

Christians lock horns with secular humanists

by Alan Small

The "white church" in South Africa is supporting apartheid, according to a University of Alberta professor.

"One of the bastions of racist thought in South Africa is the white church. The same thing happens in the southern United States."

The statement was one of many verbal jabs thrown by David Wangler, a U of A professor and secular humanist at a debate between Christian and secular humanism.

"It is the ultimate in racism for human beings to say that they are the source of God," said U of C professor Michael Horner. Horner also lectures for Campus Crusade

for Christ. The two professors locked horns over subjects ranging from abortion, to the creation of man.

"If there is no God, we are doomed to extinction," said Horner. "Secular humanists have stolen views from Christianity and haven't said thank you. They claim that we are no more than lumps of slime that have somehow evolved," he said.

"If I find my religion so subjectively meaningful, that's fine," claimed Wangler, "but you don't have to make a public cult out of it."

"Secular humanists have difficulties in traditional religious formats whose dogma is indefensible," Wangler said. "There is no other realm besides the physical one."

One sore point for both debaters was the handling of other religions. "What happens to Moslem humanists? What happens to Buddhists? What happens to Hindus?" asked Wangler. Horner replied that people from all religions including Christians are exempt from heaven, according to secularists.

"Secular humanism is just as exclusive as any religion," Horner said, "it doesn't allow any religions."

The debate was part of Christian Awareness Week.



Clive Oshry

Is senate reform a touchy subject? Arts student Sean Smith and U of A PC club member Lonny McLean (seated) seem to think so. They were caught having a lively discussion about the topic at a booth set up by the club in HUB Mall. The PC's were promoting a guest speaker who talked about senate reform last Tuesday.

Correction

The members of the Students' Union executive do not make \$12,000 a month, nor do they make \$120,000. In fact, they earn somewhere near \$1200 a month. The Gateway apologizes for any inconveniences this mistake may have caused SU officials or their families.

Special bus pass in works

by Teresa Pires

"Things are rolling," says Aruna D'Souza, Housing and Transport Commissioner, on SU negotiations for a special bus pass for University of Alberta students.

"We are sending a proposal to the Administration board to approve a survey.

"We want to know things like what people do in terms of getting to school, how many people now

buy bus passes, and if they'd buy a cheaper bus pass with limited hours," said D'Souza.

After consulting with U of A business professor, Dr. Cliff Young, and director of research at ETS, Rhondo Wood, D'Souza developed the questionnaire. A random selection of 400 students will be asked to answer.

The SU can make an adequate proposal to ETS after the results

from the survey are known.

"We had preliminary discussions with them [ETS] in September and the director sounded enthusiastic.

"Even though the director [of ETS] has changed since then, as far as we know they are still open to a proposal. This is the first time SU has made a proposal like this to ETS but it would also have to be worth it to Edmonton Transit," said D'Souza.

Business victory

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with the same interests," said Alastair Brooks, president of the business students' association.

The ICBC tournament, organized by the students at Queens, is run in two phases. The U of A team, chosen by Faculty Advisors, completed cases mailed to them in September for the Preliminary Round.

By placing in the top five of a field which consisted of 26 other universities and colleges, the U of A team qualified for the Final Round at Queens.

Since they placed in the top five of three categories, the U of A also accumulated enough points to send a Debate team to Kingston.

Out of five possible events, the U of A competed in and placed first in the Labour Arbitration category, second in Business

Policy (strategy), and fourth in Business Games. The other events were Accounting and Management. The overall winner was Wilfred Laurier University.

"The teams are judged by people brought in from the industries," said Bryan Johnson who completed in the Labour Arbitration category. "They are judged on their analysis and presentation of the case and on their response to criticism."

Surprisingly, a lot of rivalry was dispelled and not created between the participating universities, said Brooks.

"It gave me a feel for how it would be to be going to another school but it's also the first time that I've been proud to be part of the U of A," added Kelly Keeler, one of the U of A competitors.

"We won just by being there," she said.

DESPAIR TO HOPE

During the week of January 23rd-27th, Students and Staff at the U. of A. are challenged to do without one or more of the following:

1, 2, 3, or more meals	Entertainment
Coffee	Pizza
Tea	Coke
Beer	Etc.

Money which you would normally spend for any of the above can be given toward Hope International's Water Drilling Project in Ethiopia.

Thursday and Friday, January 26th and 27th booths will be set up in SUB, CAB and HUB where you may make contributions. You may want to contribute apart from the fast also. Any money given will be matched several times from other sources.

This is being jointly sponsored by the Christian Awareness Week and Hope International Development Agency. People from various religious and secular viewpoints are encouraged to participate. Receipts are available.

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