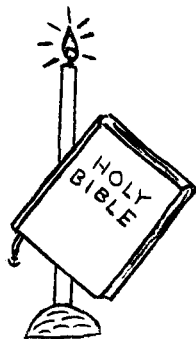


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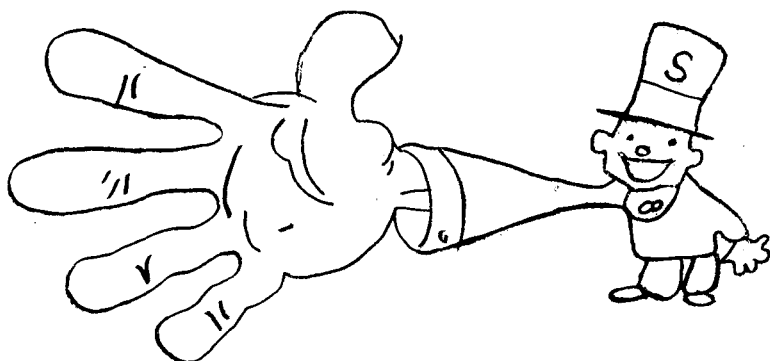


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THE STAFF OF THE SEMINARIAN EXTENDS A
WARM HAND OF GREETING TO YOU;



The Staff of the 1955-56 SEMINARIAN wishes to welcome all members of the Seminary Family to the Spiritual Retreat and to this new year of study and fellowship together. We hope that this special Retreat Issue will help you in your process of becoming familiar with the Seminary. We wish to express a special word of welcome to the new Juniors and to all those students who are with us for the first time today. May your years spent here at the Seminary be rewarding and pleasant ones; and we hope the SEMINARIAN will help to make them so.

Along with the rest of the students and faculty members, we of the Staff are awaiting another rich experience on this Spiritual Retreat. We are looking forward to the addresses by Dr. James Bright and Dr. Allan Meck. We also trust that the discussions to follow will be rewarding ones.

We wish to acknowledge the fine work, by way of preparation, which the special Retreat Committees have done. We also wish to acknowledge the fine work done by the "Big Brother - Little Brother" Committee. Look for their article elsewhere in the SEMINARIAN.

Look for us at the Retreat. We'll be anxious to meet you.

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GREETINGS FROM ROGER MATTER

(Roger Matter is our foreign exchange student from France taking a year of study here at the Seminary. We heartily welcome you Roger.)

It is a great pleasure and privilege for me to greet here the students of the Seminary of Lancaster. I would like to tell you how glad I am to be the first French exchange student in your Seminary. Two of your friends asked me to write a short autobiography for the school paper.

I am a little vagabond, for I am now on the third continent. Of course being a missionary child I was born amidst the jungle in Albert Schweitzer's hospital at Lambarana. Until the sixth year of my life my best friends were African children. When I landed for the first time in Borderaux, the French port, I asked my father, "Papa, can you tell me why the Negros are white here?"

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When came war during which time I was separated from my parents for eight years. During the war although I was French and living in German occupied area of France I had to profess German ancestry. Then I was forced into Hitler youth. From this experience, however, I now have the knowledge of the German language.

In 1951 I began my studies in Theology. I studied three years at the University of Strasbourg and one year at the Faculty of Montpellier in south France. The Faculty of which I speak in France is the same as the Seminary here in the United States. Last June I passed my last examination and one of my tasks here in the Seminary is to write my thesis in order to obtain my degree of Bachelor of Theology.

I am very interested in youth work, and during my holidays in France I was engaged in this type of work. Just before coming to the States I led a Protestant "Holidays Colony" for three weeks composed of sixty boys from ten to fifteen years. It was my eighth experience in conducting a youth colony.

I enjoy traveling very much which seems to be most characteristic of missionary children. During many of the holidays in France I traveled to Switzerland, Austria (The Festival of Saltzburg, which is Mozart's town), Italy (by bicycle 2000 kil. over the Alps), Germany, and I had one foot in Spain. Naturally I visited some parts of France which is rich in nice landscapes and antiquities.

Now I am glad to thank you for your welcome and I am sure that we shall live together, "Sursum cordia".

