Urgent Message Regarding Second District City Council Election

Sigma Nu's recent lawsuit against Second District Councilwoman Barbara Van Auken and certain neighboring residents have become a driving catalyst for Curphy Smith's campaign waging Bradley students against regular citizens of the Second District. This suit was for 'abusive powers & trespassing' arising from a neighbor's quality of life issue.

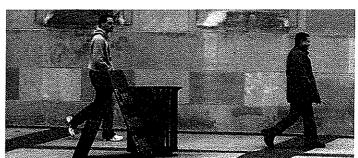
The Friends of Curphy Smith Campaign, led by Chairman Paul Wilkinson, has engaged in questionable electioneering activities crafted with Jeff Hall, the attorney representing Sigma Nu Fraternity. Mr. Hall has implored and pleaded to Bradley's Greek student body in voting against Barbara Van Auken. Here are excerpts from attorney Hall's email to the entire Greek student community:

"My name is Jeff Hall & I am one of the attorneys representing Sigma Nu in the case against Barbara Van Auken... There is no secret that I am a strong supporter of Curphy Smith. I feel he would do a great job for ALL residents in his district, especially for Bradley Students. If Barbara Van Auken wins, she will exact revenge on the Greek system at Bradley. You think it is tough now, just wait if she remains your council woman. Rumor has it she is a very vengeful person... We will have transportation from the student center from 9am-4pm (Saturday). I implore you to act... You will actually have real political power. This is a big thing to possess, especially around Peoria and Bradley... You and your members are the secret weapon..."

Pictures below taken on March 28, show transportation and escort service being provided.



Note: Bus does not have its IDOT Destination Requirement & Bradley students boarding after a kick off in Student Center. Vehicles of Smith's campaign follow.



Continuation of transportation by Tim Vega from Randolph Roanoke for Students

In response to the Sigma Nu suit, Curphy Smith stated: "I want to focus on my campaign and continue to do what I'm doing." Smith continues. A recent Bradley Scout interview quoted Curphy Smith saying: "The amount of revenue that gets put in the district from the University is tremendous, and I think we need to realize what a gem we have amongst us and utilize this resource to make the rest of the district better".

The 'free rides' to Vote for Curphy Smith continue thru Election Day. The committee, Friends of Curphy Smith are active with employing this as a "secret weapon" as quoted by attorney Hall for Sigma Nu. In addition, impermissible electioneering may be occurring during these 'free rides' and within 100 feet of the Election Commission.

The West Bluff's future City Council representation should not be decided by organized student Greeks' voter turnout. These Greeks have waged an election battle against our neighborhoods in the Second District.

Vote April 7th!