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## S M O K E   S I G N A L S   F R O M   P O W W O W

Dr. Sayres announced last Wednesday evening at the Student-Faculty Pow-Wow that the Rev. Paul E. Irion was elected to the new chair of Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology.

Other highlights of the Pow-Wow were reports on the building program, a discussion on possible schedule changes for the next school year, and announcement regarding the change of tuition in the future.

The newly named professor is now serving as chaplain of the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis and part-time instructor at Eden Theological Seminary. Mr. Irion holds an AB degree from Elmhurst College, a BD from Eden Theological Seminary, and an MA from the University of Chicago. His first year at this school will be spent largely in advanced study and research. In the Spring term of 1960 he will teach three courses - - one for each class.

Dr. Moss reported that building plans were to be completed last week, bids to be extended and contracts accepted by February, and ground-breaking is to take place the first of March. The ideal goal for completion of the building has been set at September 15, 1959. Dr. Moss stated that 30 or 40 apartments would be built in the first step of the project, depending on the size of the bids. He said that it is hoped that \$55 will be the charge for one-bedroom apartments and \$65 for two-bedroom apartments. This sum is to include heat from a new central heating system of two automatic coal-fired boilers. Electricity will be extra. During the construction parking will be provided back of the girls' dormitory, if the City Zoning Board acts favorably at a hearing on this matter this week.

Dr. Lee J. Gable, Acting Dean, presented several possible schedules that may result because of the building program. They varied from orientation beginning on dates from September 18 to October 16, with classes beginning a couple days later. If school were to open at the regular time with the apartments being completed soon afterward, remaining empty throughout the rest of the year, there would be a loss of \$1500 per month to the Corporation.

Some solutions toward making up lost time that were discussed were Saturday classes, eliminating the choir tour, shortening the Christmas vacation, and delaying commencement. Straw votes showed this feeling among students:

1. A June 14 commencement was preferred over shortening the Christmas vacation to begin December 23.
2. A Spring vacation with June 14 commencement was preferred to no Spring vacation and a June 7 commencement.
3. No one favored Saturday classes in order to allow for an earlier commencement.

Dr. Moss said tuition would be raised next year from \$25 to \$50 per term. United Church of Christ students will not be charged tuition during the next two years, but in September, 1961 all students will be required to pay tuition, as will then be the case in all three E & R seminaries. He said that it costs \$1,873 a year to educate each student and that only 23% of that sum comes from the students themselves.

George H. Bricker, circulation manager of "Theology and Life", told students that their copies would no longer be free but that a student subscription rate of \$1.25 was available. Order blanks were distributed.

Two men will be studying the Seminary under the auspices of the Lilly Foundation from February 16 to 19. They are Dean Oren H. Baker of Colgate Rochester Divinity School and Professor W. O. Fennell of Emmanuel College, Toronto.

-Sam Fisher

### S O C I E T Y   O F   I N Q U I R Y

The annual Middler Banquet for the benefit of an ecumenical student has been replaced with a program emphasizing stewardship of monies. This decision was made known by the Middler Class through a hand-out distributed at the Society of Inquiry meeting last Wednesday evening.

Each member of the Middler Class has pledged \$10 toward the goal of \$400 for next year's ecumenical student. It is hoped that others will follow this example.

Reports from several commissions were given.

Mrs. Helen Tomkins, chairman of the Spiritual Life Commission, said that the sub-committee on worship services had prepared three suggested orders for chapel services and that they, together with a copy of the hymn "Thine is the Glory", would be secured in the rear of the chapel hymnals. The work was completed later that evening. She reported that mid-week Lenten services also were being planned and that two Bible study groups were functioning.

Bob Welsh, chairman of the Finance Commission, said that Lenten self-denial banks soon would be distributed. He indicated that offerings were falling short of the pledged goal.

George Bach, chairman of the Vital Issues Commission, announced that Charles Walker, regional director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, would be the speaker for the next meeting sponsored by his Commission, February 26. Mr. Walker was active in the Montgomery, Alabama boycott.

A schedule of assignments for services at the Long Home will be posted for the next term, John Musser reported. He explained that the person assigned would be responsible for the service himself or for getting a substitute to assume the responsibility.

A lengthy discussion followed Ron O'Reilly's raising of the topic of sharing spiritual practice. Mr. O'Reilly expressed a concern over what he saw as a deficiency in this area on the part of both students and faculty.

### S E M I N A R Y   W O M E N   M E E T   M O N D A Y

The monthly meeting of the Association of Seminary Women will be held on Monday, February 9, 1959 at 8:00 p.m. in the Hafer Room. Mrs. Alfred Bartholomew will share with the group some of the experiences which happened during their year in Japan.

The second Monday evening class for the winter quarter will be held on February 23 at 8:00 p.m. This meeting will also be held in the Hafer Room. The Reverend Mr. Bricker will discuss with us the book called, The Church written by Robert Mc fee Brown. This book is found in the Layman's Library. -Betty Jean Souers, Secretary

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The Celtic word for prayer means "the quiet of Christ."

## B O O K S T O R E    C O O P E R A T I V E

Wall Street experts are studying the effects on the Bull market of the capital expansion of a Pennsylvania cooperative. By action taken Wednesday evening by the stockholders, each member must have on deposit \$15 at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Thus far, the effect of this action on the stock market has proven to be negligible.

