

# New magazine goes Beyond the Fringe

interview by Mike Spindloe

A brand new satirical publication called, appropriately enough, *Beyond the Fringe*, has recently reared its sharply pointed head in Edmonton. The small format, 20-page magazine costs \$1.00 or "a loony, which saves on paperwork," according to spokesman Peter Joshua. It is available at half a dozen or so newsstands on the south side until the "very limited" press run sells out.

Joshua, speaking over the phone from an undisclosed location, proves effusive if somewhat elusive when asked about the goals of the magazine, which, he says, "takes a shorthand approach to the news. We just want to give people something to smile about, like Monty Python and the Rhinoceros political party."

His description is only partly accurate.

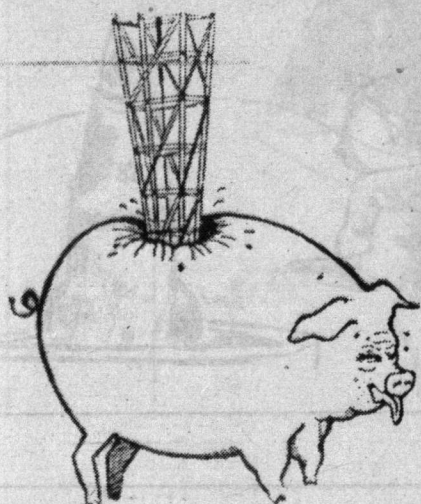
*Beyond the Fringe* includes everything from pure fiction ("Gay Pit Bull Bites Tornado Victim") to between-the-lines social commentary to real and unusual news items.

The magazine includes no credits and no bylines, in fact, no clue whatsoever to the identities of its staff. Joshua claims that there are about half a dozen people involved, "most of whom have been professional writers, including some high profile local media figures," who wish to remain anonymous despite the fact that the magazine's contents were checked with a lawyer for libelousness prior to publication.

But despite the large number of humorous swipes the magazine takes at prominent politicians on all three levels of government and other public figures such as Don Cormie and Peter Pocklington, Joshua insists that the magazine is "not really trying to say anything. We are not trying to advocate but to expose in a humorous way. We're not trying to rebuild society - we'll leave that to *The Journal*."

Joshua proudly points out, tongue planted firmly in cheek, that *Beyond the Fringe* carries no paid advertisements and "has not received a single government grant or loan guarantee. We've taken free enterprise back to its roots."

While there is no publishing schedule for future issues, Joshua claims that the magazine will continue to operate providing there is enough interest from the public.



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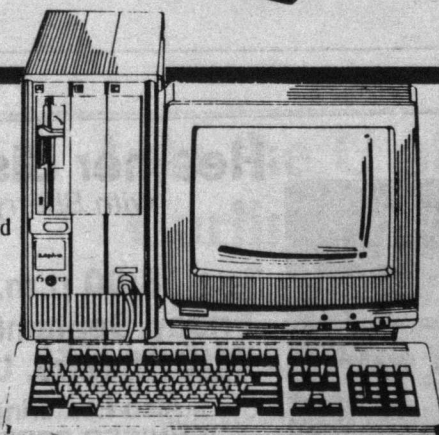
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### Department of Music

The U of A Department of Music presents a trumpet masterclass with Allen Vizzutti this Sunday, September 18, at 1 pm. For more information call the Department at 432-3263.

### Metro Cinema/National Film Theatre

The National Film Theatre, which presents films from around the world that are not available in the commercial theatres, has a new name, Metro Cinema, and a new location in Canada Place. This Friday and Saturday at 8 pm, the Cinema will be presenting *The Criminal Life of Archibaldo de la Cruz*, a 1955 film from Mexican director Luis Bunuel.

### Edmonton Public Library Book Sale

The Edmonton Public Library will hold its annual sale of books beginning next Thursday, September 22 through Sunday September 25. The sale will be held at the Centennial (Downtown) Library, 6th Floor. The hours of the sale are: September 22, 5 - 9 pm, September 23, 9 am to 9 pm, September 24, 9 am to 6 pm and September 25, 1 - 4 pm.

### Poetry Contest

The American Poetry Association is holding a contest open to all poets. Each contestant may enter as many as five short poems of no more than 20 lines each. Poems can be sent, with your name and address on each page to: American Poetry Association, Dept. CN-74, 250A Potrero Street, P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, California, 95061. More information can be obtained from Jennifer Manes at (408) 429-1122 (long distance).

### Alberta Culture Achievement Awards

Alberta Culture and Multiculturalism is now accepting nominations for their 20th annual achievement awards. Awards are in three categories: Performance, Service and Excellence. For criteria guidelines and no ination forms, contact Leslie Leibel at 427-8665.

A historic exhibit of material from Chipewyan opens at the Provincial Museum on September 23. Entitled "Northwind Dreaming: Fort Chipewyan 1788 - 1988, the exhibit features artifacts, maps, special documents and photographs.

### Dinwoodie Lounge

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