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NEWS FROM DR. BARTHOLOMEW

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The National Christian Rural Service and Training Center is located at Tsurukawa which is 38 kilometers from Tokyo. Since that fair city is widely spread in every direction, that means to the center of the city. I drove in last Monday so we were able to confirm that fairly well.. You must also know that the village names here in Japan are in reference to areas more than they are to small gatherings of houses. These small gatherings are called "burakos". There may be many of them within a "village". The village is more like a New England or New York "town". Japan is undergoing a municipal reorganization so that we are now a part of Machida shi. A shi is a city. It is the name of the largest hamlet in the area. It is the shopping center for the area, although many persons go from here to Tokyo. We are on a train line which runs from Tokyo to Odawara. For those who have been here in the service, we are near Zama and Atsugi. Jocelyn is going to the school for dependent children at Zama.

The Center is the creation of the Kyodan. For some years it has had a Committee on rural evangelism. There is still an argument as to whether there is enough difference to warrant a special committee. I am not going to enter into the argument. There are some personality differences as well as logical arguments involved. The fact is that most of the Japanese Christians are in the cities. I'll write sometime about why this is so. If there is to be an advance in the country some new techniques, training, or something will have to be devised. The Center is now 10 years old. We celebrated the 10th anniversary of its founding by having ground breaking ceremonies for a classroom building which will memorialize Alfred Stone. He was killed in one of those ferry accidents of some years ago. He was one of the men who helped in the inception of the Center and worked very hard for it. He was from the United Church in Canada. One of their men is on the staff now. While there is no specific relation between any Board and this Center as there is for instance between the Congregationalists and Doshisha or the Evangelical and Reformed Church and North Japan College, I believe that three different Boards have had men here.

There are 37 men and women in the Seminary Department and 14 girls in the department which trains teachers for Nursery schools. I was surprised to find that three students in the nursery school department are not baptized. One has had no relationship with the church but still wants to come. I think she will be convinced in two years. She seems willing. The Seminary course is for four years. One of the sore points of the school is that many of these men - I guess most of them - are ordained to the ministry after a trial period of two or three years. Tokyo Union's program on the other hand is for 6 years after High School. They are ordained immediately. At this point, I am only reporting and trying to omit opinions: I don't believe it was the idea of the founders that this should be a competitor, but it has become somewhat of one. It is also true that it is harder to get the other Kyodan Seminaries to think of even a course in rural work, than it is for a camel to go through a needle's eye.

The students have classes from 8 to 12. They work on the farm in the afternoon and study in the evening. Rising bell is at 5:30. Chapel is at 7:40. I haven't missed one yet.

All the B's send Greetings.

Alfred Bartholomew

DEAN NOTES:

Registration for next fall term courses: Monday, May 12th - 2 to 5
Tuesday, May 13th - 9-12

Spring Communion in Santee Chapel Wednesday evening, May 14th at 7:30
Professor Sayres, Preacher - President Moss, Liturgist

Janet Moll and Fred Kurkowski have had to leave school for a while, one with an infection of the ear, the latter with hepatitis. We join in hope and prayer that they may soon recover and return to their work.

MIDDLEERS - Give thesis subject to the Dean before May 15th.

Loren Walters will speak in Chapel on Monday, May 12. He is Director of Leadership Education.

Commissions of The Society of Inquiry

Vital Issues

George Bach, Chm.
Louis Buchhold
Jack Rhen
Donald Kelly
Richard Ruof
Geraldine Shawda

Dr. Dunn, Advisor

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David Cerventes
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Jack Oliphant
Stanley Altrock

Mr. Hollinger, Advisor

SPORTS SPECIALS

This year's softball season is a little bit past the half-way mark. In 1956 and 1957 there were two leagues in the Franklin and Marshall "Intra-mural Softball League." We were in the "Independent League" and the fraternities were in the "Fraternity League." This year, since only the Seminary and one other Independent team, East Hall, signed up for softball, there was no possibility of having two leagues. Thus we are in the same league with the Fraternities. We won our first six games, defeating the following teams: Lambda Chi, Pi Lamb, Z.B.T., Kappa Sig, Chi Phi, and Phi Sig. Only two of these games were even close, and three of them were "walk-aways." Our seventh game was played on Friday, May 2, and our opponents were the "East Hall Line." Some of our players felt that both theumpires were on the other side. At any rate, nearly all the (breaks) were on the other side. Another excuse is that we had seven errors - more errors than in any of the other six games. We had several hits: Luckenbaugh, Welsh, Keeler, Barley, and May, in addition to those who were walked or got on base through an error. Somehow, we just couldn't get home. Primarily through our errors in fielding, East Hall managed to get three runs. East Hall has been beaten only once this year by Phi Psi. Phi Psi still has an undefeated season. We will play the Phi Psi team on Wednesday, and if we can win that game, and the two other league games which follow, it all could end up in a three-way tie for first place.

Don Kelly has done a very good job of pitching for us this season. He has a good, fast ball and he has held our opponents to very few hits. He has an average of 16.282 strike-outs per game. His earned run average is .489.

Dick Batzler has the best batting average thus far. He has been at bat 17 times and has gotten 9 hits, for an average of .529. Jack Oliphant, Stan Altrock, and Larry May all have more than .400, but the first two have not been out regularly for so many games and the last started the season after the first three games had been played

Don Ely

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Black or with cream?

Rumor has it that the Junior Class has already gained a reputation as a class of sanctimonious pietists - so here is some more fuel for the fire.

If, as some have led us to believe, we are here to prepare ourselves for the ministry of Jesus Christ, it would seem appropriate that at least part of our time would be spent in preparing ourselves inwardly, i.e., if we may be so bold, spiritually. We might assume that this was at least part of the intent when daily chapel services were begun. But how can we so prepare ourselves over a cup of coffee at the cafe? Or better yet, with our hands folded behind our heads while deciding whether or not to get up in the morning? In short, WHERE IS EVERYBODY DURING CHAPEL?

Chapel attendance can hardly be made mandatory - it already is (or should be)!. Is there any reason why all the students cannot be worshipping together during these few moments?

Ignoring the obviously valid excuses of sickness, etc., let's re-evaluate (de-mythologize?) our thinking and come up with an answer that can satisfy God, not ourselves. Better yet, let's take a survey (everyone else does it now) and decide if we want chapel at all!! That way we could all meet over a cup of coffee!

Donald N. Kelly

George R. Bach

ASSOCIATION OF SEMINARY WOMEN TO INSTALL OFFICERS

On Monday evening, May 12, 1958 at 8:00 P.M. the Association of Seminary Women will install the officers for 1958-1959. The service will be held in Santee Chapel.

The officers of the past year who have done an excellent job in extending the activities of the group in developing a series of special programs were:

President	- June Whitebred
Vice-president	- Libby Rohrbaugh
Secretary	- Lynda Allen
Treasurer	- Louise Fogle

Committee chairmen during the past year were:

Project Committee	- Corinne Heintzelman
Public Relations Committee	- Nancy Jackson
Worship Committee	- Catherine Hazen
Refreshment Committee	- Martha Rabert

The newly elected officers are:

President:	- Martha Rabert
Vice-president	- Catherine Hazen
Secretary	- Betty Jean Souers
Treasurer	- Beatrice M. Riu

Immediately following the installation service, the officers and their husbands are invited to attend a reception at the home of Mrs. David Dunn.