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KNOEBEL BEGINS LEADERSHIP

OF SOCIETY OF INQUIRY

George Bach, retiring president of the Society of Inquiry, turned over the leadership of the organization to newly-elected President Dave Knoebel at a meeting Wednesday, May 4. The brief session followed the Vital Issues presentation.

Knoebel announced the appointment of the following men as chairmen of the society's commissions:

Athletics--Doyce Wise

Curricular Needs--Frank Landis

Social Life--John Lindner

Spiritual Life--Sam Fogal

Finance--Brooke Butterwick

Vital Issues--Ken Mulholland

Outreach--Ken Trauger

Facilities & Maintenance--Bob Masenheimer

During this week, lists have been circulated for signatures for membership in the commissions for next fall. Any student who has not signed up for a specific commission is urged to do so.

According to the report by Secretary Mayy Wenck, the balance in the society treasury is currently \$804.05. Of this sum, \$200 is earmarked for travel expenses to the LSM conference in Denver, and \$314 for the Benevolent Budget.

FOOD! FUN! FELLOWSHIP!

The Seminary family is invited to attend the annual spring picnic, Thursday, May 19, at Long Park. Activities will begin at 3:30 pm and supper will be served at 6:00.

Those who do not normally eat in the refectory and plan to attend the picnic are asked to sign the paper on the bulletin board in the main building.

PROF. BRICKER IS NAMED

TO RECEIVE DREXEL AWARD

The Rev. George H. Bricker, the seminary's librarian, has been selected by fellow students and faculty at the Drexel Institute of Technology for honors as the outstanding student in the field of special librarianship.

Prof. Bricker has been named to receive the annual Drexel Award, which carries a \$50 stipend, sponsored by the Special Libraries Council of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

Saturday he was presented to the council at the DuPont Laboratory Library in Gibbstown, N.J. He will receive the award in June when he is graduated from Drexel with the degree of Master of Library Science.

EASTON PASTOR ADDRESSES SOCIETY

ON WORK WITH ALBERT SCHWEITZER

Showing a film on Albert Schweitzer's work at Lambarene, the Rev. George A. Creitz, pastor of First United Church of Christ in Easton, Pa., addressed a Vital Issues meeting of the Society of Inquiry on Wednesday, May 4.

For three years Mr. Creitz spent part of his summers working with Dr. Schweitzer at the hospital in French Equatorial Africa. Although his official duties included teaching English and acting as a guide for visitors, Mr. Creitz often had opportunities to talk with Dr. Schweitzer on world issues and theological problems.

The visits to Lambarene were a gift from the Easton Congregation, first presented to Mr. Creitz on his 25th anniversary in the church in 1956. On one occasion a Jewish group in Easton added the gift of a side trip to Israel.

EDITORIAL...

At the beginning of the school year we heard someone remark: "You name it and it's better than last year!" He went on to explain that about every aspect of seminary life this year was an improvement over last year.

Chapel attendance has been higher; the spiritual retreats have been of a higher calibre; the Chancel Players have attained a higher artistic expression; and the choir has given concerts of a more professional nature.

We do not feel any danger of dislocating our shoulder to say that the same kind of credit is due members of the SEMINARIAN staff. With only a couple exceptions, every member of the staff has executed his job with diligence. So, this being the last issue to be published under the 1959-60 staff, we want to offer a few words of commendation to those who served well.

First, there are a couple "un-sung heroes and heroines". Lila Brauchler has given many hours to the task of typing make-up copy, production and circulation. Charlie Neiswender has done a fine job of mailings. And Mrs. Rex Dobey, who cut our stencils until recently, unselfishly upset her household duties many times for the sake of meeting a circulation deadline. Lila has succeeded her in this job.

Next, we are grateful to these others who also contributed significantly to the paper: faculty members who wrote "The Voice from the Tower", Dr. Dunn who served as faculty advisor and contributed "The Dean's Corner", fellow students who wrote meditations for "The Altar", and Brooke Butterwick, Ed Wenck, Don Kelly, and Bill Bleckley who contributed articles and columns.

