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I WANT THE FURRY ONES—Being horribly practical these young ladies decided that plain moccasins weren't warm enough in this weather. The big decision was made at the handicrafts sale in Pybus lounge. The sale will run all this week as a feature of Canadian Native Week. Holding the moccasins is Janet Miller, arts 1, while Patti Leard, (left) ed 1, and Arlene Hanochko, house ec 1, look on.

Evolution panel

Fundamentalist attacks Darwin; fossil records claimed inadequate

By LORRAINE ALLISON

Alberta high schools are now teaching evolution—only 40 years behind Tennessee backwoods schools.

The famous Tennessee monkey trials were held in 1925. Fundamentalists won a Pyrric victory that year; evolution has been taught ever since.

"Fundamentalism is a very hot potato politically in Alberta," said Mrs. M. Jones speaking on a panel at St. George's Anglican Church Sunday evening. Mrs. Jones is a member of the biology curriculum subcommittee for Alberta high schools.

Alberta students are now being exposed to some of the guiding principles of the theory of evolution not because somebody suddenly saw the light, but rather because this theory is now so universally accepted that there is no

good text available which does not at least have evolution as its guiding principle.

So the text was accepted. "Then," said Mrs. Jones, "a supplement was prepared to appease the fundamentalist faction. The fundamentalist position depended on out-of-date material, and we were able to discount most of it."

EVOLUTION UNPROVED

Ivan Stonehawker, a biology teacher from Lacombe, also a member of the subcommittee, took the opposite view. He said, "there is no single example of an organism we can see to have come from some other source." The fossil record he dismissed because "it does not support evolution any more than it does the Biblical idea. A theory supposes proof. It is impossible to prove evolution because we are dealing with the past."

"The evolutionist," he said, "always comes to gaps in the fossil record where he has to proceed on speculation. So we have to go by faith at some point. I simply pre-

fer not to put my faith so far back—I prefer the Biblical idea."

Professor Willard Reese of the U of A faculty of education differentiated between a theory and a creed. He said, "We accept the theory of evolution because it works; it gives us answers. This doesn't preclude Christian beliefs; nor must it be the truth for ever more—like a creed."

Another high school biology teacher, Bernard Nearing said, "No informed biologist doubts evolution, though there may be some question as to how or when it occurred."

Mr. Stonehawker said that he could not accept evolution since it denied the special creation of man, as described in Genesis I and II.

Mr. Nearing pointed out that Genesis says that God made Adam out of dust, which isn't really so far from what the evolutionist's claim boils down to, except that the evolutionist says that a supernatural creator was not necessarily the instigator.

Council backs new executive

External affairs chairman advocated for committee

Students' council Monday advocated the creation of the position of an external affairs chairman as the fifth member of the executive committee.

The creation of the external affairs chairman is an attempt to make the executive committee more representative of campus. The original four members, the president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and co-ordinator work on a local level.

"This new chairman would give us a new dimension and enable us to develop a more dynamic external affairs program, thus breaking down some of our provincial isolation," said students' union president, Richard Price.

Price outlined the proposed duties of the external affairs chairman as:

- overseeing all external aspects of university life,
- working with other students' unions,
- acting as co-ordinator of CUS,
- overseeing the education action program and the education corps.

Most of this work is done only on a piecemeal level now, said Price.

The new chairman would act as a liaison between other students' unions and could co-ordinate programs with a national and international focus.

Creation of this position will mean the CUS chairman will no longer have a seat on council.

The new chairman will handle much of the co-ordinating now done by the CUS chairman, who is working almost in an executive capacity.

The motion was carried 12 to 3 with Jim Miller, pharm rep and "leader of the opposition" saying, "This situation is mushrooming to utterly fantastic proportions. Soon we'll need an ambassador to the United Nations."

As the creation of a new executive position involves a constitution change, the motion will have to be passed at the next two council meetings as well before it can be put into effect.

VGW teach-in to focus on sovereignty

Canada: Satellite or Sovereign? This is the topic of the largest student-organized teach-in in Canada, which will be held at U of A varsity guest weekend.

"The purpose of this teach-in is to examine the perennial problem of American domination of Canada from a variety of aspects and viewpoints," says Barry Wilson, publicity director of the teach-in committee. "We hope to promote spontaneous argument and discussion among panel members and between panel members and the audience."

The teach-in will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, February 19 in the ed gym.

The day will be divided into four panels, each about two hours long. Each speaker will present his case, then the issue will be open for audience discussion.

An informal coffee party will be held in SUB for all those who are interested in meeting and questioning the speakers.

SPEAKERS

- Speakers will include:
- Howard Green, former Minister of External Affairs
 - Andre Saurmier, deputy director, Economic Council of Quebec, an architect of Quebec's quiet revolution
 - Dimitri Roussopolus, staff member of SUPA
 - Pierre LeFrancois, vice-president aux affaires publiques for UGEQ
 - Joe Clarke, President, Young Progressive Conservatives of Canada.
- Woodrow Lloyd, Leader of the Opposition in Saskatchewan has been approached.

The teach-in panels will be organized with the intention of having disparate perspectives represented.

Discussion will focus on American influence in four spheres of Canadian life:

- culture
- economic
- foreign affairs
- the youth community.

The teach-in is sponsored jointly the Political Science Club and the Law School Forum. It is organized by the Political Science Club.

ORCUS charges funds misplaced

TORONTO (CUP)—The Ontario region of the Canadian Union of Students (ORCUS) has called on the federal government to turn over to the provinces funds now earmarked for federal "scholarship-bursaries".

At a meeting Jan. 29 student representatives from 17 universities condemned the "misplaced emphasis" of the federal plan, which will cost \$40 million a year.

The program, announced during past months by Prime Minister Pearson, would provide grants of up to \$1,000 a year for needy students.

The student group called on the Ontario government to use such funds for a student aid program aimed at reduction and eventual abolition of tuition fees.