

# Militant group's bomb threat proves to be hoax

by Andy Phillpotts

The University of Alberta received a bomb threat from the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), a militant animal rights group, on Tuesday.

The Public Affairs Office received a phone call in the morning claiming that the ALF had planted a bomb set to explode at 2:30 p.m. in the Humanities Centre. The Edmonton Police Service was involved and the

building was evacuated between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., but no bomb was discovered.

The ALF, in an anonymous press release, recently claimed responsibility for vandalizing 12 businesses in Edmonton and threatened to expand its campaign to other targets in the city.

The ALF, according to Darren Thurston, president of Citizens Organized for Animal Liberation,

as quoted by the Edmonton Journal, is made of "small anonymous groups of vegetarians or vegans (people who do not eat dairy or other animal products) who carry out actions according to ALF guidelines" which are to "liberate" animals from agricultural and laboratory facilities, to "inflict economic damage" on those who "exploit" animals and to reveal "atrocities committed against animals" by per-

forming "non-violent, direct actions and liberations."

There is an ALF Edmonton support group which raises funds for the organization while not committing any illegalities, the acts of sabotage being committed by underground operatives.

ALF groups have committed many acts of violence throughout North America and Europe, one group bombing the University of Bristol's

administration building and another taking 1,230 animals and doing \$200,000 worth of damage at the University of Arizona in Tucson earlier this year.

People Against Cruel Trapping, an animal rights organization in Edmonton, has offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the ALF's acts of vandalism in Edmonton.

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Kyte to Lemieux: "Same as you—less than Wayne."

## Timms cancelled

by Dawn Lerohl

A major announcement is expected today, to reveal that a multi-million dollar university collections and archives facility will not be built as planned.

The collection centre, to be named the Timms Centre after one of the major donors, has been cancelled due to lack of funds.

After a look at the proposed construction bids, the University, which held the official sod-turning event for the centre in June, has been forced to change its plans for a museum to house the university collections and archives.

When the University opened for bids on the construction of the centre, the lowest bid submitted was significantly higher than the estimated budget.

According to Meg Clarke, director of Public Affairs, "when the tenders were let out, the lowest bid came in at more than 25 per cent above budget."

The cost of the centre was to be entirely covered by donations. Mr. Alfred Timms, an oil-rich farmer from Erskine, Alberta was one of the main donors. Others included the Alberta Department of Ad-

vanced Education and Canada's five charter banks.

"All of that collectively made up the approximately 10 to 12 million (dollars) we had to build the building," said Clarke.

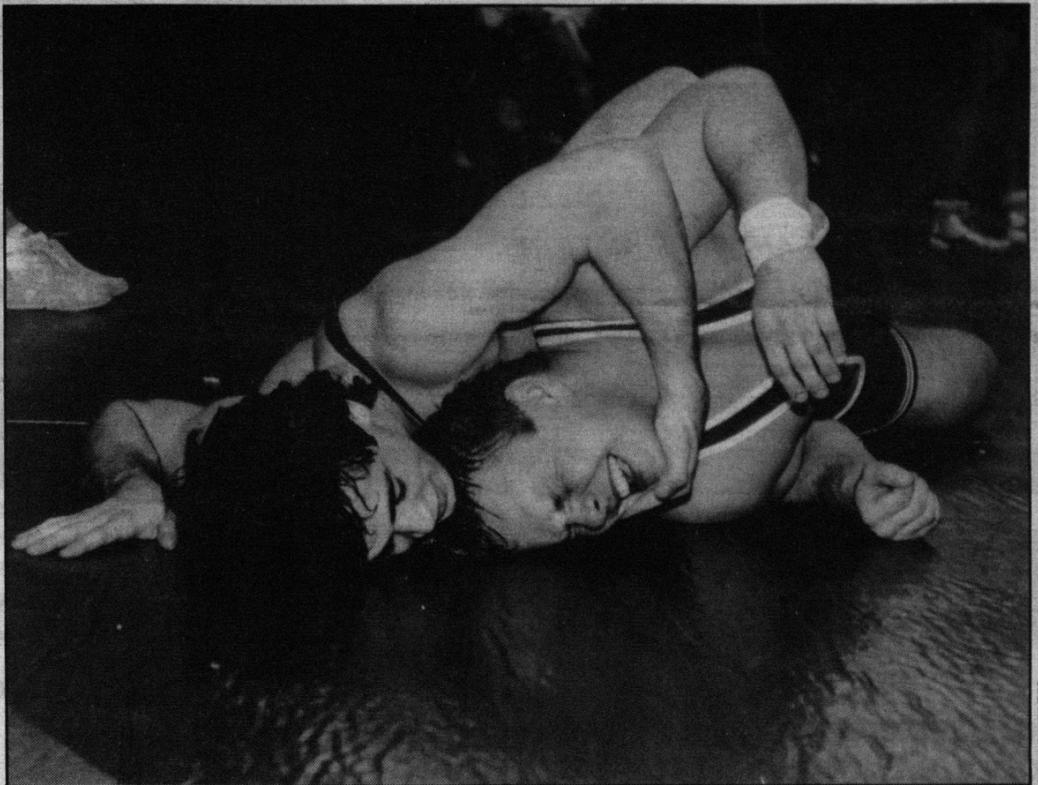
Although the proposed collection centre will not be constructed, there will be a new building on campus eventually. At this time there is no word on what type of building it will be.

