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CHANCEL PLAYERS SCHEDULE TRY-OUTS

Two one-act plays will be given by the Chancel Players in early November, on the evenings of the annual Convocation. They are "No Man Is an Island" by Keller and "The Faith Hawker" by Rodmann.

Both plays are from the CBS TV series "Look Up and Live". They will be directed by Jim Santo.

Try-outs will be held today at 1:30 and 7 O'clock in Santee Chapel. Anyone who is interested but who cannot meet with the director at these hours may make an appointment for another time by contacting Mr. Santo or Ed Wenck, President of the Chancel Players. A cast of seven, men and women, is required.

A general meeting for recruiting new members was held Monday evening.

KELLY, DOBEY, LESH TO HEAD CLASSES

Don Kelly, Rex Dobey, and Harold Lesh will take over leadership of the senior, middler, and junior classes for the 1959-60 terms. They were chosen as presidents in separate class meetings last week.

Assisting Kelly as senior class officers are Jim Santo as vice president, Lou Buchhold as secretary, and Book Store Cooperative representatives Elmo Beck, Fred Groff, and Stan Wagner.

Middler class officers include Dave Knoebel, Vice president;

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INTER-SEMINARY MOVEMENT ANNOUNCES CONFERENCE

The seminary has been invited to name five delegates to the national conference of the Inter-seminary Movement, which will be held Sept. 8-12, 1960, at Denver, Colorado.

Five hundred dollars to be shared equally by the delegates has been appropriated by the Society of Inquiry and the seminary administration.

At least two delegates will be named from each of the present junior and middler classes. In order to qualify, the delegate must be a campus resident next year.

Interested juniors are to contact Bill Ruch and interested middleers are to contact Ed Wenck, by November 1.

Expenses will include \$28 for room and board at Denver, \$10 registration, and approximately \$80 for transportation.

RECREATION PLANS ANNOUNCED

Dr. Donald M. C. Englert, faculty sponsor of the athletic program, has reported that four couples are engaged in bridge competition, leading up to a tournament among themselves. They are the George Bach's, the George Hampshire's, the Don Kelly's, and the Doyce Wise's. Other interested persons are invited to join by contacting Dr. Englert.

Because of the imbalance in the number of students in each class this year and in order to

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Editorial

THE 'L T S EXPRESS'
 LEAVING ON TRACK ONE...

For a number of years, the dean has been propagating a little story, for which he does not claim originality. It is an account of how our seminary buildings (the old ones) were designed.

The architect had a special interest in railroading the story goes, and conceived the complex of buildings in the form of a train. The chapel corresponds to the boiler of the engine; the president's office is the engineer's cab; the library is the tender; loaded with fuel; the dorm, the pullman; and the refectory, the dining car.

As the engine is necessary to the locomotion of the train, the chapel is the symbol of the source of the dynamic in our seminary life.

The chapel is the one point at which we all have the opportunity to come together before God. This opportunity (Cont on column 2)

portunity does not exist in any of the other "cars" in the "L T S Express": not in the tender, not in the pullman, not in the dining car. In the latter places we do not expect all the faculty and all the students to gather at any one time.

Thus far, the attendance at daily chapel has been good --in fact, we are tempted to say, much better than it was. However, when the chapel pews were scarcely half filled at last Wednesday evenings Holy Communion Service--and that with the help of faculty members' wives and students' wives--we begin to question how much power is received in daily chapel. Is the faith which we profess there so powerless to demand our attendance at the Eucharist?

We ought to view the Lord's Supper as "the innermost Sanctuary of the whole Christian worship"--in the Seminary life as in the life of individual congregations. If we expect to receive power, we must couple our own individual cars behind that engine which is the only reason for our being in seminary.

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the House of the Lord!'" Can you subscribe to this statement?

CHECK YOUR HANDBOOK!

According to faculty ruling, the words "communiting students" (see p. 17) are defined for library purposes as students living outside of Lancaster City and Manheim and Lancaster Townships.

BOOKSTORE COOPERATIVE ANNOUNCES POLICY

The executive committee of the Book Store Cooperative decided at a recent meeting to confine its sales to books. No paper or writing materials will be sold.

Lists of book arrivals, whether new or ordered, will be posted on the main hall bulletin board. Office hours for the cooperative are listed on the bulletin boards of the dorm, the main hall, and in front of the book store.

