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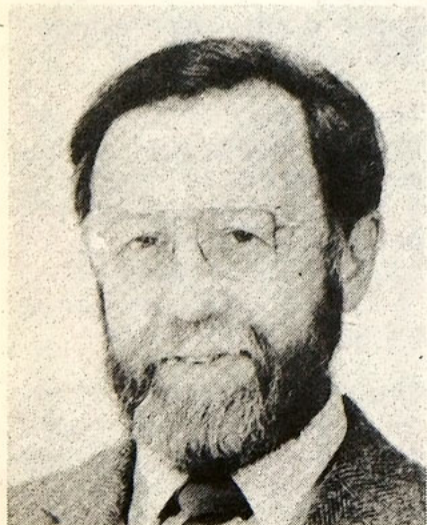
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## Bunkowske Speaks at Staley Lecture

by John K. Israel

Dr. Eugene Bunkowske, a renowned missiologist, minister, and speaker, as well as head of the missions department at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, came to Concordia April 19-21 as part of the Staley Foundation Lecture Series.

The Staley Foundation is a non-profit organization that spends \$200-250,000 annually to provide college campuses with quality speakers on topics which involve and interest the students, especially in church work.



Eugene W. Bunkowske, M.Div., Ph.D.

Dr. Bunkowske spoke in the Beutow Auditorium for the Thursday, April 20 convocation hour and also at 7:20 PM in C-203. In this, his second Staley Lecture, he spoke of the challenges of world missions using his experiences as a missionary in Africa from 1960-82.

During his morning convo, Dr. Bunkowske spoke of the culture shock of first entering a foreign, pagan country, and then readjusting to American culture after a 20-year leave. He told several stories about his experiences in Nigeria which showed the difficulty he had to face with not only the religion barrier, but also the language barrier.

For example, he was at one time asked how many of something he had eaten. When he tried to say four, all he got was laughter because a slight fluctuation of voice caused it to mean that he had eaten his mother. A second try brought a sudden, deep silence upon the natives because he had just said he had eaten their sacred tree which supposedly held great power. From that moment, Dr. Bunkowske could see the difficulty he would have to face.

At the evening lecture, Dr. Bunkowske spoke of the reality shock involved in world missions. He emphasized the importance of people being able to read the Bible in their heart language, especially since most other cultures speak four or five languages. With 8,000,000 Africans converting to Christianity every year, it is important for them to understand the Bible fully in their own language to avoid confusion with their native polytheistic religion.



Construction Begins on Hamline Avenue

## Parents' Weekend: A Parent's View

by J.D. Goetz and his Mom

Moaning in pain after the removal of my wisdom teeth, I really didn't want to write an article on Parents' Weekend (April 14-16). I said, "Hey Mom, you were there, why don't you do it!?! "I'm not a writer, you know that. Besides, it's your job."

Mom can be kind of a sucker when I'm in pain, though, so she did it anyway. It's mostly her opinion, and my comments are in parentheses...

The USO show on Friday night was well done by the students. I especially congratulate the gal (Shelley Novotny) whose background music failed, and she continued in spite of it. I also enjoyed Marilyn Monroe (Karla Koehnen). Where did she get that dress???

Breakfast on the Knoll (Saturday morning) was a little chilly... but I ate enough nonetheless (I would like to thank the faculty members who showed up for not telling our parents what they really know about us).

The Holiday Inn (Saturday Night) wasn't ready for us to sit down in the dining room

"I was a little uncomfortable sitting in a bar waiting (and I was a little uncomfortable sitting in a bar with my mother!)

The other parents were friendly, though, and we had some really good conversation.

(After a good meal,) I had a hard time understanding the words of the two students singing (Scott Brown and Jeff Leininger, who did very well), but the dance band was pretty good (featuring Concordia's own Professor Dick Norris).

The Jubilate choir was very good at the (Sunday) morning worship. They sang like I think angels would sing -- a pure sound.

I didn't like turning my back to the altar for the processional (she's funny like that), and I wondered why the Jubilate choir wore ceremonial head-coverings (I Corinthians 11:5-6, I suppose), but a woman read from the front of the chapel (but that's not what this article is about, Mom, don't get me in trouble).

"But come on, Mom, did you really have a good time?" I asked. "Oh yeah, overall I enjoyed it, and I would go again," she said.