



VOTE RORY HERRON #1 FOR STUDENT PRESIDENT



Hi. I'm Rory Herron, a 3rd year Journalism student here at GCU. I hope you'll consider voting for me on March 4th in my bid to become President of the Students' Association for the 2010/2011 academic year as I'm confident that I am the right person to support, represent and work in the best intentions of all students here at GCU. The past two and a half years that I've spent here at Caley have easily been the best years of my life and this is largely thanks to the hard work and dedication of those at the Students' Association who work towards improving student life for all. It is for this reason that I'm jumping at the chance to be the voice of our student body and the figurehead of our Students' Association in ensuring that all students get the most out of the forthcoming year here at our university. The following are some aims that I'd like to work toward if I were to be elected:

Improving Student Life

- Improve integration between students of all nationalities, cultures and creeds within the university, making sure everyone feels welcome to get involved with all aspects of life at GCU.
- Aim to give students more language development options so as to make them more internationally employable. By this I mean introducing foreign language classes within the university itself, making these skills more accessible to our students.
- Sustain this year's executive achievements such as keeping Wednesday afternoons free so that students from all degree courses can represent the university on the sports field. Also, work closely with the VPSS to ensure that smaller societies are given equal support and attention from the Students' Association.
- Generate ideas on how to deal with our problem of not having a designated area for students to socialise in between classes. Currently, the Saltire Centre acts as a social area, in many ways defeating the purpose of having a library. On that note, I would also campaign for the Saltire Centre to provide a 24 hour service throughout exam periods.

Media and Awareness

- Make our students more aware of current affairs through making various media outlets accessible. This could be achieved by selling daily newspapers on campus and by making use of the plasma screens around campus to show news channels. This would encourage students to act on various issues and hopefully lead to more charitable campaigns within the university.
- As the current music editor of our Re:union magazine and a host on Radio Caley I would like to sustain support for both services and make sure they are enabled to grow successfully.

Our Environment; our responsibility

- I feel that it is important that we at GCU are doing all we can to be more environmentally friendly. I'd therefore like to take steps to become Scotland's first Carbon Neutral University by making use of the recent research and development that has been taking place in our 'School of the Built and Natural Environment'. The school has been awarded funding by the Scottish government and has worked with businesses and local authorities to make them more aware of their environmental impact and seek to reduce their 'carbon footprint'. This gives us the unique advantage and opportunity to produce a carbon management programme so that we can reduce GCU's 'carbon footprint' as well.

I know that I have the determination, forward-thinking, and dexterity to do the best job as Student President. Please don't hesitate to contact me at:

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Thanks for reading, and don't forget - vote Rory #1 on March 4th!