

FINAL EXAMS CANCELLED

Final exams have been cancelled.

A series of gas leaks and bomb threats have forced the shutdown of all major buildings on campus, and necessitated the evacuation of the surrounding area.

A grim University President Dr. Harry Gunning announced on Monday evening that these radical steps were necessary after Edmonton firemen had found and defused three bombs in the Old Arts Building east of the Cameron Library.

The trouble began with a series of bomb threats on Monday morning. On Monday after-

noon students in Tory, Humanities and CAB complained of drowsiness and a persistent noxious smell. Further investigation revealed gas leakages in all three buildings, which were evacuated immediately.

Panic set in as students rushed from the buildings, and off the campus. Reportedly a number of students were hospitalized after being trampled on as they attempted to escape from CAB.

John Nicol, secretary to the Board of Governors, received the first bomb threat at approximately 9:15 a.m. A male voice, who refused to identify himself, described final exams as

"patently absurd" and "prima facie ridiculous", according to Nicol.

"He threatened to blow up the Tory and Humanities buildings if we did not cancel all exams" said Nicol.

"Naturally I notified city police, University President Gunning and Student Union President Dean Olmstead as quickly as possible" he added.

By the time Nicol contacted Olmstead the SU President had already received a call announcing that bombs had been planted in the Biological Sciences Building and in Old Arts.

City Police were reluctant to

comment but Captain Archibald Macduff confirmed that foul play was suspected.

"It appears that some of the boys and girls were not prepared for their exams" said Macduff.

He refused to comment on the University's decision to cancel finals, only adding that "it would be lunacy to admit the public on campus for at least another week or so."

It appears that all exams completed so far will stand, but grades for everyone else will be determined without benefit of finals.

A number of students plan to protest this decision and Federation of Alberta Students Executive Officer Brian Mason announced that his organization will support their efforts.

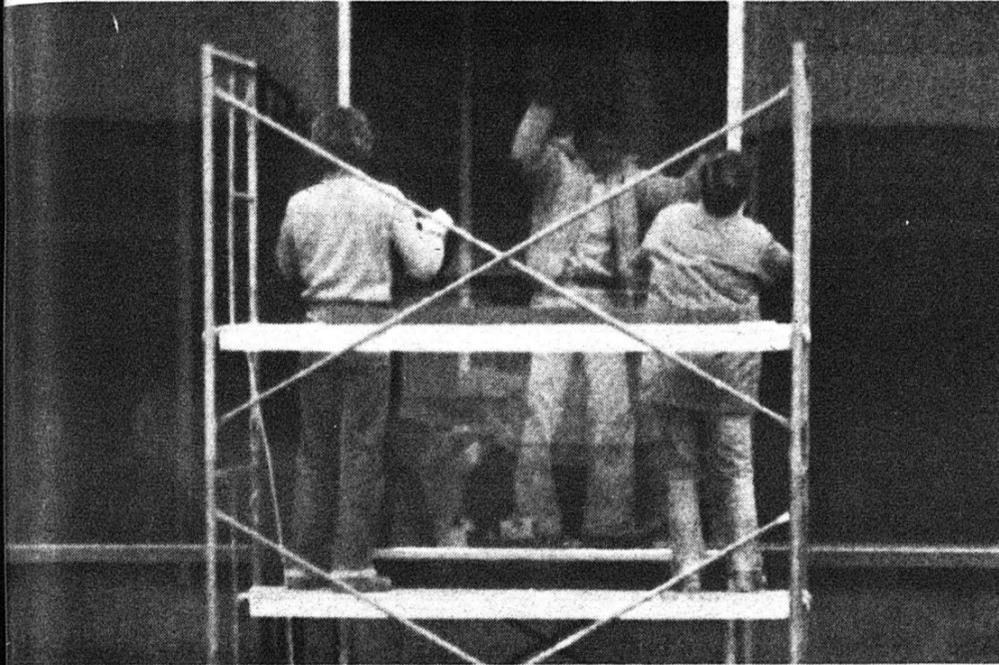
"This arbitrary decision by the university administration is

merely the last in a long line of examples of university officials trampling on students' rights"

"Naturally students should have the right to decide if they want to write finals or not" he added.

"Of course we believe that the administering of compulsory exams in any form is repressive and elitist. Only a system of self assigned grades will ensure that all students will be treated fairly and equally."

Police officials were unwilling to comment at this time on whether the bomb threats and gas leaks were the work of one individual or some kind of organized group. They also declined to speculate whether there was any connection between these events and the bomb threats and fires at Pembina Hall earlier this year.



