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Happy Birthday, Abe!

Lincoln Trio performs free concert to honor president's bicentennial

By Danny Allen
Reporter

April 21 was a night of music and celebration as the Lincoln Trio, of the Ravinia Music Festival in Chicago, brought a touch of classical music to the campus.

The trio, consisting of Desiree Ruhstrat on violin, David Cunliffe on cello, and Marta Aznavoorian on piano, came and played as a part of the Lincoln bicentennial celebration. The concert was called "Mystic Chords of Memory."

The celebration is intended to honor President Lincoln's 200th birthday. Our chapel was chosen for this event because it is the largest hall in town.

The music was primarily from the time period that Lincoln lived in and displayed various styles and selections from the period.

The music itself conveyed a wide range of emotions, from sad, to energetic and even becoming adventurous.

During one song, a series of letters was used to tell the story of Abraham Lincoln's life along with giving a description of his character. The event was even recorded for Arts Across Illinois on the WTTW network.

According to bicentennial committee member Dr. Brian Messner, General Education Dept., the concert was a success. People of all ages came to hear the Trio. The music was beautiful and the camera men moved swiftly

and silently in the background so as not to attract attention.

Dr. Messner said, "the music was absolutely outstanding. Also the audience was appreciative and it was just a delightful experience."



Desiree Ruhstrat, Marta Aznavoorian, and David Cunliffe performed music from the civil war in honor of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday (Photo by Dental Monsam-Bergian).

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Alumnapalooza!

Last 'college' party celebrates the year's end

By Allison Campbell
Feature Editor

On May 5, Founders Day, the men of Alumni will be hosting the first ever "Alumnapalooza" in the field between Alumni and Ruth Halls.

The festivities include a blast from the past in the form of a 90s cover band performing favorites from your childhood. Bobby Croft (10) is in charge of games which will apparently feature a large amount of pudding.

Also, the 1st annual "Alumpics" will commence. The games will include a backwards three-legged race, a blindfolded sack race and the traditional tug-of-war with the losers falling into a tarp covered in—what else—pudding.

Students may sign up to represent their floors with an RA. Girls and guys will compete separately. The winning floor for both genders will be presented with a trophy created by the Alumnapalooza committee.

While root beer will still be served, it may not be in the form that you are used to. The root beer kegs will be foregone in favor of another method of serving the beverage.

The cafeteria will be providing food, but according to Matt Egbert (10), it will not be your average meal. The residents of Alumni are partnering with the cafeteria to

serve some creative new ideas that will prevent long lines and reduce trash associated with paper plates and napkins.

Traditional games of buckbuck will take place and snow cones and popcorn will be readily available to everyone.

So come on out on May 5, starting at 4, to say goodbye to the 08-09 school year.



The Alumni auction raised more than \$1500 for Alumnapalooza. Jordan Griesmer(10) auctions off Aaron Sharpe(10) and Ian Olier(11).

Photos by Dawid Mowson-Bergman

The Low Down

Student President elections follow last night's speeches

Last night, student body presidential candidates Nick Alexander(11) and Joshua Corbin(11) gave speeches about their plans for presidency.

Afterwards, students were given the opportunity to vote, and voting will continue during dinner tonight. Current president Andrew Beal(10) will announce the winner by the end of this week.

Here is some more information about the candidates.



Nick Alexander

As student president, Alexander's main concerns are about students, particularly as they lead. He wants to make sure that as they serve, they are taking care of themselves, and that campus has a loving atmosphere.

He also wants to make the activities of the student cabinet more public, and to partner with as many students as possible to get more people involved.



Josh Corbin

Corbin is focused on the nature of the Body of Christ, namely that we are to be set apart but also one unified body. In relationship to the larger culture, we are to be like ancient Israel and not conform. On the other hand, internally we are one body with many parts, as Paul explains in 1 Corinthians.

As President, Corbin would take these views to heart by being a servant leader—just one member of the body.

Students, faculty present papers at Stone-Campbell Conference

By Peter Stevens
Guest Writer

Around midday on April 16, a small group of Lincoln Christian College and Seminary students and faculty loaded up two vans and left for the Stone-Campbell Journal Conference which took place at Cincinnati Christian University.

The time at the conference was spent listening to papers and presentations from different participants, and to the main speakers for the conference. Among the many presenters were faculty members like Dr. Clay Ham, Dr. Gary Hall, Dr. Chris Keith, and Dr. Isaac Gaff. They presented during the parallel sessions where one could choose a topic that seemed interesting.

Certain students also had the chance to present in the paper competition. At the undergrad level, seniors Emma Hanford and David Mosley were selected as finalists and presented their papers Friday morning. Seminary student Joe Gordon was selected as a finalist to present for the graduate competition.

