

The Seminary News

Edition 3

Wednesday, September 29, 1993

COMMUNITY HOURS

Each Thursday from 11:10 until noon the community gathers for events planned by faculty and/or students. Community Hours are times set aside to address general topics of interest to the Seminary community; and any person or group at the Seminary may request a Community Hour. All requests should be given to Karna Burkeen of the Worship and Community Life Committee for approval by using a Community Hour Request Form available in the Student Services Office. You will be notified in writing in regards to acceptance of your request and the exact date scheduled for your event.

Details for Community Hours, including advertising, coordinating, scheduling, airport pick-up of speakers, room scheduling, hotel accommodations, are the responsibility of the sponsoring person or group.

ART SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Forty-seven pieces of art appropriate to religious settings will be hung in Mayer Commons this Sunday, October 3, as the Seminary participates as one of 37 stops on the Art Sunday Tour. Sponsored by the Community Gallery of Lancaster to introduce the community of Lancaster to art, the tour is open to the public free of charge. Paintings, banners, vestments and paraments done by 27 artists from New Mexico, Vermont, New York, Maryland, Ohio and Pennsylvania will be displayed here from noon until 5:00 p.m. as part of this juried competition. Art Sunday is an event during Campus 100, the year-long centennial celebration of the Seminary at its present site. For further information, see Karna Burkeen in the Development Office or pick up a brochure on the publications table in Lower Level Lark Building.



COMMUNITY HOURS FOR 1993-94

- September 30 "Out-Standing in the Field" (Everything you ever wanted to know about Field Education but were afraid to ask) Professor Belva Brown Jordan
- October 7 "Welcoming the Stranger" Barbara Van Horn
- October 14 "The German Church Today" Reinhard Groscurth
- October 21 "Ministry with Retired Persons" The Rev. Dr. Donald Flick
- October 28 CPE Day Professors Frank Stalfa & Belva Brown Jordan
- November 4 "The Amish Way of Life" Merle Good
- November 11 "Disciple, Prophet and Mother: Glimpses of Mary in the Gospel of Luke" Dr. Beverly Gaventa
- November 18 Biblical Witness Fellowship Armand Weller
- February 10 "The Amazing Surprise of Mission: Transforming Grace for Change" The Rev. Scott Libbey
- February 24 African American Emphasis Week Program The Rev. Dr. Delores Carpenter

A few dates are still available for this year. If you are interested in sponsoring an event, contact the Worship and Community Life Committee.

GROSCURTH TO VISIT LANCASTER SEMINARY

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The ECU and the United Church of Christ share historical roots as well as a covenanted ecumenical partnership. This is an outstanding opportunity to explore our ties with the German church. You are encouraged to attend.

HANNA LEADS INTIMACY COURSE

Lancaster Seminary provides a wide variety of Continuing Education events throughout the academic year. Some are planned primarily for students and faculty, others are for pastors. This year two six-week series have been geared especially for laypersons.

"Intimacy:

The Quest for Life Connections" is the title of a fall six-week Spectrum course for laity.

Although this course has now been filled, it will be offered again in the spring from April 5 through May 10 at Highland Presbyterian Church.

Sponsored jointly by the Seminary, Highland Presbyterian Church and the Samaritan Center, the course will be taught by the Rev. James W. Hanna, executive director of the Samaritan Center. The main resource for coursework will be Hanna's recently published book of the same name.

The Rev. Dr. Richard F. Vieth, professor emeritus of Systematic Theology at the Seminary, will present the regularly scheduled spring Spectrum offering. "Dietrich Bonhoeffer: The Cost of Discipleship," sponsored by the Seminary and Highland, will run Tuesdays, 7:15 to 9:30 p.m., February 22 through March 29 at Highland. For further information, see Barbara Stephens in the Continuing Education Office, Lower Level Lark Building.

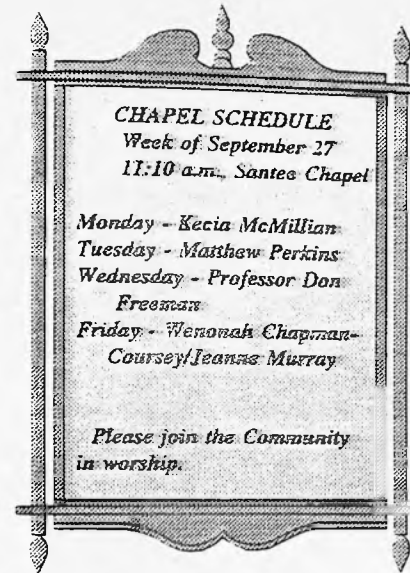


DEADLINES FOR SEMINARY NEWS

The Seminary News, a weekly publication for the Seminary community, will be distributed each Wednesday morning when classes are in session. The Seminary News will print stories about upcoming events, as well as features of general interest. A Bulletin Board of announcements for the community will appear on the back page of each issue. Please have story ideas and items for the Bulletin Board in Barbara Stephens' box by Friday afternoon.

