

# SEMINARIAN

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## halloween party

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JUNIOR CLASS PARTY

Spirits were high last week as the Juniors were guests of honor at a party given by the Faculty. The evening started off with a real bang, as a blackboard intended for us in the games, fell out of its frame and broke into smithereens on the floor of the refectory. Fortunately, this tragedy did not dampen the fun of the evening.

After making appropriate opening remarks, Dr. Dunn introduced the theme of the party - Columbus Day. Incorporating somewhat far-fetched puns on the names of the Juniors into a dream fantasy, he assigned various members of the class to either the Pinta, Nina, or Santa Maria. Roars of laughter greeted some of the more clever puns. Jim Turek was the last Junior assigned, as at the close of the narrative, Dr. Dunn said that his wife asked if he found his tour exciting.

The first game was a variation of an old favorite, Battleships. The Nina, able captained by Roger Matter, survived a barrage of twenty-four shots with only two hits, while the Pinta and Santa Maria suffered five and four hits, respectively. Roger's naval strategy was superb.

Other games included clapping out the rhythm of songs dealing with water while the other crews tried to guess the titles, and a potato-on-a-spoon relay race which this correspondent found more difficult than it appeared.

Dr. Moss then led songs pertaining to water, after which both the Faculty and Juniors enjoyed delightful refreshments prepared in the kitchen. After a half-hour of pleasant conversation and singing, the party drew to a close. The Junior class extends its appreciation to the Faculty for an enjoyable evening.

- Posy Scheirer

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ADDITION TO THE STAFF

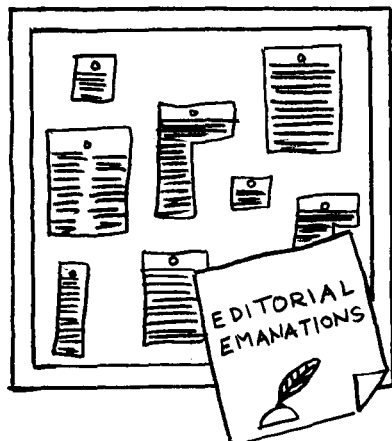
The name of the author of the above article is actually Francis Scheirer. He is the new addition to the SEMINARIAN staff. Posy is the Junior representative to the staff. This fact is important to the Junior class, for if there is any class news to be printed in the SEMINARIAN it is to be given to Posy. Remember Juniors, Posy is your channel to the SEMINARIAN.

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ANOTHER BOTTICELLI ?

Not exactly. But the lavatories in the dormitory are being painted. This fact presents a challenge to the entire student body and especially to those persons living in the dorm. If we are going to show our appreciation to those who put in the time to paint these rooms it's going to take a little effort on our part to help keep the lavatories clean. We can help by cleaning up after we have used the facilities. Remember: "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" even in lavatories.

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1957 - the year of the merger between the Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church. What do you as a student for the Christian ministry know of the process of merger, the conditions of the merger, the proposed confession of faith, the government of the new church, the implications of the new name (the United Church of Christ), the basis of the union, and perhaps most important, the attitudes of the members of the respective denominations toward the merger. It is essential that each member of this seminary know the answers to these and other questions. It is therefore, the suggestion of the editor that a panel, composed of Faculty members, discuss this important problem for all the students to hear and learn.

What are your opinions? If you have the same questions, as mentioned above, please speak to the Society of Inquiry. I believe if we show enough interest in such a panel the Society will sponsor the same.

The trees under which one reclines rear their heads heavenward, pointing their spire-like towers far up toward the sky. It inspires the very soul to worship in these unbuilt cathedrals with wilderness of aisle and pillars, which for elegance and beauty have never been equalled by the architecture of any age. And the music of the trees combined with the notes of the bird songsters, give a joy which is unknown in listening to a city choir."

The Bible becomes a new book to campers when studied under such an environment. As one boy wrote home to his mother after a Sunday spent in camp, "Mom, it is so different here, from a Sunday at home; I understood the talk and the Bible study was great; it was a fabulous day!"