Emma won the undergrad competition with her paper "Old Testament Treatment of gerim and Implications for the Contemporary Christian's Attitude and Actions Regarding US Immigration Issues." David and Joe were both runners-up in their respective competitions.

As a first time participant, there were many experiences to take in and evaluate. It seems strange that one would go and listen to presentations and papers for two days, but the experience was much more than that. As a student I was able to listen and interact with professors, both from Lincoln and elsewhere, and ask them questions.

I was able to dialogue with them in classrooms, at the pool, and around plates of Skyline chili. Don't let anyone besmirch or tarnish your view of conferences by telling you that they are boring.

I would encourage everyone to go at least once and jump on this great opportunity to dialogue with great minds and great people.

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Running the race



On April 17, LCCS hosted the sixth annual Run For Your Life two-mile race. Over 100 people participated in the race, including students, faculty and even runners from the community.

The overall winners were Daniel Thompson (time 11:06) and Bethany Rose (14:36). Masters winners were Fred Johnson (19:52) and Njeri Mbugua (24:51).

For more photos and results in other categories, see www.lccs.edu/runforyourlife

Student, professor race for experiment

Last Tuesday, Dr. Njeri Mbugua raced her Non-Western Religious student Corey Tutewiler in a two-mile social experiment.

The test was to see who would win—a young, in shape male or an older, out-of-shape female. The catch was that Tutewiler had to run backwards.

Only two other students in Dr. Mbugua's class believed that Tutewiler would win, but in this case the majority was correct. Although the race was close, Dr. Mbugua won.

(Photo by Becky Campbell)



Squirrel obesity an increasing problem



The Squirrel's Eye View

Reporter at Large

I am very disturbed by the behavior of my fellow squirrels as of late.

I've never seen anything like it, and frankly, it is disgusting. What are they teaching young squirrels these days? The very nerve of it—it's appalling!

Of course, I am talking about those uncontrolled squirrels who shamelessly fall into the traps that the humans have set for us, eating their food out of those bins which the humans call "garbage cans." Our research has not been able to detect exactly what the purpose of these bins is, but I am convinced that they are traps. And we are falling for it!

I am shocked to see squirrels inside these bins, gorging themselves on human food. The indecency! To even eat the enemy's food is bad enough. Who knows what sort of evil poisons they have laid in place for us?

Some have told me that there is no poison—many squirrels have eaten the food and been fine. Yet I remain suspicious. Even if it is not poisoned, I see many negative side effects.

This food causes squirrels to lose all inhibitions and restraint, and I believe that it may have an addictive quality. Once a squirrel tastes it, they seem utterly unable to stop eating it, and will even risk encountering a human to indulge their craving.

Because they cannot restrain

themselves, "those who eat the humans' food are becoming overweight. Squirrels are getting too fat to

even run away from the humans when the humans get too close. Who

knows but that the humans are trying to fatten us up for some purpose? Perhaps for their own food, or maybe just to make us too lazy to fight them any longer.

This is my fear. The humans want to lull us into complacency so that we will give up our fight. Some of the squirrels are becoming far too comfortable around the

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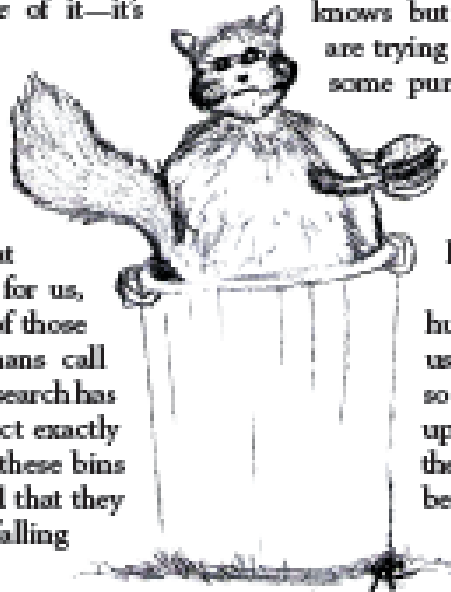
humans. Eating their food has caused them to get rather close to the enemy, and I am afraid

many are starting to have sympathy for them.

We cannot allow this to carry on any longer. We cannot let the enemy trick us into thinking that they are friends, soothing us with their food and walking close to us and saying we are "cute" (whatever that means). We must not lose sight of our goal.

I implore my fellow squirrels to discipline themselves. Do not fill yourself with the "garbage" of the humans any longer, but return to the sweet acorns of our fathers. Don't be greedy and unrestrained—be moderate and self-controlled.

Most of all, hold on to the goal that we have: to spread the squirrel kingdom!



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Joining 'The Divine Conspiracy'

Dallas Willard's classic is challenging and insightful



Book Review

Daniel Swihart

Need some solid reading to challenge your faith over the summer and keep you strong until the fall semester? Then Dallas Willard's *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God* may be a valuable investment. It follows after *In Search of Guidance* and *The Spirit of the Disciplines* in a trilogy on the Christian life, but also stands as a great work in and of itself.

