



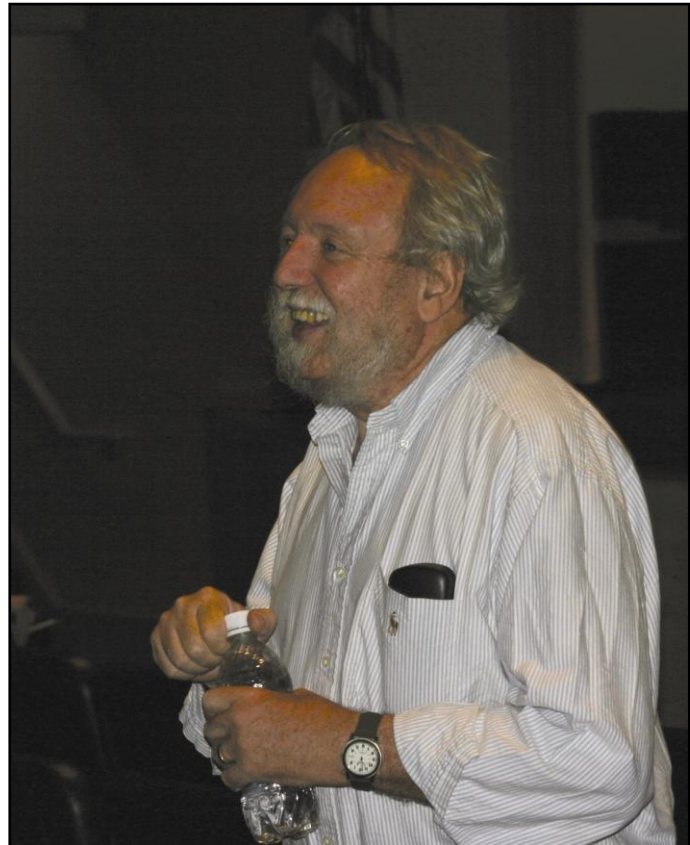
200 Come to Hear World-renowned Scholar Share His Views on Darwin

World-renowned science philosopher, Darwinian scholar and Florida State University faculty member Dr. Michael Ruse captivated his audience when he spoke at Bainbridge College on “The Evolution-Creation Struggle: An American Problem.”

In this photo he is seen coming into the audience of almost 200 students and community members to engage a questioner in conversation after his formal presentation at the Charles H. Kirbo Regional Center Auditorium at Bainbridge College.

Dr. Ruse focused his Sept. 22, 2009, presentation on his belief that a person can be a Christian and believe in evolution as the mysterious way God works in his creation. He cited many examples of conflicting ideas from throughout Christian history, on several continents to show how disagreements are often about social and cultural issues instead of faith. He described the views in the dispute between creationism and Darwinism and explained why the division started in the United States, especially after the Civil War.

The lecture was presented jointly by the BC History Club and the BC Science Club whose respective sponsors, Dr. Dave Nelson and Dr. Eric Dueno, said the turnout was greater than they had expected.



“Dr. Ruse has a profound understanding of both creationism and the theory of evolution; moreover, he is an excellent speaker,” Dr. Dueno said. “We were extremely pleased with the number of people that attended the lecture.”

“Not only was the turnout better than hoped for, but so was the positive response,” Dr. Nelson said. “I have already been asked by students when are we bringing in the next speaker.”

“As I have said before, having a world scholar of his stature speak at Bainbridge College is just phenomenal,” Dr. Nelson said, adding that Bainbridge College is offering a course next May in the Galapagos Island, which influenced Darwin’s work, and that he will take his study abroad students next summer to Darwin's house in London.

Dr. Ruse, who noted he has just become an American citizen, heads the Master’s in Science History Program at Florida State and has more than 37 books to his credit as either author or editor. Educated in England and having lived and worked on several continents, he came to FSU after teaching in Canada.