Religious Emphasis Week Begins Tomorrow

R E Week Launched Tonight With The President’s Reception

The second biennial Rice Religious Emphasis Week will be launched tonight with the President’s Reception for Dr. Edward McCrady, principal REW speaker. Mrs. J. Warren Hastings, Rabbi Leo A. Bergman, Dr. Leonard A. Duce, Rev. Linus J. Thro, and Dr. A. G. Wiederaenders, discussion leaders for the week, will also be introduced.

Main events of the week will be held tomorrow through Thursday. The succeeding three days constitute the main body of the week. Each morning Dr. McCrady will speak in the Commons, the administration having granted a one hour holiday each day. Lunch time will find the discussion leaders speaking before the various religions represented here on the campus.

Early in the afternoon each day three open discussion groups are being held in the library, the subjects being those questions which proved most popular to the whole school. Mrs. Hastings at other times in the afternoon will lead some informal discussions with the literary societies.

After supper the activity is centered at the dorms, with the various discussion leaders presiding at their respective halls.

Speakers, Discussions Offer Help on Perplexing Problems

By JAY WEIDLER

Religion is one of the most difficult topics to discuss simply because everyone has his own opinion. Granting this one might further suggest the logical question of just why have Religious Emphasis Week, why try to further discussions that have no final answer... at least here on earth.

Two years ago a group of real crusaders got together. The term crusaders is mild compared to the task that was before them. A Religious Emphasis Week is a task at Baylor, even harder perhaps at S.M.U., but R.E.W. at The Rice Institute, unheard of. Certainly there had been religious organizations at the Institute, even a religious council was active, presenting services at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, but never had there been a time set aside that all students were urged to take a look at their own spiritual selves, discuss with others what they believed were the rights and wrongs of living.
REW An Attempt To Look For Religion’s Place In Society

By NORMAN LASSER

"Why should I attend any of these Religious Emphasis Week events? After all religion is a personal matter. Someone will probably try to sell me his bill of goods; either that, or a lot of pretty talk will result in nothing but that: talk. I’m not interested in the questions they’ve advertised anyway."

Frankly, these were the thoughts I had before I “accidentally” wandered into an address given as part of RE Week two years ago. I was surprised at what I personally got out of the address. Since then, and especially during the planning period of this RE Week, I have reached some conclusions concerning RE Week.

This enterprise is planned to give the students of the Rice Institute a rare opportunity to benefit themselves. After all, no emphasis is placed on a particular type or style of talk.

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Mrs. Hastings Of Washington Banks Resident During REW

Mrs. J. Warren Hastings, wife of the minister of the National City Christian Church of Washington, D.C., has been invited to participate in Religious Emphasis Week as the leader of discussions among the women on the Rice Campus. Mrs. Hastings will live in the banks apartments during RE Week and will lead discussions there each evening.

She has also been a member of the University Mission Team of the National Council of Churches for several years and has spoken on more than thirty college campuses. Her special interest is in discussing the Home, Marriage, and Family.

As the mother of two daughters, Mrs. Hastings has had good preparation for discussion of the Christian family. While she was studying at Yale, she lived in a community settlement house for Italians doing girls' club work and story telling.

Now a trustee of her alma mater, Mrs. Hastings is a member of various national boards and committees of her church and the National Council of Churches.

Mrs. Hastings will lead the following discussions during the week:

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Rabbi Bergman Meets With South Hall Group

Rabbi Leo A. Bergman, one of the speakers for Religious Emphasis Week, is staying at South Hall. Rabbi Bergman is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. He is a graduate of Western Reserve University of that city, where he graduated in 1934 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, National Honorary Scholastic Society.

In 1940 he was ordained Rabbi at the Hebrew Union College, at Cincinnati, Ohio, at which time he received his Master's Degree in Hebrew Letters and was awarded the prize for the outstanding scholastic record in his class.

On August 1, 1947 Rabbi Bergman came to New Orleans to become Rabbi of Touro Synagogue of New Orleans, the oldest and most famous Reform Jewish Congregation in the Mississippi Valley. Rabbi Bergman's Friday evening Services at Touro Synagogue, during the preaching season, are attended by members of all faiths.

