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- Student Council Elections
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This Week in Chapel...

Wednesday

Preacher:
The Rev.

Cameron Burns

Celebrant:
The Rev. Dr.
Merv Mercer

Thursday

Marion Taylor
(1 Peter:1:13-25)

So You Want to be a Leader... David Reed

You may not have thought about your future like that. Probably a variety of circumstances brought you to Wycliffe. Some of you arrived on Wycliffe's doorstep after a long agonizing period of discerning your vocational future. Others may have become so inspired to study theology that you came to learn more. A few of you may still be wandering in a vocational desert, hoping that the fog of ambiguity will lift sometime before Convocation Day or you run out of money, whichever comes first.

But I would venture a

guess that somewhere in the deep recesses of your heart—maybe barely recognized and never named—*you want to make a difference*. When a life purpose so grasps you that you cannot rest until it is appeased, a molding and chiseling by something greater than your own self-making is underway. When this happens, a leader is being born. If you are a Christian, the nature of this work on your soul will eventually reveal to you the hand of the Master Sculptor.

Your progress in being formed as a leader will be impeded unless you exorcise from your mind a prevalent but powerful

myth: that such a creature exists called the "self-made person," and its corollary that you can be anything you want to be. The myth suffers from the double delusion that we need neither God nor others to become a successful leader. It is a flawed secular vision compounded by a philosophy of individualism that believes no one but "me" can take credit for my success. Truly successful people, even those who have had to overcome immense hurdles, honour the "made-it-possible" communities without which they could not

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Bible Study

There will be an informal bible study starting this Tuesday the 19th at 4:00. We will be reading through the book of James, looking this week at chapter one.

This study is open to both residents and students of Wycliffe, and will be held in the West lecture room. Questions? Contact James Langridge at james.langridge@utoronto.ca.

Leadership (cont)

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have succeeded. Andre Agassi's parting words to adoring fans last weekend as he retired from 21 years of tennis landed close to the mark and reflected a character chiseled out of what might otherwise have been merely a bloated ego: "You've given me shoulders to stand on to reach my dreams."

The corollary may work well on the competitive race track but not in real life. First, what we "want" to be in life may not be a worthy goal. I know people whose primary (regrettably, exclusive) aspiration is to be a millionaire. I once read an interview with a prostitute who claimed that her profession was a childhood dream. What we *can* aspire to and achieve, however, is what God desires for our life.

So what do leaders look like? We are inclined to imagine leaders as great

visionaries who are born to see further and penetrate deeper than the rest of us mere mortals. Agreed, sometimes the blend of brilliance and energy produces a person who will be memorialized in the pages of history. The dark side is that sometimes public figures squander their potential for greatness on a self-indulgence parade across the evening news.

But great leaders do not necessarily present a big profile. You can spot a leader just about anywhere. I met a young mother this summer whose desire and commitment is to be a mother and probably the best grandmother on the planet. She has no aspirations for a career outside the home. But her sense of Christian vocation to her family and children is profoundly focused and grounded in what she believes is God's priority *for her*. Many of *your* faces will likely be more public—in front of a

classroom, a congregation or a community agency. You may be a leader of children, youth, elderly, eager students, poor people, families, career folk.

A warning: two things happen to leaders. One is that nothing goes *unnoticed*. A Christian vision for leaders is that they are to be *exemplary*, not exclusive. This is Paul's point when he commends himself as an example of a follower of Christ for others: "Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you" (Phil 3:17). Leaders will forego entitlement to privacy in order that "observers" of their life might find inspiration to emulate the life of Christ.

The second is that leaders do not remain *untouched*. The example of Jesus can be unsettling. Early in his ministry, he set the

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Student Council Elections 2006 - 2007

Please prayerfully consider running for a position on student council. We are looking to fill the following positions for the 2006 and 2007 school year:

1. **First Year Representative**
2. **VP Spirituality**
3. **Missions co-chair**

4. **House Advocate co-chair (women's representative)**

Eligibility for election:

1. Any basic degree theological student who has been a member of the student body for two (2) semesters shall be eligible to stand for

election as **Vice-President of Spirituality**

2. Any first year theological student is eligible to stand for elections as **First Year Representative. ONLY FIRST YEAR THEOLOGICAL**

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Leadership (cont)

