

# Forum

## Don't know - don't vote

The greatest fear in this year's SU election is you — the uninformed voter. It is not entirely your fault that you do not understand exactly what the results of this election could mean. Very few people on campus do understand the possible effects of the people in power.

The SU president and his/her four vice-presidents cannot blow up the world. What they can do is decide how to spend five million dollars, your five million dollars. They will decide how the SU deals with the government and the administration. They will decide if students on this campus have a strong voice, or one that is ignored.

I implore anyone who does not know what is at stake, anyone who has not taken the time to make themselves aware of the implications the results hold, both for SU employees and for the students they serve, not to vote.

And for those who are prepared to vote, please do so with caution and a degree of foresight. There are a number of candidates in this election to be wary of. And they are all on the same slate.

Floyd Hodgins would be in the most direct conflict of interest imaginable if he were to win this election. Hodgins is currently involved in a law suit against the Students' Union. And the SU is counter-suing.

What could Hodgins do if he were elected SU president? He could direct the SU to drop the suit against him, and then direct the very same SU to settle out of court (in Hodgins' suit against the SU).

Conflict of interest? You bet it is.

Dexter Dombro, running for SU VP External, is the co-founder of the WCC (Western Canada Concept - a political party whose ambition was to have western Canada remove itself from Confederation). Dombro promises to lobby for the needs of the students. This year the SU spent about \$20,000 on A.C.T. to lobby; in addition, the executive has spent considerable time lobbying government at all levels.

Can Dombro expect to accomplish anymore next year?

Danny Beauchamp runs for the position of VP Internal. Beauchamp at this time — during an election — refuses to talk to the press (*The Gateway*). Will the man be accessible and accountable in office?

Think for a moment on these topics dear voters, and you will come to the same conclusion about the preponderance of joke slates that I have.

John Watson

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## Letters...

### Kane demands apology

To the Editor:

Mark Spector's February 12th column, "R.I.P. CJSR" was grossly unfair to the station and to myself. I demand that *The Gateway* print an appropriate apology to me and to CJSR based on two main points. Firstly, CJSR was termed "insignificant" without a proper documented analysis of our position in the Edmonton broadcast market and without a clear understanding on the part of Mr. Spector as to the place CJSR occupies in the spectrum of public and private broadcast undertakings. Secondly, I am labelled "arrogant and unprofessional" without an explanation as to what actions I may have taken which could be deemed as such.

If Mr. Spector had been doing his homework, he would have been aware that CKST's ratings are less than impressive. According to a well placed industry source, CKST's most recent BBM rating book shows that they barely register in the 18-34 year old male listener category, the category most important to advertisers interested in placing spots on sports programming.

According to market share tabulations where CJSR would vie for listenership against CKST for hockey games we come out looking pretty good. In the Monday - Sunday 6:00 - midnight category, we average 400 listeners per hour more than CKST among 18-34 year old adults. On Friday evenings, when most hockey games are broadcast, our advantage is demonstrably superior. Between 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., we average 600 more listeners than CKST among all listeners sur-

veyed. From 8:00 - 9:00 p.m., our advantage increases by 1900 listeners per quarter hour among all listeners surveyed.

Insignificant my ass!

Mr. Spector's defamatory comments were probably based on an ignorance of what campus radio is all about and why it exists throughout Canada. Evidence of this is evident in his smart-aleck reference to the bands on our playlist. If he had made derogatory comments about a racial or ethnic group based on an ignorance on his part, his prejudicial comments would be reviled by the editorial staff of *The Gateway*. To defame CJSR based on ignorance shows a prejudice of a different sort, but nonetheless was allowed to appear in print. I encourage *The Gateway* to show a greater open-mindedness to those things which you cannot comprehend.

As to whether my actions regarding CJSR's "broadcast rights" negotiations with the Department of Athletics can be termed "arrogant and unprofessional", I consider Mr. Spector's comments to be defamatory to my reputation and may interfere with my career aspirations. Did Mr. Spector interview me about the CIAU Finals? Did he interview me about the successes or failures of CJSR's sports department? Did Mr. Spector interview about anything at all? THE ANSWER TO THOSE QUESTIONS IS NO? So just how did Mr. Spector come to the conclusion that I'm "arrogant and unprofessional"? He interviewed the person at the Department of Athletics with whom I am in negotiations with for next year's contract. This is what *The Gateway* calls thorough investigative journalism. I call it bullshit!

Brent Kane  
 Station Manager

(Editor's Note: Mr. Spector based his opinions on the article "Athletics jumps to 1070" in the same issue. Mr. Spector did not personally contact either party involved in this matter.)

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