

Cullen bringing students into decision making process

By Post staff

A third year Arts student here at UPEI, Tim Cullen is one of the candidates this year for Student Union President, so we sat down with him to gain some perspective on his campaign. A double major in Political Studies and French, Cullen had spent a year away from UPEI at the University of Ottawa and hopes to bring some of his experience to the table.

"I couldn't be happier that I made the choice to come back.

"I've always planned this as something I wanna do, leading into my final year. And so here I am, it's election time and I'm running for president."

"[It's] a big part of my plat-

form...working on bringing students into the decision-making processes, the Student Union really involving them a lot more, and that the Union I think needs to be more proactive in going out and making sure that the students are involved, not waiting for them to come to us, should they choose to be involved. And part of that, obviously, means increased communication."

"I would like to meet on a regular basis, with the presidents of, potentially an Arts society, the president or executive of the Business society, the Science societies, of the Graduate Student Association, of the AVC, and talk to these people. Because we have council, in one respect, but these are all very diverse students. All involved in

council and they are fairly engaged, they have a good pulse on what's happening within the faculty, the issues and concerns of students within the faculty.

Engage these people, and they in turn can go out and engage other students around them for us, and that we can reach more people that way.

"Community's a really good word that you mentioned; I think that we lack a sense of community here, which is a little surprising, because

I think people come here expecting [...] excellent relations between students and professors, classrooms small and tidy.

But I find that equates more so as you reach your upper levels here and so a lot of students discuss student

retention as being a really difficult problem for us at UPEI."

"We need to reach out to these other student groups because they can help us create that sense of community, or "Panther Pride", through student activities."

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Fatehi wants more student engagement

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If you ask Ali Fatehi, student engagement is needed at UPEI. In fact, it's a big part of his platform.

In his run for the top spot in the UPEI Student Union he says that a vote for him will be a vote for "A united student voice, a strong student Union."

He remained relatively under the radar for much of the student elections, choosing not to immediately put up any posters to bring in awareness. It was by no means an act of laziness. The Presidential contender apparently was looking out for the environment when choosing not to post anything throughout

the school. As the days wore on, however, Ali began posting his face on UPEI walls and really started pushing for his cause.

His Facebook site has an impressive number of people, and his stances on issues are just as impressive:

"Increased school/varsity spirit."

"Increased funding for students."

He also points out his global experience in his platform:

"As a person who has lived and studied in 4 different countries on 3 different continents, I am well-aware of the challenges our growing international students face," he states on his Facebook site.

The fourth-year Science

student has all ready made a dent in the UPEI Student Union political scene. He is currently a member of the Student Union, and has been the president of the Math Society, as well as the Vice President for the Physics Society.

But Ali now plans to make the jump into the president's seat, hoping to bring about more student engagement around the school.

Other points he's made is to have the Wave open during school hours.

Through this, he feels the student body will have more options in terms of food, and makes the point of stating he is the only candidate to make this promise.

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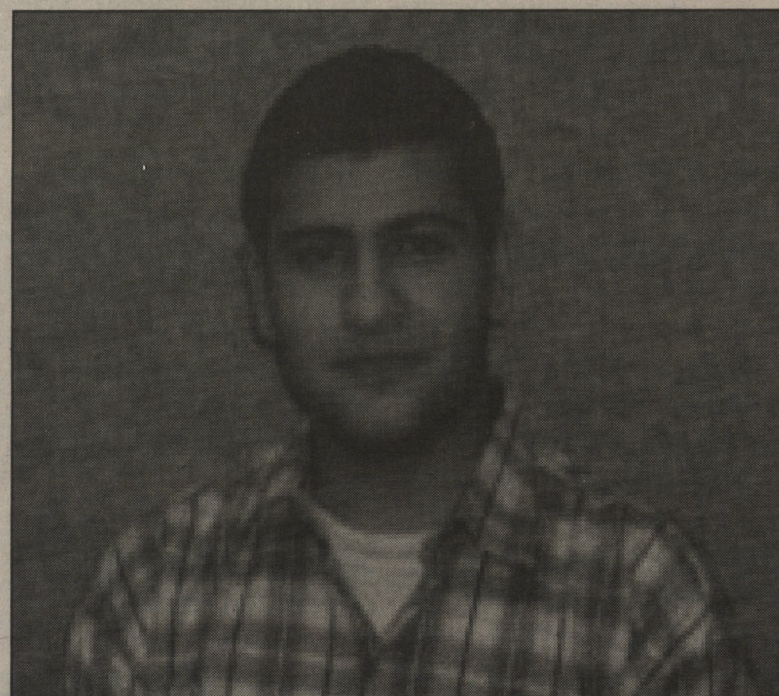


Photo courtesy of 'Ali for Student Union President' Facebook group.

creased funding for students and for students to be more informed on particular events happening around the school.

Ali points specifically to the UPASS vote. He feels the students should have been made more aware.