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Bombs away - But where did they go? Campus Cop bars entry to Cameron Library.

Cameron Library was evacuated Wednesday afternoon in the U of A's second bomb scare in a week. As in last week's scare there was no bomb. A package addressed to U of A Library head Bruce Peel was dropped into a book return bin about 12:30. Its shape was particularly un-booklike, arousing suspicion among library staff. Peel was not on campus. The library called Campus Security, who called City Police, who sent their bomb squad, who came with a red toolbox and left

again. The evacuation began about 1:00 p.m. Students were not allowed to enter the library, although not all who were inside were ushered out. Security guards politely turned away students at the CAB and Southeast entrances. The library was reopened about 2:30. Although Campus Security, City Police and library officials all said there was no bomb, they could not agree later what was actually in the package. In fact, they could not agree even about

whether police had taken it away or left it at the library. Campus Security's Ralph Oliver said, "It wasn't even taken away." But associate University Librarian Jeff Turner said, "There was nothing left behind ... they took it." City Police would only say the package was not a bomb and that they did not publicize such incidents for fear of triggering others. "If it was a harmless parcel," Turner said, "I hope we get it back."

No BASS on campus

by Mike Walker

The Students' Union Box Office doesn't want newfangled computer terminals. The SU has decided not to join the BASS (Best Available Seating Service) ticket network. BASS would not allow the Box Office to keep enough commission to survive, according to SU General Manager Bert Best. "If we went BASS, we could close the Box Office in two months," Best said Friday. The BASS system uses a central computer to keep track of all available tickets for an event. Each BASS outlet has a computer terminal through which it can have tickets printed. So, each outlet has access to all the tickets for an event, and ticket buyers always get the best available tickets.

However, BASS is completely exclusive. If a promoter wants to offer any tickets for an event through BASS, he is forced to offer all through BASS. And all ticket offices using BASS must sell

only BASS tickets. The real problem, according to Best and Box Office manager Colleen Hackett, is that BASS insists on taking most of the profit on ticket sales. The HUB Box Office now makes about 40 cents on each ticket, but still loses money (about \$7,000 last year). "We operate the ticket office as a service," Best said. However, BASS would not only raise ticket prices to students by 50 cents, it would leave the Box Office with only about 15 cents per ticket. "The principle of computerized tickets is not bad," Best said, "but when one guy gets all the gravy, that's unacceptable." Greg Tomlinson, Edmonton BASS manager, doesn't seem bothered that BASS didn't get the SU Box Office. "I'm not about to reformat our commission structure for the HUB Ticket Office," he said Monday. "Their ticket commission is reduced. My counter to that

is that by having unlimited access to ticket inventory, they can increase their sales to make up for it." BASS had hoped to open an outlet in the Jubilee Auditorium instead of HUB, but the Alberta government decided, at the request of the SU, not to allow this. However, BASS will not be easily pushed out of the university market. "I've just reached agreement with Edmonton Symphony Orchestra," Tomlinson said Monday. BASS will soon set up a ticket office in the ESO's offices on 87th Avenue. Students' Council bit a \$4,000 bullet Tuesday night and closed the Music Listening Room in the Students' Union Building (SUB). The closure is part of the program planned to "set the Students' Union back on its feet again" after last year's financial disaster, according to vice-president finance Pat Haws. "We're shutting it down temporarily," Haws said. She said about 55 people use the room per day, not enough to justify the cost of running the service. In addition, the record collection is not up to date and equipment is in poor shape, Haws said. SU president Nolan Astley stressed that service cuts are not the solution to the SU's problems. "I don't think the answer is to reduce services," he said. One answer the SU is considering is to "gear down" money-losing operations during the summer months. "Any operation that is unprofitable" could be shut down or slowed down over the

No show MLAs

Come rain, shine or federal budget, your friendly provincial government is always ready to serve you. That's why, after accepting invitations to dine and chat with university students, the Conservative MLAs cancel out at the last minute. Premier Lougheed has called a Conservative caucus meeting for the evening of Oct. 29, the same time University Night is scheduled. The caucus will discuss the federal budget, which will be presented on October 28. Conservative caucus secretary Bill Purdy said the premier was aware of about 30

MLAs' prior commitments to attend University Night, but called the caucus meeting anyway. Purdy said he was sorry but the caucus meeting is urgent. "We are victims of something bigger than the both of us," SU president Nolan Astley said Wednesday, "namely the federal budget." Astley said University Night has been rescheduled to November 5. But about 125 people must be contacted to arrange the switch, he said. Sure, this extra planning is a nuisance but Astley said he is resigned to these "facts of life." The re-arrangements will be definite by Friday, he said.

