Greetings:

I want to especially call your attention to two new conferences on Polanyi Studies that are being held in the next few weeks. The details are in this News Bulletin.

Since numerous people have joined the Society and/or renewed their membership in the past few months, I thought it appropriate to include an updated current membership list in this issue to facilitate communications among us.

I will personally be undertaking a new career phase in my own life beginning July 1, 1977. I hope to influence a small part of the impending food-energy-environmental crisis by bringing farmers, politicians, and university faculty together to address some common concerns in these areas. Accordingly, my new address will be:

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I trust you will all have an enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Frederick Kirschenmann
General Coordinator

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2. Relevance of Michael Polanyi's Thought to Various Disciplines
   Conference Location: Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

   Dates: June 9 & 10, 1977

   Participants and Format:
   Thursday
   June 9th
   (Invited participants only)
   12Noon - 6 p.m. - Arrival of invited participants
   6:00 - 7:15 pm - Cocktails
   7:15 p.m. - Dinner for Invited Participants at Spa
   Dining Room. Informal talk and social evening.

   Friday
   June 10th (This part of the program is open to the public - no charge)

   9:00 a.m. "Polanyi, Piaget and Education" by Prof. John Reed, Chairman,
   Education Dept., Skidmore, and
   Joseph Murphy, Teacher, Lake George
   School System

   10:00 a.m. "Illustration of Dynamic & Linguistic
   Complementarity at the Cellular Level"
   by Prof. H.H. Pattee, Dept. of Physics,
   SUNY at Binghamton, and Asst. Prof.
   Denis Donnelly, Dept. of Physics,
   Siena College

   11:00 a.m. "Polanyi's Epistemology & the
   Philosophy of Learning"
   by Assoc. Prof. Robert Innis, Dept.
   of Philosophy, Univ. of Lowell and
   Asst. Prof. Robert Ross, Dept. of
   Philosophy, Skidmore College

   12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch for Invited Participants

   1:30 p.m. "Toward a Post Critical Perspective
   on Religion: The Emergence of
   Convergence" by Prof. Bruno Manno, Director, Office
   for Moral & Religious Education, and
   Prof. Richard Gelwick (?), Philosophy
   & Religion, Stevens College

   2:30 p.m. "Tacit Knowledge & Cognitive
   Psychology: Towards an Understanding
   of Knowing Agents" by Asst. Prof. Carol Fowler, Psychology,
   Dartmouth College, and Prof. William
   LeFurgy, Chairman, Psychology Dept.,
   Skidmore College.
II. Polanyi Society Forum at A.P.A. Meeting

Under the leadership of Harry Prosch, the Polanyi Society recently sponsored a forum in "Rhetoric in Michael Polanyi's Philosophy" at the American Philosophical Association meeting in Chicago. Sam Watson and Robert Scott of the Society addressed the forum, and Jerry Gill, Harry Broudy, and Richard Leucke all served as respondents.

A report on the forum will be included in the next news bulletin.

III. Bibliographical Notes


   Durka notes, among other things, that "...the chapters on myth and religion will be of special interest to religious educators since they attempt to present a purposeful world order wherein religious interpretation can extend the coherence of personal experience."


   I suspect this holistic approach to the study of physics will be intriguing to most students of Polanyi. A research physicist explores the parallels between the underlying concepts of modern physics and the basic ideas of Eastern mysticism. The book is rich with ideas for overcoming the Western tendencies toward reductionism and helping to see reality in terms of new organic wholes.


   An excellent, penetrating, critical review of Skinner's social and political views as expressed in four of his publications: About Behaviorism, Beyond Freedom and Dignity, Science and Human Behavior, and Walden Two. Part of the strength of this particular review lies in the fact that Stillman takes Skinner's criticism of his critics seriously and concentrates on an "internal refutation of Skinner's program." I suspect that Polanyi students will find some of Stillman's arguments stimulating.

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