

# Pistol packing hit men to invade campus

by Allison Annesley

Do you find the trudge between classes consistently uneventful? Do you sometimes wish you could happen upon a slice of intrigue while strolling through HUB? Do you yearn for the excitement of knowing that it could happen at any moment? For five bucks, it could.

Attention campus 007s, the U of A Assassins club will put your name on their hit list any time before January 16. The first of at least three rounds will commence on January 26, depending on the number of students who register.

The object of Assassins is to preserve your own skin while attempting to hunt down your victim. When you find your target...Pow, right in the guts. Or in the back. The only way a player can defend himself when confronted by his assassin, is to shoot first. The guns are only plastic and the bullets are rubber suction cups, but hey...save the head shots for when you have an authentic excuse.

Each player submits three photographs of himself to the club executive along with his class timetable, mode of transportation to the University, and study location after hours. In return, players receive a manila envelope containing their "target's" code name, personal data, and photograph, along with a plastic gun, and rule sheet.

The club executive hopes to have 700 - 800 people register for

the game. Professors and all other University staff are encouraged to play.

The first round of the game will last for two weeks, after which successful assassins will begin the second round with new targets. Dead people by this time have been eliminated. The second round will last for ten days before the final round is called. The rounds get progressively shorter as players' detective skills improve.



For the final round, the club hopes to have approximately 50 players left, who will be called together and told of the opening time and date for the final round. The first person to kill their new target in this round will be the Ultimate Assassin. Ultimate Assassin wins a briefcase full of foreign currency.

There will also be a disputes

council for discrepancies in assassinations. Students wearing heavy clothing have been known not to feel a shot in the back and claim that they are still alive and well. This is where the paperwork comes in. After shooting their target, assassins are required to have their victim sign a document verifying that the kill has been legal. Since assassinations may only take place on campus, there will more than likely be at least one

witness, whose signature is also required to confirm the kill. Undocumented kills go to the disputes council which will consist of four club members.

Assassins originated at Harvard University in the mid-seventies and has since been banned at several American universities. It is rumored one over-zealous player used real bullets off campus. The game was played, though, without a real homicide at the U of A two

years ago.

The five dollar registration fee includes all equipment required for the game. Any profits will go either to charity or towards a free bash for all the game's participants.

So if your life at the U of A lacks suspense and adventure, spice it up by joining up. Players may visit the Assassins in Room 240 SUB or phone 487-0307 and ask for Harland.

## Fight for funding stepping up

# Grad students tight too

by Jens Andersen

Anticipating tight government funding for 1983-84 the University Graduate Student Association has drawn up and presented to the Board of Governors a budget policy to cope with any coming hard times.

The policy includes a moratorium on new campus buildings until there is sufficient funding to maintain existing buildings, a high priority on replacing out-dated equipment, a halt to all new academic and non-academic program proposals until existing programs receive adequate funding, a freeze, and, if necessary a reduction in administrative positions to finance academic positions, and a tax on

central administration to upgrade library service.

The Board and Board committees will take the policy into consideration in drawing up the 1983-84 budget, which won't be finalized until the provincial government divulges the University's operating grant - probably some time before the 1983-84 fiscal year begins April 1.

Student Union President Robert Greenhill guesses that the operating grant will increase about 8-9% over last year, a scenario he calls "disastrous." If the increase were as small as 5%, as one Advanced Education official hinted last week, Greenhill says he would give full support to the drastic measures outlined by the

Grad Student Association.

The most likely other source of increased revenues for the University is an increase in tuition fees. In December, however, several moves by the student reps at the Board of Governors to stop a tuition fee increase, or even give special consideration to having no fee increase in light of last year's 20% fee increase and the current economic situation, were all quashed by the Board.

The question in many people's mind now is whether the government will give a very low increase in the U of A's operating grant, thus leaving the Board of Governors with little choice between a large tuition fee hike and a starvation budget.

## Students urge involvement

by Ken Lenz

At a meeting, held last Saturday at NAIT, the Student Affairs Advisory Committee announced they will make several recommendations to Advanced Education Minister Dick Johnston.

The committee which meets six times a year is designed to advise the minister on issues from students' finance and scholarships to housing and worker's compensation.

The establishment of a scholarship fund for students who demonstrate outstanding leadership skills was suggested by Canadian University Press VP Robin Deering.

"The award would be designed to encourage students to get involved in campus organizations like the SU and campus newspapers," says Deering.

"Presently the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund provides awards only to students who demonstrate outstanding ability in either sports or academics," she said.

"An award of this sort may help to solve the apathy problem that exists in the post-secondary institutions today," agreed committee chairman A.G. Scott.

It was suggested that 15 awards of 1500 dollars each be given out, for a total expenditure

of 22,500 dollars per year.

The issue of library funding was also discussed at the meeting.

A nine million dollar Heritage Trust Fund library subsidy established three years ago is expiring this year.

VP Academic Wes Sawatzky says, "We are only interested in maintaining the standards presently available."

Other issues such as parking at NAIT, and the problems associated with the operation of the new technical institute, Westerra, took up the balance of the meeting.



Photo Ray Giguere

## Security doubts Sawatzky's info

by Ken Lenz

Robberies and sexual assaults on the University campus may be partially due to government underfunding of libraries says VP Academic Wes Sawatzky.

The allegation was made at a weekend meeting of the Student Affairs Advisory Committee which reports directly to Advanced Education Minister Dick Johnston.

The Provincial Government, which has donated 9 million dollars to the campus library over the last three years, has announced that no more funds will be forthcoming. This has caused

the library to cut back on offered service.

"Recently due to a lack of library space study carrels have been set up in low-security areas such as Chemistry V-wing," Sawatzky states. "There have been documented cases of assaults."

According to Director of Campus Security W.F. Perry there have been no such cases reported.

"Occasionally there is a case reported of a stolen calculator or handbag when they have been left unattended," states Perry.

"Between our records and

the records of the city police there have been no such incidents reported and if they are occurring we would really like to find out about them," he said.

Scott advised Sawatzky to compile statistics. "If these incidents are indeed occurring I can think of no quicker way to obtain funds than in cases involving the safety of students," said Student Affairs Advisory Committee chairman Scott.

Sawatzky is presently obtaining the documented evidence.

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 VP Academic  
 VP Finance & Administration  
 VP External Affairs

**UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC BOARD (UAB)**  
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 President Women's Athletics  
 VP Men's Athletics  
 VP Women's Athletics

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
 1 Student representative

**CLOSING OF NOMINATIONS:**  
 1700 hr., Thursday, January 26, 1983

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