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This was before 9-11 too.

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## NEWS

## Bomb threat brings cops to Cap

by Jim Chow

"It wasn't them!" said the French delegate member when Political Science instructor Ed Lavalle informed his class of the rumour that the group representing the Palestinian Liberation Organization had telephoned a bomb threat.

A telephoned bomb call to a BC Tel operator caused the evacuation of H-building last Thursday. At approximately 6:08 pm the North Vancouver RCMP detachment received a call from the operator about the presence of a bomb in H-building.

Units responded quickly to the scene with maintenance personnel arriving shortly after and providing information on the layout of the building. President elect, Robert Eadie, was also on the scene as he followed the running maintenance men. He offered information on the possible source of the call. Half an hour previously he had overheard some conversation in the north cafeteria from four students who had their final presentations due that

day for a class on International Studies. They had talked about phoning in a bomb scare, keeping with the spirit of the international affairs.

The police officers were led, by Eadie, to the fifth floor of the building where the final project, a simulated meeting of a United Nations conference on the Middle East, was taking place.

Ed Lavalle, instructor of the Political Science 203 class was called out and informed of the situation. Eadie, after some discussion (he said, "political science students are self-righteous," and that the chance of a confession from them is low.) with the officers, went into the class ready to identify those he had overheard. "He walked over to the PLO delegation and it looked like he had just forgotten something in the room," said student, Todd Wong. Eadie indicated to Lavalle that it was them. The PLO group was then questioned by the officers in the Business Administration office.

The PLO group said that there were some "radical countries"

represented at the meeting and it wouldn't be implausible for one of them to phone it in. "We didn't phone in the bomb hoax."

Ed Lavalle said that all of the students were in the room at around quarter to 6 and since the call was made shortly after 6 pm it was not possible for one of them to have made the call as no one

came in late. He hinted at the strong possibility that it was someone from outside of the class.

Constable Stu McCloud, who appeared to be the senior officer in charge, said he had to be "100% sure that there is no bomb."

Lavalle then appealed to his class for whom ever was respon-

sible to come forward or else the class will have to be relocated. The class commandeered the north cafeteria east wing to resume their class.

McCloud said, "We're just going to shut it (H building) down for the night and if it's still standing tomorrow we'll know it was a hoax."

