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SEMINARIAN GETS A NEW "CHIEF"

WALTER LONG TO EDIT PAPER FOR THE COMING YEAR

"Walt" Long, popular member of the present Junior Class, has been appointed editor of the "Seminarian" for the academic year, 1955-56. The appointment was made by the present editor and approved by the officers of the Society of Inquiry. During the next few weeks editor-elect Long will "learn the ropes" from members of the present staff, pick his own staff for the coming year, and prepare for the first issue under his editorship -- that of May 2nd, the final issue for this present school year.

The present staff of the "Seminarian" extends to "Walt" the heartiest of congratulations, and expresses the hope that this year as editor will prove to be a successful one.

OSCAR CULLMANN TO LECTURE HERE

("Heilsgeschichte")

-- "Gesundheit!")

The long-awaited and much-propagandized day is not far off! The visit and two-fold lecture by Dr. Oscar Cullmann will take place on April 5th. That day our Seminary will play host to an anticipated crowd of alumni and friends, who will join with the seminarians in this outstanding event.

Dr. Cullmann, world-renown Biblical scholar, is professor of New Testament at the University of Basel and at the Sorbonne, Paris. His books published in English include Christ and Time and Peter: Disciple, Apostle, and Martyr -- both of which have enjoyed wide circulation in America in recent years, and have influenced much of the latest thinking in the realm of Biblical interpretation.

When he is with us here at Lancaster on April 5th, Dr. Cullmann will deliver the following two lectures:

10:00 am "The Myth in the New Testament according to E. Bultmann"

2:00 pm "Eschatology and Mission in the New Testament"

ANN SCHOUF ELECTED PRESIDENT - A.S.W.

On Monday evening, March 14th, the Association of Seminary Women met to hear a talk on parliamentary procedure and to elect their officers for the new year. Results of that election were as follows: Ann Schouf, president; Lois Kratz, vice-president; Shirley Spangler, secretary; and Mortie Glen, treasurer. These new officers will be installed in a special service in Santee Chapel Monday evening, April 11th. Wednesday evening of that same week, April 13th, the Senior women in the group will meet with Miss Partridge for "belonging" on Women's Guild work.

SPECIAL "CLINICS" AHEAD

Every student at the Seminary is invited to attend the following helpful "clinics" which are intended to give advice concerning pastoral work for summer assignments:

Thursday, March 24, 2:15, room III --

Vacation Church School clinic, led by Miss Irene Balliett

Thursday, April 28 -- "P.I. Capsule" on general pastoral work



DREAMING UP EDITORIALS is not really very difficult. For instance, just last week one night I dreamed up this one. I dreamed that I went to HEAVEN and was given a personal tour by good old St. Peter, the Gate-Keeper of that great realm beyond. At the time of my dreamy trip, all the members of OUR FACULTY were already enjoying their eternal rewards.

The first familiar face I spotted through a haze of cigar smoke was that of DR. NECK. Our president seemed quite happy there among the clouds. Already he had taught Gabriel to puff on a Dutch Masters, and was in the process of "converting" Michael. "If you want to be an angel, you've got to smell like an angel!" I heard him telling Michael as the Gate-Keeper and I floated past. DOROTHY KORN and MRS. HAFER were on a nearby cloud, hard at work typing some stencils for Moses and Dr. Luke.

The Celestial Library was the next stop on my tour. It was in perfect shape -- well, almost perfect. DR. STONESIFTER, looking rather un-angelic when I met him there, was muttering about missing pages from the Book of Life which some angel had borrowed without signing for them. DEAN DUMN was in all his glory (what a terrible pun) in the Heavenly Realm. When I met him he was talking with Eusebius. Eusebius was just telling him, "David, if I had had your wit, I'd have made a fortune with that Ecclesiastical History of mine!"

When I entered the Amphitheater FRANK McCONNELL's newly organized Angelic Choir was in rehearsal. They were taking a tour throughout the Milky Way in the Spring, and poor Frank was terribly upset. Unfortunately, he had been assigned a choir of "Low-Church" Angels, who didn't know a Gregorian Chant from an acolyte!

