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Summer Learning

I want to use this Update to introduce you, if you are not already acquainted, to the C.S. Lewis Foundation (www.cslewis.org). Led by my friend Stan Mattson, the Foundation serves as the curator of the Kilns (Lewis' home in Oxford), which now serves as a study center, but also as the sponsor of the triennial Oxbridge conference, next scheduled for 2008.

For the first time, an "Oxbridge" event will be offered in the United States, featuring such speakers as Tom Howard, Armand Nicoli, Ben Patterson, Joseph Pearce and Dick Staub. (*Yes, I am also speaking at this event, having been asked to deliver the opening address – but don't hold that against the event **J**).

Here is an excerpt from a Foundation letter describing the event:

Dear Friend of Narnia,

Fresh from Oxford and Cambridge, England, the C.S. Lewis Foundation is pleased to announce that it will be hosting its inaugural stateside Summer Institute this July 7-16 on the campus of Williams College, in the beautiful Berkshire Mountains of Western Massachusetts. The ten day conference will feature internationally recognized speakers, engaging seminars, and stimulating lectures on the theme of *Love Among the Ruins: On the Renewal of Character and Culture*.

You can learn more details about the conference at our website at:
<http://www.cslewis.org/programs/institute/summer2006.htm>.

In the tradition of C.S. Lewis - and on the heels of his increased *Narnia*-inspired popularity - the Summer Institute is dedicated to providing an environment where the life of the mind and the life of the spirit are both mutually encouraged.

Join us this July for a little touch of England and a whole lot of Lewis. There will be rich worship, workshops and lectures on topics ranging from pop culture to the Great Books,

engaging speakers on Lewis, the Inklings, living a vital Christian life in these challenging times, special tracks for “Narnian children” as well as for college bound juniors and seniors - plus outstanding performances, concerts, films and much more!

For more information, visit our [website](#) or call 1-888-CSLEWIS.

I wholeheartedly encourage all who can to participate. So much for “summer learning.” The next Update will feature the annual “summer reading” list. Enjoy!

James Emery White

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