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### B A C H      H E A D S      S O C I E T Y

The annual election of officers for the Society of Inquiry was held on Tuesday morning, April 14, and at this time George Bach, Dave Knoebel, and Mrs. Mary Wenck were elected to lead the Society through the coming year.

These new officers will assume their responsibilities in the near future, replacing Bob Allen, Elmo Beck, and Mrs. Barbara Haverstick who have ably served through this year.

Approximately 84% of the students and faculty turned out to vote. Beat that, Ike!

### C H A N C E L      P L A Y E R S      P R O D U C T I O N      T O N I G H T

"The Prototype", a religious drama written by Stuart B. Jackman will be presented by the Chancel Players tonight in Santee Chapel beginning at 8:00 P.M. The Play depicts the raising of Lazarus, but renders a new meaning with an interpretation relating to the Resurrection. George Hazen directs the play. The cast is consisted of Ed Wenck as "Karis", An angel; George Hampshire, the minister; Mrs. George Hampshire, "Mary"; Ruthanne Kelchner, "Mary"; Carroll Luckenbaugh, "Lazarus". The play will conclude the activities of the Festival of Arts Weeks which has been sponsored by the Seminary Women.

### D E D I C A T I O N      S E R V I C E

Following the Middler Banquet next Wednesday evening, there will be a service of dedication of the receipts and pledges for the ecumenical student project, sponsored by the Middler Class. The service will be held in Santee Chapel.

The report from the class shows that \$395 in cash and over \$100 in pledges has been received thus far. This passes the goal of \$400 that was set by the class.

Late contributions are still welcome. It was explained that if a total of \$700 could be reached, two ecumenical students would be sponsored next year, thus bringing the total of international students to four, two of whom will be coming to the seminary by other arrangements.

### A      F E W      A D D E D      O P P O R T U N I T I E S

In addition to the usual feast of good things spread before us at the Seminary, we have a few treats in store for us in the near future. The Rev. Paul Heckert, an alumnus of this school and at present, missionary on furlough from Honduras, will speak in chapel April 20. He will also appear in class with the Middlers at 11:00 a.m. the same day.

The Rev. Paul Streich, a missionary on furlough from Ecuador will be the guest of the Middlers May 11 at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Streich has been a welcomed guest here on previous furloughs.

On May 18 at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Reginald Helfferich, executive secretary for the Commission on World Service will be the Middler's guest. Dr. Helfferich's fame has gone before him. No introduction is needed. To all of these sessions, others who are not in class are most cordially invited.

## T H E   D E A N ' S   C O R N E R

Visitors Broaden Our Horizons - Week after week, visitors bring blessings to our campus, and last week was a time of special blessing. On Wednesday, a panel of executives of boards and agencies of the Evangelical and Reformed Church met with Seniors. The result was a clearer knowledge of the way the work of our denomination is accomplished.

The same day Dr. Joardar spoke to us about the mission of the Church in Asia. Our horizons were broadened partly by what he said, but more by the impact of personality. Born a Hindu, now a Christian layman, attorney, diplomat, teacher - he kept continually challenging our limitations.

On Thursday a surprise visitor was Dr. Kim, Principal of Han Kuk Theological Seminary in Seoul, Korea. Are we disturbed by the minor dislocations of a building program? Suppose we had been burned out and then bombed out, and were starting again - all in twenty years! Suppose we were split as a denomination because of theological controversy brought from overseas! These are a few of the problems confronting theological education in a sister school in Korea. The people? intensely religious.

On Saturday we met with a Japanese student who plans to be on our campus next year.

On the day before all this began, some of us met with a congregation whose one-room church was burned a few months ago. Now they are trying to lift their sights to the kind of building they ought to have to fulfill their ministry. It was humbling to meet with them - so easy to talk a while and then come back here!

All of these represent just a small part of the tremendously varied Church of Christ. What a privilege to be in this fellowship! What a privilege to be in active Christian ministry!!

READING - AND RETREAT - The faculty spent Wednesday in concentrated discussion of the Seminary program. Professor-elect Irion met with us as we discussed the work he will do. Then we went on to other developments and possibilities. When it was all over, we agreed that it had been a most worthwhile day, but hard. As one put it, "This was worse than teaching!" How was your reading?

FOR THE CALENDAR - "Clinics" for summer field workers and others:

Wednesday April 22, 2:20 P.M. - Mimeographing "Clinic" Dr. Bartholomew

Wednesday, May 6, 2:20 P.M. Practical Theology "Capsule Clinic," Dr. Sayres.

