

Bank-Bookstore gets crank bomb scare Monday

By JEAN MURCH

A crank call to the campus branch of the Bank of Montreal, Monday, resulted in the temporary evacuation of up to one hundred people and a brief search for a bomb.

Rebecca E. Watson, bank manager said the caller was a male who said there was "a bomb in the bank and that it would be going off in fifteen minutes." The caller then hung up. Watson said the call was received during the lunch hour by

her secretary. The customers in the bank were quietly asked to leave. There were about 25 customers at the time. She said the Bookstore was alerted, and then the bank staff vacated the premises. Mrs. M. Logue, Bookstore

manager, estimated that "close to a hundred" people were evacuated from the bank-bookstore complex. She said they were outside for 15 or 20 minutes. City police and UNB Security "searched the common areas" of the bank, said Security Chief C. F.

Williamson. He said there was no evidence of anything in the bank. He said there were no more bomb scares this year than there have been in other years. There have been two on campus in the last few weeks.



Photo by Kevin McLaughlan

Special admissions program at Queens

KINGSTON (CUP) -- A special project being run by Queens University in their faculty of Arts and Science has shown some signs of being successful and well received by both faculty and participants.

The only project of its kind in Canada, the special admissions program admitted 50 normally ineligible students to Queens in September.

The project is an effort by Queen's to provide admission to university to any one with an ability to profit from it regardless of their background history.

The minimum requirement for admission to the program was only grade 10 but most of the 231 original applicants had completed grade 12 or part of grade 13.

Problems occurred however, in one area of the program where applicants did not have specific prerequisites for subjects especially in maths and sciences and this led most of the students to enroll in the liberal arts programs. However the science department provided a program of make up courses for subjects the students still needed.

No special curriculum was set up for any of the students admitted under the program other than the

make up courses and they were attending the same classes as other students.

To measure the success of the program some experimental measures were undertaken at the time of the projects initiation. A control group of fifty regularly admitted students taking approximately the same courses have written identical tests and their scores and the results of their tests are being compared.

There has been significant faculty interest in the program's admission procedure and many staff members at Queens feel it could lead to better pre-university indicators of success than is presently being employed. Before admission each student in the program was asked to prepare some project in which they had some degree of interest and they were judged from the degree of initiative and effort that had gone into it.

So far, out of the original fifty admitted only five have dropped out. According to project organizers there had been some adjustment problems during the first term for those who had been away from the academic environment for some time. However, this problem may disappear during second term.

Presidential post

SRC attempts to limit term to two years

By TOM BENJAMIN

Fud Steeves, SRC Comptroller, criticised a motion presented at the Monday night SRC meeting that would limit the executive of the SRC to two one year terms in office.

The motion was tabled after a discussion.

Steeves said the supporters of the motion felt that allowing the executive to have more than two terms of office would give them an unfair advantage when competing in an election. The supporters felt the past executive would be better known and be able to run a more successful election campaign, said Steeves.

"They don't want a guy to make a career of the office," added Steeves.

Steeves said the constitution of the SRC has enough checks and balances to prevent a long-time member of the executive from gaining too much power.

He said that by implications of the constitution a person should be allowed more than two terms of office.

Steeves added that there is a competition for executive offices every year, and elections cannot be won by acclamation.

He criticised what he termed "the arbitrary figure of two years" for the limit of a person's term.

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Alcan profits up \$28 million

OTTAWA (CUP) -- Alcan Aluminum Ltd. profits are up by \$28 million in the last quarter despite the fact that their domestic subsidiary, Aluminum Company of Canada, Ltd., suffered a drop in profits of \$22.1 million from 1972, when they were \$27.2 million.

Alcan attributes the decrease in profits to heavy startup costs following labor disputes last summer in Quebec.

So where does this enormous profit of the parent company come from? Among other areas, Alcan has invested heavily in South Africa, mostly in mining.

Canada and South Africa grant reciprocal preferential tariff rates in spite of Canada's continued stand against South Africa's apartheid policies. Those who

benefit from this trade agreement are large Canadian corporations in South Africa like Alcan. Statistics Canada showed that in 1972 \$42,933,268 worth of Canadian goods entered South Africa under the agreement. Most of these goods were materials of use to mining companies, such as industrial equipment, mining and quarrying equipment, chemicals and so on.

It is cheaper for Alcan to operate in South Africa than in Canada as it does not have to pay black African workers minimum wages. A study by Hugh Nangle of the Montreal Gazette on foreign companies in South Africa showed the only company paying wages above the minimum needed to survive was Ford Motor Co.

Students protest faculty firing at St. F. X.

ANTIGONISH (CUP) -- The administration of St. Francis Xavier University has not renewed the contract of an anthropology professor in spite of student protest.

Paul McDowell was given no reason why his contract is not being renewed, contrary to Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) recommendations.

McDowell intends to appeal the decision with the grievance and appeals committee.

Students, however, have decided not to fight for McDowell's rehiring but have formed a committee to get more say in the hiring and firing of professors. They want more representation on the Senate where they now hold five seats and on the Board of Governors where they hold two.

Sociology-Anthropology is the only department in the university where students hold positions within the department. These six students were not consulted on the decision.

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