



The News

Coalition for Christian Colleges
& Universities

March 1998

Board Takes Action on a Range of Issues

The CCCU board met Feb. 6-7 in Washington, D.C., for one of its three meetings this year. Twelve of the 14 members attended, expressing thanks for God's blessing on the Coalition's many programs and services.

Participation in CCCU events was up 366 percent last year over three years ago. The five semester-long student programs enrolled a record 285 students last year, up from 235 three years ago.

Christian University WorldNet

After six months of research, the task force on distance learning gave the board a unanimous recommendation to create a new, supporting nonprofit organization to serve as a catalyst for collaborative distance learning. With a few modifications, the board unanimously endorsed the creation of the Christian University WorldNet (the name is subject to a legal search).

A key decision was made to prohibit the new entity from offering its own credits or degrees. Instead, they will be offered by CCCU member and affiliate institutions.

The CCCU board will approve all directors, the chief executive and future changes to the bylaws of the new entity. Dr. Jud Carlberg, president of Gordon College (MA), was named

chairman of the new board of directors. Other board members include Dr. David Gyertson, president of Asbury College (KY), and Dr. Michael Zastrocky, senior higher education consultant for The Gartner Group.

The board voted for the creation of a nonprofit organization to serve as a catalyst for collaborative distance learning.

The Coalition president will serve *ex officio* without vote on the distance learning board to help coordinate the work of the CCCU with the CU WorldNet.

New programs

The board took action on a number of new programs:

- It expressed gratitude to the John Templeton Foundation for an \$800,000 grant to fund a new program at Oxford University involving science and religion faculty. (See story, page 2.)
- It authorized the Coalition to serve as the financial agent for a proposed Pew Charitable Trusts-funded program for graduate students in public policy.
- It approved, subject to available funding, a new scholar-in-residence program. The Coalition hopes this program will allow a scholar-in-residence to assist member institutions in their efforts to integrate faith and scholarship.

- Based on the recommendation of the Council of Chief Enrollment Officers, the board approved a program to significantly expand the CCCU's ongoing work with Peterson's Guides, in an effort to reach Christian high school students with information about CCCU institutions.
- The board endorsed the sponsorship of a Christian college month and a Christian college Sunday as part of an expanding public education campaign.
- The board approved a national vehicle donation program to assist the CCCU's United Christian College Fund and those campuses choosing to participate. Presidents and other campus leaders will receive more information about these programs in the near future.

Financial decisions

The board approved modest increases in next year's tuition and fees for student programs, and a four percent increase in member dues.

The body also adopted new investment policies and accepted the first endowment gift to the Kenneth Shipp's Faculty Development Fund. The board encouraged CCCU staff to pursue refinancing of the Coalition's debt through bonds.

Facilities

The board affirmed the benefits of the Coalition having its headquarters near the Capitol in Washington, D.C. After touring the Coalition's facilities and looking at office options nearby, the board asked president Bob Andringa

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John Templeton Foundation Awards CCCU \$800,000 Grant

The Coalition received a landmark grant from the John Templeton Foundation in January to launch “The John Templeton Seminars on Science and Religion at Oxford.” This four-year, \$800,000 grant will fund three month-long seminars, to be held during the summers of 1999, 2000 and 2001 at the University of Oxford.

Leading the seminars will be Rev. Dr. Alister McGrath, a biochemist and

The seminars will generate a new understanding of the relationship between science and religion.

Reformation historian who serves as principal of Wycliffe Hall, and Dr. John Roche, physicist and historian of science at Linacre College and at the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies.

“This grant gives the academic community in the U.S. and U.K. the resources to help restore the debate between faith and science to one of sober scholarship and mutual respect,” says Roche. “The debate will greatly benefit from the participation of CCCU institutions and faculty, who have been engaged for years in serious reflection on faith and learning.”