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pattern by which his ministry would be shaped. Mark's Gospel begins with a series of Jesus' ministry encounters. Once he was "moved" with compassion when he saw a leper crying out to be healed (Mark 1:40-42). Jesus broke the social code, "stretched out his hand and touched him," and made him well. But while the leper received a new freedom, Jesus' life became more complicating and dangerous. We

cannot touch the lives of others in the name of Christ without undergoing that cruciform chiseling that accompanies followers of Jesus.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
(Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV)

**The College Mission trip this year
will be to**

**St. Philip's, Chisasibi,
on James Bay**

Friday, October 20—

Thursday, October 26

**For more details, pick up a flyer at
the Front Desk, and get your appli-
cation to John Bowen ASAP!**

Wednesday Events

Our schedule for Wednesday Events is still somewhat fluid, so check each week to see which speaker is coming. All students are invited to the Principal's Lodge at 3:00 p.m. for tea, after which we have a presentation by our guest speaker and questions. We are done at 4:30 p.m. in time for our Eucharist. Here are the guests we anticipate:

Our own Alan Hayes will talk about the Six Principles, the Foundational document of the school—a don't miss session.

Bishop Gordon Scruton of the Diocese of Western

Massachusetts will talk about the Spiritual Life of the Clergy Person, the area of his interest & expertise.

Shelly Tidy, a grad and retired hospital chaplain, is a member of the Diocesan Committee on Healing and will talk about this ministry—a topic we do not give enough attention to.

The "Wycliffe College Disputational Society will hold our debate for the term: "Resolved, In Evangelism You Should Tell the Listener as Much of the Gospel as They are Ready For."

Dr. Colin Chapman is a leading theologian in the

middle east serving in Beirut. He will give a Christian perspective on the region today. (Sheraton Hall)

Dr. David Augsburg will give a lecture on the interface between theology and psychology. He is a professor at Fuller, and a leading voice in Evangelical Pastoral Theology. (Sheraton Hall)

The Rev. Peter Walker of St. Peter's Cobourg, a highly accomplished musician, will talk about Anglican choral music and Anglican spirituality to our joint Wycliffe-Trinity

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*Here is a highlight
of Wednesday
Events for this
term. Most Events
are held in the
Principal's Lodge
beginning with
tea @ 3:00 p.m.*

Dare to Deepen...
The Wycliffe Mentoring Program

The Wycliffe Mentoring Program offers all Wycliffe students the opportunity to meet with a spiritual mentor/director once a month for a private hour-long session. This is a great opportunity for you to deepen Christian formation by further integrating your theological study and personal spirituality.

Come out to our Spiritual Mentor Introduction Evening, hear a bit about the background of our mentors, and chat with them afterwards.

Spiritual Mentor Introduction Evening
Tuesday, September 26, 2006
The Reading Room
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

If you find someone who is a good fit for you, you can meet with that person once a month from September through April. Wycliffe College provides each mentor with an honorarium, so there is no monetary cost involved for the student.

There will be biographies of the mentors available in the Reading Room on Tuesday at 4:30 preceding the evening.

Please contact Mark Regis (Rm. 228 / wycliffe.admissions@utoronto.ca) if you have any questions about the program.

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Wednesday Events (cont.)

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group. (This event will start @ 2:00 p.m. and be in Sheraton Hall)

Ian Ritchie, a grad and a former missionary in West Africa, will talk about the church and Islam in West Africa.

Next semester we hope to have the following guests:

Bishop Anthony Burton of Saskatchewan, Bishop Claude Miller of Fredericton, Bishop Bill Anderson of Caledonia, Bishop Sadoki Makaya of Western Tanzania. We will also travel out to St. Augustine's for an afternoon with our colleagues at that TST School and to hear David

Novak of the Jewish Studies Department and one of the leading Jewish theologians in the world.



Founders' Day

Sunday, October 1st, 2006

@ St. James Cathedral - 65 Church Street

11:00 a.m. Service

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Dr. George Sumner

All Students are strongly encouraged to attend, and wear a nametag.

