

Loomis stung again

by Wes Oginski

The second annual Loomis Armoured Car Robbery was held on campus yesterday.

At approximately 11:00 a.m., two Loomis guards were robbed at gun point as they were about to make a regular delivery to the Bank of Commerce campus branch in SUB, according to City Police Constable Farquar.

Last December 11, 1980, a similar Loomis robbery took place at the same location. That money has not yet turned up.

The two guards were wheeling their delivery through the West entrance of the Students' Union Building. They were then attacked by four armed men, according to early reports. However, it appears there were only three.

"We're looking for three armed men, not four," says Constable McMorrin, of the Police Community Services.

"There were at least two hand guns and one had a rifle,"

Farquar says.

The brigands wore dark clothing with belavivas covering their faces. They escaped with two bags - an undisclosed amount of money.

"As they (the thieves) were fleeing, there was an exchange of gunfire between the suspects and one guard," says McMorrin. One of the thieves was wounded in the exchange.

Police have alerted all hospitals and clinics in the Edmonton area to be on the lookout for any gun wound injuries.

Witnesses report the suspects are believed to have escaped in a rust-colored station wagon waiting north of SUB. It is uncertain if a fourth suspect is involved in the getaway vehicle.

"It may be a while to sort everything out," says Farquar. "Everything happened so fast."

John Weller of Loomis Armoured Car Service refused comment.

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same bunk.
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Campaign's over / it's time to vote

by Greg Harris

More than 500 people turned out to yesterday's election forum to hear Students' Union executive hopefuls give their assessments of the important issues facing students in the coming year.

Tuition policy, SU finances, tactics for fighting cutbacks and the Federation of Alberta Students were the major topics of debate among the three slates and the independent Board of Governors representative.

"Students need a strong, united, articulate and informed leadership," said presidential candidate Mike Walker.

His slate advocates freezing tuition fees until an accessibility study is completed, upgrading SU services, implementing closer consultation with students on changes to SU services, and providing strong representation to the Students' Finance Board, provincial and federal governments, and the public.

Bill Cottle, presidential candidate, said, "The Students' Union has to be answerable to the students."

He argues that new services could be introduced, that the Walker slate's "long-term no tuition policy" would be scoffed at, and that U of A membership in FAS should be reviewed and possibly terminated, and that such a membership withdrawal would have the support of the University of Calgary Students' Union executive.

Paul Pierchalski, Board of Governor's Representative candidate, stressed the importance of addressing the issues in terms that the Board members would be "comfortable" with.

"The issues are complex and are changing on a daily basis. We have to respond quickly," he said.



The Dividing Line: presidential candidates Mike Walker and Bill Cottle squared off for the final time in yesterday's annual SU election forum in SUB Theatre. We'll tell you if you wasted your vote in Tuesday's Gateway.

Brian Bechtel, Board candidate for the Cottle Slate, emphasized the importance of the issue of under-funding.

"Underfunding, and the resulting problems, are the most important issues at the university today."

"The University and the Board of Governors have not been aggressive enough in demanding more funding," he

said. Amanda LeRougetel, v.p. external candidate for the Walker slate, focused on problems with University funding and inefficiencies in the student aid program.

"The Premier summed up his sentiments about the university when he said it was too large," she said, adding that the government sees tuition fee increases as a

saving. She said that student assistance should be provided in the form of a "grant-loan mix. Funds that should be channelled to students are wasted," she continued.

Teresa Gonzalez, v.p. external candidate for the Cottle slate, said they didn't agree with the idea of a no-tuition policy.

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Games ecstatic as province announces support

by Wes Oginski

Peter Trynchy, minister of Alberta Recreation and Parks, announced Tuesday the provincial government will commit over \$10 million to the 1983 World University Games.

Barry Mitchelson, deputy minister, says the money is the province's one-third share to the Games, including the \$7.2 million in operating costs the City of Edmonton has already agreed in principle to endorse.

"Basically the Corporation is really pleased," says Ed Zemrau, president of Universiade '83 Corporation. "We did not expect an answer so soon."

"All we're short of is the \$1.9 million," he adds.

Zemrau says the Universiade '83 will continue to meet with federal government officials about Games funding. So far the department of Sports and Recreation has refused to increase its share of the Games costs from the earlier budget.

Mr. Lasaux, federal represen-

tative to Universiade '83, says that the government has already raised its commitment from \$3.1 million to \$5.2 million.

"We feel we have made a substantial contribution," says Lasaux. "We will also make other contributions... in excess of \$20 million," he adds.

The federal government has not included the costs of immigration, airport and other such services that are necessary for numerous foreign athletes and dignitaries coming to the Games. This figure is based on the costs of similar services provided to the 1978 Commonwealth Games.

"My minister is of the view that he has gone to the limit he can go," Lasaux says. In 1983-84, the federal government must provide funds for major sporting events including Pan-Am games, pre-Olympic trials, and numerous world championships.

"Frankly, the Sports Committee is concerned with the costs of major sporting events," Lasaux stresses.

Zemrau differs in his opinion.

"We're assuming if they can make \$200 million (through a proposed sports pool) to the Calgary Olympics, it wouldn't be that difficult to find another \$1.9 million," he says, and stresses that the University Games are three times the size of the Winter Olympics.

The sports pool, based on predicting the outcomes of ten games of a sport like basketball, hockey, or football, is being set up

by the federal government. One half of the Games commitment will come from the pool.

If negotiations prove to be fruitless with the federal government, Zemrau says there are three alternatives. These are: approach the city or the province for extra money; approach both to share the burden; raise funds by approaching the private sector.

"We're going full horn ahead," he says now that the provincial government has made

its commitment.

Mitchelson is doubtful if the Universiade '83 will get more funds from the province.

"We see our role as a one-third contributor," he says, adding that it is the Universiade's job to see that the three levels of government commit their share.

Ron Ferguson, City liaison with the Games, says Mayor Cec Purves announced he will approach the federal government to reconsider its commitment.

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