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Western Slates Two Academic Institutes

Western Seminary has scheduled two academic institutes for the summer of 1966, it was announced recently by President Ridder. For some time, the school has been looking for a new and effective way of reaching out to the many pastors in the parish who desire some form of continuing education. The method used most often is that of bringing ministers back to the campus for a limited exposure. The thought involved in the academic institute is to take the faculty to a specific geographical area of the Church and spend a concentrated amount of time in that region, so as to give a maximal amount of assistance and help in the area of continuing education.

The two areas selected for the summer of 1966 are Orange City, Iowa and Chicago, Illinois. The academic institute to be held at Orange City will be held on the campus of Northwestern College July 6-15. The institute to be held in Chicago will be using the facilities of Trinity College and will be scheduled for July 18-27.

The tentative program schedule for each day of the institute will include worship, two class periods of one hour and fifteen minutes each, plus time for individual study, and recreation. Group sessions, preaching seminars, communication clinics, etc. will take place in the evening hours.

It is hoped that by means of a concentrated period of living together and studying together, ministers in the parish and professors in the seminary might know better the needs of the minister today and how to meet them.

A number of invitations from various Classes had been received prior to the announcement of the two areas selected for the summer of 1966. However, since about half of the available faculty will be used in each institute, it was decided that no more than two institutes would be held in any given summer.

Each staff will take a travelling library with them and the members of the staff will work closely together, developing their particular emphases in keeping with the general theme of the institute.

Although the institute is held in a specific geographical area, registration will not be limited to ministers from that area only, but will be open to any interested minister.

REVISED LECTURE SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Dr. Henry Stob, professor of ethics and apologetics at Calvin Theological Seminary, Thursday, January 13 at 11:15 a.m., followed by a fellowship luncheon.

Dr. M. Eugene Osterhaven, professor of systematic theology at Western, the special faculty lecturer for the second quarter, February 3, 1966, at 11:15 a.m., followed by a luncheon.

Dr. Elton M. Eenigenburg, professor of ethics and philosophy of religion at Western, the third quarter special faculty lecturer, March 10, 1966, 11:15 a.m., followed by a luncheon.

Dr. Vernon H. Kooy, registrar and professor of Hellenistic Greek and New Testament exegesis at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, will give a series of lectures April 27, 28, and 29, at 11:15 a.m., with the fellowship luncheon on Thursday, April 28.

The lecture committee is in the process of making specific arrangements for additional lecturers with dates and names to be announced later.
Western and the Capital Funds Drive

The Reformed Church is gearing for a massive capital funds drive. There is little question about the need for such a drive with capital programs of every board suffering from lack of funds.

For a while it was assumed that Western would also be a part of that drive. In fact, early estimates of cost ran as high as $750,000. A reasonable case could be made for added facilities. The size of the faculty and the nature of our program is basically altered from that which was existent at the time of the building of the present facilities. The faculty has nearly doubled in size since then and new concepts in teaching have brought new demands on the facilities that we have.

Also, a Centennial is an excellent time to build if one is so inclined. The history and work of the institution is before the church at such a time as is seldom true in any other period. Obviously, the temptation to erect monuments is most alluring at such an historical juncture.

Decision by Executive Committee

But at the last Executive Committee it was recommended by me and voted by the Committee that we not participate in the Capital Funds Drive. This decision followed at least fifteen months of careful study. There were several major factors that formed the background for the decision.

The present facilities were constructed only about a decade ago. It is conceivable that if present personnel had been involved then, greater effort might have been made to anticipate the future and its needs. But the fact remains that only a decade ago the church provided (and paid for) lovely facilities that in most instances are adequate for our purposes.

Also, the questions of seminary and/or denominational merger continue to be a part of every significant maneuver we make. To build facilities of limited resale value while such eventualities are a real possibility, might well be construed as fiscal irresponsibility and prodigality in stewardship. Our decision was, in part, an effort to retain our integrity before the church. We have full confidence that such an attitude will be remembered when later it becomes necessary to meet new needs genuinely established.

One of the major items in the intended Capital request was for a sizeable Centennial Scholarship Fund. With the rising cost of education, scholarships have become an assumed part of education, including theological education. But a study of the past several years indicates that such money has been coming to the school in respectable amounts. In the past five years some $75,000 has come to us from individuals who have set up permanent funds whose interest earnings are used to provide various scholarship programs. With such a rate of growth, it appears that these needs could be met by individuals who want to help in the ministry of Western Seminary. This will take special effort on our part but it can be done.

