

# SU election coming soon

## Two slates to run

Last minute scrambling for candidates characterized the close of nominations for the February 8 Students' Union general election.

The total number of candidates is down from last year, with only two full slates and three independent candidates running.

Presidential candidates and slate leaders are Nolan Astley, news director of CJSR, and Scott Thorkelson, member of the SU Administration and External Affairs Boards. Both are third-year students.

Vp internal is also being contested by two students. Jan Byer (Astley), current Clubs Commissioner, was the coordinator of the Freshman Orientation Seminars one-day seminars. Dan Langford (Thorkelson), a second-year honours physics student, is active in the Lister Hall Student Association.

Vp academic nominee for the Astley slate is Karen Stephanson, a first-year recreation student. The Thorkelson slate has Steven Gould, a fourth-year transfer student in recrea-

tion from Acadia University, for the vp academic position.

As well, Darrell Rankin, a fourth-year honours political science student, is running as an independent for vp academic. He has run unsuccessfully in the last two years' SU elections.

Vp finance and administration is another two-slate race between Bernie Conrad (Astley) and Patricia Haws (Thorkelson). Conrad is a third-year commerce student from Mount Royal College in Calgary and is on the SU Administration Board.

Haws is president of the Accounting Club and is also in third-year commerce. She has won the Board of Governor's award for academic excellence for the past two years.

The last executive position, vp external, is contested by Kris Farkas (Astley) and Lisa Walter (Thorkelson).

Farkas was student president at Mount Royal College in Calgary before transferring to second year commerce at the U of A. She is presently on the External Affairs Board.

Walter, a second-year arts student, is president of the Lister

Hall Student Association.

The student representation on the Board of Governors is the one hotly-contested position, with four candidates running.

Norman Ingram (Astley) is a student representative on the U of A Senate, and has been on the General Faculties Council for the past two years. He is also president of the Debating Society.

Mike Ford (Thorkelson), a third-year commerce student, is chairman of the Disciplinary, Law and Order and Impanelling Board. He is also on the SU Administration Board.

The other two candidates are independent. Mary Ann Gillies is a third-year honours English student and is on the Dean of Arts Selection Committee. Ron Snyder is the finance minister for BACUS and is on the DIE Board. Snyder is in third-year commerce.

Three University Athletics Board (UAB) positions were filled by acclamation.

Rick Shaver is president for Men's Athletics, and Laurie

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There's more to life than being a frog/Eating flies and sitting on a log. I could be little Joe Clark/Short on bite and big on bark. Kermit the poet has been brought to you courtesy of the Lister Residence's King Louis Week.

photo Andy Mackay

There is less in this...

# the Gateway

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...than meets the eye.

Tallulah Bankhead

## Large turnout for W5 protest

CANADA IS OUR COUNTRY IT'S TIME WE SPEAK UP



photo Portia Priegert

Protestors outside the CFRN studios Saturday.

by Portia Priegert

Chanting *Down with W5* and *We are Canadian too* more than 300 people braved -21 degree temperatures in a peaceful and well-organized protest outside CFRN Saturday.

Organized by the Edmonton Chinese Community, the protest was part of a nation wide show of dissatisfaction over distorted facts and racial bias in the W5 program *The Campus Giveaway* aired last fall.

Organizers presented a letter of protest to CFRN station manager Bruce Alloway, who said it would be forwarded to CTV.

He refused to comment on the program, saying it would be in appropriate while legal action initiated by the Chinese community in Toronto was underway. He added that CTV has "never knowingly discriminated against any group or individual."

The protestors' letter accused CTV of "distorting and grossly exaggerating" the foreign student situation and "subtly perverting the whole scenario."

The letter demanded that

CTV make a public apology, provide equal time to correct the record and not allow any other discriminatory shows to be produced.

About 100 U of A students attended the march, including representatives from the Chinese Library Association, the Chinese Students Association, the Malaysian-Singapore Students Association, the Students' Union and the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS).

FAS executive officer Lake Sagaris expressed support for the march and said that FAS has long recognized the value of having foreign students in Canada.

Despite the appearance of Jack Pickett the march went without a hitch, according to organizers.

Meanwhile, in Toronto more than 2,000 demonstrators marched on CTV headquarters Saturday.

Toronto mayor John Sewell told protestors that the program was "a serious insult to the

educational aspirations of Canadians who are not white."

NDP MP Bob Rae, one of several politicians and community leaders in attendance, said the W5 report consisted of "amazing untruths." "The assumption from W5 is that to be white is to be Canadian, and that to be non-white is to be a foreigner. What we must understand is that an immigrant is not a foreigner. As Canadians we are all boat people," Rae said.

Federal immigration minister Ron Atkey did not attend the rally but sent a statement to the protestors attacking W5's claim that there were 100,000 foreign students in Canada. Atkey said there are about 18,000 international students in the country.

But CTV W5 producer Lionel Lamb, speaking to reporters only inside network offices, said he strongly disagrees with the protestors' charges. Lamb claimed he could not comment further because several students have sued the network for libel.

## Accountant shortage

The booming Alberta economy and a longer articling period for chartered accountants (CAs) may mean a CA shortage in the province in the near future.

According to the university's Canada Employment Centre, a record 30 companies offered jobs for graduating accountants last year, while applications from students decreased by almost 30 per cent.

The increased demand for accountants is part of a national trend. A 1979 University of Toronto survey predicts 20 per

cent more accountants will be needed by 1988.

"But the problem is amplified in Alberta," says the Employment Centre's Louise Perkins, "because of our boom economy." Perkins says the shortage is aggravated by a decline in the number of students applying for CA articling positions.

"Each year for the last couple of years, we've had a pool of about 140 students applying for these jobs," Perkins said. "We had only about a hundred

students looking at articles this year."

"That's a loss of 40 students — we just don't know where they went," Perkins says CA firms have also expressed concern about the drop. "They're afraid that next year, they may just not meet their quotas."

The drop may be due to increased industrial demand for accountants and the longer articling period now required by the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Perkins says. To

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### ELECTION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 31	Election Campaign begins
Tuesday, February 5	Gateway publishes candidates pictures and platforms
Wednesday, February 6	Campaign Forum at 12 noon in SUB Theatre. Classes cancelled from 12 until 1 p.m.
Thursday, February 7	PSUA "meet the candidates" forum in Tory 14-9 at 3:00 p.m.
Friday, February 8	Election day. Polls open at numerous locations across campus.