

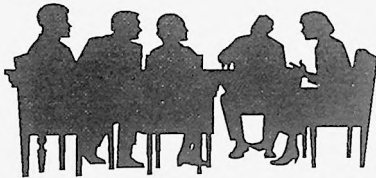
The Seminary News

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DR. FLICK LEADS COMMUNITY HOUR 10/21

"The Call to Ministry with Older Adults" is the title of a panel discussion with students and alumni/ae led by the Rev. Dr. Donald P. Flick on Thursday, October 21 at 11:10 a.m. in Lark 206. Dr. Flick is executive director of the United Church Retirement Homes, Newton, North Carolina, and 1992 Moss Award Winner of the Seminary. Plan to attend this presentation on the opportunities for ministry with older adults in various settings.



ALUMNI/AE DAY ACTIVITIES

This year for the first time, Lancaster Seminary will have a fall Alumni/ae Day on Thursday, October 21, as well as a spring Alumni/ae Day which is traditionally scheduled for the day before Commencement. Each Seminary graduate automatically becomes a member of the Lancaster Theological Seminary Alumni/ae Association and is invited to these annual events.

Over 40 alumni/ae will gather for the fall program. The day begins with a reception/registration in the Campus Center at 8:30 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. in Room 102 a seminar on "Ministry with Older Adults: International Perspectives" will be led by The Rev. Dr. Donald P. Flick, '56, '81, and students are invited to attend. At Community Hour at 11:10 a.m. in Hafer Center, Dr. Flick will speak on "The Call to Ministry with Older Adults." (see above) After lunch and Ministry with Older Adults Class Agents and Reunion Class Conveners, alumni/ae will join a workshop by Dr. Thomas G. Long on religious imagination. A reception in Mayer Commons, an alumni/ae banquet in the Refectory and the 1993 Ward Lecture at 7:30 p.m. in Santee Chapel will complete fall Alumni/ae Day.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE WARD WORKSHOP?

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP! -

From 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, Dr. Thomas G. Long, professor of Preaching and Worship at Princeton Theological Seminary will lead a workshop on religious imagination in Hafer Center. The workshop precedes the annual Ward Lecture to be given by Dr. Long in Santee Chapel at 7:30 p.m. on the same day. The lecture is titled, "Imagination and the Biblical Text in Preaching." Both events are free of charge to faculty, students and staff. To register for the workshop, see Barbara Stephens, Lower Level Lark Building.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE PASTORS ON CAMPUS

This week nine pastors from the Southern Conference will be living on campus while they attend the annual Southern Conference School for Pastoral Ministry. This program provides an opportunity for theological study for ordained pastors who have not participated in formal theological education.

Participants in the three-year program attend three series of classes each year. Fall term is located at Lancaster Seminary, and spring and summer sessions are held in North Carolina. Students who successfully complete the program will receive a certificate of completion at the Seminary's commencement exercises.

Please greet the Southern Conference Pastors at Chapel, Community Lunch and other Seminary gatherings.

MERLE GOOD TO SPEAK AT COMMUNITY HOUR 11/4

Merle Good, a well-known interpreter of the Mennonite and Amish way of life, will lecture at during Community Hour on Thursday, November 4, 11:10 a.m. in Hafer Center. Good's subject, "The Amish Way of Life," is a fascinating one, as a member of the Mennonite faith, he is a knowledgeable speaker.

FACULTY MEETING REPORT

President Schmiechen convened the regular monthly meeting of the faculty on October 13. In addition to the faculty, Ann Schoup, director of Admissions and Student Services, and students Kevin Fruchtl and Misti Johnson were present. Items under discussion were the Doctor of Ministry program, specifically the Southern Conference Doctor of Ministry Seminar which completed its first phase in September. The President reviewed the steps that led to the "Campus 100" program and explained that one focus is new donors in central Pennsylvania, while another is planned giving. Campus 100 refers to the centennial of our main building and campus, as well as being the title of our fundraising efforts over the next few years.

It was announced that the draft review of the Decennial Review is forthcoming. Faculty will have the opportunity to review and discuss the document before it goes to the Board of Trustees.

Minutes of the three campus committees were received, and Professor Huwiler, chair of the Educational Life Committee, presented the following items which were moved and passed:

- Clinical Pastoral Education will be graded Pass/Fail on Seminary transcripts.

- Faculty are encouraged to observe African-American Emphasis Week (February 21-25 1994) by lecturing on topics that relate to African-Americans within their disciplines and by highlighting the contributions African-Americans have made to religion and the wider church.

- The following courses will be offered in summer 1994: Job--Professor Melchert, 3 credits 3 weeks; Language Tools, Professor Huwiler, 2 credits, 2 weeks; Addiction and Codependency, Professor Stalfa, 1 credit, 1 week.