- Bob Gast

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CHOIR NEWS

The choir rehearsals are progressing beautifully, and from the looks of things, our Seminary Choir is going to be a great success. Our Tuesday night tours have been tentatively planned, and are as follows:

- February 7 - Tuckerton, Pa., Rev. J.R. Rothermel
- February 14 - East Berlin, Pa., Rev. Robert Rezash
- February 21 - Hollam, Pa., Rev. Victor Vogel
- February 28 - Leck Hill, Pa., Rev. John Yarborough
- April 3 - Pennsburg, Pa., Rev. Willard Wetzel jointly with Bechtelsville, Pa., Rev. Vernon Stoop, Jr.
- April 10 - Baltimore, Md., Rev. Carl Marks
- April 17 - Lansdale, Pa., Rev. Harold Ditzler

Our concert tour is planned completely. This year the tour will be taken March 11 through the 16th, at which time we will travel through Eastern Pennsylvania and parts of Ohio. The schedule is as follows:

- March 11 - Carlisle, Pa., Rev. Robert Roschy  
Roaring Springs, Pa., Rev. Joseph Hennessy
- March 12 - North Canton, Ohio - Rev. Melvin E. Beck
- March 13 - Heidelberg College  
Tiffin, Ohio - Trinity, Mr. Bob Reiff
- March 14 - Evans City, Pa., - Rev. Herman J. Naftzinger
- March 15 - Greensburg, Pa., - Rev. Russell C. Eroh
- March 16 - Chambersburg, Pa., - Rev. Wilson Carvell

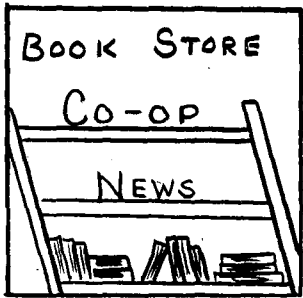
We wish also to remind all students who have choir robes in their possession, to please return them at choir rehearsal Tuesday afternoon. We must have them repaired and dry cleaned in preparation for our concert tours. - J.S.

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SKIP THIS!

I say, didn't you notice the heading? Didn't you see that you were to skip this? Then why on earth do you go on?  
I assure you you'll get nothing out of this. So go to the next page!  
If you haven't stopped, you're only wasting your time. This is the moment to show that you've got enough character to stop.  
Didn't you understand? Stop!  
Now we are halfway through, and you're still going on. You can't help reading the next line.  
Or can you?  
No, indeed, I was right.  
What on earth are you getting out of it? Nothing. But you're acting as if you are bewitched.  
There are only a few lines left, so show that you do have some will power and stop!  
But you're probably still curious enough to keep right on wasting time by reading these very last words. Aren't you?

- Svendborg Statagymnasium SPIRIT



So much has happened to and in the bookstore that I think the student body and Faculty should be brought up to date.

Whereas last year your manager and his helpers were cramped into a cell complete with bars where they suffered from cold feet, cold hands, and sluggish adding machines (mental and physical), they now occupy the beautiful and spacious room adjoining Alumni Hall. This move to new quarters has given us a tremendous chance for expansion in the number of services we can render now and in the near future. Any suggestions you may have for improvements will receive just consideration. We owe many thanks to Dr. Meck and the Seminary Maintenance Board for providing and preparing the new room.

I have received the sample pulpit gowns from Bentley & Simon. I am planning to have a company representative come to the seminary to measure all seniors and other interested persons for gowns or other pulpit apparel. This will be in the near future. Look for further announcements.

I want to remind all those students who are purchasing the Interpreter's Bible as each volume appears, that volume has recently been published and is now available. This is the ninth volume of a twelve volume series to be published.

In the near future we hope to receive on consignment a selection of books from the Everyman's Library series. This crosssection represents the views of five individuals as to the relevance to our preparation here. When they arrive don't fail to browse through them.

I want to congratulate the Junior Class for electing a very strong delegation to the Book Store Co-op Executive committee. The future of the Book Store Co-op depends on the quality of its leadership.

- Hal Schoup, Mgr.

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#### A REPORT

- Rod Henrie

Dr. Glenn L. Archer, Executive Director of Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, spoke to a group of surprised listeners in the social room, Tuesday evening, Oct. 11, on the subject of present day problems concerning the separation of Church and State.

