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REV. LIBBEY TO PRESENT GREGORY LECTURE

The Rev. Scott S. Libbey, recently retired as executive vice president of the United Church Board for World Ministries, will present the annual Gregory Lecture, the opening academic event of spring term, on Thursday, February 10, at 11:10 a.m. in Santee Chapel. The lecture is titled, "The Amazing Surprise of Mission: Transforming Grace for Change."

As executive vice president of the United Church Board for World Ministries, the overseas mission arm of the United Church of Christ, Rev. Libbey led a staff of more than 200 professionals serving worldwide. He retired in December 1993 after serving in the post since 1985. Before leading the World Board, Rev. Libbey was Nebraska conference minister, on the national Christian education staff of the UCC Board for Homeland Ministries and Christian Educator on the Iowa conference staff.

Rev. Libbey holds a bachelor of arts degree from the State University of Iowa and a bachelor of divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago. He has received honorary doctorates from three UCC-related schools: Chicago Theological Seminary, Lakeland College and Defiance College.

MEET SCOTT LIBBEY OVER COFFEE AND TEA IN THE COMMONS

You are invited to drop in at Mayer Commons (The Campus Center) between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 10, to meet the Rev. Scott Libbey before he presents the Gregory Lecture in Santee Chapel at 11:10 a.m. There will be coffee and tea and a chance to discuss world missions, the future of the ecumenical movement, the restructuring of denominations, and whatever else you are interested in raising with him.

DR. KRAYBILL TO LEAD DISCUSSION OF NONVIOLENT ALTERNATIVES

Dr. Donald B. Kraybill, director of the Young Center for the Study of Anabaptist and Pietist Groups, Elizabethtown College, will be speaker at a symposium called "Changing Society: Nonviolent Alternatives for Community Life" on Thursday, February 17, 7:30 p.m., in Santee Chapel. The event is another in the ongoing Campus 100 series of presentations on social change given at the Seminary during this centennial year.

Dr. Kraybill, who is professor of Sociology at Elizabethtown, is author of several books, including *The Amish and the State*, published recently. This book brings together legal scholars and social scientists to explore the unique series of conflicts between a traditional Amish religious minority and the modern state. In the process, the authors trace preservation - and the erosion - of religious liberty in American life.



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CORNEL WEST TO SPEAK AT F&M

Dr. Cornel West will speak at Franklin & Marshall College's Hensel Hall on Thursday evening, March 3, at 8:00 p.m. Dr. West's lecture, titled "Race Matters," is open to our faculty, students and staff free of charge.

Professor of Religion and Director of the Afro-American Studies Program at Princeton University, Dr. West graduated from Harvard magna cum laude and received his M.A. and Ph.D. from Princeton.

Called by *Newsweek* a "Christian, clotheshorse, socialist professor," he is among the most important philosophers, authors and activists of our time. His early influences include a combination of the Baptist Church, of which his grandfather was a pastor, and the Black Panthers, whose office was nearby his boyhood church. His speaking style, formed by his Baptist roots, is a blend of drama, knowledge and inspiration.

Dr. West's current academic interests include problems facing the African-American urban underclass in America and in creating and maintaining an ongoing dialogue between Blacks and Jews.

SEMINARY TO CELEBRATE AFRICAN-AMERICAN WEEK, 2/21 to 2/25

"Gifts for the Faithful Journey: Focus for the Future" is the theme of African-American Emphasis Week at Lancaster Seminary February 21 through February 25. A highlight of the week-long celebration will be a visit from The Rev. Henry T. Simmons, pastor of St. Albans Congregational Church, Queens, NY, who will preach during a Service of Word and Sacrament at 11:10 a.m. on Wednesday in Santee Chapel. His sermon is titled, "Victory in the Valley."

On Wednesday evening the Rev. Dr. Delores Carpenter, pastor of Michigan Park Christian Church, Washington, DC, will preach at a Community Worship Service at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Lancaster, sponsored jointly by Lancaster Seminary and Bethel AME. Local choirs will provide music. Anyone in need of a ride to Bethel AME at 450

East Strawberry Street should call Karna Burkeen, extension 32.

