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RECREATION WORKSHOP

Twenty-one Seminarians and wives met with Rev. Paul Schierer in Alumni Hall on Tuesday evening for the Recreation Workshop. Those who were not already acquainted with Rev. Schierer quickly learned to know him and became aware of his excellent work in this field even though he was working under a handicap which was caused by a recent fall.

The qualifications of a good leader, how to prepare for a session of recreation, how to seek out and involve all types of persons were just a few of the points stressed by the leader. Several games were played and many others were explained and added to the students' repertoires.

The Social Life Commission is planning to compile some of the material suggested by Rev. Schierer and make it available to all Seminarians for a small fee.

DEAN NOTES

The Spring term opened officially with the Lenten Service on Monday afternoon, March 17th. Professor Bricker was the liturgist and Dr. Robert G. Mickey of the Franklin and Marshall College Department of Religion was the preacher.

The only new student on campus for the spring term is Donald Watson, pastor of the Methodist Church in Christiana, Pa. He is taking the four Middler required courses. This makes the total term registration 87.

Professor Vassady is expected home from the hospital on Wednesday, March 19th. His students will cheer his recovery by working on the assignments he gave them, pending his return to the classroom.

Thirteen classmates of Larry May attended the funeral service for his little son, Keith at Centreport, Pa. (near Hamburg). President Moss and Dean Dunn conducted the service, and Messrs. Kershner, Jackson, Oliphant and Weaver served as pall-bearers. Little Keith died from the effects of a fall in the home on Saturday, March 15th. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Larry and Shirley.

Greetings to another recent addition to the Seminary Album, Mary Kathryn Hengen, who arrived on Tuesday, March 11th; her papa, W. Scott, was at the time on the choir trip in New England.

Students are reminded that any changes in registration for courses must be made by the end of the second week of the term, i.e. March 21.

Dr. Luther Binkley of the F & M Philosophy Department and Dr. Charles D. Spotts of the Department of Religion will be Lenten chapel speakers on March 24th and 31st respectively. Dr. Wayne Glick, also of the Department of Religion spoke on March 3rd.

EASTER RECESS: Wednesday, April 2 (12:15 p.m.) through Monday, April 7.

Rev. Ray Harwick of Fairless Hills will speak in the F & M Chapel Tuesday, March 25, at 11:00 a.m.

One more month (March 21--April 21) for the essays and sermons for the Schaff,

Dietz, Spessard and Sacred Rhetoric prizes. (See page 41 of the last Catalogue)

NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM from that of former years: Just three days:

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY, JUNE 1, with the Choir Concert at 3:30, followed by the reception to visitors; and Baccalaureate Service at 8:00

ALUMNI DAY, MONDAY, JUNE 2, with Class Reunions at noon, Alumni Association at 2:30, the President's Reception at 4:00 and Alumni Dinner at 6:30.

COMMENCEMENT DAY, TUESDAY, JUNE 3, with Historical Society meeting at 9:15 and the Commencement Service in Hensel Hall at 11:00 followed by the luncheon in the Refectory.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Editorial Staff and Council on "THEOLOGY AND LIFE", successor to The Seminary Bulletin. Student re-action will be welcomed.

"MAGIC MOMENTS" or
Choir Tour Memories

We won't forget:

The time that Bob Gast shaved without a blade in his safety razor.

The morning that Don Markham was seen sleeping with his glasses on.

The strange musical sounds that continually came from Fred Kurkowski's pocket.

Janet Moll's trip to the A. and P. grocery store with four fellows where they spent all of twenty cents.

Those daily letters to Frank McConnell.

The bouncy ride through Massachusetts when the air went out of the shock-absorbers.

The announcement about the new member of the Hengen family.

The supper at Meriden, Conn. when the toastmaster embarrassed "papa" Scot and Ruthanne Kelschner.

The night twelve members stayed in one house with "Mama" Bodes. The next morning when Will Rabert played toastmaster with two loaves of bread.

When Cal Wolfgang tried to get the phone number of the U.N. guide and then found out she was a bride of a few weeks.

The rehearsal when Bob Welsh took over for Barry Kern.

All of Dick Carson's laughs.

When Dr. Wagner told the joke after the dinner in Allentown.

The "fish" church.

The day when the "Roland Club" was formed.

When Ruthanne was carried across the street so that she wouldn't get her feet wet.

All of Barry Kern's announcements.

The smoke of all those Crooks' cigars.

Smitty.

The last concert when Dr. Sayres preached only ten minutes so that we could get home early.

David Cervantes' "So what!" remarks.

