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MIDWEST

TDA, GC MEET

On June 23th and 24th the Triennial Delegate Assembly (TDA) elected members to the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood. This 36 member ruling body met the following weekend, June 29-30, to elect some new committee members, committee chairs, and the officers of URANTIA Brotherhood. In addition members of the General Council acted on several resolutions passed on to them by the TDA.

The new Executive Committee (comprised of the officers of URANTIA Brotherhood and the chairs of each standing committee) contains a number of new faces this year. The members of this committee now include:

President--David Elders
 Vice-President--Frank Sgaraglino
 Secretary--Marian Rowley
 Treasurer--Chuck Burton
 Secretary-General--John Hales
 Judicial Chair--Duane Faw
 Charter Chair--Stephen Dreier
 Domestic Extension Chair--
 Harry McMullan

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NEWLY ELECTED GENERAL COUNCILORS

9-year terms:

Tom Allen	Marilynn Kulieke
John Andrews	Dan Massey
Douglas Fraser	Larry Mullins
Polly Friedman	Mike Painter
Bill Hazen	Phil Rolnick
Lynne Kulieke	Mo Siegel

6-year term: Steve Law

3-year term: Marian Rowley



Michael Ferree does his version of a morontia synthesizer to add to the exhibits around him at the recent Art Display of First URANTIA Society.

Art Show Reveals Talent

Over a dozen artists and art well in excess of 100 pieces dazzled attenders of the first ever Art Display sponsored by First URANTIA Society on April 14. The show filled the first floor front room at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, the building where the society conducts its meetings. The display occurred after the regular Sunday afternoon study meeting.

The display, termed "glorious" by one admirer, complemented background music of woodwinds and guitar. The swirl of color adorned every chair, wall, coat rack, and desk that planners could appropriate.

The society's Miscellaneous Activities Committee organized the display and provided refreshment, including a champagne punch for "ambience," according to committee chair David Kulieke. "No Philistines we," he added. The committee plans future displays, with the next being at a mini-conference the group intends for next year.

■ from the editors ■

"Everything nonspiritual in human experience, excepting personality, is a means to an end. Every true relationship of mortal man with other persons--human or divine--is an end in itself. And such fellowship with the personality of Deity is the eternal goal of universe ascension" (p. 1228*)

The URANTIA Book is very clear about the importance of relationships during our mortal existence. What is not as clear is what is meant by the qualification that they must be "true" in order to be an end in themselves. This qualification seems worthy of reflection as we go through our daily lives.

Most of us are faced with a constant stream of interactions with family, friends, colleagues, and acquaintances during our day. How we choose to qualitatively relate to our fellow brothers seems to be of utmost importance. Are we loving--as a father--to our brethren? Are we sincerely trying to minister to their needs? Are we exhibiting

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the fruits of the spirit? Are we being honest with them (If we are not, can we have a relationship)? We often pay lip service to these attributes, but how often do we actualize them in our daily lives? Further, to the extent that we do not demonstrate these, are we having "true" relationships?

Giving thought to the importance of our relationships puts them in a different perspective. An end--or goal--for our lives is to form true relationships. To the extent that we succeed in this task, we have succeeded in attaining one of the supreme goals of time and space.

■ letters ■

I was suprised when I read the response to my letter of last September in the past issue of PERVADED SPACE. Perhaps my wording provoked Mr. Bondi to brand it as "outraged." I was disappointed that the principle of fair treatment which I was attempting to illustrate became drowned out in an inaccurate portrayal of both Martin Myers' letter and my letter criticizing Martin's statement.