Dr. Carpenter, an author and lecturer, has served as chair of the Board of Directors, Division of Higher Education; Christian Church, and is associate professor of Religious Education at Howard University School of Divinity. She will lead a Community Hour on Thursday. Following the lecture, titled "Black Church Strategically Positioned," she will be available for conversation during lunch in the Refectory.

During African American Emphasis Week, Cokesbury Bookstore will display a special collection of African American liturgical worship aids and books. Ann Kemper, assistant librarian, who is a former United Methodist missionary to Nigeria, will arrange a special display in the Schaff Library.

CAMPUS 100 CONCERT RESCHEDULED

Local soprano Anne Webber will be featured in a free recital hosted by Lancaster Seminary and the Pennsylvania Academy of Music at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, February 22 in Santee Chapel. The concert was rescheduled from January 30 because of inclement weather.

Ms. Webber, a member of the academy's faculty, will sing a variety of selections, including songs by Joseph Marx from the early 20th century and Mozart's "Exsultate."

Her accompanist will be Scott G. Drackley, choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church and assistant artistic director of the Lancaster Opera Company.

FINANCIAL AID CONSULTANT

Nancy Johnson has agreed to be our new financial aid consultant. She replaces Clark Payne, who has taken a new position at Elizabethtown College. Nancy, who also consults in financial aid at Evangelical Theological Seminary, Myerstown, PA, will be at the Seminary each Monday, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please make appointments with her through Shirley Laukhuff, Student Services Office.

JANUARY TERM DROP/ADDS

If weather prevented your taking a January Term course for which you had registered, you must drop the course by February 16. You are responsible to do the paperwork, or the Seminary will charge you for the course, and you will receive an "F." The procedure for adding or dropping a course, quoted from the Master of Divinity Handbook, is repeated below.

Adding or dropping a course:

After the end of the formal registration period, changes in registration are made by using an add/drop form.

To add a course, a student consults with her or his advisor and completes an add form. The completed add form is taken to the Student Services Office. All add forms must be signed by the faculty advisor. Fall and Spring term courses may be added up to the last day of the first full week of courses. September, January and Summer courses may be added up to the end of the first day of the course. Consult the academic calendar for exact dates for adding a course.

To drop: Prior to the last class session of the semester, a course may be dropped. Courses dropped after the beginning of the fifth week of the fall or spring terms or the third day of September, January or summer terms will be entered on a student's transcript as a W (withdrawal). Courses dropped prior to that time will not appear on a student's transcript. To drop a course, a student consults with her or his advisor and completes a drop form. The completed drop form is taken to the Student Services Office. All drop forms must be signed by the faculty advisor. A refund of tuition charges is available on the following schedule:

100% refund with withdrawal prior to beginning of the third week for fall and spring terms or the beginning of the third day for September, January or summer term.

50% refund with withdrawal prior to the beginning of the fifth week for fall and spring terms or the beginning of the fourth day for September, January or summer terms.

After the fifth week of fall or spring terms or the fifth day of September, January or summer terms, no refund is available.

DECENNIAL VISITATION SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 20-23

The decennial visitation by a joint team of colleagues from the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools of the Commission for Higher Education (CHE) will take place on campus February 20-23. During the visit, team members will meet with faculty, students, staff, trustees and alumni/ae as part of their review of our self-study. The self-study has been a major part of a two-year process which we anticipate will lead to reaffirmation of accreditation by both the ATS and the CHE in June 1994.

Members of the visiting team will be meeting with candidates for master's degrees on Monday, February 21, at 4:00 p.m. in Mayer Commons. DMin candidates will meet with members of the team on Tuesday, February 22, at 1:00 p.m. in the Glatfelter Seminar Room.

The members of our joint visitation team are: Dr. Gordon E. MacDermid (chair), Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, Nova Scotia; Dr. Donald Beisswenger Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee; Ms. Mary Martin, School of Divinity, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota; Rabbi Michael B. Greenbaum (co-chair), Jewish Theological Seminary, New York City; Sr. M. Anne John O'Loughlin, Caldwell College, Caldwell, New Jersey. Ms. Dee Ann Koller, of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, is scheduled to collaborate with the visitation team.

