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Campus Life and Initiatives

As the Director of Campus Life and Initiatives Committee (CLIC) I will do my best to bring forward ideas from across Dickinson's campus. I believe that with encouraged participation from all members of the campus we can strengthen our commitment to the college and encourage others to come together. I have three main goal I would like to achieve by the end of the academic year. I would like to bring back Red and White Day, find a way to connect the administration and students in a productive manner, and create a social space for all students to interact.

Red and White day is more than an alumni day where past students and parents come to celebrate Dickinson and their athletics. It means so much more to the students and the community. When I learned about the cancelation of the yearly event I was extremely surprised because every year it seems to be extremely popular and I don't think I'm the only student on campus who wishes it will come back. This day means so much to the campus and without a day like this in the Spring we won't have a campus wide celebration during this semester, which is something I think is incredibly important. Getting the campus together once a semester shows how great the cohesion is on campus and with only Parents Weekend in the Fall it gives us one opportunity each year to come together as one.

This leads me into my second goal, finding a way to connect the administration and students. This serves as a perfect example of when decisions are made on behalf of the students without much input or consideration by the student body. With decisions like these students can grow frustrated by not knowing why a certain decision was made. With some sort of portal or forum the college could post a controversial topic, such as Red and White day, and gauge the student body's opinion. I believe that with this system or something similar to it the student body would feel more involved in the shared governance of the college.

Lastly, finding a social space for all students. As the college grows we grow with it and as we grow we require more space. The college is addressing this on one front with the new dorm that is being built but we haven't addressed a large issue that directly relates to much of the student body. Without a social space for students we are forced to remain in dorms, go into classrooms, go to the library, or wherever else, and cause commotion. The right side of the library is a social space and not very conducive to studying, classrooms or buildings close early, and there are quiet hours in dorms. With a new space for students to interact I believe there will be a weight lifted off campus and more space would be available in the library, dorms could be quieter, and buildings would be emptier.

Other than these ideas I am very excited to get working on new and better initiatives that help improve everyone's time on campus. I look forward to helping further advance the campus life experience and everything that comes in between.

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