City bomb squad removes explosives from SUB

the Getaway

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Board rejects UAB increase

The Board of Governors today announced that it has rejected the University Athletic Board's proposal to increase athletic fees by \$8.

The \$8 increase had been endorsed by a portion of the undergraduate student population in late March. At that time, with referendum polls situated only in the Physical Education Complex main office, under the supervision of department head Ed Zemrau and his assistant Chuck Moser, 1000 votes were registered in favour, with none against, the increase.

The Board of Governors' chairman, John Schlosser, stated that they had rejected the UAB's proposal because they felt the referendum results were not an accurate representation of the student body's stand on the matter.

"I'm not sure why, but we had this collective gut feeling that something dishonest was taking place during the referendum," said Schlosser.

The chairman claimed that the Board had no qualms about the way the pro-increase campaign was handled, stating that the outright threat by Zemrau to abandon the intramural program if the increase was not

granted was "just plain politicking and was not to be disallowed."

As well, Schlosser did not think the fact that there was only one polling station on campus, and situated in a partisan area had anything to do with the B of G's rejection.

"I don't know why we feel the way we do," said Schlosser. "It's a mystifying decision, but we all realize that the powers that be work in mysterious ways. I'm sure that there is a justification

for our decision right under our noses."

Zemrau was equally mystified. "I just don't understand it," he said. "I thought we conducted the campaign and voting in a thorough and honest way. Intercollegiate athletics are what makes this campus tick, and we intend to insure the present quality of the program is tripled next year, even if we have to fire all intramural administrators and sub-let their offices."

Savard is Dead

John Savard, long-time letter writer to the *Getaway*, was found dead in the *Getaway* offices Monday morning. Death appears to have resulted from acid burns to the esophagus. Empty bottles of developer for the *Getaway's* AM-745 phototypesetter were found nearby, and the *Getaway's* typesetter, Margriet Tilroe-West, has been taken into police custody.

Mrs. Tilroe-West, as she was being taken away, was heard by *Getaway* staffers to say: "Yes, I did it . . . and I'm proud of it! For six long years, I've been forced to set this man's inane and preposterous drivel into print! I couldn't take it anymore. I couldn't take his barging into Media Productions at all hours . . . his leering, laughing stare, because he knew, no matter what I thought of his stupid letters, I still had to slave over them. . ."

Mr. Savard is survived by his mother, Helen, and his computer (unnamed). The funeral will be held in several weeks, after it has been possible to clean out his office at the Nuclear Research Centre as a graduate student.

The *Getaway* plans to memorialize Mr. Savard by publishing a set of his complete works in 21 morocco-bound volumes.



The Killer

Controversy reigns as God is fired

God has been fired and will be leaving the University Parish in SUB at the end of this term.

The Ecumenical Chaplaincy Board (ECB), who fired their Anglican, Presbyterian, and United Church ministers in March, said, "We were wrong when we said the ministers were incompatible with each other. Actually God is the trouble maker in our office. The Holy Trinity just isn't acting as a team."

The letter informing God of his termination said, in part;

"The Board is concerned that students are not actively responding to your programs. In fact we haven't seen any for nearly two years."

"The weaknesses we observe in your present lordship are mainly ones of style."

However, an official of the ECB said that God had personal failings that made him ineffective in motivating student support. "God, who is supposed to be everywhere, is never around when you need him. His work is entirely done by a group of assistants working from a set of notes that are almost incomprehensible."

"Frankly, I don't think his advice is good enough or keeping up with the times. He gave that lilies of the field speech to one poor kid. It was 40° below out! Luckily he was arrested before he froze to death. And when a girl comes in and says she has VD, it doesn't do any good to tell her to 'turn the other cheek.'"

When asked to confirm rumors that "God loves everyone," the official said, "No one has ever accused our God of acting like some other gods, especially in Greece and India, however there is at least one

documented indiscretion. An illegitimate child by a married woman. How can you expect students to worship someone like that?"

Fletcher Stewart, the Anglican minister fired by the ECB, spoke for God, who wished to deny charges that he was "authoritarian" and insisted that his word be taken as "gospel truth." God insisted that the University Parish structure was like a mountain that was impossible to move. "Hiring new people won't be the answer."

Still the ECB is preparing to hire a new God by September. They are looking for applicants with experience but they say personal integrity and leadership abilities are the most important qualities. "We want someone with strong convictions. He doesn't have to die for his beliefs certainly, but it would help."

God could not say what he would be doing in the future. He expects to be busy with off-campus interests but would like to return to the U of A in one form or another. "Perhaps a few visitations would show I can still command support."

It is expected that the Virgin Mary, God fieldworker, will be making appearances on campus this fall.