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SEVEN - COUNT 'EM - SEVEN

Many strange things can happen over holidays. This year seven engagements were nounced involving men of the Seminary. The SEMINARIAN is happy to present them for your nsideration and approval.

ss Heintzelman ('58) and Corinne Miller of Slatington, Pa., currently employed by Hess os., Allentown, Pa. No date set for the wedding.

ul Miller ('57) and June Mull of Sunbury, Pa., currently employed by Woolworth's, Sunbury, . No date set for the wedding.

d Henrie ('57) and Nancy Paine of Norristown, Pa., currently a student at Ursinus College, llegeville, Pa. No date set for the wedding.

rl Kreps ('56) and Ann Koontz of Spencer, N.C., a graduate of Salsbury Business College, rrently employed by the North Carolina Finishing Co. A June wedding.

t Roberts ('56) and Patsy Rivenburg of Lancaster, Pa., attended St. Mary's Seminary nior College, currently a student at Lancaster Business School. A June wedding.

n Orander ('56) and Mary Jean Lockwood of Evansville, Ind., a graduate of Evansville llege, currently teacher of Junior High Physical Education and Health in Elkhart, Ind., June wedding.

n Flick ('56) and Jo Ann Townsend (M.R.E.). Wedding set for March 30, 1956 in Hickory, C. Miss Townsend and Mr. Flick inform us that the entire Seminary family is invited to e wedding.

anyone knows of a girl - blond, beautiful, lucious, 5'3", outstanding personality, rich - ease contact the SEMINARIAN office or Roger Matter. (This is a paid advertisement).

ECUMENICAL STUDENT CONFERENCE ON THE CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION AT ATHENS, OHIO, DECEMBER, 1955 TO JANUARY 1, 1956 - AS REPORTED BY ROGER MATTER.

For one week the campus of the Ohio University was a cosmopolitan place. Indeed, 00 delegates of more than 400 colleges and universities and representatives of over thirty tions gathered for the quadrennial conference of the Student Volunteer Movement and were e very proof of an increasing interest and commitment of the students in the Christian rld Mission. The theme of the conference was "Revolution and Reconciliation". Revolution a fact, the representatives of South America, Africa, Asia and Europe gave us multiple oofs. The problems of colonialism, the awakening of the young nations, racism, under- veloped areas, new conflict, between Christianity and the non-Christian religions, and the lationship of the Christian faith to areas of rapid social change were discussed under idance of men and women with experiences in the field. But for this world in revolution e church has still a message: Reconciliation, because Christ himself, the Lord of this rld is the Reconciler. What characterizes the world is estrangement, but with the re- nciliation comes a deep understanding for one another. This message of the mission church not only made of empty words, but speaks to a realistic world. As Christian we must have realistic understanding of our world. Christ having reconciled us with God (a fact of e past) we live the experience of newness of life, of reconciliation with our neighbors, d become the instruments of God's renewal in relationships between groups, classes, races, d nations.

Another theme which came again and again is Jesus' lordship over the world, even er the world in revolution. We seek to express this lordship in all areas of life and is should increase our participation in ecumenical and missionary fellowship. There were, ontinued)



With all the money jingling in our pockets now I can rest with a free conscience and thank all students who helped make the last term the most successful in the Bookstore Co-op history. The volume sales of the bookstore increased considerably because of two facts: first, there were considerable sales made to non-members during the time of our Convocation display. Since they receive no dividends the profits made from them are distributed to members thus increasing their shares; second, many members purchased books for both the Fall and Winter terms all in one term. The result is naturally an increased volume. The two factors together produced a 30.76 percent dividend.

As encouragement for the coming term I want to mention the fact that on the first two days of business about 700 dollars worth of sales were made. Usually a volume of 800 dollars for one month is considered average. I hope that this term will be as successful as the past.

The new method of ordering books for a new term (checking individual lists) has proved very successful. I will appreciate hearing any pros and cons about the system.

According to our Book Store Co-operative Constitution all last term bills must be paid within one month after the end of the term or the member will be automatically disqualified as a member. Because of this he would lose all dividends. Any such person would be automatically reinstated as soon as the bill would be paid.

We now have a sampling of the Everyman's Library on display at the book store. Also a new volume of the Interpreter's Bible will be published shortly. Watch for it.