REFECTORY MEETING SPACE

Seminary groups are invited to reserve private space that can be sectioned off in the Refectory during Community Lunch to accommodate meetings. As many as 30 persons can sit together in this special area after buying lunch. Please reserve the meeting area through Judi Hummer in the Dean's Office.



PRESENTATION BY CHAPLAIN GUNDLACH

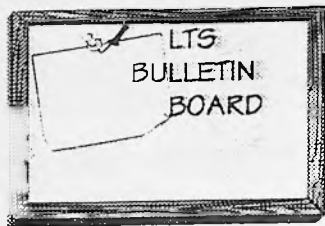
"Ministry in the Military Services" will be presented by Chaplain John F. Gundlach, U.S. Navy, at noon on Thursday, October 14 in the Glatfelter Room, Campus Center. Lunch will be served. If you are curious about ministry in a military context; if you would like to honestly discuss questions about the propriety of clergy serving as chaplains in the military; if you have ever wanted information about chaplaincy but didn't know whom to ask, come to hear Chaplain Gundlach. A graduate of the Seminary ('71), he has a UCC clergy person who is currently an active duty Navy chaplain. Chaplain Gundlach is eager to dialogue with you about chaplaincy and how it extends and complements the ministry of the denomination and local church. Please see Barbara Stephens in Lower Level Lark if you would like to have lunch with Chaplain Gundlach. Those who would like to attend the presentation but do not wish to eat are also invited.

PHOTO DIRECTORIES

Picture Directories are in your mailboxes. If you have corrections or additions, please fill out a change of address form in the Student Services Office. Extra copies of the Directory are also available there for \$3 per copy. Special thanks to Jennifer Geary and Judi Hummer for their work on this project.

October 1993
93-94 Academic Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Faculty Planning Seminar	2
3 Art Show-Campus 100	4 9:00am Educational Life Committee September Term Grades Due	5 New Conversations Group	6 9:00am Administrative Cabinet	7 11:10am Community Hour	8 9:00am Worship & Community Life Committee Faculty Planning Seminar	9
10	11 9:00am Institutional Planning	12 Fall Spectrum @ Highland Presbyterian	13 9:00am Administrative Cabinet 3:15pm Faculty Meeting- Glatfelter	14 11:10am Community Hour	15 Faculty Planning Seminar	16
17	18 9:00am D.Min Committee	19 Fall Spectrum @ Highland Presbyterian	20 9:00am Administrative Cabinet	21 11:10am Com.Hr- D.Flick Fall Alumni/ae Day Ward Lec/Wkshp- Tom Long	22 Faculty Planning Seminar	23
	Church & Ministry Consultation			Discover LTS		
Southern Conf.School/Pastoral Ministry						
24	25 9:00am Faculty Review Committee	26 Fall Spectrum @ Highland Presbyterian Payday	27 9:00am Administrative Cabinet	28 11:10am Community Hour 7:30pm Campus 100-Peter Schmiedchen	29	30
31 Daylight Savings-- set back 1 hour						



SPIRITUALITY IN THE 90's

"Spirituality in the 90's," a Christian Formation Series, will be sponsored by St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, again this year. The series is open to all without charge. The first lecture, on Saturday, October 1, is by Dr. Grace Adolphsen Brame, professor of Theology, Villanova University, Philadelphia, on "The Faces of Spirituality." On Saturday, November 6, Dr. Diogenes Allen, Princeton Theological Seminary, will address, "Temptation: A Map to Guide Us in the Spiritual Life." For further information, call 302-656-6628.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY HOUR

"Out-Standing in the Field (everything you ever wanted to know about field education but were afraid to ask)" will be presented by Professor Belva Brown Jordan at 11:10 a.m. on Thursday, September 30, in Hafer Center. Professor Jordan will provide information on how to do field Education at the Seminary...forms to be filled out: timeline/calendar for the 1993-94 school year; possible field education sites, etc.

