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MISS KORN NAMED FULLTIME REGISTRAR;  
MRS. HAFFER TO SUCCEED HER AS SECRETARY

Korn Family Has Served Seminary  
Through 3 Decades, Under 4 Presidents

Miss Dorothy Korn will take over the duties of registrar for the seminary, beginning Jan. 1, 1960. She has been secretary to four presidents of Lancaster Seminary, Drs. Richards, Herman, Meck and Moss, and was recently named assistant secretary of the Corporation.

The Korn family has maintained close ties with the seminary. Miss Korn's father, the Rev. William A. Korn, came here on a part-time basis while pastor at Orwigville in 1920. He was secretary to Dr. Richards and business manager, also given the duties of re-cataloging the library and publishing the Centennial Register of the Seminary.

In 1921 the Korns moved into the Stewards house, and Mrs. Korn was in charge of the refectory. Mr. Korn retired at the age of 80 and died about seven years ago.

Miss Korn received her A.B. in English from Pembroke and an M.A. in English from the Columbia University Teachers College in 1927. She taught for one year in Minersville, Pa., then worked in a Lancaster bookstore. At the start of her work here, she spent half-time as secretary to the president and half-time in the library, working with Dr. C. Nevin Heller.

Last January Miss Korn observed the anniversary of 30 years of work with the seminary.

Replacing Miss Korn as secretary to the president will be Mrs. Edna Hafer, who since July, 1953, has been secretary to the faculty. She will begin her work as secretary to the president and dean on January 1, 1960.

BUDGET ADOPTION IS ON AGENDA

FOR TONIGHT'S SOCIETY MEETING

The budget of the Society of Inquiry will be presented at its first meeting tonight. Decisions will be reached on the use of the society's Benevolent Fund, which is drawn from various offerings presented during the year. The offering to be received at the Christmas Communion Service on Wednesday, Dec. 9, will be part of this fund.

During the 1958-59 year, no Benevolent Fund contributions were requested for specific causes. Rather, the contents of the fund were divided among various institutions of the Church.

Contributions to the Ecumenical Student Fund are separate from the Benevolent Fund and will be dedicated at the Middler Banquet in the spring.

**BULLETIN:** The Rev. Dr. Oswin S. Frantz, who for 30 years served as professor of New Testament at the seminary, died Sunday. Recently Dr. Frantz underwent surgery.

Funeral services will be held in Santee Chapel tomorrow at 10 a.m.

(Editor's Note: A more complete obituary will appear in the next issue of THE SEMINARIAN.)

Mrs. Hafer is the wife of the late Rev. Harold F. Hafer, Sr., who was pastor of Faith Church in Lancaster. Also, he was influential in founding the Hamilton Park Church. Their daughter, Mrs. Charles Patterson, lives in Lancaster with her family. Harold, Jr., is a freshman at Lehigh University.

## SEMINARY TO BE REPRESENTED

## AT KIRKBRIDGE AND ATHENS

Several students will attend the Kirkridge Retreat and the Athens Ecumenical Student Conference over the Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations, respectively.

Brooke Butterwick, Sam Fisher and Jim Mengel will attend a three-day work retreat for seminarians who are considering "out-of-the-mold" kinds of ministry. Held at Kirkridge, Bangor, Pa. for the last 10 years, these retreats have enabled interested seminarians to exchange ideas and plans for ministries other than the stereotyped pastoral.

At least four seminarians are planning to attend the 18th Ecumenical Student Conference on the Christian World Mission, Dec. 27-Jan. 2, at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. "The Mission of the Church in the Whole World" will be considered by 3,000 students, half of them from overseas. Speakers include Leslie Newbigen, Martin Luther King, and D.T. Niles. Akiko Toriyama, Kimon Farantakis, Toshio Mine, and Ken Trauger have joined an F & M campus "study-involvement" group in preparation for the main conference. It is late, but if you are interested, see them or Outreach Commission members before Dec. 1.

## SEMINARY WOMEN PLAN XMAS PARTY;

## CONTINUE STUDY WITH DR. ACHEMIE

The Association of Seminary Women is planning for its annual Christmas party, Saturday, Dec. 12, from 3:15 to 5 p.m. in the Refectory.

The program will include games, tree-trimming, carols, and refreshments. All seminary women and children are invited.

