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## SPRING BREAK EDITOR'S POLL

WHAT DID YOU DO OVER SPRING BREAK?



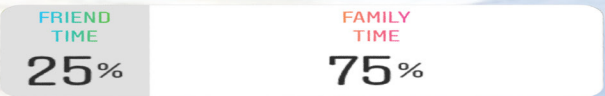
FOR SPRING BREAK DID YOU ENJOY THE SUN OR THE SNOW?



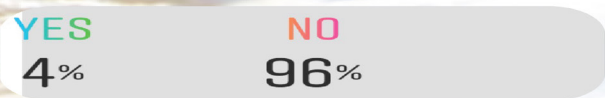
WAS THIS SPRING BREAK A VACATION? OR WAS IT A STAY-CATION?



WHO DID YOU SPEND TIME WITH THIS BREAK?



DID YOU LEAVE THE COUNTRY?



DID YOU SPEND MONEY OR SAVE MONEY?



# Letter to the Editor

To the Editors of the Collegian,

I was honored to be included in the headline article of your latest issue, entitled “Eagles for PRIDE vs AU’s Social Issue Policy”. I am committed to representing students’ interests and liberties, both as Hall President for Clayton and the Senior Apartments and as President of our chapter of Young Americans for Liberty. Our fellow-students at the Collegian work hard to provide us with a school newspaper and I am grateful for it. However, I would like to clarify and correct some things about the article. My comments do not appear in the context that they were made, and I was partially misquoted. The misquote presents a completely different pic-

ture of the situation.

The draft language of the policy was given to Student Senate on February 5th. Each Senator received a copy and was expected to review it for the following meeting (the 12th). I wrote down my thoughts and forwarded it to Brian and a couple other fellow-Senators for feedback. Brian told me he concurred with my thoughts, and I made a speech at the Senate meeting addressing my concerns with the draft policy. Our Senate President, Naomi Sims, and Vice President, Tyler MacQueen, worked together to write a letter based on the feedback of all of Student Senate, and as a result they asked me to forward them my speech notes. I did so.

Brian was referring to that speech when

he told the student reporter that we had “a rough draft of what our thoughts are.” However, when he directed the reporter to me, I told them that I would prefer to not send them the speech, since Naomi and Tyler were using it and I didn’t want to go behind their backs. I wanted to be helpful, so I made the following statement: “The goal was to present concerns with the vagueness of the document’s language, that would have left the possibility for some abuse at the expense of the students.”

The reporter’s changing of my statement from was to is, though probably accidental, casts my and Brian’s involvement in the policy in a different, false light. No official version of the policy exists that I would be

willing to publicly decry in the way this implies. The Board of Trustees graciously and wisely asked for feedback before setting the policy in stone, and Brian and I both gave our feedback in no uncertain terms. This is how the process works, and I hope the Trustees take Naomi and Tyler, and the students they represent, seriously.

The misquote, and the lack of context surrounding my comments, makes it sound as if Brian and I have some draft language we’re just waiting to release, squirreled away until we’re ready to unleash our anger. Nothing could be further from the truth.

-Jacob Nestle

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