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## PACKRE NAMED PROFESSOR

Gabriel Fackre was recently named Assistant Professor-elect of Historical Theology and Christian Ethics. Mr. Fackre, prominent minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, has held several positions within the denomination in addition to full-time pastorates.

Mr. Fackre is a graduate of Bucknell University and the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. At the present time, he is completing requirements for his doctorate from the University of Chicago in order to better prepare himself for his teaching position here.

Mr. Fackre is the former head of the Radio-TV Committee and the Social Action Committee of the Evangelical Church. He has also served as a delegate to the General Synod of the denomination.

He was married to the former Dorothy Ashman, September 22, 1945. The couple have four children: Bonnie, 11; Gabrielle, 8; Judith, 7; and Skye, 2.

He is the author of "The Purpose and Work of the Ministry" and the co-author of "Under the Steeple". He has also done a great deal of mission work in Chicago, Pittsburgh, and West Mifflin.

The Fackre family will make their home in Lancaster beginning January 1, 1961. Mr. Fackre will take up his duties at the seminary beginning Sept. 1, 1961.

Seminarians will remember the challenging talk given by Mr. Fackre on the subject of the work of the church in the industrial area during the 1959 Convocation.

Study and/or worship groups are being organized by the Spiritual Life Commission. Single Students interested may sign the list posted in Richards Hall, while married students and their wives are urged to sign the list posted in the Ad Building.

## IRION ELECTED DEAN

Prof. Paul E. Irion, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology, was named Dean of Students by the faculty here last week. Prof. Irion, who came to the seminary last year, was a natural choice for the position in the opinion of many members of the faculty and student body.

Prof. Irion's duties will include counseling, representing student interests to the faculty, and serving as advisor on admissions and scholarships. He will relieve the Dean of the Seminary of his counseling duties.

Prof. Irion is the first to occupy this newly created position. Dr. Lee J. Gable, presently on sabbatical leave, will assume the duties of Dean of the Seminary upon the retirement of Dr. David Dunn at the end of the present academic year.

## WHICH WAY THE WIND THE WIND

"Which Way the Wind?", a play in a new theatrical form called DocuDrama, will be presented by the Conestoga Sertoma Club on November 15, 8:00 pm at Hensel Hall, Franklin and Marshall College campus.

Written by New York playwright Philip C. Lewis for the American Friends Service Committee, "Which Way the Wind" is a dramatization of the nature and effects of warfare down through history. The play is being presented here as part of a seven-week cross country tour covering thirty cities and twenty states.

For his script, author Lewis has drawn upon the Quaker study "Speak Truth to Power", historical letters and writings, as well as quotes from well known literary figures, military leaders and the "New York Times."

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## FIRST PRODUCTION SCHEDULED

"Last Word" is the title of the first production of the Chancel Players. A short, one-act play, it will be given during the regular chapel period, Monday November 28.

The play deals with the conversation between a man and his wife sitting in a bar shortly before the end of the world. The futility of their lives and the false gods worshipped by society are brought to the fore during their discussion.

Devotional in nature, the cast includes Ray Morris as Rusty, Anna Daugherty as Dusty and Reggie Wagner as the liturgist.

Readings are now being held for the second production "Twelve Angry Men." All interested members of the campus community are asked to consult the bulletin board in the Ad Building for the times of the reading.

## STUDENTS LEAD WORSHIP AT LONG'S HOME

As a result of a condition in a will made many years ago, students of the seminary conduct mid-week worship services at Long's Home. Long's Home is an institution for elderly women located at Marietta and West End Avenues here in Lancaster. A stipulation in the will of Mr. Long, founder and chief donor of the home, requested that students of the Theological Seminary be permitted to conduct these services as long as they desire to participate.

Long's Home is inter-denominational in nature. This is attested to by the fact that the guests there come out of chiefly the Methodist, Baptist, and Evangelical and Reformed background. Attendance at the worship service is purely voluntary on the part of the ladies there. However, the gatherings usually consist of all guests who are physically able to attend.

Services are held each Thursday evening from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. Charles Neiswender is in charge of the program and should any student desire to conduct a service, he may contact Charles for more information.