If one re-reads Mr. Myers' letter, the implication is clear that Vern is insincere, and is spreading irrational messages of fear and anxiety solely by means of personal persuasiveness. I suggest that a less direct attack upon Vern, coupled with specific

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Upcoming Events



The Midwest Conference will be held on October 11-13 at Wallen Place (formerly Crosier Center) in Fort Wayne, IN. The theme for the conference will be: "Spiritual Perspectives for a New Age." Mike Painter, Robert Schuer, Jim Moravec, Bud Bromley, David Schlundt, and Martin Risacher are tentative speakers. The conference will begin Friday evening, October 11th with registration, fellowship, and a multimedia. The program will end on noon Sunday. Registration forms will be sent out around August 15. If you do not receive a registration form and would like further information please contact:

Meredith and Irene Sprunger
4109 Plaza Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN 46806

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The First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles is sponsoring a seminar on Marriage and Family. It will be held on August 3-4 in Culver City, California. Topics vary from choosing a mate to grandparenting. For more information contact :

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Burbank, CA 91505

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Communication is the theme for the First Annual Oregon URANTIA Book Family Reunion. The August 23-25 gathering will be at Silver Creek Falls. It is planned to be a weekend filled with study, worship, spiritual intimacy, and social rejoicing. For more information contact:

Nancy Votrain
P.O. Box 2046
Corvallis, OR 97339

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A week-long Summer Intensive is being sponsored by the Boulder School for students of The URANTIA Book on August 12-18. The theme is "Sharing the Fruits of Spiritual

Growth: Personal Ministry as a Way of Life." For more information contact:

The Boulder School
1622-18th Street
Boulder, CO 80302

The school is also accepting applications for the fall term beginning September 9. Applications should be received by August 1.



We have received a notice of an Australian newsletter. If you would like more information about it, contact:

SIX-O-SIX NEWSLETTER
P.O. Box 606
Brighton, 3186, Australia

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A new study group is meeting in Golden Valley, Minnesota, a suburb of Minneapolis. This group has been meeting since September, 1985. They are currently reading various papers in Part III as well as discussing various topical areas. The group is meeting at The Unity Church of Golden Valley on Monday evenings at 7:30 PM. For more information contact the church at (612) 521-4793.

ALASKA SOCIETY FORMED

The Executive Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood, at its June 30 meeting, approved the chartering of the Northern Light URANTIA Society of Alaska. This will be the first URANTIA Society outside the contiguous forty-eight states, and will bring the total number of societies in existence to fifteen. The installation is expected to take place in September.

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International Fellowship Chair--
Berkeley Elliott
Education Chair--Lynne Kulieke
Publications Chair--Dan Massey
Finance Chair--John Hay
Special Projects Chair--Marilynn
Kulieke

In addition to other duties, these individuals will begin to execute the varied instructions passed on from the General Council.

One set of instructions to the Executive Committee was a series of resolutions that were passed on by the General Council. These resolutions centered around:

1. Developing a uniform method of citation for the identification of quotes from The URANTIA Book;
2. Developing a plan that would result in the lowering of the price of The URANTIA Book;
3. Increasing the percentage of retail book stores that stock The URANTIA Book;
4. Improving the communication from URANTIA Brotherhood to its constituents;.
5. Developing a standard for the biographies of potential General Councilors;
6. Investigating systems for creating and accumulating study aids which can assist readers in their study of The URANTIA Book;
7. Preserving a factual history of URANTIA Brotherhood.

These resolutions will provide the basis for much activity at the organizational level of URANTIA Brotherhood during the next year.



The URANTIA Brotherhood Intensive Study Seminars attracted 90 adults and children in June during the week between the TDA and General Council meeting. These were the fifth in a series of intensive studies seminars or workshops sponsored by the Education Committee and the third to be held at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL. The focus of the meetings was a scrutiny of Part I of The URANTIA Book.

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evidence of the falsehood of his purported messages, would have been a much superior method of accomplishing the Foundation's objective of separation.

Unfortunately such charged emotions have arisen regarding Vern Grimsley's "channelings" that any criticism of the Foundation is viewed as implied support for Vern. The issue is not whether Vern should be censured--Hoite Caston's extensive report clearly shows the need for a strong statement separating FOG from the Foundation. But was it truly appropriate to adopt the very tactics of character assassination of which Vern is accused in order to discredit him?

I stress to Mr. Bondi that we are truly players on the same team. I feel most PERVADED SPACE readers share my desire to let the entire Grimsley controversy fade into obscurity and be forgotten.

