

U.S. influence

Debators argue Americanization

By MIKE SAVAGE

Are you satisfied with the trend towards greater Americanization of the Canadian university or do you want to do something to stop it?

The problem was debated last Wednesday in the Winters junior common room between the York Debating Society, represented by Mel Lubek and Ralph Lamoureux, and the Osgoode Hall Legal and Literary Society, represented by Vic Paisley and John Poot.

Lubek answered his own question, "Is there a Canadian university?" No, he said, because of the early influence of the British that has now been replaced by U.S. influence.

"Why is the U.S. so heavily into Canada?" Lubek asked. The reason he answered, is that there is money to be made exploiting Canadian resources.

Lubek said he objects to the transplanting of values into Canada by way of the U.S. "The prime value in U.S. society is Might Makes Right," he said.

Lubek attacked capitalism. "It doesn't matter who you hurt so long as you get to the top of the ladder." He said communism is used as a bogey by capitalists.

He called research and teaching "a bloody vicious circle." Lubek

said teachers are "not existing to learn but to produce."

"Americanization can be summed up in two words — content and values" he said. He said York students have to eradicate U.S. influence in the Canadian university.

John Poot, a law student, offered a rebuttal to Lubek's argument. "Lubek is not against Americanization but against capitalism," he said. "If the U.S. was socialist or communist then he (Lubek) would be for them."

"The pursuit of knowledge should be unrestrained, regardless," Poot said. He compared the anti-U.S. feeling now to the 1950-53 anti-communist purge in the U.S.

"Don't build artificial Berlin Walls. Express the Canadian point of view. Be positive," Poot urged. "Let us sink or swim in the world arena."

Lamoureux, York's first Rhodes scholar, said that the aim of scholarship and academic integrity is to alleviate or find solutions to social problems.

"The U.S. solves their problems with repression and force" he said.

He said U.S. influence starts at high school with things like the college bowl (a U.S. television show). The types of questions on these shows indicates how

Americanized we are, he said, claiming that Canadian quiz show "Reach for the Top" emulates the U.S. shows.

Vic Paisley, a third-year law student tried to explain what Americanization is. It is, he said, the high percentage of U.S. professors and of Canadians who are educated in the U.S. in Canadian universities.

Paisley wanted to know how this ruins academic integrity in Canada. "Which courses could U.S. professors ruin?" he asked. "Perhaps sociology because it teaches us to do practical things. Perhaps history, because it is a very limited area which relates to the Canadian experience."

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Birth control centre offers advice, help

The drop-in centre for continuing education on birth control is looking for your business. The centre, set up only three weeks ago, and run almost exclusively by students, is actively supported by the campus physician, Dr. R.J. Wheeler.

The primary aim of the centre is to provide information on birth control. A finance group is working now in an attempt to provide an extensive library on birth control.

A secondary aim of the centre is to provide a referral service. A list of names and services is being compiled so that if you visit the centre you can be referred to someone who can help you.

The centre is a place where students, faculty and staff can talk freely about any aspect of birth control. There is no pressure applied.

Several groups are connected with the centre, but people running the centre don't want any particular group name to be synonymous with it.

The centre offers free pamphlets and literature on things such as masturbation, premarital sexual standards, sexual adjustment in marriage, and how to prevent suicide. Other pamphlets cost about a quarter.

Lynn Lange, a centre worker, said people who come in won't be judged. The centre is only to help people who want help or information. If a question is raised that cannot be answered, one of the workers will research the problem and come up with an answer.

The centre is now investigating the possibility of pregnancy tests on campus.

The centre is located in 211 Vanier residence. Hours of operation are from 11 am to 2 pm Monday to Friday.

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