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E C U M E N I C A L S T U D E N T P R O J E C T

The events of Wednesday evening, April 22, brought to its formal conclusion the Ecumenical Student Stewardship project. With a goal of \$400. it had been decided by the Middle Class, sponsors of the project, to adopt Christian Stewardship as the fund-raising method, and the virtues of this method were revealed when it was announced on this evening that almost \$600 had been raised from among the Seminary Family.

At the conclusion of the Seminary Family Dinner in the Refectory, the service of dedication for the funds was held in the Chapel, led by Kano Naito, with Dr. Bartholomew as the speaker. During the service, Dr. Bartholomew pointed out that if the amounts pledged and received could be increased to \$700., an additional Ecumenical Student could be brought here and supported during the coming school year. The Middle Class will continue to accept pledges and contributions from the Seminary Family, with \$700. now as the goal, until May 27. They request that all pledges be paid by this date.

D E A N ' S N O T E S

Congratulations to MR. McCONNELL! ! As Music Editor, he contributed heavily to Sing to the Lord, the new hymnal for church groups and home, published by Christian Education Press. See it, and then begin to hope that your church school will use it!

We welcome to our campus this week MISS IRENE BALLIET and MRS. ROBERT ADAMS. They are serving as demonstration teachers, working with groups of children each afternoon and discussing the afternoon program each evening with students. Miss Balliet is supervisor of the Field Worker program of the Evangelical and Reformed Board of Christian Education. This week she is working with Lower Junior children. Mrs. Adams, of Lampeter, is a member of the National Children's Work Cabinet of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and experienced workshop leader, as well as active member of the United Church of Christ at Willow Street. This week she is working with Primary children. They are helping us find new possibilities in work with children. We hope you find teachers like them in your churches.

Next week, DR. FLORENCE PARTRIDGE, Executive Secretary of the Women's Guild of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, will be here. On Tuesday morning she will meet with Seniors, to interpret to them the work of the Guild. On Tuesday evening she will meet with the wives of Seniors, at a dinner meeting. She will have lunch in the Refectory on Tuesday, and will be glad to talk about Guild work with any student who may have individual questions.

Accidentally, we omitted the Vacation School Clinic from the list in the last issue of The Seminarian. It will be held on Wednesday, May 6, at 2:20 in Room III. Seniors and others who may have vacation school responsibility this summer are urged to attend. Cooperative Vacation Church School materials are now on display in Room III. Look them over in advance of the Clinic.

G R O U N D B R E A K I N G

April 22 ground was broken for two new dormitories on the Seminary campus that will provide forty apartments for married students and their families.

Dr. Robert V. Moss, Jr., President of the Seminary, presided at the ceremony which followed the morning chapel service. Others who participated in the program were Paul B. Eshelman, Chairman of the Building Committee of the Corporation; Dr. Titus A. Alspach, member of the Board of Visitors; Dr. David Dunn, Dean of the Seminary, representing the faculty; Robert J. Allen, President of the Society of Inquiry; and Mrs. Elmo Beck, representing the Society of Seminary Women.

Dr. Allen S. Meck, President Emeritus of the Seminary, pronounced the benediction.

There was a large attendance of the seminary family and friends at the service.

"T H E P R O T O T Y P E"

During the week of the "Festival of Arts" the Chancel Players on Friday, April 17, presented Stuart Jackman's "The Prototype". The play centers around the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

A contemporaneous minister (George Hampshire) is doubting the miracle when Karis, an angel (Edward Wenck) appears in the church and begins to prove that the miracle was an historical fact, not a myth. The first part of the play "Life" describes Mary and Martha's emotions and thoughts concerning the death of their beloved brother, Lazarus. Mary (Sandra Hampshire) has lost all faith because the Master failed to appear in time to save the life of Lazarus and Martha (Ruthanne Kelchner), full of faith, tries to console and comfort her sister as best she can, but to no avail.

In the "Death" scene, Karis is talking to Lazarus, (Carroll Luckenbaugh) in the beyond, while awaiting the time to confer with Death. As they discuss death Gehenna, and judgment, a voice is heard calling "Lazarus, Lazarus, come back." Lazarus has no desire to return to the world when the answer to all mysteries is so near at hand, but the voice continues beckoning him until he is compelled to return.

The last portion, "Resurrection" starts with the two sisters talking about the state of their brother, who seems to exist between two worlds - life and death. When Lazarus appears, he is handling two sticks trying to form the key to the door of life. While in his strange existence, he relates the events which he sees concerning the last days of Jesus. Finally he forms a cross and cries out in anguish as he watches the crucifixion.

Sunday morning Mary, who has been to the tomb, races back to tell Martha of the appearance of the Risen Lord. Martha, now the agnostic, does not believe a word until she hears Lazarus singing. As she enters his room Lazarus dies, being ready to enter eternal life. Even after the presentation of this skit the minister continues to doubt until Karis explains that he has come not just to prove the truth of the miracle, but to escort the preacher to the beyond, for in less than a minute the minister will die in his pulpit of a heart attack. Meekly and dumbfounded, the clergyman leaves, following Karis to Gehenna, the place in which he does not believe.

