

# Christian Colleges Draw Nearer Church Teaching

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NEW YORK (AP)—Putting more emphasis on Christian college teaching today is becoming a widespread movement, within the church and on hundreds of campuses.

Although historically separated, the churches and church-founded colleges in many cases have drifted apart through years.

There is a resurgence of desire for colleges to fulfill their obligation of being genuinely Christian institutions," said Dr. Kenning Brown, of St. Louis, leading authority on the subject.

This has meant a revival of the scientific side of the 20th century, which was not so noticeable in the colleges of the Lutherans

and Roman Catholics, but it affected many others.

And even those where emphasis on religion remained strongest have lately felt the need to reinforce it, Dr. Brown said.

"To varying degrees, the ties became weakened," Dr. Brown said. "But the last decade has seen a growing reaffirmation of the true relationship, and an eagerness to interpret it on a broad, non-sectarian basis."

Dr. Brown is an author, educator, former college president and now director of the Danforth Foundation, a trust fund interested in the spiritual aspects of education.

The trend to restore more religious perspective to learning has been reflected in a virtual wave of Christian college self-study projects on the subject (300 of them since 1948), faculty conferences and student movements.

Climaxing these campus and regional activities will be a national convocation June 30 of the nation's 471 Protestant-related colleges, the first such gathering in the country's history.

Sponsored through the National Council of Churches, the five-day

meeting at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, will bring together about 1,200 college officials and teachers.

"This convocation reflects the whole ferment going on in educational circles—objectivity versus critical judgment," said Dr. Ronald Wells, head of the education division of the American Baptist Convention.

**SOUGHT OBJECTIVITY**

Dr. M. C. Ballenger, author of a recent study on the issue, said "American higher education in the early 20th Century sought complete objectivity, ruling out anything that could not be measured by instruments of science."

But a powerful school of educational thought has developed, holding that true knowledge must be related to the inner man, and ultimately to a critical judgment under God's laws.

Under a Hazen Foundation grant, a panel of top scholars analyzed the question in 1947, and concluded the best scholastic standards could be offered within a religious focus.

"Basic faiths that man is born free, that love is better than hate, make it impossible for teachers to be solely objective," said Dr. Raymond F. McLain, head of the national council's Christian Higher Education Commission.

"A college is not a college unless it deals with rational inquiry—but it is not a Christian college unless its rational inquiry is contained and sustained in a context of Christian faith."

# Neptune Visible With Telescope

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correspondent who owns an astronomical telescope asked recently, "Is the planet Neptune visible in my instrument? If so, where can I find it?"

Neptune would have to be about 10 times its present brightness visible to the best of unaided eyes on a clear, moonless night from city limits. But small telescopes easily reveal it if the scope is pointed in the proper direction. Even then, the observer usually tells it from 8th magnitude stars merely from only observation. But if a chart of the stars in the field of view and this location is observed for a few nights in succession of the objects will be found to have moved a little from the stars. This then is the test.

The telescope is equipped with angle measuring circles, a ring during the next few days the following location will hit Neptune: right ascension, 13 hr. 41 min.; declination, minus 7.5 degrees.

**WITHOUT CIRCLES**

Without circles, the ingenious observer can likely spot this planet from the following directions: Locate the bright star in the constellation Virgo, the yellow planet Saturn what east of Spica. Draw an imaginary line between Saturn and Spica. This is about 12 degrees long. At a point 9 degrees from Saturn along this line and at right angles to it, draw a line for slightly over 3 degrees. Neptune is there.

Neptune is one of the larger planets with a diameter about

four times that of the earth. One trip around the sun requires 165 years. Its discovery was a triumph for mathematical astronomy. After Uranus was found in 1781, its motion varied slightly from that calculated for it. Some suspected a more distant unknown body was causing the disturbance.

In 1846, the brilliant young French mathematician Leverier completed his laborious calculations regarding the location of the disturbing object. He wrote the Berlin observatory stating where in the sky he thought the telescope should be pointed to find it.

**IMPERIAL GOD**

The director of the observatory, Dr. Encke, was to be the principal in a birthday party the evening of the letter's arrival. Skeptical of the Frenchman's conclusions, he turned over the figures to his assistant, Galle. With the help, Galle found Neptune within a degree of the predicted place. When informed of the noted discovery, Encke regretfully foresook his natal celebration and rushed to the observatory.

In classical literature, Neptune was the imperial god of the sea. When an unauthorized hurricane stirred up by Aeolus off the Sicilian coast was fiercely tossing the Trojan ships, stern old Neptune arose bodily from the crest of the wave to ascertain the cause of the tumult. As the salty water trickled from his beard, he flourished his trident and calmed the turbulent billows with his booming voice of authority.

### SIDE GLANCES

By GALBRAITH



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"Hm! So that's what cost me all that dough!"

## Recording Star Joins 'Opry'

Ann Jones, Portland recording artist for King Records, will join the Grand Ole Opry for its June 14 show at the Eugene High Auditorium.

The troop will appear at 7 and 9 p.m. on that date. National stars will include Carl Smith, June Carter, Hank Locklin, Al Terry, and Tommy Collins. The Carl Smith Tune Band will also visit Eugene.

Tickets to the musical event are on sale at Tiffany-Davis Drugs, 8th Ave. and Willamette St. The Opry show comes from Nashville, Tenn., where it performs the famous Saturday night radio show on NBC.

## Board to Study Supply Bids

The Eugene School Board will consider bids on school supplies, fuel, busses, and kitchen equipment at the next regular meeting Monday at 8 p.m. in the administration office.

Bids for furnishing the items were opened this week to permit tabulation and will be referred to board members.

Other business will include a report on the proposal by school officials that a third appraiser be named to evaluate a proposed school site in the Sunny Hollow area. Most of the land under consideration is owned by Frank Kinney of Eugene, whose asking price is considerably higher than the price set by a school district appraiser.

Board members have suggested to Kinney that a third, impartial appraiser be retained in an effort to resolve the difference. The site is needed, officials say, to build an elementary school in a few years.

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