Mary Wenck is manager of the cooperative, with Ed Wenck as assistant manager.

CHOIR BEGINS REHEARSALS

The Seminary Choir, under the leadership of Manager Cal Wolfgang, began rehearsals last week, with 16 new members added to the roll. Dave Knoebel is assistant manager for the group; a secretary will be elected.

Additions to last year's choir include the following men: George Bach, John Bonebreak, Lou Buchhold, Brooke Butterwick, Charles deBoeser, Sam Fogal, Dale Groff, Don Kelly, Frank Landis.

Also, Harold Lesh, Robert Masenheimer, Russ Mertz, Toshio Mine, Bill Ruch, Bill Swisher, and Jim Woodring.

ENGAGED

The engagement of Miss Beverley Barton, A senior in elementary education at the Kutztown State Teachers College, to Mr. David Knoebel, a member of the middler class, was announced Friday.

Miss Barton's home is at RD 2, Tamaqua, and Mr. Knoebel's home is in Detroit, Michigan. No date has been set.

DR. ACHEMTER TO LEAD DISCUSSION ON PHILIPPIANS

Evening classes sponsored by the Association of Seminary Women will begin Monday, Oct. 19, in the Hafer Room. Dr. Achtemier will discuss the first chapter of the Epistle to the Philippians, as the beginning of a study of the book.

To open its year's program, the Association sponsored a drop-in tea for all women students, wives of married students, and faculty wives on Thursday evening, Oct. 1, in the Refectory. President Sandy Hampshire led in planning for the tea.

SENIORS PLAN ITINERARY FOR HISTORICAL PILGRIMAGE

At the first meeting of the senior class, Sept. 30, the committee for selection of the route of the Senior Historical Pilgrimage presented the following itinerary: Fort Washington, White Marsh, Blue Bell, Wentz's, Muhlenberg, Faulkner Swamp, and possibly Zion in Pottstown and the Voluntary Service Center near Pottstown.

The class voted to accept the committee's recommendation, with Wed., Oct. 28, set as the date.

According to the treasurer's report, the class treasury contains \$160.46, with \$539.50 as the closing amount in the Ecumenical Student fund.

THE GARGOYLES...

Argyle: I know he's back, but there's something missing.

Gargle: Yah, no Hi Fi.

THE ALTAR

By Brooke Butterwick

During the preparation for the Christian ministry, students are often called upon to re-evaluate their beliefs about God, man, and the ministry. Occasionally this process of critical self-analysis leads to profound truths and higher concepts.

This should also be true of our devotional life. It has been said that one could read the Bible through a hundred times and still glean new truths from its hallowed pages. There is, however, in every one of us a tendency that is deadening to the soul. This is the habit of letting our prayers, hymns and confessions of faith become nothing more than "pious platitudes". In our days in seminary, may we keep our souls alert to the ageless meanings of our traditional expressions of faith.

The alternative to that is expressed by Isaiah (29:13b): "These people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of men learned by rote."

Prayer: O Merciful Father, we ask thee to incline our hearts to thee. May ever keep our minds and souls alert for the truths that underlie so much of what we say and do in our worship of Thee. In our Redeemer's Name. Amen.

The Churchmouse...

(Editor's Note:) THE SEMINARIAN is happy to open its columns to all who wish to make a sincere expression of their views for the good of our community.

"The Churchmouse" will be a column for that purpose. Here is the place to do your squeaking and squealing, preferably under your own name. However,

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THE VOICE FROM THE TOWER

By Dr. Robert Moss, Jr.

President of the Seminary

If any one concern was lifted up at the Oberlin meeting of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed church this summer, it was the concern for theological education.

The Synod authorized a United Seminary Appeal for \$2 million, increased its annual support of the seminaries by 45%, established a permanent committee on Theological education, and increased the maximum of grants-in-aid to theological and pre-theological students by \$100.

The United Seminary Appeal will be conducted in the congregations of the Evangelical and Reformed Church between February 1, 1960 and January 31, 1962. It is significant that seminary seniors will find themselves in the midst of this Appeal when they go to their first parishes next summer and that even this year's middlers will be participating as pastors during the last months of 1961 as the Appeal is brought to a conclusion.

