

Seminary News

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Alumni/ae and Commencement Day Activities

Friday, May 10, 1996

NOON

Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
and Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
for graduates, Church of
Apostles, 1850 Marietta
Avenue, Lancaster, PA
(Lunch courtesy of residents of
Ephrata Manor, Ephrata,
PA)

3:30 p.m. McCauley
Lecture: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth
Huwiler - Santee Chapel

5:30 p.m. Alumni/ae Day
Reception Holiday Inn

Lancaster Host, 2300
Lincoln Highway East,
Lancaster

6:30 p.m. Alumni/ae
Banquet- Holiday Inn
Lancaster Host

GRADUATION DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ushers - May 11

for worship service - 8 am
for commencement - 11 am

4 to 6 people to put away
chairs & take down platform
after commencement service
- 12:30 pm

2 people to re-box caps &
gowns after commencement

**SEE MARY LIN
SIEVER IN THE
PRESIDENT'S
OFFICE**

Saturday, May 11, 1996

8:00 a.m. Presentation of
Certificates of
Appreciation - Santee
Chapel

8:15 a.m. Service of Word
and Sacrament - Santee
Chapel

9:15 a.m. Social Time

9:30 a.m. Graduation
Picture

10:15 a.m. Leave for
Church of the Apostles

10:30 a.m. Academic
Procession will form at
Church of the Apostles


10:50 a.m. Academic
Procession will be led by
the Marshal


11:00 a.m.
Commencement - Speaker:
Rev. Geneva Butz - "Let
The Spirit In"


1:00 p.m. Approximate
Conclusion



More

 Graduates: Please pick up your commencement announcements if you haven't already done so. Extras are still available for purchase if you need them. Please see Mary Lin in the President's Office. Also directions for reaching the Seminary and Church of the Apostles are available in the President's Office.

 Ushers are needed for both Commencement Services on Saturday, May 11--at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.. Come and get a preview of this special event before your graduation day. See Mary Lin in the President's Office for details.

 Also needed are 4 to 6 strong backs to assist in putting away the chairs and put the platform back together after the commencement service on Saturday, May 11, at approximately 12:30 p.m. Volunteer by stopping by the President's Office.

Board Member to Speak at Commencement

The Rev. Geneva M. Butz, a member of Lancaster Seminary's Board of Trustees will be the speaker at the 171st Commencement on Saturday, May 11. Her address is titled, "Let the Spirit In." Graduation

exercises, which are open to the Seminary community and the public, are at the Church of the Apostles, 1850 Marietta Avenue Lancaster, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

As the first woman minister of the historic Old First Church (United Church of Christ) in Center City Philadelphia, Rev. Butz has dealt with such issues as homelessness, AIDS, peace in Central America, death and dying and religion and the arts. During her 11 years of ministry at Old First, she has mentored over a dozen students for the ordained ministry, half of whom came out of her own congregation. She is the author of *Christmas Comes Alive*, *Color Me Well* and *Christmas in All Seasons*, as well as a booklet of prayers for children who are ill.

Rev. Butz is a graduate of Hood College and Union Theological Seminary and was recipient of the Human Relations Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1985. She serves on the boards of the Metropolitan Christian Council of Philadelphia and the Bethesda Project, Inc., providing shelter and housing for the homeless. In 1994 she was awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Ursinus College.

Professor Huwiler to Present McCauley Lecture

On Friday, May 10, as part of Alumni/ae Day, Dr. Elizabeth Huwiler, associate professor of Old Testament, will present the annual McCauley Lecture. Titled, "Let the Silenced Speak: Biblical Authority and Marginal Texts," the presentation will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Santee Chapel and is open to the Seminary community and the public.

You won't want to miss...

The Education & Student Life Committee of the Board of Trustees invite you to meet with them on Thursday, April 25 at 11 am in Mayer Commons to share your joys and concerns as a student at Lancaster Seminary. You're invited to stay for a brown-bag lunch and continued dialogue.

'Alternatives' Offers Free Membership

Alternatives for Simple Living is offering a free one-year membership to all seminarians graduating this year regardless of denomination or degree. Call toll-free 1-800-821-6153 anytime. Current information will be sent promptly, and the membership will begin when the recipient has established an address.

