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Ukrainians attacked at U of T

TORONTO—A U of T professor has attacked the isolationism and conservatism of Ukrainians living in Canada.

Professor G. Luckyj of the Slavic Studies department, spoke to the Ukrainian Students' Club, criticizing the reluctance of Ukrainians to adapt to their new surroundings without losing their identity.

He cited the monument to Schevchenko, the Ukrainian national poet, as an example of the Ukrainian effort to preserve intact their way of life within Canadian society.

He urged greater initiative and individuality among young Ukrainians in an effort to maintain their culture and language as a vibrant force, not merely as a sentimental relic of the past.

Prof. Luckyj advocated cultural exchanges between Canada and the Ukraine to enrich Canadians' diverse culture.

He criticized the opposition to these exchanges for having an unreasonable fear of contamination by Communism.

Ban on holidays advocated

TORONTO—A U.S. educational consultant has advocated the abolition of summer holidays.

Dr. Hamden L. Forkner, former head of business and vocational education at Columbia University, told the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation schools should operate 12 months a year with students attending four semesters with a week's holiday between each.

The idea of summer vacation originated when children were needed to work in the fields, he said.

"Changes must take place in education or we will fail to achieve our place in the economy of the world," Dr. Forkner said.

Student reaction to his suggestion ranged from cries of "ridiculous" to acceptance with certain concessions.

Most students, however, felt a 12-month school year would interfere too much with family vacation plans and summer jobs.

Dr. Forkner also said no subject should be taught unless it contributed to social, economic and political advancement.

A subject cannot be justified because it is "traditional" or "academic rather than vocational". Failure in the vocational subjects would cause a far greater catastrophe than "forgetting history, literature or foreign languages," he said.

Playboy banned at U of M

WINNIPEG—Playboy, the bible of red-blooded North American males, has been banned on the University of Manitoba campus.

Dr. Hugh H. Saunderson, university president, says the popular magazine is "not an academic magazine", and for this reason asked that it not be sold at the university bookstore.

This is the first year magazines have been sold at the bookstore. Students' union officials submitted a list of magazines they thought suitable to the book department committee.

Prof. Doris Saunders, chairman of the committee, said, "Playboy was the only one the president asked be not included."

While Dr. Saunderson says Playboy is not an academic magazine, the most recent issue contains articles by such prominent authors as P. G. Wodehouse, Alexander Pushkin, Vladimir Nabokov, Robert Ruark, John Le Carre and Jules Feiffer.

However, Ladies Home Journal and Chatelaine are still available at the bookstore.

250 volunteers needed by CYC

OTTAWA—The Company of Young Canadians plans to engage 250 volunteers to carry out a pilot project beginning this summer before the CYC is actually established by Parliament.

William McWhinney, recently appointed interim director of the company, told a press conference Jan. 13 that the form of this summer's projects has not yet been established.

The company plans to undertake community development work in rural and urban areas upon request of the community involved, he said.

Mr. McWhinney, national director of the Canadian University Service Overseas for four years, said the company plans to work closely with CUSO.

He does not, however, regard his appointment to the CYC as the first step in the absorption of CUSO by the company, he said.

At present the CYC plans projects only within Canada, while CUSO confines its activities to overseas work.

Asked if the company hopes to enter the field in Quebec where there has been much opposition from youth and student groups, and where a provincial peace corps, Les Travailleurs Etudiants du Québec already exists, Mr. McWhinney said the CYC hopes to benefit from TEQ's experience and to work out a relationship with it.



—Neil Driscoll photo

YOU CAN'T GET THERE FROM HERE—Maureen McClennon (left) and Lois Everitt, a Pi Beta Phi entry in the Delta Sigma Phi 'Gronk' car rally, study the route they will take. The rally is the first of a hopefully annual event and the first of the participants will leave parking lot 'A' at 1 p.m. this Saturday.

Socred leader sends out feelers for tie with campus Conservatives

By LORRAINE ALLISON

The U of A Social Credit party has extended unofficial feelers regarding a merger with the Progressive Conservatives for the Feb. 11 model parliament elections.

Bill Winship, leader of the PCs, said that he was informally approached by Dale Enarson, Social Credit leader. Winship said he thought the move was made because Social Credit is the weakest party on campus.

Winship disagreed with the president of the Alberta Social Credit League who said, "the purpose of campus political parties is to advocate the policies of the particular parties."

Orvis Kennedy had made the remark in response to the recent merger of the Socreds and PCs at UAC.

"The real purpose of campus political parties is not to reflect the inadequacies of the parent, but to stimulate political interest among students, and try a fresh approach to political activity," Winship said.

"The reason for campus apathy can be directly attributed to the fact that the political parties have tried to be mirror images.

"Students are generally fed up with the old line parties and are looking for some original ideas, for a flexible rather than a rigid approach to political matters."

ELECTION FEB. 11

This year's model parliament

election will be held Feb. 11, and parliament will sit Feb. 16-18 in Con Hall.

The National Existentialist Student Party, SUPA, an independent group, and the Communist Party have expressed interest in participating in the annual model parliament along with the traditional four parties, according to Owen Anderson, Inter-party committee chairman.

The model parliament is sponsored by the Political Science Club.

"With the model UN assembly coming before model parliament, there will be an attempt to distribute issues. Primarily international issues will be discussed by the UN assembly with model parliament concentrating on national and possibly provincial issues," said Anderson.

All members of the students' union are eligible to vote, each casting his ballot for a party rather than an individual. The 65 seats are then distributed proportionally among the parties.

The Governor-General will be J. Walker-Brash, British Trade Commissioner.

A recognized expert on Canadian politics, Dr. W. F. Dawson, associate professor of political science at U of A, will be Speaker of the House.

Dr. Dawson said last year's was the best model parliament he has seen on our campus. However, student participation is very low.

Students are encouraged to attend the sessions.

Any groups other than the four major parties that wish to participate must have made application to the Inter-party Committee before 1 p.m. Jan. 24.

Engineers get awards from Athlone

Three U of A engineers have been awarded Athlone Fellowships for two years of study in Britain.

They are:

- John T. Blair, electrical engineering
- Arthur T. Caston, chemical engineering
- Otto I. Szentesi, electrical engineering

The awards are financed by the British Government and cover travel costs, living expenses and academic fees. Selection is done by the Athlone Fellowship Committee in Britain composed of representatives of industry, the universities and government.

The fellowships are awarded to 34 engineering students and nine engineers who are already employed in industry or research.