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## PROFESSOR PAUL E. IRION INSTALLED

### IN NEW CHAIR OF PASTORAL THEOLOGY

The Rev. Paul E. Irion was installed as Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology in a service Friday, March 25. Dr. Robert V. Moss led the opening portions of the service.

Corporation President Anthony R. Appel presented Mr. Irion. The charge to the new professor was read by Dr. Floyd R. Shafer, president of the Board of Visitors. Dr. Russell D. Custer, Board secretary, administered the oath of office. Dr. David Dunn offered the morning prayer, and the benediction was pronounced by Professor Irion.

Mr. Irion was elected to the seminary faculty in 1960. He came from the chaplaincy of the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis. Prior to that, he was pastor of two churches in Illinois.

A graduate of Elmhurst College, Mr. Irion received his B.D. from Eden and his M.A. from the Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago. His clinical training was received at the St. Louis City Hospital, at Boston City Hospital, and at Andover-Newton. He has done graduate work toward his doctorate at the University of Chicago.

As chairman of the Committee on Religion and Health, Mr. Irion is a member of the United Church's Commission on Church and Ministry. His writings include "The Funeral and the Mourners", Published by Abingdon. Also, he is a member of the editorial board of "The Minister's Quarterly" and has been guest editor for the publication of "Pastoral Theology". He has lectured at Eden and Christian Theo. Sem., Indianapolis.

Professor and Mrs. Irion with their two children, Mark and Lisa, arrived in Lancaster March 13. They were welcomed at a dinner Monday, March 14 (See Dean's Corner).

## RELIGION AND ARTS FESTIVAL

### SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 25-29

Dr. Marvin Halverson, head of the Department of Worship and the Arts of the National Council of Churches, will give the opening address for the seminary's Religion and the Arts Festival. Events for the week will last from Monday, April 25, through Friday, April 29. Dr. Halverson will speak Monday night.

Following the address, an exhibit of art from the seminary community will open in Alumni Hall. Creative art work--painting, printing, carving, building, and other forms--will be shown. The exhibit will remain open throughout the week.

Performing arts will be featured in recitals from 4:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

The Seminary Choir will present a concert during the chapel service Monday afternoon, April 25. The concert will include selections presented during the choir's tour through Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

Tuesday evening the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra will present one of the concerts in its monthly series. A block of tickets at a reduced price may be available to seminary students for this concert.

Closing the week will be a performance of "The Offending Heart" by the Chancel Players on Friday evening, April 29.

The Association of Seminary Women and the Social Life Commission are working together on plans for the week. They express the hope that all members of the seminary community participate as fully as possible in this Festival of Religion and the Arts.

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Today is the final day for turning in offers of articles to be placed on exhibit or performances to be given. Turn in your offer TODAY to the president's office.

## EDITORIAL...

Recently we received some propaganda published by a group sponsoring the candidacy of a prominent citizen of our country for the office President. The material invited our support of the man.

The SEMINARIAN, needless to say, does not exist to sponsor any one political platform of national politics. However, it does exist to provide a channel for reporting school events and exchanging student opinions on any topic, including politics.

So, as we thought about the propaganda which so quickly found its way into the rotary file, we began to ask ourselves questions that any United States citizen must face and which any United Church of Christ minister must face. It is not too early for us to bend an ear in their direction.

Some of these questions are: Shall the church speak to politics? May a minister preach on Politics? Shall a minister participate in a political campaign? Shall he align himself with the Republicans or the Democrats, or register as an Independent? May a minister run for office?

Other angles to be considered are: What does "Separation of Church and State" mean? How can the Church best influence legislation for what it teaches to be good for the common brotherhood of man?

There are some congregations into which we may be called to serve which oppose the minister's participation in politics. There are some which will approve and pat us on the back for participating--providing we are registered with the right party. There probably are some where we would be expected to participate to the same extent as any other American citizen.

But at all points we have to ask ourselves if we are acting according to the teachings of the Gospel and for the furtherance of God's will or our own selfish interests and glory.

Every year is one of elections and politics. But in a Presidential campaign year we become more aware of that fact as politics reach a frantic fever. The time is ripe for considering the relation of religion and politics.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS

## FOR PREACHERS' WIVES

1. Thou shalt love all your members at all times and under all circumstances.
2. Thou shalt learn to live as the most observed woman in the church.
3. Thou shalt always remember your family obligations first of all.
4. Thou shalt learn to develop a remedy for loneliness for the many nights your husband is away from home.
5. Thou shalt learn to live on a limited income and a strict budget.
6. Thou shalt learn how to meet discouragement.
7. Thou shalt learn how to be adaptable and willing to learn.
8. Thou shalt develop your natural talents and abilities.
9. Thou shalt have a definite interest in the daily work and program of your preacher husband.
10. Thou shalt often renew your personal consecration to the task of the church.

