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CENTENNIAL DINNER TO BE HELD ON SAME DAY

Plans have been set for the installation service of Professor Donald J. Bruggink as James A. H. Cornell Professor of Historical Theology and Church History on November 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Raymond R. Becker, who serves both as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the seminary and President of General Synod, will preside at the service. Dr. Marion de Velder, stated clerk of the denomination, will read the form for installation.

In the colorful service of installation in which participants will wear academic regalia, there will be a number of representatives from the schools of the American Association of Theological Schools and other closely-related institutions. It is expected that a number of seminaries from across the country will be represented at the installation service.

The day will begin with the registration of delegates in the seminary office at 11:00 a.m. This will be followed by an installation luncheon attended by the executive committee of the seminary, the faculty, and the invited delegates of the various institutions, in addition to Dr. and Mrs. Bruggink and their honored guests.

The installation service itself will be held in the Mulder Memorial Chapel at 2:00 p.m. The beautiful and meaningful service of installation will be highlighted by the signing of the declaration for professors of theology. In addition, Dr. Bruggink will present his inaugural address entitled: "Historiography and Theological Education."

At 6:00 that evening, a Centennial dinner will be held. Attending will be the Executive Committee and their wives, the faculty and their wives, and a representative from the family of each of the previous professors of theology who have served in the 100-year history of Western Theological Seminary. Working on the arrangements for this gracious occasion is the social committee under the direction of Dr. Lester J. Kuyper.

The events of the day will be a highlight in the celebration of Western's Centennial year.

GERT BEHANNA OPENS FIRST FALL RETREAT

An innovation at Western this year was a Fall Retreat for students and their wives, and faculty and their wives at Castle Park near Holland on Thursday and Friday, September 15 and 16.

Highlight of the Retreat was the presence of Mrs. Gert Behanna, author of the book, "The Late Liz," whose record, "God Isn't Dead," has been widely distributed. She presented messages on Thursday afternoon and evening and conducted a question and answer session on Friday morning.

Group discussions were held on Thursday evening and Friday afternoon with twenty-four of Western's students serving as discussion leaders.

A student-faculty panel discussion included Professors Nykamp, Brownson, and Koops, with students David Bach, Leonard Reynolds, and John Voss. The panel topic was "How to Stay Alive In A Theological Seminary."

The Fall Retreat gave students and faculty an opportunity to begin the new school year in an atmosphere of close fellowship and helpful discussion. The Reformed Laymen's Publicity League underwrote the basic cost of the Retreat.

WESTERN TO TEACH CHURCH HISTORY IN EUROPE

The Western Christendom Travel Seminar, conducted by Dr. Donald J. Bruggink of the church history department at Western, will wing its way on a KLM jet plane for a 42-day period of travel in Europe.

Limited to thirty-two persons, the tour is designed as a serious academic venture offering six hours of elective course credit. Seminar members will devote ten hours per day, five days per week, for six weeks, a total of 300 hours, to the academic endeavors of the seminar.


Cost of the forty-two day seminar is $795.00 for each husband and $695.00 for wives accompanying their student-husbands. Most registrants to date are students at Western Seminary but the group does include several students from Princeton Seminary, as well as recent Western graduates now serving in Reformed churches. Interested parties should address their inquiries to Dr. Donald J. Bruggink at Western Seminary.

SUMMER GREEK HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

For the first time in its history, Western Theological Seminary has offered an intensive summer course in Greek with sixteen students attending the course. The course was of eight weeks' duration. The inductive method of instruction was used with the use of as much audio-oral learning as possible. (See photo and article on page 4.)

Under the instruction of Dr. Richard Oudershuis, the class met three hours a day for five days a week. In his evaluation report of the summer's work, Dr. Oudershuis suggested that students with previous college Greek had an easier time of it than the beginners but two beginners competed easily with some students who had had as much as fourteen to seventeen hours of college Greek at Hope College.

The summer Greek program was made necessary by the decision to require Greek for admission. No longer is the seminary particularly concerned with the number of hours of Greek a student has taken in his college work. Instead, the emphasis is upon his ability to pass a test which determines his acquired abilities.

