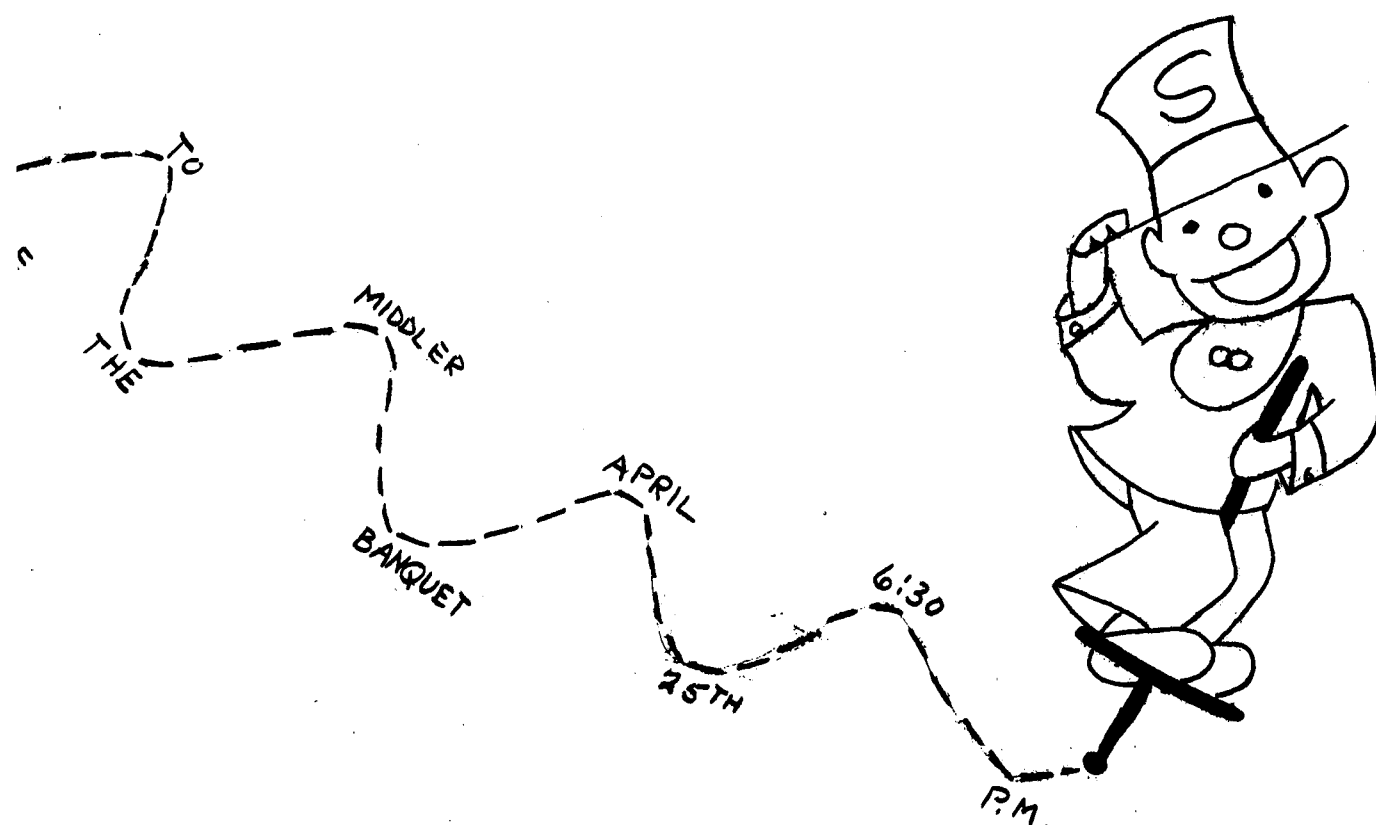


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LAST FRIDAY I MET A FELLOW WHO WAS HUMMING "DUM DEE DUM-DUM". HE SEEMED LIKE A NICE GUY, AND SINCE WE WERE BOTH WALKING IN THE SAME DIRECTION, I STARTED TALKING WITH HIM. AFTER HE HAD RAMBLED ON FOR A WHILE, I STOPPED TO HEAR HIS COMMENTS ON MY PROFOUND THEOLOGICAL DISSERTATION. WITH GREAT DELIBERATION HE ASSERTED, "I WANT TO KNOW THE FACTS, NOTHING BUT THE FACTS." I TOLD HIM.

WHAT? THE MIDDLE BANQUET

WHEN? 6:30, WEDNESDAY EVENING.

