

# The Seminary News

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*This issue is the final Seminary News of the fall semester. Publication will resume on February 9. We wish members of the Seminary Community a joyful and blessed Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year.*



## **REVISED FIELD EDUCATION MANUAL**

Professor Jordan announces that a revised Field Education Manual is now available! If you have registered for a January or spring '94 Field Education experience, you should have received a manual in your mailbox by now. If you have registered and not received a revised manual, stop by and see Donna Kaplan in the Office of the Faculty Secretary (Lower Level Lark).

If you are planning to participate in field education during the Summer or Fall of '94 and would like to get a head start on the field education process, let Donna know, and she will place a revised field education manual in your mailbox after the first of the year.

## **EDUCATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE MEETS**

At the December 6 meeting of the Educational Life Committee, Associate Dean Proffitt presented the slate and schedule of course offerings for 1993-94 for review. The general policy is to continue to offer required courses on Tuesday through Thursday (an exception for next year is

EM100, with plenary session on Monday evening). Feedback on the necessity of this effort is solicited.

There was discussion of the best time to offer courses that might appeal to local clergy. Professor Huwiler will ask the Alumni/ae Council to discuss and advise the committee.

Faculty members on the committee updated others on the faculty curriculum revision discussions. Tasks for Educational Life in spring will depend on the progress made in those discussions during the rest of December.

Other issues discussed but not concluded include academic honors and grade point average and the appropriate number of credits for PL102.

## **PROFESSOR STRAYER TO PERFORM AT NATIONAL CATHEDRAL**

Professor Gene Paul Strayer, Santee Chapel organist, will be playing a recital at Washington National Cathedral on Sunday, January 2, at 5:00 p.m. The recital follows the Service of Evensong at the Cathedral. The principal work will be the Symphonie gothique, by Charles Marie Widor - a "Christmas symphony" based on the plainchant, "Puer natus est" ("A boy is born").

**COMMUNITY LUNCH WILL BE  
SERVED ONLY ON WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 15, THIS WEEK.**

## A THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY

Vic and Bob want to thank the Seminary Community for their generous donations to Toys for Tots. When the drive for donations ended on Monday afternoon, over 250 toys and over \$125 had been collected.

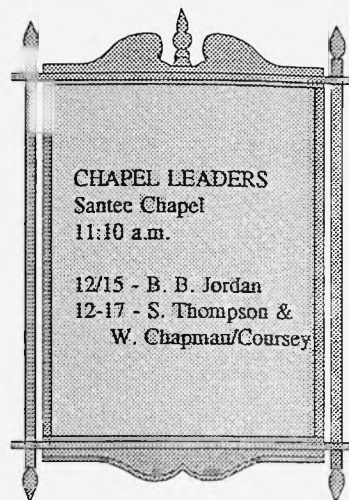
## LANCASTER SEMINARY FOOD BANK

In the attempt to make the Lancaster Seminary Food Bank more accessible and active, the Seminarian Community Council (SCC) is in the process of relocating the service. Food will be moved from the Sacristy and organized on the shelves of the SCC Office, above the Glatfelter Room in the Campus Center, on the left. To maintain confidentiality, Chaplain Kroehler has agreed to be the contact person and the individual who disperses food as needed. It has been decided that access to the Food Bank is primarily for the Lancaster Seminary community but may include local families at Chaplain Kroehler's discretion.

The SCC officers would like to thank everyone for donations thus far. If you would prefer to make monetary donations, please give them to Chaplain Kroehler. If you would like to help organize the food, please contact Kevin Fruchtl, Dave Mears, Misti Johnson or Star McCarthy.

## SPECIAL CHAPEL SERVICE

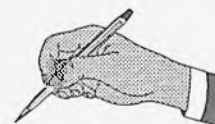
A Service of Community Celebration will be held on Wednesday, December 15, at 11:10 a.m. in Santee Chapel. This Service of Word and Sacrament will be for blessing, commissioning and closure at the end of another term for those who are leaving for special places and responsibilities during January or the Spring Term, as well as those who are graduating and beginning new ministries, who are returning to ministries and others.



## JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 4 DESIGNATED AS READING WEEK

The week between the conclusion of the January term and the beginning of the Spring term has been designated for reading week. In this year, the Seminary is trying a new academic calendar that tries to provide additional time for students to reflect upon and read more broadly than is possible during the crush of a regular semester. It is also hoped that it will be a time for students returning from the cross cultural seminar to reacclimate.

The Spring semester will begin February 7 and we will look forward to having the Seminary community together again.