Seminar purpose and goals

The seminars will bring together top scholars in the religious and scientific communities to generate a new understanding of the relationship between science and religion. Organizers expect the seminars to accomplish the following:

- launch a significant interdisciplinary movement of historical and analytical scholarship in science and religion
- encourage a rethinking of goals and methodology in this field

- improve the scholarly standing of this area of study
- provide a resource for those actively engaged in teaching and research in this field
- publish and otherwise disseminate this scholarship to a wide audience

“The seminars will provide a new context for the discussion of science and religion,” says the Coalition’s Dr. Charlotte Kroeker, coauthor of the grant proposal. “By studying the history of the relationship of these two areas, we expect new perspectives to emerge.”

Seminar participation

Thirty-five scholars will be selected to participate in the seminars. The grant stipulates that at least 20 of these will be representatives of CCCU member institutions. The Coalition will appoint a program director to administer the application and selection process. An international advisory board will oversee the program.

For more information about the seminars, contact Dr. Karen Longman at (202) 546-8713 or kal@cccu.org.

CCCU Adds Three Affiliates

The CCCU board of directors approved the addition of three new non-member affiliates:

- Institute for Christian Studies (Toronto, Ontario)
- International Center for Advanced Studies Mare Nostrum (Alicante, Spain)
- Jerusalem University College (Jerusalem, Israel)

These additions bring the number of affiliate institutions served to 27 in 11 countries.

New on the CCCU Web

Honors listserv:

If your

institution has or is developing an honors program, you’ll be interested in the new CCCU listserv for individuals working with honors students. To subscribe, send e-mail to majordomo@gospelcom.net with this message: Subscribe ccu-honors-list.

New links:

- The CCCU website is now linked to the new InterVarsity Christian Fellowship website on graduate and faculty ministries. Go to www.gospelcom.net/iv/grad/
- Find information and tips for students going on to graduate work — including information on Pew Graduate Fellowships and Summer Seminars — at www.cccu.org/students/grad_school.html

E-mail directories:

Looking for the e-mail address of a faculty member at another CCCU institution? Check our updated page of links to institutional e-mail directories: www.cccu.org/fac-admi/emailist.html

Quality Retention:

Information about the Quality Retention project, including results to date from the Student Satisfaction Inventory, are available through this Eastern College site: www.eastern.edu/publications/cccu/

New CCCU grant-funded project:

Get information about The John Templeton Seminars on Science and Religion at Oxford at www.cccu.org/news/jtseminars.html

Discipleship and the Disciplines:

Information about this study course for new faculty, developed by Dr. David Fraser of Eastern College (PA) is available at www.cccu.org/fac-admi/fraser.html

Are Walls Falling Down?

by Bob Andringa, president

I have shared with many that my abiding purpose in life is the Great Commandment. Working with the Coalition provides many insights into how Christians can love the Lord

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with all our minds and hearts. The Lord also has given me a passion for unity among God's people.

Racial walls

With these twin reference points, I was deeply moved by a recent CCCU cosponsored conference on racial reconciliation. Two men, Spencer Perkins (African American) and Chris Rice (Caucasian), led several hundred of us — including 100 from Coalition campuses — to a deeper understanding of the walls between black and white. But the grace of God brought down the walls between Spencer and Chris, providing a wonderful model of how we are to love one another.

Tragically, Spencer died days after the conference, underlining the

meaning of the moment we had shared together. He was a workman tearing down walls. I and many who were with him in Jackson, Miss., must carry on that task with our neighbors.

Ecumenical barriers

It wasn't but a few days after the conference that I was with leaders of the ECT — Evangelicals and Catholics Together. Again, the walls. Not only between well-known evangelicals and Catholics: I also sensed walls between those called to scholarship in theology and those of us in the laity.



Dr. Bob Andringa

The challenge for me was to decide whether to wait until more of the fine points of theology are resolved or to fully accept those Catholics who know they are saved by faith. I decided more walls should come tumbling down.

Walls of technology?