Thus, in one basic decision brought about by the combined ingredients of good stewardship, basic integrity, and a creative conservatism, the church was able to reduce its goal by three quarters of a million dollars. Western plans to continue its drive toward a high quality program. There may be less glamor in such an effort but here is where the real test of an institution rests. We'll emphasize program rather than building. If such emphasis eventually places a heavy strain on facilities, we believe the church will bear our plea for help as it has always done in the past.

Dean Ridder

FACULTY PURSUES CURRICULUM REVISION

For several months the faculty has been involved in an extensive curriculum revision. It is hoped that the first year of the new curriculum may be put into effect with the incoming class of next year.

The curriculum study was started because there was a growing feeling among students and faculty that with the coming of a great number of added electives, the curriculum was subject to a heavy proliferation of courses so that the student found himself taking too many courses at the same time. Under the new system, efforts are being made to reduce student load to three basic courses in each given quarter. In addition, efforts are being made to do a good deal of inter-departmental teaching as well as team teaching in certain specific areas.

Soon the faculty will meet with the Instruction Committee of the Board to assess the proposed revision so that it may come before the Board in time for the beginning of the academic year 1966-67.

Already agreed upon will be the concept of a student coming to seminary adequately prepared for Greek reading. Tests will be given prior to beginning of the fall quarter at which time incoming students will have to demonstrate their ability to read the Greek. Those who do not pass the test will make up for the deficiency either by means of private tutoring arrangements or by taking a special summer course offered by the seminary in July and August, intended to prepare students with Greek deficiencies for the forthcoming year.

Dean of the faculty, Dr. Elton Eenigenburg, has been responsible for the program of revision and reports continuing progress for the deadline of September, 1966.

DR. PIET SCHEDULES WORLD STUDY TOUR

Dr. John H. Piet, professor of English Bible and Missions, has scheduled a tour for the summer of 1966 which will include a number of students from college and seminary who will be studying missions en route. The plan for the study tour was conceived sometime ago when it was realized that a great potential was present in the tour idea for learning missions at firsthand.

As a result, a number of students will be taking the tour and receiving academic credit for the work done. The tour itself will last some six weeks and will be preceded by the reading of several preparatory texts and will comprise a number of seminar sessions both en route and in the various areas of the world where specific religions are prominent. For instance, in Japan, Buddhism will be studied; in Kuwait and Jerusalem the attention will be focused on Islam; Animism in Taiwan; Communism in Hong Kong; and Buddhism in Bangkok, while the emphasis in India will be on Hinduism.

The study tour will leave San Francisco on June 21 and arrive home on August 3. The cost for the tour for the student will be $1975. In addition, partial scholarships are being awarded by the faculty to students who meet the requirements. Western itself is granting six hours of graduate credit for the course.

In announcing the study tour, President Ridder said, "This is the kind of aggressive, fresh approach that we want to demonstrate more and more at Western. Several other departments are being urged to think of similar approaches to education and learning. All this is done that the minister may be better equipped for the work he is called to do."
WHIRLPOOL MATCHING GRANT ANNOUNCED AT DINNER

At an analysis dinner held for the faculty and participants in the Wolfert Conference staged on Western's campus on October 30, 1965, the announcement was made that the Whirlpool Foundation of Benton Harbor had agreed to match the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wolfert up to $1,000 a year. Thus, the original gift for the recruitment conferences was increased by 100%.

At the analysis meeting held at Point West, there were several interesting factors that were recognized. First of all, the reaction from the conference indicated that there ought to be a division of the age groups since some had already made their decision regarding vocation and would like more specific information relative to seminary education and special interests in which they were involved. Also, a number indicated a desire to attend more than one special interest seminar. Others indicated that they would like a conference diverse enough so that the same people could return in another year to receive additional information. Plans are being made to hold this kind of a conference on the campus next year. It is our hope to sing out some aspect of Christian vocation and emphasize it specifically and in depth.

Another important report was that seven young people indicated that the conference was the deciding factor in their choice of church vocation.

WOLFERT CONFERENCE SET FOR PELLA

Another Wolfert Conference on Church Vocation will be held at Pella, Iowa on Saturday, February 19. This conference follows the earlier one held on Western's campus on October 30, 1965. Because of the wide acceptance of the pattern used in Holland, a similar effort is now being staged in Pella, Iowa. The Conference will be held at the First Reformed Church.

There were approximately 200 young people who attended the Conference at the seminary campus in October. They ranged from juniors and seniors in high school to seniors in college. The bulk of the registrants came from the two upper grades of high school and the two lower grades of college.

The interest shown by the young people was divided in the following ways: There were 36 who attended the interest group on parish ministry; 58 attended the overseas missions group; 6 were in the institutional chaplaincy group, while another 13 attended the military chaplaincy section. In addition, 8 chose the campus ministry; 12 the church extension ministry; and 46 selected Christian Education as a special interest.

