E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 27 VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER April 12, 2004

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, April 12

TUESDAY, April 13

4:30 p.m. The Center for the Study of Religion and Culture presents: "What is Mysticism? Perspectives from Two Disciplines" Tillett Lounge (information below)

WEDNESDAY, April 14 10:00 - 11:00 Community Worship Service All Faith Chapel 11:00 Community Meal Commons Room

THURSDAY, April 15

7:30 a.m. Community Breakfast with Fernando Segovia University Club (rsvp Field Ed Office 3-3994)

FRIDAY, April 16
10:00 - 11:00 Coffee Hour
Divinity Commons Room
2:10 Faculty Meeting
Private Dining Room
6:30 "Suite Havana"
Divinity G-23 (info below)

In conjunction with his Community Breakfast presentation, "Cuba after Forty Year: Reflections on Going Home", Professor Fernando Segovia will host a showing of the film, "Suite Havana" on Friday, April 16, 2004, at 6:30 PM in Divinity G-23.

The film, directed by Fernando Pérez, shows a day in the lives of twelve ordinary people who play themselves: a schoolboy with Down syndrome, his father and grandparents, a shoe repairman, a railroad worker, a ballet dancer, a physician, a nurse, a factory worker, a man who is leaving the country, a peanut vendor. A moving documentary that can be read as both a love letter to the optimism and resourcefulness of Habaneros and a mournful critique of Castro's Revolution? (René Rodríguez, The Miami Herald).

Please join him for this interesting evening.

"Encountering the Other: A Pedagogy for Cross-Cultural Travel" is the topic for a faculty discussion on April 19, 12:10-1:00. The discussion group is sponsored by the Cal Turner Program for Moral Leadership. Discussion leaders will be Viki Matson and Trudy Stringer. Lunch will be served in the Private Dining Room. Make reservations by contacting the Cal Turner office, 3-5447.

The Center for the Study of Religion and Culture present: "What is Mysticism? Perspectives from Two Disciplines" Tuesday, April 13, 2004 4:30 p.m.
Tillett Lounge (light dinner and refreshments following)

Dr. J. Patout Burns Malloy Professor of Catholic Studies Vanderbilt Divinity School

Dr. Ralph W. Hood, Jr. Professor of Psychology University of Tennessee-Chattanooga

Professor Burns' research and publication have focused on the development of Christian thought and practice in the Western part of the Roman Empire, especially in North Africa. His publications include the textbook, Theological Anthropology, and a collection of studies on pacifism in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. His most recent book, Cyprian the Bishop, studies the social organization of the Christian church in North Africa in the third century. He has also contributed to the volume of the Encyclopedia of World Spirituality on Christian Spirituality, Origins to the Twelfth Century, edited by Bernard McGinn and John Meyendorff. Professor Burns has served on the board of directors of the College Theology Society, and as president of the North American Patristic Society. He is currently co-editor of Journal of Early Christian Studies.

Professor Hood has a long- standing interest in the empirical study of religion. His research has focused upon religious experience, especially mystical experience. In addition he continues extensive fieldwork on the serpent handling holiness sects of Appalachia. He is a past president of the Psychology of Religion division of APA and a recipient of the William James award from that division. He was involved in the creation of the *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*. He served as Book Review Editor and also as Co-editor. He is a past editor of the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. Recent books include two edited volumes published by Religious Education Press: Handbook of Religious Experience and Measures of Religiosity (with Peter Hill). Dimension of Mystical Experiences has just been published by Rodopi. In 2003, he completed a third edition of The Psychology of Religion: An Empirical Approach (with Bernie Spilka and Bruce Hunsberger) published by Guilford Press.

SGA Announcement

SGA elections will be held this week. SGA will be electing SGA officers and in addition, choosing the faculty member and the student who will receive the outstanding service awards later this year. Job descriptions will be posted on the SGA office door and ballot boxes will be in the Commons Room. If you have any questions, ask Nathan Brown, VP SGA who is in charge of

elections, or any SGA officer will be glad to discuss the job descriptions with you. Remember that it is perfectly acceptable to nominate yourself if you want to serve in some capacity.