The fact that the services have been going on for some time was proven when one guest asked the whereabouts of a former student by the name of Bob Moss.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SKETCHS

(Due to the limited time which many of our foreign students have within our midst, members of the campus community are often unable to become better acquainted with these fellow students from other lands. THE SEMINARIAN will give a brief biographical sketch each issue of one of the international students.)

## ASHLEY SMITH

Ashley Alexander Smith was born in the village of Flower Hill, Parish of Hanover, Jamaica, West Indies, on September 24, 1929. He was the eldest of four children and spent the earlier part of his life on a farm in the parish of Westmoreland in Jamaica.

At the age of sixteen, Ashley entered the Teacher's Training College in Jamaica and received his diploma from that institution three years later. He was then accepted as a degree candidate by the University of London.

Ashley's decision to enter the Christian ministry stemmed from a deep concern for the people of the island of Jamaica. At the time of his graduation from Teacher's College, he was already serving in the capacity of lay preacher in the Presbyterian Church.

In 1950, he was admitted to the United Theological Seminary (now Union Theological Seminary) of Jamaica. After passing the required examinations four years later, he graduated from that institution. He also was awarded the Diploma in Theology by the University of London that same year.

After serving a year as a Licentiate, he was ordained into the Presbyterian Church of Jamaica. Before his departure to the United States, he was serving as a minister of the Retirement charge in the parish of West Elizabeth.

Ashley became the recipient of a Church World Service Scholarship and a Fulbright Travel Grant earlier this year. His particular interest is in rural church work and hopes that his studies here will better prepare him for service to the people of the island of Jamaica. He is a candidate for the BD degree here in June, 1961.

## THE ALTAR

by Fred Largen

The word "Evangelism" has been brought up around the seminary several times this year and was quite a topic of discussion during the spring term of last year. There seems to have been several attempts to clarify our thinking on this topic with such statements as, "It is the whole man that has to be reached, heart, soul and mind."

Now I do not object to this understanding of evangelism as far as the above description goes, but what I do object to is the intimation that there is a large group of people using certain so-called "claptrap" terms such as "washed in the blood of the Lamb," "born again," or "saved" and that these people in doing so are less than "literate" and, in fact, downright unethical.

The accusation is that these terms play on the emotions, and should a man come to church after an argument with his wife or when his digestion is upset, he is bound to fall prey to such unethical activity and because of his psychophysical disturbance he would accept Christ as his Savior.

Now there is some truth in this accusation. Modern psychology has revealed  
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## MIDDLELERS SPONSOR DRIVE

Members of the Middler class are once again passing out white envelopes in the annual drive to sponsor a foreign student for a year's study at the seminary.

A departure from the normal routine took place this year, as the money is to be divided between two worthwhile projects. In addition to the sponsoring of a foreign student, mission activity in Japan will also receive financial aid.

The Middler class plans to use half the money collected to help pay the expenses of some native pastor engaged in mission work in his home country. Because of the low cost of living in Japan, the contributions will pay the pastor's salary as well as furnishing him with supplies for carrying out his activity.

The sponsoring of a foreign student to a year's study here will help enrich the experience of seminary life.

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## UNDER THE STEEPLE

--It seems that there are a few individuals on campus who, for some reason or another, have not had their achievements mentioned within these pages in the past. It is hoped that these oversights will be corrected by this present issue.

--First on the list is Dr. Dr. Alfred Bartholomew who received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from his alma mater, Ursinus College, during its recent Founder's Day activities.

--It is also felt that Lee Lawhead should receive public recognition for the musical talents he displays before each meal. It is hoped that sometime in the future a longer work for dinner chimes will be composed in order to allow the rest of the world to benefit by Mr. Lawhead's talents.

--Prof. George Bricker, our librarian, deserves our genuine admiration for his one-man campaign of promoting the idea that there are more books to be found in the library than those displayed on the reserved shelves.

--Recognition is past due for those responsible for securing the water cooler in Richards Hall. This item will be even more appreciated when residents of the dorm sample Lancaster County water during the warmer months. So how about a coffee-maker for the dorm for the colder months?

