

# Married Students Finding Life No Bowl Of Cherries

By Linda Strand

Married students are the university's forgotten group, says married student John Jay Barr.

Partial results of a survey conducted among married students seem to agree with him.

The survey indicates that married students here are finding rents too high for their means, study space inadequate for their needs and distances from the university too great for convenience.

"If the university is capable of providing residences for single students at a rate of \$82 for a double room and \$90 for a single; with meals, why isn't the university capable of building cheap residences of three rooms plus bathroom renting on an \$80 basis without meals," asks Barr.

"Every year the university delays, the land costs get higher."

And the political science graduate student says every other big university has residences for married students.

Barr is not alone in his complaints.

"Campus life is geared to the single student and little is provided for married students and their wives," says Mrs. John Woodman.

Housing is one of the married students' main problems and the university is doing nothing to solve it, she says.

The partial survey reveals married students are faced with the added problem of transportation when they have to live any great distance off campus.

Married students would seem to have other problems as well as housing.

## Hooke Refuses Edge Debate With Student

Hon. A. J. Hooke has refused to debate his charges of obscenity in EDGE magazine and his allegations of trash infiltrating higher education.

In a letter to third year psychology student, Bryan Campbell, who challenged him to the debate, he said he could see "no debate on a point like that."

Concerning EDGE magazine, he admits he "made a statement publicly about the suitability or otherwise of the subject matter in many publications for use in our classrooms."

"I referred specifically to the publication known as EDGE compiled, edited and produced by a group of university professors."

In the letter he says, "I was shocked to read SOME of the material I found therein."

Last year Mr. Hooke told the Legislature, the articles in EDGE "are poppycock, enough to make anyone sick."

Magazines like EDGE "polute the minds of our youth," he added.

At a meeting in Calgary two weeks ago Mr. Hooke also lashed out at the wolves in sheep's clothing who were responsible for the use of such material in the classroom.

"Mr. Hooke's refusal was expected," Campbell said.

This spring the Federal Student Loan Plan made \$1,000 available annually to students, and along with the \$500 loan offered by the Queen Elizabeth plan, students were counting on borrowing \$1,500 a year, says Mrs. Jim Ryckman, publicity chairman of the Students' Wives Club.

Their hopes were shattered this fall, when, upon applying for the



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loans, they discovered they could borrow from one fund or the other, but not from both.

Students who have borrowed money through the Queen Elizabeth fund in previous years will have to reimburse both the federal and provincial governments upon graduation, she says.

This puts an added burden on the student's shoulders, for interest rates on federal loans are higher than on the Queen Elizabeth loan.

And even higher interest rates confront the student if he has also borrowed money from the bank, says Mrs. Ryckman.

There are more problems which married students must face.

Officials of Student Health Services say there are no provisions made for the care of student wives.

Families of university students are eligible to receive treatment at the University hospital outpatient clinic

but only if their income is not over \$2,000 a year.

The National Employment Services office on campus handles only applications for employment from students. All others, including those from students' wives, are handled through the downtown office.

"If there are children and the wife works, she will have to pay \$75 to \$85 per month for a babysitter," says Barr's wife, Norma Jean.

Barr says the lack of continuous contact among students' wives causes a sense of isolation.

"Most students' wives are shy people. They need to be given some impetus from outside in order to get to know each other," says Barr.

"If people are not right around you, it's hard to make friends. You begin nagging your husband to spend more time with you. As a result he gets less and less studying done," said Norma Jean Barr.

## Local Ballet Plans Tour To Saskatchewan

A trip to Saskatchewan is the next item on the Edmonton Ballet Company's agenda.

The troupe, comprised of thirty-four dancers, all Edmonton talent, leaves here Dec. 10, and returns Dec. 13. Five performances will be given over a four-day period. Saskatchewanites will be entertained by "Christmas Fantasy", the same ballet presented Dec. 5 at the Jubilee Auditorium.

The tale, based on European folklore themes, and comprised of three separate numbers, is set to music by celebrated European composers.

Lead roles are taken by: Sherry McBurney, Therese Andrews, Donna Ball, Leslie Couture, Jeremy Leslie-Spinks, and Peter Van Gijn.

Tickets for the Edmonton performance of Christmas Fantasy are available at the Allied Arts Box Office, and at the Muriel Taylor School in the Seven Seas Building. Curtain time is at 8 p.m.

## Edge Sales Sailing Through Stormy Seas

Printers may be asked to produce more copies of Edge magazine if present demands continue or become national, says Edge's business manager Noel Parker-Jervis.

"I have only 50 copies left

and I'm keeping them for subscriptions," Mr. Parker-Jervis told The Gateway Tuesday.

Edge is an independent periodical edited by Henry Beissel, formerly of the U of A english department and now a lecturer at a Trinidad university.

It has drawn heavy criticism from at least three Alberta provincial cabinet ministers and was banned recently in Tuck Shop, operated by Socred MLA Edgar Gerhart.

A Strathcona County high school teacher, Raymond Hertzog, has been suspended for using Edge in his Grade XI sociology class.

### SECOND PRINTING

Mr. Parker-Jervis said negotiations for a second printing may become necessary if present sales continue. The first printing was 2,000 copies.

Subscriptions now number 500 and an Edge 4 is planned for release in March.

Mr. Parker-Jervis says sales have increased steadily since the 1,200 copies of Edge were released last year. The first edition has become a "collector's item" according to Mr. Parker-Jervis.

"A copy of Edge 1 is valued now at about five dollars," he said.



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