Paul Goris
Maricopa, AZ



To an early mentor

The Christ in me,
the hope of glory,
heard your words,
your revised story
of how it came to be
that God lived internally.
The life that lived
in Jesus also lives in me
and, born again
with every morn,
rises like the Son
to a rightful place
in Heaven
No thanks would be enough,
no gift will ever do,
but know this diamond in the rough
shines brighter before Him,
after you.

David Albee
West Palm Beach, FL

people

The editors of PERVADED SPACE had tentatively planned to run a biography of Clyde Bedell at the end of 1984 or beginning of 1985, but experienced some delays on the project. Clyde passed away early in 1985, so this has become our first "posthumous" biography.

While Clyde's later years, during which time he lived in California and eventually moved to Boulder, CO, shortly before his death, and also was responsible for the creation of the Concordex, may be better known, PERVADED SPACE editors felt Clyde's memories of the formative times of the movement might interest our readers.

Clyde was one of the very earliest Forum members, and became a charter member of First URANTIA Society, Chicago in 1956. He remained a member until his death. Clyde's long and intense association with the Chicago organizations makes him an appropriate subject of our periodical.

The following excerpts are Clyde's own words from a taped interview conducted by Barbara Kulieke in October, 1983.

In answering the question "How did you get involved in the Forum?" Clyde said:

I was living in Texas, in Dallas, in 1921-22. My mother who had been down there with me for the entire summer preceding had gone back north... and she wrote that her Doctor wanted her to have an exploratory operation. Well, that frightened me. We were very close. I quit my job and went north. I wanted to be on hand if that were done. It was and she was found to have cancer and died quite soon after that.

Meanwhile, as soon as I got up there, I went to look for a job in Chicago.... I responded to an ad for an advertising agency wanting a copywriter... Well, I immediately made a good friend in this agency by the name of Lester Atwood, a man much my senior but a gifted writer. And we became very close friends....We would write things about emotional response and that sort of stuff. He was a religious man, as I was.



C L Y D E B E D E L L

Before I left [the agency]...a girl came there to work by the name of Florence Evans...I asked her for a date and was given a rain check which I never cashed in because I left pretty suddenly....Lou Hennig offered me a job in San Francisco....I joined him in San Francisco. I was there for two years....It was a great place. And a great job.

Then I received from my friend Lester Alwood a long telegram.... He had applied for a job, had not got it and decided that... perhaps I was better suited to it than he....I applied and I got the job....I arrived in Chicago and of course the first person I saw was Lester Alwoor....I had Sunday dinner at his home, I would imagine a day or two after I got there....He asked me if I would like to go Sunday afternoon with him to a Forum meeting, at the home of an eminent Chicago psychiatrist.

I asked a few questions and he said, "Well, Sadler is a fantastic speaker; he talks about all sorts of things. Discussion may go in any direction. But he's a fascinating, interesting, brilliant man."...I said it sounded great, I'd like to go. So that first Sunday I had dinner at Lester's home and we then went to Dr. Sadler's Forum at 533 Diversey.

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■ commentaries ■

The topic for these commentaries is: When voting for General Councilors, what do you consider to be important characteristics? The question was asked of the delegates of the five Midwest URANTIA Societies to this year's Triennial Delegate Assembly.

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A few years ago the Executive Committee designated seven desirable qualities and six basic principles to consider when General Councilors are selected. In addition to these elemental factors of URANTIA Book knowledge along with personal, social and spiritual maturity, balanced judgment and wisdom are most important.

Our experience in the last thirty years has demonstrated that a thorough knowledge of religious history and doctrine is germane to preventing us from reinventing the wheel in religious practices and in keeping us from falling into the pitfalls, errors, and tragedy of historic religious aberrations. Such knowledge would also help us to gain a vision of what is creative and appropriate for the future. We need leaders in the URANTIA movement with this kind of wisdom and vision so that we experience a new Pentecost rather than a contemporary Babel.



Meredith J. Sprunger
Fort Wayne, IN
Fort Wayne URANTIA Society

I believe all of the desirable qualities stated by URANTIA Brotherhood are important in determining the characteristics of a good General Councilor. However, I place additional emphasis on two specific categories which I think are extremely important in considering an individual for the General Council.

