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## DAVE KNOEBEL TO LEAD SOCIETY OF INQUIRY

**RICHWINE ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT;**

**SWISHER IS SECRETARY-TREASURER**

Dave Knoebel has been elected president of the Society of Inquiry for the next year. Other newly-elected officers are Leon Richwine, vice president, and Bill Swisher, secretary-treasurer.

In releasing the election results, George Bach, retiring president, Mert Corrad, chairman of the elections committee, explained that no clear majority had been indicated in the race for secretary-treasurer, but that Monday night Marian Gable withdrew her candidacy.

Dave, incumbent vice president of the middle class, is from Detroit, Mich. He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall college in 1958.

Leon, a junior, is from New Holland. Millersville State College awarded his B.S. in 1949 and the University of Wisconsin awarded his M.S. in 1950.

Bill, also a junior, is from Gettysburg. He holds an A.B. degree which was awarded by Gettysburg College in 1959.

**BENEVOLENCES:** Paul Peters, chairman of the finance commission of the Society of Inquiry, reports that \$208 have been received in the Monday chapel offerings during Lent. This sum, plus the monies received in the self-denial banks will be contributed to the seminary's benevolent interest. The banks will be collected next week and the offering will be dedicated in chapel, Monday, April 25.

**CHOIR TO SING AT GENERAL SYNOD:**

**STALEY DIRECTS RECORDING SESSIONS**

The Seminary Choir has been invited to sing at General Synod in Cleveland, O., July 7. While the primary purpose of the trip is to sing Director Frank A. McConnell's composition of the Oberlin Statement of Faith the Choir also will sing other numbers of its concert repertoire.

General Synod and the seminary will "pick up the tab" for all expenses of the trip. The choir will leave Lancaster July 6 and will return the following day. The seminary administration is arranging to have all choir members relieved from their church duties long enough to make the trip.

Another reason for excitement among choir members is that yesterday they had their first recording session. Bronson Staley, a junior and announcer for radio station WLAN, and WLAN staff members are engineering the project.

The choir is recording about seven numbers. Bronson plans to use the selections on his programs as publicity for the seminary's Festival of the Arts the last week of April. Discs may be pressed for general sales.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR SYMPHONY**

Student tickets for the Tuesday, April 26 performance of the Lancaster Symphony are available for \$.75 each. Since the concert falls during the seminary's festival of Religion and the Arts, a block of tickets has been provided for the seminary community.

# ISM CONFERENCE PASSES RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NON-VIOLENT PROTESTS

In the face of demonstrations protesting racial discrimination, delegates to the Middle Atlantic Region conference of the Inter-Seminary Movement passed a resolution approving any non-violent civil disobedience that is in accord with Christian conscience.

This resolution was passed at the conference held at the Virginia Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Va., March 31-April 2. Representing Lancaster at the three-day conference were Sam Fisher and Virginia Sommers.

The theme of the gathering was "The Christian in Conflict", and the program included the following speakers: The Rev. Langdon Gilkey, professor of History of Doctrine, Vanderbilt Divinity School; The Rev. Frederick Proelss, chaplain at the Penitentiary of the City of New York, and Mr. William Stringfellow, New York City attorney.

Delegates of the Philadelphia Area elected Bill Parsons of Mt. Airy Theological Seminary as area president for the ensuing year. The fall area conference probably will be held at that seminary.

## THE GARGOYLES

Gargle: That new prof is teaching an interesting RE 81 course.

Argyle: Yah! He's helping his students to become well adjusted sinners.

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Gargle: I hear one of the students is running a business here.

Argyle: Oh? I didn't know.

Gargle: Yep, she's importing exported cough drops from Japan.

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Argyle: Hey, Gar! Have you seen the new line of gifts in the bookstore for seniors?

Gargle: Yeah! Black leather jackets with "Heilsgeschichte" across the back, in red and gold. Cool man, cool.

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Gargle: What's the Book Store getting in those huge wooden crates?

Argyle: That new prof is requiring his students to buy couches.

JOHN CALVIN BOWMAN  
1849-1930

By Bill Bleckley

(Editor's Note: This is the second of three monographs telling who were the men for whom the new dormitories are named. The subject of the following article is representative of Early Lancaster Period in the history of the seminary.)

Born in 1849 near Chambersburg, Dr. Bowman was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1871 and from the seminary, located on the College campus, in 1875. During the ensuing five years he served as pastor of churches at Shepherdstown, West Va., and Hanover, Pa.

