and the Inner Greek Council has been the possibility of a student escort service.

According to Tracy Stapleton, president of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and the Inner Greek Council, it was discussed, written up and

passed around the administration to see if the funding could be provided for a work study student to sit in the security office for a period of time and answer the phone.

Right now, there are not enough funds in the budget to fund such a project, but according to Collier, they are looking towards this in the future. "My idea," explained Stapleton, "was to have a person from each organization work shifts in the security building and this would be helpful to the RA's (resident assistants) in each of the dorms." It would also increase the reputation of the Greeks on campus from partyers to students who care.

Said Stapleton, "We would implement it if we could, but Dean O'Donnell suggested we keep it on the backburner for a time." One reason for this was that there are not enough funds in the budget and not enough students have wished to see it implemented. It was suggested that if students really want the escort service, then work will start on it immediately, but students have to make their opinions known. If student input is not available, however, Stapleton concludes that this plan of action could be "on the backburner" forever.

## SGA

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define the official policy on absenteeism, Lee replied that "The official policy is that I must have a note prior to an SGA meeting that a member is unable to attend; if he or she cannot deliver a note, then they can call me and I will write a note for them. This policy is now on record in the SGA minutes."

Lee also stated that "This whole incident could have been avoided if Mr. Platt had been more respon-

sible toward his duties as an SGA representative."

In an interview after the meeting, Platt said, "If nothing else, I found it a curious sort of meeting. The SGA came right out and said that this is more a question of whether we feel Greg Platt is capable of representing the freshmen students than of his absences."

"I wasn't aware that governing bodies such as the SGA could take it upon themselves to decide whether one of their members is doing what they consider to be a

good job. Can anyone blame them for thinking that I wasn't doing a good job? I didn't agree with many of the more important policies and decisions of the SGA," said Platt.

"I recommend the SGA for anyone that wants to become part of a social club concerned with the colors of the formal dance decorations and the like. But if your views on more important matters conflict with that of the SGA, be prepared to be expelled for fallacious reasons," Platt said.