

The Seminarian

May 7, 1956

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MIDDLER BANQUET A HUGE SUCCESS

The Seminary refectory was the scene of an excellent campaign in support of the Student Exchange program, as the total amount of money raised exceeded \$775, nearly doubling the goal of \$400. It was 6:35 p.m. on April 25, when Middler President Dave Koch opened the program with a Scripture reading followed by a prayer. After a fine dinner prepared by "Mon" and her staff, Deacon read a letter from Rudy, last year's exchange student, who expressed his regret that he was unable to attend the banquet.

The feature speaker of the evening was our own Roger, who confessed that he was a bit nervous. His address, however, did not reveal this condition, as he skillfully mingled humor with a warm message. He related the fact that when he first knew that he was coming to America, he had four seminaries in mind, none of which was Lancaster. When he found out where he was assigned, he consulted his map, but was dismayed not to find Lancaster. Furthermore, he added, "It wasn't in my dictionary." He expressed the conviction that life in our Seminary family more than made up for the geographical obscurity of this city. Roger extended the invitation to all to visit him in his parish in France; he promised to serve plenty of wine or water, as his visitors desired.

The next item on the program was a series of pantomimes by Charles Hull, a clever 15-year-old lad. His most popular effort was the portrayal of a wistful youngster attempting to give away an ever increasing surplus of bunnies.

The auction, of course, was the highlight of the evening. J.G.'s polished spiel added to the enjoyment of the proceedings. Larry Fisher and Dr. Gable assisted J.G. for a while; though lacking some of J.G.'s finesse. They were equally successful in distributing various items at generous prices. The most spirited bidding was, rightly, between the President and Dean of our Seminary, as Dr. Dunn doled out \$18.00 for a car wash and wax job. A box of diapers brought a surprising \$6.50 from John Stoudt for, of all people, Frank McConnell.

During a break in the program the faculty quartet rendered (!) appropriately, "When You and I Were Young, Maggie." Then the faculty quartet (plus one) struggled through "The Happy Wanderer," which was surprisingly good, despite the comment that the most musical part about the number was during a passage when someone dropped a quarter.

One of the most interesting services was offered by Jim Bright, who offered to drive anyone anywhere, so long as the round trip took no more than 14 hours (6 p.m. - 8 a.m.). Someone bid \$3.50 for Nancy Wright; Bruce Wickkiser raised that to \$4.00 if he could go along. He eventually won for \$5.25. Dr. Gable purchased the services of Bill Harner and Carl Kreps for five hours each. There has been much conjecture as to his purpose for hiring them. We feel that Dr. Gable could raise even more money if he should charge admission to watch them work.

The most unusual offer was that made by the Sayres'. For the highest bidder, Dr. Sayres and his spouse promised to give a shampoo for two. He suggested the winner call up his girl friend and ask her to join him in a shampoo. Arpad and Nancy bid for each other. Nancy won for \$3.25. During the next intermission, John Stoudt and Mr's. Bailey did the "Charleston", much to the delight of Dr. Meck.

Then Dr. Gable took over the chores of auctioneer, sporting an Irish get-up which included the most outrageous necktie this side of Dublin. After his effort, Don Stats entertained with a dignified reading of a great epic poem.

The most valuable purchase was a record (a collector's item already) of the faculty quartet and quintet. Don Ely secured this unique recording which, as J.G. pointed out, could not be found in any record shop. All the items were sold by 11 p.m. The Middlers deserve much praise for their fine display of ecumenicity, and the other members of the Seminary are to be complimented for their hearty support of the event.



The Seminary has played five of its six games in the F and M Intramural League. After defeating Dietz Hall and East Hall, the Seminary nine trounced Meyran Hall by a score of 11 to 2. City # 1 was the next to taste defeat at the hands of the Seminary; the score was 13 to 10. The Seminary team chalked up its fifth straight victory by beating Hartman Hall, 12 to 8. The final game in this series will be played on Tuesday, May 8, at 4:00 P. M.

Home runs have been hit by Hal Henning, Bill Harner, Charlie Fogle, Dick Barley, Russ Mengel, and Bob Godfrey.

Last Monday the Seminary team had a less fortunate encounter when it played Mountville. After six innings, the ball game was terminated, because of darkness. It is impossible to say exactly what the final score would have been, but Mountville was leading after six innings.

