

Winnipeg wants to 'shame the johns'

WINNIPEG (CUP) — A call to enact a 'shame the johns' campaign was one of several suggestions made at a recent meeting to find solutions to problems associated with prostitutes in a downtown Winnipeg area.

The area, surrounding the provincial legislative grounds, is next to a residential area heavily populated by university students.

Evening traffic on the grounds consists of three groups. "There are the young men, mostly homosexuals, and the customers who are doing all the cruising, and then there are the fag bashers," said Chris Bogel, representing Gays for Equality at an Oct. 10 meeting of area residents.

"You can't expect this meeting to have a major impact," he said. "You just want to move it (prostitution) to somebody else's backyard. Prostitution is an inevitable occurrence," said Vogel.

Vogel proposed the prostitutes be moved to a parking lot on the south side of the Winnipeg Convention Centre, which he says is large, well-lit and patrolled regu-

larly by police.

But other residents encouraged the community to participate in a 'shame the johns' campaign modeled after the controversial Halifax initiative.

Concerned Haligonians traced addresses from licence plates frequenting an area with prostitution high traffic, and sent the car owners postcards requesting that they decrease their visits.

"It was very effective as a deterrent," said Vogel.

However, Inspector Tony Cherniak of the Winnipeg Vice Squad felt the suggestion be carefully "examined for any legal implica-

tions." He warned residents could be charged with harassment.

"The legislative grounds have always been areas for homosexual activities," said Cherniak. "We can't go out and question everyone."

Prof finds fated fish fossil

by Ken Hui

Grande Prairie was a plethora of fish species sixty million years ago, according to Dr. Mark Wilson, who found the world's oldest known fossil pike fish there.

Wilson, Associate Professor of zoology at the University of Alberta is a specialist in the paleontology of Canadian freshwater fish.

"You have to visualise a flooded plain. The river flooded periodically over the bank and it trapped fish in pools which dried up later. The water evaporated and fish died. The river sediment was then filled with fossils. The fish all died at the same time and they were rapidly buried. They are all complete spec-

imens and there were no animals eating them," said Wilson.

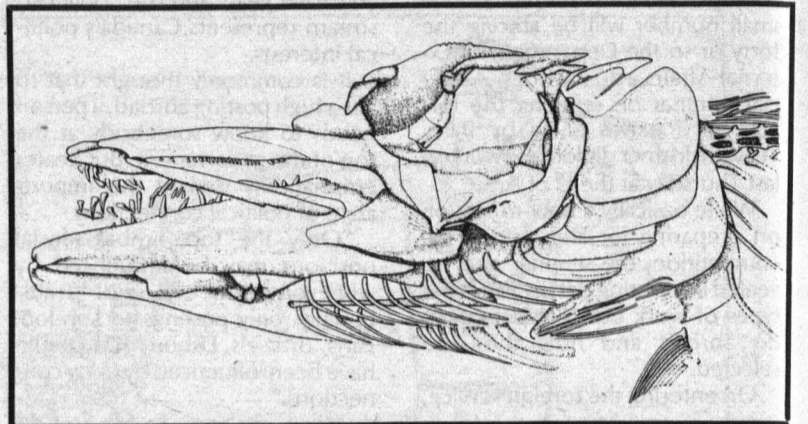
"We know more about the evolution of mammals than of fish and the fossil find will tell us more about the Paleocene Period, sixty million years ago," said Wilson.

The Paleocene Period is a time of transition after the extinction of the dinosaurs and before the evolution of large mammals. Small and primitive mammals and ancient fish were the main animals present.

Betty Speirs of Red Deer is an amateur paleontologist who originally discovered the fossil site and contacted Dr. Wilson. "In Canada, amateurs can dig fossils as long as no excavation is done. Speirs has a

permit from the government. The stipulation is amateurs have to donate their fossil find to the uni-

versity for research purposes upon request," Wilson said.



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