

# Hate lit under protective custody

by Jens Andersen

The controversial book *The Hoax of the 20th Century* has been moved from the main stacks of the U of A library system.

The *Hoax* is now in the Special Collections library, along with Henry Ford's anti-semitic book *The International Jews* and a copy of the fraudulent *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

All are still available to readers but only under supervision.

In August, RCMP officers seized two copies of *The Hoax* from the University of Calgary. They were quietly returned two weeks ago.

The book argues in dry, academic style, that the number of Jews killed

during the Holocaust is greatly over-estimated.

The University's policy is to put material like this into Special Collections since it may suffer deprecation at the hands of library users. Also included are such things as rare, expensive or limited-edition books, some art books containing erotica, and other special-interest publications.

"Any illustration from the film *Psycho* has been cut out of our books," says John Charles, the Special Collections librarian who selects the items which are taken into the area's protective custody. Humphrey Bogart photos and illustrations from cult movies are also popular

targets for vandals.

"We've also had gun enthusiasts bringing gun books in, with their hands trembling, afraid someone else would make off with them," says Charles.

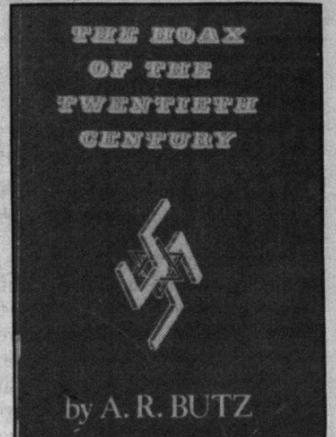
The *Hoax* controversy was the first censorship case at a university that Charles has encountered in his 11 years in Special Collections. There are numerous instances of books challenged or banned in public schools, however, since they are much more subject to parental pressure than universities.

By coincidence, the same week that the University of Calgary had its copy of *The Hoax* returned, the Book and Periodical Development

Council sponsored a Freedom to Read Week, and published a list of books attacked in Canada in the last ten years. There were 53 books, and the list was not exhaustive. Of these, 35 took place in the public schools.

Among the latter were books ranging from *All Quiet on the Western Front* and *A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*, to *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz* and *Lives of Girls and Women*.

Some anti-semitic books remain in general circulation in the University system for instance, *Die Judisch Weltpest (The Jewish World Plague)* published in Munich in 1941.



# Survival Manual demystifies med program

by Jennifer Strain

The U of A Faculty of Medicine is tough enough just to get into and for anyone admitted, the four years leading to a degree in medicine are nothing short of chaotic.

Horror stories of six hundred question comprehensive exams give only an idea of the work involved.

But few professions are more satisfying than the one concerned with enhancing the lives of people

With this in mind, approximately 120 U of A med students, sensitive to the formidable cloud that hovers over med school, have put together the *Survival Manual*.

An impressive compilation of specific information, tips, pictures, profiles, interviews and articles, it is designed to "demystify and open up the Faculty and especially to give first year students an accurate idea of what they're embarking on," says Louis Francescutti, phase two med student and *Survival Manual* Director and Coordinator.

This year is the second year such a project has been attempted, but the 84/85 manual is greatly expanded in content.

Free of advertisements, the total cost of production was divided by the number of manuals expected to sell, to arrive at the \$15 price for each.

"The manual was completely written, edited and produced by the med students themselves," says Francescutti.

"So many enthusiastic people volunteered a lot of time and effort. The majority were from the class who bought a manual last year, thought it was a good idea and set about to improve on it for this year."

The manual opens with the Hippocratic Oath and the CMA code of ethics. Students are welcomed with messages from Myer Horowitz, Past Dean Dr. Fraser and an interview with the new Dean, Dr. Wilson.

An excerpt on the problems and responsibilities of being a student in medicine, and an introduction to the Administration and the Medical Students Association (MSA) paves the way for the bulk of information, which is concerned with the four phases of the medical school program.

Information on phases I & II which constitute the first 2 years, includes

detailed course descriptions, tips on what to study and how to pass the exams, textbook ratings, as well as pictures and brief profiles on the professors and where they can be reached.

Opinions on courses and teachers were obtained by surveys; not all of the reviews were favorable.

"We want the staff to know we're serious about our education and interested in pointing out where improvements or changes in courses could be made. Fortunately the faculty has responded well and is willing to listen to our suggestions."