WHERE? IN THE REFECTORY

WHY? FOR GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND TO RAISE

FUNDS FOR THE EXCHANGE STUDENT PROGRAM. I ALSO REMINDED HIM THAT THE DINNER COSTS \$1 FOR EACH OF DORM STUDENTS AND GUESTS.

AFTER HE WAS SURE THAT HE HAD ALL THE FACTS STRAIGHT, HE BADE ME FAREWELL AND CONTINUED ON HIS WAY, HUMMING "DUM DEE DUM-DUM". NOW I KNEW I WOULD SEE JOE AT THE MIDDLE BANQUET. ABOUT YOU?

Seriously, the Middler Banquet is only two days away. As in previous years, a great deal of time and effort has gone into the preparations to insure a good time for all. "Deacon" Stooat, as toastmaster, will keep the program running smoothly and possibly tell a joke here and there. Auctioneer Gold, with his right-hand man Larry Fisher, will be selling loud and clear as the many articles and services go on the block. I know you won't want to miss all the fun. And the entertainment - just wait until you see it! I could spoil all the fun and tell you all about it, but I won't do that. You'll have to come and see for yourself the amazing and astounding talent that has been lurking in the halls of the Administration Building.

The co-operation of the various classes has been fine in providing articles and services for the auction, and I know the whole program of the Middler Banquet has been carefully prepared. Let's keep up the good work and see everyone at the banquet on Wednesday evening for good food, good fun, and good fellowship for a good cause. See you there!

- Dave Koch

I hear a rumor that the Seniors would like to challenge any others to a Soft-Ball game. Sounds good to me. You name the day. Let's have several inter-Seminary games after the EM intra-mural schedule is concluded.

See you at the game,
Jim (bursitis) Bright

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *****

Some men never go to work for a living until they have given everything else a fair trial.

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DIG THIS PLANT" *****

No, this statement is not an order from a farmer, nor is it an exclamation of a "hep-cat" botanist. It is a curious mixture of words which are supposed to mean something to the effect of, "What an efficient, well-planned church building this is!" Now I know that in this day and age of increased speed, even the tempo of speech has been "stepped-up" and abbreviated, but this term "plant" for an efficient and elaborate church building, is only a symptomatic manifestation of what is happening to Christianity in our culture.

Basically, I guess we really are crazy mixed-up people, for syncretism has crept into Christianity here in America. Not only do we reverse the servant set of values of Christianity. We are mimicking and assuming the titles of doctors, but now industrialism is contributing its language to our modern religious jargon. No longer is it a house of God or a church, but a "plant". Now, all I ask, is what are we producing? Little Christian automatons? Are we performing a soul-washing business, as a garage performs a car-washing job? The blight of American is just that! It is American Christianity syncretized with all of the wealth, convenience, professional prestige, and "hep-cat" jargon in America. We are identifying Christianity too closely to our particular culture, instead of adapting (and this is what is so difficult) our culture to Christianity. In short, we seem to be diluting Christianity with our particular concepts, instead of allowing Christianity to penetrate our way of life. The former is so much easier and more comfortable that many people fail to see the tremendous dangers involved. If this culture needs religious sanctions then let's begin a state or American religion but for heaven's sake, add our's too, let's keep Christianity the one transcending factor of human differences that there is. Let's keep Christ a Jew and the Saviour of the world.

Toynbee claims that Christianity failed or nearly failed to meet the challenge of the medieval era because it became too closely attached to the existing culture in which it found itself. When feudalism fell, Christianity almost fell with it. Is that going to be America's stake as well? Let's wake up and realize that we are Christians first - loyal to all Christianity stands for in all its purity, and Americans second - the better and more loyal Americans because of the influence our first loyalty has upon us,

If Christianity is to survive (and God shall never let it fail) it must be the forming and influencing factor of these shifting, changing cultures, and world of man, and not the reverse. It must forever remain itself, and we must search for means by which we can help make Christian America, and not Christianity American.

Surely there must be another word to more accurately describe the facilities attached to the house of God than the word "plant". I will let that choice to more ingenious minds than me, but if you find one, would you let me know?

- Rodney A. Henrie

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The retiring staff of the Seminarian extends to the new staff best wishes for a year of successful publication; to the graduating Seniors, successful pastorates; to the students turning nächste Jahr, continued devotion in their tasks; to the faculty, a consecrated class of incoming Juniors; to the Englerts, a joyous and enlightening experience with our friends across the sea; to Roger Matter, realization and achievement in his pastoral work; and to the Phillies, a pennant.

THANKS

Last Tuesday evening marked the final appearance of the Seminary Choir in various churches of the surrounding areas of Lancaster for this season. We have had a most successful year together, for which we are indebted to James Cress, Mr. McConnell, and Dr. Sayres.