"We have to build a building because the Timms request and others came to us with a stipulation. Secondly, the building that we build has to be called Timms. Beyond that we don't know," said Clarke. She adds that, "We have to discuss with donors why it has been decided not to proceed with collections centre building."

Clarke did say that, "The building probably won't be a collections centre."

The faculty of Home Economics, whose collection of period costumes was to be displayed in the centre, greeted the news with regret.

"We were to have been a part of the building. We greet the announcement with disappointment," said Dr. Eloise Murray, dean of Home Economics.



Kevin Law

### WWF is for wimps. . .

Real wrestlers, like Jason Geres and Dan Lien, are on the U of A wrestling team. The squad goes to Calgary this weekend to compete in the U of C's invitational.

## Business backs down from mandatory donation

by Dawn Lerohl

The Business students referendum controversy took a sudden turn Tuesday, when an "opting-out" clause was introduced to angry students attending a forum.

Though the campaign was initially launched with the intent of making the "donation" to the faculty mandatory, student pressure forced the change. "We were hoping to have it (the donation) mandatory, but it can't be mandatory because it is a donation," said Darren Buma, a member of the referendum campaign.

In the early days of the campaign the clause was added stipulating that the donation would not be mandatory. "It was decided last week, but I couldn't give you an exact date," said Buma.

Throughout the campaign the informational literature being circulated never indicated that students would have the opportunity to opt out of the fee if the vote was passed.

"The intent (of the giving program) is for universal participation," said Pat Warmington, acting director of Development. "Since everyone would benefit, it seems proper that everyone should contribute."

However, "recognizing that someone may have difficulty (paying the fee), it is the University's intention that a mechanism for opting out be available," added Warmington.

In fact, Warmington insisted that the program was never conceived as a mandatory one. Yet, an inter-departmental memo with Warmington's signature obtained by The

Gateway read, "an opting out clause would not be provided."

She claimed that since the conception of the referendum idea the program had never been intended to solicit mandatory fees from students. "There was never any comment that your registration would be invalidated (if you didn't pay the money)."

Warmington added, "with anything being developed it takes shape as it goes along."

Many students were unaware that the donation being voted on would not be mandatory for all students in the faculty.

"I understood it was a mandatory contribution until today (Tuesday)," said Jim Romeril, a 'No' campaign spokesperson. He added that, "If I contribute and other students do

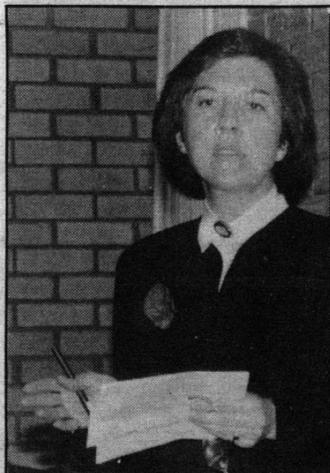
not, that's not fair."

Much of the confusion over the nature of the contribution was a result of the late decision to introduce an opting out clause.

According to Buma, "a couple of classes may have been approached with the fact that the donation was mandatory."

Yet Don Herman, Business Students' Association president, said, "There has always been an opting out mechanism. It will be decided on by university administration."

Even if the referendum passes, the format of the mechanism allowing students to choose whether or not to donate the \$75 next year will not be decided until the results of the referendum come in and are presented to the Board of Governors.



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Development's Pat Warmington.