Classes sponsored by the association will continue on Nov. 23 and Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. in the Hafer Room. Dr. Paul J. Achtemier will continue the lectures and discussions on Philippians.

Increased attendance at meetings has been noted this year, partly due to the larger number of junior class wives. The association officers have expressed the hope that this interest will continue and increase.

## THE DEAN'S CORNER

By Dr. David Dunn

Thanksgiving Recess will begin Nov. 25 at 12:30 p.m. and run to Nov. 30 at 9 a.m.

The Fall Term will close at 5:30 Dec. 9. Winter term courses will begin Thursday and Friday, Dec. 10 and 11. Classes on these two days will follow the stated schedule, with the exception of OT 7 which will meet Thursday at 9 a.m. in place of Rc 72.

The Christmas Communion has been scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Bartholomew will be the preacher and this writer will be the liturgist. The Christmas Banquet will be held the following evening at 6:30 o'clock in the refectory.

Dec. 5 is the next B.D. thesis deadline. Complete outlines for essay type theses and complete work plans for statistical survey type theses should be in the hands of the responsible professors at or before that time.

The two plays given by the Chancel Players on the evening of the second day of the Convocation surely were appreciated by those who saw them. Among the spectators was the Rev. George A. Hazen of Cumberland, Md., to whose initiative and guidance we owe credit for the "Department of Drama".

By the way, questions, the answers to which are found in the Handbook, are being asked frequently. Are you keeping your copy at hand and keeping in touch with its contents?

## CHRISTMAS BANQUET PLANNED

The Rev. Wallace E. Fisher, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, will be the speaker at the annual Christmas Banquet at 6:30 pm, Thursday, Dec. 10. Carol Singing and informal fellowship will fill the evening's program.

Bill Wealand, Dave Mohr, Carl Folke, and Tom Arner are planning decorations. Marian Gable and John Lindaer are in charge of entertainment and programs. Working with Earl Christman on the banquet meal are George Miller and Cal Wolfgang.

## THE ALTAR

By George Bach

On September 25, 1789, Elias Boudinot, member from New Jersey, rose in the newly formed National Congress and presented a resolution which read: "That a joint committee of both Houses be directed to wait upon the President of the United States, to request that he would recommend to the people of the United States a day of public Thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God..."

Who would deny "the many signal favors of Almighty God"? But to how many is the day still one of public Thanksgiving and prayer? It is perhaps one of those things which we honor more in the breach than in the observance. Our feast is the same as that enjoyed by the Pilgrims; they played "stool-ball" after dinner—we watch football games. But in too many cases the similarity between their Thanksgiving and ours ends here.

It is not that we have forgotten His favors. It is not that we do not wish to acknowledge and express our thankfulness. It is that we have yielded to convenience. Yet this cannot be the heart of the matter either, for where is the inconvenience in thanksgiving and prayer? It is in the matter of PUBLIC thanksgiving and prayer that we yield.

If we are ever to be confronted with a return to the public practice of giving thanks, it would be well if the impetus were to come from the Church. We might say that if it's going to be done, the clergy will have to initiate it, for the laity will not request it. This is to condemn our lay brothers unjustly. Let us not look at a public expression of thanksgiving in worship as our duty, as something that we must do if it be done at all, but as something which we initiate because we are truly thankful for His signal favors and wish to set aside a time for uniting with other Americans in praise to God.

We will find ourselves in the position some day soon, if not now, of being

## ECUMENICAL STUDENT FUND

As of Nov. 14, twenty-five persons had contributed a total of \$154 to the Ecumenical Student Fund. The goal of the project is to collect a total of at least \$400 by Dec. 1.

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## SEMINARIANS TO ATTEND

## I S M CONFERENCE

The Executive Board of the Society of Inquiry has named Ed and Mary Wenck, Sam Fisher, middlers, and Ken Muholland and Bill Ruch, juniors, to attend the triennial national conference of the Inter-Seminary Movement at Denver, Colo., next Sept.

Last Thursday evening the group met and set Wednesday, Dec. 9 as a time to meet with others interested in the ISM. At that time a plan of emphasis and schedule of study sessions will be established. It is believed that those interested in attending the ISM regional meetings will benefit from these study sessions. They will include both students and faculty.

The Dec. 9 meeting will be held at 9 p.m. in the apartment of Ed and Mary Wenck, third floor of Richards Hall.

