

Seminary News

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FEDERAL FAMILY EDUCATION (STAFFORD) LOANS

Graduating students:

Please remember that you must complete a Stafford Loan Exit Counseling session prior to graduation. Carl Bade, our Financial Aid Volunteer, will be scheduling interviews in April. Watch for the schedule, and sign up with Shirley Laukhuff.

Continuing students:

1. If you had a Stafford Subsidized or Unsubsidized Loan this year, you should have received a **Renewal Application** from PHEAA for calculating your 1994-95 eligibility. If you have not received your Renewal Application, call PHEAA and request it. Your Renewal Application for 1994-95 should be submitted by May 1.

2. If you did not have a Stafford Loan this year but plan to take out a loan next year, you should submit your application to PHEAA by May 1. Copies of the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** are available in the Student Services area. All Lancaster Seminary students need to work through PHEAA, regardless of your home state. **Beware of Question #92.** Since we are a Graduate School and not eligible for State Funds, the answer is **NO**.

3. Note:

- Lancaster Seminary's Federal Code # is **G03286**.
- all graduate students are "Independent."
- Nancy Johnson, our Financial Aid Consultant, is in the office Mondays from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Schedule appointments through Shirley Laukhuff. Nancy will manage the 1994-95 applications.
- Lancaster Seminary does not meet Summer Term criteria for Stafford Loans.

- In 1994-95 we will complete deferments for the full academic year. However, some lenders require a deferment form every semester. It is your responsibility to know the requirements of your lender.

- Fulltime for Stafford Loans is 12 credits a semester, **including your last semester (Semester 1 is September Term and Fall Term; Semester 2 is January Term and Spring Term).**

The subsidized Stafford Loan maximum for graduate students next year is \$8500.

VISITATION THANK YOU

I wish to express my appreciation to the many people who helped in many ways during last week's visitation by colleagues from the Association of Theological Schools and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Members of the visiting team expressed time and again their appreciation for the hospitality with which they were received. I am especially grateful for those who adjusted schedules, responded to last moment requests and made an extra effort to accommodate the needs of our guests.

The team also commented on the spirit of caring, concern and support for one another manifest throughout the Seminary community. If I might be open and honest one more time, I believe that in this assessment the team got it exactly right. Thanks to one and all.

Don Cooney

ATTENTION: LTS COMMUNITY

Next week seminarians from six different tradition groups will be visiting Lancaster from Wednesday evening, March 2 (with a 6:30 p.m. pot-luck for the community) till Thursday afternoon. In order to support the "Seminarians Interacting" program, the following change in schedule has taken effect:

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

The Service of Word & Sacrament normally held on Wednesday will take place instead on **Thursday, 11:10 a.m., March 3.** Professor Lee Barrett will preach during the Service, while Professor Huwiler presides. Please come and join in worship at the Santee Chapel at this time.

CAN YOU WORK ON PHONATHON?

We need your time and talents to help with the annual Seminary Phonathon. The dates are Monday, March 7; Tuesday, March 8; Thursday, March 10; and Friday, March 11, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Phonathon supports the Seminary in securing gifts for the Friends Fund for scholarships, the Library, physical plant and other needs. If you'd like to help and enjoy fun, food and fellowship, see Jennifer Knighton in the Office of Development and Seminary Relations, 2nd floor Schaff Library.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The annual Schaff Library Book Sale will be held Tuesday, March 15, through Friday, March 25, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., lower level Library. Hardbacks will sell for \$1.00, while paperbacks are 50 cents each. Some sets and older books will be priced separately. Thousands of volumes will be available for sale, with some different books being added on each day of the sale.

WOMEN'S WEEK MEDITATIONS...

Santee Chapel is the home of two stained glass windows which illustrate women in our traditions: one, an unnamed woman in the crowd and the other, the woman at the well.

During Women's Week, March 7 through 11, the Campus Centennial Committee invites you to visit these windows. As we celebrate 100 years in the Lark Building, consider these women who are still a part of us today.