--Mrs. John Osborn

## THE CHURCHMOUSE...

I pledge allegiance to the god  
of the United States of America,  
And to the cash register  
for which it stands,  
One dollar, silver-clad, divisible  
By taxation and graft for all.

--Odgen Ashe

Perhaps the Vital Issues Commission of the Society of Inquiry will see fit to make "Christianity and Politics" its concern for a program next fall.

A panel discussion on the above questions would be interesting. The Hon. John P. Saylor, U. S. Representative from Johnstown, an Evangelical and Reformed layman; the Rev. Frank W. Ruth, and E. & R. pastor and for many years State Senator from Berks County, and the Rev. John C. Bennett, Congregational-Christian minister and professor at Union Theological Seminary, author of "Christians and the State", and/or others would present a discussion of timely importance and lasting value.

## DORMITORY COUNCIL PLANNED;

## THE ALTAR

## IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN RICHARDS HALL

When students returned to seminary after the inter-term recess, they were greeted by a cheerful face-lifting in one stairwell of Richards Hall and refinished floors in the library. These improvements heralded other changes that have come to pass or are forthcoming.

Residents of Richards Hall met with Dr. Robert V. Moss, Jr., seminary president and J. Reah Hollinger, business manager, in the dormitory lounge last Tuesday evening and made plans for improving the "household."

At that time, Mr. Hollinger told students that a drinking fountain would be installed on the first floor, new vacuum sweepers would be purchased, the other stairwell would be painted over Easter vacation, and other repairs would be made through out the building. Monday repairs were made to the washing machine in the dorm basement.

The upkeep of the lounge was thoroughly discussed, with the following suggestions being made: commuting students should eat in the refectory, the lounge floor should be not only scrubbed but also waxed, students generally should be more responsible for keeping the lounge in an orderly and homelike condition. Coke bottles are to be returned to the flats.

A motion to form a dorm council was passed. To be composed of a representative group of students from each floor, including college students residing in the dorm and commuters, the council is to serve as an administrative channel, not a police force, it was explained! Henceforth, dormitory problems will be taken to the administration by this group and the administration will in turn approach students through the council. The council is to elect its own chairman.

## THE CHURCHMOUSE...

An article in the paper some weeks ago stated that if student response was good that the service of Holy Communion would be held on Friday mornings. I understand that the response was excellent.

Can you get us any further word on this idea? It is my feeling that such a service would add greatly to our Spiritual Life.

Squeaky Mouse

By Richard Batzler

HEILSGESCHICHTE IN THE GARDEN: One of the most productive and revelatory images which appear in Biblical writing is that of the garden. In the more important garden narratives one can see structured the spacious span of God's plan of salvation. The drama of human life opens in the garden of Eden where man fails to heed and honor God's Word. Through his disobedience man falls and fractures the image of God in which he has been cast. Man's fall affects his walk not only with God, but also with his fellowman.

The events which center around Naboth's garden show plainly this "crooked mile" which man walks. King Ahab's greed and murder are manifestations of how "cracked" man really is and how he stumbles in sin. Darkness, doubt, death, destruction, despair, doom become man's constant companions as he makes his way through life.

In the garden of Gethsemane man continues to go his own sinful way. The flesh is weak. Peter denies his Lord--not once, but three times. But in Gethsemane something else happens--the supreme struggle of the centuries. There, amid the blood and sweat are heard the words which echo down through the canyons of time, "Not what I will, but what thou wilt." The Suffering Servant submits. The garden blooms again.

However, this is not the end. There is one more garden episode which completes the drama. This is the event in the garden of Joseph of Arimathea, the garden of the Risen Lord. In the garden of the Resurrection man sees more clearly than ever that his Creator is his Redeemer and his Redeemer is his Creator. Through the Easter event man finds the ultimate meaning and hope for his existence.

'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns'.'

"Hark, your watchmen lift up their voice, together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion."

Isaiah 52:7-8

## NEW DORMITORIES MEMORIALIZE

## REPRESENTATIVE PROFS OF SEMINARY

By Bill Bleckley

(Editor's note: The names given to the three new dormitories on campus commemorate the lives and work of three former professors who represent a like number of periods in the seminary's history: The Mercersburg Period, Dr. John W. Nevin; the Early Lancaster Period, Dr. John C. Bowman; and the Recent Lancaster Period, Dr. Nevin C. Harner. Their names were selected for the dormitories by a committee headed by Dr. Alfred N. Sayres. A series of brief biographical sketches of these men begins with this issue of the SEMINARIAN.)

