



# The Seminarian

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## COMING OUT SEASON FOR SENIORS

Time For Tassel Turn Draws Near

H.M.M., the Hierarchy of Minor Matters, has designated this week, May 17-23, as "Be Kind to Seniors Week." All Seminarians who are inclined to graduate during this period will be the targets of special affection by their fellows. During recent weeks, when students, professors, and wives busily adapted themselves to the new R.V.S. (Revised Version of the Schedule) it was felt that Seniors were unduly neglected. Actually, they were just shy.

One senior, when asked through his room door when he would re-appear among the Seminary Family, was heard to reply, "HMM." Informed of this, the Hierarchy of Minor Matters began to consider naming this week "Be Kind to Seniors Week."

Meanwhile, the Seniors themselves have been naming the week in various terms, thinking first in terms of the traditional thesis deadline. This deadline long has stood rigidly as "the hour in which the senior swings his mortarboard tassel from left to right."

A happier line of thought for Seniors is the plan for the carrying out of graduation duties by other classes. Middlers, of course, are happy that their chores are not so many as last year. It is to be lamented that not all Juniors have caught on to the joys of this progression.

Inevitably, however, Senior whimsy focuses on the coming alumni dinner. At that festival many who left these halls only a few charges ago will be seen. This follows the highlight of the year, the time when the Seniors march proudly out of the chapel to receive the congratulations of wives, parents, and families.

It is the important privilege of Juniors, Middlers, and instructors to make this beginning a happy one for the graduating class of '53. Be Kind to Seniors!

### "IT MUST BE LIVED..."

-Bill Kader-

What's it like at Lincoln? My first impulse when I hear that question is to answer in the words of Jesus' disciple, "Come and see!" The whole exchange student idea is based on the belief that intellectual acceptance of brotherhood is empty. IT MUST BE LIVED TO BE REAL.

It seems like a long time ago when one night last September I arrived at Lincoln. But I never will forget the warmth of the welcome.

The next day, though, a big question loomed up in my mind. "What do we have in common?" The backgrounds of all the students were completely different from mine. No one had ever heard of the E. and R. Church, it seemed. There were no common experiences in the past that could unite us. But the next day everything changed. There was a cell meeting in the seminary. All the professors and al-

most all the students were there. That night I wrote in my diary -

"In the evening after supper we sat out on the steps and sang songs - mostly Negro spirituals. Then we went inside to prayer cell; we kept on singing while more came in. Prof. Brown said 'Let's ask God to tell us what the Seminary ought to do this year. If anyone feels that God wants him to say something, go

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#### WHAT AND WHEN

##### Tuesday, May 19

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| 10 a.m. | Meeting of the Corporation       |
| 2 p.m.  | Corp. and Board of Visitors Mtg. |
| 3 p.m.  | Senior Sermon                    |

##### Wednesday, May 20

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| 9:15   | Mtg. of the Historical Society |
| 10:30  | Mtg. of the Alumni Association |
| 11:30  | Commencement                   |
| 1 p.m. | Luncheon                       |

## SEMINARY OUTREACH GROWS

### FOREIGN STUDENT FUND DRIVE "BEST EVER"

Next year will bring a German student to the Seminary campus. Horst Haefelin, a student at the Evangelisches Stift, Tübingen University, will be the recipient of the "Foreign Student Fund" raised here on campus. This year's drive became the best ever sponsored by the middler classes, with the funds totalling about \$390.

Haefelin hopes to become a teacher of religion. As a young boy he at-

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# "IT MUST BE LIVED" (continued)

head! Charles Mack suggested going to Oxford in a body and witnessing to the people there to the power of Christ over sins, including that of prejudice. Roland Jones asked if we could sing 'There is a Mountain'. Charles said, 'Whatever the Spirit asks us to do, we'll do'. So we sang, slowly at first, then with increasing fervor. Then we knelt, and Roland poured out his heart in prayer....I'll never forget the way we shook hands after it was over: as though we were new men".

