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State College
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
BOWLING GREEN, OHIO

Jan. 27, 1932.

Rabbi Siliver,
Cleveland, Ohio,

My dear Rabbi Siliver:

You will pardon me if I have not spelled your name correctly since I have not a copy of "Who's Who" at hand and since I do want to send this letter by the next mail.

In behalf of President Williams and as chairman of our college entertainment committee I am inviting you to address our college students at our summer session, on Tuesday morning, July 5 at ten o'clock. This is the chapel hour.

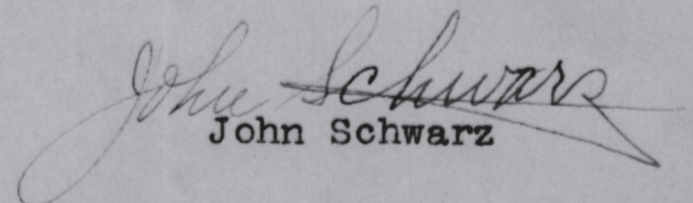
You will be given forty-five or perhaps fifty minutes. You may take a subject of your own choice. It need not be religious in nature. We invite some of the best men of the country to our chapel platform to address our students on themes of their own choosing.

Our student body numbers approximately one thousand and will number about the same for the summer term. We shall be glad to give you the usual honorarium of fifty dollars for the occasion.

Since we are anxious to publish the list of speakers in our forthcoming summer bulletin, I shall greatly appreciate a prompt reply from you.

Assuring you of a splendid hearing, I am,

Yours very truly,


John Schwarz

card

Feb. 1st, 1932

Mr. John Schwarz,
State College,
Bowling Green, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Schwarz:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of Jan. 27th and for the invitation which you extend to me to address your student body on July 5th.

I would be delighted to accept but unfortunately my plans for the summer are quite indefinite. There is a likelihood of my going abroad by the end of June. I should therefore not wish to commit myself to any summer engagements.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



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Office of Governor of District No. 157
WALTER A. ZAUGG
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, Ohio

February 21, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

As Governor of the 157th District of Rotary International, I am making plans for the Annual District Conference which is to be held at Tiffin, Ohio, on May 5th and 6th. We are aiming to make the Monday evening dinner a climax of this conference. They have a large dining hall with a seating capacity of 800, and our aim is to fill it to the limit. This brings together the leading business and professional men with their wives from northwestern Ohio. We feel that it is an event of significance.

I am looking for a speaker for this hour. I have heard you, Rabbi Silver, a number of times, and I feel that you have a message that would be challenging to this group. I am wondering if you would be available to deliver the annual address at this conference. I am sure the entire district would feel it a distinct honor if you could be present. If you find that you would be able to be present, of course, the next matter is the question of compensation. We are required to live within a budget. What would you expect for this service?

As you may know, Tiffin is in easy driving distance of Cleveland, and I feel that the time requires the very best that we can present. It is within these conditions that we extend to you a most sincere invitation. We will be happy, indeed, if you find it possible to accept.

Very truly yours,

Walter A. Zaugg
Walter A. Zaugg

WAZ:LS

February 25, 1946

Mr. Walter A. Zaugg
Governor of District No. 157
Rotary International
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, Ohio

My dear Mr. Zaugg:

I deeply appreciate your kind letter of February 21 and the invitation which you extend to me to address the Annual District Conference of Rotary International at Tiffin, Ohio on May 6th. I am honored by your invitation and I wish I were free to accept it. Unfortunately I am so heavily committed for the next few months that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional responsibilities. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 10, 1962

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
E 105th and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Last year we established a lecture series in religion in which we hoped to bring to the campus of Bowling Green State University leading theologians and laymen from the various faiths and beliefs of our nation. It was our desire to give the whole university community greater insight into the relevancy of religion for life as well as stimulate their thinking in the area of faith. Although we started to arrange our program late we were able to secure Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, Dr. Will Herberg, and Father Gustave Weigel. Unfortunately at the last minute Dr. Herberg had to cancel his appearance and Maurice Friedman substituted in an excellent fashion for him.

