

I want to be black...

# The Gateway

I don't want to be a fucked-up middle class college student anymore.  
— Lou Reed

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Federal Minister Harvie Andre hashes over the finer points of free trade with U of A anthropology professor Charles Schweger, Monday in Hub Mall. Politicians are readying for the SU free trade forum in SUB Theatre this Friday.

## Candidates to clash

by Dragos Ruiu and Jeff Cowley

As the election campaign trail heats up, notable names and personalities are touring the campus in support for their causes.

The Federal Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister, Harvey Andre and Strathcona PC candidate Scott Thorkelson were touring the campus this week trying to lobby support for the Conservative Party. Appearing in HUB mall Monday afternoon, the minister was quizzed by students interested in the future of the Free Trade Agreement.

Andre considers this a sedate campaign, saying, "There aren't a great deal of burning issues as in most of my previous elections." As far as free trade is concerned, he underlined the party stance on it and commented that "most of the people who stand against it don't know much about it."

The issue of free trade, which Strathcona candidates Halyna Freeland and Scott Thorkelson debated in a PoliSci 200 class last Thursday, will also be hashed out for students in an upcoming SU

Free Trade Forum.

The forum will be held in the SUB Theatre at noon on Friday, October 21. It will feature knowledgeable speakers for both sides of the issue and a question period for the students. The intent of the forum is for students to hear both sides of the debate in an unbiased setting.

Admission to the forum will be free.

To further clarify federal issues, the SU will also be hosting an All Candidate's Forum on Wednesday, October 26, for the Strathcona district that the University is situated in. The SUB Theatre forum will give students a chance to question their candidates and hear their stands on the election issues.

"A reason to host the All Candidates Forum is to exert pressure on the various candidates with regard to University issues," said SU vp external David Tupper. "We want to make sure that the elected candidate is aware that we have a population of students who are active and concerned."

## New policy aides disabled

by Shelby Cook

The University of Alberta has joined the handful of universities to set a policy on recognizing and aiding disabled students.

"The policy, which helps about 150 disabled students on campus, proves the University of Alberta to be a leader in disabled student services in Alberta," said Dr. Peter Miller, Dean of Student Services.

Note-taking, tutoring, and specialized equipment, such as wheelchairs, are provided by the disabled student services department. Wheelchairs are donated by a private individual.

"The policy makes official what the department has been doing for disabled students for the past few years. The U of A is the fifth or sixth university in the country to have a policy," said Miller, adding, "I think we have made a public statement to the world and that we have got enormous amounts of support."

Due to the special needs of disabled people, a few instructors, burdened by their heavy work loads, are uncooperative and feel "too inconvenienced" to make special accommodations for disabled students, said Marion Nicely, Director of Disabled Student Services.

Instructors have a guideline to follow when faced with a disabled student's needs.

The office of Disabled Student Services, which is the only one on an Alberta university campus, operates with two full time staff, and support from hundreds of volunteers.

The policy ensures academic

requirements are modified, where warranted and within the university's financial resources, to permit disabled students to take classes.

"Because the needs of each student are so different," said Nicely, "the policy isn't specific and allows for individual adaptation. Even though two may have the same disability, their attitudes toward getting help may differ."

The university will, no doubt,

attract more disabled students, and more funding. "The policy is coming at a very significant time," said Nicely, "because it follows the awareness raised by the Rick Hansen tour last year."

Final ratification by the Board of Governors will occur in the near future. This policy will appear in the 1989-90 student calendar.

Eighteen permanently disabled students are due to graduate this year.

## Candidates confront class

by Shelly Pratt

A debate held in a political science class last Thursday exposed students to information from NDP candidate Halyna Freeland and Scott Thorkelson of the Progressive Conservative Party, both in the running for the Edmonton Strathcona riding.

The debate began with opening statements from both of the candidates, in which they gave the views of their campaign. The room was then opened up to questions. The first question concerned free trade, the most discussed but least understood issue of the election. The topic was debated at some length. Thorkelson supported free trade, suggesting that it will have a prosperous effect on the economy. On the other hand, Freeland strongly opposed the agreement, viewing it as an attempt to compete with the American market, and a threat to the average Canadian.

Reference was made by Freeland to the Conservative agenda in the light of the "trickle down"

economic theory. She does not believe it will work, stating that, "mink coats don't trickle down." A student replied asking about, "the manufacturing of the coat, the transportation and the advertising of the coat? Isn't that the trickle down effect?" Freeland  
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## Nic fits fixed; but students nixed

by Will Gibson

The University of Alberta has approved a program to help smokers break their habit. However, the butt-out program does not include students.

Under the program, the University will share the cost with academic and other staff who enroll in "quit-smoking-classes". The University will pay 50 percent of the costs upon completion of the program.

Dr. Peter Miller, Dean of Student Services, who was instrumental in forming the new University smoking policy, says that he is not aware of any proposals for a student program, although he adds, "I think it would be a great idea to have a program on campus."

Charles Vethan, vp academic, also stated that there were no new proposals in front of the Students' Union Executive for a student program, although "students seeking such a program (to quit smoking) would be able to find one through Student Help." Vethan went on to comment that "students should not be giving advice on how to quit smoking, professionals should be running these programs."

Students wishing to quit smoking can call Student Help at 432-4266 to find a program suitable for them.

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