The purpose of the Appeal is to meet capital needs in the seminaries of the Church. Mission House Seminary will probably be relocated in the St. Paul-Minneapolis area; Eden Seminary has incurred an indebtedness for student apartments and is planning a new library; Lancaster Seminary is building new student apartments and needs further classroom, office and library space.

My major reason for making the United Seminary Appeal the subject of this column is a decision made by the Appeal Committee in Cleveland last Tuesday. It is apparent that the eyes of the Church will be focused on the seminaries in the coming two years. But more than this, the Appeal committee feels that the

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"IT SEEMS TO ME..."

Parochialism be-gone! One of the richest fruits of our growth at the seminary is yet to be realized. We come, literally, from north, south, east, and west. As we know, this has traditionally been the "stamping ground" for Reformed churchmanship in Pennsylvania. But the North Carolina, Ohio, and Illinois license plates are making their appearance in greater and greater numbers, along with the kimonos and saris.

During the first few weeks on the campus, this writer, who hails from Illinois, was greeted by a fellow student from Pennsylvania with the remark that it must have been a little strange getting used to the "lower" churchmanship here. He had assumed this because of the Evangelical retention of the Deaconess order. This is not related in order that we might make light of someone's ignorance, but that we might glory in the opportunities for mutual education and appreciation now open to us.

Nor is this an appeal for a false kind of eclecticism which we so often encounter in an inter-denominational seminary. Rather, we have now the opportunity for a deeper appreciation of the various heritages which we represent. As Rockwell Smith (People, Land, and Churches) puts it, "We need to know more of one another, to share more with one another the riches of our several liturgies and practices, to gain from one another the full spectrum of the gospel that we so often lose in our narrow sectarianism." And this is something that our faculty cannot do for us, but that we must do for ourselves - for one another.

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"It Seems to Me.." (Cont)

With our increasing numbers, these differences are going to become more apparent and numerous. It will be a cause for rejoicing when we leave these "hallowed halls" and say to ourselves, "Thank God for those differences!"

The Churchmouse..(Cont)

in the case of those who wish to remain anonymous, "The Churchmouse" may be used as a nom-de-plume, but the writer must reveal his identity to the editor as proof of sincerity.

The Tower (Cont)

the seminaries must tell their story to the Church at every opportunity during the biennium. Because of this, faculty members and E. and R. seminarians will be asked to present the work of the Seminaries to congregations on Sundays before Thanksgiving and Pentecost in 1960 and 1961.

Sound filmstrips are being produced, materials are being printed. But basically, the success of the Appeal will depend on those of us who during this two year period are serving the Lord in theological study.

Kelly, Dobey, Lesh (Cont)

Jim Johnson, secretary; Larry Blunden, treasurer; and Jim Mengel George Miller, and Ron O'Reilly, Book Store Cooperative representatives.

The Class of 1962 elected the following officers: Charles Yrigoyen, vice president; Marian Gable, secretary-treasurer; and Frank Landis, John Lindner and Ken Mulholland, representatives to the Book Store Cooperative.

THE DEAN'S CORNER...

By Dr. David Dunn

(The purpose of this column is to provide a medium of communication between the administration and the faculty, on the one hand, and the whole seminary community, on the other. Suggestions as to items which might be included will be welcomed by the columnist, who, having to be responsible in the case of possible libel suits, etc., will have to decide whether or not to include the particular gem.)

Keeping to the realm of statistics, which are sometimes charged with confusion and deceit, let's begin with an analysis of the student body at the beginning of the new school year:

By academic status : Seniors: 18; Middlers: 27; Juniors: 39; M. R. E. : 8; Unclassified: 10. Total: 102.

By marital status: Married: 70; Single 32.

By denominational affiliation: E & R: 72; Methodist: 8; Presbyterian: 5; EUB: 4; Church of the Brethren: 3; Church of God, Eastern Orthodox and Kyodan (Japan): 2 each; Baptist, Brethren in Christ, Congregational-Christian and Mennonite: 1 each. Total non-E & R: 30.

By colleges: (In the cases of seven men, college work not completed): Franklin & Marshall: 15; Catawba: 8; Elizabethtown: 7; Elmhurst: 7; Ursinus: 6; Penn State University: 4; Heidelberg: 4; Albright: 4; Millersville and West Chester State Teachers Colleges: 3 each; Gettysburg, Muhlenberg, Lebanon Valley, Asbury, Lycoming and Messiah: 2 each.