HOURS OF MEALS

Breakfast 7:30 A.M.	On Sunday at 8:00 A.M.
Luncheon 12:40 P.M.	On Saturday and Monday at 12:30 P.M.;
	On Sunday at 1:00 P.M.
Dinner 5:30 P.M.	On Saturday and Sunday at 5:00 P.M.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday through Friday	9:00 to 12:00 A.M.
	2:00 to 5:00 P.M.
Saturday	9:00 to 12:00 noon

The Reference Room with alcoves for study: 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

BROTHERS' KEEPERS - Dan Kratz

Again this year many Seminarians will find they are their brothers' keepers. That is, they will find they have a big brother to keep up with or a little brother to keep an eye on. Although the establishment of the proper big-little brother relationship will take a good deal of effort on both sides, its rewards will be well worth the effort. The new student will find in his big brother a link to the seminary family. His big brother will introduce him to other seminarians, guide him in the routine of dorm life or offer him a "home" on the campus if he is a day student. As the year goes on he will find his big brother a real friend in need. A test or term paper is coming up and a big brother who has survived the course can provide innumerable ideas and suggestions. Above all, his big brother becomes his close personal friend and helper.

On the other side of the relationship, the big brother welcomes the little brother system as a means by which he can extend a helping hand to new members of the seminary fellowship. He finds that every problem his little brother brings to him gives him a practical experience in huidance. As he helps his little brother through the trying early weeks of school, he finds himself taking special pride in every solved problem and every goal attained ---- and the friendship grows. Thus the big brother program offers responsibilities and rewards to all who enter it in the Christian attitude of friendship and service.

BE SURE YOU DON'T MISS THE SERIES OF ARTICLES CONCERNED WITH THE PHASES OF THE MINISTRY!

ORIENTATION RETREAT

The Retreat Program

8:30 A.M. - Leave Seminary for Camp Andrews

9:30 A.M. - Informal Opening Service, led by William Harner, Chairman Spiritual Life Commission

Prayer, Dr. David Dunn, Dean of the Seminary

Song Leader, John Stoudt

Welcome to Camp Andrews, Dr. Titus A. Alspach, Pastor St. Paul's Church

Address - "For This Purpose Are We Here", Dr. James W. Bright, Executive Secretary, Commission on Stewardship

Study and Discussion Groups

12:30 P.M. - Luncheon

Games and Fellowship

3:15 P.M. - Closing Vesper Service

Liturgist - Harold Lamm, President, Society of Inquiry

Speaker - Allan S. Meck, President of the Seminary

4:00 P.M. - Return to Seminary

5:00 P.M. - Dinner in the Refectory

CALENDAR

Orientation for New Students

Friday - Saturday, September 16-17

Registration

Monday, September 19

Schneder Memorial Lecture

Monday, September 19

Seminary Retreat at Camp Andrews

Tuesday, September 20

Fall Term Classes Begin

Wednesday, September 21

Annual Convocation

Tuesday-Wednesday, November 8-9

Thanksgiving Recess

Thursday - Sunday, November 24-27

Fall Term Classes End

Friday, December 9

Christmas Recess

Saturday, December 10 - Monday, January 2

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Winter Term Classes Begin

Tuesday, January 3

Winter Term Classes End

Friday, March 9

Inter-term Recess

Saturday, March 10 - Sunday, March 18

Spring Term Classes Begin

Monday, March 19

Easter Recess

Thursday, May 29 - Monday, April 2

Spring Term Classes End

Friday, May 25

131st Annual Commencement

Sunday, May 27 - Wednesday, May 30

Summer Recess

Thursday, May 31 - Thursday, September 20

NEW CUSTODIAN

We welcome to our midst this year a new member of the Seminary "task force". His name is Aldus K. Shenk, a former resident of Pittsburgh. His job is the important one of custodian of the buildings and grounds. We sincerely hope that you will make him feel at home.

LINEN CHANGE

The first bed linen change will be made at noon on Tuesday the 27th. Carl Kreps will again be in charge of the linen closet. Each student is expected to make the linen change on his bed.