Alternatives is an ecumenical, non-profit organization that "equips people of faith to challenge consumerism, live justly and celebrate responsibly." Started in 1973 as a protest against the commercialization of Christmas, it encourages celebrations year-round that reflect conscientious ways of living. The many staff members and volunteers of the program have developed a wide variety of resources, organized an annual Christmas Campaign, led numerous workshops and reached countless people with the message of simple, responsible living. *Alternatives* issues three mail order resource catalogues each year. The Summer issue will be published in May.

Painters Needed

Painters are needed for summer housing preparation, starting May 13 and continuing through mid-August. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Painting experience is preferred, and attention to detail is required. If interested, contact Jay Ellison or Vic Wright.



SCC Officers

The following students will serve as officers of the Seminary Community Council for the academic year 1996-97:

- * Moderator - James Robison
- * Vice Moderator - Benjy Motz
- * Secretary - Rachel Bole
- * Treasurer - Barbara Margerum

Seniors: Where Are Your 'Green Sheets?'

The biographical data sheets of several graduating students have not yet been received by Barbara Stephens. We need them to write a press release about your graduation, as well as for a piece on you to be read as you receive your diploma. Please put them in Barbara's mailbox as soon as possible. If you've lost your form, pick up a new one in the Dean's Office or from Barbara in the Development Office. The following seniors need to turn in their forms:

James Patrick Bohanan
Wenonah Elaine Chapman
Brian Paul. Clougherty
Judith Anne Farrell
Paula Annone Maiorano
Jeffrey Alan Robertson
John Frederick Wilmarth
Laurel Ann Davis-Mayo
Kathryn Williamson Long
Susan Veronica Rak

Baxter Delivers Sermon

The Very Rev. Nathan D. Baxter, dean of the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, and former dean of the Seminary, delivered a sermon at the recent funeral of Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown. Brown was killed when the airplane carrying him

and 31 others crashed into a Croatian hillside on April 13 during a trade mission looking into postwar reconstruction projects.

Baxter was the Seminary's dean from 1986 to 1990. During his years at Lancaster, he was associate professor of church and ministry and served as associate priest at St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster. Earlier, he received a master of divinity degree and doctor of ministry degree from Lancaster Seminary.

Thank You LTS Community

As many of you know, it was one year ago, during Holy Week, that my younger brother John, husband of a wonderful wife and father to two young children, was diagnosed with terminal cancer. One month later, my father, distressed over what John and his family (and all of us) were going through, suffered a severe stroke and died a month later on June 17, 1995.

Although John was a pallbearer with me and others of my brothers at Dad's funeral, his health continued to decline, and he died on September 27, 1995.

It was a terrible time for my family (and continues to be), but it has also been a time of unmistakable grace and blessing that we are still trying to comprehend.

One of these significant blessings was this wonderful Lancaster Seminary community, my fellow students, the professors and staff, who offered such genuine care, support, time and prayers. Your kindness will be with me as long as I live. May the peace of Christ, who raised His friend Lazarus from the dead, continue to be with all of us as we attempt to minister to others in His name.

Denny McMahon, LTS'96

Library News

* Schaff Library will be closed on Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day. Summer Library hours, from May 28 to August 27, are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

* Seniors' library books are due back by May 3.

* The Library book sale continues, now through May 3. All sale books, at \$1.00 per bag, are on tables in the Lower Level of the Library.

An Invitation to Scarf Tying Class

Are you interested in scarf tying class? Instructor Lydia Potts has scheduled the class for Thursday, May 16, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Class will run for two and one half

hours. Dinner, which is optional, will begin at 5:00 p.m. Please bring one oblong and one square scarf, \$15.00 for the class fee, \$5.00 for your meal (if you wish to eat with the group before class), and a beverage. Please call Kama Burken at extension 105 (290-8705) by May 7 if you wish to join this evening of fun and instruction.



Take me out to the Ball Game ♪♪

Is anyone interested in going to see the Harrisburg Senators on a Saturday night this summer? To sign up, see Mother Kaplan. If we have a large response, we'll look in to getting a bus. Families welcome. Any questions? See Ruth Tshudy.