We feel that in spite of the handicaps of our first year attempt this represents a desirable approach to the integration of religious considerations with total campus life. Consequently, even though our budget has not yet been finally approved for next year we are writing early to ascertain whether or not you would be able to visit our campus for a day next year. Bowling Green is relatively easy to get to in that we lay astride the main east-west route from New York City to Chicago. The university is 25 miles south of the city of Toledo which is served by several major rail and air lines both running east-west and north-south.

The programs this year were presented in the form of a major address on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 P.M. followed by a question and answer appearance in the evening and visits to religion and philosophy classes on Monday morning. At the present time we are undecided whether to follow the procedure practiced this year or to ask our speakers to come instead on a Monday and have the question and answer appearance and the classroom visits prior to the major address which would then take place at 11:00 on Tuesday.

We realize that your schedule is extremely full but hope that it might be possible for you to consider a visit to our campus for a day. If it appears that you would be interested in coming at any time during the next academic year, please write suggesting alternative dates which might fit your schedule. Classes begin September 19 and our Christmas recess begins December 15. Classes resume again on January 2 and final examinations for the first semester begin on January 21. The second semester begins February 4 and runs until spring recess begins on April 6. Classes begin again on April 16 and continue until May 25.

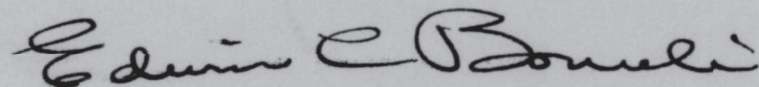
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We realize that the type of program that we outline is one that appeals to you because of your personal dedication, but we will be able to offer you an honorarium. Pending the final determination of our budget we are unable to offer any specific commitment, but we feel assured that it would be a minimum of \$200 plus hospitality while you were on our campus. Our expectation is that considerably more than that might be available, and surely by the time we hear from you we will be able to indicate some more specific figure.

It is our sincere hope that you might possibly be able to fit a visit to Bowling Green State University into your busy schedule, and we are convinced that your appearance here would make a lasting impact on the lives of many of our students.

Very truly yours,



Edwin C. Bomeli, Chairman
Religious Activities Committee

ECB: jm



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May 16, 1962

My dear Mr. Bomeli:

I am deeply appreciative of your gracious invitation to visit Bowling Green State University during the next academic year in connection with your lecture series in religion. It would have given me great pleasure, indeed, if I were free to accept it. Unfortunately, my schedule for the coming year is very indefinite. It could well be that I will spend most of the year abroad. I am, therefore, not making any commitments. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ARBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Edwin C. Bomeli, Chairman
Religious Activities Committee
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, Ohio

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BOWLING GREEN, OHIO



DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING

May 28, 1963

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Would you be interested in visiting Bowling Green State University during the next academic year to participate in our Religious Speakers Series? Speakers the first year were Elton Trueblood, Father Weigel, and Maurice Friedman. Last year Martin Marty, Rabbi Weiner, and Father Flinn of Maryknoll Fathers were here.

We plan again during the next academic year to schedule three visits be representatives of the major faiths in our student body: one before Christmas, and two during the winter and spring. The major address is scheduled each time on a Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. This is preceded on Monday night be a small informal dinner and an informal question and answer forum, and on Tuesday morning classroom visits by our guest. If it should appear that you might be interested in coming, perhaps you could suggest alternative dates which might fit your schedule. Our Christmas recess begins December 14. Classes resume again on January 6 and final examinations for the first semester begin on January 27. The second semester begins February 10 and runs until spring recess which begins on March 28. Classes resume again on April 6 and continue until May 29.

Since no budget allotment has been made we are unable to extend an invitation at this time, but would appreciate an indication of interest. We have been able in the past to pay all expenses plus an adequate honorarium.

Very truly yours,

Edwin C. Bomeli
Chairman, Religious Activities Committee

ECB/ssj

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July 5, 1963

My dear Mr. Bomeli:

I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to visit Bowling Green State University during the next academic year and to participate in your Religious Speakers Series. I wish I were free to come. The likelihood, however, is that I shall be out of the country during most of the year and I am, therefore, not making any engagements for the coming season. Perhaps I may be of service to you at some future time.

With all good wishes, I remain



Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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