To you Jim, we owe a special indebtedness. As manager of the choir, you did a magnificent job. It was you who took great pains in making preparations for the tour and the Tuesday night trips, and to you we owe much of our success. Thanks a million Jim for your efforts. Words do not express our sincere appreciation.

To you, Mr. McConnell, whose never tiring patience and effort increased our appreciation of church music, we express our gratitude. Your ability and true Christian character have lifted us to greater heights. You shall never know the great influence you have imparted to us in our association with you, and we sincerely thank you.

To you, Dr. Sayres, whose joviality and good spirit have served to encourage us often, we also express our appreciation. You can never know what your presence in the congregation has done for us. Much of our inspiration came from your messages and prayers. It was through you that we learned the significance of our message in music. Our thanks go to you, Dr. Sayres.

- The Seminary Choir

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NEW EDITOR OF THE SEMINARIAN *****

Last week the advisor to the Seminarian, Dr. Vassady, the President of the Society of Inquiry, Ron Krick, and the Editor met together to choose the new editor of the Seminarian. After considering the experience and abilities of the candidates, we chose Francis Scheirer. "Posey" has had considerable experience being on the staffs of the Lantern and the Weekly, Ursinus College Publications, and the staff of the Seminarian as Junior representative this past year. Some of the 1955-56 staff wish Posey and the new staff good luck, and continued co-operation from the student body. The new staff will begin their work with issue number fifteen.

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CRYPTOGRAM *****

CUQ RAUZ, RQIZZ CMEAQPISK QPMEAQR ASL VUMLEM AKAISRQ QPE LIRHIDZER OB QPE ZOML, JESQ
QPE PIKP DMIERQ ASL ARGEL PIV BOM ZEQQEMR QO QPE RTSAKOKUER AQ LAVARHUR, RO QPAQ IB PE BOUSL
ST CEZOSKISK QO QPE JAT, VES OM JOVES, PE VIKPQ CMISK QPEV COUSL QO FEMURAZEV. SOJ AR QE
JUMSETEL PE ADDMOAHPEL LAVARHUR, ASL RULLESZT A ZIKPQ BMOV PEAYES BZARPEL ACOUQ PIV. ASL PE
ZZZ QO QPE KMOUSL ASL PEAML A YOIHE RATISK QO PIV, "RAUZ, RAUZ, JPT LO TOU DEMREHUQE VE?"

Last issue's answer - Isa. 4:2f

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OUR NEW FACULTY MEMBER *****

Sylvio J. Scorza is a dark complected, rather heavy set young man of 33. His father is an Italian Protestant pastor who left Italy in 1929 to escape the Protestant persecutions of that time. His son is following in his footsteps - is both a husband (to a wonderful wife, I am told) and a minister of the Gospel of Christ. Here the comparison seems to end, for as yet, the couple have no children.

Mr. Scorza is a graduate of Hope College, Michigan, and Western Seminary (Dutch Reformed) in New Holland, Michigan. In June of this year, Mr. Scorza will receive his Th.D. in Old Testament from Princeton Seminary. His thesis subject is A Concordance of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and so instead of the Apocrypha course (O.T.4) and Preaching from the Old Testament (O.T.8), Mr. Scorza will offer a three-hour course on the Dead Sea Scrolls. All other Old Testament courses will remain the same.

The couple will reside in Dr. Englert's home. A ramp will be built over the side steps of the home, for twelve years ago a truck pinned him against an automobile, rendering his legs useless for the remainder of his life. Despite his handicap he is extremely agile, and will be dependent upon the students only to help him up and down the steps of the main building. He shall need no help in either entering or driving his car, which he drives entirely by hand.

It is with numerous regrets that we bid a fond farewell and a safe journey to the

aglers, while at the same time we look forward with much anticipation to meeting Mr. Scorza and his charming wife. We of the Seminarian staff sincerely hope that each family will find this year's ventures truly beneficial and rewarding.

-Rodney Henrie

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OUR ROVING REPORTER *****

Philosophy teaches us to proceed from the general to the specific, and since it is generally known that we are attending a Theological Seminary, let's philosophize a bit with the specific question of Spiritual Life. You, there; just what is your opinion of the Spiritual life of the average Seminary student - adequate, below average, or more than enough?

J. CLARK HAYES, Junior: "I think that there is always room for improvement - I believe that this holds true for most of us, including myself!"

JIM GOLD, Middler: "It's definitely not above average, I feel! However, I think that it is adequate, keeping in mind that what is spiritually stimulating for one person might not be so for the next."

JIM TUREK, Junior: "I believe that it depends on what standard one measures by. At the average public standard, it's more than adequate, but I feel that by the one great supreme standard, it's below average."

