

theological Seminary of the Evangelical & Reformed Church

The Seminarian

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LANCASTER, PA.

MAY 27, 1956

COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE 1956

131st Anniversary

Sunday, May twenty-seventh

- 3:30 P. M. Sacred Concert by Seminary Choir in Santee Chapel
5:00 P. M. Informal Reception by the Choir to the Seminary
Family and visitors
7:30 P. M. BACCALAUREATE SERVICE in Santee Chapel
Sermon by Professor Bela Vassady

Monday, May twenty-eighth

- 7:30 P. M. to 10:30 P. M. Reception at the home of President Meck

Tuesday, May twenty-ninth

- 10:00 A. M. Separate Meetings of the Corporation and the Board
of Visitors
12:30 P. M. Dinner at Dr. Meck's home for the two Boards
2:00 P. M. Joint Meeting of the two Boards
3:30 P. M. Meeting of the Alumni Association, followed by
Class Re-unions
5:45 P. M. Alumni Dinner in the Refectory
8:00 P. M. Annual Commencement Sermon by Dr. Howard Thurman,
Dean of the Chapel, Boston University

Wednesday, May thirtieth

- 9:15 A. M. Annual Meeting of the Historical Society in Santee
Chapel; Address by Dr. Guy P. Bready
11:00 A. M. COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM in Hensel Hall, Franklin and
Marshall College; A. Augustus Welsh, speaker

Commencement Guest Speakers

HOWARD THURMAN has been since 1953, Dean of the Chapel and Professor of Spiritual Resources and Disciplines in Boston University. A native of Florida, he was graduated from Morehouse College and Rochester Theological Seminary. Ordained to the Baptist ministry, he served a church in Oberlin, Ohio, before becoming Professor of Religion at his alma mater in 1928. From 1932 to 1944 he was Professor of Systematic Theology and Dean of the Chapel at Howard University, then for nine years served as pastor of "The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples" at San Francisco. Among his books that have nourished and inspired Christians of all faiths are: "The Greatest of These," "Deep River," "Deep Is the Hunger," "Meditations of the Heart," and "The Creative Encounter."

He has been chosen several times on lists of "Great American Preachers." Delegates to our Lakeside Conference in 1941 will never forget his heart-searching devotional talks.

Dr. Thurman married Miss Sue E. Bailey in 1935 and has two daughters, Anna and Olive.

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A. AUGUSTUS WELSH is minister of Christ Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. A native of York, he graduated from Ursinus College in 1926 and from our Seminary

BON VOYAGE

When the program for Sabbatical leave at the Seminary was initiated, Dr. Dunn had seniority but did not wish to go away at this time. Thus, Dr. Englert, next in line, was able to carry out a plan of many years' dreams, that of combining a year of study in Europe with a visit to the Holy Land. In 1932-33, when Dr. Englert studied in Berlin and Marburg under a New Testament Fellowship from Princeton, the financial arrangements did not permit a visit to Palestine.

The Englert family is sailing on the "America" from New York on July 27th at 4 P. M. They will arrive in Le Havre on August 3. They will go directly to Basel, Switzerland, where Old Testament studies will be carried on at the University by Dr. Englert. Eichrodt, the author of the well known "Einleitung," will be his main teacher. Since school does not begin until October 20th, the intervening time will be spent in travel in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Italy. The Englerts plan to purchase a used Volkswagen for their travels and sell it again before returning. Among the events they plan to attend are the annual German Kirchentag at Frankfurt Main, August 8th to 12th, and the Second International Congress of Old Testament Scholars at Strasbourg, France (Roger's university) from August 28 to September 1st.

During the vacation between semesters in spring, 1957, Dr. Englert plans to go to the Holy Land where he has been designated Honorary Lecturer at the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem. Before returning to this country in mid-summer, 1957, they plan to travel in Holland, Belgium, France, and England.

