

Artful dodging at first forum

by Dawn Lerohl and Jeff Cowley

This Wednesday students will have a chance to see politicians duck things like paper airplanes and rotten orange peels, but Monday afternoon all they did was duck questions at the first independent student forum.

About 200 students turned out to watch panelists probe SU candidates with questions that ranged from SU ethics to tuition referendums.

"Like all politicians, I think they ducked a couple of questions—but by-in-large, they addressed most of the issues that concern students," said Chief Returning Officer and forum moderator Micheal Hunter.

Forum organizer Mike Simons described the gathering as "something that needed to be done."

"There is no real way to get to know the candidates. Here we had serious panelists asking serious questions—not just political hacks that speak out at the Students' Union forum," he said.

During the forum, candidates debated issues such as the cost of Freshman Introduction Week, teacher evaluation, the SU ethics committee, and the cost of beer.

A crowd pleaser by the Representative slate regarded the cost of election promises. "The cost is \$46 per student. That is what you pay, and that's what you're going to get," said vp finance candidate Ian Squair.

The Direction '89 slate stressed the importance of "making students more familiar with SU, not just the executives," said Dave Tupper, presidential candidate.

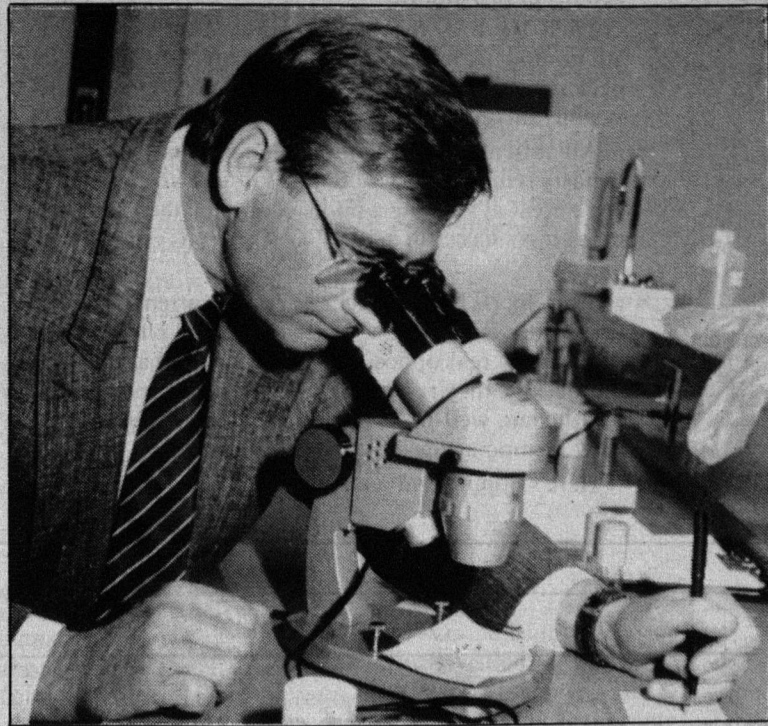
Independent candidate for president, Karen Hudson, suggested ideas for making students aware of the many clubs and facilities on campus. "Rather than only pumping money into associations, we should be pumping support," said Hudson.

After questions from the panel composed of representatives from the Arts Student Association, the Political Science Students Association, and *The Gateway*, the audience was given a chance to quiz the candidates.

While the politicians promoted the merits of equal representation and greater accessibility to the campus, students seemed more interested in day to day problems such as the cost of HUB housing and lobby efforts such as the SCROLL campaign.

Members of the audience also took pot-shots at problems with this year's SU, such as the high cost of Freshman Orientation Week, and the executive's external political affiliations.

The crowd also jeered the absence of two of the Representative slate candidates. Mike Evans spoke on behalf of the missing members, explaining they were down with the flu and were unsure of their attendance at the official SU election forum Wednesday.



Colin Northcott

Jim Edwards MLA, along with other politicians, was a "student for a day" on Friday. Edwards scores flies for mono and di-hybrid crosses in Bio 297.



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Int'l Week, Ole!

by Jennifer Lamb

It's off and running... it's the fourth annual International Week running from March 6 to 11, and it promises to be fun, exciting and educational.

The theme of International Week is *Sharing Our World*. It was created "to promote healthy interaction among foreign and home students," said Barry Tonge, Co-ordinator of Programs for the International Centre.

The aim of International Week is to raise awareness of human rights, the environment, and Canada's role in international affairs through direct participation, high involvement and recognition of international happenings on campus.

To do this, the International Centre has a booth set up in HUB mall to answer questions on for-

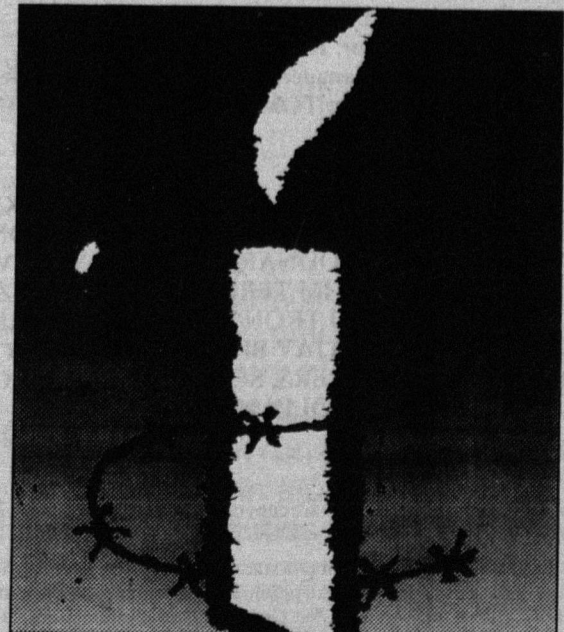
eign exchange, cultural displays and developmental educational activities.

This week is not strictly educational however, it's fun too. One of the planned activities is an 'international quiz' in which 10 teams have entered, including one from CJSR, and a much heralded fundraiser dance on March 10 in Dinwoodie, featuring two international bands.

The profits from the dance will be split between a fund for Alberta students to study abroad in foreign universities and for a development project in El Salvador. One of the featured bands comes from El Salvador.

Tonge said that there is something for everyone, and he hopes that this week will be "taken from a level of awareness to a level of action."

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