Having mastered the Greek, the juniors begin the first quarter this fall with nine hours of Hebrew in a similar intensive program. By the end of November, all language study will be completed.

WESTERN ENROLLMENT UP THIS YEAR

Western's enrollment is up about 10% from last year. The total stands at 110 this year as over against 100 last year. However, the increase in B.D. students is nominal, while the increase in Master of Christian Education candidates is rather sizeable.

There are twenty-eight juniors enrolled, twenty-three middlers, twenty seniors, fifteen M.C.E. candidates, fourteen Th.M. candidates, and ten interns.

Among the new students in the first-year B.D. and M.C.E. programs thirteen different colleges are represented. Of the total number of forty-three new students, eighteen are from Hope College; three from Central College; and three from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. Thus, 55% of our new students come from R.C.A. colleges.
This issue of the Theolog is packed with a number of items. Things are happening in our Centennial Year and we are grateful for it! Actually, the Centennial Year is coincidentally related to the spirit that pervades the school. Both faculty and staff are eager to do the best possible job that available time and money will permit. One of the most satisfying experiences of recent days is to talk to someone who hasn’t been back at the school for a while and listen to his excitement as he describes how he sees things here and the spirit that he senses in the atmosphere. Come visit us and see for yourself.

November 14 will be a red-letter day for us. On that day, Dr. Bruggink will be installed as a Professor of Theology in the Reformed Church in America. We eagerly await that experience. On the evening of that day, we will hold a Centennial dinner to which will be invited the faculty, the executive committee of the Board, and a representative of each of the professors who have served Western during her 100-year history. Names like Steffens, Beardslee, Bleikink, Pieters, and other names that have long been household words in the Reformed Church will be talked about that evening. We hope to have some historical reference from each of the guests about the professor they represent. This will add another dimension to our Centennial celebration.

Reference to those who have served this school throughout its past history brings to mind the sudden passing of Dr. George H. Mennenga. Those of us who were associated with him in one way or another will not soon forget his thoughtful ways, keen friendship, and continuing love and devotion to the school he served for so many years.

This column began with a reference to the tingle of excitement in the air as we begin a number of new things and it ends with a note about the past and the significant contribution made by equally devoted men. So it ought always to be. Let this seminary be one that is rooted in the past, although not tied to it. We recognize the significant contribution of those before us. But our greatest service to the church does not lie in trying to repeat their successes, as important as they may have been for their day. Our task is to train men to proclaim the whole gospel to the whole world in the present moment. To that task we gladly set ourselves apart. We want nothing more than to be able to serve our Lord and His Church in this way. Give us the support to do what we so desperately want to do.

Herman J. Hudson

WESTERN TO HOST MISSIONS CONCLAVE

The Mid-west Fellowship of Professors of Missions will hold its meeting on Western's campus on November 11 and 12. Dr. John H. Piet, professor of missions, is Western's faculty member in this group. Dr. I. John Hesselink, Reformed Church missionary to Japan now on furlough, will deliver the keynote address on November 12, discussing the subject, "Theological Education in Japan."

Western is especially pleased to play host to groups such as this.

Faculty Attends University of Michigan

Western's entire faculty spent the days from August 29 through September 2 at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Arranged through the offices of Dr. William Jellema (class of 1953), the faculty retreat was a highly successful experience in which many new thoughts were encountered and some other programs and insights bolstered.

Principally, the purpose of the week at Ann Arbor was to visit with leading figures in the world of education and psychology to determine the current thinking on how learning takes place, the purpose of testing, and other factors relating to the general problems of the classroom teacher.

Profitable sessions were spent with men like Dr. Edward R. L. Walker, professor of psychology at the University, who spoke on "Goals and Tools." Several hours were also spent with Dr. Robert E. Moyers, director, Center for Human Growth and Development. Dr. Stanford C. Ericksen, director, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, also presented a very interesting general session on programmed learning as a learning model. In addition, subjects such

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OVERSEAS STUDENTS ATTEND WESTERN

New arrivals on Western's campus this year include Father T. M. George from Kerala, South India, who holds the A.B. from the Church Missionary College at Kerala and the B.D. degree from the Orthodox Theological Seminary at Kottayam, South India. Mr. George is a candidate for the Master of Theology degree and is the first recipient of the Mina Vander Broek Memorial Fund.