Finally, to the two staff members to whom we are most indebted, Virginia Sommers, make-up editor, and Marian Gable, news editor, go our special orchids of thanks. Ofttimes these two carried much more of the work than their titles indicate. Virginia shared much of the production work and Marian did much of the news gathering and writing.

Someone jokingly has said, "The SEMINARIAN is the first newspaper where every staff member has a title." Fantasy or fact? The truth is that each staff

THE GARGOYLES

Gargle: I hear the Boards are arriving on campus today.

Argyle: Yep! That means we'll have to have their meeting rooms cleaned.

Gargle: What do you mean? They should be clean, PERIOD!

Argyle: They are--PERIODically.

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Gargle: I hear the Seniors went on their retreat at a Quaker Camp Ground

Argyle: Yeah, the silence was deafening

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Gargle: What was that awful noise in the Hafer room?

Argyle: Dr. B., lecturing on patience and calmness.

Member held a position crucial to the success of the SEMINARIAN. With each assuming his duties the burden has been easier and the results have not been displeasing. We say "Thank you" to each staff member for--pardon the cliché, but it's true--a job well done.

We've enjoyed something not unlike what Paul was writing about when he said: "...there are many parts, yet one body." And, we recognize with him that to no part can we say, "I have no need of you." This kind of interdependence--call it teamwork, brotherhood, or koinonia--defines the Church as it ought to be, or any seminary organization.

And with this last ink from the editor's pen, we happily turn over the job with its sweat (News will go to the city papers before the student paper. The reverse order would decrease the news value for the town papers?) and smiles (It's been fun.) to Virginia Sommers and Lila Brauchler who will assume the offices of co-editors beginning with the next and last issue of this school year. We are sure they will do much to improve the SEMINARIAN in its role as a servant of the seminary community.

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THE DEAN'S CORNER

By Dr. David Dunn

The Spring celebration of Holy Communion will take place Wednesday evening, May 25 at 7:30. Dr. Bartholomew will be the preacher and Dr. Gable the liturgist.

The Rev. Francis Daugherty of our church at Avon, near Lebanon, will give a day a week in cataloging to our library.

Certain additions to and changes in the "academic menu" of the 1960-61 Catalog are to be noted:

1. CH 36, "The Church's Mission Enterprise", has been returned to the Spring Term offerings for next year as an elective for BD candidates. It is required of MRE students.

2. SM90, "The History and Interpretation of Church Music", will be required of Seniors in the Spring Term of the next school year.

3. OT 8 and 108, English and Hebrew Exegesis of Isaiah, respectively, will be given next year instead of OT 9 and 109 (Psalms). Thereafter Psalms and Isaiah will be offered in alternate years.

4. CH 35, Seminar: "The Church in America", will be given in the Spring rather than in the Winter term next year.

5. Beginning next year, a two-hour course will be given to Methodist students in three successive years (Winter Term) in Methodist History, Doctrine and Polity. Dr. John Herr, now teaching at Eastern Baptist, will be the teacher.

The Senior Banquet will be at the Steak House, near Adamstown, Wednesday, May 18.

BD Seniors! Deadline for submitting revised texts of theses in final form and ready for binding is Monday, May 16.

The Presidents of both the Senior and Junior classes and their ladies were blessed during Holy Week: Richard Paul Kelly arrived on April 11 and Cynthia Louise Lesh on April 14.

The last number in the Vital Issues series was an illustrated talk given May 4 by the Rev. George A. Creitz, '29, pastor of First Church, Easton, on the work of Albert Schweitzer with whom he spent his last three summer vacations.

Submission is the use of reason in which consists true Christianity.

—Pascal

THE ALTAR

By Charles Neiswender

Sigmund Freud said that much about an individual's personality could be learned simply listening to him talk. Let's apply Freud's supposition to some of the conversations you recall among seminary students. Can we learn anything about them by analyzing their conversations? Is it not true that a continual theme of our sessions stamps us as sinners?