"The Prototype"- continued:

The cast gave a wonderful performance, leaving the impression that each one lived his part. All gave excellent interpretations, especially Carroll Luckenbaugh, as Lazarus. He perhaps has reached his peak in the "Death" scene where he fondles the sticks, trying to recall his impressions of Gehenna and life eternal. This was the climax of the play and as one watched Mr. Luckenbaugh, one forgot the actor, but lived the part of Lazarus, being torn to pieces as the crucifixion of our Lord was described.

Again, as usual, laurels are to be handed to George Hazen, whose capable direction, molded the actors into living characters, who captivate and enthrall the audience.

It was tragic that the attendance on the part of the Seminary family was at its lowest; yet, those who lived the play give regrets and not chastisements to all who missed a play that would make any group proud to be a part of it. Those who desire to see this masterpiece of art for the first or even the second time will have the opportunity to live this fine piece of art on Monday, Alumni Day, June 1, when it will be presented again in Santee Chapel for the benefit of graduates, their families and friends.

- Willard Rabert

T O T H T R O T H E D K U R K O W S K I T O O.

Presidents of the Junior and Middler Classes have shown their active cooperation in having the new dorms occupied next fall, as their engagements were announced recently. Gaining their "master's degrees" are Miss Carolyn Gable and Miss Delores Garner while George Toth and Fred Kurkowski parted with their "bachelor's degrees".

Miss Gable is teaching at Lampeter Elementary and is a graduate of Oberlin College. Fred's fiancée is a graduate of McCaskey High School and is employed in the Lancaster office of the Radio Corporation of America. Congratulations and many happy returns!

F U E L F O R T H O U G H T

The following article has been received from H. A. Knowles of Harper's Magazine concerning William Bartley's essay "I call myself a Protestant", appearing in the May issue. A highly controversial essay, we submit it here as fuel for thought during coffee break discussions, hall chatter, etc.; we welcome your response through a letter to the Editor, the best of which will be printed in the next issue.

"A young philosopher says a type of atheism is widespread among young Protestants, who deny the existence of the "Living God" of historic Christianity and question whether there is an afterlife.

He is William Warren Bartley III, who was the center of a controversy last year about the use of the Harvard University chapel for a non-Christian observance.

A Harvard graduate, he now holds a University fellowship, and this year is in London on a Fulbright scholarship. Born an Episcopalian and descended from a long line of devout clergy, Bartley is now a member of the Society of Friends.

Bartley says "personal tensions and anxieties" are hidden under a surface unity within the Protestant denominations.

Fuel for Thought - Continued:

"It is no secret, for instance, that there has been a rising number of nervous problems among young ministers," he writes in the May issue of Harper's Magazine. (a copy of this article is on the bulletin board in the Ad. Building) Many denominations now administer psychological tests beforehand to all ministerial candidates.

"Whether such tests are directed at the root of the trouble is quite another question. Yale Professor Wesley Shrader has attributed ministerial high tension not primarily to the initial psychological troubles of the clergy, but to the multiple 'roles' they are expected to play after ordination. His remarks about role-playing are supported by many recent reports. For example, former Congregational minister Thomas S. Vernon, now a teacher at the University of Michigan, has sorrowfully described the churchly game of 'Let's pretend.' The church members confide to each other that they no longer believe their church's doctrines, but 'would not dare to let their minister know they felt that way.' And the minister tells his confidants (when he dares to have any) that he doesn't believe the doctrines either, but 'would not dare to say so from the pulpit'!

"It is due largely to situations like these that the leading question among the thinking young members of the church today has become this: If I believe that the most fundamental doctrines of a church which I deeply love are false, what shall be my policy in regard to that church? Shall I withdraw to the Unitarians, or to the somewhat troubled indifference of non-affiliation? Or shall I remain within the fold and play at believing?"

Bartley says his religious quest had led him to reject the ideas of Karl Barth, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Paul Tillich. Of the latter, Bartley says there is an "intellectual shoddiness" about his "gamemanship"; and that Tillich's philosophy is not Christianity, but a new religion.

The author says his own thinking has been more influenced by the views of Professor Karl Popper of the University of London than anyone else. Bartley also praises Harvard philosopher Morton White for his "candid and brilliant" approaches to the problem of metaphysics.

(If interested in reading the essay in its entirety, see the copy which is posted on the bulletin board in the Administration building or read it in the magazine itself which is available in the Library.)

S P O R T S

SOFTBALL: In softball there were no games scheduled last week, but this afternoon the diamondmen meet Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity on Field #2. With two wins and no losses, the Seminarrians will send ace hurler Don Kelly after victory number three. Come out to the game at 4:00 P.M. and see our stars in action. Next Tuesday, May 5, the team will face City #2 on Field #2.

BRIDGE: Monday evening the bridge teams will hold a round robin tournament at Dr. Englert's home.

PING PONG: Standings thus far in the ping pong tournament are as follows:
1. George Hampshire 2. Bill Johnson 3. Jim Mengel 4. Jim Slapinski 5. George Pfitzner and 6 Noah Dzobo. All games must be played by May 1, so make your challenges now before the deadline. Trophies will be awarded to the first three position holders.

CHANCELLERS MEETING MONDAY EVENING, MAY 4, IN THE LOUNGE, 7:00 P.M.