Rabbi Bergman will lead the following discussions during the week:

| Tuesday, 12:00 | BSU Meeting at Autry House. |
| 2:30 p.m. | "Is The Church Necessary to Religion?", open to all students, in the Lecture Lounge of Fondren Library. |
| 6:45 p.m. | "How Religious Ideas Change in College", in the Senior Commons, for South Hall students. |
| Wednesday, 12:00 | PSA Meeting in Anderson Hall, Room 106. |
| 6:45 p.m. | "Religious Doubts: Constructive or Destructive?", in the Senior Commons, for South Hall students. |
| Thursday, 12:00 | Christian Science Organization and Emerson Club Discussion in Anderson Hall, Room 108. |
| 1:30 p.m. | "Has Religion a Contribution for Global Tension?", in the Senior Commons, for South Hall students. |
| 6:45 p.m. | "The Conclusive Evidence for the Existence of God", in the Senior Commons, for South Hall Students. |
Fr. Linus Thro To Lead West Hall Discussions

The first Catholic discussion leader at a Religious Emphasis Week will be Reverend Linus J. Thro of the University of St. Louis. He was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1944 after having received his Ph.D. and other degrees from colleges in Canada and the United States.

For several years Father Thro taught high school and then was transferred to the University of St. Louis where he now lectures in history. Editorially his talents have been demonstrated in THE MODERN SCHOOLMAN which is a philosophical journal of which he is the associate editor. Significant also is the fact that he has taken part in religious programs given at Southern Methodist University and at the University of Colorado recently.

During the week Father Thro will reside at West Hall and preside at the discussions there in the evenings.

Rev. Father Thro will lead the following discussions during the week:

Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.—“Can Moralism Replace Religion?”, open to all students, in Room 306, Fondren Library.
6:45 p.m.—“How Religious Ideas Change in College”, for West Hall students, in the cloister.

Wednesday, 12:00—BSU Meeting at Autry House.
1:30 p.m.—“What Is the Place of Emotion in Religion?”, open to all students, in the Projection Room of Fondren Library.
6:45 p.m.—“Can Moralism Replace Religion?”, for West Hall students, in the cloister.

Thursday, 12:00—Newman Club Meeting in the Lecture Lounge of Fondren Library.
6:45 p.m.—“The Conclusive Evidence for the Existence of God”, for West Hall students, in the cloister.

Dr. A.G. Wiederaenders, Dean of Students at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, will be on campus as a discussion leader and counselor during Religious Emphasis Week.

Dr. Wiederaenders will live in East Hall and will conduct discussions there after dinner each evening. In the afternoons he will lead discussions open to all students. The times and places of these are announced in the schedule below.

A native Texan, Dr. Wiederaenders is a graduate of Texas Lutheran Junior College, now a senior institution, and Sul Ross State College. He received his Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the University of Texas and did graduate work at the University of Chicago.

He has been at Texas Lutheran College since 1953, where he has taught in the departments of Foreign Languages, Social Sciences, Christianity and Philosophy. Before he became Dean of Students, he was for several years head of the Public Relations Department there.

Dr. Wiederaenders will lead the following discussions during the week:

Tuesday, 6:45 p.m.—“How Religious Ideas Change in College”, in the Commons, for East Hall students.

Wednesday, 12:00—LSA Meeting in Anderson Hall, Room 106.
1:30 p.m.—“Religious Doubts: Constructive or Destructive?”, open to all students, in Room 306, Fondren Library.
6:45 p.m.—“Who Can Interpret the Bible?”, in the Commons, for East Hall students.

Thursday, 12:00—PSA Meeting in Anderson Hall, Room 108.
1:30 p.m.—“Religion and Standards of Personal Behavior”, open to all students, in the Projection Room of Fondren Library.
6:45 p.m.—“Religion and Standards of Personal Behavior”, in the Commons, for East Hall students.

Baylor Dean To Guide North Hall Sessions

Dr. Leonard A. Duce, Assistant Dean of the Baylor University, Waco, Texas, will be one of the Discussion Leaders here during Religious Emphasis Week. He will be residing in North Hall and will lead discussion groups there every evening; he will also preside at sessions in the afternoons which will be open to all students.

