

Henry Stob speaks at Christian center

University Hills Christian Center, 2700 Farmington Rd., will sponsor a series of three lectures by Dr. Henry Stob, Sept. 26, 28 and 29.

To be held at 8 p.m. in the center, the series, "The Dialectic of Justice and Love," will focus on a central idea of rational Christian humaneness.

On Friday, Sept. 26, Dr. Stob will speak and then conduct a discussion on "Observation on the Ethics of Love." On Sunday, Sept. 28, the title is "Observations on the Ethics of Justice," and the final one Tuesday, Sept. 29, is "The Dialectic of Justice and Love."

Holder of a master's degree from Hartford Theological Seminary and a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Gottingen, in 1952 he became a member of the department of philosophical and moral theology at Calvin Seminary where he taught until his retirement.

In 1951 Dr. Stob and four colleagues founded the "Reformed Journal," a monthly periodical, of which he is still an editor and contributor. He has also authored many articles, periodicals

and publications: "The Christian Concept of Freedom," "The Christian Idea of Revelation," "The Word of God and Reformed Faith," "Faith and Philosophy," "A Reexamination of Lutheran and Reformed Traditions," "The Scientist and Ethical Decisions" and contributions to "Educational Theories and Practices."

This series is the first in a new venture, the Detroit Lectureship in Contemporary Thought. The center is planning another series on Calvinism for next April.

Fournier is in Air Force

Robert K. Fournier, 18, of Farmington Hills has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, delaying enlistment program and will report for active duty Jan. 27.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Fournier of 28109 Quail Hollow and a 1973 graduate of North Farmington High School.

He will be assigned to Lackland AFB, Texas, for basic training.



DR. EARL PELLERIN

Architect Dr. Earl Pellerin

He designed, nurtured LIT

By CORINNE ABATT

In his 42 years as dean of South field's Lawrence Institute of Technology (LIT) school of architecture, Dr. Earl Pellerin nurtured it from a

few students to the fourth largest school of its kind in the country. He taught there until a year ago and is the architect for the modern, growing campus complex on Ten Mile Road just west of Northwestern Highway.

Now retired from teaching responsibilities, he is a consultant for LIT and maintains a private architectural practice with offices on Civic Center Drive with a view of the campus he loves.

Yet none of these monuments to the man and his work stands taller than his students on whom he lavished care, concern and countless hours of attention. The young men and women in his classes were given the affection a father would save for his sons and daughters.

Former student Darro Homouch, architect with Chrysler Corp and LIT instructor, noted after the testimonial dinner for Pellerin, "The four standing ovals were for the man they were honoring and not just his achievements."

Pellerin lives his philosophy of caring for others. "I BELIEVE it is the human quality of the designer, his feeling for people, his devotion to his work and his awareness of aesthetic qualities which differentiate the builder of buildings from an architect who is an artist."

Another former student, Harvey Ferrero, Detroit architect and LIT faculty member, says, "Dr. Pellerin was probably the most influential person in exposing me to what architecture really is—the person who said architecture is more than putting buildings

together, that it is and can be, an art."

Ever since he accepted an offer from Ellsworth Lawrence in 1932 to help found a private technical school, he has lived architecture—as a way of life, as an art.

He remembers the day Lawrence contacted him. Lawrence was dean of engineering at the University of Detroit and the country in the depths of the great depression.

An unlikely time for such an ambitious undertaking. "No," says Pellerin, "but it would be very difficult for a school like that to start now. Attitudes were different then. We found good key people willing to be completely involved for long periods of time and see the thing through."

To accept Lawrence's offer, he put off a scholarship offer to study at Cranbrook with the renowned Eiel Sarrinen—something he never did get back to.

LAWRENCE WANTED him to develop a curriculum in architecture and civil engineering and requested, "At the start, I'd like you to teach all 'spectral subjects' in both."

Although well-equipped to follow through, Pellerin says it was an awesome assignment "but I was very much inspired with it from the start."