Phases IIIa and IIIb, rotations in the hospitals around the city, take up the third and fourth years of the program.

Again, detailed descriptions of what these two years involve, histories and overviews of the hospitals and numerous pictures and helpful hints from the doctors and hospital staff students will be working with, make this section especially useful.

Upon graduation, a number of suggestions are offered on post-grad options and research opportunities.

Medicare in Alberta, Canada's Health Act and laws are set forth in fair detail and the manual wraps up with some news of medical interest, including a feature on alcoholism.

"The primary purpose of this manual is to help the incoming student and make him feel welcome," says Francescutti. "All the information in it has always been accessible, but now for the first time it is readily available in one complete source that tries to integrate all aspects of our medical school."

"A med student's first day is frightening," says Francescutti. "If he or she knows what to expect, if he feels like he's part of the team, we hope it will encourage involvement and familiarity with the other students and with what the school has to offer. I think there's much to be gained, not just academically, by discussing and learning as a group," says Francescutti.

This "we're all in it together, we understand, so let's cooperate" theme prevails throughout the manual.

It's illustrated in the section on confidential help for the student who finds himself in need and it's extended to the idea of patient care in more than just a "treatment" sense.

Add to this humorous, mocking cartoons and anecdotes, a plea for help with this year's Med Show and other fun events, and the manual takes on a human dimension which gives it value beyond the information it provides.

The manual tries to remind students that the essence of medical science is never losing sight of the fact it is people who are of concern.

The manual has generated a lot of interest from papers and magazines and Francescutti was interviewed on ITVlast weekend.

He's also planning to present the manual at the next American Association of Medical Colleges confer-

ence in Chicago in the near future. "We are the only med school I know of so far to put out something like this, but we've had such a great response, we've sent copies to the Deans of the other medical faculties in Canada."

All the first year and over 90% of the second year students here bought one and are really finding them helpful.

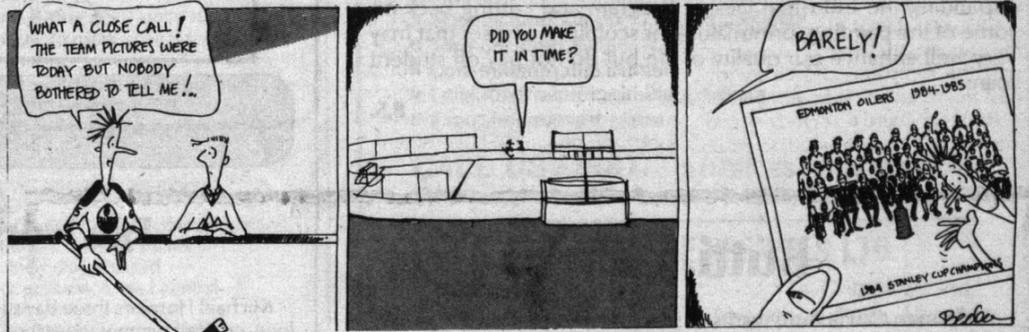
We expect to sell all 600 that we printed," says Francescutti.

"The other thing we'd like to accomplish with future manuals is to reserve the back section for up to date medical developments and news," commented Francescutti. If

we can get the AMA and the Government to take an interest, it could serve as a liaison for publishing medical issues of concern from various sources."

Becoming intimately acquainted with a cadaver at 8:00 in the morning, or watching bacteria multiply in a little dish may not get you interested, but you may develop a keen appreciation and respect for those scientifically inclined after ploughing through the *Survival Manual*.

Anyone who's aspiring to be a physician and is a little fuzzy about the whole process pick one up! They can be purchased at the Faculty of Medicine office.



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# Tent city

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The UAC is also holding a "Tent out for jobs" at the Legislature on Oct. 19, 20 and 21.

This "Tent City" will protest government inaction on unemployment.

Council defeated a motion, however, to donate \$1,000 to the UAC to help finance their Tent City.

Several councillors argued that the UAC had no useful or concrete

plans for dealing with unemployment and the UAC was only planning a vague protest which would waste a lot of money.

Other councillors supported the idea, saying that any action at all on unemployment would be useful.

In other business, Council voted to allot \$2,026 to the Arts Students Association and to accept the appointment of Cynthia MacNical as Typing Service Director.