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ODE TO THE COMING BANQUET
("Hunches concerning Lunches" -- by
an unknown perm-writer)

THE EVENT
of the
YEAR

(We ain't kidding!)

On Wednesday night this very week
You've got a date, you know!
T'will be the time to dress up smart
And to a banquet go.

The banquet that we've got in mind
Is Middler-sponsored; yet
Everyone is urged to come
And join the "social set."

Biggest
News yet!
Don't miss it

(It's about
time this
paper had
some news!)

Food galore of delicious sort
Will be the bill of fare,
Entertainment quite unique,
Too, will wait you there.

"Rudy" from old Deutschland dear
Will speak, before we start
The actual reason for it all --
The banquet's special part!

*FUN -
*FOOD -
*MONEY -

(What a combination!)

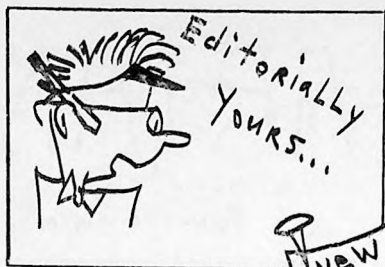
That, of course, means auctioning
Of services and goods --
Everything from washing cars
To hunting babes in woods!

So, bring your wife or sweetie,
And don't forget her purse!
For if you come just for to eat --
O, nothing could be worse!

A good cause,
among good
folks, for
a good guy!

(everything's the
Matter -
Roger Matter,
that is!)

Middler Banquet Wednesday Nite!
6:00



"THE HOUR OF DEPARTURE HAS ARRIVED,
AND WE GO OUR WAYS --
I TO DIE, AND YOU TO LIVE.
WHICH IS THE BETTER,
GOD ONLY KNOWS."

(Socrates, in the Apology)

GOOD LUCK, WALT AND THE NEW STAFF!

G.H.H.

KOINONIA and COFFEE-CUPS

A member of the present staff of the SEMINARIAN recently made a social visit to that nearby stronghold of Lutheranism, Gettysburg Seminary. Besides being convinced by the visit that Gettysburg would be a "natural" for an inter-seminary Day of Prayer, such as the one this year between Lancaster and Lincoln, the staffer was delighted to find a solution to a problem here at our school.

It is no secret, of course, that many local seminarians grasp a little "cup of brew" while their fellow students attend to the more lasting means of spiritual refreshment provided by our daily chapel periods.

Until recently our Lutheran brethren also suffered from the same dilemma. In fact, even their professors were falling victim to the "coffee clutch" during the middle hour of the morning class schedule. Gettysburg, however, solved this little problem of theological consequence quite well.

The G-Berg Seminary schedule, well-fortified by the addition of a beautiful coffee-and-snack social room run on a student-co-op basis, now includes a twenty-minute coffee break each morning from 10:00 to 10:20. Students and professors alike, it is reported, rejoice over this "break" and the fellowship it provides in mid-morning. Those who don't "indulge" also tag along, it seems, taking advantage of the koinonia, if not of the coffee!

This mid-morning break in the four-class morning schedule moves the chapel period up to 12:00 noon, at which time most everyone finds his way into the sanctuary for a twenty-minute devotional service before lunch time -- 12:30.

As they say in the MESSENGER, "We could try that!" Be that as it may, let us hope that a Day of Prayer arrangement with G-Berg can be made sometime. The 125 members of the student body there compare well with our own enrolment. Besides, our interests in Bookstore Cooperatives, the "married student problem," means to student-governed affairs of administration, etc., would be well served by such a visit. Gettysburg is doing quite well many things which are still in the initial stages of development here. Along with the natural values of prayerful fellowship with our Lutheran brethren we could also get some new practical tips.

FINAL MEETING OF A.S.W. TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Tonight the Board Room and Chapel will be the scenes of the closing meeting of the Association of Seminary Women. A special hostess committee from the group, headed by Mrs. Donald (Agnus) Leonard, will entertain the newly-elected officers in the Board Room in the early part of the evening. Following this fellowship hour the group will go to the chapel for the installation service which will solemnize the elections held last month for the new year's executive council.

All seminary wives are invited to attend this closing meeting.



RECENT EVENTS OF NOTE:

Dr. Elmer F. Ansley, assistant editor and circulation manager of THE MESSENGER was our chapel speaker on Tuesday, April 12th.

The installation of the officers and commission chairmen of the SOCIETY OF INQUIRY at chapel on Wednesday, April 13th, was something new and very impressive.

