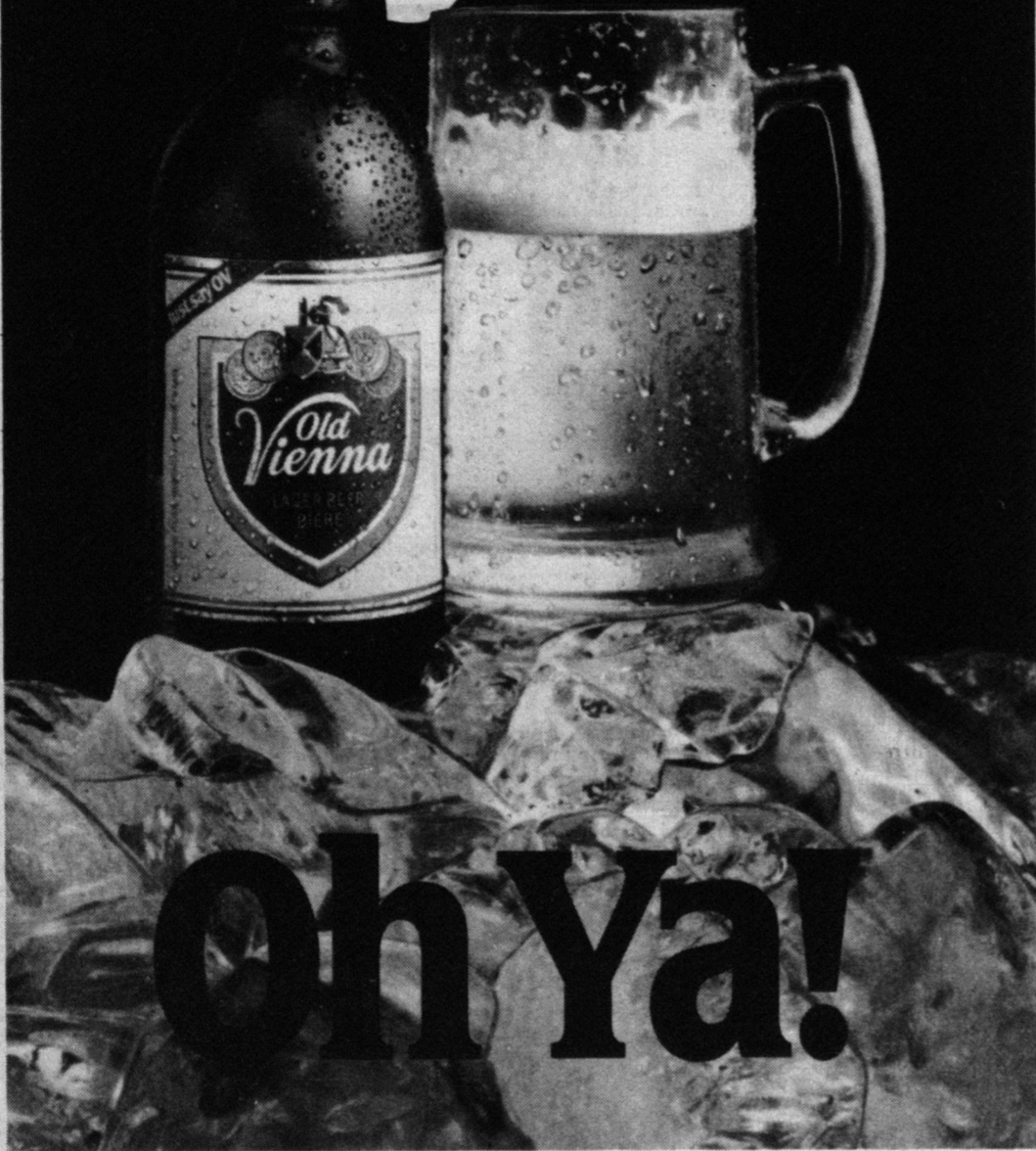


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Alison Thomson

We'll miss her too

Long time Students' Union activist and *Gateway* staffer Alison Thomson died suddenly Monday from a massive heart attack just outside her Garneau apartment.

Alison, 21, had been working at the *Edmonton Sun* as a labor reporter. She planned to return to university next fall to resume medical studies.

In her first four-years of university, Alison maintained well above honors averages through pre-med and two years of medicine.

All that time a full-time student, she also was active in the Students' Union, the *Gateway*, and Alberta New Democratic Party.

Most students and staff at the U of A would remember Alison's *Gateway* column last year, *Aspidistra*. In the guise of the 'flower of England' Alison berated Tories in Alberta and London with equanimity. One doubts many readers suspected she was only 20 years old, a time when

most of us are still learning how to think.

Aspidistra was preceded in the *Gateway* by two years work at the paper, one (1978-79) as a volunteer reporter, then as Canadian University Press (CUP) editor and Students' Council reporter (1979-80).

Alison also edited the *Summer Times*, the spring and summer students' weekly last summer, and was responsible for producing this year's SU telephone directory and Student Handbook.

In the midst of all of this, three years ago Alison was a member of Students' Council (Science) and she ran for election on the best joke slate in memory: Harvey Groberman's Liberal Democrats. She lost.

Last year, Alison was the Students' Council speaker. She also was the president of the New Democratic Party Strathcona constituency, and chaired the NDP's Health Policy Committee.

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