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Secular & religious U.S. thought

Clergy Academy opens with Tait address

by Jack Lolla

"Religious and so-called secular forces coalesce in the formation of the American nation."

So summarized Dr. L. Gordon Tait, Chairman of the Department of Religion at The College of Wooster, in the opening address of the Wooster Clergy Academy of Religion, Tuesday afternoon.

About 45 clergy members attended the opening session of the tenth year of the ecumenical continuing education program. The academy will meet for eight Tuesday afternoons between Jan. 13 and March 9 to interact with speakers on the theme of "The Religious Dimensions of the American Experience."

The academy is sponsored by a board of Catholic and Protestant clergy members in cooperation with the College's Religion Department. Sessions feature open exchanges between guest speakers, clergy members, students, and faculty of the College. This year's pastoral counseling seminars following general discussion will provide an added dimension to the academy.

Tait, the opening speaker of the eight-week seminar, laid the historical foundation for future discussion with his address on the "Philosophical-Religious Foundations of the American Experience."

The speaker used two broad categories, "Secular" Philosophical Ideas and Religious Foundations, in analyzing the primary influences on the growth of American thought and action.

Tait cited English society and John Locke as largely determining the philosophical ideas of the young nation. American's religious foundations came to light, according to Tait.

In explaining the role of philosophical influences on the American experience, Tait found four major notions rising from America's English-Lockean position: natural law, social contract, natural rights, and rebellion.

Describing the background of the Declaration of Independence, Tait said, "The declaration represents a current of thought, derived largely from sources other than the churches."

"The views contained in the declaration may be what you or I might call secular philosophical ideas," Tait observed. He affirmed certain neutral rights belonging to all people by virtue of their created being.

Tait reviewed much of Western thought as he described Aristotle's observance of natural law in the Greek state and the Stoic egalitarianism that right REASON is inherent to the human mind. Both concepts had their impact on the American declaration.

In making his case toward the element of humanist influence on American thought, Tait discussed Thomas Aquinas' notion of eternal law that is perceived through the natural revelation or man's own reason.

All these notions, including that of Locke's rationally ordered universe, were major notions posited by the authors of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

"In the medieval natural theory, there was an idealism of what people should be," Tait maintained. The religion professor cited Locke's notion of "life, liberty, and property" as thought to have exemplified this idealism that is inherent within early American thought, Tait observed.

It was in this Western mode that American ideals developed, coming to focus on an increased emphasis on individual responsibility and voluntary action. However, reason was not the only way through which an American focus on individual rights grew, according to Tait.

The Puritan outlook, "nourished by the Bible," sought an activist spirit founded on a Calvinistic notion of a predestined covenant between man and God. In viewing American activism, Tait found a link with the Puritan concept of Christian activity. "Many Puritans believed that the activity of many Christians in the world was the mark of their election," Tait observed. "The Puritans had an uncanny sense that the outward sign was a sign of the inward."

"What I suggest is that covenant makes possible the holding together of the will and responsibility ascribed to man and the holding of the controlling and determining activity of God."

The covenant also involved a people meant to live in community under God, God's plan for the world had a social nature. It included the participation of individuals in a common unity which sustained and gave meaning to all."

As such, Tait later said, the Puritans hoped to organize all political and social activities in the face of God. Unafraid of the coming week, said Tait, Puritans helped to found a spiritual basis for democratic societies."

However, Tait went on to mention many other religious influences on early American thought, the most noticeable being the Baptist adherence to separation of church and state.

In the final analysis, the common actions and plans undertaken by the American people, despite the varied philosophical and religious influences, displayed a unity caused by religious reasons, concluded Tait.

SGA meets to find needs & set goals

by John Sharp

Last Monday night the Student Government Association held a goal-setting workshop in the faculty lounge to determine what the most prominent needs of students here may be. The workshop's primary aim was to develop a cooperative program for meeting student concerns in the future.

Each participant was asked to pinpoint his concerns, either academic, social or personal, which he believed were not being met on campus.