Housing shortage blamed Student killed by fumes

OTTAWA (CUP) The death of a British Columbia student October 17 has prompted a BC MP to question the federal government on funding for sufficient student housing in that province. Edward Murray Blackmore, who attended Camosun College in Victoria, asphyxiated in his van when he left a propane stove burning for warmth. Svend Robinson, NDP-Burnaby, asked Paul Cosgrove, the minister responsible for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, what the government is doing about the critical housing shortage. "When is the minister going to accept some responsibility on behalf of the government for the very serious shortage of student housing for university, college and vocational school students?" he said. "How many other students, poor people and senior citizens are living in vans or worse due to the government's policies?" George Pederson, president of Simon Fraser University, also

wrote to Cosgrove in August calling the government's position regarding help for student housing "shocking" and "short-sighted." Pederson pointed out the economic and social implications of investments in university education and added, "students simply cannot attend university if they have no accommodation available at a price they can afford." This year an estimated 10,000 BC students had difficulty finding accommodations and were forced to temporarily live in tents, army barracks and trailers. Robinson said many people believe the problem has eased because many of the emergency measures have been abandoned. However, he said, many students have left school because of housing problems or are doubling up in crowded apartments. Students in Waterloo, Calgary, Edmonton and Ottawa also had trouble finding off and on campus accommodations this year.

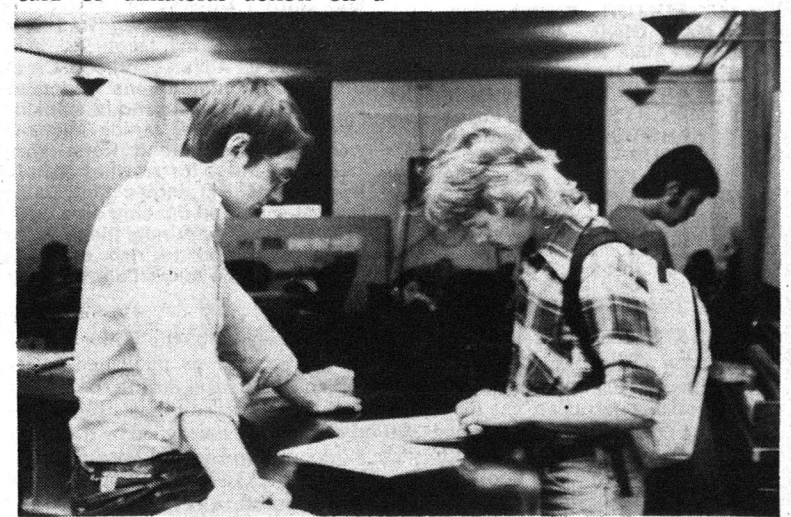
Games date set

A concrete date for the 1983 World Student Games has finally been set. But nothing else is happening with respect to the games. "Everything is being held," said Ed Zemrau, president of the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union, Wednesday. Zemrau was in Monte Carlo last weekend for a meeting of the International Sports Federations to finalize dates for the various events in the summer of 1983. "1983 is a very busy year....everyone is priming up for the 1984 Olympics," he said. However, Zemrau was worried about the lack of organization at the Edmonton end of the bid. "We're way behind....at Monte Carlo they (all other countries hosting world athletic events in 1983) all had their organizing committees there," he said.

The Edmonton committee, to be jointly appointed by the university and the city, has not yet been formed. An announcement is expected soon though, according to city commissioner, Alf Savage. Originally, the Edmonton organizers preferred a date in late August. But because of conflicts with other events, this was moved to June 27 to July 6. This was changed again over the weekend however. The Games will now be held from July 1 to 12. "We have some concern about an overlap with the Stampede and so on," said Zemrau. Four days of the Games will overlap, but Zemrau is not worried about the consequences. The opening and closing ceremonies can be held on separate days, or they can be incorporated into the athletics, thus making the timing of the Games flexible.

Music listening first victim Pennypinching SU closes area

summer, according to Haws. However, the SU employees' union, CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) local 1368, will likely object to a unilateral action the SU takes affecting CUPE members. "We'd have trouble," Haws said of unilateral action on a summer slowdown. "It would have to be some type of mutual agreement that we could arrive at (with CUPE)," she said. SU general manager Bert Best will meet with the CUPE local's president soon to discuss the proposal, Haws said.



Got anything by Hung-lo and the Chinese Xylophone trio?