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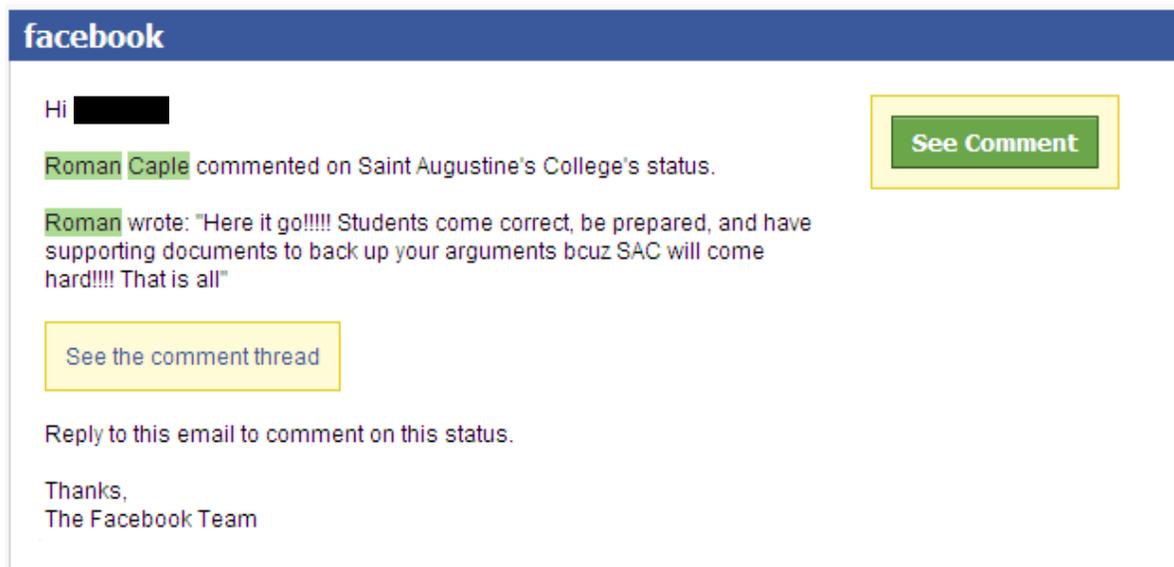
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The Saint Augustine's College Office of Campus Communications has followed the coverage of Roman Caple's interview and subsequent responses via the social media networks. The College is reluctant to respond to this type of story, however Mr. Caple's reporting of the incidents that led to his being prohibited from participating in the Commencement exercise has placed the College in a position in which it chooses to provide a balanced report of the current circumstances.

The comments in question were posted to the College's Facebook page – not Mr. Caple's personal Facebook page as he reported. The College's Facebook page is administered by the Office of Campus Communications and is utilized to communicate with the entire student body and college constituents. It was determined that the comments made to the page by Mr. Caple, coupled with other comments he made to select individuals, were designed for the sole purpose of inciting students to react to the College's continued efforts to manage a difficult situation. At a time when the College staff was working diligently to ensure the well being of all students, Mr. Caple, a senior, chose to attempt to create chaos. It is important to note that Mr. Caple is a student who resides off campus and therefore, was not present on campus throughout the tornado or its aftermath.

Mr. Caple's comments were designed to disrupt a meeting scheduled by the College during which representatives from Progress Energy were invited to campus to speak with students in efforts to ease their fears and apprehensions. The College utilized its Facebook page as one of the means of advising students of the scheduled meeting in which the College president was prepared to discuss the details of the tornado recovery in concert with the representatives

from Progress Energy. Mr. Caple made the following post on the Saint Augustine's College Facebook page:



This was one of the posts made by Mr. Caple that the College deemed inappropriate. As a student who resided off-campus, it was determined that Mr. Caple could not have had any purpose based on fact or experience and therefore, the sole purpose was to fuel an already tense situation.

Throughout his matriculation, there were more incidents involving Mr. Caple that factored into the College's decision, however, because of FERPA constraints, that information cannot be disclosed. The posts to Facebook during this time left the administration with no other choice other than to exclude him from the actual commencement exercise. Mr. Caple has completed his degree requirements and will receive his diploma and his academic regalia.