The 35 participants, including SGA members and officers, some Lowry Center Board members and several others, yielded nearly 50 non-duplicated concerns.

From these, 27 were refined into three separate groups according to importance. The top six concerns heading up the first group were: 1) Better relations between faculty/students/administration; 2) A committee to plan the SGA election; 3) The importance of the student publications and the need for better advertising in the Student Body paper. A group of nearly 20 suggestions were duplicated in the other two categories.

At the SGA meeting coming Monday these needs will be discussed further. Various courses of action were suggested by the people in the workshop; other suggestions are welcome from the student body.

CPPS offers Life Planning Workshops

The Career Planning Placement Service is offering a diversity of "workshops" for Winter Quarter. The workshops are designed to aid students in choosing majors, programs of study, science and careers, as well as a range of other interests.

Five different workshops are scheduled for this quarter and will be repeated several times. The "Life Planning Workshops" are coordinated by a trained student and will involve 3-4 students for about 4 hours. They are designed to aid the student in pinpointing his values and planning his future.

The "New Directions Workshops" are principally for freshmen and sophomores. They are designed to help students determine majors and evaluate their roles as college students. These workshops are led by A. Jackson and Alison Hitchcock.

Self-defense for women

by Sue Tew

Over the next few weeks, many self-defense clinics for women will be held in various forms across campus. These clinics are organized by Assistant Dean of Students, Nancy Cadle, Interns Robin Rose and Alison Hitchcock, Carl Yum and Viktoria Starkman.

These workshops may be of interest to any woman on the basics of self-defense - "how to handle a situation and get out of it," according to Robin. Cadle, who continued to explain that "by using campus personnel, we hope to give students a chance to know the people and come to us later if they have any problems or questions. We hope to generate a continuity of concern on campus and to help remind women that they do have to be concerned about their safety."

The five people conducting these workshops are concerned with various aspects of self-defense on the campus, Carl Yum and Viktoria Starkman continued on page 2
Did you hear the latest...?

Hey, have you heard the latest rumor? Chances are you have. I’m not speaking of any rumor in particular; I’m talking about the general category. It would seem as though “Hotline Wooster”, namely the C.O.W. campus, has become a playground for false, erroneous, and sometimes destructive rumors. It can start as an innocent joke or a minor incident, but before you know it, “Hotline Wooster” is busy at work, blowing it all out of proportion and making it worse than it really is.

As for the people who spread the rumors, you need to go no further than to look in a mirror to see the culprit. That’s right; it seems as though practically everyone on campus takes pleasure in hearing a good, juicy, newsworthy item and turning it into an even juicier story to tell your friends. Granted, some people do seem to have a knack for spruiking rumors, such as members of the female населения who seem to have the nose for news and the gut for gossip. But that isn’t to say that males are not just as guilty.

Last semester an incident of rape occurred on campus. As a result, some students were scaring as that incident may have been, within two days after the crime, rumors were running rampant and there were reports of up to four rapes. This is where we enter into the area of dangerous rumors, ones that are so blown out of proportion that panic sets in. This we can do without.

So, no matter how exciting a rumor may seem to you, first, consider the source and, second, don’t spread it any further. If the rumor is of significant magnitude and you would like to get the facts, contact the Dean’s Office and clear these things up, I realize that Hotline Wooster may be the closest thing to a crime reporter we have, but, just remember; you get what you pay for.

Jim Van Horn
Associate Editor

Self-defense for women

Yund, Chief of Security will talk about basic safety precautions and how to handle a rape situation. He will also discuss the legal aspects of a rape or assault attempt.

Dr. Sturman will talk on her role in a rape situation and what kind of aid a rape victim can expect at Hoyt.

A final function of the clinic is to start women thinking about safety precautions to take once they leave Wooster. “Women will eventually go into a less secure place than Wooster and we hope to get them thinking now about safety precautions.” Nancy explained. Tomen are encouraged to attend these workshops. Any woman can go to any workshop, they do not have to limit themselves to the workshop designed for their dormitory, “If these succeed, we may have other similar workshops in the future,” concluded Nancy.