Pointing to our Roman Catholic brothers as the main violators of this fundamental principle which is incorporated in the Constitution of the United States, Dr. Archer revealed the tremendous pressure brought to bear upon our government to yield public tax money for sectarian teachings and sectarian institutions. Almost every tax bill which passes to committees in Congress have a clause attached demanding or allotting public tax funds for private or sectarian schools. The function of this organization of lawyers which he represented is to check and catch all such clauses before they have a chance of passing.

The P.O.A.U. also tries test cases in various states where such separation of Church and State has been broken down. Each church should support its own institution, and so avoid the terrible damage which inevitably occurs when Church and State combine and mingle finances, was the principle note of the speech.

Various cases were cited, including several Protestant violations. Brothers and Nuns often teach in public schools using a series of selected text books which call all other religions but the true religion counterfeit, thus forming nothing short of a public parochial school.

After his stirring speech, many questions were asked of the speaker, who answered them with astounding frankness.

The rights of free conscience and a free pulpit in a free society are at stake if one religion should gain favor with the government. And so the fight continues for freedom of worship and freedom of Conscience under the banner of separation of Church and State.

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#### FOOTBALL RESULTS

October 5 - Seniors 7; Middlers 0

October 12 - Middlers 13; Juniors 6

October 19 - Seniors vs. Juniors 3:00 P.M.

## THE HEALING MINISTRY (third in a series)

There is an Episcopal Church in Philadelphia where people come by the hundreds to bow at the altar rail for healing by the laying on of hands of the rector. Every Thursday healing services are held at 12:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. Usually 200 or more are in attendance. The rector, Alfred Price, has received by word of mouth and in writing, testimonies to the healing of almost every human ill, including cancer, gangrene, arthritis, and epilepsy.

We read that in this nation almost forty percent of all those young men who are rejected by the Armed Services are unacceptable because of mental disturbances and maladjustments. And we hear that of all illnesses mental illness is by far the most widespread in this country. What does this mean? It is a symptom of serious danger for our health. It is a challenge for the ministry of healing to intensify its efforts.

As in ours, so in the period of Jesus much talk was going on of sickness and healing. Jews and Greeks wrote about it. People felt that they lived in a sick period, and they described it in a way similar to the way in which we describe it today. They saw not only the bodily infirmity of all of us, they also saw the destructive powers possessing the minds of many. Out of this knowledge of a sick period the question of a new era, a period of health and wholeness was asked. Salvation and a Savior were expected. But salvation is healing and the Savior is the healer.

Jesus was this expected Savior. The Gospel according to Matthew shows Him to us as the Healer. It is astonishing that this trait of His character has more and more been lost in our time. The gospels certainly are not responsible for this fact. They abound in stories of healing; but we are responsible, who forgot that Savior means healer, he who makes whole and saves what is broken and restores what is deranged. The healing stories of the gospels are not miracle stories of the past, rather they are healing stories of the present. Those persons who came to Jesus were healed because He had a power to heal. This power He gave to His disciples when He sent them to the towns of Israel and said, "And as ye go, preach, saying the kingdom of God is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons."

Are we still able to experience this healing power? Today we know what the New Testament always knew - that miracles are signs pointing to the presence of a divine power in nature and history, and that they are in no way negatives of natural laws. We are worried about the abuse of religious healing for commercial and other selfish purposes or about its distortion into magic and superstition. All these are not serious problems; good theology can solve them.

So many "faith cures" are based on belief in something that is not true, and the healing therefore confirms the patient in his false belief, with results that are tragic. Jesus always led people to the truth, which the cure helped make an indelible part of the person's life.

Again, ordinary "faith healing" cures symptoms, whereas Jesus cured the disease that caused the symptoms. To the man waiting on the porch of the pool of Bethesda, hoping to be cured in its waters, Jesus said, "Sin no more lest a worse thing come unto thee." Guilt and sickness are closely related. This is an important fact to remember in the ministry of healing.

