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NEW ROLE FOR UNIVERSITIES

JORDAN HARBOR, Ont. -- Elton Trueblood, the well-known Quaker philosopher and author of 23 books, said here that the continent's universities must help to train men made idle by advancing technology.

Speaking to the 100-member faculty of Waterloo Lutheran University at the annual conference, held this year at the Beacon Motor Hotel here, Dr. Trueblood. said:

"The universities can not only help train people but it can aid in the growth of sensitivity and taste and imagination. We can help people not only to survive but to live well and meaningfully."

And Dr. Trueblood, professor of philosophy at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., had praise for the church-oriented university as represented in Ontario by Waterloo Lutheran University.

"I know that your college is unique, being the only church university left in Ontario. I believe there is the best chance for greatness under this condition. Academic excellence, which you have, is not enough. But you are striving for those vital things beyond academic excellence."

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Earlier, Dr. William J. Villaume, the university's president, spoke on a similar theme when he told the professors that there is a great need for small, homogenous universities where learning takes place in genuine community.

"There is an indispensable role in Ontario for the small, liberal, residential university that we are building."

But he warned that no university can be first rate unless an eagerness for ideas, intellect, and, long hours of study and devotion to one's course are socially acceptable among the students.

"You can see the dollar signs in the eyes of some students as they pile up credits toward a degree. Not very many are pursuing the unanswered or the unanswerable."

And the university president added that Waterloo Lutheran, as a Christian university, must assist its students in the development of a vital faith that gives meaning to life.

"Higher education cannot give the student a faith. But we are in a better position than secular universities to help students face the fundamental questions of life and death."

A session dealing with the good mental health of students, particularly under the stress of examinations, was conducted by Esther Brandon, dean of women.