SU joke candidates not kidding around: CRO

On March 7 and 8, Soundscapes, Chubbý Puff Ball, Una Minor, Chuck Norris and George Rito will offer undergraduate students voting in the Students’ Union elections some creative alternatives.

The five joke candidates are running for a variety of SU Executive positions. This year, any position that has a joke candidate vying for it is matched by an equal number of real candidates—and before a joke candidate, Facebook, dropped out of the race, there had actually been more joke candidates than real ones.

"It’s really hard to predict the number of joke candidates we get each year," Chief Returning Officer Rachel Woynorowski said. "I think part of what might have helped encourage joke candidates to run this year is that joke candidates have a slightly increased budget."

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"It’s a debate that was actually held in Students’ Council earlier this year, and the reason why Council decided to contribute to fund joke candidates and increase their budget is because joke candidates engage a portion of the population, which is normally not involved in the SU," she said.

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"The runoff for our spending a couple hundred dollars to fund a joke candidate campaign in a sense of student dollars, in terms of advertising value, they play a significant role in attracting voters.

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Pandas win Nationals banner Women’s volleyball overcome first-seed curse to capture CIS championship

CALGARY—Though the first seed has been anomalous in the CIS women’s volleyball championships for the past six seasons, the Pandas rode their top ranking to victory in Saturday’s gold medal match in the Jack Simpson Gym at the University of Calgary. The 3–1 win over the Laval Rouge et Or—only the defending champions—was the first time a favourite had won the Red River Trophy since 1999/2000, when Alberta took its last title.

"There’s no feeling like matching this one to win," Pandas head coach Laurie Fisher said. "Being able to play at their very best when it’s most difficult to do it is the [mark] of a champion, and they were certainly able to do this today.

CIS Player of the Year and tournament MVP Tiffany Dodds carried Alberta all weekend—including a 10-kill, .580 hitting percentage performance in Friday’s five-set semifinal victory over Calgary, Illinois coach Kevin Ryan called "the best individual performance from a woman’s volleyball I’ve ever seen." But, it was the rest of the Pandas offence that led the way on Saturday. Dodds will had 17 kills, but Jocelyn Blair and Samantha Wojtkiw added a dozen each, while compile 82 in her first season with the Pandas after transferring from Grant MacEwan. While all-Canadian Dodds and Blair were both named as tournament all-stars along with setter Darryl Reper—the Pandas displayed versatility throughout the tournament.