Dr. Englert has been corresponding with an American student in Basel, a graduate of Drew Seminary who is getting his Th. D. in OT in July. Fortunately his apartment will be available and the Englerts will be able to move right in. It is a six-room, furnished apartment across from a school and park, about twenty minutes' walk from the University. Several summers ago, the Englerts had a call from the Council of Church Women that a foreign student was coming to Lancaster and needed entertainment overnight. It was a Miss Emmi Graf of Basel, whom they had as an over-night guest and who said when she got on the bus to New York, "If you ever get to Basel, be sure to look me up." The Englerts laughed and agreed little thinking that they would someday be grateful for this occasion. Miss Graf has been written to and hastened to answer that she lives only ten minutes away from the apartment and will be very happy to serve as "baby-sitter" and perhaps companion for Mrs. Englert when Dr. Englert is in Palestine.

The Englerts' address will be Gotthelfstrasse 36, which Dr. Englert translates "By-the-help-of-God-street," but which Mrs. Englert, foreseeing the problems of traveling with two small children, translates "God-help-us-street."

Besides the usual heartache a Professor has at the departure of another Senior class, Dr. Englert must say "Good-bye" to the other two classes. The present Middlers will have been graduated by the time he returns and the present Juniors will have their last required courses with Dr. Scorza, Dr. Englert's substitute. Not only is Dr. Englert sure that his class work will be well taken care of by his academic substitute, but he is equally at ease that the new "team" of Deacon Westcoat and Dr. Stonesifer will handle the things athletic in capable fashion.

And to the Board of Visitors and the Corporation, a hearty sense of gratitude for the fulfillment of a dream of a lifetime.

(Dr. Englert has promised to write several articles from Europe for publication in next year's "Seminarian." -- Ed.)

FRENCHMAN'S FAREWELL

People come and go.... But having not the intention to shed tears and to make you weep (we want to be virile) it is better to remember the between of the coming and going. You know, because I repeated it often, that this year was a thrilling experience to me through which America and the Americans found a vivid response in my heart. This experience will now be a part of my personality.

My reaction to all this can only be thanks mixed with many enjoyable remembrances. Thanks to President Meck for his signatures which made it possible for me to come (thanks also for his cigars -- I feel now grown up).... thanks to Dean Dunn for the exhibition of a dissection of a chicken (this exhibition had historical value) thanks to Dr. Gable for opening for me the world of Christian Education (now I feel nearer the children) thanks to all professors

SENIOR DIRECTORY

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Farewell, But Not Good-bye, to the SENIORS

I feel that I am speaking for the Middler and Junior Classes in acknowledging the great loss which we are about to encounter. Those who have been around an institution of any sort should always be looked to for guidance and direction. We could feel especially grateful for the leadership which we recently have received.

It is exceedingly difficult to point to specific accomplishments on the part of any class. I think, however, that a few merit mention. It was the present Senior Class which deserves a lot of credit for creating our student organization, the Society of Inquiry." While such an organization is now taken for granted, when we think of the effort which was originally put into it, we can appreciate it better. Also, credit must be given to this class for its effort in making the book more cooperative into what it is today.

It would be difficult to express what we may call the unity, or fellowship, manifested by the Senior Class, in better terms than its officers have done, in the recent catalogue article. The feeling of oneness which has existed in this class is one which is always to be desired, yet seldom attained.