Please give this election some serious thought. I think it's fair to say that there's more responsibility to serving on the SGA cabinet and the SGA board than any of the present SGA officers and board members thought there was before we were elected to serve this year. There's lots of work to be done, so I hope you will all participate in the election of the folks who will lead student government association next year.

Also, SGA will be coming to you very soon with important by-laws changes - yes, there ARE by-laws. Be on the lookout for that email as we need a large percentage of the student body to vote before any changes can be ratified or turned down.

Nancy Jenkins

Office of Women's Concerns

What: Relaxation Workshop with 2 representatives from the Counseling Center

When: Wed. April 21, 2004 from 12:10-1:00 PM

Where: Divinity G-23

Why: To relieve some of the end of the semester stress/anxiety

Who: EVERYONE!!

Sojourner's Quest

...An ongoing Interfaith Forum that explores how belief and faith inform our lives

Our speaker will be Dr. Lucius T. Outlaw, Jr., Professor of Philosophy, Director of the African American Studies Program, and Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education at Vanderbilt University. He teaches, researches, and writes about African Philosophy, African American Philosophy, Marx, Critical Social Theory, Social and Political Philosophy, and the history of Philosophy in the ?West.? Professor Outlaw will be discussing his dynamic journey of spirituality and faith. Please join us!

Wednesday, April 21st 12:10 - 1:00 PM Divinity School Commons Room

Free Lunch Provided!

Sponsored by the Office of the University Chaplain

Job Opportunities

St. George's Episcopal Church is trying to find a 10 hour a week intern to work in the youth ministry. Please contact Mark DeVries for more information:

Mark DeVries Youth Ministry Architects 5229 Cochran Dr. Nashville, TN 37220 www.ymarchitects.com 615-298-9506

Pastor required for Chinese section of a multicultural ministry. Duties include leadership training, visitation and outreach. Fluency in Cantonese and English essential; knowledge of Mandarin would be an asset. Minimum of three years experience required. Please send CV and name and addresses of three references to:

Search Committee Montreal Chinese Presbyterian Church 5560 Hutchison St. Outremont, Quebec, Canada H2V 4B6 Tel & Fax: 514-270-4782

Email: mcpc2002@hotmail.com

Monroe Harding seeks a paid Chaplain to minister to the spiritual needs of their teen residents 6-10 hours per week. The Chaplain would create and implement a spiritual growth program on campus through:

- * weekly Wednesday night bible study groups
- * weekly church services on Sunday mornings
- * listening to concerns and interacting
- * providing periodic off-campus activities on Sunday afternoons

If you are interested in learning more about this position, contact Vince Vannett at 615-298-5573 ex. 112, or fax your resume to 615-298-1281, attn: Vince Vannett.

Monroe Harding: A Bridge to Success for at-risk Youth 1120 Glendale Ln Nashville, TN 37204 (615) 298-5573 www.monroeharding.org

The East Nashville Hope Exchange Job Description

If you would like to combine your love of children with a summer job opportunity, here's Good News: St. Ann's Episcopal Church is seeking applicants to teach children ages 5 ? 12 in the East Nashville Hope Exchange Summer Program. Must be academically strong, dependable, ambitious, energetic, and creative. Strong leadership skills and experience working with children are preferred. At The Hope Exchange, 40 children participate in the program, and the child to teacher ratio is 10:1.

The East Nashville Hope Exchange Saturday staff trainings will begin June 14. The summer program will be held June 28 - August 6, hours 7:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. For more information or

to download a teacher application, please visit our website: www.stannsnashville.org. NOTE: Application, Resume and References Deadline: APRIL 23, 2004.

Please fax or send application, resume and references to: The East Nashville Hope Exchange 419 Woodland Street Nashville, TN 37206

Fax: (615) 242-4997

If you have information/announcements to be included in the E-Communicator please email the information to sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu All information must be received by noon on Thursday for the following week's E-Communicator.