I refer to the sin or worry, the sin of unnecessary anxiety, the sin which makes us repeat again and again, "Oh! I wonder if I'll ever get this semester's assignments completed?"

Do you question whether this attitude is a sin or not? Whatever name you attach to it, it boils down to the fact that it is contrary to the way Jesus lived. If anyone had the right to be anxious, it was Jesus when he stood before Pilate. And yet, as we read the gospel account we can almost feel the composure, the trust that Jesus had that the Father was always with him.

This feeling of utter dependence upon God is one of the primary characteristics of Jesus' life. He had fought the battle through in his bout with Satan. He came out of the wilderness with the will to serve no one but his Father, and with that decision came a certain inner calm and peace.

When we fret ourselves with the tasks of this life to the extent that we worry unnecessarily, we show a lack of trust in God as our constant companion and guide. To run before God and be alone in our predicaments, instead of waiting to walk with Him, is not unique to seminary students. Fear and anxiety of some form makes its way into every sphere of life. It is a task of the Church to teach that, "In returning and rest shall ye be saved; In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength" (Isaiah 30:15b).

The antidote for injurious worry is the imitation of Christ's complete dependence on the ever present God.

Faith indeed tells what the senses do not tell, but not the contrary of what they see. It is above them and not contrary to them.

—Pascal

THE SEMINARY
and
THE DIASPORA CHURCH

This is a seminary, a place where students get existentially involved in the problems of exegesis, form criticism, analysis and synthesis, the sacred languages, and proper footnoting. This is the place where men and women come to be better equipped to spread the word, the GOOD word.

Across the avenue is a college, a place where students of a supposedly other calling also are involved in academic problems. In a sense, we can look down at them from our perches atop a stack of commentaries, printed in both English and the sacred languages, et al, and derogatorily label them members of the diaspora church.

Here we become involved in the vital issues of the scholars, the debates between Barth and Brunner, the views of Cullman and Bultmann, word and sacrament, preaching and liturgy.

There we see evidence of a response to a call for action. Recently \$500 was raised to aid negro students expelled from college in Alabama for sit-in demonstrations. Also, about 50 students and faculty members have organized a social action group on campus. The group is founded on the belief that members of a college community should be aware of crucial moral issues, confront them with intelligence and information, and act upon their considered decisions. The purpose is both to inform and to act.

They are currently most concerned with the problems of integration, but are organized to work on other issues as the time demands. Some members are vitally concerned with germ warfare and arms race.

Here we get the Word; we are informed scholars. There the Word becomes incarnate; they are called to action.

There are only three kinds of persons; those who serve God, having found Him; others who are occupied in seeking Him, not having found Him; while the remainder live without seeking Him, and without having found Him. The first are reasonable and happy, the last are foolish and unhappy; those between are unhappy and reasonable.

--Pascal

THE BELIEVER

By John Aye Ross

Once upon a time
there was a man
who believed in Jesus Christ;
Not merely professed to believe--
but truly believed--
that is, believed in Him
as Savior,
Redeemer,
Son of God.

Although he did not go about
asking: "Brother, are you saved?"
or crying: "Armageddon approaches!
Make ready!"
He did not even hand out tracts.

He loved his fellow man;
He was merciful
as his Father is merciful.
He went about doing good--
oh, not obviously, pharisaically,
but quietly,
generously,
lovingly,
freely,
indiscriminately--
no questions asked;
no sermons accompanying his gifts.
He did not even have his name
put in the papers
with an account of his accomplishments,
or the amount of his gifts.
One night,
while attempting to make peace
between two friends,
he was beaten to death
by both.

I slept, I dreamed, I seemed
To climb a hard ascending track;
And just behind me labored one
Whose skin was black.
I pitied him, but hour by hour
He gained upon my path.
He stood beside me; stood up-right
And then I turned in wrath
"Go back," I cried, "what right
Have you to stand beside me here?"
I paused struck dumb with fear;
For lo, the black man was not there
But Christ stood in his place.
And lo! the pain, the pain, the pain
That looked from that dear face.

--Hawley Lynn