

The way we were...

You can't buy a copy of Edge in Tuck any more.

Though the periodical's first two editions were sold there the third so far has not appeared.

"I don't feel we should carry it," store manager Mrs. Anne Prytula told *The Gateway*.

"Besides, I only carry out the wishes of the management."

SOCRED OPERATOR

Tuck Shop is operated by Alberta MLA Edgar Gerhart on behalf of his father.

When asked who made the decision to remove Edge from Tuck Shop's magazine rack, Mr. Gerhart denied any knowledge of the magazine.

"We generally handle any student publication," he said.

"Mr. Gerhart should know about Edge," said Mrs. Prytula. "It was discussed in the Legislature last spring."

PERSONAL OBJECTION

Mrs. Prytula said she personally objects to the content of Edge after reading the magazine's first issue last year.

"It's not the best thing to be put on the newsstands," she said.

Mr. Gerhart explained Tuck Shop policy on periodical literature.

The only magazines not sold in Tuck are those of a "questionable nature", those which take up "too much space on the racks" and those which don't sell well enough to warrant their staying on the racks, he said.

Meanwhile, copies of Edge are available one block away, in the university book store and downtown at three other locations.

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Vintage copies of *The Gateway* can be found in SU Archives.

Edge has been branded as "sacreligious filth and trash" by a veteran Edmonton city alderman and provincial cabinet minister.

The independent periodical edited by Dr. Henry Beissel, formerly of the U of A English department, came under attack this week from Mrs. Ethel Wilson, recently re-elected city alderman and minister without portfolio in the Manning government.

Edge was not all that Mrs. Wilson attacked.

FILTH PRODUCED

"I don't know how we can do anything about cleaning up the literature available to teen-agers when the university produces filth worse than anything on the newsstands," she charged.

Mrs. Wilson, who said she has read one edition of Edge, claims the periodical "makes light of Christ and his teachings."

There are "a lot of fine people" at the university, Mrs. Wilson conceded.

But she said she wishes the university "would set its sights up a bit."

A "HORRID" MAGAZINE

"Edge is a horrid magazine. Beyond that I have nothing to say."

The third issue of Edge has been available in limited supply at the university bookstore for about two weeks.

It contains an assortment of poetry, fiction, book reviews and art work.

ATTACKED IN LEGISLATURE

Last spring, Hon. A. J. Hooke, minister of municipal affairs, attacked the work in the Legislature.

At that time, Mr. Hooke said the "so-called literary efforts in Edge pollute the minds of your youth."

He also recommended the publication's editors "should go back to the countries from whence they came."

Edge's German-born editor, Dr. Beissel, has since left U of A to take up a teaching post in Trinidad. He will continue to edit the publication from there.

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Bridge deadly for children

by Doug Marke
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CALGARY — Children play on train bridges for the same reason that teenagers drive their cars fast, according to University of Calgary child psychologist.

"Youngsters like to stand in dangerous places, it is a visually and experientially interesting place," says Dr. Gregory Fouts.

Fouts says that adolescents tend to believe that they are invincible, more so than other age groups. "Children don't have the skills to handle a dangerous situation, but they think that they do."

This past weekend Johnathon

Rooke, 13, was killed while attempting to escape the path of an oncoming VIA Rail passenger train. Two youths accompanying Rooke escaped death by throwing themselves from the bridge the three were on, to the river bank several metres below.

According to the Canadian Transport Commission, the Bowness trestle is one of the busiest pieces of track in Canada, with more than 25 trains passing over it per day.

Sunday's tragic accident was not a unique occurrence. This same bridge has seen several deaths since 1972, and on average

there are 100 trespassers struck by trains in Canada in any given year.

Canadian Pacific Railways has attempted to combat the trespasser problem through education. Steve Morris from CP points to school educational programs, and programs such as Operation Life Saver. "CP police try to enforce the trespassing laws, but it is very hard to catch anyone," he added.

Because of liability problems, CP rejected a city proposal to build a walkway connected to the rail structure. "We don't want anybody on this bridge," said Morris.



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