JOHN WILLIAMSON NEVIN  
1803-1886

Dr. Nevin was born in 1803 in northern Franklin County near the town of Shipensburg. A Presbyterian, he was a graduate of Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., and Princeton Theological Seminary.

He began his teaching career shortly after graduation from Princeton Seminary, substituting as professor of Hebrew language and literature at Princeton during the absence of the regular professor. During the years 1830-40, he served as professor of Hebrew and Biblical literature at the now Western Seminary (Presbyterian) at Pittsburgh.

In 1840 the Synod of the German Reformed Church called him to be Professor of Theology at its Seminary, then located at Mercersburg, and in the following year he was elected president of Marshall College there. He served in both capacities until 1853, when the college was moved to Lancaster.

After a short retirement from academic duties only, Dr. Nevin returned to the teaching world as professor of Philosophy, History and Aesthetics at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster. Then in 1866 he became president of that institution and continued as such during the next ten years.

Dr. Nevin's activities were not confined to teaching. He, with his friend and colleague, Philip Scaff, was a leader in the 'Mercersburg Movement' and an out-

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## THE DEAN'S CORNER

By Dr. David Dunn

Eleven of the 13 members of the Board of Visitors converged on the seminary campus last Thursday evening and dined with the 18 seniors and two second year M. R. E. students in the refectory.

Four of the Visitors were beginning their terms of service: Revs. Wilbur E. Trexler, Lancaster Synod; Lonnie A. Carpenter, Southern Synod; Roy W. Limbert, Central Pennsylvania Synod, and William R. Shaffer, Philadelphia Synod. (Dr. R. Shaffer and Dr. Paul Schroeder, West New York Synod were the two unable to attend.)

After dinner five pairs of Visitors each met four of the students for smaller group conferences on the Statements of Conviction and the sermons sent them by the prospective graduates. On Friday morning at 8:30 a general examination was held in the Hafer Room in which a committee of the Board, Revs. Morris Slifer, James Moyer and Roy Snyder, addressed questions to the students as a basis for discussion.

The installation of the Rev. Paul E. Irion took place at the Friday chapel service. President Anthony R. Appel of the Corporation presented the professor-elect to Dr. Floyd R. Shafer, President of the Board of Visitors, who gave the charge, and to Dr. Russel D. Custer, Secretary of the Board of Visitors, who gave the oath of office.

Professor Irion began his teaching a week ago Monday, the first day of the Spring term, meeting the seniors in the course on "Pastoral Care and Counseling" and the Juniors in the one on "Personality and its development." His coming to our school has caused wide-spread satisfaction among faculty and students and in the Church-at-large. A scion of a family long highly honored in the Evangelical Synod and a graduate of Elmhurst College, which has its "Irion Hall", his joining the Lancaster Faculty is an example of that cross-fertilization which means so much for the unity of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in its different geographical areas and historical traditions.

The Irions live at 330 College Ave., once the girls dormitory called Schnader Hall, a name transferred officially to

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## NEW LIBRARY SEEN AS NEXT ADDITION:

## ENROLLMENT TO DOUBLE BY 1975

By Bill Bleckley

(Editor's Note: This article is the fourth in a series on the building and development program of the seminary. The long-range development program is reported here, as interpreted in a conference with Dr. Robert V. Moss, Jr., president of the seminary.)

An integral part of the operation of every institution today, industrial, educational or other, is a long-range planning program. It represents an attempt by the administration to project conditions--size of physical plant, increase in staff, etc.--which will face it at a date from 10 to 20 years in the future. On this estimate it bases its progress and development in all areas so that, by the time the projected date is reached, it will be able to meet adequately all conditions.

Accomplishment of this goal depends largely on the accuracy of the projections and how closely actual conditions parallel those projected. At times, unusual or unforeseen conditions occur that turn a carefully prepared long-range program into a short-range program. It is this latter that has happened to the long-range plan of the seminary.

In November 1957, the Corporation, Board of Visitors, and faculty of the seminary approved the report of a long-range planning committee, appointed in 1956 to study all phases of the seminary program. The committee was particularly interested in needs, additions to facilities and faculty, that would arise from an increased enrollment. As a result of this report, the boards authorized an architect to draw up a long-range physical plan involving these three steps:

(1) Construction of apartment buildings to accommodate the increasing number of married students.

(2) Additions to the main building and library to provide much needed office, classroom and stack space.

(3) Additional apartment units, if and when necessary.

However, in view of conditions brought about by the rapid increase in enrollment to date, as well as the necessity for a

## 'THE OFFENDING HEART' BY SANTO

## IS TO BE PLAYERS PRODUCTION

The Chancel Players will present an original one-act play, 'The Offending Heart', by Jim Santo, as their contribution to the festival of Religion and Arts.