--The dormitory council of Richards Hall should also be congratulated for the firm stand that they took in regards to personal conduct among dormitory residents. They defined the standard of conduct as "that befitting a gentleman." Whatever that means.

--With class enrollment limited to sixteen in the Romans Seminar next term, it looks as though we may have a fair sized bowling league after all. Dr. Achtemeier is to be congratulated on his support of the seminary athletic program.

--The mother of William Swisher made herself nationally famous during the recent election. She is the election official who kept President Eisenhower waiting until the polls opened.

--With the appointment of Gabriel Fackre to the faculty of this institution, it is again necessary to announce that the name of this column has nothing to do with the departments of New Testament OR Systematic Theology.

## PLAY (Cont. from page 1)

All profits derived from the play will be used by the Conestoga Sertoma Club for the redevelopment of Buchmiller Park, a project the local club has undertaken as its major sponsorship, in an effort to transform Buchmiller Park into another first class recreational area for Lancaster County.

Tickets may be had by seminary students at the special price of \$1.00 at the John H. Troup Music Store or through Ed Wenck.

## MIDDLER DRIVE (Cont. from page 3.)

Each member of the student body and faculty of the seminary will soon be given an envelope in which to place their contributions. These envelopes are to be returned to the person who handed it out after the contribution has been enclosed.

Once again, no amount for the individual contribution has been set. However, it is estimated that an average of \$5.50 is required from each member of the campus community if the goal is to be met.

## ALTAR (Cont. from p.3.)

to us that the physical condition of our bodies does play a part in our total reaction to a particular environment; but I think that the direct connection drawn between a case of indigestion and the acceptance of Christ as Savior is a little naive to say the least.

The question which is really up for discussion is, "Are these terms Good Biblical Terms describing God's act in history?" Any half-decent scholarly examination of Scriptures will find unanimous support for these terms; and in the basis of this I feel that to drop them from our Christian vocabulary is to do an injustice to the Gospel of Christ. To see these terms as emotion provokers among people with abdominal disturbances is to suggest that the Early Christian communities and the Apostle Paul would have been satisfied with a bicarbonate of soda just as well as with Jesus Christ.

It seems to me that the modern or ancient preacher using these terms has no control over the diet of his listeners and to accuse him of a premeditated assault on their digestive tracts is less than fair. I would much rather credit their conversion to the work of the Holy Spirit—which is, incidentally, mentioned in the New Testament.

## SPORT SCENE

Action took place on the seminary sport scene during the past two weeks.

The Junior A's took an undisputed lead in the intermural standings by beating the Senior squad. John Karrer proved to be the sparkplug of the Junior A's by connecting with four touchdown passes. Ernie Racz' pass to Scott Hengen scored the Senior's lone tally.

The Middler team took the game from the Junior B's in their contest by a score of 13-0. Quarterback Doyce Wise of the Middler team successfully passed to Ken Trauger and Bob Koller for the team's score. Doug Albert carried the ball over for the extra point.

Heartbreaking news came to members of the seminary team at the conclusion of their basketball game at Chrispus Attucks. They lost. Due to some confusion in the scoring during the contest, the theologs froze the ball in the final minutes of the game, confident that they were leading by a narrow margin. Final score stood at 56-48.

Football standings:

	Won	Lost	Tie
Junior A	3	0	1
Middler	2	0	2
Senior	0	2	2
Junior B	0	3	1

If there is any approach to be called into question I would suggest we examine our fair and square "give the devil a chance" modern approach to Christian Education. Here we are to provide the proper colored room, certain pictures, music, songs, and proper experiences all integrated to produce the proper Christian.

This whole process seems to me to be infinitely more devious, subjective, and unrealistic than an evangelist pointing out people's situation as sinners and telling them how they have been "Bought with a price," the blood of Christ on the Cross at Calvary."

I am not altogether disparaging modern Christian Education, nor am I altogether supporting full-blown fire and brimstone preaching; but I am saying that there is a necessary combination of the two. If we are to adequately present the Gospel of Christ to this day and age, we must find and use this combination.