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Edmonton-Strathcona candidates battle for Pannu's seat

With former New Democrat leader Raj Pannu leaving political life, the race to take over his riding is on

JONATHAN TAVES
News StaffLast Wednesday, the candidates for
the provincial riding of Edmonton-
Strathcona participated in a debate
hosted by the Student's Union at the
Myer Horowitz Theater.Progressive Conservative TJ Keil,
Liberal Tim Vant, and the New
Democratic Party's Rachel Notley
attended the all-candidates' forum in
hopes of winning the NDP stronghold
of retiring former leader Raj Pannu. The
candidates discussed the various mea-
sures of change their party would enact
in the Legislature."The most pressing issue in this elec-
tion is the need to effect change. That's
what people need," Vant said. "We can
talk, but without actually being able to
act, it won't happen."Notley further specified the type
of change she believes the province
needs."It's important you don't just vote for
change for change's sake, but you vote
for substantial change. Two years ago,
the Liberals and the Tories voted together
to give corporate Alberta a \$370-mil-
lion tax cut. In so doing, they didn't put
\$260 million in childcare. They didn't
put \$400 million into public education.
They didn't put \$100 million into stu-
dent housing. Those kinds of decisions
are made every day in Alberta, and we
need to have a better way of making
decisions," she said.Keil, the Conservative hopeful, drew
upon his youth as a strength in repre-
senting the University's riding."As part of the new generation of
young Progressive Conservative lead-
ership, I intend to be that change that
everyone's looking for," he said. "I'm not
here for the last 37 years; I'm here for the

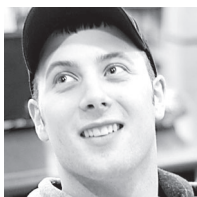
TARA STIEGLITZ

STRATHCONA HOT SEAT PC candidate TJ Keil (left), Liberal Tim Vant, and NDP member Rachel Notley field questions.

next 37 years."

Postsecondary education was one of
the most talked-about topics during the
debate."A very important part of [the post-
secondary] discussion relates [...] to the
people who are not at university right
now," Notley said. "Costs are far beyond
what they can afford."The NDP's proposition, Notley
explained, would roll back tuition to
1999 levels—a reduction of 20 per
cent—while Vant outlined the Liberal
promise of a rollback 2001 levels, mark-
ing an average drop of \$1000. Keil, on
the other hand, reiterated the PC strategy
to reduce interest on student loans to the
prime level.All three of the candidates also
emphasized environmental concerns,
with Keil standing by his government's
current plan."Included in the climate change plan
are energy efficiency and green energyproduction," he said. "Through tech-
nological development, [...] our green-
house gas emissions will go down."Notley stressed the importance of
targeted action for environmental pro-
tection and supported halting tarsands
development until its impact has been
comprehensively reviewed."We face a tremendous challenge in
Alberta," she said. "We must address the
issue of the environment. We can't wait
twelve years. We can't wait five years. It
must be done now."Vant repeatedly expressed his confi-
dence in the comprehensive nature of
his party's plan in addressing not just
climate change, but affordable housing
and other social issues."The Alberta Liberal Party is like a
bird with a left wing and a right wing;
we need both to be able to fly down
the middle," Vant said, with both arms
outstretched. "This plan is seven years
of good, solid thinking. It will see thisprovince through a lot of good times
and a lot of hard times, but always keep-
ing people first."Although the candidates held differ-
ing opinions on a number of issues, they
all agreed on the importance of demo-
cratic participation."There has never been a more excit-
ing time to live in this province," Keil
explained. "We have immense opportu-
nity staring us right in the face to ensure
long term prosperity.""Voting is the best way to do that,"
Vant added. "Having these discussions
and having critical thought is of huge
importance so that we don't make mis-
takes we've made in the past.""It's important to get as many people
as possible out to vote, so when the
results come in, we know it's actu-
ally something all Albertans wanted,"
Notley said. "We should be able to raise
the standard for everyone in the prov-
ince, not just a privileged few."

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were pretty good. [Jon Stewart] sucked;
he just wasn't that good, but the Oscars
were good.""Laundry." [Why couldn't you watch the
Oscars between loading and unloading
the machines? Or were you doing laundry
by hand?] "Why would anybody want to
watch the Oscars?" [You're dodging the
question.] "I was also doing homework.""I stopped playing the Oscars to play
Rockband." [What songs?] "Evenflow'
by Pearl Jam.""I believe I was at church." [All day?]
"Teaching in the morning and attending a
service in the evening." [What about the
afternoon?] "I was doing homework."


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