The play will be given the evening of April 29 and will be followed by group discussions led by the cast. Ed Wenck is directing the production.

Tryouts for the play were held earlier this week and the cast is expected to be named soon.

"If this day I should get lost amid the perplexities of life and the rush of many duties, do Thou search me out, gracious Lord, and bring me back into the quiet of Thy presence."

—F. B. Meyer

further increase to meet the growing need for ministers in the Church, it became obvious that this long-range plan had quickly become short-range. This is borne out by the fact that the first step of the plan, construction of apartment buildings for married students, has been realized just three years after original approval of the plan. Consequently, the boards appointed a new long-range planning committee to project conditions to 1975, the year of the seminary's 150th anniversary.

Picking up where its predecessor had left off, this committee employed library consultants to study current conditions and recommend improvements. The consultants' report is due April 1; but, according to preliminary indications, it is felt that the report will advocate construction of a totally new library building rather than expansion of the existing one. Construction of this new facility, as well as all others already mentioned, will begin as soon as financial resources and plans will permit.

In addition, the committee is projecting faculty and facility needs in 1975 based on a doubling of the enrollment by that date. It is also exploring the need for a graduate program leading to the Master of Sacred Theology degree.

## THE GARGOYLES

Gargle: Did you hear that conversation between one of the students and the librarian yesterday?

Argyle: No. What was it about?

Gargle: The student asked where he could find something on depth Bible study and the librarian said "Consult the card catalogue: see Bible, sub-classification sub-marines."

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Argyle: Where do the SEMINARIAN editors get their fillers?

Gargle: They've been reading the marginal notes in the rare book section of the library.

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Argyle: I hear the MRE's brought gifts back from St. Louis for all the professors.

Gargle: Yep! They gave Dr. Englert a collection of all the after-dinner jokes.

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Argyle: I heard the faculty passed a resolution at their last meeting.

Gargle: What was it?

Argyle: "We resolve to give thanks that we got through here when we did"

## NEVIN (Cont. from page 4)

Standing spokesman for Mercersburg Theology. Throughout his life, beginning during the years he taught at Princeton, he was a prolific author of books, and numerous articles and tracts which were published in the "Mercersburg Review" and later "Reformed Church Review".

Among his major literary works are "Biblical Antiquities", "The Anxious Bench", "Anti-Christ or the Spirit of Sect and Schism", "The Mystical Presence" and "Liturgical Question".

In addition, Dr. Nevin held many administrative positions in the Reformed Church including those of President of the Synod and later of the General Synod.

It is fitting that the dormitory paralleling College Ave., nearest Franklin and Marshall, should be named for this great figure, for it commemorates his joint relation to both the college and the seminary--to both of which he gave so much of his life.

## MERT CONRAD, GLEN CRONE

## NAMED ISM DELEGATES

Last night the Inter-Seminary Movement delegates reorganized. It was the first meeting attended by Mert Conrad and Glen Crone, recently appointed to vacancies left by Bill Ruch and Sam Fisher.

"From ghosties, and ghoulies  
and long-leggety beasties,  
And things that go

Bump in the night,  
Good Lord Deliver Us!"

--Scottish Prayer

## DEAN'S CORNER (Cont. from page 4)

527 Pine Street. A Welcome Dinner for the new faculty family was held in the Refectory on Monday night, March 14, when Father Paul, Mother Mary Jean, son Mark and daughter Lisa were greeted and feted by the other seminary families. President Moss presented to them the key to our homes and hearts and Dean Dunn extended to the professor-elect the Pastoral Theology (rocking) chair in miniature and in lieu of a psychiatrist's couch for Room No. 9, together with a semblance of a shepherd's crook, symbolizing the discipline of pastoral theology.

The commission on Vital Issues has secured the Rev. George A. Creitz, pastor of First Church, Easton, to give his illustrated talk on his experiences as the guest of Dr. Albert Schweitzer at Lambarene, Africa, where the Rev. Mr. Creitz has spent his last three summer vacations. The date is the evening of Wednesday, May 4. This is a treat we should not miss!

Winter term grades were due in the hands of the Registrar last Friday. They were to be available from the faculty advisors early this week.

A work of appreciation is surely due to Ron O'Reilly and the Commission on Spiritual Life for the Retreat at New Holland, last Wednesday--also to St. Stephen's Church where it was held.

Congratulations to the parents of the newest additions to the "Seminary Family":  
Michael Robert Pauli on March 5  
Peter Andrew Woodring on Feb. 29  
Janet L. Wealand on March 19