

Grapevine

Help for the Disabled Student

There is a light at the end of the lonely tunnel for the many disabled students on campus. Disabled Student Services (DSS) offers a number of programs which make university life much easier for them. The Learning Disabled Students program is relatively new and offers everything from an extensive testing procedure (to

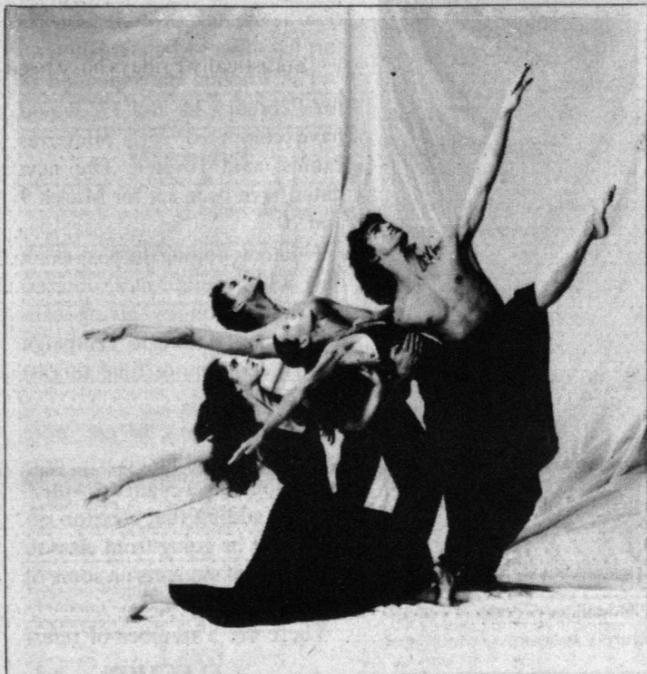
determine the disability) to teaching learning strategies which aren't found in the school curriculum. DSS also provides deaf and hearing-impaired students with professional oral interpreters (it seems that many deaf and hearing-impaired students don't know sign language and have to rely on lip reading).

For more information please contact Marion Nicely, Director, Disabled Student Services, 432-3381.

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Queen Week capers at U of C

by Carolynn McLuskey
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CALGARY — Engineering Week "represents women in a sexual nature," says Julie Kearns, chair of the President's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women.

"(Engineering Week) may cause women to avoid Engineering as a faculty due to fear of not being taken seriously," Kearns said. "They create an environment not hospitable to women."

Michael Goy, who is coordinator for Engineering Week stated that, "There may be sexual connotations involved, but there is no sexist material in Engineering Week".

According to Goy, the Omnipotent Queen Week Committee (OQWC) which organizes Engineering Week, has been "working closely" with the Dean's office in order to reduce friction with the people who oppose them, but this goal has not been achieved.

The annual Engineering Week, from Jan. 9-14 this year, divides the faculty into its departments, which compete to accumulate the most points. The department that wins receives twenty cases of beer donated by Labatt's, and the prestige that comes with the Queen Week trophy.

Some of the scheduled events include a scavenger hunt, tobag-

gan races, a pub crawl, and the Queen Week Ball. The Engineers have organized food drop-offs that will benefit the Interfaith Food Banks and will also gain points for the teams.

The teams decorate their particular areas in the Engineering Building with posters and some groups spend a great deal of time doing this. These proceedings are governed by laws defined by the OQWC and the Dean's office.

Queen Week, as it was called in the past, takes its name from the choosing of a queen by each team. The queen must be enrolled at the U of C during Queen Week, and must be female.

The queens are protected at all times by two costumed members of the team in the Engineering Building and within a ten metre perimeter around the complex, in response to the threat that she could be kidnapped by opposing teams. The queens are judged by OQWC at the end of the week. This is where conflict arises.

A few free trade benefits

by Bob Van Wegen
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CALGARY — The Free Trade Agreement will bring either utopia or apocalypse, depending on whom you believe, but the mundane reality for consumers is that new bargains on U.S. goods will be few and far between in 1989.

If you plan to drown your free trade sorrows with cheap American booze, think again. According to the Fred Sipchenko at Customs and Excise, the eliminated import duty on whiskey was the smallest of five separate government charges applied to alcohol entering Canada. Once you include the 12 per cent Federal Sales Tax, ALCB fees, and various excise taxes, the saving on a 40 ounce bottle is only four or five cents. Import duties on wine and distilled spirits will be phased out over ten years, so savings on these recreational liquids will be meagre as well.

There seems to be a lot of alcohol-related confusion over the new regime at the border. "People call me every day wanting to drive down a pick-up truck and fill it with liquor," said Sipchenko. You are still allowed to bring back only 40 ounces of liquor, or 12 cans of beer, tax-free after a 48-hour stay in the states.

Other American products that

are now tariff-free include motorcycles, computer hardware, skates, and skis. Tariffs on other dutiable items will be phased out over the next five or ten years. The Free Trade Agreement does not affect federal or provincial sales taxes or excise taxes payable at the border.

It remains to be seen if tariff removal savings will be passed on to consumers, but the elimination of the large import tariffs on American skates and skis, 24 per cent and 16 per cent respectively, should show up on price tags next season. This winter's retail inventory still includes the pre-FTA tariff.

Don Wares of the Micro Store says it is too early to tell if computer prices will come down now that the 3.9 per cent tariff on commercial imports of computer equipment has been dropped. A meeting with computer manufacturers is scheduled in Toronto later this month to discuss the new situation.

If you are in the market for a road machine, the embargo on American used cars is lifting, and will be gone by 1994. This year you can import a car eight years old or older, as long as it meets Canadian safety standards. New American cars are still subject to

an 8.2 per cent import duty that will be phased out by 1999. Excise taxes related to the mass of the car and on air conditioning will remain in place.

Motorcycles provide a rare example of immediate savings; under free trade you can save up to \$1000 on a \$16,000 Harley-Davidson chopper ordered today.

The bottom line for Canadian consumers is that free trade will only rarely result in bargain prices. Rather, lowering tariffs will tend to work against inflationary pressures, and keep prices lower than they would have been otherwise. Tariffs on clothing and footwear, for example, are being phased out over ten years, but by 1999 a 25 per cent tariff mark-up will have been eliminated.

If you're planning to jump on the free trade bandwagon by making a big purchase in the U.S., Customs and Excise advises that you check with them first. There are still plenty of hassles at the border to remind us of our Canadian identity.

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