The following are batting over .400:

Hal Henning	----	.750
Bill Harner	----	.667
Bob Godfrey	----	.667
Dick Barley	----	.533
Charlie Fogle	--	.500
Len Sponsler	---	.500
Jim Cress	-----	.500
Jack Aregood	---	.467
Glenn Rader	----	.429

The Seniors have challenged the Middlers and Juniors to a game. It had been scheduled for last Wednesday, but had to be postponed, due to rain. It is now scheduled to be played Thursday, May 10, at 6:15.

The ping-pong tournament is drawing to a close. Clarie and Glenn must play each other and the winner will then play Bob Paden to determine who will be the champ.

Right now there is a four-way tie for first place in bridge. The four top partners are Bishop-Englert, Sponslers, Bright-Rader, and Fitzs. All those playing in this bridge tournament are urged to make arrangements to play their games as soon as possible.

In dartball the Seminary defeated Hamilton Park all three games. The scores were 7-3, 4-3, and 2-0. The second game lasted ten innings. Dr. Englert's double in the tenth inning finally won the game. Walt Long had the best average that night. Last Wednesday night it was a different story. Quentin E & R, whose pastor is Norman Bucher ('53), defeated the Seminary team 7-2, 5-4, and 3-1. The second game was a ten-inning contest, but the Seminary came out second best.

Don

CRYPTOGRAM

(Answer last issue: Acts 9:1ff.)

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An Existential Encounter

A worm was digging. A worm was digging in earnest. A worm was digging in dead earnest.

Poor Ernest!

Any students who have not received their new Catalogue-Year Book (graduates are entitled to two copies) can secure them from Professor Gable. Extra copies are available at 25 cents per.

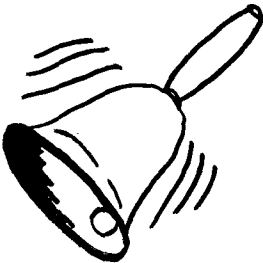
Favorable action has been taken so far on eighteen applications for admission next fall. Speculating on the basis of past experience the Junior Class should number between 25 and 30.

ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC

DATE: Wednesday, May 16th

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Safe Harbor

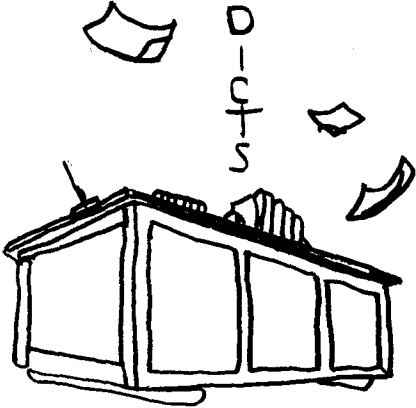


Hear ye! Hear ye! On Wednesday, May 16, ye annual Springe Picnic for ye olde Seminary family wille be held at Safe Harbor. The festivities are scheduled to start at 4 o'clock and will include volleyballe and soft-balle during ye afternoon. Ye are all invited then to partake of a generous picnic lunche consisting of barbeque and buns, macaroni salad, potatoe chips, chocolate milke and ice-cream. After lunch, pinochle and bridge games are in order, as well as cake-walks and group singing.

Bring ye olde wife, ye olde girl-friende or ye olde self, and join in ye fun. A slight fee of fifty Continental pennies wille be charged of alle those who do not eat regularly in ye Refectory.

'See ye there!

EDITORIAL



Having spent over six months at the Seminary, I have gotten the impression that there is a tendency toward over-organization here. Wouldn't it be possible to condense some of our organizations here? We have nine class officers and three Society of Inquiry officers. Wouldn't better co-ordination be possible if the president of the senior class and the president of the Society were the same person? The president of the Middler class might then be vice-president of the Society. Could an arrangement like this work? As for the commissions, I feel that some revision might be in order. Is each

student assigned to one just for the sake of having a "job" for each? I was on the Outreach Commission; to my best knowledge it met only once, and I was unable to attend. Have I missed out on an important phase of Seminary life? Perhaps this is merely an isolated case, but it is at least something to think about. What do you think?

The new SEMINARIAN Staff is as follows:

- Editor - "Posy" Scheirer
- News Editor - Ed Foster
- Feature Editor - Ronnie Whitebred
- Sports Editor - Don Ely
- Business Manager - Bob Gast

There is still a position open on the business staff. Interested Juniors are asked to contact any member of the Staff.

Our thanks to the Staff which just retired for helping us in our initial efforts. We hope we can match the standard they set this year. The present issue has been limited to four pages. However, the powers that be have seen fit to allow an extra issue because of the later closing time this year. We hope to make that issue of special interest to the visitors at commencement.