April 27 to May 1, Observation Class in Children's Work, St. Luke's Church for students in RE 84 and 280

Tuesday, May 5, Wives of Seniors meet with Dr. Florence Partridge, Executive Secretary, the Women's Guild of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Dr. Partridge will meet with Seniors in RE 82.

Wednesday, May 20, 7:30 - Communion Service, Santee Chapel

## R I U   E L E C T E D   D I S T R I C T   S U P E R I N T E N D E N T

At a meeting of the Middler Class Tuesday Marshall J. Riu, Jr. was elected to the post of District Superintendent, succeeding Willard Rabert. The District Superintendent is responsible for the distribution of preaching assignments to students. Marshall begins his duties May 1st.

## T O W N   A N D   C O U N T R Y   C O N V O C A T I O N

The first Town and Country Convocation for the United Church of Christ will be held at Oberlin, Ohio, September 1, 2 and 3. All pastors and interested laymen are being invited to attend the sessions. Sometimes Seminary students are overlooked in the advance notices of this sort. You are not being overlooked now. Some synods are making assistance available for travel to the meeting. Check with your Synodical Town and Country Chairman if you are interested and are restrained by the usual lack of funds.

The program will include such speakers as Senator Proxmire, William G. Mather, Victor Oberhaus, Rockwell Smith and Clarence Jordan.

Both denominations of our United Church have had sessions such as this before. This is a further evidence of our combination at work. Those of you who will be pastors by September might find this a good time to take a "break" before the Autumn work program begins.

## S P O R T S

The Seminary softball team opened its 1959 campaign with a victory over Lambda Chi Alpha by a 5-1 count. Don Kelly, the veteran ace moundsman, fanned 15 batters and walked only two men. Chuck Bawel led the team in the hitting department with three hits.

Yesterday, Coach Englert's team romped Kappa Sigma fraternity by a 15-7 score. Kelly and Bawel combined to keep the rivals well under control during the entire game, after moving ahead 12-0 in the first two frames.

Next Thursday, April 23, the Seminarrians will meet Phi Kappa Sigma on Field #2.

## A S S O C I A T I O N   O F   S E M I N A R Y   W O M E N

The Association of Seminary Women recently elected the following officers for the 1959-60 school year:

President - Sandra Hampshire  
Vice-president Beatrice Riu  
Secretary - Pat Groff  
Treasurer - Sue Beck

Installation will take place on Monday, May 11, 1959 in Santee Chapel at 8:00 p.m. Husbands are invited to attend this meeting and also everyone is invited to attend a reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Dunn following the service.

April 21 the wives will hear the third in a series of four lectures by Dr. Vassady, entitled "I Believe in the Holy Spirit". The meeting will be held in the Board Room beginning at 8:00 p.m.

## A   W A R N I N G !

The preacher's evening discourse was dry and long, and the congregation gradually melted away. The sexton tiptoed up to the pulpit and slipped a note under one corner of the Bible. It read:

"When you are through, will you please turn off the lights, lock the door, and put the key under the mat?"

Bush Tail Government in Exile  
April 16, 1959

Dear Editor:

On the morning of April 15, 1959, the peace of our community was rudely disrupted by a group of the most despicable sort of human creator; namely, tree-cutters. My wife and I were resting peacefully in our home with our 12 children when we felt our home begin to sway and shake. Upon rising we found that we were about to be forcefully evicted from our home for the demons were already at work at the base of our house. Before the end of the day over half of our country had been laid waste. That which had not been damaged yesterday did not so luckily escape today. By the end of this day we find only two structures which are still in liveable condition. Our government has been forced into exile with our president narrowly escaping a tragedy when crossing the highway. Our livelihood has been completely disrupted.

However, we shall not go unavenged. We are now organizing our forces. We are over a thousand strong and have good reason to believe that we outnumber your forces quite substantially. We have a proposal to offer to you at this point. If you are willing to establish for us a home for displaced squirrels, we are willing to drop all charges. If not, we shall be forced to retake the area that is rightfully ours by the strength of our mighty shells.

Now that you know our cause and our intent, we all feel certain that you will do as we request. We know you, Mr. Editor, to be a kind and generous person like many others in your community. Surely you will not let us go unavenged. We await your reply with greatest anticipation. We do not desire war any more than you, for we, too, are a peace-loving people. Let us be gentlemen in this affair. All that we ask is that you establish for us a home for displaced squirrels. After all, you must admit, it is you who are to blame for this situation arising.

With our very best wish for the continued prosperity of your community, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Peter von Nutenhopper, III  
Representative of  
Bush Tail Government in Exile