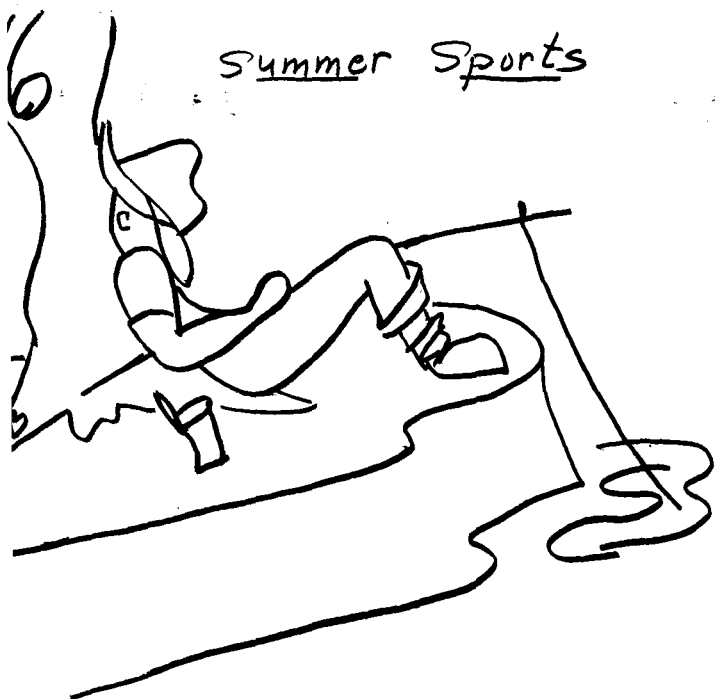
While Seniors would probably discount this, it has been said that one reason the class of '56 recommended unanimously dispensing with the tradition of having seniors speak at Commencement was that it would have been almost impossible to grow down to six the number of deserving Seniors. While this may have been uttered in jest, it is a thought-provoking suggestion--especially since it was put forward by someone not a member of the class.

While I admit that there are other things more important than athletic achievements, I cannot resist mentioning, since I am Sports Editor, the "athletic angle." Though I do not know if this phenomenon has occurred in years gone by, it is a fact that in its three year's stay at the Seminary, the class of '56 has never been beaten in any of the games in the athletic program--and only once in an unplanned sports event (softball, Camp Andrews, 1955).

In speaking of the Senior class, Dr. Allan S. Meck, our President, said, "The '56 Class is one of the larger groups of graduates. During the last ten years the enrollment of our Seminary has run from 90-104 students. Since we graduate 30 this year, this class belongs to the larger group of graduates. In 33 years, the average graduating class was 18. When these 30 Seniors graduate, the faculty and whole student body feel that a fine product goes into the parishes of our communion."

I hope that I speak for the entire body of underclassmen in wishing for all the members of the class of 1956 many, many years of glorious ministries. So long, but good-bye.

Don Ely



Summer Sports

SPORTS SLANTS

Here are the final batting averages for this season's softball team. This list includes only the games played in the league. Only those players with over a .300 average are included.

Player		
1.	Hal Henning	.750
2.	Bill Harner	.700
3.	Bob Godfrey	.667
4.	Charlie Fogle	.533
5.	Don Leonard	.476
6.	Glenn Rader	.467
7.	Dick Barley	.455
8.	Len Sponsler	.400
9.	Philly Williman	.375
10.	Jack Aregood	.350
11.	Russ Mengel	.350
12.	Harold Schoup	.333

It was a chilly Thursday afternoon in the middle of May. The Seminar-
is, unbeaten in league play, were all set for the "kill." We were opposed by
the other league winner, Sigma Pi. Coach Deacon Westcoat won the toss and chose
to be the home team. In the top of the first inning, the Sigma Pi's got three
runs. In the bottom of the second we scored once. By the end of the third in-
ning, the game was tied, three to three. In the fourth inning, the Sigma Pi's
got three runs. Each side got one run in the sixth. That made the score seven
to four going into the bottom of the seventh. We needed four to win, three to
lose. Leonard singled and Rader doubled. Mengel walked to fill the bases. Schoup
and Fogle got hits, Leonard and Rader scoring. Mengel was out on his way home.
With two outs and two men on base, Sponsler pinch-hit for Bright. With one ball
to him, Sponsler popped up to the second baseman. That was the ball game.

