



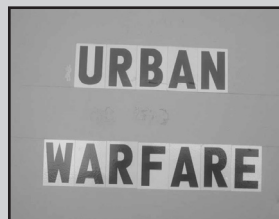
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There are two similar organizations at Bloomington High School that often get mixed up: Student Council and Class Officers. Even though these groups seem very alike, in fact, they are quite different.

Student Council handles most of the school functions such as Homecoming, blood drives and the United Way donations. They also run the more “fun” activities at school such as the Valentine flowers and the “Hats on Day” event.

“Student Council really makes the day-to-day operations around the school much easier,” said advisor Mr. Doug Jordan.

One cannot simply join Student Council, he or she must be chosen by their class. According to Mr. Jordan, in late February forms are sent out and people nominate themselves to become a part of Student Council. Then once they get their names on the ballot, the students from each class vote on who should become their Student Council Representatives.

Though Class Officers are voted on using the same process as Student Council members, they handle different

school matters. Most of the responsibility of the Class Officers is to plan prom. According to Mr. Jordan, the tasks performed by each Class Officers vary by class. For example, the freshman class ran the Candy Gram booth at lunch, while the junior and senior classes focus more on fundraising for

prom. The younger classes also fundraise for prom.

“The main idea is fundraising,” said Mr. Jordan. “Juniors raise money for prom while the senior class deals more with graduation, such as putting together the slideshow shown at the end of the year.”

A reason why these two organizations are often confused for one another is because a majority of the Student Council members are also Class Officers. Junior Arin Calamari is one of them.

“I decided to do them both just to get involved in school and help out in any way that I could,” said

Calamari.

The purpose of these groups is to help out the school and develop good communication and leadership skills for the students participating. At meetings, members discuss possible event ideas and how each event will be carried out.

“Student organizations can help students get involved in such a large range of activities,” said Mr. Jordan. “They make the school at better place.”



(Left) Seniors Sam Redd (left) and Adam Lienhop (right) talk about Valentine's Day in a Student Council meeting. (Below) Seniors Kelly Steffen (left) and Natalee Olson (right) discuss their Class Officer duties for the rest of the year.

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