SEA ISLAND SINGERS PERFORM AT GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

The 50-voice Sea Island singers, a group from the Charleston County Sea Islands off the coast of South Carolina, will perform their distinctive style of spiritual singing in Gettysburg October 9 and 10. The group will perform free of charge at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 9, in the ballroom of the College Union Building and at the 10:30 a.m. worship service at the Methodist Church on High Street, Gettysburg.

REFECTORY NEWS

Beginning the week of October 4, please note changes in menu pricing on Refectory bulletin board in Lower Level Lark Building.

BOOKSTORE REMINDER

Deadline for returning textbooks to Cokesbury is Friday, October 8, 1993. Textbooks will then be available to anyone who wants to purchase them.

TOM LONG PRESENTS WARD LECTURE

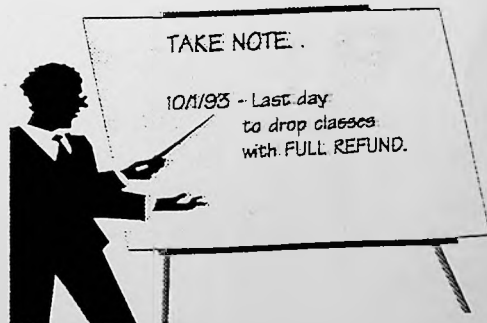
Dr. Thomas G. Long, professor of Preaching and Worship, Princeton Theological Seminary, will present the 1993 Ward Lecture. The lecture is entitled, "Imagination and the Biblical Text in Preaching."

The lecture and workshop are scheduled for Thursday, October 21. The workshop, in Hafer Center, is from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., while the lecture, in Santee Chapel, is at 7:30 p.m. Editor of *Theology Today* and author of several books on preaching, Dr. Long is a frequent contributor to *Journal for Preachers* and other professional journals. A well-known story-teller, he will share his gifts in exploring religious imagination.

The Ward Lecture, now in its third year, is endowed by Elaine Ward, a 1993 graduate of Lancaster Seminary, in honor of her three sons. For further information or to register for the workshop, see Barbara Stephens, Continuing Education Office, Lower Level Lark Building.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR NEEDED

Wanted! A religious educator to run a Sunday School for children and adults at the Congregational Church of Minersville. The Sunday School runs from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. weekly. Free transportation can be provided from the Seminary. If you are interested, please put a note in Harrison Putnam's box.



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EDUCATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

The Educational Life Committee meets the first Monday of every month from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Glattelter Room. Committee members include: Phyllis Baum (student), Dick Berg (library director), Mary Lou Eckels (student), David Greenhaw (dean), Judi Hummer (dean's office staff), Beth Huwiler (faculty), Jennifer Knighton (development staff), Kecia McMillian (admissions staff), David Mears (student) and Anabel Proffitt (faculty/associate dean). In spring semester, Lee Barrett, a new member of the faculty, will also join the committee.

The Educational Life Committee is charged with overseeing the details of our educational life, including curriculum, policies, handbooks and continuing education. Committee members welcome input or suggestions from members of the Seminary community. We particularly invite responses to the new course evaluation form initiated last spring and the degree program handbooks. We would also welcome suggestions for possible speakers at lectures and continuing education events.

At the first Educational Life Committee meeting on Monday, October 4, the policy for continuing education events was discussed. While continuing education events are not designed for current seminarians, you are welcome to register for them; the fee will be waived for full-time students, except for the cost of lunch if you wish to buy it. Watch the *Seminary News* for events you would like to attend and register for workshops with Barbara Stephens, Lower Level Lark.

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Ecumenical liaison person for the Protestant churches in the (then) German Democratic Republic, Groscurth's main task was bridge-building between Germany's East and West and also between the United Churches, mainly the United Church of Christ. The ECU and the United Church of Christ share historical roots as well as a covenanted ecumenical partnership. Groscurth's latest ecumenical involvement was the Fifth World conference on Faith and Order held in Santiago de Compostela in August 1993.

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

Barbara Van Horn, sponsorship developer/resource coordinator for refugee resettlement, Tressler Lutheran Services, will be speaker at Community Hour this week on Thursday, October 7, at 11:10 a.m. in Lark 202. Barbara will give a presentation on "Welcoming the Stranger" to encourage your church or public service group to consider refugee sponsorship. She will share past experiences with refugees, current needs, success stories and the biblical imperative to accept this challenge. She will answer questions on volunteering for this important ministry.