M.Div. students are excused from their placements for this Sunday

“DOCTRINE RELOADED”

2006 SEAD

CONFERENCE

September 28–29, 2006
at Wycliffe College

T H E M E

“The dogma is the drama,” mystery writer and Christian apologist Dorothy Sayers wrote in 1938. This year’s SEAD conference is devoted to recovering a bold picture of doctrine as drama, adventure, story — a picture too often forgotten or neglected in today’s church. Two distinguished contemporary theologians, Kevin Vanhoozer and Wycliffe’s own George Sumner, will lead an exploration of why doctrine matters for the faithful Christian life.

The SEAD conference starts at 7:30pm on Thursday, September 28 and runs until 1pm on Friday, September 29.

Registration Cost: \$35 non-students, \$10 students

For more information:

Tel: 416-946-3524,

wycliffe.development@utoronto.ca

Register online www.wycliffecollege.ca

Orientation Week Feedback

The Student Council would like your feedback about Orientation Week. So, if you were around and attended various events, please cut this out, answer the questions and put in the Student Council mailbox in the Porter's Lodge.

1. What did you like about Orientation Week?
2. What would you like to change or see done better for Orientation week next year?
3. What did you like about the Wycliffe Retreat?
4. What would you like to change or see don't better for the Retreat next year?

FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Utoronto email addresses

It's good to see that many of you have created a Utoronto email address. There are still many who have not. Please do so as soon as possible. Please make sure to update your ROSI record with this address.

Deadline to Add Courses

The deadline to add fall semester courses is *Friday, September 22*. If you are registering for a reading course, summative exercise or thesis you must complete the "Reading & Research Course or Basic

Degree Thesis Proposal" form and return it to me this week.

Student Mailboxes

Every student should have a student mailbox. Residents have theirs at the Front Desk. Day student boxes are in the cloak room (off the main lobby). Advanced Degree boxes and Basic Degree boxes are on opposite walls. Please check the alphabetical list beside the boxes for your name. Your box is under your number. Please check your box regularly for mail! If your name does not appear on the list, please let me

know.

GO Transit Discounts

If you are a full time student you are entitled to a Go Transit discount. I have application forms in my office.

Police Checks

All M.Div. students who are doing a field placement (2nd & 3rd years) must have a police check on file at Wycliffe College. Please submit it this week if you have not done so already. If you supplied us with one last year, you do not need a new one.

Marie Soderlund



Request for

Prayer

Please keep

Senior Student

Colleen Sanderson

and her family in

your prayers as

they mourn the loss

of her

grandfather.

AD Student/Faculty Seminar

Each year the faculty picks a topic for reading and discussion and for the past few years AD students have been welcomed as active participants in the seminar.

At the request of a few students, this year we will be studying the history of the interpretation of the book of Isaiah, a topic which allows for cross disciplinary discussion. We will be using Childs' book "*The Struggle to Understand Isaiah as Christian Scripture*", Eerdmans, 2004, as our

text and reading primary documents on Isaiah from various periods in history. The book has been ordered from Crux and should be in mid-week. Copies of the introduction and a chapter on Irenaeus for this week are available in the Porter's Lodge, in the "pick-up" tray on the mantle, to photocopy.

Bring a Bible and the readings for this week. This is a great opportunity for Faculty and AD students to get to know each other and to wrestle with important issues. We

look forward to seeing you Wednesday, September 20th at 1:10 p.m. in Cody Library. Just pick-up a lunch and bring it along.

If you have any questions, call Marion Taylor at 416-944-2546 or e-mail her at m.taylor@utoronto.ca.

Future Seminar dates are: October 18, November 8 and November 29.



Student Council Elections (cont)

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STUDENTS ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR THIS POSITION.

3. Only **residents** are eligible to vote for **House Advocate**. All residents are eligible to run for missions representative.

Responsibilities

1. **All student council members** are charged with the responsibility of governing and administering the Association in accordance with the guidelines laid out in the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules. In addition to the specific duties described below, members carry out their duties assigned from time to time as a result of the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules.

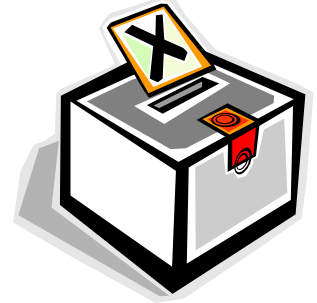
2. **First Year Representative:** the First Year Rep. is the member responsible for the interests of the first year theological students, providing opportunities for them to voice concerns, asks questions, and gather for fellowship, teaching, discussion.....

