

Free trade: Reaganization

Free trade is not as simple as the government would have us believe if the forum on free trade held last Friday is any indication.

The forum was held by the University of Alberta New Democrats, and featured Dr. Schaffer, Dr. Bridgeman and Dr. J. Russell.

Schaffer and Bridgeman are professors of Economics here at the U of A, and Russell is the New Demo-

cratic candidate, Edmonton Park-

allen. Bridgeman sees his position in the debate as being in the middle. "I stand for the mainstream argument. There are gains to be had by encouraging export market without the tariff distortions."

Russell does not believe the tariff is the issue. "The real issue is non-tariff barriers."

"The tariff are irrelevant. They are low. But it is difficult to imagine the Americans giving up barriers like the buy American provisions."

"My suspicion is that the government wishes to americanize and reorganize the political structure in Canada without appearing to do so."

The forum was followed by a beer social.

'Kidnapping is a dirty word'

by Ann Grever

The U of A became a hang out for terrorists on Saturday when the pledges of Phi Gamma Delta kidnapped the president of their fraternity. Pledges are fraternity hopefuls.

The president, Fred Lynch, was "totally suckered in" said Darren Mantyak, a spokesman for the kidnapers.

"We lured him into meeting me at HUB where the abduction took place, me telling him I was failing a few classes, and running away from home."

Eleven pledges easily overpowered Lynch and spirited him away to their secret hideout.

The ransom demands included a lebanese dancing hamster, and the respect of the upper classmen. "That means no more answering the phone for those guys."

The victim was allowed one phone and tipped his location to his friends. The escape was foiled however. The pledges packed up their victim, their VCR, and their food and moved to another apartment. Finally the victim was releas-

ed at 8:00 pm.

The kidnapping was an opportunity for the pledges to show ingenuity, discretion, and responsibility. "It was mostly fun. It drew us closer together," said Mantyak.

The pledges were also very appreciative of the businesses who supplied the food for the post-kidnapping party. The sponsors included the Keg, Pizza Hut, Whyte Avenue Mr. Submarine and AJ's.

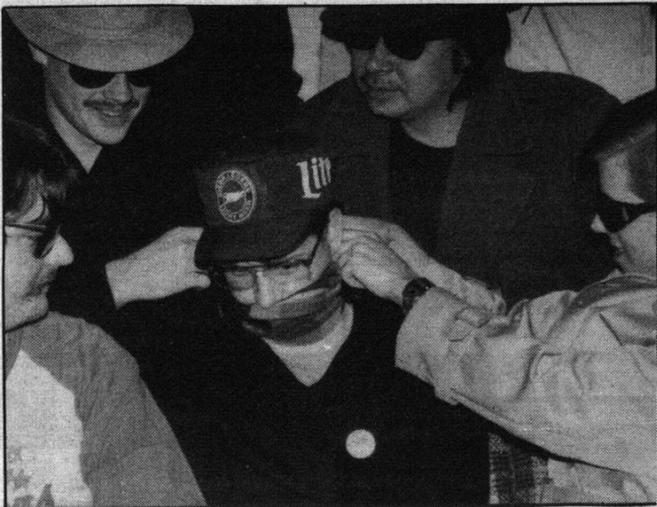


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Phi Gamma Delta pledges discover a new way to out-silly each other

Gateway

photo meetings, Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
staff meetings, Thursdays at 4 p.m.
news meetings, Fridays at 12 p.m.

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