In recent years Barbara's personal adventures have included walking over 1000 miles with Habitat for Humanity, traveling to South Africa, crossing the U.S. five times, spending a half year at Holden Village (an isolated retreat center in the Cascade Mountains), as well as working with an inner city soup kitchen, the peace movement, Church World Service, senior citizens and a center for abused women and children.



FACULTY REVIEWS M.DIV. CURRICULUM

Throughout this fall the full-time faculty of the Seminary is reviewing the Master of Divinity curriculum. Each Friday the faculty is gathering to discuss its understanding of theological education and the ways in which such an understanding is best translated into a curriculum. The discussions began last spring with a two day faculty retreat. At the retreat the faculty responded to the question what is the church and what sort of leadership is needed for it. At a two day retreat late this summer, the conversation continued with a review of recent literature in the field of theological education. The current discussions continue to shape a working definition of theological education, while various models for a curriculum are explored. Although there is a unanimous commitment to review the curriculum, especially in the context of renewed discussion of theological education, it is not clear yet whether such a review will lead to a curriculum revision.

As the faculty's discussion continues there will be opportunities for students, trustees, alumni and other church leaders to join in the discussion.

PUBLIC EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

A public symposium, "Public Education and Public Values," will be held at the Seminary on Thursday, October 28, at 7:30 p.m., in Santee Chapel.

Speaker for the event is Dr. Peter Schmiechen, president. Responders include Tom Hyson, president of the Lancaster City School Board; Dr. John Bonfield, superintendent of the Warfield School District; Violet Geib, an elementary school

teacher from the Manheim Central School District; and David Greene, a student leader at McCaskey High School. Moderator is the Rev. F. Russell Mitman, Jr., conference minister, Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the UCC and a trustee of the Seminary.

The vital role public education plays in the formation of character and in the transmission of public values will be the central topic for the evening. A question and answer period will follow the presentation. The event is one of a series of public presentations on social change scheduled during Campus 100, this year's centennial celebration of the Seminary at its present location.

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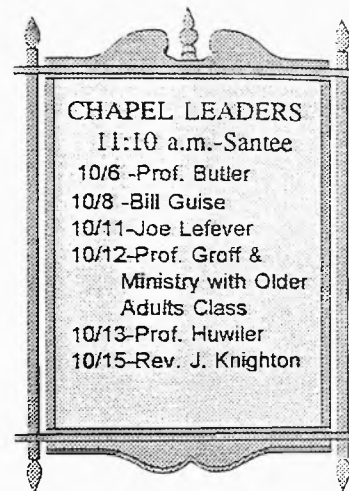
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Please see Barbara Stephens in Lower Level Lark if you would like to meet Chaplain Gundlach.

WARD LECTURE/WORKSHOP OCTOBER 21

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Earlier that day, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Dr. Long will lead a workshop in Hafer Center on religious imagination. There is no charge for either event for Lancaster Seminary students. Please sign up for the workshop with Barbara Stephens in Lower Level Lark.



WELCOME TO CHAPEL SERVICES

We're off to a great start with folks coming to chapel. There is a chapel service on each of four class days, and you are cordially invited to attend. On Mondays there is a service from 11:10 to 11:30 a.m.; a service from 11:10 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays includes a homily/meditation/sermon by a "senior"-type person who may invite other person(s) to participate; chapel from 11:10 to 12:00 noon on Wednesdays is ordinarily a Service of Word and Sacrament, with, primarily, faculty members and ordained staffpersons responsible for planning and preaching; and there is a service from 11:10 to 11:30 a.m. on Fridays.

If you would like to assist at any of these services, including singing in the choir, which has begun to meet for rehearsals after the Tuesday Chapel service, please sign up on the "gifts" list on the sacristy door just outside of chapel, or contact Allen Kroehler, dean of the chapel, or a member of the chapel support committee.

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

Sutter, Star is now McCarthy, Star
Jordan, Belva Brown phone 717 293-0406
Moore, Michelle and Helmer, Patricia - pictures were transposed

THIRD WORLD THEOLOGICAL FELLOWSHIPS

Lancaster Seminary strongly supports a global context for theological education. An excellent opportunity for global theological education is provided annually by the Third World Theological Fellowships Program sponsored jointly by the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Each year this World Ministries in the US Program offers three partial fellowships to enable students of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to experience life, church and study in a different cultural context. Third World Theological Fellowships provide for study in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Pacific and Middle East.