On the whole, we played a better game while on the field than while at
home. Most of the guys were under par. Harner, who usually has three for four,
hit only .500. Barley and Aregood, who usually have close to .500, got one for
four and none for four. Henning, whose average is .750, couldn't play, due to a
previous commitment, and Williman also had to be out of town. The umpires called
a pretty good game. Actually the only legitimate gripe--or excuse, if you prefer--
is that the F & M authorities who set the time for the play-off game were all
mixed up with the schedule. At any rate, those were the breaks of the game.

The above list of averages does not include those players with less than
four times at bat. Also, it does not include the game with Mountville, in which
we trailed, or the game at Safe Harbor, in which the Seniors plus Dr. Englert and
Merley Sponsler beat the Middlers and Juniors.

When all is said and done, the team had a good year. Both our team and
each deserve a hand.

The Bridge Tournament is over for this year. Dr. Englert and Rev.
Whop were the victors. They lost only one game. Congratulations!

As this goes to press, the ping pong champion for this year has not yet
been determined. The two contenders are Clarie Settlemyre and Bob Paden.

About two weeks ago the Seminary played against Lititz E & R in dart-
ball. Two games were played. We won the first game 9-3 and lost the second, 6-5.
The last dartball games of the season were played with Hamilton Park E & R. We
lost the first game by a hair, 12-11. We turned the tide, however, to win the
second one 11-9 and the third 22-7.

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Spring Picnic

Wednesday, May 16, dawned dull, drab, and cool, and as the morning
progressed, speculation arose as to whether the promised rains would come or not.
A stiff breeze dragged our hopes for nice picnic weather even lower. Providence
must watch over us, however, for the sun finally broke through the haze in mid-
day and the rain clouds were banished.

Promptly at 4:00 P. M. the Seminary family initiated the afternoon of
fun at Safe Harbor with a cool (!) volleyball game. It should be noted here that
a Orander, while showing us his athletic prowess, was "lying down on the job"
several times when trying to return the ball!

"Chow" was served at 5:30 and included barbeque, macaroni salad, pota-
toe chips, ice cream and chocolate milk. Dr. Meck offered thanks for the meal.

ho in their lectures enriched my "notia theologica" (translator's note: theological notions") last but not least thanks to all students for hospitalit
n their rooms and homes, patience with my accent, love, help and you can personally
dd all other virtues.

And if I will return to my beloved country without having acquired the
abit of chewing gum, and still prefering my Alsatian black beer to Coca-cola, my
tay in your midst and in America opened my eyes on a new world. And later,
ancaster, little spot on the map of the United States, will be known even in
rance.

Here an outline of my future activities: before leaving the States on the
Queen Elizabeth" the first of August, I hope to take a bath in the Pacific Ocean--
hat means a journey through the cowboy-states. After my return to France, during
ne second half of August and in September I will lead two youth-camps, one for
ree weeks with 60 boys from 10-14 years, another with boys over 14 years of age.
n the fall I have to enter the army for 18 months and probably I have to join our
oldiers in the war of North Africa.

After these new ventures I hope after all to get married and take a parish
n the Alsatian Church of the Augsburg Confession.

I hope to see many of you in the later years. And now over the ocean we
ill remain united in a spirit of Christian fellowship and prayer.

Roger Matter

Bookstore Report

In my last official statement as Manager of the Bookstore Cooperative, I
ish to extend my thanks to all those who have helped make the last two years
uccessful. Especially do I thank:

- .. the membership at large for their excellent support
- .. the Executive Committee for making progress possible
- .. the Seminary for providing a location for business
- .. the special study committee established throughout the year
- .. Charles Williman as a faithful and concerned president