Several copies of the final edition of our self-study report, completed in December 1993, are available for inspection. Display copies can be found in the dean's office, in the development office and on the reserve shelf in Schaff Library.

A major purpose of the visitation, as with the self-study, is to strengthen the institution. This purpose can be best fulfilled during the visitation, as was also the case during the self-study, by all members of the Seminary community being open and honest.

If you have any questions on the visitation, please feel free to speak with either Peter Schmiechen, or Don Cooney in the development office.

SEMINARY COUPLES TO MEET

Ann Few and Allen Kroehler have proposed two initial meeting times for seminarians and their spouses or other significant others. Interest has been expressed in discussing and sharing about adjustment issues such as...How do you and your partner get used to role changes? Is our communication adequate for the new stresses and changes? Is there life after ordination? And should there be occasional get togethers?

Please come, if you are interested, to either Thursday evening, February 17, at 7:30 p.m. or Saturday morning, February 19, at 9:30 a.m. We will meet in the lounge (S216) at the end of the hall on the second floor of the library. For more information, contact Ann at 898-2285 or Allen at 393-7005 (or at the Seminary).

HEALING SERVICE PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY 15

In need of prayer and anointing for healing - for yourself or another? The chapel support committee has planned a healing service for Tuesday evening, February 15, in Santee Chapel at 7:00 p.m. Please come and invite others to join you.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Just as in the parish, we sometimes are unaware of joyous or stressful events in the lives of members of our community. If you or someone you know desires our thoughts and prayers and wishes to have information more widely shared with the Seminary community, please contact Chaplain Kroehler, who has offered to include items of concern in the **Seminary News** and/or on the hallway easel near the mailboxes in Lower Level Lark. If the information is to be limited to the chaplain's office please be clear about that too.

ATTENTION UCC GRADUATES WRITING PROFILES

United Church of Christ seminarians who are seeking placement after graduation in spring, attention! As you write your profile (for sending in to the Office for Church Life and Leadership so that they can circulate it to the conferences which you select), please be aware that a new section has been added. In a mailing in December, OCLL's executive director, William Hulteen, wrote, "Beginning January 1, 1994, OCLL will not circulate a newly-prepared **Ministerial Profile** unless a **Background check and Release form** is completed and signed. In addition, all new profiles will need to have the new **Ministerial Profile Information Form** completed at the same time."

Chaplain Kroehler has recently received 15 profile packets with copies of the new forms to make them available to anyone who needs one. Ask him, Professor Freeman or the faculty secretary for a packet. If you have been working on your profile packet which you ordered before the end of the year, you will need to add the new forms (which you may request from OCLL). Profile packets are provided without cost. To order a profile packet (with the new forms) yourself, call toll-free the United Church Resources order number, 1-800-325-7061.

For further consultation on preparation of profiles, consult Chaplain Kroehler or Professor Freeman.

LOOKING FOR A ROBE AND STOLES?

A local chaplain has told Allen Kroehler about the availability of a black robe and a set of stoles. Please see Chaplain Kroehler if you are interested in more information about them.



President's Page

The Spring Term!

In an act of wild optimism, hope and dreaming, I shall refer to the second term as the spring term. Since time is ultimately on our side, I shall risk this judgment. Perhaps hope wishing will make it happen. We lost three class days in January and had several other days with shortened schedules. The thaw brought some relief but also allowed the waters to flow—in wrong places. We will be assessing the damage for some time. Hats off to the grounds crew for their endless work at keeping the campus open.

We do begin this second term with much good news and hope for the future. The cross-cultural groups have returned from travel to Ghana and Latin America. We rejoice at their safe passage and await their reports on their adventures.

We also welcome our new faculty member, Dr. Lee Barrett, Professor of Theology, who arrived in January. He will be teaching a full load in this term (i.e., the spring term). We also welcome several new students who begin study with us. Their names are listed below. On last report, the list included four full-time students and several considering full-time study next term, i.e., after the spring term.

