

BHT-No cure for herpes, colds or heart attacks

by Paul Simao

S.R.O. Inc. of Edmonton is claiming that butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) is a cure for herpes and a preventative for everything from old age to heart attacks.

The company states in a letter, distributed around campus, that the drug BHT has actually cured thousands of herpes sufferers and that the drug is "poised to revolutionize health care as we know it."

S.R.O. says it has compiled much research on B.H.T. and its effect on herpes. The company is advertising a 30,000 word book that is selling for \$9.98.

Dr. Ray Marusyk of the Department of Medical Microbiology stated that "there is no cure for herpes at the moment and that BHT certainly doesn't cure it."

Herpes is a ubiquitous disease; no one is naturally immune to it. Everyone has herpes antibodies in their bodies.

The herpes virus enters the body at some open point, like at the mouth. Once inside the body the disease attaches itself to the nerve roots at the site of entry.

The disease occurs when the ganglia or nerve centres to which it is attached are stimulated. Once the stimulation has occurred the painful symptoms of herpes be-

come active.

Herpes simplex I and II are both spread by human contact or touch; however, it is quite easy to transmit the simplex I disease while the simplex II disease can only be transmitted through sexual contact.

BHT is an antioxidant with similar qualities to vitamin A and vitamin C. It does attack the carcinogens like herpes, but so do many other drugs.

If used as a solvent, BHT will remove the lipid membrane around the herpes virus. In doing so, the herpes virus is exposed and is deactivated. For a time the herpes symptoms will disappear but will eventually come back because BHT

does not kill the virus.

Dr. Marusyk emphasized that BHT is not the only drug or substance that has an ability to control the symptoms of herpes. Alcohol, chloroform, and even tap water have been proven to have an effect on the virus.

But if you were to rely on one of the above substances to control the virus you would virtually have to be taking the substance all day. Still there would be no guarantee of the symptoms disappearing.

Now that the truth is known about BHT, maybe it is time to discover the truth about S.R.O. Inc. of Edmonton.

Certain facts about the company are evident.

First, the company is indeed out for money, this is undeniable.

Second, the company is not offering the public anything new. Anyone interested in BHT and its effects on herpes could look up this information in a book or science magazine.

Third, this company is almost impossible to track down.

The address that the company gives leads to a private mailbox on Stony Plain Road. The mailbox is operated by Money Mart.

The Better Business Bureau of Edmonton and Northern Alberta hasn't even heard of the company, making the whole matter more suspicious.

The company has not affiliated itself with doctors or researchers who might be able to lend credence and reliability to the whole project.

Dr. Marusyk stated that the company sounded suspiciously similar to a company that existed in Calgary three years ago. That company was looking for monetary support but was unable to get it. It approached both the Alberta provincial government and the Alberta Heritage Fund without success.

Are these companies one and the same? One cannot know with total certainty. This is because of the expert way in which this company has covered its tracks here in Edmonton. What if you have a complaint with the company? They don't have an office in Edmonton. Letters to their private mailbox on Stony Plain Road can conveniently be ignored.

The prognosis on S.R.O. Inc. of Edmonton? Stay away: it could drain you of \$9.98.

The Comic Zone

by Don Filipchuck



Somewhere, somehow, someone's going to pay.

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True North Patriots

David Achtem and Louanne Studer, the two feisty students who challenged the U.S. Coast Guard ice-breaker *Polar Sea*, are speaking next Tuesday.

The International Law Students Association is hosting the two champions of Canadian sovereignty along with their own expert on international law, Dr. L.C. Green.

Bill Cherenkoff, the president of the Association says Studer and Achtem will first talk about what they did and their reasons. Then

Green will discuss whether the ice-breaker did violate Canada's sovereignty and what Canada should be doing in "the gray areas of its sovereignty".

The talk is open to all students. The International Law Students Association has decided to expand after six years as a law students only organization. "We want to get more faculties involved."

The talk will begin at 12 noon on Oct. 8th at Rm 231/237 in the Law Centre.

Muttart Japan Month

October is Nihon-Gekken (Japan month) at the Muttart Conservatory (98 ave. and 96 st.).

Featured will be a month-long Japanese garden show, along with the following special events:

- Ikebana (flower arrangement) — Oct. 5, 6.
- Calligraphy (handwriting) — Oct. 12, 13.
- Bonsai (manicured miniature

trees) — Oct. 19, 20.

- Judo — Oct. 26, 27.

The times on the above dates will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The show is being sponsored by the Consul-General of Japan.

For further information, please contact either the Consul-General (422-3752, 432-4750) of the Muttart Conservatory (469-8190).

Our apologies

A number of mistakes appeared in Tuesday's story on Nigerian Independence Anniversary celebrations.

The dinner and dance will be held at the Jubilee Auditorium banquet hall on Saturday, Oct. 5, not Tuesday night as stated. There is a \$10 charge for the dance.

The president of the Nigerian Union of Students, John Inegbedion, emphasizes that the cultural

exhibition and Saturday night's activities are co-presented by NUS and the Nigerian Association of Alberta.

On a historical note, the British first entered Nigeria in 1861, not 1887 as stated in the article. Nigerian Independence anniversary is officially Oct. 1, not 4.

The *Gateway* apologizes for any inconvenience to its readers and to the celebration organizers.

Assault survivor

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a little uptight. Under pressure, I can slip back easily. I guess I can best explain it by saying that the incest occurred to my body, not me. I have the right to say what happens to my body, I didn't know I had that right before.

Why do you counsel now?

I like to give back a little of what I have. I can watch people grow. I feel a sadness sometimes. I can relate with the victims and cry with them.

It's satisfying working with everybody here. The person I'm working with now is very satisfying. I feel good because she is still young and

is almost 100 per cent turned around.

I've had some who have not come back. It's disappointing but you know they are just not ready to talk about it yet. You can hope they will come back, but it's their choice.

Things are even better between my husband and I. We talk more. I've gone back to school. I got rid of a lot of garbage, put it away somewhere and now there's room for something else. It's almost like starting over again, because I've changed so much, not so much him. I'm excited about living.