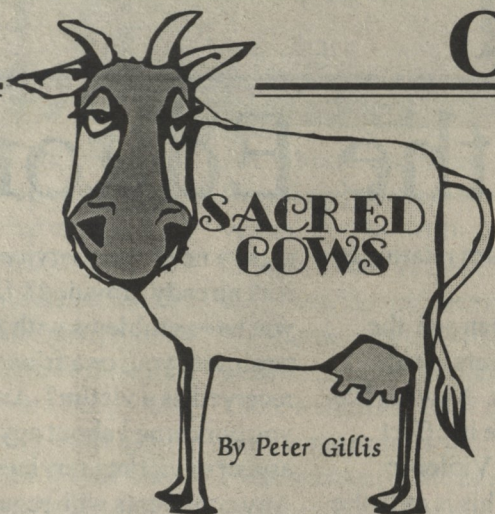




# Opinion & Editorial



## This Week: A letter to the Liberal candidates

So, you held your Liberal leadership debate last Wednesday in the Pit. I hope my friends do not scold themselves for missing it. I was there, and I know I missed it. I am sure that you candidates who were speaking definitely missed it. I can not really blame you though. After all, you are only politicians. What is "it" you ask? The point behind the whole exercise-- of course.

Let us face the facts. No one in the Pit was there to meet our next potential Premier. The winner could be one of you, it could be Batman, or you could elect Charles Manson for all we care. Just stick your head through a nice stand-up painting of the Premier and the newspaper will take your picture. All we wanted to hear about was the issues that affect our lives as students. Period. Do not try to relate to us, you can not. Do not try to placate us with fence-riding concern and sympathy, we will only laugh at you. Just tell us how you intend to affect our lives. Tell us you actually discovered we have a future in this province. Just give us some hope, then go home. We do not like you anymore.

Can you blame us? You have spent the last thirty years having a great party, and after

catching us up in the middle of the night watching, you tell us that we get to clean up the mess. You have buried us in taxes and debt, all along babbling "That's the way it has got to be." You hound us over our student loans, loans that many of you have yet to repay yourselves. We get stuck in crummy jobs that we can not even quit anymore because you have changed the rules for UI as well. Now, you have the nerve to come to our school and ask us to commit to you one more time. When are you going to commit to us? You call us apathetic? Well, you created us Dr. Frankenstein; and now your monsters have minds of their own.

We have seen the light at the end of the tunnel. Someday we will be the ones in power, and I bet that frightens you. "Federal pensions" -- sorry, we do not have the money. "RRSP's" -- maybe we will tax them in order to pay off our huge national debt. What's that? You are worried about your retirement years? Well, I can tell you I am very concerned with that issue; but, there are many competing interests, all of which have to be weighed against each other. My statement will have to come later; but in the mean time, here's a little joke to cheer you

up.

Mrs. Beazley is having a little show-and-tell in her class one day. She asks each of the students to stand up and say what their parents do for a living. She turns to Melissa and says "What does your daddy do, dear?" Melissa replies, "My daddy is a doctor!" Mrs. Beazley then turns to Stephen and says, "What does your daddy do?" Stephen gets up, and in a shy voice says, "My daddy is a mailman." Next, she turns to little Tommy and says, "Now Tommy, what does your daddy do?" Tommy jumps up and shouts with great pride, "My daddy plays the piano in a Louisiana brothel!!!" Mrs. Beazley gets so nervous

that she cancels the rest of show-and-tell. For the rest of the day, little Tommy's statement keeps coming back to her. So she decides to go over to his house and have a talk with his father. She gets there, knocks on the door, and a very pleasant middle-aged man comes out to greet her. "Are you Tommy's father?" "Why yes, I am," he replies. "I'm sorry to bother you," she continues, "but I just have to tell you what your son said today. When I asked him what his father does for a living, he answered that you play the piano in a brothel. Is this true?" "Actually," he replies, "I'm a politician; but how can you sav that to a six-year old?"

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