That night I knew what united us --or rather Who unites us. We are one in Christ Jesus. And it wasn't just theoretical. I was at home. The passage in Ephesians has new meaning to me now. "So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God."

Sometimes people say "Oh, what an unusual experience you must be having!" This kind of remark makes my fellow middler, Bill Taylor, impatient. "It doesn't seem very unusual to me", he says. He's right, and I feel just the way he does. You don't feel unusual when you feel at home. Being at Lincoln may not be the ordinary thing for a white student but it really is the normal thing if you take this as your norm.

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, neither male nor female, (neither Negro nor white), for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

I have learned much at Lincoln.

One fact I soon found out is that Lincoln U. has always been open to white students and that there never has been a time when it has not had at least one white student. I have learned much of the unique problems that face Negro young people, as assistant and advisor to the Youth Fellowship at Second Presbyterian Church in nearby Oxford (the Negro Presbyterian Church). I've learned how sensitive you can become to being considered 'second class' (if you don't get used to it and subconsciously even accept it). For example, I wanted to throw a brick when I saw a sign in a store window publicizing a meeting at "The Oxford Presbyterian Church" (meaning First Presbyterian Church). As Cubmaster of the Lincoln U. Pack, I have seen that children are innocent of prejudice.

I am convinced that prejudice is a spiritual problem. And I am convinced that Lincoln Seminary is approaching it the only way it can be finally solved - spiritually. Here at Lincoln the prayer cell is the beating heart of the Seminary. In it the major decisions about Seminary life and policy are made.

All in all, this year has been the most educational year I've spent in school. It has meant more and has had wider implications than I can tell, and certainly far more than I could see when I first decided to say "Yes" to coming. I can see even greater possibilities for next year, and my hope now is that someone from this year's junior class will come to Lincoln next year. I'm sure it is not too late to arrange it. Won't you think and pray about it?

## A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE YEAR — RETREAT! (SEPT. 16)



"WELCOME TO SEMINARY — WHITE OR RYE?"

## (SEPT. 17)



"BRING FOOD!"

## LECTURES ON A VIKING'S THEOLOGY IN NOVEMBER —



"αγαπη = ερωσ + ωλ"

## AND ALL SEMINARIANS MET AT THE CHRISTMAS BANQUET



## AT A STUDENT FUND FOREIGN BANQUET,



— THE "SCHLEIERMACHER AWARD" WAS ENDOWED FOR DESERVING FACULTY MEN —?



— AND YR. 1952-'3 HAD GONE FROM PICNIC TO!!

— DMH.

## SENIOR CLASS STATISTICS

It's a hard way to win members for their first charges, but five graduating Seminarians will each take a wife during the summer ahead.

Billy Joe Leonard and Peggy Sue Pickle hope to avow their partnership on Sept. 12, at Paul's Chapel, Lexington, N. C.

Ernie Miko will marry Gaye Racz on May 24 at the Passaic Hungarian Reformed Church, Passaic, N. J.

J. Donald Paine will marry Nancy Hatterness at St. John's Church in Lebanon. The date for their union is June 6.

Bob Titus will use June 6 for his nuptials. Alberta Brobst weds him then at Christ Church in Barnesville, Pa.

Dick Shellenberger has reserved August 15 and Carolyn Dunn for his wedding. It will occur in Santee Chapel, this Seminary.

Including the foregoing list, the number of married class members will total 25. To date the class of 1953 has 15 children. (These figures do not include two married M.R.E. grads. Per Haugland has one child.) The oldest member is 33, while the youngest tags along at 24 years of age. Besides the various parishes assigned, one member will enter the Air Force Chaplaincy and one will enter the employ of World Service.

Changes will occur this summer in the family status of returning Seminarians, too. The tally will appear in THE SEMINARIAN after the dust clears in September.

## WOMEN ELECT OFFICERS

New officers have been elected by the Association of Seminary Women for the coming year. Those chosen are: President, Mrs. Betty Sell; Vice-Pres., Sara Weirich; Secretary, Mrs. Kay Ziegler; and Treasurer, Mrs. Elsie Ports.