A meditation will be posted next to each window. A chair will be placed for you to sit and meditate.

Enter the chapel, and visit these women.

As you leave, consider what folks will say about you 100 years from now.

WOMEN IN WORKPLACE SYMPOSIUM

"Would You Hire This Woman?: Shattering the Glass Ceiling," a symposium exploring the difficulty women face in the job market, will be presented by the Seminary on Thursday, March 10, 7:30 p.m. The program, in Santee Chapel, is free of charge.

Speaker will be Dr. Carol J. Auster, associate professor of Sociology, Franklin & Marshall College, who is an author and researcher on sex and gender roles. Responders will be Dr. Earl Hess, founder and president of Lancaster Laboratories; the Rev. Karen King, an area conference minister

of the Penn Center conference UCC; and Madelyn P. Nix, a local attorney. The event is part of the Campus 100 celebration of Lancaster Seminary's centennial year at its present site.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS FROM THE SCC

Mayer Commons will be open for student use in the evenings beginning Wednesday, March 2, at 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. The commons will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Access to Mayer Commons will be through the breezeway door only. The Cokesbury door will not be used at all. PLEASE be respectful of others who may be utilizing the Glatfelter room for meetings and of the students who have volunteered to monitor the Commons area. This is in response to many requests received by the Seminarian Community Council from students for a student gathering place on campus. Please use it! There is still a need for a monitor on Mondays. Please see Kevin Fruchtl if you can help.

SCC FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Currently there are no coordinators signed up to organize fellowship events for the Seminary community. Events that have been suggested are an Easter egg hunt and an end of the year picnic at Buchanan Park. If you would like to see these or other events happen and are willing to coordinate, please sign up on the Seminarian Community Council Bulletin Board in Lower Level Lark or speak to Jennifer Geary.

Seminarians Interacting Visit Schedule

Wednesday, March 2

6:30 p.m. Pot-luck dinner, Refectory
8:00 p.m. Panel presentation, Santee Chapel
9:30 p.m. Casual conversation and snacks, L102

Thursday, March 3

7:45 a.m. Continental breakfast, Mayer Commons
8:00 a.m. Classes (8:00-9:20 or 9:35-10:55)
11:10 a.m. Worship, Santee Chapel
12:00 noon Lunch, Refectory
12:30 p.m. NCCJ group debriefing, Hafer Center
2:00 p.m. Leave for train station

Lancaster Seminary folks are welcome at pot-luck dinner, panel presentation, casual conversation, worship, lunch.

President's Page

Good News: The Reaccreditation Report

The visiting team concluded its four-day visit to our campus with an exit interview on Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. The Chair, Dr. Gordon MacDermid, read the recommendations, which were the best possible. These recommendations are: reaccreditation for the maximum period (ten years), the removal of two notations remaining from the 1984 review, no new notations and a request for a report by May 1, 1996, regarding finances and implementation of revised programs.

This is very good news and we rejoice in such a strong endorsement of the people and programs at Lancaster. The request for reports is to be expected, given recent deficits and major revisions in programs. The removal of the two notations and no new ones are expressions of the confidence the review team has in the trustees, faculty and staff. (For those unfamiliar with the vocabulary of the process, a notation is a formal assessment indicating a problem which requires attention for continuation of accreditation.)

A word about process: the report is in the form of recommendations to the two accrediting bodies to which we belong: the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and the Middle States Association Commission of Higher Education. Each has a commission on accreditation. The recommendations will be acted upon by the commissions in June, 1994. Prior to that we will receive a written copy of the report and may file comments or objections regarding matters of fact, interpretation or the recommendations. At the exit interview we heard a summary of the recommendations and statements of strengths and concerns. We do not anticipate filing any objections!

The report commended the Seminary for its statement of purpose and the way in which the entire community gave ownership and loyalty to it. It praised the commitment and mutual respect among trustees, faculty, staff and students. The team heard the same things from all parts of the community--including students.