# President's Page

It is the close of the first semester and time to note some things that have happened. I am sure students (and probably faculty) will list first the end of the term! Yes, all good things must end! Or would you find other words to describe this moment? We are at that point, and I hope all take a moment to celebrate the progress made.

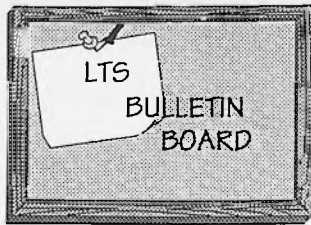
This week we completed the final editing of the Self-Study for the decennial review. After many, many meetings with people on campus, and further review with officers of the Board, a final edition of the document was prepared. It will be sent to the agency offices and the five-member review team this week. Copies will also be available for faculty and administration later. A copy will be placed on reserve in the library. Don Cooney, Vice President for Development and Seminary Relations, has edited the report. He deserves our praise and gratitude for weeks of work in organizing and revising the report. This was a major task since materials came from several committees, a long list of data and documents needed to be found, and the report had to be accepted by all segments of the seminary community. Don was assisted by Karen McKinnis and Barbara Stephens in editing the document, and we thank them as well. So now we prepare for the visit on Feb. 20-24. After the first of the year information on the visit and process will be published.

Our Dean, David Greenhaw, will be on sabbatical from January through June. The entire Greenhaw family will travel to Sydney, Australia, where Leigh Greenhaw will teach, David will study and write, and the boys will attend school. In his absence, Associate Dean Anabel Proffitt will assume responsibility for the Dean's Office. She will serve as Acting Dean, with full authority to act on David's behalf. I will assist her in whatever way I can, since she will continue to have her own responsibilities. Dean Greenhaw has prepared many things in advance of his leave; other things will be handled through normal procedures. Students should speak to their advisers or Dr. Proffitt if there are any questions as to procedure.

Rev. Ann Schoup and Mr. Jay Ellison have been meeting with a representative group of resident students to discuss matters pertaining to life on campus. Large and small issues have been raised, and many have been dealt with by staff. Having Richards Hall open to our students without college students has been a new experience. There are obviously many things about the building that need improvement, which is why major renovation is planned. In this interim period we appreciate the patience of the residents. We will try to do all we can to improve the situation. Jay Ellison has also devised a plan for the use of Mayer Commons during the evenings, which involves a change in the locks and the assistance of students. Kevin Fruchtl has assisted in this plan, and it will allow for extended hours in that building.

These are a few of the things happening this term. We have also welcomed new staff (Ann Kemper, Pat Otto, Ginjr Humphries, and Donna Kaplan) and look forward to the arrival of Lee Barrett, new Professor of Theology, in January. Joy and peace to all.

Peter Schmiechen



Dear new friends in the Seminary Community,

As this (where did it go?) term concludes, I wish to express my deepest gratitude for the welcome I have experienced in your midst. This study leave has far surpassed expectations, thanks in good measure to you, students, faculty, staff, colleagues-in-ministry, all. Here I found necessary solitude for writing, a fine theological library (the nearest one to me is in Vancouver, B.C.!), an awesome bookstore and a faithful community of learners/teachers through whom I've been touched by God's transforming presence. I return to my ministry at Plymouth enlivened by all you have taught me - of God, of Christic presence, of academic life in these times, of courage and call, of humor and healing, of the church as history and future in the midst of a changing world. I am heartened by the faith stories we have shared, by the relationship of seminary to parish to specialized ministries to world, and by the unity we are given in Christ. You are welcome to the guest rooms of our island home any time, and we might even ponder the fantasy of a Seattle Mariners/Philadelphia Phillies World Series (I'm a baseball nut)! I hold you in my prayers as I leave, giving thanks to God for your generous hospitality of place and spirit. May God's grace be within and between you as you continue to love God and to minister in the midst of God's created worlds.

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## CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Do you want to ensure the freshness of this year's Christmas tree? You can cut your own for only \$10.00 at Bob Crane's farm (215-384-1818). Hundreds of pines, firs and spruces are available for your choice. Please come on Saturdays only, during daylight hours. Saws will be provided. Directions: take King Street east out of Lancaster. Turn left onto Route 340 East (at Weis Market). Stay on Route 340 East through Bird-in-Hand, Intercourse, White Horse and Compass. Don't miss the turn when Route 340 turns left at the blinking yellow light in Compass. Proceed four miles after the turn and look for mailbox #282 on the right. Make this a family outing!

## ATTENTION UCC WOMEN!

The next gathering of the women's clergy/seminarian mentoring group will be Thursday, January 27, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lionville. Ann Kemper has agreed to coordinate carpooling. Leave your name with her in the Library. Look forward to seeing you there.

Liz Bell