Before the elections Miss Florence Partridge, the Executive Secretary of the Women's Guild, informally answered questions on guild work following the business meeting Mrs. Charles E. Workman gave a humorous review of Hildegarde Dawson's book, FORM DIVINE. Mrs. Workman is widely known for her dry wit in the presentation of book reviews.

A spring picnic was recently held by the Women at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith.



## FALL RETREAT

Next September's opening "Fall Retreat" promises to be more "retreat" than "fall," according to scuttlebutt. The committee in charge of the retreat discussed the probability of such agenda items as meditation groups and a celebration of the Lord's Supper.

While last fall's retreat at Camp Andrews received unanimous acclaim from participants for its efficient planning, it was felt to include an overdose of "program" at the cost of retreat-like meditation.

The following article is a report "just in" regarding last year's retreat.

### "HOT NEWS..."

#### FALL RETREAT BEGINS 1952-53 YEAR Early For Lunch

About 105 Seminarians careened off highway #72 into Camp Andrews on September 16 to touch off their new school year. Among oaks and elms 16 miles south of Lancaster, students, professors and friends of the Seminary convened 2 hours early for lunch at the school's second annual fall retreat.

Two highlights of the sunny day's activities were addresses by both new faculty men, Lee J. Gable, professor-elect of Christian Education, and Bela Vassady, prof.-elect of Systematic Theology. In the morning session Mr. Gable roused student minds out of their summer somnolence with his thoughts about "The Making of a Preacher." He maintained that a man's preaching hangs on four attributes: his contact with God, his contact with men, his quality of "wholeness," (MUST we too say "integrality"?) and his ability to communicate these to others.

#### Faculty Curbed

To detonate the afternoon's thinking and discussion, Prof. Alfred Bartholomew primed his listeners on "The Making of a Pastor." Taking his cue from the fact that "Jesus is most often portrayed as a shepherd leading his flock," the speaker held that "all else" shall follow in place if a pastor has a loving concern for his people." Dr. Alfred Sayres, a chairman of known talents, restrained all comments by the faculty until the student audience had rummaged through the subject.

#### Extra-Biblical Text

In the worship, which climaxed the fall retreat, Bela Vassady envisioned the Seminary family to be a "Community of forgiven and forgiving sinners," and "an army of onward Christian soldiers."

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## SRISE's Inkpot

"Release to the captives..." can come even to a theological seminary. But don't misunderstand! Such release is not "that relieved feeling" that comes at the end of 3 years at Seminary. It is rather the maturing conviction that you've found the riches of life in Christ-like love and faith. It is this release that hovers behind the last words being spoken to graduates this week.

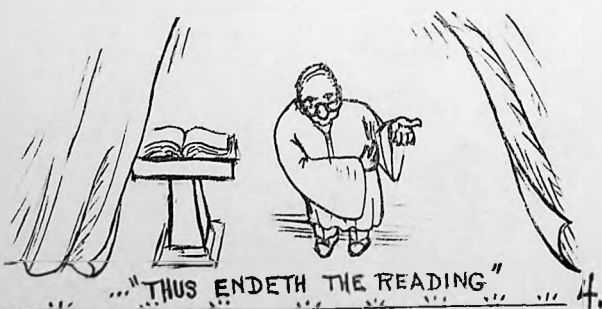
Those words spoken to seniors do not resemble a statement of release to prisoners. These words are rather the terse "ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET..." of the starter, the signal for all runners now to call to bear their previous training and skill. It is now for them to announce a release to others.

In this sense the commencement applies to undergraduates as well as to grads. EVERY DAY ought to be a day of glad release for Christians and those about them. Our slightest contacts with people can reveal some joy of the discovery of The Way, whether they are parishioners or fellow Seminarians.

