

1) 11/2/06 – 12:43pm: Abra sends e-mail, I forward to the group

Hey Guys,

How is everything going? I was writing an article for the Lafayette on the Gay? Fine by me. campaign to be published this Friday, but I was just informed that there is no "room". This is incredibly upsetting to me, as there is "room" still for the sports section, and "room" for a big cover on the upcoming elections, but no "room" for quite possibly one of the largest, most progressive demonstrations Lafayette has ever had. I want to first thank the both of you for being so helpful in sending me the speech and pictures and for organizing such a wonderful event. Second, I would like to ask how you want to proceed. I feel that there needs to be some sort of campus media recapping the event or at least surveying students about how they think such a campaign may have affected the campus community. If Channel 69 can do a cover on it, then why can't the only means of media coverage on campus even put a picture in? They said that there wasn't even room for a picture. I am incredibly frustrated with the decision by the editors of The Lafayette, and would like to help you all in any way I can. Thanks again for all of your wonderful hard work, and I look forward to working with Quest in the future.

Sincerely,
Abra Berkowitz

- 2) QuEST meet @ 2:30pm to discuss options – a lot of rumors, conflicting stories, and we conclude that we must meet with editors ASAP.
- 3) 8:30pm Charles Felix, treasurer, and Dan Reynolds, President meet with Danielle Bailey, Managing Editor and Megan Zaroda, Editor-in-Chief.
 - a. Why? Megan – “Simply put, the person assigned did not hand it in on time. The newspaper has deadlines, if they are not met then we cannot be held responsible.”
 - b. But then states that Abra is one of those ‘Wednesday’ people who always hands in their assignments at the last minute.
 - c. You say twice that “this information is not public, you should not have access of it before the publication tomorrow.” (moot point)
 - d. It is not the policy of this newspaper to issue apologies. Connect to newspaper.
 - e. Danielle – offered alternative excuses including “we did not know how big it was going to be,” “all of the editors were out of town,” we can’t expect that much from unpaid student volunteers, and likened our situation to the tennis team not getting enough coverage.
 - f. CONCLUSION: Although we negotiated a technically fair proposal – online article and a possible letter to the editor – we knew it was not enough. We were frustrated by the number of excuses presented to us, the conflicting stories, and at this point we did not even know if the article would be printed online. Megan became so self-protective, of herself and the paper, that she offered little to no compassion for our circumstances, tried twice to turn the issue around (you shouldn’t even know this), and continually stressed “no apologies.”