I bumped into DR. MOSS, too. His eyes were as big as saucers, as he gazed at the Heavenly Splendor. When he saw me, he pointed to the beauty of it all and exclaimed, "This would make a wonderful topic for a thesis!" Unfortunately, I didn't get to see DR. BARTHOLOMEW. At the time of my dreamy visit, my Rural Church professor was out at "God's Little Acre," teaching contour-farming to city-church saints.

I must say that the Powers-that-Be had made DR. SAYRES feel right at home. They had given him a special office, equipped with a dozen tape-recorders and papered with copies of sermons by his former students. When I saw him I yelled, "It's me, Dr. Sayres!" I didn't have time to wait for him to correct my grammar! DR. ENGLERT filled me in on all the latest scores when I saw him. "At the moment," he confided, "it looks as if my Heavenly Herald will get a bid for the coming Bishops' Bowl Game."

I didn't get much of a chance to talk with DR. GABLE. He was on his way to a meeting with the Junior Angels, concerning their field work reports. He did tell me, however, that the Leav-Kit was proving quite useful in his work with new souls.

Right before I left the Gate-Keeper and his Heavenly surroundings, I completed my tour by visiting DR. VASSADY. My transplanted theology professor was living in the Hungarian Room of the All-Saints Hotel. When I dropped in on him, Dr. Vassady was holding a private session with Barth and Brunner. He assured me that he would have his two guests united in a warm and friendly "paradoxical togetherness" before long.

When I awoke from this crazy dream I thought to myself, "Earth was never like that -- or was it?"

G.H.H.

ON APRIL 20th the MIDDLEBURY BANQUET attendance will assume the responsibility for raising money for next year's EXCHANGE-STUDENT, ROGER MATTER. This will be the only means used to raise that much-needed money. Therefore, your active participation is most important. So remember that on April 20 you will be asked to "pass the buck." Don't pass it from one another; but, rather, pass it across the Auction Table and into the fund for Roger. There will be plenty of FOOD and FUN and CHALLENGE for all!

THE CHOIR'S TOUR SOUTH -- "JOB WELL DONE!"
-- Jim Cross

The efforts of almost a year's rehearsals paid rich dividends to the members of the Seminary Choir, who recently began their program of concerts. The tour of the southern areas of our denomination has been the largest undertaking of the year and has proved itself successful and rewarding.

Eight concerts were presented at various places in Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. The days were packed with travel and sight-seeing, and the nights repeatedly provided inspiration for the concerts. Many of the choristers were introduced to new areas, new people, and new customs and foods. Others of us were making visits home! But most important of all, all of us were contacting our Christian friends through the ministry of music. None of us is able to express completely what God hath wrought in us; yet all are willing to say, "Mission accomplished. Job well done!"

At present the Seminary Choir is in the midst of a weekly schedule of concerts in the near vicinity of the Seminary itself. Concerts already history include the one in Remling on March 8th and the trip to Westbury March 15th. Concerts yet to be sung will follow the schedule below. Won't you, too, support the Choir by planning to attend one of these concerts?

March 22: Greenwalds (Allentown)
March 29: York
April 19: Leysville
April 26: Spinnerstown

COMMISSION EVALUATES DAY OF PRAYER

-- Gert Jacobson

The weather forecast did not call for the sunshine which not only brightened the Chapel at Lincoln University during our Day of Prayer sessions, but also lent itself to the spiritual enlightenment which stole into our minds and flooded our hearts with the feeling of "it's good to be here." Consensus of opinion states greater approval on our spiritual journey of last March 1, as compared with last year's experience here.