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Beginning January 16th, a new series of classes at the Art Center will be offered for eight consecutive weeks. Five talented new instructors will join the Art Center staff to offer a painting class taught by Gordon Easley and a drawing class led by Hilly Greenhouses in Wooster, to cover many aspects of painting and drawing. Mr. Hilly, owner and director of Hilly Greenhouses, has a wide variety of knowledge and general care of plants.

An unusually wide variety of classes are available this winter for Adult and Senior High age groups. Among them are "Production Techniques in Community Theater" taught by Lovina Parmenter, "Beginning Photography" with Roger Easley and "Easter Egg Decorating" led by Caroline Gurney. Sybil Gould is again offering her expertise to students in "Ceramic Art." The name of either party will be the person who Sad was the grueling physical wear of the landscape and the brightest smile and most coherent platform. One who seems to have free of violence this time and that the "Spirit of '76" will survive the grueling physical wear and the brightest smile and most coherent platform.

Aside from being the year of remembering the meaning of the Declaration of Independence, the Liberty Bell and half-clad patriots fighting for human rights, 1976 will be the year of the presidential campaign. From late February through early June we will witness the eleven and thirteen (depending on how you count) Democratic and possibly four Republican candidates, tear them- selves to shreds in the nation's 28 primaries. They'll be speaking of big government, inflation, bus- ing, the defense budget and teacher's salaries. The nominee of either party will be the person who Sad was the grueling physical wear of the landscape and the brightest smile and most coherent platform. One who seems to have free of violence this time and that the "Spirit of '76" will survive the grueling physical wear and the brightest smile and most coherent platform.

May of 1975's problems remain with us, Patty Hearst's trial may get under- way. We will hear more of JFK's sex life, garden orders on the press, the JFK's sex life, garden orders on the press, the New York City's financial crisis, the arms race, investigatiges of the FBI and CIA, and governmental in- decidestess.

Predictions? New voters have the potential to effect the November election. New York will be joined in it's plight by other cities; Ford will have a nasty time getting renominated; pollution will remain unabated; and the "Spirit of '76" will survive the grueling physical wear of the landscape and the brightest smile and most coherent platform.

"Copper Enameling" introduced by Cathy Winkler was taught in February, February 10th he will instruct a one day workshop in matting and framing. The ceramics studio continues to be a hub of activity in the Art Center.

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Concert Choir to present Lord Nelson Mass

by Jon Fancher

This Sunday evening the Wooster Concert Choir will offer the first concert of the quarter when it presents its Winter Concert in McGaw Chapel at 8:15 p.m. Under the direction of John M. Russell, the choir will perform works by Brahms, Bruchner, and Haydn.

The featured work of the January 18th concert will be the

"Lord Nelson" Mass in D minor

by F.J. Haydn, a work written for choir, four soloists and a nineteen-member chamber orchestra. This mass derives its nickname, "Lord Nelson's Mass," because this work was performed for Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton when they were the guests of Prince Esteray of Austria in 1800, Haydn had been in the employ of the Prince for over thirty years when this work was performed for the royal guests.

The soloists for the Mass in D minor are all students at the College of Wooster. Margaret Hackett, a junior from Archbold, Ohio will be the soprano soloist. Meg is a transfer student from Indiana University where she was a member of the University Chorale and the Opera Chorus.

The sound of jazz is coming to Wooster. Beginning Wednesday, January 28th, the Lowrey Center Board will present a six day Jazz Festival. Among the main events will be a 30-piece jazz ensemble from Bowling Green State University, a special "Jazz Impact" program reviewing the contributions of jazz greats Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis and others. From Pittsburgh, Walt Harper will bring his funky style. Nationally acclaimed jazz great Lee McCann will be the main feature of the Festival. McCann will appear in McGaw at 8 p.m., Monday, February 2nd. Advanced tickets will be available to students at reduced prices.

Further information on this coming spectacular will be coming soon.

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One of the highlights of the show is the composition of modern photographs with drawings and watercolors from the 1970's in the section entitled "Town Center.