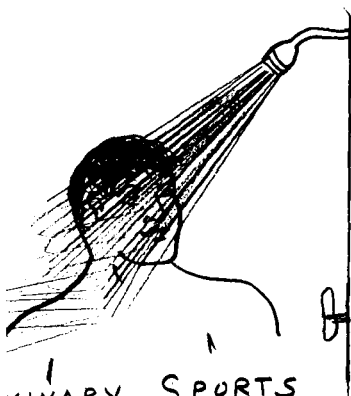
Hal Schoup, Mgr.

THEOLOGICAL TABLE TALKS

Plans are being made for a continuation of the theological table talks during the remainder of the school year. Two talks were held during the Fall Term at the home of the Vassady's, and both discussions were vital and interesting. The topics were, "All things to all Men - to What Extent?", and "Why Does God Suffer Suffering?"

In order to maintain high interest, students are requested to submit possible topics to Jerry Hinkle, Ann Schoup, or Francis Scheirer as soon as possible. Dates and topics will be announced later.

Posey -



Happy New Year. Now that we have padded our wallets, (the sports editor speaks for himself, Ed.) and padded ourselves let's get back in shape early in the term. Remember last term? You were tired, run-down, pale. Don't let it happen this time! With bowling, ping pong, dart ball, basket ball and bridge each has an opportunity to have recreation, fellowship and sore muscles and shower room chatter after the game.

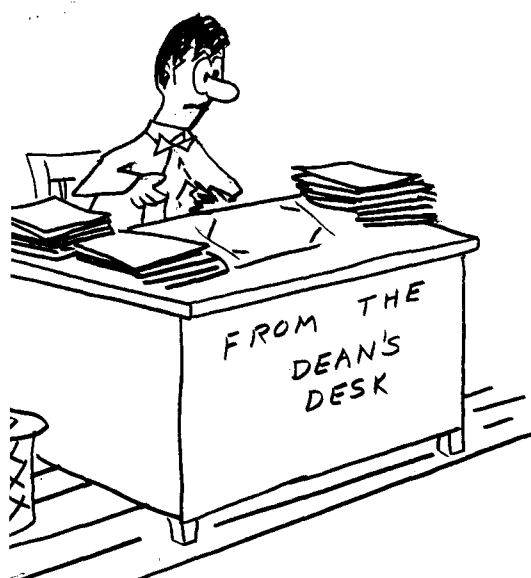
The schedules for all activities are posted on the dorm bulletin board.

If you are not the athletic type and still want to help yourself, come support the teams. What better place could you practice voice projection, speaking from the diaphragm and pushing those ribs way out, than at a basketball game? Such opportunities there are for you and all the other people who might have gotten this far in the article.

Don't forget, I can't write any articles until you participate and play the games.

See you at the game.

Jim (Trimble) Bright
(you too can be fired, Ed.)



Congratulations to the thirteen members of the Senior Class who had perfect class attendance records for the Fall Term, as well as to the ^{Six}Middlers, ^{ten}Juniors and the three M.R.E.'s, who have a similar record. This term was the best yet.

Roger Matter attended the Ecumenical Student Conference on the Christian World Mission, held at Athens, Ohio (Ohio University), December 27 - January 1. He will make a brief report on his experiences there at the Monday assembly, January 9th.

A much appreciated visitor to our campus on January 3-4 was Miss Epifania Castro, Associate Secretary of the World Council of Christian Education. A native of the Philippines, Miss Castro has special responsibility as Field Secretary in Youth Work in the Far East.

Another fair visitor some time in December, was Miss Lavon Burrichter, President of the National Council Cabinet of the Youth Fellowship. She is conducting a "travelling ministry" similar to that of Barry Kern and Don Flick during the two previous successive years.

Chapel speakers during the late fall included the Rev. Robert C. Bachelder, rector of St. James Church, who spoke on November 21 about the minister's part in community activities, and President James E. Wagner of the E & R Church who explained some of the duties and responsibilities of his office.

Registrations for the Winter Term: Seniors - 26; Middlers - 29; Juniors - 26; M.R.E. - 6; Specials - 5; Total - 92.

- Wednesday, January 25: Faculty Party for the Middlers.
- Monday, January 30: Deadline for complete outline of essay type thesis or complete work plan for statistical survey type thesis.

Extra copies of "Winter Term Schedule" and of "Roll of Classes" as well as of the Manual can be secured from the Dean.

