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They got The Beat . . .

The crowd of almost 3,000 surged to the front of the EMU Ballroom stage when The (English) Beat from Birmingham, England came out. They were slam-dancing and head-banging with the first bass drum kick and chords struck. Above, Ranking Roger tells the

crowd "Spar Wid Me."

The (English) Beat played "Tears of a Clown" and songs from their latest album "Special Beat Service."

Even though it was hot, the crowd called The (English) Beat back for two encores.

Chancellor reveals his love of libraries

By Debbie Howlett
Of the Emerald

Reading from an essay about the value of libraries, Chancellor Bud Davis told Friends of the Library, a fund raising group for the University Library, that he shared their concern for the library Wednesday night.

Calling it a "love message we could all write," Davis read from a former student's essay, commemorating the University of New Mexico's Library's acquisition of its one millionth volume.

Davis called the acquisition "One of my greatest moments of satisfaction."

Davis drew a parallel between every library attaining better facilities and material and UNM's acquisitions. "One of my favorite pastimes as an administrator has been the growth and development of libraries," Davis said.

Davis spoke only briefly about the finances of the library, saying he preferred to speak about other aspects. "These talks quite often get translated into budgetary concerns," he said.

However, Davis did speak about Gov. Vic Atiyeh's recent state budget proposal. The proposal, which funds higher education's basic request, also allows for the addition of \$1 million for library acquisitions.

"The governor's doing something to get the books back on the shelves and the tiles back on the ceiling," Davis said as he pointed to the room's dilapidated interior.

But Davis spoke very little about the budget. The chancellor, always ready with an anecdote or two, talked about his doctoral project and the concerns for education by the citizens of the state.

"The most important thing we need to do as educators," Davis said, "is transmit what it really means to be a great university. We need to tell people why we support the libraries."

"It's time to make a decision about priorities," Davis said. "I don't think you get much by sitting back wringing your hands and crying. . . . More gets done through pride."

Fall grades available beginning Dec. 27

Students will be able to pick up fall term grades beginning Dec. 27 in the Registrar's office. Photo identification is required for pick-up.

The Registrar's office does not mail grades to students' homes after fall and winter terms in order to save postage costs, says Carol Raymond, student information supervisor in the Registrar's office.

Students who want their grades mailed home over the holidays can leave a stamped, self-addressed envelope at the Registrar's office before Dec. 27.

The Registrar's office will be closed Dec. 31 for New Years and will be open for grade pick-up on Jan. 3 and Jan. 4.

Grades that have not been picked up after two weeks will be mailed.

Anti-nuke advocate killed in D.C. bomb threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man who threatened to blow up the Washington monument with a truckload of dynamite unless he won "a national dialogue on the nuclear weapons question" was killed by police gunfire in the 11th hour of his siege Wednesday night when he tried to drive off toward the White House.

Police said he may have had an accomplice who ran into the monument during the chaotic scene. The famed obelisk was flooded with tear gas before officers began their search. But after three hours, there was no confirmation that anyone was inside.

The truck was registered to 66-year-old Norman Mayer of Miami Beach, Fla., who had a history of protesting against nuclear war — and a long list of past arrests. A friend who visited him during the siege said it was Mayer who had staged the threat.

Mayor Marion Barry said that to his knowledge, there were no explosives in the truck. The man had claimed that it contained dynamite or "1,000 pounds of TNT." The threat had forced the closing or partial evacuation of several government buildings. Pres. Reagan and his wife Nancy took special precautions inside the executive mansion.

The siege had begun at 9:20 a.m. EST, when the van — a sign reading "No. 1 Priority. Ban Nuclear Weapons" painted on its side — was driven up a grassy slope, facing the door of the monument. Nine people were trapped inside for more than five hours, but they were allowed to leave in the afternoon.

All day, the man had paced around the van, holding what appeared to be a radio transmitter of the type used to guide model airplanes. He made his demands in a printed leaflet he handed to a

reporter who acted as an intermediary with police.

The end came, under floodlights, at 7:35 p.m. when the van careened downhill and police opened fire. It was after 9 p.m. when the body was removed from the scene.

District of Columbia police inspector James Shugart said that police decided to open fire once the truck started moving and the danger existed of endangering hundreds of people somewhere else in the city.

The truck careened down the grassy slope of the Washington Monument toward Constitution Avenue, and was brought to a stop at a point still several blocks from the South Lawn of the White House, where Mayer had been protesting for the last several weeks.

"As an act of sanity, ban nuclear weapons or have a nice doomsday," said

a printed leaflet that served as a list of demands. It warned that the truck contained "1,000 pounds of TNT that can be detonated four different ways on automatic."

Scores of tourists managed to get out when the siege started.

Nearby government buildings were emptied; thousands of employees were sent home. Since the White House was in shrapnel range, Pres. Reagan was asked to stay on the side facing away, toward Pennsylvania Avenue.

Dade County police officer Tim Davis said Mayer, 66, was arrested in Dade County in October 1979 on charges of illegally distributing religious material.

"Mr. Mayer has a past from all over the country, including arrests for prowling, assault and battery, narcotics trafficking, trespassing after warning, and distributing religious material," Davis said.