Several alterations are being made in the Pella Conference. The special interest seminars will be run twice so as to give young people two choices of special interest groups to attend. Also, because of transportation factors, a part of the faculty will be going instead of the entire faculty.

Those interested in attending the Pella Conference should indicate it by sending their letters to: The Wolfert Conference, First Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa 50219.

SEMINARY RECEIVES ANNIVERSARY GIFT

The Ottawa Reformed Church, near Holland, Michigan, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on September 17-19, 1965. A feature of this celebration was a congregational decision to give a $1,000 gift to Western Seminary in appreciation of services given by seminary students through the years in the preaching ministry for the congregation. This gift was designated by the church for the purchase of a video tape recorder to assist the seminary in training students in preaching skills. Augmenting the present tape recording facilities, the proposed video tape will enable the students, not only to hear themselves, but also to see themselves as they deliver class sermons.

The Rev. Garret B. Rozeboom, pastor of the church, together with elder Neil Boersma, made the presentation of the $1,000 gift at a Thursday noon fellowship luncheon in the presence of the student body, staff and faculty of the school.

A matching piece of equipment needed to compliment the video tape recorder is a television camera. Mr. Jacob Fris, coordinator of Fris' Office Equipment, has given a memorial gift for Dr. William Goulooze, who served on the faculty of Western Seminary from 1939 to 1952. This Goulooze Memorial gift will be applied to the purchase of a television camera and will make a complete system for the use of Western's practical department.

R.C.A. Mission Education Week Reported

Emphasizing the General Synod theme, "Thine Is The Power," a team of denominational officers and executives conducted a mission education week at Western Seminary from November 29 to December 1.

The entire program was organized about a format of "General Synod in Miniature," with students, faculty, and denominational staff officers role-playing the various aspects of a General Synod session.

Dr. M. de Vekler, stated clerk, presented a comprehensive review of Synod and its function, after which students and their wives divided into groups simulating standing committees of Synod. They also role-played membership in the four program boards of the Reformed Church. In addition, they held caucus meetings, prepared discussion material, and in a final evening meeting conducted a general session of the Synod, which was followed by a closing worship service led by the Rev. Raymond E. Beckering, vice-president of Synod.

In attendance were Dr. Donner B. At-
wood, Synod president, who gave a summary review of his forthcoming message to Synod on the state of religion in the R.C.A.; also Dr. Beth Marcus, Dr. Russell Redeker, and the Rev. Howard Schade for the Board of North American Missions; the Rev. Delbert J. Vander Haar and Miss Grace Pelton for the Board of Education; Dr. Gerard Goade for the Board of Pensions; the Rev. Howard Teusink for the Stewardship Council; and the Rev. James Ebbers for the Board of World Missions.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Dr. John H. Piet, professor of English Bible and Missions, will conduct the religious emphasis week at Central College on February 14-18. He has written an article for publication in an early issue of Dimensions. Elsewhere in this issue of The Theolog is reported a proposed world tour to be directed by Dr. Piet.

The Rev. Robert A. Nykamp, Director of Field Education, met with Western's interns this fall. In October, Mr. Nykamp visited in Chicago and in November with the three interns and pastors in New Jersey. In January, he will travel to Denver and to California.

During these visits, Mr. Nykamp spends at least two hours with the intern and his wife and the same amount of time with the pastor. During these individual conferences, personal concerns can be discussed and the intern especially is assisted in developing more self-awareness and in a careful examination of his ministry.

Pastors and churches who are interested in participating in the intern program in 1966-67 should contact Mr. Nykamp immediately as plans are now being made for the next academic year.

On December 7, the Rev. Robert A. Nykamp attended the Governor's Conference on "Strengthening the Family" in Lansing, Michigan. The keynote address by Governor George Romney was followed by a paper "What's Wrong With Our Families?" More than 300 individuals representing agencies and institutions involved in family services and relationships participated in this state conference. Ten regional conferences will now be held in the state during the last week in February and the first week in March. Pastors in Michigan who have interest in these regional conferences may contact Mr. Nykamp.

Dr. Lester J. Kuyper, professor of Old Testament, reports a busy and fruitful time in the Netherlands where he is engaged in post-doctoral studies during his year of sabbatical leave.

Dr. Elton M. Eenigenburg, professor of ethics and philosophy of religion, attended the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in New York City from October 28-30.

Goyim Mission Drive Begun

"Light a Candle through Lit-Lit" is the slogan for the current Goyim Mission Drive at Western.