There are, of course, many issues where we feel we have not achieved our goals. These were described in detail in the Self-Study. The visiting team concurred that these need to be addressed and added some that emerged through conversations during the visit. The main concern relates to the series of deficits in the annual operating budgets, which erode cash reserves

and force many things to be deferred. The visiting team was impressed with our own assessment of this area and the resolve of all--trustees, faculty and staff--to eliminate the deficit.

Many people have participated in moving the school forward over this decade. Each trustee, faculty member and staff person can take heart that what has been done has strengthened the Seminary. I believe the recommendations accurately describe the Seminary and draw attention to so many things that we can celebrate.

We also need to recognize the excellent work of the report process. All parts of the school--including students and alumni/ae--participated in the review, questionnaires, the gathering of documents and data, and writing reports. To Don Cooney fell the task of editing and finally writing the Self-Study. In this he was assisted by the Chairs of the committees: General Institutional Concerns - Don Cooney and Ed Evans; Students and Special Programs - Dick Berg and Ann Schoup; Committee on Faculty, Library and Degrees - Don Freeman and Anabel Proffitt. The actual writing of the report also involved Barbara Stephens and Karen McKinnis. Don Cooney was also responsible for the many intricate arrangements for hosting the visiting team.

When the written report arrives in about two weeks, we will make it available for everyone to see. For now we rejoice and thank God that colleagues from other institutions have supported our efforts in such a broad endorsement as well as quite specific comments on the life of the Seminary.

Peter Schmiechen

Bulletin Board

STORAGE AREA CLEANUP

Please claim articles left in the storage rooms in the basement of Bowman Hall. Victor Wright is in charge of a cleanup of this area and will help students organize a storage space if needed. Articles left in Bowman storage without informing Vic are about to be discarded.

FOOD BANK ANNOUNCEMENT

In an attempt to make the Lancaster Seminary Food Bank more accessible and active, the Seminarian Community Council has relocated the service. It is now organized on the shelves of the SCC Office above the Glatfelter Room.

To maintain confidentiality, Chaplain Kroehler is the contact person and the individual who dispenses the items. Although access to the Food Bank is primarily for the Lancaster Seminary community, services may include local families. If you know of someone in need, please make Chaplain Kroehler aware.

Misti Johnson, Secretary of the SCC

SCOTT LIBBEY HOSPITALIZED

Dr. Scott Libbey, who recently delivered the Gregory Lecture at Lancaster Seminary, was hospitalized last week following a series of "stroke-like" episodes. The first two episodes are referred to as stroke-like, but the third incident was more serious, although still relatively mild. Dr. Libbey's speech is now getting back to normal, and he may need some physical therapy. Jean Libbey reports that he is upbeat and may be released from the hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, this week.

Dr. Libbey retired January 1, 1994, as Executive Vice president of the United Church Board for World Ministries. For those who want to write the Libbeyes a note, their address is Scott and Jean Libbey, 208 53rd St., Des Moines, Iowa 50312.

Ed Evans

12-STEP GROUP ON CAMPUS

An anonymous 12-step group is meeting on campus each Tuesday at noon. You are invited to attend. Contact David Pendleton at 394-9640, or Chaplain Allen Kroehler 393-7005 (or in his Seminary office, Lower Level Lark Building).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR CORNEL WEST

Dr. Cornel West will lecture on "Race Matters" at Hensel Hall on the Franklin & Marshall campus on Thursday, March 3, 8:00 p.m. The College has invited our community to hear and see this well known African American philosopher/author.

ATTENTION POETS

The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$12,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry contest. The deadline for the contest is March 31, 1994. The contest is open to everyone, and entry is free. Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in an anthology. To enter, send one original poem, any subject or style, to The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Crownridge Drive, P.O. Box 704-YF, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page.

ORVILLE REDENBACHER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Orville Redenbacher's Second Start Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to adults making a second start in life with a degree. Thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be distributed to qualified adults for the 1994-95 school year. Please see the Student Services shelves, across from Shirley Laukhuff's Office, for eligibility requirements and applications.

FAKE NOTE

Last day to drop with 50% refund - 3/4.