3. **VP Spirituality:** this position that was created in 2002 to respond to the students' expressed need for more attention to the spiritual formation of both theological students and other members of the

Wycliffe Community seeking support to grow in this area

The VP Spirituality will be responsible for proposing and implementing with the help of student council, a program of spiritual formation that takes into account the perceived needs of students and other members of the community. The program may include workshops on prayer and meditation; exploring the benefits of and interest in group spiritual direction and communicating the results with the administration; encouraging prayer groups; giving special focus in planning activities leading up to the end of the term to help students cope with the chaos ... The VP Spirituality will also be consulted by faculty in the planning of "quiet days".

3. **Missions Chair:** the role of the **Missions Chair** is to promote the ministry of missions both in the local and international context. The responsibilities include creating a team (committee) to undertake local outreach such as the sandwich run...; overseeing the newly created affiliation with a theological college in Kenya (coordinating the connection between Kenyan and Wycliffe students...); planning a missions night that focuses on a particular aspect of missions.



4. **House Advocate co-chair** (women's floor): the **House Advocate** represents all Wycliffe residents. The responsibilities include: liaising with the school on maintenance, security and other issues; creating opportunity for residents to have fellowship; ensuring residents are invited to student council / school events....

Nominations for these positions are now open and will be accepted until Friday, September 29. Nominations forms are available at the front desk. Please put the completed nomination form in the Student Council Mail box, located at the front desk.

ELECTIONS:

Will be held Monday Oct 2 to Thursday Oct 5 from noon until 1 and 6:30 to 7:30 in the front foyer of the college. If you are unable to vote at these times please contact Colleen Sanderson to arrange a convenient time.

This Week's Chapel Schedule	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	8:30—M.P. Praise	7:30—WBB 8:30 - M.P.	8:30—M.P.	8:30—M.P.	8:30—M.P.
	5:30—E.P.	5:30—E.P.	4:45 - Eucharist	5:30—E.P.	5:30—E.P.

Day	Morning Prayer/WBB	Evening Prayer/Eucharist
Monday	Mike Caines/Alan Bennett/ Basil McLeod	Sue Channen
Tuesday	WBB - Dick Black MP - Mike Caines	Julie Golding-Page
Wednesday	Matt Adams	Sub-Deacon - Laura Goodwin Server - Steve Page Intercessions - Natalie Sampson Cantor - Liz Sipos OT Reader - Ken Holder NT Reader - Kari Marcell Greeter - Jeff Hooper Children's - Chancel - Co-Sacristans - Laura Goodwin & Joan Locke Warden - The Rev. Mark Andrews
Thursday	Preacher - Marion Taylor MP - Matt Kydd	Donna Willer
Friday	Laura Goodwin	Joan Locke

Chapel News and Notes

Music & Morning Prayer

If you are leading Morning Prayer please remember that you have a musician available to play for you. During the first term it is expected that all leaders will sing the Venite/Jubilate. If you have any questions please speak with either Laura Goodwin or Joan Locke, our Sacristans. The Sacristans will also let you know which musician is available for your service.

Praise Band

Anyone interested in and willing to commit to the Wycliffe Praise Band should meet in the West Lecture Room this Wednesday, September 20th at 1:30 p.m. For more information please speak with Michael Caines.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17	18	19	20 WE - Alan Hayes—Six Principles	21	22	23 Diploma in Lay Ministry Open House
24	25	26 Spiritual Mentors Evening	27 WE - Bp. Scruton Spiritual Life of Clergy	28 SEAD Alumni AGM Lay Team Orientation	29 SEAD	30
1 October Founders' Day	2	3	4 WE—Healing Ministry Thanksgiving Dinner	5 AETE Conference	6 →	7 →
8	9 Thanksgiving	10	11 WE—Student Council	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Open House WE—Debate	19 Principal's Dinner	20	21

THIS WEEK'S WEDNESDAY EVENT

The Rev. Canon Dr. Alan Hayes has been a professor at Wycliffe College for more than 30 years, and is a priest in the Diocese of Niagara. Professor Hayes will be speaking about Wycliffe's Six Principles—our foundational documents for the school. This Event will take place in the Principal's Lodge.