Dr. Duce has been Professor of Philosophy and Chairman of the Department of Philosophy at Baylor University since 1949. He is now serving as Secretary of the Faculty and Faculty Senate and as Secretary of the Graduate Council at Baylor. Born at Princeton, Ontario, Canada, Dr. Duce received his elementary education at Bradford, Yorkshire, England.

He received his B.A., Bachelor of Theology, and Bachelor of Divinity degrees from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. His graduate work was done at the schools of Andover Newton Theological School, Yale University, and Central Baptist Theological Seminary. During his years of teaching Dr. Duce has taught Philosophy, Mathematics, Naval History, and Naval Flight.

Dr. Duce will lead the following discussions during the week:

Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.—“Should Religion Be Modernized?”, open to all students, in the Projection Room of Fondren Library.
6:45 p.m.—“Is the Church Really Necessary to Religion?”, for North Hall students, in the dormitory lounge.

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.—“How Religious Ideas Change in College”, open to all students, in the Lecture Lounge.
6:45 p.m.—“Should Religion Be Modernized?”, for North Hall students, in the dormitory lounge.

Thursday, 12:00—BSU Meeting in the Easton Room of Fondren Library.
1:30 p.m.—“What Is the Meaning of Salvation?”, open to all students, in the Lecture Lounge of Fondren Library.
6:45 p.m.—“Many Spiritual and Animal”,
Your Efforts Can Make REW A Success

SPEAKERS, DISCUSSION—
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The first Religious Emphasis Week was admitted to be “very successful” even by some of its extreme opponents. This success was due partly from the insipid addresses delivered by Dr. T. M. Green, Professor of Philosophy at Yale University, who reached large numbers of the students and faculty each morning at the Commons. Another contributing factor were the various discussion groups held at the dorms and library.

With this short sketch of a previous week behind us, we should now return to the meaningful problems proposed at the beginning of this article. Knowledge has steadily been increasing as the centuries of civilization pass one into another, simply through the intermingling of ideas. What one man finds is enlarged by others causing the realm of that subject to become more and more comprehensive. This same reasoning can be applied to religion. The well-ordered thoughts of one individual can become the seed in another man’s life, the harvest of which is reaped for years to come.

To apply this to Religious Emphasis Week we might say that the majority of us are uncertain and unsure, the type of life we seek is the problem which now lies before our minds. Home training, Sunday school, the church have sufficed till now, carrying most of us through naivety of childhood and the confusion of the teens.

Watching a baby trying to walk gives us some idea of what our mind is faced with at the college age. The discussion groups offer you the opportunity to talk freely on these perplexing problems, to hear what the other person thinks, how he reasons. Sometimes the tempo gets strong, you start to think that guy’s crazy, the tempo dies down, you reflect. This might be the first time in your life you have reflected on religion, on yourself.

The old proverb “you can only get out of something, as much as you put into it” never applied as well as it does to Religious Emphasis Week.

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DR. MCCRADY—
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Wednesday evening at eight o’clock, Dr. McCrady will speak on the topic “Can Fair Play Replace Religion?” in 110 Anderson Hall. Thursday night (at the same time and place) he will discuss the topic “Can the Scientist, Philosopher, and Theologian Agree on the Nature and Destiny of Man?”.

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organized religion; no one benefits from the series of events except the students who attend them and probably the discussion leaders. This is a chance for us to share ideas with men and women who have done much work in the field of religion and science. Perhaps we take many things for granted. one of them being that as Rice students we have a monopoly on the answers to all our problems. Why not take advantage of an opportunity to get a slant that has much thought behind it, and that may not have occurred to us?

It seems to be fashionable to be skeptical during this age. Even assuming this, one must admit that religion has always played an important part in men’s lives, and has resulted in some of the greatest art the world has known. It still is a vital force, and is indeed, at the core of our very way of life in the United States.

Doesn’t a subject of this weight deserve a second thought? R.E. Week is an attempt to look into just what the rightful place or religious faith is in a plan for significant living in today’s society. Certainly one result of the attempt must be a realization that differences in beliefs and practices are not so important as the common elements of all the world’s religions.

Best Wishes For A Successful REW

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