## CHANCEL PLAYERS TO MEET TOMORROW

The Chancel Players will meet tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1. Anyone interested in chancel drama is urged to attend.

## IT'S A GIRL!

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. R. Donald Shafer are the parents of a daughter, born Oct. 29. Bernice Elaine weighed in at 8 pounds, six ounces. Don was a junior here last year; he is now pastor of the Brethren in Christ Church in Elizabethtown.

able to lead in public Thanksgiving and prayer, the purpose for which this "holy-day" was established. May we not be found wanting.

## Editorial...

Ecumenical Student Project  
Is Practising Brotherhood

This is the sixth year in which it has been our privilege in cooperation with the World Council of Churches to bring to Lancaster Theological Seminary an ecumenical student for a year's study.

Our first student was from Norway. Then in succession, one a year came from Germany, France, Holland, and Ceylon. This year we are fortunate in having Kimon Farantakis, an Eastern Orthodox student from Crete, in our midst.

Traditionally—if six years establishes a tradition—the middler class has served as the collecting agency for this project. In years gone by, the \$400 necessary to comply with requirements for bringing a student here has been raised in a variety of ways: a basketball game between the men and the Society of Seminary Women, auctions, and free will gifts.

This year's Middler class is continuing the latter means only, believing that this is the more Christian way to be our "brother's keeper".

In this project, as in any other, misunderstandings creep in. We fail to see our true role in this act of international, inter-denominational brotherhood. We "pop off" in class meetings and elsewhere and later find ourselves joining with St. Paul to say "I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate."

Here are some thoughts that may help define our role more clearly:

"...man lives not for himself alone in the works which he does in this mortal life, but for all men on Earth, yea he lives only for others and not for himself ...It is not possible, therefore to take his ease in this life and abstain from works toward his neighbor. For it has been said, he must perforce live and have converse with men...To this end the Christian must have a care for his body and strive...to help those who are in need, so that the strong may serve the weak and we may be the sons of God, Caring and labouring (sic) the one for the

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## THE CHURCHMOUSE...



The changing to new furnaces  
Was really quite worthwhile;  
As once we were old-fashioned,  
Now shiver we in style.

--The Abominable Snowman

other, mutually bearing each other's burdens and so fulfilling the law of Christ. Behold this is truly Christian life." (Rasmussen. "Christian Social Ethics", p. 72.)

Our role is to fulfill the demand of self-sacrifice. As John the Baptist said, "I must decrease that he may increase," so must we act.

And, the promise of Christ is: "...as ye did it to one of the least of these my brethern, you did it to me." Our calling even as students is not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

People who have time to spend  
usually spend it with those who don't.

The Churchmouse...

DOES PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

OPPOSE REF'D & PROT. HERITAGE?



The deadline for submitting suggestions, comments, and criticism on the proposed constitution of the United Church is rapidly approaching. This constitution is the immediate and grave concern of everyone within the bounds of the United Church. Many students and ministers, and most laymen have not bothered to study this constitution carefully. Thus we have neglected our responsibility to the United Church.

I call your attention especially to Article IV, Sections 15d, 19, 21, and 22 of the constitution, particularly Section 21. If you will study these sections comparatively with corresponding provisions in the E and R Constitution, you will find things which are disturbing, to say the least. There are elements involved which are not only inconsistent, but which are contrary to Reformed tradition and Protestant heritage. And already I sense rumblings in the tombs of Luther, Calvin, and Zwingli.

The cry we hear is that, although no provision has been made for conformity to accepted and established doctrines and practices, the practical application is already present. But I ask on what grounds does it rest? What assurance do we have that it will continue? If God, in giving the Law, had said that this is the way men should live, but that it is freely provisional and flexible, that it is not really necessary, what moral codes could we hope to establish? If God gave his only Son for the redemption of men, but said that this Carpenter of Nazareth was not the only way, that men were free to petition any common carpenter to take up his rusty hammer and saw and construct their salvation, how many churches would profess the Name of Christ?

Men of God, I perceive that if this constitution is ratified as it now stands, we face unified disunity, disorganized organization. How long will it be before men will begin to follow every philosophical wind that blows?

I would not have you construe this as

Editorial...

BEST WISHES TO MISS KORN & MRS. HAFFER!

Have you ever met an old friend after many years and found him minus a front tooth? That will be somewhat the reaction of alumni and friends of the seminary and students who enter the president's office after January 1. On that day, Miss Dorothy Korn, now secretary to the president, will assume the position of full-time registrar of the school.

