

Presidential candidates take over campus

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UPEI is buried under candidate posters, but this might not be the only effective way of winning the vote, candidates say. Although most have decided to run an aggressive poster campaign, at least one thinks this is ridiculous and useless.

Posters have a purpose, said Presidential candidate Bill Johnson, who is disappointed by the fact that many UPEI students cannot name or recognize their Union President. Johnson insists his campaign is aimed at preventing this.

"The president should be a high profile person, who is easily approachable," he said.

Johnson has made several appearances in different lounges and spaces on campus to meet voters and discuss issues important to students. He also took the opportunity to tell students what he plans to do if elected

president. "I want people to ask me questions," said Johnson, who is taking this campaign very seriously.

Johnson's commitments can be seen on his 200 neon posters taped to the walls of every UPEI building. But he does not only depend on this colourful display. Johnson, a mature student, was offered the use of the MAPUS's scrolling marquis, in the Pit, an interesting and visible alternative to traditional UPEI campaign material.

Carly Martin, Chief Returning Officer did not respond when asked whether the use of the display was against the *UPEI Student Union Election and Referendum bylaws*, as the other two presidential candidates, BJ McCarville and Tom Carlaw, were not offered the use of the device to promote their candidacy.

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Tom Carlaw

I put my name in for Student Union president a week or so ago. I have to ask myself what was I thinking? To be associated in any way with this sudden wave of neon posters that have obliterated the UPEI landscape is embarrassing. When I put my name in, I knew a lot of people that would probably do a better job. Unfortunately they would not run. I have now decided that it boils down to basic genetics. I am colour blind and they are not. But even with this significant handicap I can appreciate the horror that has descended upon campus.

I am not asking you to vote for me for student Union President. I am asking you to vote for me so that this madness will not happen again. So that anyone with a medical condition who has an aversion to nauseating colours can walk the campus in peace. So that this madness can be replaced with calm, and so that someone who is better suited for the job can run for the position without being reduced to a pre-adolescent blob. Why should anyone have to demean themselves to serve on our student union?

Bill Johnson

"I plan to focus and work on the following areas;

- **Openness & Accessibility**, I will be available and responsive to students needs and concerns. I believe the SU President must be a recognizable and approachable figure on campus in order to be of greatest service to the student body.
- **Fiscal Responsibility** The UPEI Student Union has an operating budget of closer to a quarter of a million dollars per year, with assets in excess to two million dollars. Such a large sum requires careful monitoring and responsible management. I believe my experience in the commercial world of operations and project management will enable me to ensure that wise decisions are made regarding SU finances.
- **More Bang For Your Buck** I will work to find imaginative and cost effective ways to enhance and improve services to students. I believe improvement to such services as the the healthcare plan and the design of the New Student Centre may be made through careful and cooperative planning.
- **Inclusiveness** Ensure the Student Union takes the needs of the whole student body into account in its day to day operations and future plans. The SU should work pro-actively to enlist the energy, enthusiasm and creativity of new, residence and mature and part time students."

B.J. McCarville

I am a third year Arts student at UPEI. Throughout the past three years I have been actively involved in various groups and activities on campus. I had the opportunity to Act as President for the Student Union during September and October '99 through which I gained much experience and familiarity to the position. I am currently VP External on the Student Union, I sit on the University Senate and I am P.E.I.'s National Executive Rep. For the Canadian Federation of Students.

As president my priorities would be improving communication and involvement on campus with the goal of building more spirit and unity among students. Also I would like to focus on research and lobbying in hopes of making education more affordable and accessible for all students.

I have the experience and ambition to do a great job as President, I hope I have your support!

*All candidates were asked to submit a brief description of their platforms/reasons for running. All of the above were written by the candidates themselves. No editing was done for content, style, typographical errors, spelling or presentation. All platforms are laid out in the same 10 point Helvetica font, placed in frames filled with 5% "Registration" and are listed according to their alphabetical order. (last name). The Cadre in no way supports any one candidate more than another -Ed.