Remember that any changes in registration must be made within the first fortnight of the term; deadline date: Friday, January 13th.

Any clues or tips concerning the work of the vandals with the light standards along the Pine Street side of the campus will be appreciated at the office. These lights, along with those in the Oval, were installed by the Class of 1953 and have been of real benefit to all of us.

AN OBSERVATION

It appears to this observer that there has been a lack of courtesy shown during chapel time this year. Perhaps it is nothing new, but I believe the situation which exists warrants our consideration. Nearly every day, students linger in the hallway holding conversation during the organ prelude and even beyond the invocation. In addition to the disturbance in the hall, the latecomers ordinarily must sit toward the front of the chapel, thereby again disturbing the worshippers. The chapel period is set aside for worship, and should not be unnecessarily disrupted. Nothing is so annoying as laughter in the hallway during the opening prayer, as has happened sometimes. Nearly all of us expect to conduct worship services in the near future, both in the Seminary and during our later ministry. It would be a good idea for us, then, to practice more respect for those who are leading the worship service as well as those who are participating in it. I sincerely hope the whole Seminary family will co-operate to improve the situation.

P.S.

THINKING OUT LOUD

It is never wise to argue with a fool - the bystanders don't know which is which.

JOE CLEM SPEAKS -

The coming of a new year always seems to bring with it several changes, and in this case, I would like to inform those who have not heard of the change in the dining room staff. Like most others, I worked downtown during my Christmas vacation; afterwards, I was given the opportunity to continue that work, which naturally necessitates the change mentioned above - namely one Robert E. (alias "Rabbit") Myers. "Rabbit" will very capably be the new head waiter, and I'm sure you will join me in wishing him loads of success. Thank you for your co-operation in the past and "happy eating" in the future....

Joe Clem

TO THOSE WHO LAUGH

Laughter is a wonderful thing, and much of our time is spent in thinking of things to do or say that will make people laugh. There are many motives for laughter too, imagine - from fear to genuine happiness, but like all other forms of expression, laughter has its time and place. It's not that we should become Pharisaic and laugh only when we think we should, but laughter should be restrained when it might hurt another. And of all places in our Seminary life where another person's remarks or mistakes should not be laughed at is in the classroom. More questions are withheld than are asked by students for fear they will be laughed at. With the classroom being our paid opportunity to learn from the experience and wisdom of our elders we thwart our own ways of learning by laughing at others and then fearing others will laugh at us. If there is any place where a mistake may be corrected without shame, or where an obvious question (though no question is obvious to the sincere inquirer) may be asked without the fear of embarrassing laughter it should be in the quiet classroom.

R.H.

Matter, continued)

be praised, for one time, more laymen than theologians at the conference. We came to conclusion that the missionary work should not only belong to professionals, representing western churches in various parts of the world, but every country should be a missionary field, every church a missionary society, and every Christian a missionary.

The vocational seminaries proved once more that the term vocation does not only concern ministers, but also those who as Christians make a vocational choice, in agriculture, education, engineering, government service, music, youth work, etc.

Beside the very fruitful Bible study in 209 groups, we had "area forums" in which were presented the work of the churches in particular geographical regions, their achievements, and their failures, and their tasks after social and political changes. In thirty-area forums we could get acquainted with the churches around the world. In seventy or eighty fire-side chats from 9:30 to 10:30p.m. experts entertained and stimulated discussion on very difficult subjects, such as the church in communist China, Tibet, the roof of the world, the priest worker movement in France, the life of the Greek Orthodox Church, etc.

The high point of the conference was the communion service at New Year's Eve, ministered by Bishop Hobson of the Episcopal Church, and assisted by a minister of the Egyptian Coptic Church, several ministers of India (source of the Syrian Orthodox Church), and Chinese and African ministers. Kneeling before the altar, beside you a German Lutheran and an African, receiving the holy sacraments from the hand of a Chinese was the joyful reality of realized communion in Christ in which all denominational, racial, national differences disappear. After this experience, which was a high point in our life, a French friend told me, "I have experienced what means 'I believe in the holy universal Church, the communion of saints.'" I shared with him this experience!

Roger Matter, representing the Lancaster Theological Seminary and France.

"I like being a man because men are the silent ones.
Men were made of dust and women from a rib of the man.
When you drop a bag of dust it doesn't make any noise,
But when you drop a bag of bones they rattle."

A little boy on why he liked being a man