

Religion's role debated

Conference discussion centered on Baptist schools

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Contributing Reporter

Representatives from 15 current and former Baptist-affiliated schools came to the university Oct. 23-24 to discuss the role of religion on college campuses. The conference was sponsored by The Lilly Endowment as part of the national Baptist meeting on religion and higher education.

Samuel Hill, a professor of religion at the University of Florida, delivered the opening plenary address.

Hill discussed the difficult issues the participants at the conference faced.

"If you think raising funds for a university is hard, try conceiving a Christian institution of higher education," he said.

President Thomas K. Hearn Jr., delivering the welcome address said, "From the moment I walked on this campus I was being taught a lot of things ... and the thing that came up most was Baptist heritage."

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Hill said that the conference enabled people from different Baptist-related schools to come together to discuss the similarities and differences in the issues they faced.

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The two-day conference consisted of three plenary addresses which were open to the public.

There were also two discussion group sessions, a reception at Hearn's house and a dinner Thursday in the Magnolia Room.

Bill Myers, a professor at the University of Richmond, said that the conference was useful because it provided an opportunity for dialogue about how Baptist schools are addressing the issue of religion in higher education.

"To that extent the conference has been effective because we are beginning to explore the issues," he said.

The third plenary address, delivered by Thomas Christman, a professor in the department of religion at Capitol University, discussed similarities and differences with what other schools such as Catholic and Lutheran universities have faced.

Chaplain Ed Christman said, "It

is too early to tell how effective the conference is."

"Whatever happens with the institutions whenever you get together with a group of people who have a shared history ... it's unifying ... and it's encouraging if you get one idea," he said.

Christman said that he was encouraged to hear Christenson shared his interest in an issue of particular personal concern to Christman: how students address the issue of religion.

He said that he often sees students give tours through Wait Chapel and say that the Wake Forest Baptist Church meets there but that "there are other churches."

Christman said he wished that students would emphasize instead that the Wake Forest Baptist church is a church which, "like the school, is open to all people."

The Oct. 23-24 conference was the first in a series of six meetings funded by the Lilly Endowment which will take place this academic year.

Each conference will discuss the role religion plays in higher education within a particular denomination.

The final conference will be more general and include participants from all of the denominations as well.



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Where's Jerry Lewis?

Junior Priscilla Nutt solicits funds over the telephone to raise money for the College Fund. The telethon was held on the fourth floor of Benson University Center.



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Piano Man

Senior David Julius Ford, Jr. plays the piano on the fourth floor of the Benson University Center. Ford has been playing the piano for 14 years. The piano is used by many students during the day.

WAKE WATCH

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Q. What are the rules for a university official searching my room? What about a leased lounge? Can they look anywhere they want or do they have to have probable cause? — J. T.

According to Ken Zick, the vice president for student life and instructional resources, there are several types of searches. "Any university has the right to conduct searches based on health or safety concerns," he said.

For example, Residence Life and Housing would be allowed to inspect a room if there were an issue of electrical safety without probable cause, according to Zick.

For crime related matters, the policy is more complicated. University officials have the right to search rooms, since they are the university's private property, but the search must be based on reasonable suspicion, according to Zick.

"There has to be approval in that kind of search," he said.

General exceptions include an officer seeing evidence of a crime in plain view or an officer involved in hot pursuit of someone suspected of having committed a crime, Zick said.

A provision in the contract for leased lounges states that they are subject to searches, according to Zick. "The provision specifies that the university may search the lounge for any university purpose," he said.

Q. I heard that premarital sex on campus was an honor code violation. Is this true? — B. B.

The honor code, which is outlined in the student handbook, includes lying, cheating, stealing and deception, according to Zick. It does not specify a policy regarding premarital sex, he said.

Q. What happened to Eleanor, the sweet old lady who used to pour sweet tea in the Magnolia Room? — Z. E.

Eleanor has retired, according to Alberta Williams, an employee of the Magnolia Room.

BRIEFLY

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Subway founder to lecture tomorrow on opportunities

Frederick A. DeLuca, the founder of the Subway Sandwiches and Salad franchise chain, will speak at 11:40 a.m. Oct. 31 in Worrell Professional Center 1312.

His speech, which is the second lecture in the Babcock Leadership Series, is titled "How Random Unplanned Events Provide Opportunities in Life."

DeLuca started his company with a small loan from a family friend. It is now an international corporation.

Homecoming carnival set for Saturday on the Quad

Student Union and the Student Alumni Council are sponsoring a carnival from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 1 on the Quad as a part of homecoming activities.