A recent meeting of the Commission on Spiritual Life pin-pointed both favorable and unfavorable values as a summary for the use of next year's Commission. First of all, it was suggested that should the faculty continue such Day of Prayer plans for '56, another Seminary be considered. This was suggested in view of the small number of Lincolnians in this year's union fellowship. This suggestion has two sides: either we add to the Lancaster and Lincoln numbers another small Seminary such as Crozier or that we invite another Seminary of our own size, such as Gettysburg, to be our guests next year. Somehow our close and daily relations here at Lancaster were not balanced well this past March 1 with a healthy amount of Lincoln-ism.

Other suggestions were as follows: Sincere appreciation should be extended to all those who participated in this year's Day of Prayer, especially the planners from Lincoln headed by Ed Ellis and Forest Brown. A shorter and more prayerful afternoon session was suggested in the future. Equally important were contingent suggestions that (1) there be more preparation by discussion leaders for "drawing out" all members of groups, (2) there be greater cooperation among group-secretaries to assure us of concise reports, (3) there be a more limited study topic, (4) and that there be a closer harmony in program, especially where matters are so closely related to high spiritual feelings such as directing a Communion service.



GIVE freely and generously to this year's BENEVOLENT LENTEN FUND, in order that our budget for helping others might be met.

BASKETBALL LOOKING FOR A "HAPPY ENDING"...

BASEBALL LOOKING FOR A "GOOD BEGINNING"

The Seminary BASKETBALL TEAM, having successfully secured the championship in the F. & M. Independent League, will play the Fraternity champions for the All-College trophy. This series of three games will take place tonight, March 21; Wednesday, March 23; and Thursday, March 24. Come out and give the boys some well-deserved support!

Spring is in the air and seminarians are getting ready to play BASEBALL. Because of the great amount of talent available this spring, there will be two diamond-squads. A series of games will be played between these two "local" teams. From these squads will come the team which will represent the Seminary in the Intra-mural Baseball League at F. & M. The first of the inter-Seminary series was played Friday, the 11th, between the Junior and Middler classes.

The PING-PONG tournament is in progress, although not too much progress is being made! The team feels confident that better days are ahead. The record now is 3 wins and 3 losses, with 5 games yet to be played. Larry Fisher captains the "netters" with the help of Jim Cress, Charlie Settlementire, and Hal Denhart. Some worthy substituting has been done by both Hal Henning and Bill Harner.



(ANY DEAN who in the course of a brief trip could have his suitcase stolen, lose his keys, break his watch, miss one train and leave his pulpit gown on another is scarcely entitled or qualified to offer data. He should be borrowing some!) D.D.

ROGER MATTER, a Frenchman and Baccalaureate of Theology from the University of Strasbourg, has been named by the Scholarship Committee of the World Council of Churches as our "foreign student" for next year. Dr. Bartow writes of him, "... he is from a missionary family stationed at Lambarene and is a god-child of Albert Schweitzer ... he wishes to study in the fields of practical theology." A letter of recommendation in Dr. Schweitzer's own hand is one of the documents received.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS elected by the Faculty and assigned to the various departments as representatives are as follows: Simpson, O.T.; Sandrock, T.; R. Rezash, C.H.; L. Rezash, S.T.; Hartman, P.T.; and Stoop, R.E.

DR. DANIEL DAY WILLIAMS of Union Theological Seminary will represent Dr. Richard Niebuhr's Committee of the American Association of Theological Schools in a visit to our Seminary on Wednesday, March 23rd. It is hoped that students and faculty alike will contribute to setting "our house in order," as we are included in this survey of theological education in America.

DUE TO THE ILLNESS of Dr. Truman Douglas, Dr. David N. Beach, pastor of Historic Center Congregational Church in New Haven, Conn., will be our Commencement preacher this year.

ANY STUDENTS who have not picked up their grade-sheets from members of the Faculty assigned to them are requested to do so at once. See list of student-faculty assignments on the Bulletin Board.

NEXT FACULTY MEETING will be held on Tuesday, March 29th, at 2:00 pm.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE "SEMINARIAN" will be the special EASTER EDITION. Anyone wishing to contribute feature-material in keeping with our Easter theme is requested to do so early. Already the staff has made some plans for features; but there will be room for more. Thank you.