

City robbery epidemic hits campus

by Richard Watts

The Bass Ticket Outlet located on the second floor of the Students' Union Building was robbed yesterday at approximately 4:30 pm.

Around that time, a man about five feet ten inches tall wearing a ski mask pointed a handgun at Matthew Morland and told him to fill an old leather satchel with money.

"I was shaking so much I dropped some of the money and he just told me to pick it up and put it back in the bag," said Matthew.

The exact amount that was stolen has not been made public although estimates range from

\$15,000 to \$20,000.

All day long students had been lining up outside the BASS outlet in order to buy the four-month bus pass package for \$112.00 each which accounts for the substantial amount.

The thief did not make off with all the money taken in by the outlet, however. Forty thousand dollars had already been taken out of the till and set aside and Mathew did not give that to the thief.

Besides Matthew the other person who was close at hand when the robbery occurred was fourth-year Commerce student Wilfred Klein.

"He just suddenly seemed to

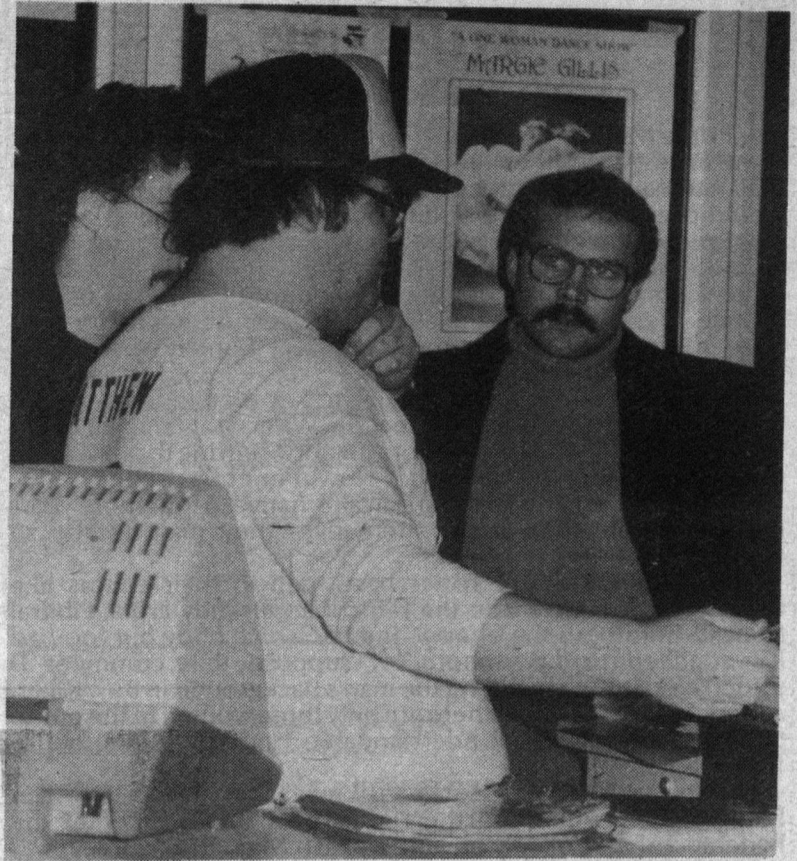
jump out, pointed the gun at both of us and told the fellow behind the counter to fill it up," said Wilfred.

According to Wilfred, the thief simply strolled away after waiting calmly for the bag to be filled and headed down the stairs, still wearing his mask.

According to one policeman at the scene the thief got in a car and headed westward along Groat Road.

That officer also said he was optimistic about catching the thief.

"We've got lots of good witnesses and all kinds of good stuff," said the officer.



Matthew Morland explains how he was robbed yesterday while working at the Bass ticket outlet in SUB.

U of A supports petro program

by Richard Watts

The University is reaching out in an attempt to make Alberta's expertise in the petroleum industry available to developing countries.

The newly formed Summer Institute for Petroleum Industry Development will offer 12 week specialized training programs to candidates from developing nations this August. The programs will be individualized courses in which participants can learn about the oil and gas industry here in Alberta before returning to their home nation.

The Institute is sponsored jointly by the Faculty of Engineer-

ing and the Office of Student Affairs. Other institutions taking part will be NAIT, The Alberta Ministry of International Trade and Development and some Alberta corporations such as NOVA.

"I'm very excited about the program and we are hoping to be able to give people in developing nations the benefit of our long term experience in the petroleum industry," says P. F. Adams, Dean of Engineering.

Dean Adams will be travelling to Ottawa next week to present the program to federal officials in an effort to get support at that level for the program.

Ruth Groberman of the Office of Student Affairs says it is hoped approximately forty participants will be involved in the program.

"We're expecting applications from just about any country that is beginning to develop their own oil and gas resources," says Groberman.

Applicants are expected from South East Asia, the Middle East, Africa and the Far East.

Says Dean Adams, "One big problem that developing nations face when they try to develop their oil resources is the lack of trained personnel in their own countries so I think the new program will be very well received."

Also helping to get the new program underway was the Alberta Ministry of International Trade and Development.

Don Roman, Special Projects Director of the Ministry, says, "We're looking at this program with keen interest particularly in the hope that it will improve trade relations between Alberta and other countries with fledgling oil and gas industries."

The program was initiated after the end of last summer when a group of individuals from Indonesia spent twelve weeks at the University of Alberta taking a specialized short term course in Petroleum Production. After the course was finished these individuals were enthusiastic about the benefits of such a program and suggested it should be an ongoing thing.

