

Rankin: Confusion surrounds process of appeal

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Jennifer drank. She's a college student! Sometimes we make mistakes like that, right?"

Fuentes believes the charges are serious.

"If somebody is trying to sidestep those facts - the fact that Jennifer did those things... if it's written down... I cannot follow that kind of president; I cannot follow that kind of leadership. And I can't expect a group of our caliber to follow that kind of leadership," said Fuentes.

'It's about trust'

"It's about the trust that is given to us as a student government... that has been given to us for years - and now, somebody has decided that they want to break that trust.

"What you have to realize is that in student government, we do so many things... child care grants, textbook grants... people rely on us to take care of documents that they give to us in trust. From the top down, we need to have that trust. And right at the top, that trust is being violated."

Rankin expressed her frustration about being disciplined for some things that she says have been common procedure in ASG.

"They should not do this to any student, ever... because to single out one student - or any student at all for that matter - is wrong," Rankin said.

"Because you know what? I work hard. I work a job, I go to school. I have a good GPA; I have a 3.6. That's not easy to do.

"I'm not trying to have a pity party here. But why single me out? Because I work and because I want to do this at the same time? I care about the students. I think students are the true gems of the world."

In *The Print's* interviews with Connett, Godfrey, Rankin and Norman, it became apparent that there is some confusion over the hearing process. So far, a date for the hearing has not been set.

Both Connett and Godfrey claim that, in accordance with the Student Handbook, Rankin can be removed and then she can appeal that action with a hearing.

Rankin and Norman are both under the understanding that, according to the Associated Students of Clackamas Community College Student Constitution, the removal of any elected member of ASG is only valid "after obtaining a three-fourths approval of ASGCCC, a vote of the ASCCC shall be held. Impeachment re-

quires a two-thirds approval of the ASCCC."

Even though there is confusion regarding the hearing process, in the meanwhile James Gould is president of ASG.

"Even though this has happened, I think it will work itself out," Gould said.

"I'll do my best... I will get the officers together to help me out, and the senators. Right now it looks like student government has a bad name.

"I've got ideas, now that I'm the acting

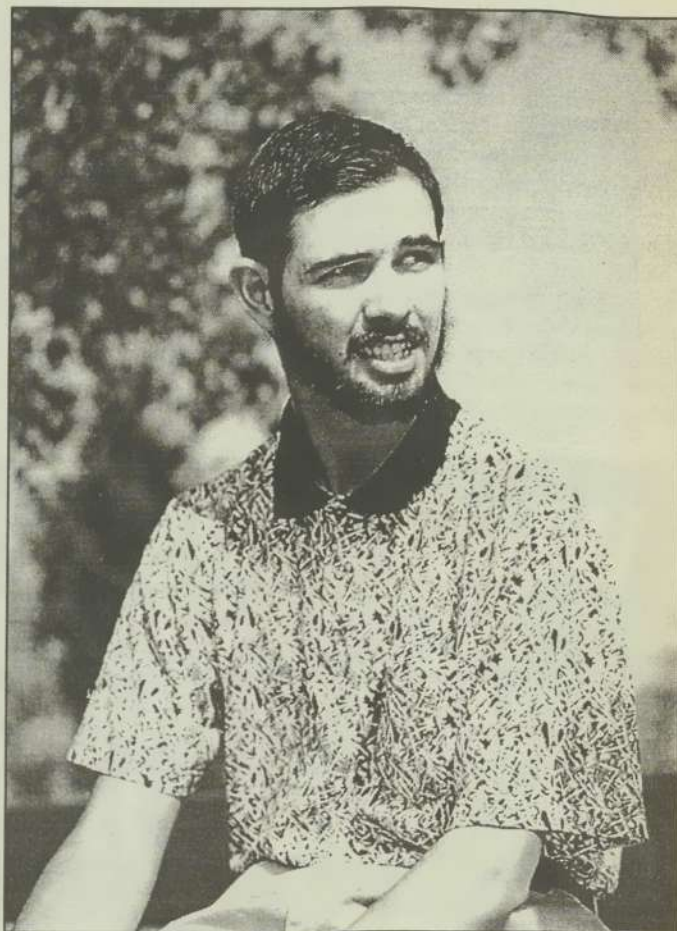
president, to get ASG on track... to go ahead with our blood drives, our childcare grants and everything else. We've got a whole lot of great staff people in there. With all the senators and officers working together as a team, it will turn out for the best," Gould added.

"We were an awesome team last year, and that's what I want us to be this year."

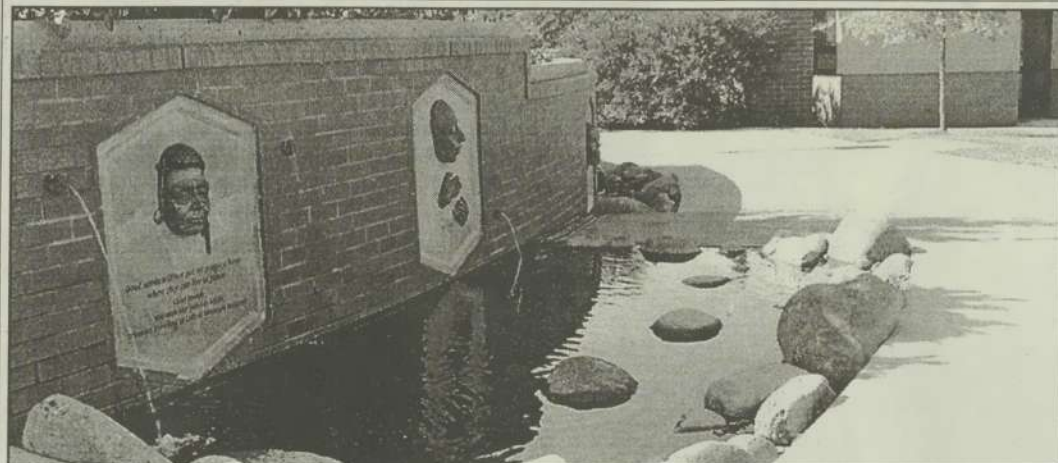
"This is the kind of process that is unfortunate for everyone involved," said Godfrey.

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James Gould
ASG President



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Former ASG Vice-President James Gould contemplates the job ahead as president after Rankin's removal from office on Oct. 1. If Rankin's appeal is successful and is reinstated, Gould would then resume his role as vice president of student government.



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