This decision means that students now holding shares in the Lancaster Theological Seminary Bookstore Cooperative must add \$5 each to the present \$10 now at work in the business; and all new students desiring to participate may do so by buying stock at \$15 per share.

The coop's advisor, George H. Bricker, explained that the present capital reserve was not large enough for safe handling of the volume of business that is done by the organization. He suggested either (1) a reduction in the dividends or (2) a raise in the price of shares.

After some discussion by the shareholders, the second idea was approved by a decided majority. The recommendation was referred to the coop's executive committee for final approval.

The financial report from the retiring bookstore manager, Lee Lawhead, was not completed in time for the meeting but will be published when it is in final form.

Announcement was made of the election by the coop's board, of Ernie Racz, a middler, and Mary Wenck, a junior, as manager and assistant manager of the store for the next year.

## D E A N ' S    C O R N E R

Larry Jones, of the Department of Campus Christian Life for the Middle Atlantic Region, will be on our campus on Thursday evening and Friday morning, February 5 & 6. He will be available for conference Thursday evening and Friday and will speak in chapel on Friday. Students who are interested in the possibility of a campus ministry, either during an intern year or after graduation, should arrange for an interview. See the Acting Dean.

Through the courtesy of Helen Tomkins, we will be privileged on Thursday afternoon to see part of an unusual "Doll Library" which has been developed at Fellowship House, Philadelphia. The features and costumes of these dolls are faithful reproductions of persons well known around the world for their lives of service. Nine of these dolls will be on exhibit in the Board Room after lunch on Thursday, February 5, and Helen will be there to tell us about them and some of their uses.

Wednesday evening's "powwow" provided a most wholesome sharing of views and concerns. The concern for a deeper devotional life and for strengthened person-to-person relationships was especially good. It is to be hoped that conversations along this line will continue until we find better and better answers to our questions and our questing.

For the fourth time, the tragedy of death has come to the families of Bob and Dorothy Pauli. On Thursday January 15, Bob's father died after a long struggle with cancer. The death of two of Bob's uncles at almost the same time and of Dorothy's mother a month before makes this a time of unusual sorrow for their families. Our sympathy and our prayers are with them.

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The Christians who move the world for God are Christians who do not let the world move them.

## A T R I B U T E    T O    E D W I N    M U I R    -    1 8 8 7 - 1 9 5 2

The realm of poetry and the Christian world recently sustained a serious loss in the death of the Scottish poet, Edwin Muir.

Edwin Muir was born in Deerness Parish, in Orkney, Scotland in 1887. He grew up in the country - close to the "row, vivid atmosphere of the farmyard" - a world he later referred to as being a carnival of birth and death. The family moved from farm to farm constantly encountering exacting landlords and finally moved into the desolate slums of Glasgow. Here Muir knew great unhappiness. He became a Socialist and worked with the movement to improve the lot of the workingman. He travelled between the two World Wars, spending some time in Rome and Prague. He was Visiting Professor of Poetry at Harvard in 1952.

He gained fame in the literary world by his poetry - brought together in The Collected Poems, 1952 and One Foot in Eden, 1956. He wrote an outstanding biography of John Knox, and his own life story, The Story and the Fable.

Many modern poets have found purpose and meaning in the symbols and stories of Christianity. Few of these poets have lived and practised Christianity with greater devotion than Edwin Muir. Fewer still of the modern poets have given the Christian themes so clear and beautiful an interpretation.

At a critical time in his adult life, he "realized that, quite without knowing it, I was a Christian, no matter how bad a one", and that "Christ was the turning point of time and the meaning of life to everyone, no matter what his conscious beliefs; to my Agnostic friends as well as Christians."

Muir's best interpretations of Christianity are found in such poems as "One Foot in Eden", "The Incarnate One", "The Transfiguration", "The Son", "The Lord", "The Killing" and "The Annunciation".

In each of these poems, he offers a freshness of interpretation which relates the life of Christ to the situation of modern man. He places great stress upon the Incarnation. W. B. J. Martin, writing in The Congregational Quarterly refers to this emphasis:

"But Muir, with his Scottish background, goes even further than this. He sees also how religion, if it is divorced from the Incarnation, may play its ugly part in producing abstract man. Religion, which is supposed to be man's protector from calamity, which should integrate man, body and soul, imagination and reason, conscious and unconscious, may, if The Word is divorced from The Flesh, turn religion into a series of statements, a theology consisting of propositions and concepts, and turn man into 'theological man', as monstrous an abstraction as 'economic man' or 'political man'."

The Christian world - even that portion of it unaware of his life and work - must acknowledge its debt for a flawless poetic interpretation, in modern terms, of the Christian epic.

- George Hazen

## B R I D G E

Each term a round robin bridge tournament is played among student and faculty card enthusiasts. Scores are generally close. During the Fall term the team of George Hampshire and Jack Oliphant defeated Dr. Englert and Rev. Bishop in a play-off game for the championship. The final standings were: Hampshire-Oliphant 3-W, 1-L; Bishop-Englert 2-W, 2-L; The George Bachs 1-W, 2-L; The Don Kellys, 1-W, 2-L.

In the only game played this term the Kellys beat Hampshire-Oliphant. Because of the close competition, each new tournament creates keen interest and excitement.