The president's office will not be the same without Miss Korn. However, we're happy to know that another very competent person, Mrs. Harold Hafer, has been promoted to that position.

It is good to know that both the new office of registrar and the office of secretary to the president and dean will be in the capable hands of two very genial ladies. These are promotions well earned!

opposition to our merger. On the contrary, I am very much in favor of the merger; not only of the two communions immediately concerned, but of all Christian Churches who are in close ecclesiastical relationship. But I pray that we may be united by "merging," not by "submerging."

Ere we find that we have given assent by silence, let us speak to the issues. If this is to be our constitution, let us voice our opinions. I implore you to secure a copy of the proposed constitution immediately; study it carefully; compare it with our present constitution. If you find divergences and deviations that deeply concern you, write to your synod president, your synodical delegates to General Synod, and to the commission which prepared the proposed constitution.

Elmo Beck

(Editor's Note: The deadline for voicing objections is Dec. 1. Copies of the E & R Constitution and the proposed United Church Constitution will be made available through the Bookstore at 15 cents and 10 cents, respectively. In the meantime, the seniors have copies which you may be able to borrow.)

## SEMINARY TEAM GOES DOWN

## 48-46 TO CHRISPUS ATTACKS

By Bill Ruch

The seminary basketball team came out on the short end of the first Tuesday night practice games with the Chrispus Attacks of Lancaster. The score was 48-46. Since the second match was to be played last night, the outcome was unknown at this writing.

Eleven students from the seminary appeared for the first game on Nov. 10. The seminary held a slim margin throughout most of the game. However, Coach Englert, desiring to give all eleven an opportunity to play, continuously substituted more inexperienced players and in the fourth quarter put five "second-stringers" into the game. The lead was lost but the purpose of the game was achieved.

High scorer for the seminary team was Cal Wolfgang with 12 points. Cal, from Ashland, also held the distinctions of being the only senior playing and the shortest member of the team. An alumnus of East Stroudsburg STC, Cal majored in Physical education and participated in varsity soccer and track in college.

Second in scoring was Bill Dean, a junior from Lewistown. An Indiana STC graduate, Bill taught music and coached basketball at Lewistown High School for four years before coming to seminary.

Another former high school coach and third in scoring with 8 points was Leon Richwine of New Holland. Leon, also a junior, was graduated from Millersville STC and coached basketball, tennis, and soccer at Garden Spot High School, Lancaster County, for three years.

Others who played in the first game are Warren Bates, Mert Conrad, Bob Koller, Paul Peters, Bill Ruch, Gene Schreirer, Ed Wenck, and Doyce Wise.

While there are several capable players among those listed above and others who played last night and will play next week, there is one aspect of the first game that shouldn't be overlooked. Some who turned out were experiencing something new and although less skilled, made a definite contribution to the game

## MORE SPORTS ACTIVITIES SOUGHT

Two suggestions for new sports activity within the seminary family were overheard recently around campus.

One student recommended that teams be reorganized and competition revived with the dart game that is unused in the gym in Richards Hall. Several years ago this was a spirited activity among seminary students, with a crack team competing with men's brotherhoods from Lancaster Synod.

Another idea for added recreation as expressed by a couple of students is that wrestling tournaments be initiated. All that are needed are some mats and more eager grapplers to inaugurate this activity.

Anyone interested in these ideas or others should submit them for consideration to Mert Conrad, Chairman of the Commission on Athletics.

## SNIPS AND BITS...

Rabbi Shain of Temple Shaarai Shomayim will attend classes of the Old Testament department next Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 24 and 25. Rabbi Shain spoke in Chapel on Nov. 9 on the Jewish conception of the Messiah. Students are urged to bring to class their questions on his address.

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Students who wish to provide flowers for the altar during chapel services may place their money in the envelopes below the chapel bulletin board.

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Dr. James E. Wagner, co-president of the United Church of Christ, met on Monday with members of the senior class to talk over receiving and accepting calls.

and, at their own admissions, derived some satisfaction from the night's activity. This substantiates some local philosophy that has circulated for generations: "The more you go this world about, the more you find by golly out!"

The next game is Tuesday night. Everyone is encouraged to join the bench brigade and await a turn to let off steam systematically. Players meet at the mail desk at 7:30 and leave in a group.