

# the Getaway

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## SUB bank held up for \$300,000

The SUB bank robbery has been solved. And it appears to have been an inside job.

During a routine search of the Students' Union Building, Campus Security officers discovered a large brown envelope stuffed to overflowing with \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills. The money appeared to have been stashed by the robbers in the hope that they could return and recover it later.

But it was not to be so. The robbery occurred early Wednesday when two gun-toting hoods clad in ski masks accosted a Loomis truck driver who was leaving the Bank of Commerce with the money. About \$300,000 was stolen.

The police were called immediately, but the caller was told to contact Campus Security first.

Campus Security, thinking this was a prank, delayed taking action until the report had been confirmed, thus allowing the robbers valuable time to stash the cash and make good their escape.

Under intense questioning, a member of the Students' Union staff confessed to committing the crime.

"I was only trying to do my bit - I didn't want to lose my job when the SU went bankrupt," said the employee, who works at the SUB Information Desk.

But SU president Nolan Nastley denies any official connection with the crime.

"We don't have any serious financial problems," he said. "At least, none serious enough to warrant this sort of desperate action."

"I really feel sorry for the employee," said Nastley.

City Police, however, are still searching for a connection between the crime and the SU executives. One employee in the executive offices has alleged that the executives had been planning the crime for some time.

"It was either this or a fee increase," he said.

Also, a small amount of cash that was unaccounted for was found in the SU offices. Nastley, however, claims this money was "only for our party fund."

Nastley says he knew nothing of the kilogram of cocaine found in SU researcher Stuey MacIver's office.



Police and Campus Security officers waited patiently Wednesday for the bandits to turn up.

photo Eddie Adams

## Mark system overhaul

The stanine grading system will be abolished at the U of A after the 1980-81 winter session.

This announcement was made by General Faculties Council (GFC) vice-president George Baldwin after a special meeting of the GFC on Wednesday.

"We have received a lot of complaints from students that the stanine system is discriminatory," says Baldwin. "Medical students were the most vocal - they thought there should be a pass-fail system only. After all, is a doctor graduating at the bottom of the class any less qualified to perform appendectomies than one graduating at the top of the class?"

Baldwin says GFC decided the marking system for the entire university needed restructuring.

"We realized there were legitimate complaints, so we've been holding secret, closed door meetings since early July. Our research showed that a pass-fail plan was not what we wanted. Instead we have come up with a much more comprehensive, all inclusive grading system," says Baldwin.

"First of all students will no longer have to worry about a Grade Point Average (GPA). Instead students will be evaluated on a Cumulative Recording and Marking (CRAM) scale. At the

end of a student's program, he/she will be given a grade from 1 to 100.

"Degrees and diplomas are out. Potential employers will base their hiring decisions on the student's CRAM grade. It will be up to the employer to decide whether a 20 student is as good as an 80 student."

Baldwin says CRAM marks are not based solely on academic standing.

"We wanted a system that would measure not only a student's intelligence and work but also his or her social adaptability and attitude," he says. "For this reason students can earn

bonus CRAM marks for being a Students' Union member, playing on intercollegiate athletic teams, participating in intramurals or



One overjoyed beer-drinker.

attending social functions. As well there are hardship points for economically underprivileged students, residence students and students who are married or have a full time fiance."

GFC student rep Darrell Rankin says, "It's about time they did something about this discriminatory system. Now the real worth of students and their ability to fit into society will be measured. Us beer-drinking partiers will finally have an edge on those keener types."

Most profs questioned on the subject said they would like more information on the new system before commenting. But Dr. James Cross of the political science department says "From my experience I would say that most students will make excellent CRAMers."

## Campus Security involved Strip scandal

by Walt Michaelson

A 22 year old U of A student was strip searched and detained overnight last week after her car was found in a university parking zone without a permit.

"I had just left the library and was going to my car in Stadium Carpark," says Science student Lorie Lenin. "When I got to the car, two men grabbed me from out of nowhere. I couldn't tell who they were, and they just threw me into a car and drove off."

"We got out at Campus Security and they marched me in, told me my car didn't have a permit on the dash, and ordered me to strip," she says. "The director wasn't there to deal with me personally, they said, so they locked me up for the night."

Campus Security director Gordie Parrie said Monday his men have orders to haul in minor violators like Lenin.

"If these people are not responsible enough to do these simple little things, how are they going to function once they get out of here?" he asked.

University students have it

easy here dealing with Campus Security rather than the City Police, he said.

"We try to be a little easier on them than City Police are," he said. "We try to ease them into the real world. I think of it as part of their schooling - learning how to deal with the people who have the real power over their lives."

University president Myer Horrorwitz refused to comment on the incident, saying he did not want to interfere with Parrie's rights.

"Twas the night before finals, and all thru the frats not a creature was stirring not even the rats.

Calculators were charging on the desk tops and tables, to ensure the engineers could compute stress in their cables.

Artsies were grinding out those last few sentences - so they could get their B.A. and go out and paint fences.

As dawn crept up and study lamps began to dim, all the Keeners gulped down an extra cup of Brim.

When the prof strode in with his questions and queries, all the students shuddered and some whispered "Haii Marys."

But when the marks were posted and they saw they hadn't flunked out, all breathed a sigh of relief and said, "There was never doubt."



An SU employee checks the SU's secret supply of enema bags.