



...SACRED COWS

Perhaps some of you have heard that I'm running for Student Council President. It's very hard to tell, considering you've seen no signs around campus declaring my candidacy. I'm of the opinion that such mind-numbing advertising belongs in a group with other sleight-of-hand tricks such as strawberry socials and babykissing. They're all wrapped together and stamped with the label "Political Games", and I've never been one for games where the rules keep changing.

I had a truly crazy election campaign in mind when I got myself nominated. Posters were going to be found everywhere, all blaring the slogan: "Peter Gillis for President.

Let's put the 'Mock' back in Democracy!" Pretty catchy, don't you think? This column was going to explain my ridiculous platform, one that included the creation of men's centre and attaching a strip bar to the new SU building. Speeches, lies-- one big circus act full of public disdain and abuse; and all to expend time and effort in order to make a point that was in the end, utterly pointless.

And the point? Simple: the election process is a joke, the Student Council a useless body of government, and its candidates are picked based on their popularity by an uncaring and apathetic student body. Great--why don't I tell you something you don't al-

ready know.

It's as if you don't know that the SU only takes a stand when they are forced to. It's as if you don't know that, for the price of \$100, we get little more than a mouth-piece for Administration; and one that hides in the Kelly building on Sunday nights so that you don't get to see how ineffective they really are. Where they used to apologize for breaking promises, now they don't even bother to tell them; and I was going to tell you that? What was I thinking!!

So, that's it. No posters. No banners. Not one piece of advertising from me will appear on any wall on campus. You don't get anything

from a poster but a name; and if you were going to vote for me because of my name, then I don't want your vote anyway. If you are going to vote for me, you've got to vote for who I am and what I stand for. And what exactly do I stand for?

Well, that's the catch. If you want to know my platform you've got to ask. you've got to come up to me and say: "Where do you stand on 'this'?" You've got to look me in the eye and demand the truth. That's the only honest way to pick a President. Everything else is just show. Besides if you don't care enough about your future to ask, why should I?

On Wednesday, March 19th, there will be speeches from the candidates at noon in the Pit. I urge you to come and corner each and every person running for Student Council. Ignore the posters spread around campus. They are just the junk mail of politics and they don't even come with a pizza coupon attached. What really matters are the people; and it is your responsibility to ensure that these people are worthy of your support, not the other way around. Come to the Pit and help make the SU mean something again

Or don't. But if you don't, you deserve exactly what you'll get.

A name, and little else.

ALTERNATIVE CALENDAR SURVEY

The Panther Prints in conjunction with the UPEI Student Union are publishing an Alternative Calendar Survey.

Based on a publication from the University of British Columbia Student Government, the survey is meant to help students in their course selection by giving the opinions of students who have already taken the courses. **BUT, We need your help.** Surveys may be picked up at the Panther Prints office, or at the Barn. Complete as many surveys as courses that you registered for in 1996/1997. Surveys may be dropped off in the Pit, the Student Union Office, or the Panther Prints Office, Main 06.

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| 1. The course was well organized. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. The course requirements were clearly outlined to students. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. The material covered in class was reflective of the description in the UPEI Calendar. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. I would recommend this <u>instructor</u> to other students. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. I would recommend this <u>course</u> to other students. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Thanks for your time. Results will be published in the April 8th issue of the Panther Prints. (Which is, by the way, our last issue for this year.)