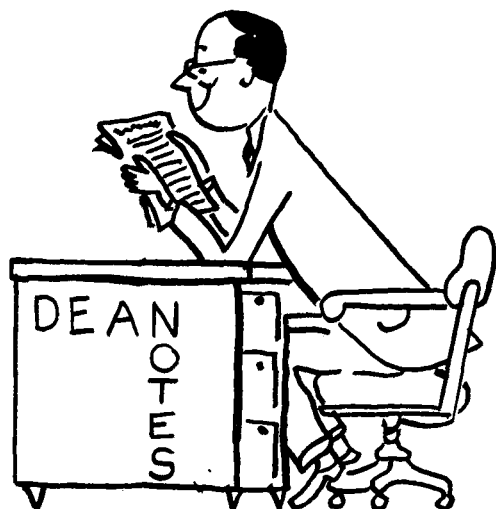
Thought for the Day - "Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest you be like him yourself."

Proverbs 26:4

THANK YOU!

- ...to all the members of The Seminary Family and their guests who attended the Middler Banquet.
- ...to the Junior and Senior Classes for their many contributions of gifts and services for the auction and their liberal giving during the auction.
- ...to the Middler Class for their fine co-operation in preparing for the banquet and their loyal support of it.
- ...to the General Chairman, "Rabbit" Myers, for co-ordinating the work of all the committees and taking care of the many details.
- ...to the committee chairmen--dinner, Joe Clem; dining hall, "Curley" Myers; auction, Fred Irwin; program, Ann Schoup; publicity, Walt Long; and finance, Jim Bright--for a job well done.
- ...to our guest of honor, Roger Matter, for his well-delivered, kind, and heartfelt words of appreciation and challenge.
- ...to our toastmaster, "Deacon" Westcoat, for a skillful job as M. C.
- ...to the auctioneers, Jim Gold, Larry Fisher, and Dr. Gable, for an evening of good fun and their financial wizardry.
- ...to "Mom" Groff and her kitchen staff for a delicious meal.
- ...to Don Stats for his humorous recitation revealing his true nationality.
- ...to Gail Bailey and John Stoudt for their inimitable Charleston.
- ...to the wives of Middlers who made the colorful and attractive favors.
- ...to the Faculty "Quartet" and "Quintet" for their canorous and euphonious dithyrambs in tonic solfa. (If this sentence ought to have been censored, we of the staff will not be held responsible for what is being said--Ed.)
- ...to all who helped in any way to make the Middler Banquet such a wonderful success!

--Dave Koch,
Middler Class President



April 30th was a fateful day at and for our school. The Joint Committee of the Boards, three from the Corporation and three from the Board of Visitors, with Dr. Paul C. Shumaker of Greenville, Penna. as chairman and Mr. John A. Kunz of Alexandria, Penna., as secretary, held their last meeting in their year-long quest of a successor to Dr. Meck as our Seminary President. The Corporation met in the morning and approved the committee's report and in the afternoon the Board of Visitors, whose responsibility it is to elect a president, unanimously named Professor ROBERT VERELLE MOSS, JR. Dr. Moss will assume his duties September 1, 1957. Those who know him best, his character, "spirit", and abilities are the happiest of all in his selection. The Joint Committee are

already at work at their next task, that of choosing his successor in the New Testament Chair. It should be known, however, especially to the Seminary family, that Dr. Moss will continue to teach some courses in that department.

April 30th was also a day of visitation by two able representatives of the work of the larger Church. Rev. Philip E. Williams, for five years an educational missionary in Japan and presently Associate Secretary of the Board of International Missions, with responsibility for Japan, Hong Kong, Equador and Iraq, spoke at the assembly, conducted the Middler Missions Class and interviewed several interested students. Mr. Loren Walters, director of Leadership Education, spoke in Dr. Gable's classes and held conferences looking toward closer co-operation between our school and the Board of Christian Education, especially regarding the work of Directors of Christian Education.

The schedule for next Fall Term was prepared before the registration on Wednesday, May 2. Changes in hours for courses may be agreed upon between professors and students, but should be reported to the Dean before becoming effective. This is necessary in order to prevent conflicts.

THE SPRING OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be held in Santee chapel Wednesday night, May 9th, at 7:30, with Dr. Stonesifer as preacher and Dr. Bartholomew as liturgist. The offering will be for International Missions.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMENCEMENT: Jim Bright, Chairman; Jack Aregood, Junior Chairman; Harold Henning, Senior Consultant; Professor Bartholomew, Faculty Advisor. Students wishing to consult on the time or character of their service should see Jim Bright. Any excuses must be cleared with Dr. Bartholomew. The list of assignments for Juniors and Middlers will be published in the near future.