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OUR FAVORITE MARTIAN—This creature swinging in the craters of the moon is discotheque dancer Mary Strong. She inhabits the Outer Limits A Go Go, 82 Ave. and 107 St., Friday through Sunday nights.

SUPA 'Viet' booth stays despite deans' verdict

DIE board may decide group's fate

By DON SELLAR

A U of A peace movement group may be disciplined for using university buildings to distribute literature on Vietnam, following a Deans' Council ruling against such an operation.

The 40-member, campus-based Student Union for Peace Action, earlier this week set up a booth in a university building to disseminate "Vietnam kits" in open defiance of a Board of Governor's rule against "canvassing and soliciting" on campus.

Peter Boothroyd, 24-year-old sociology graduate student and group spokesman, said Friday SUPA "intends to keep this booth open until it is physically removed or until we are physically removed."

The Deans' Council last Wednesday turned down the group's request for permission to put up the booth, but SUPA began selling material on the Vietnam war the next day.

So far, there has been no attempt made by the university to close the booth down, but university officials have refused to comment publicly on the situation.

RULE CONTRAVENTION

Students' union president Richard Price said a complaint will probably be laid before the student-run Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement board for the decision, but added:

"I think everyone agrees that a contravention of the (no soliciting) regulation has taken place."

He said the university administration has the power to lay such a complaint. The student "court" can fine an organization such as SUPA up to \$100, but if SUPA ignores such a fine, the case could revert to the Deans' Council, which can assess penalties which include expulsion from the university.

University provost A. A. Ryan called the incident "a campus matter only, and said he would speak only to The Gateway about it.

Mr. Ryan indicated, however, the Deans' Council rejected SUPA's application to operate the booth not because of the group's aims or intentions, but because of the no-soliciting and no-canvassing rule.

Asked what the university's next step would be, Mr. Ryan said:

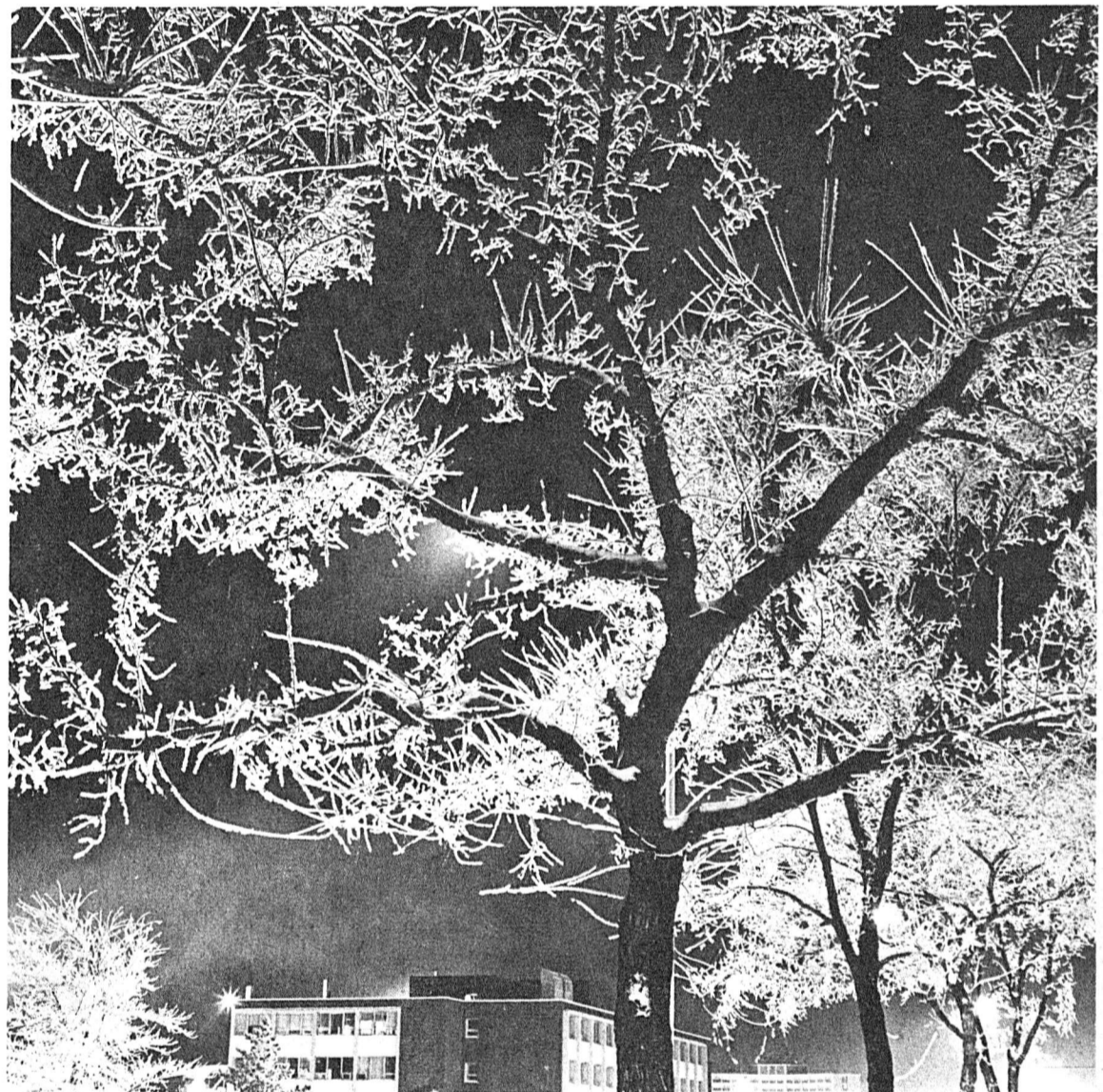
"It's up to them (SUPA)." He said if SUPA continues to operate the booth, he will turn the issue over to the DIE board.

"If they (DIE) feel they can't handle it, then they can turn it back," he said.

Price also said a students' council committee may be set up to investigate the rule to see if it is appropriate.

The booths in question are open six hours per day, selling kits

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See SUPA.



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ALL UNDER THE WINTER SKY—Long after all motion on campus had ceased Friday night an observant Gateway photo editor noticed this beauty. The scene of blacklit, hoar-frosted trees was taken facing west on 87 Ave.

SUPA booth contravenes rules

Groups other than the Student Union for Peace Action have been permitted to use university buildings for distributing promotional material.

Provost A. A. Ryan says the "no-soliciting, no canvassing" rule has been by-passed for certain groups such as the World University Service, but not for an extended period of time.

Mr. Ryan said the Deans' Council turned down the SUPA request for a booth in university buildings partly because the organization wanted to operate the booth until mid-December. "The Deans' Council didn't feel they should change their policy," the provost said.

"It is not because of what they (SUPA) are or what they are advocating, but because of university regulations against soliciting."

"... you do not set up facilities for way-laying people in teaching buildings," he added.

Mr. Ryan said the city of Edmonton protects its citizens from persons soliciting or canvassing on city streets, and asked: "Why shouldn't the university?"

He said the whole affair has become "a matter of principle," and accused SUPA members of attempting "to attract attention to themselves."

The provost called the incident "a campus matter only," saying he did not wish to comment for media other than The Gateway.