The show illustrates the everyday life in Wooster one hundred years ago, not singing out the town's "leading citizens" but documenting with photographs, captions, books and objects the living situations, work and leisure of city dwellers at time.

The large photographs, over 150 of them, are divided into sections hung in different areas to emphasize certain themes. This arrangement enables the viewer to appreciate the complexity of life during a decade in which Wooster sustained important growth and change. A book containing many of the pictures from the show and essays on life in the 1970s was planned to accompany the exhibition; it will be available in March.

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"Hearts & Minds" thought-provoking view of Vietnam
by Michael McDowell

For years after the last American troops were withdrawn, people have been trying to discover what really happened in Vietnam.

Last Monday at 4 p.m., in McGaw Chapel, the Cultural Events Committee presented a movie dealing with this and other questions about Vietnam. The movie, a part of the Fine Film Series, was probably the best movie on this subject to date. It was very well done and showed the many aspects of the Vietnam issue as seen by soldiers, officers, and the Vietnamese people. Most of the film was made up of interviews with these people, combined with an array of thought-provoking (and many times pitiful) film sequences showing exactly the kinds of things that the Vietnamese people had to live through during the war.

While the film did not attempt to make any outright message, pro or con, concerning the war, it did point out the obvious (and not so obvious) facts of the issue so that the viewers could form their own opinions on the topic. This was accomplished by interviewing people on both sides of the issues from the Saigon businessmen who were making a living from the war to the American soldiers who didn’t even know why they were fighting.

"Hearts and Minds" was a powerful movie that can serve as an example of what war does to the people involved. It was a truly awe-inspiring movie.

Talk series on religion in schools begins

by David Johns

Should an elementary school be allowed to devote time to prayer?

This question was raised by Dr. Edwin K. Gaustad during a forum on religion and education Tuesday evening. Gaustad, professor of history at the University of California, discussed the history of the relationship between religion and schools.

The "close relationship" extends back hundreds of years to the rabbi, who was "above all else a teacher." The cooperation between religion and education intensified with the rise of universities in the thirteenth century. After the Protestant Reformation several church-supported universities sprung up. Gaustad said these institutions involved "a concern for the total person -- body, mind, and soul."

The "intimacy between religion and education" has continued in Europe throughout history. In Holland much of the education is in the hands of the church, and "teaching of religion must have an educating effect on the pupil," according to Gaustad.

In America, Congregationalists founded Harvard and Yale, and Presbyterians established Princeton.

When the Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution they included the concept of a separation of state and religion, since the government controls public education, the practice of religion has created a flare of controversy in recent years. In 1948 the Supreme Court decided 8-1 that a program of "released time" was unconstitutional. In some schools students were released an hour early to get religious instruction or to go to study hall. The Court ruled that the program ignored what Thomas Jefferson called "a wall

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Women's b-ball ready

by Susan Hughes

The women's basketball team opens their season at Capital University Monday with both varsity and junior varsity teams seeing action. Ms. Nichols has gladly accepted coaching responsibilities for both teams this year because of the importance of both squads. She is being assisted by Betsy Buree and Barb Hedrick who are working on their P.E. LS, credits, Varsity and J.V. squads were chosen this past Monday and the varsity returners are Alpha Alexander, Cindy Barr, Evelyn Campbell, Kim Fischer and Sue Rohr, Addie Sapp, who was off campus last winter quarter also made the squad, as did freshmen Beth Pindhammer, Ann Cleary, Laura Page and Tricia Wilkinson.

Coach Nichols is pleased with the new conditioning program implemented this year, which stresses fitness and basics.

Practices have been running smoothly and everyone has been contributing. The push this week is for teamwork.

The J.V. team appears strong this year and the roster includes Mary Alles, Cathie Calvert, Patt Carpenter, Marcia Clever, Martha Edick, Birdie Hill, Linda Holbrook, Julie Holloway, Sallie Osborn, Jenny Reed and Diana Whitney. They have a six-game schedule and anticipate a good season.