Now, then, WE ARE ON TRAIL. Some of us go to permanent charges, others will return to school in fall. Nevertheless, when we least expect it, men are anxious about us. Tradesmen and housewives and young people will watch us carefully. Men unskilled with the tongue can penetrate our words to see into us. In many ways this summer, Seminarians are on trail.

Why are we, poor students, so scrutinized? Are we to possess the skill and poise of a veteran pastor? Are we so soon to be masters of the Scriptures? Surely the good people come from their homes not to try our skill. THEY WANT TO KNOW WHETHER WE ARE RELEASED.

Do we mean what we say? Could WE suffer lovingly, and do we love even suffering? Are our lives more satisfying, more desirable, than theirs? Do we live as released captives? If so, then our deeds and attitudes will "preach" that release to the people.



INTRODUCING :--

## OUR NEW PILOT

With typical vigor, Miss Sarah Weirich already is at work on the next issue of The Seminarian, (September). This time, however, she works "as one with authority". For Sarah now takes the helm as Editor in Chief.

During the past year as News Editor, Sarah has put her tiny shoulder to the wheel and turned it when others had "gone home". In fact she frequently turned up with too much news for our small paper!

In its effort to bring to you stimulating, incisive, yet not too heavy issues, the staff has had to "molt" regularly to grow new workers. In fact, its chief purged it like a Russian security bureau, he began to suspect. Yet he has been appreciative of the time and talent spent by staff and many contributing seminarians (57). We hope our efforts have been your gain as well as ours.

Miss Weirich has emerged from the smoke and fire of the past year as a logical successor to the editorship. With confidence we present to you our chief of staff, Sarah Weirich. Her industry, lively cheer, and responsibility will bring forth the best work her staff can offer in The Seminarian.

- DALE M. HECKMAN

Classroom quotation, recalled in the dining room:

"Our business is not to whimper but to conquer."

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## MEDITATION ~

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements -- surely you know! .....

..And the Lord said to Job:

"Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?" (JOB 38, 40)

## NEW SOCIETY OFFICERS

President, Willard Metzel

Vice-President, Lawrence Rezasch

Society-Treas., Sara Weirich

Recent meeting of the Society of \_\_\_\_\_ made the above powers available for the coming school year. Educational program on church \_\_\_\_\_ followed the election.

### SEMINARY OUTREACH GROWS (cont.)

\_\_\_\_\_ school in a village near \_\_\_\_\_ after his city has been \_\_\_\_\_ and evacuated. While in public school, MacFelin lived with a \_\_\_\_\_ and her children whose Christian influence did much in determining his decision to study religion.

After having key experiences \_\_\_\_\_ Christian youth after the war, MacFelin decided to enter Christian service when he was admitted to the university. This German student will bring a background of interesting experiences to Lancaster.

The foreign student fund was not the only cause. The Seminary Family supported in the last term. The World Student Service Fund campaign netted over \$200. in its soliciting canvass. This along with the money which the Senior class has transferred to the fund will bring the total sum for the drive

RESERVE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13!  
(Seminary Schedule Resumes)

### FALL RETREAT (continued)

President Meck and Dean Dunn extended the official right hand of welcome. The Rev. T. A. Alsopach, pastor of St. Paul's congregation in Lancaster, welcomed everyone to Camp Andrews, owned and developed by his parishioners. Students on the Retreat Committee were: Donald Keller, Dick Hoke, and Bill Moose. Faculty members included Professors Englert, Sayres and Dunn.

Sweeping success of the Seminary fall retreat was predestined by its planners: weeks beforehand it was on the minds of Seminarians scattered from the Baltic Sea to the Pacific.

to over \$300.00. Half of this will be sent to the WSSF regional office for general use. The other half has been designated by the committee to be sent to the Sanatorium TB sanitorium in India.

This year's Seminary Family has been generous in supporting the academic endeavors of needy students.

Another concern of Seminarians will bring a student from Howard University, Washington D. C. A negro student, Maurice Cherry of Georgia, will exchange semesters for the year with Robert Rezasch, middle at Lancaster Seminary.

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