

Brenner Speaks For S.C.L.

Topic: Classical Judaism

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Mr. Saul Brenner of the Political Science and History Department, spoke for the Senior Classical League last Wednesday. His topic was the Sermon on the Mount and Classical Judaism.

He began by saying that people read the classics for three reasons: For education, for enjoyment, and to pick up a means of living a full, ethical life. Modern man usually thinks of Greek and Roman literature as being classic, but actually the Bible is a classic too, said Brenner.

His text was taken mostly from Matthew 5:17-48. Through several examples he showed how the Sermon on the Mount changed some of the laws of the Old Testament.

Matthew 21:22 presents the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" and goes on to say that anyone who becomes angry with his brother out or calls a man a fool will also be punished. This does not fulfill the old Hebrew law (as presented in the Old Testament), he said, because it does not distinguish between murder, anger, or name calling. This, according to Mr. Brenner, is not a good ethic to live by because the distinction is not made.

The next example, Matthew 27, says that one shall not commit adultery, but whoever looks at someone lustfully is said to have already done so in his heart. Here, again, a distinction is not made, he said. Classical Judaism does not come out against looking at someone lustfully. It makes the distinction between this and actually committing adultery.

Matthew 31 allows for no divorce unless on the grounds of unchastity. This makes any divorcee an adulteress and anyone who married her also commits adultery.

The speaker said that this was not part of Jesus' teachings. The Jewish position allows for divorce due to incompatibility.

It is good to have a divorce system because marriage is both a personal and a legal relationship. A person gets into it legally, so they should also be able to get out of it legally.

Matthew 33 says that one shall not swear falsely, indeed that no one should swear at all. Mr. Brenner commented that it is useful to swear before the courts, but that this is a point easily



Mr. Brenner ponders during his talk for the S.C.I. last Wednesday. Photo by Frank Coley.

argued.

He went on to call the eye-for-an-eye, tooth-for-a-tooth policy in Matthew 38 "a libel on the Hebrew scripture." The Hebrews meant for the punishment to fit the crime. This verse of the Bible goes on to say that a person should turn the other cheek and that if someone forces you to go one mile, you should go two.

It was said that Martin Luther King follows this policy, so it is still somewhat workable. Pacifism is only effective when the surrounding community has some moral feelings. One of the most passive groups in history was the Jews in Europe at the time of World War I.

The commandment to love your neighbor and hate your enemy was

the next one discussed. Mr. Brenner called this law "an outright lie" and a misquote of the Hebrew law. Hebrews are often accused of loving only other Jews, but their doctrine is to "love the stranger for you were a stranger in the land of Egypt."

They do not pointedly say "love thine enemy" but they do say that if the enemy's ox has gone astray to rescue it -- a more practical standpoint. The Christians view of war is that you should not kill. Judaism allows for a just war concept with a theme of self defense and a vision of world peace.

Mr. Brenner concluded by saying that maybe a just war is no longer useful.

According to the speaker, the Sermon on the Mount abolished rather than fulfilled the old law.



Raul Spivak

Virtuoso Musician Conducts Workshop

Virtuoso pianist Raul Spivak, newly appointed musician-in-residence here, will conduct a piano workshop on campus June 20 through June 22, 1967. The workshop will be preceded by a concert on the evening of Monday, June 19.

Mr. Spivak will conclude a two-year appointment in May as musician-in-residence at North Carolina State University.

The native of Buenos Aires, Argentina is considered one of the most prominent musicians of Latin America. Besides studying piano, harmony and composition in Argentina, he also studied in Europe and the United States with Edward Steuerman, Alexander Borovsky and Arthur Schnabel.

Known for his outstanding interpretations of the classics, Raul Spivak is also noted for his ability to charm audiences with warmth and color of his Spanish and Latin American repertory.

He has performed throughout Europe, the United States, Canada, Central and South America, and has appeared as soloist with symphony orchestras under the eminent conductors of the world. In the U. S. he has presented recitals at Carnegie Hall and Town Hall in New York and has played with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, the Detroit Symphony, and the University of Miami Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Spivak held the chair for the advanced piano class and chamber music in the National Conservatory of Music in Buenos Aires and the piano master class at the School of Fine Arts of the University of La Plata. He has presented a series of concerts on television and has recorded for RCA Victor.

Grogan Named Group Head

L. Robert Grogan, director of admissions here, who participated last week at Denver, Colorado in a study of enrollment for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, has been named chairman of the committee involved.

It is the Enrollment Studies Committee of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Mr. Grogan said that in cooperating with the Office of Education of HEW his committee will try to project national enrollments for the next 10 years.

The piano workshop will involve a survey of the teaching literature from elementary through intermediate to advanced grades; compositions from the baroque, classic, romantic, and modern styles; Spanish and Latin American literature. Works of different forms, styles, and periods will be analyzed.

Technique and interpretation as well as practice procedures would be included for evaluation, and trends and characteristics of Spanish and Latin American music would be discussed. A group of students will be selected to play during the workshop, and students will be invited to submit works in their repertoire for discussion.

A certificate of attendance will be awarded to those in attendance. A \$15 fee will be charged to cover costs of registration, attendance at all sessions and a ticket to Mr. Spivak's concert.

At N. C. State, Mr. Spivak taught a master class, presented a series of piano concerts, presented a series of piano recitals over educational television, performed as a soloist with University music organizations and organized a string ensemble.

Students Installed And Honored At Awards Convocation

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Tim Britton administers the oath of office to incoming student body president, John Gaither. Fred Jordan Photo.

"demonstrated superior understanding of and cooperation with their fellow man of all races and religious beliefs."

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, established in 1934, is a national organization which recognizes outstanding college students. The following students have been accepted by this organization: Susan Ades, Mitch Borden, Sandra Brantley, Tim Britton, Mary Burns, Martha Caton, Joan Chestnut, Ellison Clary, Betty Craig, George Elam, John Gaither, Larry Garner, Sue Garret, Sally Hagood, Charles Honeycutt, Betty Hudson, George Jones, Mary Mabry, Scott MacMillan, Celia Meyer, Betty Moore, Susan Osborne, Brenda Schaeffer, Lutisha Schenck, Nick Stavarakas, Bud Stokely, Francis Thomas, and Walter Yarbrough.

Dr. Done expressed appreciation to Ellison Clary, Jr., editor of the JOURNAL, and his staff for improvements in the newspaper and for changing its delivery "from about once a month to weekly." She recognized Sandra Brantley, editor of the yearbook, and said she had heard the yearbook was going to be very special this year and that she was looking forward to seeing it this summer.

Dr. Cone also complimented our newest campus publication, The Barnstormer, and its editor, Bud Stewart.

Both the newly elected Student Body officers and the Union officers were installed. Tim Britton administered the oath of office to John Gaither, the Student Body president for next year; Mr. Gaither then installed the Vice-President, Bill Billups, the Secretary, Earleen Mabry, and the Treasurer, Cindy Trexler.

Dean MacKay installed the University Union officers -- Dwayne Spitzer, John Lafferty, Kay Watson, and Ronald Russell -- before announcing the award recipients.

Tim Britton presented a special award to Bud Stokely, Vice President of the Student Body, "who in my opinion and I am sure in the opinions of all of the legislators, has done an outstanding job this year." Mr. Stokely received a gavel inscribed with his name, the date, and the school.

The Catalinas Are Coming
8-12 P.M.
May 11

Union Cafeteria