February brings several public lectures for our benefit. First there is the Gregory Lectureship on World Missions. The speaker on February 10 will be Dr. Scott Libbey, retired Executive Director of the UCC Board for World Ministries. This lecture honors Paul and Catherine Gregory, who served in China and Japan as missionaries. Dr. Libbey served with distinction as leader of the UCC Board, and was active in re-defining the role of the UCC in world missions in light of general changes abroad. On February 17, Dr. Donald Kraybill will speak on non-violence. This latter lecture is part of our Centennial Celebration, where we look at different aspects of religion and contemporary culture. Dr. Kraybill is on the faculty of Elizabethtown College and is a well-

known author on Mennonite theology and culture. He has written extensively on the subject of Mennonite social ethics.

From February 20-23 the visiting team of the decennial re-accreditation process will be on campus. For the past year we have been reviewing the state of the school, progress over the decade and plans for the future. The team consists of five persons from seminaries or colleges, representing the Association of Theological Schools in the US and Canada as well as our regional accrediting body known as the Middle States Association. The team is ecumenically diverse: two Catholics, a Jewish rabbi and two Protestants. The schedule for the visit is posted in the Dean's Office. The team will be meeting with Trustees, students, faculty, staff and alumni. At the final meeting on Wednesday morning, the team will announce its findings to administrative and faculty officers. We anticipate a lively and helpful discussion on the state of the school.

Finally, no matter what happens with the weather, remember it's the spring term.

Peter Schmichen

-Students beginning their studies at Lancaster Seminary in Spring Term 1994, including their denominations, are Tim Bistline, Presbyterian USA; Gary Bowman, UCC; Andrew Bradley, African Methodist Episcopal; Arthur R. Campbell, III, Lutheran; Leonard DeRoche, Unitarian Universalist; William Hainstock, UCC; Roland E. Langford, Jr., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Domenic M. Ndai, Episcopal; Linda Peachey, Mennonite; William Stoner, African Methodist Episcopal; Marianne Unger, UCC; and Susan Weissinger, Presbyterian USA. Please greet these new seminarians and help them feel comfortable in our community. Some may need special help with transportation and in getting to know Lancaster City.

Bulletin Board

'A DAY OF CLAY' WORKSHOP AT HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"A Day of Clay: A Theology of Dust," a workshop given by artist and theologian, Sasha Makovkin, will be presented at Highland Presbyterian Church on Monday, February 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Makovkin, a Presbyterian minister and potter, uses clay and scripture, speaking as he works the potter's wheel and participants work with clay. The purpose is to meditate on scripture and to experience common clay and its meanings, to gain insights from archeology, science and spirituality. Bring your Bible and comfortable clothes; no experience is necessary. Registration at \$35 includes lunch; the morning session only costs \$20; some scholarship help is available. To register, or for more information, call Kent Groff, 1-737-8222.

SPRING TERM CLEANUP

Please claim articles left in the storage rooms in the basement of Bowman Hall. Victor Wright is in charge of a clean-up of this area and will help students organize a storage space if needed. Articles left in Bowman storage without informing Vic will be discarded in two weeks.

DID YOU KNOW?...Over 100 drop/adds were handled in the Fall Semester.

NOTE: Several members of our community have requested that Liz Bell's prayer from the last worship service of the fall semester be reprinted in the Seminary News:

A PRAYER OF COVENANT

Let us open our hearts to the kiss of Covenant.

The kiss of Covenant calls us,
The kiss of Covenant heals us,
The kiss of Covenant guides us,
The kiss of Covenant seals us.

The kiss of Covenant is God's kiss,
And there is but one God, called by many names,
This one God, Creator of all, has to be created in us in God's own image:
To be one.

Like the seas and streams,
And rivers, lakes and pools that make up a mighty ocean,
May we ever honor our differences and celebrate our diversity
May we reach to our very depths and rise in the light.
And as we go forth, may the kiss of covenant rain upon us.

