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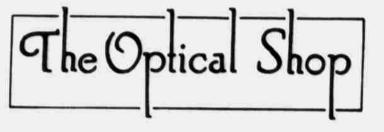


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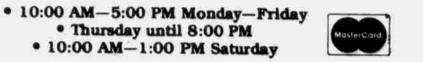
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"Any attempt to bring creationism into a scientific form would be highly welcomed," said Prasch, "but until additional research from the scientific community is forthcoming and the same community can agree on its true nature, inclusion of creationism would not be warranted."

Prasch mentioned the memo was presented to inform the Board of the initial request for creationism in

order to give them a position from which to address any further discussion.

In response to a request by board member Shirley Johnson on "how is evolution taught in the Lincoln Schools," Travis stated, that it was "taught only as a theory and not as total fact."

Travis mentioned there have been recent court cases in eastern and southern states concerning creationism, and that a law favoring creationism in Tennessee had been struck down by the courts as unconstitutional.

"Creationism should be decided within the scientific community and to bring it into the political areana at this time is not appropriate," he said.

Prasch concluded "that as a public institution, our efforts are to teach, 'how to learn' with respect to scientific data, not 'what data to learn.'"

