

Who's responsible for the University poster mess?

by Thomas Moore

The race for Homecoming king and queen may soon be long forgotten but the spirits of candidates past will linger on in the smiling faces and water-framed bodies that adorn the campus's bulletin boards. The distinct lack of any overall policy governing the round kiosks in the campus's open-air mall or the doors of

Wright Hall will insure that only time or the unpredictable appearance of "U. S. out of Central America" flyers around campus will erode the impressive facade of our university's finest faces. The offices of student services, the physical plant and the Moyer Student Union all have no idea of exactly who is responsible

for cleaning off the boards, except that the dean of each college was responsible for the building's own boards and possibly for the kiosk that is nearest to that building. While this would obviously place the responsibility for the Wright Hall boards on the College of Arts and Letters, it would still leave the boards in the Wright Hall

Plaza, the kiosk in front of the library and any other place not inside a specific college's four walls to slowly transform from the smiling faces of the petty bourgeois to the crude scribbling of the leaders of the proletariat.

The difference in each building's response to the amount of posters and the length of time that they allowed to fight for our attention is quite remarkable. Compare the strict library policy of having only certain types of posters for certain bulletin boards (such as a message board to tell other students where in the library you might be) to the free-wheeling College of Arts and Letters' attitude in allowing any messages that appear to vie for our attention. The only thing they can agree on is that once you step outside their buildings, you're out of their jurisdiction and in a no-man's land, at the mercy of any opportunistic poster that comes along.

In all seriousness, there is only one solution to the problem of aberrant posters which indiscriminately assault us at will. That is to have the rule of garbage-in, garbage-out become campus-wide policy. Yes, I mean you, the person or group who put them up. You should have to take them down. Simply because you feel that another person's poster has been up too long, don't take it upon

yourself to remove it. This campus is still small enough so that the offended fraternity, sorority or rival guerrilla faction can track you down and shout mean things at you under their breath. The people who put up the flyers all know each other, and if they act as responsible as they all claim to be maybe they can clean up this university. Come on kids, it belongs to all of us and we all want to feel proud.



"You want what?" - Students are asking questions as to who cleans campus poster boards around campus.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to comment on articles written about how we should be happy with the money we are saving this semester. I am referring to articles about the computer and parking fees that do not exist. I can't get excited about this since I don't have a computer class and I don't drive my car to school. Then I think of how I am paying \$6 per credit more this semester compared to last, as well as \$20 more for health insurance. I won't even mention my \$100 class fee. So, I am spending \$92 more and saving nothing. But, I should feel glad since students are saving \$150,000, right?

If the 18,000 plus students each had only one class, we would be spending \$174,000 more than we would be saving. Does this money pay for intramural fields to be built just so a few months later they can build dorms on them? (Does anyone else remember this?)

Most likely the response to my comments will be, "but other schools have parking fees and are more expensive than us."

In response to that, I remind you of what your mother said to you when you wanted something because your friends had it: "If other schools jumped off a cliff, would you do it?"

Sincerely,
Rob Opitck

Leave me alone, I'm not voting!

by Joseph J. Wheeler

"Have you voted yet?" The question came from a would-be Homecoming queen, a posing princess at a Maybelline. I smiled, at first, and said, "...uh...no, I haven't."

It was a mistake. Queenie forked over a pile of pamphlets, pleaded with me to remember her name, and practically offered to have my child if only I stepped into a little booth and drove a pen-sized spike into a card opposite her name.

I walked away, shaken and unnerved by such a display of raw need. Before I'd taken a dozen steps:

"Have you voted yet?" Another one.

This was a wanna-be king, sporting a fraternity sweater and looking very much like the dapper guy in the photocopied versions of himself he held.

I started to say, "No, I haven't," but then noticed the paraphernalia clutched in both hands, the hungry look, the desperate wanting leaking from every pore...

So I did what I had to do, what many others probably did all day Wednesday and Thursday when approached without mercy by smiling, demanding, needy slugs of sympathy and cloying desire...

I lied.

"...uh...Yes, I did. I already

voted," I said and walked away.

Thanks much, Homecoming candidates, you've turned me into a liar. A teller of lies, a purveyor of nontruth, a dirty little fibber, all because I didn't vote in your silly election for a meaningless position and didn't want to either answer for my actions two days straight or haul around an armload of stupid photos with nifty captions like, "Bring in the 90's with class..." or "Vote for me, I can hop a float with the best of 'em!"

Thanks. Of course what I really wished to say when asked, "Have you voted yet?" for the thousandth time, was, "No! I haven't voted yet and won't! I don't give a

flying float who the Homecoming queen is. Leave me alone you insipid bunch of lab rabbits!"

But I didn't say that. Because to do so is rude, cruel, and even harmful to people with such a limited mentality that they would think a thing like Homecoming is worth the work involved in running for the "office."

So to those who asked, and pleaded, and begged, and cajoled, and even intimidated those walking by with their "Have you voted yet?" approach I took the kinder, gentler road and lied.

I should have told them to "Read my lips," while I was at it.

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