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The marchers included professors such as John Donahue, chair of the sociology and anthropology department, who said, "I see what's happening today as an act of solidarity among all those supporters of affirmative actions among university campus organizations all across the country, contributing to efforts that increase awareness and encourage admissions offices...to effectively recruit more minority and black students." Senior Gina Moore said, "I thought a lot of people turned out. More than I thought." Junior Jamil Saade said, "I think if more people learned about it, more people would of turned up. It would of been nice to present [the report] to Calgaard personally."

Senior Claudia Kamp-Jones gave one reason for her participation in the march, saying "[The administration's] attitude is that we live in a white nation, we go

to a white school, and if you're not white, it's not our problem...You can find out about banking, the government, about the Founding Fathers, George Washington, but how can I learn about Zakka Zulu, how I got here, or how my forefathers got here? They say that there is not enough interest, that it will cost too much economically, but they've sent up a lot of balloons that didn't fly. If it doesn't work, fine, but at least it was tried."

Jones also said Trinity's population should more accurately reflect the national proportion of African-Americans, which is about 20 percent. "Trinity should at least try for half of what is represented in the United States. Half of one percent of Trinity's population being black is just not right," she said.

Garnett agreed. "Trinity's population should be at least ten to twelve percent African American," he said.

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Trinitonian. "I screwed up...I accept full responsibility," said Still.

The petitioners also accused election committee member Mike McBride of attempting to advise a voter, his roommate, at the ballot box.

In a letter to the Student Court, McBride said, "Out of habit and in unthinking haste, I prepared to offer my opinion to her. Ben Hughes stopped me from doing so. I take full responsibility for my actions. My action, however, in no way compromised the integrity of the committee's neutrality or the administration of the rest of the election."

Petitioners and committee members disagreed over the definition of neutrality.

Hughes defined neutrality as "the responsibility of the committee members not to say anything about any candidate, positive or negative during the time that they are serving as elections committee officials, at the polls, during ballot counting, the informational meeting for the candidates, speakouts, anytime you are functioning as an elections committee member."

Election committee member Warner Marsh disagreed. "What neutral means is that the members of the committee have a duty not to do anything that could influence the swing of the elections, and that includes expressing our opinion," he said.

Marsh also said the definition of neutrality was for the court to decide.

Referring to Black's Law Dictionary, McCall said, "Neutral is not taking an active part on either side."

In reference to Hughes and Claxton wearing buttons after Speakout, he said, "Public displays are beyond the definition of neutral."

Leiman said, "Their responsibilities to be neutral extend whenever."

The petitioners requested the invalidation of the entire elections, or at least the SA presidential election, because it was decided by only a nine vote margin.

They also asked for some form of sanctions against any parties found guilty of violating their duties as neutral election committee members.

In his letter to the court, McBride said, "[The petitioners] raise valid concerns regarding the conduct of various members of the Election Committee, however their conclusion that the outcome of the election was affected, or that the Court should invalidate this election, and call for new elections is insufficiently supported, and politically misguided."

McBride recommended, "the court propose ethical guidelines for future Student Association Elections."

In closing statements, Kobierowski spoke for the petitioners on the petitioners' ultimate goals. She said they were proposing "changing the by-laws in an effort to clarify neutrality, to ensure that the elections commission is informed of responsibilities, preferably in writing...to clarify the role of the current SA president...and his or her responsibility to the committee."

Kobierowski added, "We ask for a public apology from the commission on behalf of the non-neutral members."

The Student Court spent over two hours deliberating the case Tuesday night before choosing to delay their decision until Wednesday. The court also chose to hold their opinions on the case for seven days, as allowed by court guidelines.

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