One each from the following schools: Loyola (Baltimore), Mt. Union, E. Stroudsburg, Findlay, University of Georgia; York Junior, West Maryland, Moravian,

Recreation (Cont.)

remove the over-zealous rivalry that existed in previous years, he has made some changes in the football program. Instead of the usual competition between class teams in the Seminary, teams are chosen and matched for each event with class distinctions unspecified. Contests are held daily at 3 o'clock at the practice field on the Franklin and Marshall Campus.

Dr. Englert stated that arrangements are being made for a contest with the Gettysburg seminary team.

Facilities for ping pong and shuffle board will be made available in the near future. Presently recreation space is restricted by the storage of equipment for the new apartment buildings.

Also, plans are underway for practice basketball games with the Crispus Attucks team of Lancaster in mid-November.

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Bloomfield, Morgan State, Wake Forest, University of Pennsylvania, Wheaton, Indiana State Teachers, Radford, Yamaguchi University, University of Athens, Eastern Nazarene, Lincoln University, Tokyo Union, Holy Cross Orthodox, Bob Jones, Bluffton, Muskingum, Bucknell, and Maryville. Total no. of schools, 43.

The above figures do not include the seven seniors who are engaged in an internship year of ministry and who will return for their final year next Sept. Scott Hengen, Calvary and Christ Churches, Philadelphia; Lee Lawhead, University of So. Illinois, campus ministry; Ernie Racz, Ohio State, campus ministry; Robert Musser, First Church, N.O., La.; Wayne Smith, Bethel Church, Evansville, Ind; John Saxton, Peace Church, Chicago, Don Stump, Uplyn Group Parish, Elizabethtown, Pa.

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS YODER THESIS

The Spiritual Life Commission would like to draw attention to the following excerpts from the B.D. thesis of George Yoder with the hope that some people might form worship cell-groups for their devotional discipline.

"A cell is a worshipping group. Besides setting aside a definite part of the meeting for prayer and meditations (often silent), the entire meeting is conducted - ideally speaking - in an atmosphere of worship of worship. Throughout the meeting members try to maintain an awareness of God's presence. This is true during discussion, study, reporting, or whatever is taking place. This attitude of worship is basic if the individual is to succeed in bringing his life under the will of God." (P.31) "Besides the group acting out the law of love in specific problem situations, most groups have a tendency to develop rules of discipline which are aimed at keeping the members sensitive to the love of God and to the needs of others." (P.64) "In the Christian endeavor the individual's goal is the abundant life for himself and through himself for others - as revealed by God in Jesus Christ. It is inconceivable that such a high purpose can be fulfilled to any considerable degree by an haphazard uncritical approach to the art of living." (P.103) "...by the acceptance of a minimum of discipline, one is given a hint of the power that is available to a person who regularly 'walks with God! Not that disciplines have power per se. William Law made this clear. 'They (disciplines) have no quickening or sanctifying power in them; their only worth consists in this, that they remove the impediments of holiness, break down that

Yoder Thesis (Cont)
which stands between God and us, and make way for the quickening, sanctifying spirit of God to operate on our souls..." (P.106)
"In this day and age the great danger is not one of people placing too much emphasis on rules of Christian discipline as it is in forgetting about discipline altogether and so living haphazardly and without purpose." (P.126)

(Those interested will find Yoder's thesis on reserve in the library with a suggested list of helpful passages.)

SOCIAL LIFE COMMISSION SETS YEAR'S DATES

Halloween Party -- Oct. 29, 7:30p.m.

Christmas Banquet--Dec. 10

Valentine's Day record dance -
Feb. 12

Spring picnic -- May 19

At its first meeting of the new term, the Social Life Commission set these dates and planned for the Halloween Party.

THE GARGOYLES...

Gargle: Are you sure this is The Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in the United States?

Argyle: Why do you ask?

Gargle: I keep hearing somebody up here muttering in Greek.

Argyle: I hear the students are voting on the National Flower.

Gargle: Yah. If I could vote, I'd say the Skunk Cabbage!

Argyle: If our script-writers flunk out of school this year, They're going to have fun doing it.

THE DEAN wishes to extend his thanks to the student committees who prepared the orientation and retreat programs; Also to St. Paul's Church for the use of Camp Andrews.