Lit-Lit is a project of the National Council of Churches through its Division of Foreign Missions. Begun by Dr. Frank C. Laubach, world-famous expositor of literary programs for the underdeveloped countries, Lit-Lit is represented in the Reformed Church in America by the Rev. Paul E. Hostetter, assigned to the Literacy Centre, Gujranwala, West Pakistan since 1961.

Chairman of the Goyim Committee is Mr. Wayne Kiel. Vice-chairman is Sherwin Weener; treasurer, John Wurpts; committee men, John Wiers, David Maris, and William DeYoung.

At the Fellowship Luncheon on December 18 the Rev. Mr. Hostetter reported on the work in the Literacy Centre in West Pakistan, giving a brief diagram of the translation process and reporting the number of publications by classification produced during the four years of the Centre's operation there.

Of the total of 185,763 books produced during four years, 131,963 have been sold up to the present with the balance remaining in stock for future sale or free distribution.

Pledges have been made and four offerings will be taken during the balance of the academic year for this project.

PART-TIME INSTRUCTOR JOINS SEMINARY FACULTY

The Rev. Dennis Hoekstra, assistant professor of education at Calvin College, is teaching a three hour course on the subject "Work of a Director of Christian Education" for three quarter credit hours during this second quarter at Western Seminary. Mr. Hoekstra holds the A.B. and B.D. degrees from Calvin and in 1963 was awarded the Ed.D. degree from Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary in New York City. A minister of evangelism in New York City from 1962-63, Mr. Hoekstra entered post-doctoral study under a Fulbright Grant at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands in 1963-64, undertaking work on a thesis leading to the Th.D. degree.
OVERSEAS STUDENTS ATTENDING WESTERN
A trio of overseas students is at Western preparing for the overseas gospel ministry.

Mr. Kunihiko (Paul) Yazaki from Kyote, Japan is a candidate for the Th.M. degree. He has acquired a good working knowledge of the English language and hopes to complete his master’s degree work this year. He lives at Zwemer Hall.

Mr. Wan Boon (Moody) Yap comes from Manila, the Philippine Islands. He is a middle student working in the B.D. program at Western. A protege of the late Dr. Tena Holkeboer, long-term missionary of the Reformed Church to the Amoy-speaking Chinese people, Mr. Yap with his wife and two children live at 1683 E. 11th Street in Holland.

Mr. Thomas J. C. Shih arrived last fall from Taichung, Taiwan, China as a candidate for the master of theology degree at Western.

NEW FORMAT FOR REFORMED REVIEW:
The March issue of The Reformed Review is awaited with keen interest because it will be the first issue with a revised format.

Featuring articles relating to a general theme in the theological field, it will also carry traditional book reviews of recent publications. It will appear in a colorful new cover and be attractively designed and printed.

Future issues of the Reformed Review will continue in the new format and will carry out a specific theme in each issue. The May issue will inaugurate the Centennial Celebration.

The changes made should result in an even wider readership for this distinguished theological journal.

Four Faculty Members To Serve As Consultants For Plan of Union
Four members of the faculty of Western Seminary have been selected to serve among the consultants named to assist the Joint Committee in the drafting of a plan of union with the Presbyterian Church, U.S., for possible presentation to the highest court of the church not later than 1968.

President Ridder was selected as a representative consultant; Professor Osterhaven has been named to the sub-committee charged with the drafting of the theology section; Professor Brownson has been named to the witness and structure sub-committee; and Dean Eenigenburg has been listed on the polity sub-committee.

The first meeting of the consultants will take place in Louisville January 26-28.

NEEDED!
in the summer of 1966
Opportunities for Ministry and Service For 25 Seminary Students.

Please write for information and application forms:
Office of Field Education
The Rev. Robert A. Nykamp, Director
Western Theological Seminary
Holland, Michigan

Invitations for students should be submitted by March 1st.
Dear Friend:

As Western prepares for its Centennial celebration in 1966, we are sharpening our efforts to attract the finest, most devoted young people to a fair and open consideration of the possibilities of church vocation. Our thought is not that every young person ought to be a minister, but that every young person ought to seriously consider this along with other vocational areas.

For that reason, we are sponsoring this Wolfert Conference on Church Vocation. We hope to attract a great number of young people from the heart of the Midwest. We're expecting that a part of this group will be young women who will explore the ministry of Christian Education. (For every graduate in this program there are an average of six job opportunities.)

Make your plans to come. No pressure of any kind will be used. This is a conference to explain the opportunities for service in church vocation and interpret the process of decision. Attendance at the conference implies no commitment, other than that of an alert, interested person.

We'll be waiting for you!

Cordially,
Herman J. Ridder
President