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Richard,

Thanks a bunch for that info. And thanks, too, to you, Don Burks, Herb, and Trevor for your and their parts in getting the KBS ball rolling.

So, Rueckert spoke on the morning of March 8th. And, as I recall, both Kathleen Hall Jamieson and Phil Tompkins addressed the group at the banquet.

That afternoon, the ECA Convention began across the street, am I right? And you made a presentation on Burke and Augustine.

That was a great KB conference, at the Bellevue Stratford, with our eponymous leader still able to be with us. Burke attended the conference (in the field of literature) at Seton Hall December of the following year. That one had a powerful array of presenters, also, with Harold Bloom and Denis Donoghue speaking the day I was there. Don Burks attended, I think Herb was there, and a bunch of graduate students were there with Professor Goodnight (?) from a university in the South. They had their picture taken with KB.

And KB was at New Harmony in 1990, the last KB conference he was able to attend.

Thanks again. I'm glad you gave bad directions to the banquet, facilitating your sharp recollection. I hope that gal or guy made it to the meal.

Ed

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Richard,

Yes, I remember that neat toast by Kathleen, about the container and the thing contained. I was thinking of mentioning it. And I remember Phil Tompkins talking about a student of his who, upon encountering Burke's writings, experienced a liberation or peacefulness or sense of revelation he had never experienced before. I identified quite a bit with what Phil said.

I'm not sure you're correct about Herb S.'s not being at the Seton Hall Conference. I have a pretty strong recollection of Herb's saying something to me about my comment, during the Q. and A., to Harold Bloom---about Burke's being a theologian of a sort and not being an out-and-out deconstructor. I could be wrong, but I don't think so. Maybe it will take Herb to straighten us out.

In sum, the 1984 Temple Conference gave the KBS a rousing start indeed.

Ed

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Herb Simons was indeed at the Seton Hall conference. As were Don Burks, Craig Henderson, and Chuck Elkins. For that matter, I was there too. But it was a small audience. Too bad we didn't all know each other then.

David Williams

Edappel8@cs.com wrote:

>Richard,

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Burke would outlast the "Frenchies," as he called them, those Continental Postmodernists who disdain anything an "American theorist" would have to say.

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That was a great conference at Seton Hall. The day I attended, both Bloom and Denis Donoghue spoke, as well as some other luminary whose name escapes me. Herb was there, and Don Burks. So were members of the Burke family, and a bevy of students from Alabama (?) and their distinguished scholar/adviser, all of whom had their picture taken with Burke.

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Oh, I did read Matthews' apology. He has a lot more to apologize for than just the one dismissive, sexist comment that precipitated this dustup. As Bloom notes, the media are miserable in general. Matthews serves as a fitting synecoché for their vapidity.

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