TODAY (Monday, April 18th) is DEADLINE DAY on several fronts:

- for submitting essays and sermons for the Dietz, Spessard, and Sacred Rhetoric Prizes to President's office or the Dean
- for turning in B.D. theses texts to professors in charge

WE WELCOME TODAY Mr. Carl Bade, associate director of Volunteer Service Center at Fernbrook to our assembly. Later speakers will be Miss Naomi Blalock, missionary to India (April 25), and President William Webster Hall of Franklin and Marshall College (May 2).

REGISTRATION for Fall Term Courses: Wednesday, April 27th!

THE "BIG BRASS" of the E. & R. Church foregathered in our Board Room on Wednesday, April 13th. The administrative committee, consisting mainly of the officers of the Church, were planning at that time for the 1956 meeting of the General Synod, to be held here at Lancaster's institutions. In the evening they met with Douglas Horton and C.C. leaders to discuss merger problems.

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BOOK CO-OP PLANS AMENDMENT and SETS DEADLINES

-- Carl Kreps

It was proposed by the Executive Committee of the Bookstore Cooperative that item 4, section 9, of the Co-op's constitution be repealed. This proposal was the principle concern of a special meeting of the executive group on April 13th. Along with the change in this amendment was the proposal that the term "sinking fund" be substituted for "capital account" in this section.

The proposed amendment reads as follows (check the bulletin boards): "The sum of 1 % shall be deducted from the net patronage refund of the Bookstore Cooperative at the end of each term, and placed in the Sinking Fund until that account shall reach the sum arrived at by the Executive Committee."

This proposal means two things to the stockholder and patron. First of all, it will mean that the Sinking Fund will not be limited from year to year by constitutional requirements; rather, the Executive Committee for each new year can set the limits of the Fund to meet current volumes of business and expense. Secondly, the 1 % deduction per term from the patrons' possible dividend will result in larger individual dividends every term in the long run -- this is better than the former 10 % deduction taken from the profits of one term only.

This amendment will be voted upon at a special meeting of all Co-op stockholders on the first Monday in May (the 2nd). While you are checking this date on your calendars and planning to attend, be sure to check any outstanding credit which you may have with the Co-op at present. The deadline for paying all current bills is May 10th. Other deadlines concerning final ordering dates are posted on the bulletin board in the administration building.

See you on May 2nd ... bring out the vote!

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helpers.

Jim Cress has been responsible for the advanced publicity for the banquet. Hal Henning and his entertainment committee have arranged for the surprise-entertainment feature of the evening, and for the schedule of the evening's various events. The all-important auction committee is headed by Glenn Rader, who with his helpers are assembling the items for auctioneer Hinkle. Decorations and the push-pull muscle work of table arrangement are under the direction of Don Leonard. Clarie Settlemire is chairman of finances and will collect 1.25 from all those who are going to the banquet but do not usually eat at the Refectory. Settlemire will also handle expense and student-fund checks and balances after the banquet and auction are over. Special menu and waiter arrangements were handled by Jerry Hinkle.

When you eat, enjoy yourself, and bid for Roger's benefit, remember these workers "behind the scenes." SEE YOU ALL WEDNESDAY AT SIX.

PASTOR TO DISCUSS THE DEVOTIONAL LIFE

The Rev. James Brown, a professor of Systematic Theology and pastor of the Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church at Parkesburg, Pa., will be the speaker at the last Society of Inquiry-sponsored meeting this school year. Mr. Brown comes to us through the interests of the Commission on Spiritual Life.

The meeting will be in the Lounge on Monday evening, April 25, at 6:30 pm. Mr. Brown will be here for dinner that evening in the Refectory. His topic at the meeting will be THE DEVOTIONAL LIFE OF THE MINISTER. It is hoped that this session may be a favorable conclusion to the Commission's interest in the ministry, as first shown at the Day of Prayer at Lincoln Seminary.

THE FINAL ISSUE of the SEMINARIAN for the current academic year is scheduled for publication on MAY SECOND. Watch for this edition. It will be the first one put out by the new staff!

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MIDDLER PRESIDENT CREDITS WORKERS "BEHIND THE SCENES" FOR BANQUET

In just two short days the Middler-sponsored, traditional banquet and auction will be held in the refectory. That evening it is hoped that all thoughts will be directed toward the achievement of the 350-dollar goal, set in order to provide for next year's foreign student, Roger Matter.

When this event takes place at 6:00 Wednesday evening, a host of details will be history. Preparations have been going on for two months on the part of special committees of Middlers. President Reiff wishes to acknowledge at this time the work of these committee chairmen and their