After serving as chairman of the committee to endow the Potomac Synod Professorship of New Testament at the Seminary, Dr. Bowman was elected to that post in 1890. Then in 1904, the Pittsburgh Synod elected him to its Professorship of Practical Theology, a post he held until his retirement in 1920. During the years, 1908-20, he was also President of the Seminary Faculty.

Dr. Bowman was instrumental in the movement to provide the land and buildings on which the seminary now stands and, later, to expand the original facilities to include Richards Hall and Dietz Refectory. During both these periods he canvassed the synods, classes and individual congregations to raise funds for the building programs.

A man of great culture and diplomacy, Dr. Bowman was an inspiration to his students and a minister to the church at large. It is appropriate that this man who brought about the construction of Dietz Refectory be remembered in the naming of the adjacent dormitory.

## SNIPS AND BITS...

—Recently Harold Lesh, a member of the junior class, was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa at Franklin and Marshall college, from which he was graduated last Spring.

—Relatives of two members of the middle class died recently. Ed Wenck's grandmother died March 19 and Glenn Crone's grandmother died April 2. The Seminary Family extends its Christian sympathy to them.

## DEAN'S CORNER

By Dr. David Dunn

We were honored and helped through having Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of the Philadelphia Area of the Methodist Church as our Chapel-Assembly speaker on Monday. The Methodist students lunched with him in our refectory prior to the chapel service.

Bad news from overseas! Professor Bela Vassady had to submit to an operation for a detached retina in Heidelberg, Germany on April 7. It will be necessary for him to remain immobile and in darkness from four to six weeks. In the latter part of this period he hopes to continue work upon his book as he dictates to Mrs. Vassady. Mail can reach the Vassadys through their house address Geisberg Strasse 75, Heidelberg, Germany.

The Easter Recess begins today at 12:20. Classes resume Tuesday, April 19, at 8.

The new Catalogue-Year Book has made its appearance. Any student, not receiving his or her copy in classes, can get it in the Dean's office.

Even this year's intern students cannot evade the stork. Donald John Stump, Jr., arrived on January 22 in the Polyclinic Hospital, Harrisburg. His father is working this year in the Up-Lyn Parish and lives near Berrysburg.

SENIORS and MIDLERS, take notice! Prize essays and sermons will be due in the President's office on Tuesday, April 19. See the 1959-60 Catalogue, pp. 38-39 for the detailed announcement.

Friday, April 22, is the deadline for revised B.D. thesis to be returned to the responsible professor for final approval.

CLARENCE ZIMMERMAN, 1874-1960—This stalwart friend and supporter of our Seminary passed away on April 1 at his home in Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. He was an alumnus of our school in the Class of 1900. While he never served as an ordained pastor, he was a tower of strength in his home congregation and in the Church-at-large for many years. From 1915 he was a member of the Board of Trustees (now the Corporation) of our school, and served for most of that time as its Secretary. Despite the loss of both of his limbs in recent years he continued his friendly

## THE ALTAR

Anonymous

We are upon the apex of the Christian year, and our minds are again taken back to the last week of our Lord's life. Here, within this short span of time, Jesus brought to a climax the purpose of his entire life. For it was at this time that He died and rose again. In this season, we rethink the real meaning of Easter with its cross, empty tomb, and our Lord's resurrection. We ask ourselves again, What is the real importance of the Easter season?

Easter is supremely important because it celebrates the victory of our Lord over sin, death and the grave.

Jesus was victorious over the forces of sin and evil. He, who became perfect through what he suffered, died that we might become victorious over sin. The image of the "man of dust" has been transmuted in us into the image of the "man of heaven" by the appearance of Jesus Christ.

Jesus became victorious over death and thus has given us victory over the same. Sin produces death, and Jesus died for sin and rose again that we might not see death. Through the power of God he overcame death. Paul writes, "...in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

Because Jesus overcame the forces of this world, death is not the end and the grave is not the final resting place. Our Lord leaves us this promise, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one; I died, and behold I am alive for evermore..." and again, "...because I live, you shall live also." This is the triumphant note of the Easter season. "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ..."

"The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God,  
thou wilt not despise."

and fruitful ministry as a devoted lay supporter of Kingdom causes. His funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Robert F. Peeples, '52, on April 4 at which Dean Dunn represented the Seminary.

## MEDITATION FOR HOLY WEEK

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, grant to us now, we beseech thee, as we follow our Blessed Lord through the days of his passion, a mind and a will to follow him faithfully all our days. Amen.

Jesus said:

"The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many."

And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

And they came to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves... And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my Blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.

Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; he riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

And they came to a place which was

named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray. And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy: and saith unto them, my soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless, not what I will, but what thou wilt.

And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Almighty and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.