He earned his bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Michigan in 1927, was a registered architect and had completed graduate work at the University of Michigan in 1931-32. Most recently he had been in the architectural offices of Albert Kahn, W. E. Hunter, and Smith, Hinchman and Grylls.

The inspiration is still with him. It is apparent as he walks across the campus talking about the first student-faculty apartment complex soon to be started on the south side of Ten Mile Road and the campus buildings he designed.

He looks at the 20-year-old science building. "It is solar and bronze glass and anodized aluminum. It has weathered beautifully. It stays clean from the rain and only needs to be cleaned yearly."

Choosing words as he would building materials, he describes what the business and management building on the north side of the quadrangle will look like when completed. He talks of the beauty of the setting and his commitment to retain as much of it as possible.

The campus is a sharp contrast to the original site, the old Ford trade school in Highland Park. Pellerin had five students when the doors opened in 1932. Victor Hanson, Detroit architect and one of the LIT board of trustees, was one of the originals.

Never to see his dream come to fruition, Ellsworth Lawrence died two years after the school opened and a younger brother, E. George, 28, took over.

Pellerin says of the younger Lawrence, with whom he worked for 30 years, "In his general management and real estate ability, he was termed a genius."

It was this brother, who died in Florida last year after returning in 1964, whom Pellerin says had the foresight to purchase 30 acres at Eight Mile and Northwestern for a new campus. It was sold to the J. L. Hudson Co. in 1952 and the present 65 acre site chosen instead.

From those first five students in 1932, the student body now numbers around 800.

Ferrero comments, "Even though the school has grown from less than 100 when I was a student at Highland Park building to its present size, Dr. Pellerin still knows each by name."

He continues, "I remember when you came in and when you left, Dr. Pellerin was always there. He knew each individual and his problems, and sometimes to the confirmation of the administration, he would go to bat for his students. He is totally devoted to them."

"I remember once when Darro Bonacchi and I sneaked out of school to play basketball next door. Dr. Pellerin came over to watch. He is very in-

terested in sports. He told us not to hurt our fingers so we wouldn't be able to draw."

Pellerin says he believes in total productivity. His working day begins at 5 a.m. The pattern of starting early and finishing after the last night teaching years is still with him four decades later.

He cites "lack of productivity" on an individual basis as one reason for today's problems. "If I were training for a job today, I would do as a professional athlete does—always giving more than is asked, knowing a better job can be done with more hours and greater effort."

Another former student remembers the bachelor Pellerin as tireless in his efforts to secure financial aid for those in need. Many who received aid through Pellerin are still unaware of it.

In addition to the campus buildings, Dr. Pellerin's designs locally include Nativity Evangelical and Reformed Church in Livonia with the star-shaped sanctuary, St. Paul Memorial Episcopal Church on Hubbel and Grand River, Detroit, the educational unit of Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, Mt. Clemens, and the chapel of the United Church of Christ in Brusard.

His residences include the Raymond T. Perrine home, Bloomfield Hills, the Casaroli homes in Grosse Pointe and Harlan's Island and the LIT president's home across the valley on the west side of the campus. He describes the present residences, Dr. Wayne H. Buell and his wife, Vira, as "interested and knowledgeable in the arts."

His interest in ecclesiastical architecture was heightened when he won the Edward Loring Fellowship award and studied church design in Europe in 1939. Later he won a national award in design competition sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

He was elected to the National Council of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects in 1964 and received gold medal awards from the Detroit chapter of the AIA in 1970 and from the Michigan Society of Architects in 1972.

He has held many elective offices and committee memberships in the professional groups and for 12 years was a design judge for the Michigan State Board of Examiners.

He looks back on his accomplishments quietly mentioning instead a philosophy which he says moved the school from its modest beginnings to its respected place in higher education.

"One of the hallmarks of the school in its 42-year history has been good management. At no time did we ever think of looking back. The school always had a forward look."

And so it is with Pellerin. He dismisses the past, proudly, quietly. He is a practical minded visionary who sees what can and will be.



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