I left that meeting for another on distance education. Cyberspace learning could build walls between the haves and have nots. Between the computer literate and the computer neophyte. Even between Coalition faculty who differ on whether integration can happen over the Internet.

But a colleague from George Fox University (OR) shared an insight from that school's distance learning team: When students collaborate on class work via the Internet, an equalizing factor appears. Students are no longer known for their looks, skin color, disabilities or wealth. Could it be that distance learning will tear down walls that have kept people from learning as equal seekers of truth?

All of this happened within the space of two weeks. It convinced me that I want to be a player in the challenge of breaking down walls. Life here is too short to do otherwise.

A blue ink signature of Bob Andringa, written in a cursive style.

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to explore expanding office facilities for the Coalition and American Studies Program staff as close to the current building as possible. Financing will come through some combination of gifts, bonds and reserve funds.

New affiliates

Finally, the board approved three applications for affiliate status. For details, see the article on page 2.

The Coalition board will meet next on April 2, prior to the National Forum on Christian Higher Education in Indianapolis.

Northwest College Names New President

Dr. Don Argue has been named the fifth president of Northwest College (WA). He will assume the presidency this summer, succeeding Rev. Dennis Davis.

Argue is currently president of the National Association of Evangelicals, based in Illinois. He has also served as president of North Central Bible College (MN), and as dean of students

and campus pastor at Evangel College (MO). A graduate of Central Bible College, Argue earned a doctorate from the University of the Pacific and a Master's degree from Santa Clara University.



Dr. Don Argue

The Coalition is proud to sponsor the first National Forum on Christian Higher Education

April 2-4, 1998

1998 Calendar

March 5-7

CCCU Collaborative Assessment Project
Conference (FIPSE)
Lee University (TN)
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March 11-15

International Conference on the Bible
The Master's College (CA)
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March 26-27

Models for Christian Higher Education: Learning
from Each Other
Messiah College (PA)
Contact: Jake Jacobsen, (717) 766-2511 ext. 3020

April 1-2

CCCU Quality/Retention Conference
Radisson Hotel, Indianapolis
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April 1-2

CCCU Chief Advancement Officers Meeting
Radisson Hotel, Indianapolis
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April 2

CCCU Board of Directors Meeting
Radisson Hotel, Indianapolis
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CCCU Chief Academic Officers Meeting
Radisson Hotel, Indianapolis
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April 2-4

8th Annual Conference of the North American
Assoc. of Christian Foreign Language and
Literature Faculty: "Christian Perspectives on
Foreign Language and Literature"
Eastern College (PA)
Contact: Pat Boehne, (610) 341-5800,
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April 2-5

CCCU National Forum on Christian Higher
Education
Radisson Hotel, Indianapolis
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May 1-3

CCCU Presidents Retreat with Presidents from
Historically Black Colleges
The Carter Center, Atlanta
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May 29-31

CCCU Chief Financial Officers Conference
Point Loma Nazarene College (CA)
Contact: David Johnston, (630) 752-5085,
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June 1-5

25th Annual Write-to-Publish Conference
Wheaton College (IL)
Contact: Lin Johnson, (630) 752-5931,
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June 8-13

CCCU Leadership Development Institute (ELDI)
Cedar Springs Retreat Center, Cedar Springs, WA
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June 11-13

CCCU Public Relations Directors Annual Meeting
Regent University (VA)
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June 13-18

CCCU Leadership Development Institute for
Women (ELDI)
Cedar Springs Retreat Center, Cedar Springs, WA
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June 24-27

CCCU 1997 CAO Reunion (ELDI)
Gloucester, MA
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June 25-30

CCCU New Faculty Workshop
Westmont College (CA)
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July 7-8

CCCU Quality/Retention Pre-Conference
Workshop
New Orleans
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July 8-11

National Conference on Student Retention
New Orleans
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July 16-19

CCCU Presidents/Board Chairs Retreat
ServiceMaster, Downers Grove, IL
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July 16-19

