

STUDENT COUNCIL STALKER

By Jeremy Lesniak

All right, here we go. About a month ago, Zack came up to me asking if I would like to do a StudCo piece for *WheatBread*, as a whenever-the-hell-I-felt-like-doing-it thing. My initial response was, "Council sucks, what kind of an intelligent article could I write based on their shit actions?" But then I thought, "hey Jeremy, aren't you running for Council?" Whoops. OK, honestly, Council isn't that bad, but there are clearly some problems, which is why I am running. Wait, this isn't supposed to be some self-promotional piece; it's an objective article about the weekly doings of StudCo. No, *The Scarlet* does that. So instead I guess I will offer my thoughts on what Student Council do.

Dave Bernstein spoke about his rep project, having reps hold their office hours in the dorms, to see if more people would speak to their reps if they were closer. The thing I thought was funny out of all this was that several members

seemed put out by this proposal; they acted as if it was more inconvenient for them to hop down to the study or social lounge than the UC. Hmm... less work is bad? Whatever.

I'm sorry to everyone on Council, but I have to talk about the red shirts. If you guys don't know, StudCo purchased red shirts for all of its members. That way, all the students can see them in their pretty shirts and say "hey, that person's in Student Council. I'm going to go tell them about my concerns." Honestly, I have yet to see them anywhere but that terribly cramped Bullock meeting. Oh yeah, please don't do that again. There wasn't nearly enough room.

I don't really want to talk about much else, seeing as how I would need to list the entire discussion of each thing to make my opinions relevant to anyone out of Council. But there is one last thing — the issue of quorum. Not only do they seem to have difficulty each week obtaining quorum (which, for

those of you that do not know, is a certain percent of members in attendance that is required to make the meeting official) but they even have difficulty figuring out how many people are needed! The last two meetings I went to (2/8 and 2/15) did not have quorum. And at both, there was discussion as to how many people were required to have quorum. Maybe there is something I don't understand—maybe it is more than a simple fractional calculation, but I don't see it.

Well, I guess that's it. I tried to be nice, and trust me, I could have been a lot meaner. So if you have any complaints about what I said, send me an email at jlesniak@clarku.edu. And maybe I won't break your legs in response. •

Jeremy Lesniak is more threatening that this picture would indicate.