The new program will consist of an English language orientation of about four weeks as the language of instruction will be English. Students will then be able to stream into an area of specialization, such as production, drilling, training, and even offshore drilling which will be offered in conjunction with institutions located in the Maritimes.

6 and 5 may mean us

by Allison Annesley

Education Minister Dave King's suggestion that school boards prepare their budgets with a 5 or 6 per cent increase for next year, may be indicative of future funding for higher education as well.

An article appearing in last Friday's *Fort MacMurray Today*, suggests that the University's grant increase from the Provincial government for 1983-84 may be substantially lower than in previous years.

Nancy Betkowsky, Executive Assistant to Advanced Education Minister Dick Johnston was questioned about the grant increase for advanced education by *Today* reporter Brian Laghil. In a December 31st article, Laghil quoted Betkowsky as saying, "I think you can take a hint from Mr. (Education Minister Dave) King's statement."

The University draws up their operating budget based on the Provincial increase figure.

Federation of Alberta Students President Don Millar fears a "potentially devastating cut" if the Province does stay within the Federal government's 6 and 5 guidelines.

Says Millar, "The grant increase was 14% this year and ten

academic positions were cut."

The *Today* story also stated that Betkowsky has not ruled out the possibility of students having to bear more university costs themselves, with a raise in tuition next fall.

Betkowsky now says that she was misquoted in the original article which was picked up by Canadian Press and recounted in a weekend radio broadcast on CHQT.

But when Laghil said King had indicated a 5% increase, Betkowsky claims her reply was that she couldn't comment and that Laghil could draw his own conclusions.

The Executive Assistant explained that reporter Laghil had asked when a statement of guidelines (the University's grant increase figure) would come out. Betkowsky says she told the reporter she didn't know.

The Provincial guidelines for increased expenditures, *Today* reported, would become public at the end of January.

Betkowsky says she doesn't know when the increase will be announced and cannot guarantee that the announcement will necessarily come out before the Provincial Budget is called.

New boss, same sound



CJSR's new Station Manager, Colin Keylor.

by Allison Annesley

CJSR Student Radio named Colin Keylor as its new station manager effective January first.

Keylor promises to take up outgoing manager Steve Cumming's pursuit of an FM license for the campus radio station.

Keylor has worked with the station for two and a half years now, and won the position over one other applicant in a selection committee interview by five CJSR workers and four members of Students' Council, ratified by Council as a whole on December 7th.

Keylor hopes to fill the position for at least 18 months, though he has no fixed term. Station Manager Steve Cumming "will be around in lessening amounts until we go on the air," says Keylor, because he is the FM applicant. "We will become a separate association from the Students' Union once we get the license."

Keylor describes his job as "handling (CJSR's) budget, dealing with the SU and various other people... the politics and generally overseeing production, news, and sports. It's a coordinating position. If something has to be done, and there's no one to do it, the Station Manager does it."

"I think Steve did a pretty good job," Keylor says. "The style may change but the substance will be the same. I may be more

organized than Steve."

Keylor has hosted folk, rock and jazz programs, musical interviews, and sportscasts. He will continue to dee-jay a Friday morning folk program.

CJSR hopes to get a Canadian Radio, Television and Telecommunication hearing in March for an FM license. The station is aiming for an October first license date. "It's a good time for us," Keylor says, "because our new people have finished training and are getting settled."

Of the \$27,000 needed by the station to go FM, \$22,000 has been accounted for through fundraising by the Friends of CJSR and donations from the Alma Mater Fund, the U of A Special Projects Committee, and private citizens.

Of the \$5,000 the station still needs, Keylor says, "We can make a few cuts in some areas if we want."

Keylor started at CJSR hosting a rock slot; which he says is the most popular choice for new deejays at the station. "They don't know anything about music so they play a rock slot. They play the Stones and stuff. The main thing they learn is that there's more to music than what you've heard on K-97 and CHED all your life. I was a rock fan and it was amazing for me to discover a variety of new bands and different types of music.

Olivia Butti's Diary

In case you haven't seen the *Edmonton Journal* or the *Alberta Report*, Olivia Butti's Diary will no longer run in this space.

Basically she threatened to sue us.

We had heard that she liked the column and alderman Paul Norris once remarked in an interview that he thought the column was "kind of cute" and said he thought it was funny.

But, alas, Olivia did not think it was funny. In fact she hated it.

She wanted to sue us back in May when it first began, but she gave up the idea figuring it would stop after the school term was over.

But we didn't stop.

The column in which we implied that her husband was coming home with lipstick on his collar was the one that did it. There was no longer just an irate alderwife but also an irate alderwife's husband.

A lot of us wanted to continue to run the column out of spite but the fellow who did write it complained he was getting sick of doing it.

He figured he was just about written out in the column and wanted to discontinue it after the New

Year anyway. There was a pause here because running it out of spite was very tempting. In the end he decided to do the mature thing.

In city politics somebody has to have a certain amount of maturity even if that somebody has to be us.

The author would personally phone up city hall regularly and demand to know, in an irate voice how Olivia voted on a particular motion. He even obtained personal resumes of all the city aldermen, including the Mayor.

It worked. He knew what was going on in City Hall which made it a good column. Even Olivia's lawyer said the writer should be congratulated on his insight into municipal politics.

The writer's name is Kent Blintston and he almost got us sued by Wayne Gretzky a couple of years ago. He wrote about how Wayne cleared up his skin problem.

Kent's still with us. He'll be doing a sports column so that's where you'll find him from now on.

As for Olivia herself, you'll have to get your laughs from her when she appears on the T.V. or is directly quoted in the *Edmonton Journal*.