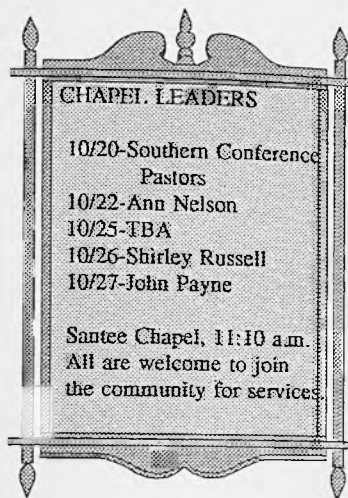
- A Service of Word and Sacrament will be held at 11:30 a.m. on each Wednesday of the January term.

A complete copy of minutes for the meeting is available in the Dean's Office.

MAGGIE KUHN WILL LECTURE AT SEMINARY

Maggie Kuhn, leader of the Gray Panthers, will be on campus Thursday, November 4, to speak about issues of aging. Her lecture will be at 8:00 p.m. in Santee Chapel. Ms. Kuhn's presentation is part of a larger Seminary program funded by Manor HealthCare of Lancaster to create and strengthen an awareness and emphasis on creative ministries with older adults.

The goal of the program is to sensitize the Seminary, as well as churches, to integrate an awareness of needs and gifts of older persons into their total curriculum or program. Dr. Kent I. Groff, who has been named director of the program, recently taught an intensive course at the Seminary as the first part of the Ministry with Older Adults program. The course will be repeated next September.



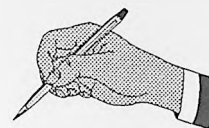
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES JOIN STAFF

Patricia Otto and Virginia (Ginjr) Humphreys have joined the Development Office as associate directors. Pat's responsibility is working with the Lancaster community on the goals for Campus 100. Coordinating the enlistment, motivation and training of volunteers and the identification, cultivation and solicitation of friends are among the primary tasks of her half-time position. Pat had been an active and leading volunteer for many years with numerous organizations in the Lancaster community.

Ginjr will work half-time in planned giving. In this capacity she coordinates the planning giving program of the Seminary, which seeks to secure a variety of gifts of future provision from both alumni/ae and lay friends. Ginjr is a long-time resident of Lancaster who has provided active volunteer leadership to a wide range of volunteer organizations in the community.

AIDS EXHIBIT IN LIBRARY

During national AIDS Awareness Week, October 17 through 23, a photographic exhibit called AIDS Faces All of Us is on view in Schaff Library. The display, which was photographed, arranged and the text written by student Joe Lefever, shows the impact of AIDS on people's lives. It has been shown previously at Franklin & Marshall College, Millersville University, Park City Mall, and at Lutheran and Church of the Brethren conferences.



President's Page

ATS/Middle States Decennial Review

Last year we began the work on the ten-year review of our accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools and Middle States. The former is the accrediting body for theological schools in the United States and Canada. The latter is the regional accrediting body for high schools, colleges and graduate schools in this area. By the grace of God they have determined to review our accreditation together, so we go through the process for both systems. The ATS procedures give more direction with regard to substantive criteria and Middle States is willing to defer to those criteria. In general reaccreditation of schools in this country has moved to a review of how the institution defines its mission, programs and goals and then to compare actual performance with that set of goals.

In the winter and spring of last year committees met and held public meetings to review various aspects of our program. A draft of the decennial report is now being prepared and will be presented to the on-campus community as well as the trustees for review. When we have reached agreement on the report, it goes to the review team which will be here February 20-23, 1994.

The purpose of the review is to describe accurately the institution and the changes since 1984; to enumerate strengths and weaknesses; and to set forth recommendations for future planning and action. These three purposes must be discussed in light of the way we set forth our mission as well as the way our graduates and constituency view the school. It is no small thing to attempt to describe an institution. The description is somewhat like a photograph and the question is always: where and when do you take the photograph? Consider the case of a family. Do you take the photograph when they are gathered in their best at Thanksgiving Day dinner? Or is it more appropriate to take it when they are cleaning out the garage? Or how about when one member of the family crashes the car into the doorway to the garage? Or do you take it on the day that a relative died? All of these photographs would say something about a family and also would testify to the range of experiences within the family. So with the seminary. There are some photographs of the school at its best, there are others when we are at work, there are others when we are struggling with problems and picking up the pieces. There are others when we are together sharing the joy and pain of our life together. There is a place for all of these but we also need to guard against letting any one be the defining mark of the school. There needs to be a balance and

even some restraint, lest individual perspectives dominate. Even a president must practice restraint: the report cannot represent just one person's perspective.

But having said all that, someone must ultimately try to draw all the material together and put it into a report that is comprehensive and cohesive. In our case Don Cooney has been working to edit the materials. Others have assisted him and the report will probably be seen in the light of day this week, in its first draft form.

There will be discussions among the faculty with revisions. The report will also be available to the campus community for public discussion. It will also go to the Board of Trustees for discussion in November and December. Those that have an interest in the report are encouraged to seek out a copy and review it. Your comments can be shared with faculty or administrative staff. We want it to reflect accurately the state of the school, the progress made since 1984, the programs and its people, our current strengths and weaknesses and priorities for the future.