As each of us goes forth, on our individual journeys,
Facing trials,
Facing tribulations,
Facing and embracing life itself,
Let us remember, ever-remember, the tender kiss of Covenant.

Let the kiss of Covenant call us,
Let the kiss of covenant heal us,
Let the kiss of Covenant guide us,
Let the kiss of Covenant seal us.

Let us open our hearts to the kiss of Covenant,
Now and evermore.

Amen.

Liz Bell

AIDS DISPLAY AT GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

A four-day display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, an international memorial to those who have died of AIDS, will open at Gettysburg college on Sunday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the College Union Ballroom on West Lincoln Avenue. The display is being sponsored by the college and by the AIDS Community Resource Program. It will be open on February 27 until 11:00 p.m.; February 28 and March 1, 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.; and March 2 from 10:00 a.m. until closing ceremonies at 3:00 p.m. Donations received will go to the AIDS Community Resource Program in Gettysburg, which provides necessary funds and assistance to people living with HIV and AIDS, and their loved ones. The display will feature 46 panels, each approximately the size of a grave, that commemorate the life of someone who has died of AIDS.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT GREEKS?

Ken Waclo had a diplomatic discussion recently with Franklin & Marshall College administration over all-night festivities at neighborhood fraternity houses. The name to call with grievances about Greeks is Patti Lawson, director of Public Relations at F&M, who chairs a committee which acts as liaison with fraternities and sororities, although they are no longer officially associated with the college. Her number is 291-0981.

NEEDED: DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES...

for a 400-member church in Lancaster County, Pa. This is a part-time position (10 hours per week year-round) working with teenagers and their families. Experience in youth ministries is preferred but not required. Send a resume to

First United Methodist Church
121 N. George St., P.O. Box 91
Millersville, PA 17551

ATTN. Youth Ministries Search
Committee

IMPORTANT PAPERS ARE MISSING

Important papers are missing from the United Church of Christ employment notebook located in the "kitchen" area of Lower Level Lark.

Several notebooks on employment/volunteer opportunities for students in various categories (full-time, part-time, summertime, field ed., pastor, Christian education, music department, etc.) for churches and non-church-related institutions are available there for all students.

The employment opportunities listed for the United Church of Christ are currently missing. These papers are usually contained in their own individual notebook, and now the notebook is empty.

It is important that all students have access to this information. If you have "borrowed" these papers, please return them immediately. Thank you.

Donna Kaplan, Faculty Secretary

TAKE NOTE Last day to add for Spring Term - 2/11

ROOM RESERVATIONS

All reservations for meeting rooms and events must be made through Judi Hummer, Dean's Office, extension 45.

ATTENTION MAY 1994 GRADS

Remember the deadline to order commencement announcements and certificates of appreciation is **February 15, 1994.**

February 1994

LTS EVENTS

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|----------|
| | | 1 New Conversations Group | 2 9:00am Administrative Cabinet | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Reading Week-No Classes | | | | | | |
| 6 | 7 9:00am Educational Life Committee Spring Term Classes Begin Spring Tuition Due | 8 | 9 9:00am Administrative Cabinet 3:15pm Faculty Meeting- Glatfelter | 10 11:10am Spring Convocation Gregory Lecture- Scott Libbey | 11 9:00am Worship & Community Life Committee Last day to add classes for Spring Term | 12 |
| 13 | 14 9:00am Institutional Planning January Term Grades Due | 15 | 16 9:00am Administrative Cabinet | 17 11:10am Community Hour 7:30pm Campus 100-Dr. Donald Kraybill | 18 | 19 |
| | | | | | Presbyterian Ordination Exams | |
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| 20 | 21 9:00am D.Min Committee | 22 Spring Spectrum @ Highland Timesheets | 23 9:00am Administrative Cabinet 11:10am Guest-H. Simmons 7:30pm Guest-D. Carpenter @ Bethel AME | 24 11:10am Community Hour-D. Carpenter | 25 Payday | 26 |
| African-American Emphasis Week | | | | | | |
| Joint Accreditation Visit | | | | | | |
| 27 | 28 9:00am Faculty Review Committee | | | | | |