NEW STUDENTS 1955

JUNIORS

Aregood, John M.	Orwigsburg, Penna.	Ursinus
Bailey, Meade M.	Ithica, New York	West'n Mich. Coll. of Educ'n
Barley, Richard W.	York, Penna.	F & M
Derstine, Wm. A.	Stowe, Penna.	Heidelberg
Ely, Donald J.	Baltimore, Md.	Gettysburg
Fitz, George S.	Johnstown, Penna.	Catawba
Fogel, Charles E.	Northampton, Penna.	Muhlenberg
Foster, Edward A.	St. Clair, Penna.	F & M
Fox, Merle U.	Sabillasville, Md.	Western Maryland
Gast, Robert M.	Harrisburg, Penna.	F & M
Geiman, Ralph S.	Spring Grove, Penna.	F & M
Grimes, Van D.	Thomasville, N.C.	Catawba
Hayes, J. Clarke	Philadelphia, Penna.	F & M
Heintzelman, Russell	Slatedale, Penna.	Penn State
Kern, Barry	Allentown, Penna.	Lehigh Univ.
Ludwig, George K., Rev.	Mt. Joy, Penna.	Lebanon Valley
Nice, G. Harry	Lancaster, Penna.	F & M
Ott, G. Richard	Reading, Penna.	F & M
Paden, Robert	Nescopeck, Penna.	Catawba
Rohrbaugh, Allen	Glen Rock, Penna.	Catawba
Rumley, James	Elon College, Penna.	Elon
Scheirer, Francis	Pottstown, Penna.	Ursinus
Schnell, Sterling A.	East Petersburg, Penna.	F & M
Turek, James	Brecksville, Ohio	Heidelberg
Whitebread, Howard R.	Hazleton, Penna.	Catawba
Wickkiser, Bruce D.	Northampton, Penna.	Moravian

M.R.E.

Byers, Arlene H.	Lansdale, Penna.	Kutztown
Stats, Donald J.	Antigo, Wis.	Heidelberg
Townsend, Jo Ann	Hickory, N.C.	Lenoir-Rhyne

SPECIAL

Matter, Roger	Munster, France	Univ. Of Strasbourg
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TRANSFER

Thierolf, Philip	Bethlehem, Penna.	Lebanon Valley, Bloomfield Seminary
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Sports fans! Here's news! News that will give you an insight into the broad education we receive here at the Seminary. Yes, you guessed it, education awaits you in the line of sports. Unfortunately, no degree is offered for your cooperation or support in our various sport programs, such as a Bachelor of Sports degree, but the education received in fun and recreation is certainly worth your while. Here are some of the sports programs toward which you can look forward this year.

The first sport of the year is touch football. And by the way, there is a paper posted on the bulletin board in the dormitory to which you may sign your name, do so immediately. Last year, after the Middlers defeated the Juniors twice, with "not-to-be mentioned" scores, the teams were divided, and given the names "Deacon's Demons" and "Henning's Hurricanes". The series of games following this division proved to be very interesting, with "Deacon's Demons" coming out on top. We are anxiously awaiting more such football thrills this year.

The Ping-Pong and Bowling tournaments will get under way later during the school year. You will hear more of these programs in the future, so keep your eyes and ears peeled for further information.

Dartball is also a favored sport among the Seminary family, but for information regarding the Dartball competition, you'll need not worry, because we feel certain Dr. Englert will keep you posted.

By the by, we have noticed on the bulletin board that plans are being made for the well liked Bridge tournament. So all you Bridge players, get your decks in hand, and sign up now.

Then, in the Spring, Softball takes the lead. Last year, the Softball games were rather poorly attended. We know this plea comes a bit early, but let's try transferring some of that excess "spring fever" into the support of our Softball teams.

As a Seminary family, therefore, let's exhibit interest galore in the sports programs planned this year for your benefit.

THE MEANING OF THE MINISTRY (first in a series)

The Christian ministry is a profession which is unique in the number of opportunities it affords for genuine Christian service. It is a privilege that should not be regarded lightly. The responsibilities involved when one assumes the yoke of obedience to Christ are of eternal significance. To act and speak in Christ's stead is the most exacting challenge a man can accept. It demands a dedicated personality and an undying spiritual zeal.

Any effort to evaluate the Christian ministry would prove futile, whether it be an attempt to evaluate one's personal ministry. Similarly, no statement intended to reveal the full meaning of the Christian ministry, will prove universally satisfactory, because the motive of the individual plays a tremendous part in determining the meaning of the ministry for him.

Assuming that one's motive bears God's stamp of approval, the Christian ministry is a glorious venture with God and for God. It is a venture that never ceases to reveal the humble servant, the love, the power, and the abiding presence of God. However, this should not lead one to believe that the Christian ministry provides an avenue of escape from trials. At its best, it is full of disappointment and discouragement. This is to be expected, since serving the ungrateful is part of the task and this often leads to the point where one feels that he treads the wine-press alone.

