

Evangelism defended

Hostile crowd in Osgoode

By SHELLEY RABINOVITCH

Barry Moore, president of International Crusade Evangelical, and Otto Lang, Federal Minister of Justice, were Under Attack at York's Moot Court Thursday, Feb. 7.

A hostile atmosphere pervaded Osgoode as skeptics fired questions at Moore.

"You say that you take the Bible literally. That includes the 10 commandments, I assume?" asked one questioner.

"Yes, certainly," replied Moore.

"Then answer this for me. The Seventh Commandment says that 'Thou shalt not steal.' Here is a person who is on the point of death. He steals to get a morsel of food to sustain himself for 24 more hours. Is that wrong?"

Although he at first said that any kind of stealing was wrong, Moore eventually gave in and conceded the point. "But we should really concern ourselves with ourselves, and not some hypothetical, impossible problem."

The questioner replied, "You call Biafra and India impossible?"

"It is never right to do wrong to gain right," stated Moore, "although as an individual I could understand that."

EVANGELISM DEFENDED

Moore defended evangelism against allegations that the profession was full of bunko artists and swindlers. "There

are hypocrites in all professions — even students. Granted that every man who is a clergyman is not driven solely by virtue; but because one man is not quite honest, does that make every man so?"

LANG'S DEFENCE

In the course of an hour, Otto Lang defended his views on abortion, pornography, surveillance, and other issues. "Do I believe in crimes without victims? No, for there is rarely a case where someone is not hurt."

Concerning individuals found with drugs in their possession during an anti-hijacking search, Lang said, "Do you expect a law officer to ignore a crime when it is perpetrated right under his nose? Of course, the offender should be prosecuted."

He also said that pornography should remain illegal, that surveillance is clearly justifiable by law officers with a writ from the court and that plea bargaining is essentially undesirable but nevertheless useful.

"Why must a woman prove her sexual innocence in rape cases?" asked one of the panel members.

"Well, we must prove that it is not a case of seduction, or anything else like that," said Lang.

The tapings are scheduled to be seen in late February and early March on CHCH TV.



Jim Omura photo

Federal justice minister Otto Lang was under attack in Osgoode last Thursday.

High school symposium a success students and teachers agree

By JULIA BUCK

According to the persons involved, this year's was the best one ever.

Larry Davies, assistant director of administrations said, "the papers this year were of a much higher quality."

In fact, two days before judges were to announce the winners, they still had to narrow their choices from 31 to 18.

Symposium is an annual York-sponsored competition for secondary school students. Papers are submitted in the fields of humanities, social science, natural science, fine arts, business or education, and are judged by a university professor. Students spend three days on campus and present their topics for discussion.

Friday evening, the participants were guests of the university at the president's banquet, held in Winter's dining hall.

GUESTS WELCOMED

John Yolton, acting president of the university, welcomed the guests. He commented on the excellent opportunity that symposium offers: "How often do you see students, teachers, and families sitting together."

Most of the students seemed to feel symposium is unique. Whitney Davis, who did an analysis on the Saxon poems of J.L. Borges, said "symposium gives me the opportunity to talk to people with similar interests. This is a basic advantage that isn't found in high school."

Whitney has many interests but feels fine arts will be his eventual goal.

Sue Cauchy's entry was a wall-hanging she made herself. This entailed buying the raw fleece, spinning it, and dyeing it, using natural substances like onion skins, marigolds and copper. It was woven, using a round loom.

CHILDREN'S STORY

Catherine Hodgson, who wrote a children's story entitled About Two Fish, thinks "symposium gives the chance for criticism at a higher level." Her story was written in book form with illustrations she did herself. Catherine also appreciated the chance to talk to people with interests similar to hers.

A special presentation was made to

Lou Birenbaum, a teacher from A.Y. Jackson Secondary School, in Toronto.

Larry Davies, presenting the award said the success of symposium rests on the encouragement teachers give the students.

In the past three years Birenbaum has sponsored three successful readers

(highest award) and several honorable mentions. He said he felt symposium is "one of the most worthwhile experiences students can have in their high school years. They get a chance to see the campus and live in as a student and above all, they meet people at their level."



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Students approve increase of fees, and incorporation

WATERLOO (CUP) — Students at Wilfred Laurier University approved incorporation of their student council and a fee increase to give their council additional funds.

Student council officials expect to achieve incorporation within the next few months. They say the disbursement of the extra funds is the responsibility of next year's council and it is difficult to say what will be done.

Students approved incorporation by a very wide margin and the fee increases by a narrower, but more comfortable margin.



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