The carnival will include jugglers, clowns, games and the marching band and cheerleaders.

The carnival will conclude with a carillon concert.

Applications for Mellon Fellowship are available

The Mellon Fellowship is available to any college senior or graduate of the past five years who has not yet begun graduate study and plans to attain a doctorate degree in a humanistic field.

The purpose of the fellowship is to attract exceptionally promising students to prepare for careers in teaching and scholarship in humanistic studies.

Anyone interested in learning more about this fellowship should contact Susan Faust, an assistant to the provost emeritus, at Ext. 5891 by Nov. 1 to schedule an appointment.

Alternative Break meeting held for interested students

There will be a Wake Alternative Break information session at 8 p.m. Nov. 2 in Benson 407.

This year's trips, which provide students with volunteer opportunities, range from environmental rehabilitation to urban poverty and include sites such as Boston, New Orleans and South Dakota.

Applications will be available at the meeting and in the Volunteer Service Corps office, Benson 345.

They are due Nov. 21. Questions may be directed to Erin at Ext. 6588, Jeff at Ext. 6569, Ross at Ext. 6854 or the VSC office at Ext. 5290.

Goldwater scholarships open to science students

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation offers merit-based scholarships of up to \$7,500 per year to current sophomores and juniors interested in research careers in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics and physics.

Pre-applications are due by Nov. 3. Students will then be nominated by the Goldwater Wake Forest Scholarship Committee.

For more information and pre-applications, see Cindy Davis, an administrative secretary, in Winston 226.

Published sociologist to lecture on secularization

Jeffrey K. Hadden, a professor of sociology at the University of Virginia, will speak on "The Late Great Theory of Secularization Revisited."

The lecture, which will take place at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3 in Detamble Auditorium in Tribble Hall, is co-sponsored by the sociology department and The Year of Religion in American Life. Hadden has published several books on religion and sociology.

Edo Period Archaeology is topic of upcoming lecture

J. Edward Kidder, a professor emeritus of art and archaeology at the International Christian University in Tokyo, will lecture on Edo Period archaeology of the Tokyo area at 5 p.m. Nov. 4 in Scales Fine Arts Center 102.

The Asian studies program, the department of politics and the Office of International Studies are sponsoring the event.

Kidder served as the director of the archaeological research center and the Hachiro Yuasa historical museum at the International Christian University while in Tokyo. Kidder has taught at the University of Washington, the University of Oregon, Duke University and Yale University.

Speaker from Harvard will give two campus lectures

Rev. Claudia Ann highbaugh, the chaplain and associate director of ministerial services at Harvard Divinity School, will

present a lecture titled "The Stories of our Lives" at 8 p.m. Nov. 5 in Scales 102.

The lecture, which is based on stories about slavery, will explore themes of survival, hope, spirituality and community.

Highbaugh will give another lecture titled "Our Journey of Faith: The Power of Prayer" at 11 a.m. Nov. 4 in the third floor rotunda of Benson as part of the "Discovery Series."

Highbaugh is visiting the university as a resident scholar for the Year of Religion.

Registration for SU wine-tasting is open to first 35

Student Union is sponsoring a free wine-tasting class at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 5. The class is limited to 35 students. To sign up, bring a valid form of identification to Benson 335.

Limited space available for CPR instructor course

The university's Emergency Response Team will offer a CPR instructor class beginning Nov. 5. The class will meet in three sessions for a total of 16 hours.

A current American Health Association CPR card is a prerequisite. The cost of the class is \$35, although participants will also need to purchase books. The class size is limited.

For more information, call Carl Rosenfeld at Ext. 1619.

University to host multicultural symposium

A symposium on multiculturalism in Germany and the United States will be held Nov. 7-8 in the Benson University Center. The conference will feature experts from a variety of fields, including politics, literature, cultural studies and history.

Registration for all symposium events, including a reception and refreshments, is \$15. The fee is waived for all full-time students.

For more information or to pre-register, call Michael Hughes at Ext. 5557.

Applications open for funds to study in Austria, Berlin

Applications are now available for the Berlin exchange program and the Sanders scholarships for study in Germany or Austria.

One full-tuition scholarship will be offered for a year's study at the Free University of Berlin. The scholarship is open to rising juniors who have completed at least intermediate German.

The W. D. Sanders scholarships are open to rising sophomores, juniors or seniors who have completed at least intermediate German.

Applications are due in the German department office by Dec. 1, and the selection will be made by mid-December.

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