

An open letter to Rob Clark

By Jonathan Messinger

Sorry, Rob Clark. You lost. However, what you have done in the process has given us all a few important insights into politics here at Clark. Now, in writing this piece, I mean no insult to you. In fact, I believe that your intentions and ideals were the most admirable of all of the candidates. Of course, that doesn't mean that I voted for you.

Would you like to know why? You're a freshman. You see, Rob, there are three types of people who watch politics here at Clark U.—the three Ds, if you will. The Deluded, Disillusioned, and Done. The

Deluded are those who believe that the students have a "powerful voice." They are convinced that they can make a difference, schmooze with the administration, get things done. There are the Disillusioned, those who realize Clark politics are a crock, crack sarcastic jokes about Student Council and the administration, vote abstain, and complain in articles for WheatBread. And finally there are the Done, those who have been on the inside, gotten the hell out, and can crack sarcastic jokes sincerely.

So, Rob Clark, what does this have to do with you? Well, as a freshman, you automatically fall into the Deluded category. It takes at least until Thanksgiving break for the average freshman to become a jaded member of the second category. You see, as a proud member of the Disillusioned, I couldn't vote for you despite your ideals. We see how horrible Clark politics are, how much time is devoted to them, and as a result, how little comes of it. I hurt for you man, because you seemed like a good guy, but these things happen.

So what have we learned out of this fiasco of an election? Well I'll tell you: Clark's political correctness is an ugly sight. The posters you put up were sketchy at best. You see, the average rational person saw those, and knew your intent was most probably tongue-in-cheek. Although, even the average rational person had to have that nagging question of whether or not you were serious. However, it can be safely assumed that a college student who is attempting to make his name known to others in a very positive light, wouldn't go about doing it by offending women across the board.



This is the infamous drawing that Rob Clark used as a campaign poster, and later issued an apology for.

I must say, though, that there are many irrational people here and, for this reason, I feared for you. I feared for you and all the Hell you were going to catch from the outrageously enormous sect of politically correct fanatics at this school. You see, they never do anything but hurt others in the name of not hurting others. I must admit, though, I never expected the apology flyer to be up that quickly. They're really on their horse this year. And by the way, no matter what you did after that, despite the apology, you were done in their eyes. Basically, if you have to issue an apology here at Clark, you were finished way before it ever came out.

Another lesson we've learned here is that campaigning works both ways. Josh Duksin, despite all of his posters and handshaking, lost. The reason why? The amount of people who decided it was their duty not to focus upon who they thought would make the best president, but rather who would make the worst. These are the same people who were annoyed at Josh's incessant campaigning, yet felt it was okay to fervently campaign against him. The biggest news was not who won, but who didn't win. I find that very disconcerting.

Well, Rob, welcome to Clark politics, brother. I'd be interested to know which category you fall into now. If you're still Deluded, by all means, run again next year after you've had some experience under your belt. If you're done, kudos. Wise move, my friend. And if you're Disillusioned, then God bless you and welcome to the club. It's a lot more comfortable this way.