

by the numbers

THOUGH THE RESULTS OF the Students' Union Executive election are widespread by now, there's more to the campaign trail than just the winners and losers. For those who may have had better things to do than attend numerous candidate forums, **CONAL PIERSE** and **PAUL OWEN** are here to recap some of the best, worst, and funniest moments of the past two weeks.

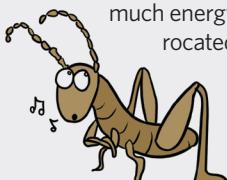
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Students 2008 elections

awards from the aftermath

The "Most Awkward Moment" Award

At the start of Peter Rychlik's speech at the Horowitz forum, he let loose a boisterous, "Myer Horowitz, how we doin'?" It was unfortunate because he came out with so much energy. When it wasn't reciprocated, it was as if he had been hit by a tranquilizer dart, and he slowly lost all of his energy and proceeded to sluggishly drone on.



The Absentee Award

This one goes out to Bryant Lukes, who left the Lister forum before the question period started, walked out of the Myer Horowitz forum after realizing that the final question wasn't for him, and failed to show up at Dewey's on election night. If you're running a campaign that doesn't quite fit with the portfolio you're running for, you could at least stick around to answer your critics—or even those who just want to know where you're coming from.

The Jekyll-and-Hyde Award

During his campaign for Board of Governors representative, Michael Janz was nothing if not poised and respectful, never once acting

out, despite being unopposed. Then, after taking 84 per cent of the vote on election night, it was difficult to get a straight answer out of the man, who spouted off such things as "screw CASA; go NASA" and agreed to inform us of the number of times he went to the bathroom. If nothing else, it proved that he's hilarious and self-deprecating, as well as poised and respectful.

The Thumper Award for Inappropriate Use of Religion

It's all fine and dandy if you want to run a faith-based campaign—the Conservatives and Republicans have both proven it to be successful in recent years—but Sheldon Tibbo's invocation of the big guy upstairs came back to bite him not once but twice at the Horowitz forum. First, Tibbo was unable to answer a question from the atheist society on campus regarding how he could relate to them. All it would have taken was a simple, "Just because we differ on the matter of religion doesn't mean I can't represent your interests as a student." The second time came when Tibbo began defending Bobby Samuel's actions as VPA by stating that people are only accountable to God. While religious views can guide a politician's decisions without too much backlash, they

cannot supercede a tenet of democracy like the fact that elected officials are accountable to those who elected them. Gosh!

The Matt "Dreamy Eyes" Brechtel Award for Best Nickname

It's rare for a kick-ass nickname to double as someone's ulberta login, but that's exactly the case with Beverly Eastham. "Beastham," as she's now known on the third floor of SUB, combines intimidation ("beast") with something everyone loves (cured pork products) into what could be the greatest name-combination nickname of all time (take that, A-Rod).

The Cocktail Award for Best Victory Shot

Janz's choice of an Irish Car Bomb as his celebratory libation has caused this award to be renamed "The Cultural Insensitivity Award," as Conal figures it's an affront to his Irish heritage. For the record, Beastham downed a Porn Star, Janelle Morin had tequila, Kristen Flath stuck to beer, and Dollansky downed a Guinness. John Braga took a deep drink of nothingness, and hadn't even thought about

it before being asked the question.

The "Sit Down, Son" Award

Steven Dollansky wins for his verbal cuff to the back of Rychlik's figurative head at the Myer Horowitz forum. When rebuking a comment made by Rychlik in regards to CASA (something that Dollansky had previously stated as not being part of the VPOF portfolio, and thus not pertinent to the election), Dollansky's answer left Rychlik speechless, who then sheepishly stated that he had no further comments before shuffling back to his seat in a daze.



The First Minute, First Round Knockout Award

Janelle Morin takes this award for her historic first-round victory in which she received 52 per cent of the popular vote on the first ballot. With her closest rival only receiving 17 per cent of the vote, this was about as close a race as a tortoise and a hare if the tortoise were legless and nailed to the starting line.

approximate cost
of election

\$36 000

Ballots cast: **4075**
Eligible voters: **28 410**
Voter turnout: **14.3 per cent**
Cost of election (in souls): **2.5**
Cost of most expensive campaign:
Janelle Morin (\$524.69)
Cost of least expensive campaign:
Sheldon Tibbo (\$123.44 after fines)
Total in dollars of fines levied by the CRO: **\$300**
By DIE Board: **\$150**
Hours spent in DIE Board by Deputy News Editor Ryan Heise: **enough that he lost out on doing something meaningful.**



Times Peter Rychlik had to be reminded to stay out of the Gateway office during the campaign

Trodden as "Jake Trodden": **3**
Times Conal referred to Sheldon Tibbo as "Tibbons": **5**

Men Sean McQuillan would kill for a Klondike bar

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Quotes Michael Janz and Steven Dollansky probably regret saying to us

Number of those publishable without a libel suit

0

Most-penalized campaign by the CRO: **Matt Trodden (\$50)**
By DIE Board: **Bobby Samuel (\$150)**
Rulings made by the CRO: **10**
Disputed rulings: **0**
Hours worked by the CRO (by his own estimate) during the elections: **820**

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Ounces of alcohol consumed by the CRO during elections, by his own estimate

Hours worked per ounces of alcohol consumed by the CRO: **27.3**
Times, according to Michael Janz, that he went potty on election night: **6**
Girls grinding on the stairs in Dewey's on election night: **2**
Incidents of girl-on-girl motorboating in the Powerplant: **2**
Party dudes in dragon shirts: **1**
Words used by Michael Janz to describe John Braga when asked to describe him in two words: **9**
SU employees Matt Trodden claimed he met with who called bullshit during the Horowitz forum: **1**
Times Conal referred to Matt

(Empty) threats made to Gateway reporters

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