CCCU Alumni Professionals Annual Conference
The Dellenback Center, Washington, D.C.
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July 21-25

"Science in Theistic Contexts: Cognitive
Dimensions"
The Pascal Centre, Redeemer College (ON)
Contact: Jitse Van Der Meer, (905) 648-2131,
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July 24-28

CCCU Board Meeting
Frisco, CO
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July 30 - August 2

CCCU 1997 Presidents' Institute Reunion (ELDI)
Frisco, CO
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August 12-15

Ways of Knowing Conference
Dordt College (IA)
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CCCU Student Programs On the Move

Maintaining Student Safety Abroad

by Rich Gathro, V.P. student programs

The safety of students abroad has received considerable media attention recently. We want to assure CCCU member institutions that student security and safety are priorities. We take our partnership with member colleges and universities very seriously as we carry out our mandate to offer life-changing experiential study opportunities around the globe.

Consider this:

- Our study abroad programs are permanent. Not only do we have North American faculty in residence at each location, but we also employ local

nationals year-round. These staff members know their regions well and have their “ear to the ground” about safety.

- It is our policy not to look like tourists when our groups travel. We always use local transportation and personnel.
- Our personnel pay close attention to U.S. State Department host country announcements.
- Program directors are instructed to immediately notify the CCCU office in the event of an emergency. We, in turn, notify our sending colleges and universities.
- We have held annual program director

meetings since 1994. A session on health and safety is always part of the agenda.

- We maintain ongoing contact with legal counsel to ensure that our procedures and methods are in the best interests of our students and member institutions.

The Coalition joins with our member institutions in seeking to keep our students safe while equipping them to understand the world God has created.

Student Program Faculty Have Wide Reach

ASP's Steve Garber Is in High Demand

Since the publication of his book *The Fabric of Faithfulness* (InterVarsity Press, 1996), Dr. Steve Garber has been in great demand as a guest speaker on Coalition and non-Coalition campuses. Garber is associate director of the Coalition's American Studies Program.

Garber's book focuses on how students weave together belief and behavior during their university years. Its premise is that graduates who have

with others who share that worldview.

Garber has visited both CCCU institutions and other campuses, including Yale, the University of Virginia and the University of Chicago.

Garber was the featured resource person at this year's Campus Ministry Directors' conference at Palm Beach Atlantic College (FL).

RSP Director Harley Wagler Engages the Russian Academy

Harley Wagler, director of the Russian Studies Program, has developed a substantial relationship with the Russian academic community.

In March 1997, Wagler presented a paper entitled “The Concept of Man in Maksim Gor'kii's Novel *Foma Godeev*” at the Gor'kii Readings. This is a biennial international conference devoted to scholarship on this outstanding Russian writer.

In October 1997, he coauthored a paper entitled “Experiential Learning in the Russian Context” with Liudmila Ruchina, chair of the Russian Language Department at the University of Nizhni

Novgorod. The paper was presented at the annual meeting of the International Association of Teachers of Russian, in Moscow.

Wagler has also been asked to submit a paper for a major Russian academic conference this March, on the theme “Maksim Gor'kii's Autobiographical Novel *My Childhood*, from an American Perspective.”

MESP Director Richard Cahill Leads International Panel

Middle East Studies Program director Dr. Richard Cahill chaired an international panel of scholars during the 1997 annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association in San Francisco. The session was entitled “Islamic Law and Hadith.”

LAFSC's Patsy Hilbert Produces “Regina”

Los Angeles Film Studies Center associate director Patsy Hilbert has successfully written, directed and produced a new short subject film, “Regina.”