"Move on", is the command of the world to all men. Some move on with misery, some with dread, some with joy. The Christian ministry is concerned with all of them. Its objective is to help them move on with God so that darkness gives way to light, weakness to strength, and sin to salvation. In the light of these facts, the Christian ministry is a challenge that truly tests the mettle of a man. But the rewards are spiritual satisfactions and soul inspirations which are appreciated by those who are worthy to receive them.

- The Rev. Joseph Stoudt, Mifflensburg, Penna.

(Next Issue - "The Counseling Ministry")

CHOIR NEWS

Attention all students, old and new. The Seminary Choir needs you. This is your choir and only your participation and cooperation can make it the success it has been in past years. The choir is under the very capable direction of Professor Frank McConnell, who is the instructor of music at our Seminary, and the Minister of Music at St. James Episcopal Church on Duke and Orange Streets here in Lancaster.

Dr. Alfred N. Sayres, Professor of Practical Theology, is the faculty adviser for the choir, and a marvelous adviser he is. This you will note immediately in your association with Dr. Sayres this year.

The choir this year is under the managerial ability of James Cress, a graduate of Catawba College, and a Senior at our Seminary.

Those of us who are present members of the choir are looking forward to another wonderful year, and we sincerely hope that others of you, who will join our ranks this year will hold the same interest and richly benefit from the experiences for which we, who are members, can vouch.

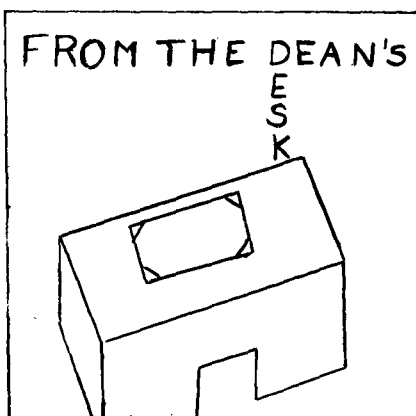
Every year the choir goes on a one week tour. Last year we went south, and traveled through the Southern States down to, and including Charlotte, North Carolina. These itineraries are taken during the Spring vacation week.

Choir rehearsals are held every Tuesday afternoon from 1:15 to 2:15. After we have become sufficiently acquainted with the music, we go on small trips throughout the surrounding areas of Lancaster. These trips are made every Tuesday afternoon, and our evening meal is usually provided us by the church at which we present our concert.

Therefore, in behalf of the members of the Seminary Choir, its instructor and adviser, we extend to all students the invitation to join our ranks, and share in the truest of Christian Fellowship.

NEWS TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

One of the Junior men has become a proud papa. On September 15, at 1:20 A.M. a baby daughter was born to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Fogel of Northampton, Penna. CONGRATULATIONS!



There's nothing particularly personal about this column with which SEMINARIAN readers are to be afflicted from fortnight to fortnight. Whether as "Dean-o-grams" of two years ago, or as "Dean Data" of last year or under its present heading, it is the channel through which flows information which Student body and Faculty should keep before them, mainly as to the academic side of the seminary's life and activities. Some of this information the MANUAL, soon to appear, will have in more permanent form. Other items will be found on the bulletin boards, particularly those facing the long hall, and will be announced from week to week in the Monday afternoon assemble periods.

Copies of the Fall Term schedule of class hours can be procured from either the president's or the dean's office. Should conflicts be found, they should be reported promptly to the dean and to the professors involved.

Texts and other books may be procured or ordered at the office of the Book Store Co-op in Alumni Hall (under the Chapel). Harold Schoup is Manager.

All members of the Faculty wish to impress upon all students the fact that they are never too busy to answer questions or consult upon problems of whatever nature. The list of faculty counselors in the Manual does not mean that any student may not accost any teacher about matters in regard to which he may need help.

Supporting and re-enforcing the "WELCOME" expressed by the SEMINARIAN staff the Faculty through this column wishes to extend a most cordial "glad hand" to students, "new" and "old" alike. May the school year, 1955-56 bring a high water mark in our comradeship and co-operation as fellow-students of the Word and Will of our Supreme Teacher and Lord.