Willard reevaluates the teachings and life of Christ in light of the "kingdom of the heavens" (Willard intentionally retains the Greek plural) in Matthew. He spends the first part of the book explaining how Jesus saw the world around him, in contrast to how most modern Christians view the world.

Then he tackles the Sermon on the Mount at length in the middle of the book. The latter chapters are devoted

to a proposal for a discipleship program as Jesus would organize it. Willard concludes the book with a look at the future and what life will be like after death for both Christians and non-Christians.

Picking up this 400-page philosophical musing will feel very intimidating at first. It took me several weeks to get

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out of the initial chapters, and I often had to take mental breaks within the chapters. However, Willard captured my attention, and I could not leave the book unfinished. You too will be enthralled with his deep thoughts and often mind-blowing conclusions.

Although Willard spends much time in the philosophical clouds, he

also comes down to earth and has very practical applications. Anyone who has read Willard knows that he is very careful in his choice of words and arguments. If you stick with him through the long setup, you will be richly rewarded with countless insights into the life of our Lord.

You can look forward to an explanation of the Sermon on the Mount as a cohesive sermon complete with a dominant thought (for all the Homiletics students).

You can anticipate Willard's explanation of how to become an apprentice of Jesus instead of merely someone who can get into heaven after death.

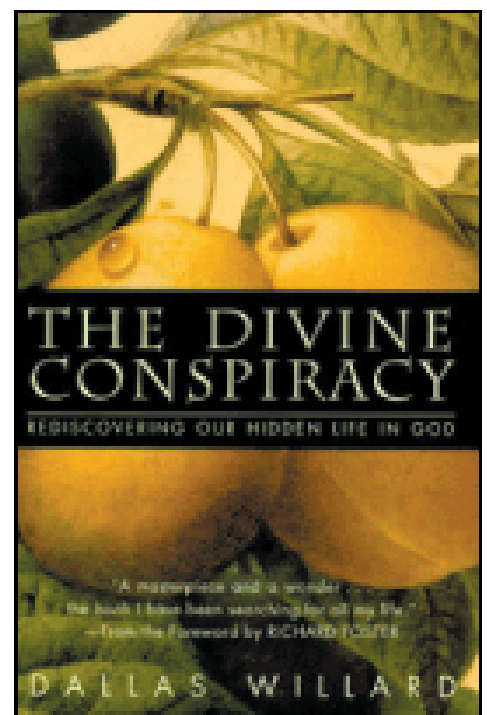
Most of all, you will find out how Jesus intended his disciples, his apprentices, to have abundant life in the kingdom of the heavens here and now. This is *The Divine Conspiracy*.

Read an excerpt from the introduction of *The Divine Conspiracy*

Very few people today find Jesus interesting as a person or of vital relevance to the course of their actual lives. He is not generally regarded as a real-life personality who deals with real-life issues but is thought to be concerned with some feathery realm other than the one we must deal with, and must deal with now. And frankly, he is not taken to be a person of much ability.

He is automatically seen as a more or less magical figure—a pawn, or possibly a knight or a bishop, in some religious game—who fits only within the categories of dogma and of law. Dogma is what you have to believe, whether you believe it or not. And law is what you must do, whether it is good for you or not. What we have to believe or do now, by contrast, is real life, bursting with interesting, frightening and relevant things and people.

Now, in fact, Jesus and his words have never belonged to the categories of dogma or law, and to read them as if they did is simply to miss them.



Half marathon completed, spiritual lessons learned

MarathonRunner

Allison Campbell



I never thought I'd be able to finish a 13.1 mile race. Never in a million years.

But I did.

It was not pretty, and it was not the fastest time – but I finished the

Springfield Half Marathon on April 4 in just over three hours.

I think the most interesting thing about running the race itself was the incredible sense of community between those participating. Everyone encouraged everyone else.

It really reminded me of what the Body of Christ aspires to do. Each person—no matter how fast, slow, old, young, in or out of shape they were—made a point to tell others that they were doing well. We should be dedicated to encouraging one another to finish the race, as Paul said.

I had some interesting experiences as I ran. I made friends who kept pace with me after those I signed up with passed me up. Two women named Melissa and Maria laughed,

encouraged and ran with me for a few miles until I twisted my ankle thanks to a pothole and had to slow my pace.

I feel that these sorts of “partnerships” reflect the kind of brotherhood and partnering that we need to be living within the church. Just coming alongside each other to encourage and share experiences is something that we need to do. Think about it – you would never run a race alone. It wouldn't be a race. Races require multiple participants to exist.

The marathon was a huge success, in my opinion. I felt accomplished after finishing and am even planning to continue my training as a hobby and possibly run another half marathon in the near future!

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