The other new arrival is Mr. K. C. Daniel, also from Kerala, who was graduated with the A.B. degree from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa this past June. Mr. Daniel has entered the B.D. program and hopes to spend the next three years at Western Seminary.

Returning to the campus are Mr. Thomas J. C. Shih, who expects to complete the work for the Th.M. degree during the first quarter of this year, after which he will return to Taiwan. Mr. Moody Yap from Manila, the Philippines, returns after a summer assignment at the Bethel Reformed Church in Chicago to complete the senior year in the B.D. program at Western. Mr. Yap is a protege of the late Dr. Tena Holkeboer, veteran Reformed Church missionary to the Amoy-speaking Chinese people.

Dr. George H. Mennenga, emeritus dean of Western Seminary, passed away on July 20, 1966 at the age of 69.

A 1926 graduate of Western with the Ph.D. degree from Southern Theological Seminary and the D.D. from Central College, Dr. Mennenga entered the faculty in September of 1939, was installed as professor of theology in November, 1941, and retired on August 31, 1961. Countless alumni will remember his contribution to their lives through his years on Western's faculty.
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as motivation were dealt with by Robert W.
Dickson, professor of education at the
University.
Following upon the experience of last
summer at The Institute of Advanced Pasto-
ral Studies in Bloomfield Hills, this week-
long seminar was very valuable and con-
tributed much to faculty thinking with refer-
ence to the new curriculum on which the
seminary is embarked this fall.
The trip to Ann Arbor was made possi-
able through the Midland Faculty Scholar-
ship Fund, established by the Reformed
Church at Midland precisely for purposes
such as this.

SEMINARY TO HOLD WOLFERT CONFERENCE AT
NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE
A Wolfert Conference will be held on
October 22 at Northwestern College in
Orange City, Iowa. This will be the third
such Conference held within the last ei-
ghen months. Previous conferences have
highlighted the Christian ministry and pos-
sibilities in church vocation today.
The Conference will begin on Saturday,
October 22, with registration at 8:45 to
9:30 a.m. At 9:30, an address will be given
by Dr. Elton Eenigenburg entitled, "What
It Means to be a Minister." In addition to
Dr. Eenigenburg, Dr. Lester Kuyper and
Professor Hugh A. Koops will participate in
the conference. The Conference partici-
pants will be guests of the Conference for
lunch and for dinner, after which the group
will be the guests of Northwestern College
at a home football game.
Arrangements have been made through
the Rev. Fred Buseman of Northwestern
College. It is also to Mr. Buseman that all
registrations should be sent. It is hoped that

Piper, Hesselink on Campus
For Centennial Year
Dr. Otto A. Piper, emeritus professor of
New Testament at Princeton Seminary, is
serving as guest lecturer during the first
quarter of Western’s Centennial Year.
Born in Germany, Dr. Piper has served as
a professor in Göttingen, in Munster, and as
a guest professor in Wales before entering
Princeton’s faculty in 1937.

The two courses offered by Dr. Piper dur-
ing the first academic quarter are "Inter-
pretation of Mark’s Gospel in Recent Schol-
arship" and "History and Eschatology in the
New Testament." Mr. and Mrs. Piper are living at 7312
10th Street during their stay at Western.
During the second academic quarter, the
Centennial guest professor on Western’s cam-
pus will be Dr. J. John Hesselink, professor of
the History of Doctrine and Ecclesiastical
Latin at Tokyo Union Theological Seminary.
A graduate of Central College and a 1956
alumnus of Western, Dr. Hesselink com-
pleted the work for the doctorate at Basel,
Switzerland under Karl Barth and Oscar
Cullmann. He is currently completing for
publication a revision of his doctoral disserta-
tion on "Calvin’s Concept of the Law."
On furlough following a second term of
missionary service in Japan, Dr. and Mrs.
Hesselink and their three children are living
at 180 W. 18th Street in Holland.
Overhead Projectors, Video Recorder, Installed at Seminary

With the beginning of the first quarter this year, the faculty have available for their use two overhead projectors with associated photocopying and reproducing equipment, together with projection screens in all the large classrooms. Product of Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, the overhead projectors are already proving effective teaching tools, especially in the teaching of the Greek and Hebrew languages.

