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In a career that appears to demand competition and animosity, it is certainly fortunate to see that our campus politicians have remained good natured through the duration and completion of the most recent elections.

The debates were an eye-opening experience to those in attendance as each candidate portrayed to the best of their abilities the problems that demand immediate attention.

No problem presented by any candidates, whether it be President, Executive VP or VP Activities, should be ignored, and that is something I hope next year's council keeps in mind.

I'm certain they will.

For those of you who have not read pages two and three of the paper you are currently in possession of, I sincerely suggest you do. Upon reading the words it becomes all too obvious the candidates are quite good-natured and are in the

The Other Side of the Story

by

Lucas McInnis

best of spirits following the election. Those who emerged victorious are naturally riding on a cloud, and even more enlightening are the candidates who failed to walk away from the election with the quantity of votes necessary to win. They, too, are also strutting around campus with a certain glow.

As they should be.

Votes don't lie (usually) and the fantastic voter turnout is a direct indicator of the immaculate work all candidates did, win or lose.

As candidates they represented the basis of their platforms perfectly and regardless of how many or how

few votes were received, all candidates should look at their numbers and realize there is a population on this campus that agrees with you. There's no point in running with a vendetta in mind and through these candidates it has become abundantly clear the number of dilemmas currently encompassing our fair school.

Any student looking to run in future campus elections should look to this year as the proper way to run an election. I'm certain that in any circumstance this school would have had a council that has only the most professional interest in mind.

Of course, there are no doubt exceptions to the words I've just written. Animosity is to be expected, but I am positive that any disappointment currently running amuck at UPEI will soon pass as the candidates realize that whether they won their election or not, they have problems to address, people to

help, and absolutely no reason to think that the dedication they showed during the election is any less vital now than it was before and during the election.

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This town ain't big enough for the both of us

By Sebastian Baglole
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I was a bit disappointed with the results of our most recent election. I don't take issue with the impressive voter turnout, in fact I hope we continue the trend.

I'm more bitter that the animosity generated over the course of the campaign, something that plays no small part in voter turnout, dissipated immediately following the results. We are spectators in an arena, we want to be entertained, so we can make judgments and take sides over which gladiator we'll place our bets on. We want a good guy and bad guy, and

naturally we hope our good guy takes the cake. Now this is a bit vague, so allow me to elaborate.

The entertainment drawn from the defeated in an election making a stand over their defeated politics should be a requirement, in such an institution as our own, as in a federal or provincial election. We need to establish an opposition; a collection of grumbling Gorgons, the unpaid elite among the unelected so that they have nothing to gain or lose from their tantrums, who feed off the success of the Student Union committee as well as their failures, and propose their own superior politics. For what is more entertaining than dysto-

pia within democracy? If you're going to form a respectable democracy within an institution of learning, make it interesting for the rest of us. Fuck up, make a few poor decisions, and claim accountability -- make all of your actions known to us, the students. Without that element of integration that stems from Union disorganization, we will never get sufficient student feedback into policies that shall govern them, and create laws we can respect. Because everyone has an opinion when it comes to politics. And that makes everyone's opinion equally invalid.

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