

Running to be any member of the student council is a big job and takes ~~at~~ a lot of courage. The biggest task to take on would be president. There are so many things to keep track of and endless responsibilities. My friend Damon decided to run for tenth grade student body president, after talking about it all his life. Winning the election would definitely be his "place in the sun."

Some problems when running for student body president is the opposing competitors. You have to be strong when it comes to criticism and competition. Unfortunately, this was not one of Damon's expertise. Almost all was lost when it came to dirty politics. A girl named Sara said, two days before the big vote that, "Damon can't accomplish what he promised and he still wets the bed!" People still haven't let that down and being the sensitive guy that Damon is, he wanted to be taken out of the running.

Another hard aspect would be the student body. There are several hundred people watching your every move and judging everything you say. During this whole process some immature kids took a marker and wrote "Loser" all over Damon's posters. Another 'blister' along the way was during third period some kids, we believe that it was Sara, Martin, and her crew, went to his locker and taped up a sign saying, "Your going down." That wasn't too much of a disappointment for him because no one saw it. It just goes to show ~~that~~ that you can not be liked by everyone, but that didn't stop him.

The big day was here and we were both so pumped up. The president and vice-president from the previous year tabulated the votes. We knew it was going to be close. They were going to make their announcement during seventh period. Finally, with ten minutes left in seventh period the former president came over the intercom. I was holding my breath as they said, "There has been a tie." That was definitely a little bump in the road.

In the end, Damon won by 16 votes!! We were all so excited for him. I took him out for ice cream and a movie, my treat. So I guess you can accomplish anything if you want it bad enough. Becoming president was Damon's spot in the sun, despite all those blisters.