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THE FUTURE OF THE ACADEMY

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As I sit in the loft and look over the snow-covered valley brilliant in the morning sunshine, and on to a gorgeous Pikes Peak, I am inclined to be very grateful and a little philosophical. Like, why am I here and where am I going?

Similar thoughts have been running through my mind relative to the future of the Academy. Since the organizational meeting of October, 1990, we have made good progress under the capable leadership of Vada Lee Barkley. No doubt she will speak to a number of accomplishments in her annual report to the Academy on April 12. Our thoughts and prayers are with her as she goes to the bedside of her brother in North Carolina.

As a group and individually, we have had a good year. I am continually amazed each luncheon at your faithfulness to the organization and its purpose.

Perhaps we should all review the purpose of the Academy from time to time as outlined in our Constitution and summarized in our brochure.

Purpose I: TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT OF EXPLORATION, SHARING, AND LEARNING THAT WILL ATTRACT MEMBERS WITH A HISTORY OF DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT.

You reflect that purpose. We have had some excellent presentations at our luncheons. Our minds have been stretched and our spirits uplifted. Our activities have represented an environment of learning, exploration and sharing.

Many of you have been involved in SNU and community activities and have enjoyed the benefits and privileges of serving in the library; ministering to students and faculty in Religion, English, Business, and Science; working with Alumni and community members in the Excel auction; forming travel groups; organizing socials; participating in departmental graduate follow-up studies; computer assistance in printing of the Perspective; and working in the print shop or other areas of need. All are worthy and worthwhile activities that bring positive results to all parties involved.

We need to continue with these SNU oriented activities and expand to reach additional community and international people. We anticipate that our newly adopted Global Education Project will provide additional opportunities for service and learning. Do you see a place in the Academy future you would like to fill?

Purpose II: TO PROVIDE A CLIMATE OF CONTINUING INTELLECTUAL STIMULATION.

I see new and exciting activities for us in this area. We have appreciated the writing and publication of the Perspective. Vada Lee has done a remarkable piece of work in addition to her other duties. We need to hear from more of you.

Involvement in the SNU Endow Fund seems to provide us with an excellent opportunity to promote our intellectual and spiritual goals by supporting SNU and its students. Perhaps we should go beyond \$25,000! Would you become involved if we gave you a good chance?

John Bumpus and I will be reviewing the SNU Global Education Project at our next meeting March 22. This project should expand our horizons and provide us with additional opportunities for being involved beyond our present boundaries.

May I suggest one last activity for your consideration as we look at the future of the Academy? There are many good books and articles being written to add to our present volume of good literature. Charles Coulson's latest publication on the Body; an analysis of the church and its mission, would make an excellent base for a discussion group. Any takers?

In closing, one of the nice features of our Academy is the fact that you don't have to do anything you don't want to do. I truly appreciate each one of you, your membership, your attendance, your willingness to get involved and assume responsibilities. It's no secret that the ones who are involved seem to be the most fulfilled, the happiest, and taking greatest advantage of membership benefits.

NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING -- MARCH 22

For reservations: Call Elbert (789-6400 x6578, or 789-7645) or any other member of the Administrative Council.

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Note: Our Constitution calls for the written agenda to be sent to members prior to the annual meeting and is included in this issue of the Perspective.

**ANNUAL MEETING
April 12, 1993**

AGENDA

- I. Lunch
- II. Invocation
- III. Introduction of Guests and New Members
- IV. Business
 - A. Reports
 - 1. Standing Committees Chairpersons
 - 2. President
 - 3. Nominating Committee
 - B. Election of Officers
 - C. Projects
 - 1. SNU Global Education
 - 2. EnDow Fund
 - D. Other

Please call Elbert Overholt or any member of the Administrative Council if you would like additional items on the Annual Meeting Agenda.

NOTE: Since writing the Persceptive we learned that Vada Lee's brother passed away. We extend our sincere sympathy and continued prayers to Vada Lee and Art.