Two briefing sessions by a representative of the vendor have been held with the faculty to insure the most effective use of this versatile new equipment.

In addition, as announced in an earlier issue of The Theolog, an order has been placed for an Ampex video tape recorder, together with a Blonder-Tongue television camera to be installed in the chapel of the seminary. The Field of Christian Ministry is enthusiastic about this new acquisition and hope to schedule laboratory work for each student at Western this year. Using the instant replay feature, the professor of preaching can constructively emphasize mannerisms which ought to be avoided, as well as pointing out encouraging features of sermon presentation. The initial gift designated for the video tape recorder was given by the Ottawa Reformed Church last year. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Friis, who operate a Holland business, have made a gift which will apply toward the purchase of the television camera and President Bidder has indicated that additional designated gifts may be received for this total project.

In addition to this mechanical equipment, Western continues to supply critical speech evaluation through using Hope College professors of speech as sermon listeners.

Alumni are cordially invited to inspect these new teaching devices at their alma mater.

Vander Well Wins Centennial Scholarship

The Rev. Eugene H. Vander Well, recent pastor of the Ivanhoe Reformed Church of Riverdale, Illinois, was granted the Centennial Scholarship Award.

Born in Rock Valley, Iowa and a graduate of Central College and Western's class of 1953, Mr. Vander Well has done graduate work at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He has served pastorates in the New Baltimore Reformed Church of New York and the Steinway Reformed Church in Astoria, Long Island, prior to his pastorate at Ivanhoe. He is presently a member of the Board of Education, R.C.A., and a member of the Interchurch Relations Committee.

Mr. Vander Well, Mrs. Joyce Brunting, and the three children, Leah, Lynn, and Stephen, are at home at 382 Pine Avenue, Holland, Michigan 49423.

MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM ENLARGED

In recent years, corporate matching grant programs have been an important source of financial help to educational institutions. More recently, some corporations have enlarged their program in such a way that employees may make matching grants to schools even though they themselves are not graduates of that institution. In this way, Western has participated in programs of the Dow Chemical Company in Midland, Michigan; the R. B. Mallory Company in Indianapolis, Indiana; and more recently, is in a position to encourage this matching grant giving by employees of the General Electric Company, which recently announced that its...
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program would include the opportunity to give to schools other than those attended by contributing employees.

Western encourages its friends throughout the country to use this means of giving so that each dollar may be matched by a corporate gift, thus doing double duty in the important work of underwriting the ongoing program of training at Western.

PAR'S SET FOR ORANGE CITY, HOLLAND

The faculty committee under the chairmanship of Rev. Robert A. Nykamp has set the dates for the PAR institutes to be held next summer. One PAR Institute will be held on the Northwestern campus at Orange City, Iowa on July 12-21. The second institute will be held on a return visit to Holland on the seminary campus August 2 - August 11 for the churches in the Western Michigan area.

In evaluating the program of this past summer, there were several factors that became apparent to the committee. First of all, there was general excitement on both the part of the staff as well as the participants with reference to the general format. It was felt that this kind of time was needed to do the kind of depth approach that was taken to the materials studied. It was noted that lessons were studied and materials prepared so that it was a high level academic approach to the material as well as a personal involvement on the issues that were presented. In all probability, the format to be followed this coming summer will be an intensive five day period with a light weekend intervening before another intensive five day period.

Another factor noted was that the reduced cost of the institute as well as additional scholarship assistance made it possible for more men to attend. This year the Reformed Laymen's Publicity League made scholarships available to several people through the office of the seminary. It is hoped that such a program may be continued in order to enable us to provide additional assistance to men who simply cannot afford to pay the basic cost required for the institute.

Although there may be some changes later, at present there is a strong likelihood that the staff for the Northwestern PAR will consist of representatives of the three basic fields of the seminary, theology, Bible, and Christian ministry. The same will hold for the PAR to be held at Western. However, in addition, the video recorder will be used in the Christian ministry work at the seminary.

We hope that a number of interested men will circle the dates immediately and plan their next summer accordingly.
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