

Stoakley Beha'is speaker

Yvor Stoakley, a 1968 graduate of Batavia High School, will be the keynote speaker in a month-long proclamation being sponsored by the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Batavia, April 21-May 24. The Batavia proclamation is part of a world-wide celebration of 10 years of unprecedented growth in the Baha'i Faith throughout the world.

Stoakley, 23, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stoakley of Batavia, is currently a senior Communications major at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. He will deliver his talk, entitled "What It Means to Be a Baha'i Youth" at the Grace McWayne School Gymnasium, Saturday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Stoakley has been very active in the Baha'i Faith for more than eight years and has traveled extensively throughout the Midwest and the Caribbean giving public talks and lectures on the Faith and subjects akin to its teachings. He recently returned to college in Iowa from a two-week, four-state lecture tour, which included stops in Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and Illinois.

On Temporary leave from Grinnell College last spring, he traveled through several islands and countries in the Caribbean elucidating the teachings of his Faith. During a two-month stay in the Virgin Islands in March and April of 1972, more than 200 native islanders embraced the Baha'i Faith.