But the serious problem is always the problem of our own life. Are we healed? Have we experienced, in moments of grace, that we are made whole, that we are healed and we are saved from self-destruction? This is the question we must face. If we have had this healing power come upon us, the healing power of the Savior, we will be able, through faith, to conduct a true and active ministry of healing.

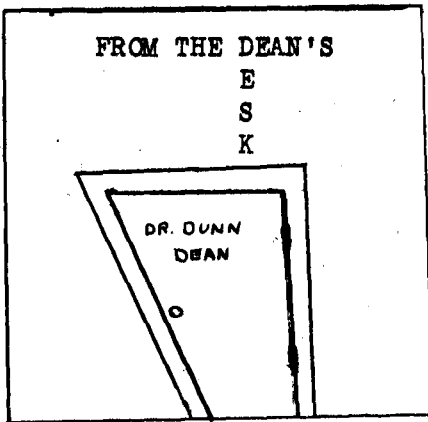
- The Rev. Alfred Rahn, Minister, Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed Church, Souderton, Pa.

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## THINKING OUT LOUD

"A real man is always willing to face the music, even though it be the well-known march from Lohengrin."

CONGRATULATIONS - Dick Barley (there goes a good man) and to Mrs. Barley.



Those who have not received their copies of the "Hand-book" for the school year can secure them, the regular students from the class secretaries and Special students and Faculty members from the dean's office where a few extra copies will be available. Should any inaccuracies be found they should be reported to the dean.

The next marriage lectures are by Dr. William Hartman on October 20th and by Dr. Robert Longwell on October 27th. The lectures are held in room 2 at 7:30 P.M.

Students eating Sunday dinner in the Refectory are reminded the coats and ties are required to be worn at that time.

Registration for Winter Term Courses - Tuesday, November 1.

The Senior Class in Course 135 will take their Historical Pilgrimage to old eastern Pennsylvania churches on Wednesday, October 26 - from 8 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

The class officers for the school year 1955-56 are as follows:

JUNIOR: President - Allen Rohrbaugh  
Vice President - Jack Aregood  
Secretary-Treasurer - Jo Anne Townsend  
Book Store Co-op Representatives - Arlene Byers, Van Grimes, Barry Kern

MIDDLE: President - David Koch  
Vice President - Robert E. (Rabbit) Myers  
Secretary-Treasurer - Robert D. (Curley) Myers

SENIOR: President - Don Orander  
Vice President - Leonard Sponsler  
Secretary-Treasurer - Clarie Settlemyre

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#### CAMPING MEMORIES

Many of the seminary family have attended camps, either in the capacity of campers or counselors, and are aware of the important part which religion plays in the overall camping program. With the current camping season ended, it might be wise to assess the merits of the spiritual emphasis and conclude whether we have done our part to make it "real."

Camp life should help youngsters to grow not only physically and mentally, but also morally. Religion is the basis of morality. The highest instinct in man is the religious one. Man made the city with all its artificiality, but as some one has said so well, "God made the country." Most everything that the city child comes in contact with is man made. Little wonder that one who grows up under these conditions has little reverence for a God whose greatest handiwork he has not seen.

When a camper's soul is open to the influence of nature he feels the very presence of the divine in the forest. There is an uplift, an inspiration, a joy that he never experiences in the city. He does not know how to express himself, but, somehow he feels the spiritual atmosphere pervading the woods which his soul breathes in as free as his nostrils do the pure air. It was Martin Luther who said, "God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but in trees and flowers and clouds and stars."

Sundays in camp should be observed by the holding of a service in the morning, with songs, scripture, prayer and a short timely talk. The afternoon is usually occupied with letter writing, Bible study, or reading, the day closing with a vesper service in the evening just as the sun is setting. Boisterousness or extensive activity should not be encouraged. Unnatural restraint, however, is contrary to the spirit of the day. The day should be different from other days and set aside as such. Many campers date their first real awakening to the better and higher things of life from a Sunday spent in camp.

Every real camper or counselor has experienced a Sunday similar to this one: "A quiet Sunday in the deep woods is a golden day to be remembered for many a year. All nature combines to assist the camper in directing his thoughts to the great Author of all the beauty he beholds. 'The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork.'