Is the individual a knowledgeable person? By this I mean, a person who has been in the organization a long time, exhibited leadership traits, and who is willing to "play on the team". When the Brotherhood establishes a policy with which the individual disagrees, will they abide by the group decision or ignore it and do their own thing?

Is there a conflict of interest? Is the person in a policy-making role in another organization with similar goals and objectives that may compromise their decision making process in URANTIA Brotherhood? They must be as free as possible to make decisions which they believe are in the best interest of the Brotherhood without any regard as to the impact these decisions may have on any other organization they are associated with in a leadership role. This can only be accomplished if they are free from conflict.



Frank Sgaraglino
Highland Park, IL
Orvonton URANTIA Society
of Chicago

I feel confident that the Triennial Delegate Assembly will do its duty to select the most competent people to serve as General Councilors. I know anyone so selected is honored to serve. A great responsibility has been put upon the shoulders of the General Council, as we are going through some "growing pains" and there are many difficult decisions to be made. I would ask that person, when making those decisions, to put the URANTIA Brotherhood and the URANTIA movement foremost in their mind...what is good for all rather than just a few individuals. I do not know if it is too much to ask--humbleness would be a great asset.



Marion Oestmann
La Grange, IL
First URANTIA Society of
Western Springs

Those chosen to be General Councilors should be those most qualified. That may seem like a obvious statement superfluous to say. Unfortunately, it's not a precept that is necessarily followed.

Many extraneous considerations interfere, such as where a person lives, to whom he or she is married, what side of a given issue that reader may be on at the time of a particular election, and, most importantly, whether a voter happens to be personally fond of a candidate--whom do you know? Delegates rarely choose Councilors primarily based on the candidates' qualifications.

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Nevertheless, I believe that that should be virtually the only consideration. Obviously, a Councilor should know The URANTIA Book well--at least now they must have nominally read the entire book. Integrity is essential, but many people who have integrity have never heard of the book, so a candidate must have proven himself more. He should, in my often unshared opinion, have demonstrated his faithful and effective ability in the movement for a sufficient period--at least several years. Since a multitude have done at least something in the movement, the most effective individuals should be chosen. Effectiveness and accomplishment seem not to be high priorities among many readers.

While many place a high value on an individual's ability to think and deliberate, I think I'd rather see valid action than just hear some more talk.



David Kulieke
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First URANTIA Society

(Editors' Note: The fifth commentary, from Scott Forsythe of URANTIA Society of Glenview, was not available at press time.)



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It was extremely interesting--I have no idea what it was all about or what he talked about now. Can't remember. But I do know that the second person I saw in Chicago was Florence Evans....I called her...made a date and had a date at once....It must have gone fairly well because at the end of the first Forum meeting, which was, I think, the 24th of September, 1924, I went to Dr Sadler and said, "I wonder if I can bring a young woman into this Forum meeting next Sunday."...So the next Sunday which was on...the first Sunday in October,...Florence went to the forum with me and from late September, early October, 1924, we have been identified with whether the forerunner of the URANTIA movement, or the URANTIA movement itself. They're interesting circumstances that I would meet Alwood and Florence in this one advertising agency, leave it for two years, Alwood be instrumental in my coming back, he being the Sadler Forum and then the girl I married two years later....

I should mention the fact that shortly after I joined the Forum, Lester Alwood was through with the Forum.... A good many people in the very early Forum felt

years later they had been circumstanced into it. If that is the case, what occurred before papers started coming ...was no accident. It's a strange thing but...many things which you think today we should have remembered, we do not remember, probably because we were not supposed to remember them. If we had know that such a thing as an Epochal Revelation was coming through, we would have kept diaries....I have concluded ...that we weren't supposed to...I believe, Florence did too, and I'm sure some other old timers did, that there were communications coming through which may have been a part of a testing or the part of revelations... testing whether or not this group would react rationally or fanatically....

We had reason to believe in those old days that there were several groups in the United States that were being checked and tested.

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Clyde is best known for the work which he did in the latter part of his life-- the preparation and publication of the Concordex of The URANTIA Book. This effort will continue to benefit readers of The URANTIA Book for many years to come.

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