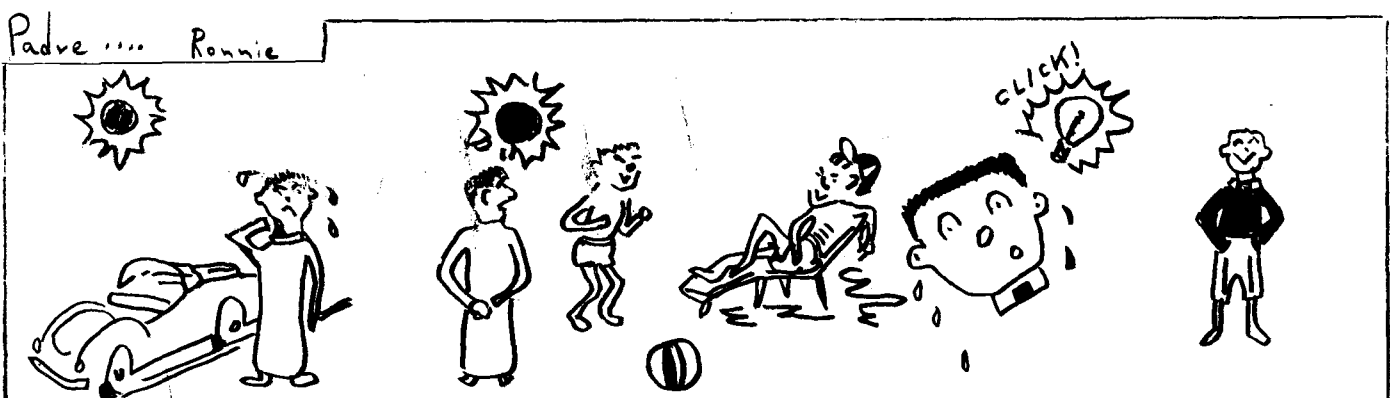
As a result of this fine cooperation we have been able to make the
ollowing improvements in facilities and services.

- .. location of Book Store was moved to a bigger more comfortable place
 - .. a Bulletin Board was erected
 - .. resale from stock was inaugurated to a limited degree
 - .. used books made available
 - .. dividends have been considerably higher
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| Fall Term | 24.2 to 30.4 |
| Winter Term | 22.9 to 30.7 |
| Spring Term | 21.1 to 26.3 |

There are still others things in the planning stages which will probably
e completed next year. It is my hope that you will give Russ Heintzelman the
me support and encouragement you have given me. He has served more than an
prenticeship, being more of an assistant, and has has certainly proved his
ilities to me.

Hal Schoup

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THE SOCIETY OF INQUIRY COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 1956-1957 TERMS

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Arlene Byers
Robert Gast
Fred Irwin
Larry Fisher
George Rankin

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OPEN LETTER TO CHOIR MEMBERS

It was an honor for me to have been elected to the office of Choir Manager for the coming school year. The Seminary Choir has always meant very much to me personally just as I am sure it has been equally cherished by its past and present members, director, faculty, and our churches. It is with this in mind that I would like to follow in the footsteps of this year's very capable manager, James Cress, and I am sure the members will wish to follow in the same steps of those Seniors who are now leaving us.

Most of us will heartily agree that our experiences together will live in our hearts for a long time. We now consider our programs to have been very successful. However, let us not think the year to be over. During the next three days, we are given the opportunity to take part in the Commencement Exercises, and each of us should consider this a "major operation." As your new manager, I therefore ask your complete cooperation in following the schedule listed below, for only after doing so can we say we had a most successful year.

VITAL ISSUES

Mead Bailey, Chm.
Dr. Bartholomew, Adv.

Joseph Heiney
William Flickinger
James Rumley
Barry Kern
Ralph Geiman

ATHLETICS

Richard Barley
Dr. Stonesifer, Adv.