The fellowship program grows out of the belief that persons who have experienced communities of faith in other cultures bring to their ministries a deeper sense of oneness and a greater awareness of mutual responsibility, that such exposure can be especially formative for seminary students.

Applicants for the fellowships must be currently enrolled in seminary, active members of the United Church of Christ or Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), recommended by their local church and seminary, accepted into a seminary in Asia, Africa or Latin America and willing to interpret their experiences upon return. The fellowships provide transportation, tuition and partial room and board. Applicants will be required to share in the total cost. Depending on individual circumstances, fellowships will be approximately \$4,000.

The deadline is February 1, 1994. Applications are available from World Ministries in the United States, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115. 216-736-3210.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT SEMINARY NEWS IS 5:00 PM ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8. PLEASE PUT ITEMS IN BARBARA STEPHENS' MAILBOX.

DECENNIAL REVIEW UPDATE

The first draft of the Seminary's Self-Study Report is nearing completion. The Self-Study is a process the Seminary undergoes every ten years, as part of its accreditation by the Association of

Theological Schools (ATS) and the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges of the Commission for Higher Education (CHE). Our last Self-Study was completed

in early 1984. The purpose of the Self-Study is to strengthen the institution: to discern what we do well, and what not so well, and lay out strategies for improvement.

The substance of the Self-Study is guided by our three degree programs and the eleven standards which the ATS has established to describe excellence in theological education. To address these standards, the Self-Study Steering Committee (aka. Institutional Planning Committee) has charged three sub-committees to coordinate the examination of three groups of standards. The sub-committees and the standards they are considering are:

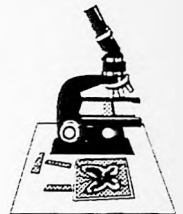
General Institutional Concerns (studying institutional purposes, governance, finance and buildings)

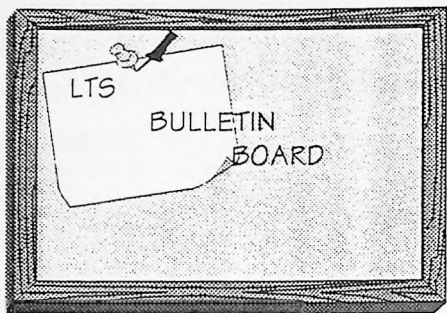
Students and Special Programs (studying students, special concerns regarding women and minorities, placement, evaluation and globalization)

Faculty, Library and Degrees (studying faculty, library, D. Min and Masters programs)

After a review of this first draft of the Self-Study by the Seminary community, the report will be presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval in November. In December, the completed report must be mailed to the ATS/CHE.

In February 1994 a visit by an accreditation team is scheduled, and a response (if any) to the visitation report will be made in Spring 1994. In the summer of 1994 a decision by ATS/CHE on Lancaster Seminary's reaccreditation will be made.





CHAPEL SUPPORT COMMITTEE

A group of seminarians has volunteered to work with Allen Kroehler, dean of the chapel, to provide support for persons leading chapel. They are Denise Anderson, Wenonah Chapman-Coursey, Kathy Conklin, Virginia Deneka, Mary Lou Eckels, Judith Anne Farrell, Bill Guise, Beth Boyer Kollas, Bonnie Moore, Michelle Moore, Star McCarthy and Stephanie Thompson. If you have ideas about chapel services, you are encouraged to explore them with these volunteers.

ATTENTION UCC WOMEN - COMPANIONING THROUGH TRANSITION

At the annual meeting of the PennSE Conference, it was decided that clergy and seminarians might both benefit from a mentor relationship. Several of us gathered throughout this past summer. The group decided in our September gathering to invite UCC women from other conferences to join us. As a personal note, I will add that I found the opportunity of hearing the stories of other women clergy as they faced ordination and call in the UCC to be both nurturing and supportive. It is an opportunity to voice and share **issues of women in ministry**. If you would like to become a part of this group, we will be meeting on **October 21 at 5:30 at Checker's Restaurant on James Street**. If you would leave your name in my mailbox, I will know how big a table to reserve.

Liz Bell

12-STEP GROUP MEETING ON CAMPUS

We wish to extend an invitation to persons who would like to attend a 12-step program at the Seminary. You can preserve anonymity while getting additional information by calling David Pendleton at 717-394-9640 or Chaplain Allen Kroehler at 717-393-7005.

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