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Smoking dual

It took Manfred Lukat one-half a page to express the fact the he is adverse to cigarette smoke. With the paper his letter was written on, I was able to roll thirteen cigarettes and, for that, I am grateful to him. Personally, I would rather fight than switch to platitudes.

Perhaps a duel might be arranged. I would chain-smoke and direct the exhaust towards him while he delivers another stunning oration on the evils of smoking. The loser would be the one that felt most nauseous by the end of the confrontation. I feel Mr. Lukat's chances of winning are excellent.

Vonn Bricker

Shoddy Daycare

Alberta daycare standards should be improved

1) a two year old child is forced to stand in a corner for five consecutive hours because he will not say 'good morning' to

the operator. He falls asleep on his feet and she stands him back up while slapping him. She uses this method of discipline against sundry petty offences.

2) a one year old child, who cries persistently, on two occasions has suffered a nose bleed from having been slapped in the face.

3) a two year old child is the victim of disagreements between operator and worker. The operator insists that the child is very young and should use the little potty. When she discovered the child on the big potty, she wet his clothes with tap water to make a case that he is incapable of manipulating himself on the big potty.

4) centres do exist wherein equipment, which barely meets government standards, is not properly maintained.

5) investigation of abuses is summary or is neglected by officials who are complacent, cynical and ill-chosen.

6) workers - (a) are individually asked to avoid discussions of policy with other workers. (b) are instructed not to talk to parents. (c) are fired for minor criticisms of policy. (d) are preferred for their timidity (e) cannot improve their material status by the minimum wage over a long term, with no benefits, no paid sick leave, and sometimes no coffee break.

7) daycare operators obtain a fast and substantial return on a small investment. Their personal salaries average 1700 dollars per month.

8) parents (a) will not take the time and do not have the courage to confront a hostile operator. (b) are deceived by smiles, lies and corny advertisements. (c) 'dump' discipline problems in a daycare centre with the licensing comment, "Don't let him get away with anything!" (d) will pay higher fees to the operator who owns a franchise and who claims that she owns a 'formula'. This formula is a rigid theory of child psychology which the operator cannot apply to the daily situation. She substitutes intimidation and regimentation in practice.

There is no excuse for the existing destructive and exploitive conditions in Alberta's daycare centers.

D. May
Arts 1

Red menace

I would like to make some belated comments on the whole subject of Evolution and Creation raised by the recent visit of

Dr. Gish to this campus. Judging by the crowd, it would seem to be a matter of at least casual interest to many people.

It has always pained me to find that many Christians read the opening chapter of the Bible as anti-evolutionary, and consider any evolutionary theory to be anti-theist. A careful reading of Genesis 1 will reveal a broad, evolutionary sweep to the action of God, as he calls forth his work stage by stage. While the account is not detailed, and varies from accepted chronological order at various points, what has always struck me about the passage is this developmental approach in God's creative action; an approach which is not, I think, in conflict with the general idea of evolution.

Indeed, some early Christian interpreters of this passage, in the allegorical tradition of Alexandria, considered that the epochs described as "days" were millenia, and were not over; that in fact, God had not completed his creative work, but was still doing it. In the words of my favourite authority on the subject (Jesus): "My Father is still working, and so am I". (John 5:17). I recently discovered, from an editorial in a Science Fiction magazine, that the whole Fundamentalist

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* First of all, let me apologize to Northwest Releasing Company Ltd. of Washington for slandering their good name in connection with the Jerry Lee Lewis concert last month at the Coliseum. These reputable people had nothing to do with the show as was stated in my column at that time. Rather, Northwest Fly-By-Night of Vancouver brought the show in, and judging by the lack of success of their efforts, it should be the last show they sponsor in this area.

* Hot news from our own Campus Security force; in the event of violent uprisings either by students or anyone else on campus, the services of the Rebel motorcycle gang have been contracted to assist in

quelling riots. It should be noted that Campus Security had to outbid the United Nations to obtain these services. Apparently the UN wanted to send the Rebels to a troubled Mediterranean Island where their tactics would speed the social recovery of the island's native groups. But we got them first.

* After receiving harsh criticism for not familiarizing myself with other forms of the performing arts, I was coerced into attending the Romeo and Juliet ballet production last week. Mind you, it may have been where I was sitting (Row L, left of centre), but I couldn't tell whether Romeo was eating a banana, or if that was his nose

protruding out of his face. And if so, that was some ugly banana. Is there any connection between bananas and ballet? And if not, why not? I'm still confused.

* Did you see what someone left in front of the Law Center? I'm not sure what it is; Hank speculated its a roost for the American eagle, the symbol for legality etc. in the States but that doesn't seem too likely here. The thing isn't painted - perhaps the \$7,500 price tag on the item didn't include paint. It seems to have a screw design horizontally across the top, and considering the price, that's exactly what it should symbolize. Only the creator (?) didn't get screwed: the Law faculty sure did.

