

# Non-Torys speak

by Ann Grever

Amit all the belling, voting and booze this weekend at the Tory Leadership Convention, another convention will take place to publicize some of the issues that may have been overlooked by the Tories.

The Convention of Alternative Voices will be held this Saturday at Churchill Square and will feature twelve speakers followed by a march to the legislative grounds.

Dave Durning, one of the organizers of the event, says that the convention will address four important issues that have been overlooked by the candidates for the Tory leadership. The issues are unemployment, social equity, the preservation of the family farm and trade union rights.

Approximately 25 groups are participating actively in the convention including the Alberta Federation of Labour, the National Farmers Union and Alberta Status of Women Action Committee, and Friends of Medicare.

No political groups are included. "The coalition is strictly non-partisan."

Caroline Nevin, Vice-President Academic, will be one of the speakers. Nevin will speak on behalf of the Students' Union and the U of A students.

Nevin will address the issues of unemployed youth, post-secondary funding and financial assistance for students.

The convention will take place on October 12, at 12 Noon at Winston Churchill Square.

# B. A.'s a wild bunch

**WATERLOO (CUP)** — The split between arts and sciences in Canada's universities means graduates resemble savages and neanderthals more than responsible, thinking adults, says David Suzuki.

Speaking to an audience of 4,000 last week, the popular scientist said students are funneled into arts or sciences without a rounded background in both disciplines. Suzuki said arts graduates are "ignorant savages who know nothing about the major forces shaping the earth," while scientists "know nothing of the ethics of science. They are like neanderthal people given guns, tanks, and bombs."

Suzuki was delivering the keynote address of "Science, Technology and Ethics", a student-organized national conference.

Suzuki said students are encouraged to specialize early in school and avoid other subjects through their education.

While most arts graduates are unaware of science and technology in society, Suzuki is most concerned about politicians. "The people we are electing are incom-

petent to act upon the advice of experts (and decisions are based mostly on) political expediency, and I mean that in a perjorative sense," he said.

Today's scientists are not socially responsible enough, and have questionable research motives when courting corporate and military funding. "Profit and destruction are too much of the driving forces of the scientific community," he said.

With technology changing rapidly, the need for discussion of science issues has never been more important, Suzuki said.

"We are living with problems that may take generations to solve," he said. Advances in technology often seem to solve problems, but can bring more problems than solutions. "Every technology has a price," he said.

"The benefits are always obvious and clear. The costs can not be determined beforehand. We can not predict the monumental consequences of technology," he said. "We can not go on indefinitely having more technology," he said.

# Calling all volunteers

Unemployment, government cut-backs, new experiences, a desire to help others and the opportunity to pursue an enjoyable rewarding activity — these are just some of the reasons why so many people are turning to volunteer work today.

The Canadian Red Cross Society is actively seeking volunteers to assist the Blood Donor Recruitment Department. This very important department requires many new volunteers help contact regular blood donors. Of all the donors that passed through our doors in September — 59 per cent of them were directly contacted by this

department. But even with these excellent results the Red Cross was unable to collect enough blood to meet the needs of the 93 hospitals supplied and was forced to call a minor appeal.

To assist us in this regard we are asking for mature persons to step forward and contribute three to four hrs. per week (one shift). If you wish to lend a hand so that we can both benefit, please contact Steve Natran at 431-0202 anytime from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday or drop by our office at 8249-114 St. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.



Nigerian folk art display.

photo Alex Miller

# African Assoc.

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The African Association of Alberta (AAA) is holding elections this Saturday and looking for new members.

Olema Debhonzapi, the president of the AAA, says any person of African origin can register on Saturday with the association or its student branch, the African Students Association.

The objectives of this "cultural society" are "to unite people of African origin, and to give accurate information about African realities," said Debhonzapi.

The association is non-political because "politics would rip us apart." Individuals can belong to any other organization, however.

The events the association organizes include welcome dances for new Africans, Africa Awareness Week, various get-togethers and also has a soccer team.

The association also organized

seminars last winter on the problem of development in Africa.

Last May, the association participated in a conference on African, Caribbean and Latin American studies at McGill University.

Non-Africans are accepted as associate members.

The association has a separate student branch because "students are the most active [in the organiza-

tion] and have special needs."

Most activities are held together with the mother association and are held on campus.

Debhonzapi invites "the university community to join us to make Africans better known," and hopes both new and old members will attend.

The elections are at 3 p.m., Rm. B45 Tory building.

# Bird lovers unite

Attention all bird lovers. Here's your chance to learn all about your feathery friends.

The John Janzen Nature Centre is hosting an "Octobirdfest", on October 19 and 20th, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. There will be bird displays, bird calling, contests, and films. Information will be given on bird feeding, the different types of birds in our region, their dwelling habitat, and the types of birdseed you

could give them to help them through the long hard winter.

The Oct. 19th fest will be held at the John Janzen Nature Centre and Heritage Park. The Oct. 20 fest will only be held at Hermitage Park. Where's Hermitage Park? Go East on 118th Ave. past Rundle Park. Take the turnoff North into Clareview, the road becomes Victoria Trail. Hermitage Park is on your first right.



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