Peter Schmiechen

LTS HOSTS CPE DAY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1993

Representatives from Clinical Pastoral Education sites will be on campus Thursday, October 28, 1993, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. to describe their respective programs and (in some cases) to interview students. The program will begin at 11:10 in Hafer Center. Please sign up with the Faculty Secretary, Donna Kaplan, if you wish to have an interview at 1 p.m.

Those sites which have responded affirmatively are:

Abington Memorial Hospital
The Rev. Leslie Young-Ward
Gettysburg Lutheran Village/Center
The Rev. James M. Winjun, Chaplain
Jeane's Hospital, Philadelphia
The Rev. Dan Ward
Lancaster General Hospital
The Rev. Kenneth Burnette
Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
The Rev. Myron Ebersole
Philhaven Hospital
The Rev. Cornel G. Rempel
Williamsport Hospital and Medical Center
Chaplain Bethany Patton

DR. BEVERLY GAVENTA TO DELIVER MORE LECTURE

Beverly Roberts Gaventa, Ph.D., associate professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary, will deliver the 1993 Wilson F. and Matilda Applegate More Lecture at the Seminary on Thursday, November 11, at 11:10 a.m. in Santee Chapel. The lecture is titled, "Disciple, Prophet and Mother: Glimpses of Mary in the Gospel of Luke."

The author of numerous articles and reviews Dr. Gaventa is the founding editor of *Critical Review of Books in Religion* and serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. From 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. on the afternoon of the lecture, Dr. Gaventa will lead a workshop in Hafer Center. There is no charge for either event for students or staff. Please sign up for the workshop with Barbara Stephens, Lower Level Lark.

WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY LIFE COMMITTEE MEETS

On October 8 members of the Worship and Community Life Committee of the Seminary met. The committee is chaired by Professor Belva Brown Jordan, and members are Michael Allen, Karna Burkeen, Dean David Greenhaw, Chaplain Allen Kroehler, Barry McCarthy and Patricia Minnick.

At the meeting the purpose and function of the Worship and Community Life Committee was reiterated: the committee addresses any issue that has impact on the community's life. Housing issues were discussed, and the Seminarian Community Council (SCC) was asked to identify representative students from each building to meet with the administration to discuss the new leases. The committee encouraged the SCC to request Community Hours for monthly meetings by filing a Community Hour request form available in the Dean's Office.

The committee recommended that a Service of Word and Sacrament take place each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. during January term, followed by Community Lunch in the Refectory. Recommendations were made for an updated Sexual Assault Policy. The meeting ended with brainstorming on ongoing committee issues. The next Worship and Community Life Committee meeting will be Friday, November 5. Students who wish to raise concerns to the committee may approach any committee member.



The following piece was submitted by senior student, Shirley Russell:

THE LESSON

Then Jesus took his disciples up the mountain and gathering them around him, he taught them saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the meek,

Blessed are they that mourn.

Blessed are the merciful.

Blessed are they who thirst for justice.

Blessed are you when persecuted.

Blessed are you when you suffer.

Be glad and rejoice for your reward is great in heaven...

Then Simon Peter said, "Do we have to write this down?" and Andrew said, "Are we supposed to know this?" and James said, "Will we have a test on it?" and Philip said, "What if we don't know it?" and Bartholomew said, "Do we have to turn this in?" and John said, "The other disciples didn't have to learn this!"

and Matthew said, "When do we get out of here?"

and Judas said, "What does this have to do with real life?"

Then one of the Pharisees present asked to see Jesus' lesson plans and inquired of Jesus his terminal objectives in the cognitive domain...

AND JESUS WEPT.....

COMMUNITY LUNCH LOCATION CHANGE

For one day, on Wednesday, October 20, Community Lunch will be served, starting at noon, in the Campus Center instead of the Refectory.



SCC 'DRESS UP' NIGHT PARTY

Whatever your theological convictions allow you to call it: All Saints' Eve, A Masquerade Party or the dreaded Halloween, we are having a party near that day! Dress up, put on a costume, pull a garbage bag over yourself and come as an avocado...whatever... just let your real self come out.

Reserve the night on your calendar, Friday, October 29. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Refectory, there will be a party for all ages, sponsored by the Seminarian Community Council (SCC). Games for the kids, music for everyone, and it is rumored that the Pope may even drop by! Drinks and snacks will be served. Bring a snack to share if you wish. But, most of all, bring yourself to a great night of "dressing up" and having a great time!

Dwight Hein

GET YOUR LCDC FILES

Lancaster Career Development Center is housecleaning. If you took collegium testing at LCDC and want your files, please call Carol Kerr, 397-7451.

A JULIAN WEEKEND

A gathering of students from the colleges and universities of Central Pennsylvania to discover spiritual resources for creative leadership with Roberta Nobleman in "The Life of Dame Julian of Norwich" will be held November 5-6 at Muncy Terraces, Muncy, Pennsylvania. Please see Don Cooney in Development for more information and registration forms.

PROFESSOR BUTLER PROVIDES COUNSELING

The Rev. Lee Butler, who is a counselor at Bethany Counseling Ministry, is available to provide individual, marriage and family counseling support on the Seminary campus. His office is in Lower Level Lark Building.