Robert Godfrey
Robert E. Myers
William Barr
Paul Westcoat
Charles Fogle

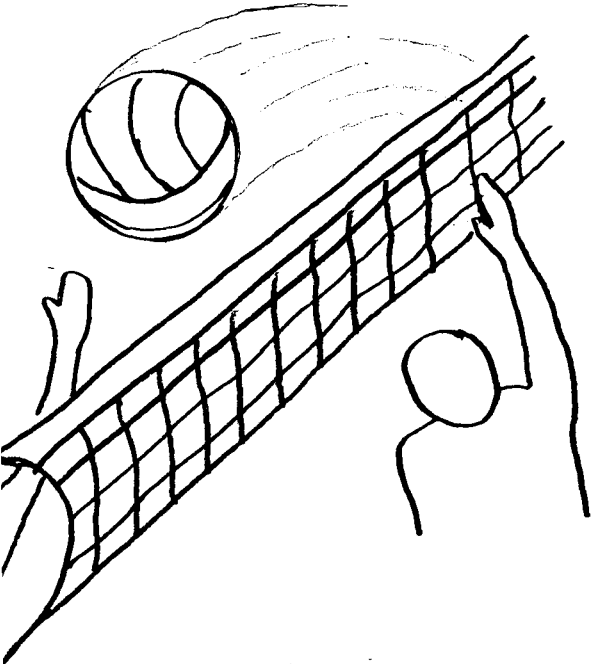
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Sunday Afternoon	2:30	Rehearsal Room
	3:30	Concert--Santee Chapel
	5:00	Reception--Lawn near Dining Hall
Monday Morning	9:00	Rehearsal--Hensel Hall
Tuesday Evening	7:15	Rehearsal Room
	8:00	Anniversary Sermon--Santee Chapel
Wednesday Morning	10:00	Assemble in Choir Room for Commencement
Wednesday Afternoon	1:30	Return choir gown and music to rehearsal room. (If you're keeping gown over summer vacation, notify Assistant Manager Barry Kern or myself immediately.)

See you there!
Joe Clem, Manager

Afterwards, the Seniors decided to give the lower-classmen a chance to get in some practice at softball. End result: the Seniors, handicapped (1) by the addition to their line-up of two of the distaff side of the Seminary Family (Slug gin' Fanny Settlemire and Shirley "Yogi" Sponsler) soundly trounced the Juniors and Middlers by a 6-3 score.

Mother Nature saw to it that the picnic broke up at a "reasonable" time-- everyone was too cold to stay much later than 7:30 P. M.! But, as we bid a fond farewell to the majestic hills of Safe Harbor, we could only chatter, "N-n-n-nice p-p-p-pic-n-n-nic, eh-h?"



"It looks like a good game, but only the Lord knows how you score it!"



Summer Projects (Marriages)

Russell Heintzelman to Corinne Miller, June 16th at 8 P. M., in St. John's E & R Church on Second Street, Slatington, Penna.

Karl Kreps to Ann Koontz, June 23, at 5:30 P. M., in Spencer, North Carolina

Don Orander, to Mary Jean Lockwood, June 20, 1956, in St. Lucas E & R Church Evansville, Indiana.

Allan Rohrbaugh to Grace Elizabeth Greer, June 24, at First E & R Church, Lexington, North Carolina.

Donald Studer to Arlene Byers, September 8, at St. John's, Lansdale, Penna.

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A most cordial welcome to all speakers, relatives, and friends of the Seminary Family.... Hope you find this special edition informative and worthwhile keeping.... A pat on the back for Clarie and Jerry for their meaningful addresses in Chapel.... Also, to Joe Clem, the new Choir Manager.... All Juniors are urged to work together during Commencement.

This seems to be a time for farewells, so we have a few....to Dr. Englert, with the expectation that his studies will benefit both him and the Seminary for many years to come....to Roger, who has been a much beloved member of the Seminary Family; God bless you as you return to your native land....to "Ma" Groff, whose efforts have rarely been adequately appreciated....to the Seniors, with the hope that the Spirit will guide them successfully in the service of the Kingdom....and to all the Seminary Family for a prosperous and inspirational summer.

"Boy"

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ESG SUX PEBH, ERR WPI GECQ UT PIB RATI. QPI QIIMQ JUUR ESG TRED, ESG JUBMQ
JAXP JARRASL PESGQ.
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The Editor-in-Chief wishes to express his thanks to Don Ely, without whose services this issue would not have been possible.