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Some people need to get an early start on their research paper. Six year old Kari Hodson tapped into the files of Cameron library while her mother finished off a research paper of her own.

Campus PC calls for "caring" election

by Jeff Cowley

Students should sit down and study the election issues before casting their ballots said Strathcona MLA candidates Tuesday.

About 250 students turned out to Dinwoodie lounge to watch PC rep Jack Scott, ND Gordon Wright, and Liberal Phil Lister lob pot shots at each other over issues such as election spending, taxes, and provincial representation.

"It's important to have a leader who's at his desk and not at the golf course," said Lister.

Lister and Wright performed a tag-team duo, knocking the PC opposition on the deficit and the spending practices of the Getty government.

"I'm sure you have seen the beautiful ads the PCs have put on television," said Wright alluding to Getty's campaign promises.

"This government has spent more money to bring in a government to bring a profoundly unfair

and undemocratic tax," he said, taking shots at the provincial deficit. Both Wright and Lister made strong claims for the need to clear the provincial debt.

But Scott, speaking before the crowd stacked with students waving PC placards, stuck hard to his party's policies.

"You have heard of the billion dollar election promises," said Scott, reviewing Getty's campaign commitments such as home loans, senior programs and the repaving of Alberta highways. "I believe in the PC vision, and I get mad when people distort it," he said.

Environmental policies, education funding, and the need for a more democratic government were issues all three candidates touched on.

But students didn't seem interested in the candidates speeches and promises.

During an open questions session after the forum, students

quizzed the party representatives on issues that ranged from cut-backs to education spending, the Lister Hall mortgage, and toxic waste, to the Meech Lake Accord.

"To talk about senate reform is like asking how many angels can dance on the head of a pin, it's totally hypothetical," said Lister, saying that the government needs to have a provincial agenda.

"Senate reform should be abolished," said Wright. The ND representative called for the election of strong senators before there is any senate reform.

But it was Scott who stole the spotlight. Taking on questions that ranged from the Alberta minimum wage to tuition increases, the U of A professor and Board of Governor's representative called for a "caring government."

"We are in a position where we are looking to a bright future for Alberta... and a bright future for Strathcona."

Concrete toboggans trash UBC building

by Doug Marke

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According to the University of British Columbia *Ubysey*, the University of Calgary Civil Engineering students in Vancouver for the Concrete Toboggan race caused \$900 damage to the UBC's Students' Union Building.

According to the *Ubysey*, which is the school's student paper, the U of C engineers were "engaged in a water fight (with BCIF) when the Calgarian engineers decided to up the ante and include firehoses."

Two fourth year arts students, Michael Booth and Chung Wong, both writers at the *Ubysey*, witnessed the event. According to Michael Booth the U of C engineers were identified by the distinctive uniforms they were wearing. "They were black with

fluorescent stuff on the sleeves," said Booth.

"We had just come around the corner and saw four guys at the other end of the hall playing with the hose when they jumped back suddenly."

"I guess they didn't expect the alarm to go off, or expect the water to be black, and they acted as if it was accidental," said Wong.

However, according to the U of C Engineers, and the UBC Civil Engineering Students' Society, no positive ID was made of the engineers responsible

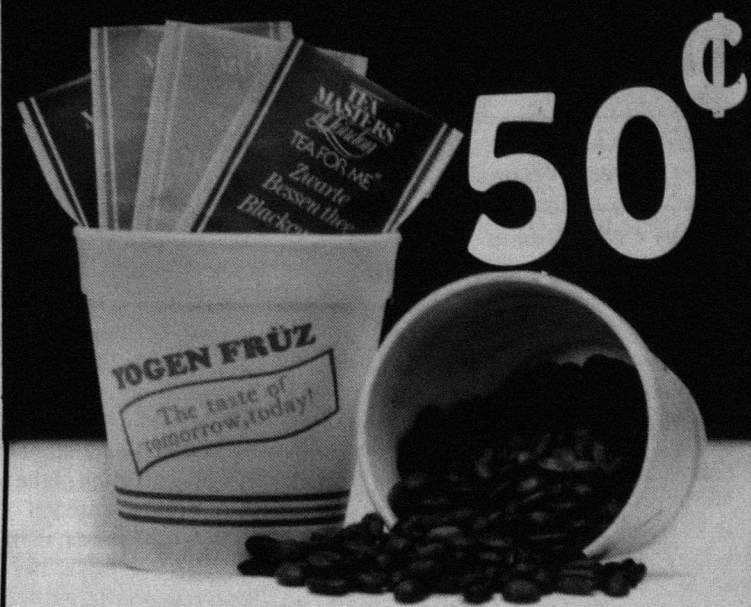
In an official press release issued by U of C's student Civil Engineering Concrete Toboggan Committee, the U of C engineers asserted that the student identified at the scene was merely a witness to the event, and that others were involved.

The concrete toboggan team refused to comment further, except to say that they "strongly object to these unsubstantiated allegations."

However, according to Paul Brum of the UBC Civil Engineering Concrete Toboggan Committee, "(I) had a lowdown talk (with the U of C engineers) about the consequences." He went on to say that the U of C engineers at no time said that they had caused the damage, but they also said that "they would take care of the expenses."

Brum added that it wasn't made clear who had done anything, and that he didn't think that the U of C engineers should be "slashed." Brum felt that it wasn't a big deal relative to the event and that the U of C "put on a really good show."

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