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Keep on hand-trucking, trucking those blues away

Professor knocks goody-twoshoes

by Jens Andersen

"Motherhood declarations and resolutions" passed by the United Nations General Assembly (aka the Bucky Fuller Debating Society) were lambasted Friday by U of A political science professor L.C. Green.

A more realistic approach to international law is needed, Green said to about 50 people at a Political Science Undergraduate Association forum. He argued that countries with similar interests should stop worrying about trying to reach unanimous international agreement on all issues.

Instead, he argued, countries with similar interests should make treaties among themselves, as the western European countries have done in establishing the European Human Rights Convention.

For instance, he reiterated his long-standing proposal that

Israel, the Netherlands, Japan, West Germany, England and other countries with terrorist problems should form an international rescue squad to alleviate the problem.

To illustrate his point about the futility of trying to reach unanimity, Green told anecdotes about the Geneva Conference on Humanitarian Law in Armed Conflict, which he attended as legal advisor to the Canadian delegation. The Conference sat for four sessions of about 10 weeks each from 1974 to 1977 trying to revise the 1949 Red Cross and Prisoner of War Convention.

During the drafting of protocols innumerable snags came up: translation problems, disputes with the Vatican delegate over who qualifies to be a chaplain or religious representative allowed to visit POWs, disagreements with both Arabs and Israelis over

the Red Cross symbol, etc.

A treaty was eventually drawn up, but to date very few countries have ratified it. In Canada it has not even gone before Parliament.

After Green's speech questions were asked, primarily dealing with limitations on what international law could accomplish and how it could be enforced. Green pointed to the success of the European Human Rights Convention which he said generally managed to resolve complaints even before they got to court.

He stressed, however, that many problems such as El Salvador's revolution and Libya's absorption of Chad were outside the sphere of international law. As well, more powerful countries would be more difficult to police. As he stated in closing, "The UN Charter was set up to keep the little boys under control, not the big boys."

FAS Fees

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with FAS. Under the new plan tied to the fee increase, each council will have its own rep on the FAS executive. Now, only about half of the councils do.

FAS opponents are strangely silent on campus now, perhaps because of the loss of the anti FAS referendum at the U of Calgary last fall.

Richard O'Gorman, unofficial leader of the dump-FAS

forces, is slow to condemn the call for a fee increase.

"One of my main concerns was the lack of presence, the lack of communication, the generally poor job they were doing," O'Gorman says.

"If they really feel they could do this (improve their performance) it would be sort of silly for me to speak out against it. If they can do it, good."

by Bill Chandler

U of A geophysicists and meteorologists have found they can build a better public image by working together.

The Institute of Earth and Planetary Physics was formed in 1970 "... to promote and coordinate geophysical and meteorological research," says its director, Dr. G.L. Cumming. This means promoting contact between U of A geophysicists and weather researchers and their

counterparts in Canada and around the world.

The Institute sponsors a guest lecture series every year, he says. "The visiting speaker program brings one to four distinguished speakers a year to campus to give a series of lectures under the umbrella of the Institute," says Cumming.

"The program has been very successful," says Cumming.

In addition, the Institute has built the weather satellite receiving facility located at Ellerslie. It

receives weather photos from Canada's Anik satellite. It was built with funds from the National Science and Engineering Research Council, which originally backed the Institute. The university has now taken over funding.

Cumming says the Institute has made international contacts that individual professors couldn't have. "It is better know internationally than locally," he says.

The Institute is located in Physics - 516.

Scientists hold hands



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University Orientation Days February 26 & 27, 1981

During Reading Week this year the University's faculties, departments and students organizations will be hosting two days of presentations, displays and special events for high school students, guidance counsellors and interested parents from all over Alberta. Participants have been invited from all of the Province's high schools, and University Orientation Days are designed to give those involved a better understanding of a university education; from academic programs and admission requirements to clubs and athletics, from fees and studying to housing and social activities. The objective is to help those who will soon have to make serious decisions regarding careers and post-secondary education gather much of the information they will need to do it properly.

How Can You Participate?

In order to make University Orientation Days 1981 a success several students will be required both February 26 and 27 to act as tour guides, man information booths around campus and assist with equipment set-up. Students will also be required throughout February to help assemble information packets and to do preliminary organizational work. Those who volunteer will earn the University's basic hourly wage of \$4.35 an hour. In addition, those working February 26 and/or 27 will also be provided with lunch each day.

If you would like to work at University Orientation Days, please drop by or call our office (between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.), at the address or number below and ask for Julia or Kathy. You may volunteer to work both days, one or any portion of one day February 26 and 27, (preference will be given to those who volunteer to work full-time both days). Or you may volunteer to work a few hours in February assembling information packets. Students selected to act as tour guides or information assistants will be required to attend a three-hour training workshop either Sunday, February 8 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., or Wednesday, February 11 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. (Please indicate your choice of workshops when applying.)

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