The half-hour drama tells about an
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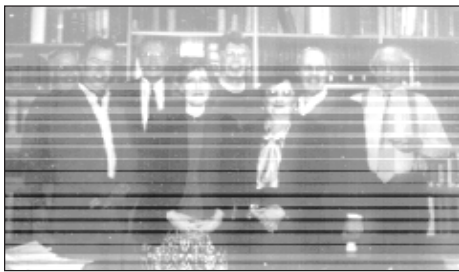
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a coherent faith — who meaningfully connect personal and public faith — are those who have 1) formed a worldview sufficient to the meet challenges of the modern world, 2) identified a mentor who incarnated that worldview, and 3) forged friendships

CCCU Launches Two New Programs

Oxford Honors Program Director Appointed

John Frazier Jackson has been appointed director of the new Oxford Honors



John Jackson (center) is shown here with Oxford Honors Advisory Council members.

Program, scheduled to open in September.

Jackson is a tutor at Oxford's Worcester College, where he is candidate for the D.Phil. degree. He is a graduate of Cedarville College (OH) and holds an M.A. from Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando and a J.D. from Capital University Law in Columbus, Ohio. Before moving to Oxford, he was a law professor for several years at Capital.

Jackson is an accomplished scholar of the Renaissance and Reformation era, and is regularly sought as a lecturer at the University of Oxford. Oxford has become home to Jackson, his wife, Judy, and children Chris and Katie.

In addition to serving as the honors program director, Jackson will serve as dean of the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies — an affiliate of Oxford's Keble College and the CCCU's partner institution.

China Trip Keeps New Program on Target

The Coalition's new China Studies Program is set to begin in the spring semester of 1999. CCCU vice president Rich Gathro recently led a delegation to China for ten days, courtesy of the Chinese Education Association for International Exchange. The trip involved exploratory visits and negotiations with five leading Chinese universities.

Gathro was joined on the trip by



China Studies Program planning team members (center) stand with Jiang Xiao Min of the Xian Foreign Language University (left) and Zhou Man Li of the Chinese Education Association for International Exchange (far right).

Don Douglas, Biola University's (CA) dean for Intercultural Studies, and Carla Koontz, Spring Arbor College's (MI) assistant dean for International Studies.

Negotiations are in process with universities in Beijing, Xian and Shanghai. Twenty-two Coalition colleges and universities have signed up as charter members of the project, guaranteeing stable enrollment and financial support for the program's start-up phase.

Three Programs Expand Their Curricula

LASP Launches Advanced Language and Literature Track

The Coalition's Student Academic Programs Council has approved the development of a new advanced language and literature track for the Latin American Studies Program. When this new track is launched in September, LASP will offer four options:

- standard program (both semesters)
- language and literature track (both semesters)
- international business (fall semester)
- tropical science (spring semester)

The idea for the new language and literature track arose from many CCCU campuses. The curriculum is being developed by LASP associate director Dr. Socorro Woodbury, in consultation with language faculty from a number of CCCU campuses. Dr. Luz Poore of Anderson University (IN) and Dr. Mary Ann Larsen-Pusey of Fresno Pacific University (CA) provided special assistance.

RSP Adds Elective Option

Students in the Russian Studies Program will also have new options next fall. Historically, all RSP students have taken six credits of Russian language. In the fall, students may choose either four or six credits, both tailored to their ability level. Those not taking six language credits will take a liberal arts elective in international relations and business.

All students will continue to participate in interdisciplinary seminars covering Russian culture, religion, politics, history, sociology and literature.

LAFSC Introduces New Elective System

Los Angeles Film Studies Center students will soon have a choice of electives. Starting next fall, the curriculum will consist of the following courses:

- internship (six credits — no change)
- Inside Hollywood (one credit, reduced from three)

- Faith, Film and Culture (three credits, reduced from four)
- two electives at three credits each

The electives will be Introduction to Filmmaking (previously offered) and two new courses: Screenwriting and Seminar on Independent Film Production. These new course options are the result of an increase in film courses offered on CCCU campuses.

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AIDS victim and her journey to find meaning through life's experiences. The movie has received successful reviews and was on the program at the Palm Springs International Short Film Festival and the Santa Clarita International Film Festival. LAFSC students have the opportunity to attend these festivals with their instructors.