As all coaches, Nichols is optimistic about the potential of both squads. She looks forward to strong student support at the first home game Saturday January 24th at 1:00 p.m. at Timken Gym.

Support your Scots! Follow the exciting Fighting Scots to Mount Union this Saturday where they'll battle the powerful Purple Raiders. J.V. game at 5:30, Varsity at 7:30. Be there!

Welcome back to another quarter with the startling Scot sport pages. After battling a severe case of tar and feathering I have returned to the editing of the ranks.

Wooster teams should provide a great deal of entertainment for Scot sports fans. The basketball team is off and running as never before and now holds a 10-4 slate. Coach Shipe's grapplers are currently undefeated as are Coach Wagner's swimmers. Indoor track and women's basketball, though as yet untested, should fare well.

I only hope that the sports pages can do justice to these teams. If any problems arise I would appreciate being confronted personally rather than hearing of them third-hand. Thank you muchly.

Dave Koppenhaver
Scots down B-W 71-60

by John Delcos

The Scotts' 71-60 win over Baldwin-Wallace Saturday cannot be considered an artistic success, but nonetheless proved gratifying. For, if you don't play well and still win, then you've got a good ballclub.

Wooster's style of play was evident from the outset and could've proved costly except B-W was nothing to cheer about either. The Scotts' offense showed very little movement or penetration and therefore relied upon the low percentage outside shot to score.

With the help of a Phil Shaffer jumper, a layup, and two technicals, the Scots jumped to a 6-3 lead three minutes into the contest. However, because of the Scotts' lack of offensive movement, they went nearly four minutes without a score. This drought gave B-W time to take control of the game's flow.

Dominating the boards, penetration, and passing enabled B-W to run off a 16-3 scoring spurt and take an 18-9 bulge at 8:54 in the half.

It was at this point that the outcome of the contest was decided. With the Scotts ice-cold 30% during the half, B-W could have administered the death blow. But, their shooting also froze over while they stopped doing all the intangibles (rebounding, passing, etc.), that got them their lead in the first place.

However, to the Scots' credit, they made the necessary adjustments that not only avoided a blowout, but got them back into the game. Senior playmaker Tim Shetzer was interested and immediately took control. Shetzer moved the ball and set up Wayne Allison in the key. Within a space of two minutes Allison popped in two gimmeys and two from the foul line to help cut the lead to 20-17.

For the first time the Scotts were taking the ball to the hoop with authority and there was no doubt that they had regained the momentum. Point-man David Frye's second rainbow in a minute knotted the score at 22. Wooster then swapped baskets with B-W the rest of the half before taking a 31-29 margin into the locker-room.

B-W, in trying to retake game control, came out smoking in the second half and nailed the net on three quickies. However, Allison continued his rugged inside game, collecting five more markers to keep the Scots close. Down 37-36, a Phil Shaffer bomb cut the cords and the Scots were up for good 38-37.

Then came perhaps the most magnificent three minutes of the year for Wooster. The Scots did everything that they were unable to do in the beginning. They owned the boards, their offense flowed, creating picks and numerous open shots. The passing was superb and for the Yellow Jackets it was curtains. Wooster blitzed B-W 15-0 and when the smoke cleared it was 50-37.

The Scots reached a 15-point bulge later in the half 65-50, as they continued to dominate in every phase. For the remainder of the contest the two teams traded baskets which did not help the B-W cause. The final was an impressive 71-60 count.

The win brought the Scots mark to 9-4 for the season as they prepare to play Walsh on Wednesday at Timken Gymnasium.
All too often, when the party ends, the trouble begins.
People who shouldn’t be doing anything more active than going to sleep are driving a car.
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Before any of your friends drive home from your party, make sure they aren’t drunk.

Don’t be fooled because they drank only beer or wine. Beer and wine can be just as intoxicating as mixed drinks.
And don’t kid yourself because they may have had some black coffee. Black coffee can’t sober them up well enough to drive.

If someone gets too drunk to drive, drive him yourself. Or call a cab. Or offer to let him sleep over.
Maybe your friend won’t be feeling so good on the morning after, but you’re going to feel terrific.

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