

## New magazine fills void

Ottawa (CUP) — A new national magazine for the Canadian gay and lesbian community is set to roll off the presses and into the publishing void left by the recent demise of *The Body Politic*.

*Epicene*, whose title is derived from a Greek word incorporating both sexes, is the response to the needs of the country's gay population, said business co-ordinator Charles Philips.

"The reason why we committed ourselves to such a large undertaking was that we felt it was essential to have a forum for the community throughout Canada," said Philips.

Among the articles in the first issue, which was set to be on the stands by the end of March, is a feature on *The Body Politic*, which folded to the surprise of the gay and lesbian

community because of financial and administrative problems.

The first issue will be 64 pages, though regular size is expected to increase to 80 pages. Editorial co-ordinator Christine Bearchell, one of the collective members of *The Body Politic*, said there are

plans for international distribution, though the main focus of promotion is the North American market.

Other first edition articles include an interview with U.S. science fiction writer Samuel Delaney, a work of experimental fiction for men, and an article on censorship.

## No jobs at U of C

Calgary (CUP) — The University of Calgary has announced a hiring freeze effective immediately as the first step in a program to reduce operating funds.

Associate Vice-President Academic Lorna Cammaert said the administration is looking at ways to change its early retirement program to give professors incentive to retire before the age of 65.

Cammaert said early retirement and other possible changes are now negotiated with the U of C Faculty Association.

The hiring freeze applies to positions that are now vacant and to additional vacancies which may occur this year. The freeze does not apply to new program development grants,

said Cammaert.

Sessional instructors are not affected by the freeze. Any vacancy left by a retiring professor will be filled by a sessional.

In announcing the freeze, Vice-President Academic Peter Kreuger said the university is trying to

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protest funding for graduate students.

"Our first priority is to prevent the decline in graduate programs and in graduate student support," he said.



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