- Willard Rabert

THE REV. GEORGE A. RANKIN MEMORIAL FUND

The members of the classes of 1956 and 1957 have responded generously to appeals for contributions to a Memorial Fund honoring the late Rev. George A. Rankin '57. It is now time that the campaign was broadened to include Faculty and Student Body. The contributions to the campaign may be made to Robert Welsh, treasurer of the Society of Inquiry. A tentative deadline of April 30th has been set for contributions from the Student body and the Faculty.

The money from these contributions will be used to purchase a microfilm reader for the library. So much valuable material is now being made available on microfilm that we feel such a machine will be a valuable contribution to the Seminary Library

"Melancthon - The Quiet Reformer " - Clyde L. Manschrech.

One of the most notable among the new Library acquisitions is this excellent study of the life and achievements of Philip Melancthon. The work is written in an interesting and clear style and is liberally sprinkled with relevant quotations from the works of Melancthon.

The author deliberately sets out to disprove certain popular attitudes toward Melancthon - viz., that he served only to control Luther's hot temper, that he betrayed the cause of the Lutheran party in his attempts to re-unite or seek common grounds with Zwinglians or Romanists. He uses quotations from the correspondence of Luther and Melancthon with other men to highlight the relationship between them.

Considerable emphasis is laid upon the interest of Melancthon in education and educational methods. Erasmus' quip - "Where Lutheranism reigns, knowledge perishes" is refuted in the work of Melancthon to promote education. Stress is laid upon Melancthon's interest in scholarship, his desire for a wide range of knowledge and his use of the Latin poets in his plan for school grouping. Melancthon laid great stress on the importance of a wide background in literature and history for those who would attempt to lead state or church. His "Plan", submitted in 1528, served as a model not only in Germany, but in England and America, for generations of students.

This book clarifies the important part played by Melancthon in the Reformation without detracting from Luther's role. It emphasizes the fact that together these men formed a team of great power - each contributing a valuable element to the cause of Reformation.

- George Hazen

ASSOCIATION OF SEMINARY WOMEN TO MEET

The Association of Seminary Women will meet on Monday, March 24, at 8:00 p.m. in the Hafer Room. The speaker for this special meeting will be Dr. Lee J. Gable. His topic is Sunday School preparation and the meeting will be in the form of a workshop.

CAST OF "THE CASE OF HUMANITY VERSUS PONTIUS PILATE" IS ANNOUNCED

"The Case of Humanity versus Pontius Pilate" will be given in Santee Chapel on April 18th, and 19th and at the Church of the Brethren in Elizabethtown on April 20th (Sunday evening).

The cast is as follows:

Bailiff - James Ishler
Court Reporter - Ruthanne Kelchner
Pontius Pilate - Carroll Luckenbaugh
Defense Attorney - Charles Bawel
Prosecution Attorney - James Santo
Judge - Ronald Whitebred
Joseph of Arimathea - Richard Merrick
Esther - Barbara Althouse
Nicodemus - Richard Benner
Mary Magdalene - Alice Ogline
Salome - wife of Zebedee - Janet Moll
Annas - High Priest Emeritus - Robert Welsh
Caiaphas - Donald J. Ely
Claudia Procula - Pilate's wife - June Whitebred

The play presents a court room scene with a jury drawn from the audience. Pontius Pilate is attempting to have his name cleared of the disastrous acts which resulted in the Crucifixion of Jesus. The play is in modern setting and dress.

HARD EARNED WAGES

An old church in Belgium deciding to repair its properties, employed an artist to touch up a large painting. The committee required a detailed bill. The artist, although nettled at the request, had the saving grace of humor, and shocked and astonished the worthy members of the committee with the following items. The committee never again asked for an itemized bill, nor did they again employ the same artist.

Correcting the Ten Commandments.	\$ 5.12
Embellishing Pontius Pilate and putting new ribbon on his bonnet . . .	3.02
Putting a new tail on the rooster of St. Peter and mending his comb ..	2.20
Re-pluming and re-gilding left wing of guardian angel	5.18
Washing the servant of the High Priest and putting carmine on his neck	5.02
Renewing Heaven, adjusting stars and cleaning moon.	7.14
Touching up Purgatory, restoring lost souls	3.06
Brightening up flames of Hell, putting new tail on devil, mending his left hoof and doing odd jobs for the damned	7.17
Re-bordering the robe of Herod and adjusting his wig	4.00
Taking spots from son of Tobias	10.30
Putting ear-rings in Sarah's ears	5.20
Putting a new stone in David's sling, enlarging the head of Goliath and extending Saul's legs	11.83
Decorating Noah's Ark and putting a head on Shem	4.31
Mending the shirt of the Prodigal Son and cleaning his ear	3.09
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TOTAL	\$76.64