ART ROBERTS, Senior; "Personally speaking, I think there is much to be desired. If we would take time to reexamine ourselves in the years spent in Seminary, we would realize that life, at its highest and best, is found in the spiritual first hand witness of Christ in our lives. When we have this first hand experience of Christ, then we can say with Thomas, 'My Lord, and my God'."

GEORGE LUDWIG, Pastor; "We are often too narrow in our definitions of spirituality. This is because we make our judgements on the basis of our own spiritual experiences. To answer this question, therefore, I realize my own limitations. There have been others whose spiritual experience parallels mine and discussions of the subject reveal that there are times in our experiences here in which we are stimulated spiritually. Undoubtedly, many feel spiritually lifted by means other than those which stir me. Much could be done, therefore, to broaden our spiritual experience."

STERLING SCHNELL, Junior; "Since I am a day student at the Seminary, I am somewhat handicapped in giving an opinion of the spiritual life of the average Seminary student. From what I see, however, I feel that it is adequate and I must mention that I have been given the invitation to join the prayer cell group when in Lancaster. This supports my point."

PETER, Fisherman; "Grow in the grace of knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity." (II Peter 3:18)

As mentioned above, the answer to this question hinges on your definition of Spiritual Life, and to a large extent, upon what is central in your Spiritual Life. What is spiritually stimulating to one person might not mean anything to the next person and consequently, widely qualified answers may be given. It appears, however, that many of the students feel that their Spiritual Life has not grown as swiftly as might have been expected. No set of rules, legislation can correct this: it is up to the individual.

- Ron Whitebred

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THE LIFE OF PAUL*****

By Robert V. Moss, Jr.

Christian Education Press - \$1.25

This small volume, by our own Dr. Moss, is easily read and highly informative. It is a short work and can be read at one sitting. However, it is primarily designed as a textbook and will prove most useful in this capacity. The contents of the book are provocative rather than exhaustive, as is indicated by the questions "for further study" which follow each chapter. If not used as a text, the individual reader should have a Bible at his elbow to use as a reference at points suggested by Dr. Moss. This increases reading time but should enable the reader to understand the situations in which Paul frequently found himself, and which Dr. Moss is elucidating.

In the introduction, the author gives us a thumbnail sketch of the world at the time of Paul. He discusses the religious color of the empire - mystery cults, emperor worship, and persecution. In this world there was a tendency for the individual to feel a certain "lostness". He goes on to say that "Paul profoundly believed that if there was any salvation for those oppressed by a sense of lostness...it was to be found in Christ Jesus, who had been designated Son of God in Power'."

He sets forth his purpose in the introduction by saying that part of our task in the study will be to discover why one who had not lived and worked with Jesus in the brief period of his earthly ministry and who spoke of himself as "the least of the apostles" should exert much influence upon the course of Christian History. The answer is revealed in the chapters titled: A Pharisee of the Pharisees, A Man in Christ, For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free, The Gospel in Greece, A Prisoner for Christ, and A Steward of the Mysteries of God.

After a resume of Paul's early life and training, Dr. Moss gives us a vivid picture of the stoning of Stephen - from Paul's viewpoint. He says, "We cannot know what impact this event had upon Paul at the very depths of his being." The next great event in Paul's life was his conversion. This phenomenon, which wrought such great changes in Paul's life, meant three things to him: first, that Jesus was the Messiah, the Christ, as the Christians said; second, that God had acted apart from the Law; and third, that he was called to be an apostle to the Gentiles.

The book now continues on a chronological plan as Dr. Moss gives us insights into the major events of the apostle's life. We are enabled to catch a glimpse of the Arabian ministry and the first visit to Jerusalem after his conversion. We learn about his fourteen years in the regions of Syria and Cilicia. We stand with Paul and Barnabas in the presence of Peter and James at the Jerusalem Council. We accompany him on his missionary journeys to Antioch, Derbe, and Lystra, and other cities; and we stand with him on Mars Hill.

Not only does the author present us with the life of Paul, but he gives us the crux of Paul's thought as found in his letters. The letters to the Galatians and the Corinthians and the Thessalonians are briefly discussed against their own particular background. He deals with the occasion for the letters, the date, and the problems. He also considers Paul's imprisonment and prison letters, the authenticity of some letters, and the collection of the tithes.

In the chapter entitled, "A Steward of the Mysteries of God," some of the major tenets of Paul's theology are discussed as put forth in Romans. These are justification by faith, the life of the man who is justified by faith, the rejection of Israel, and the responsibility of the Christian.

Although there are more detailed and pretentious lives of the great apostle, there is none which gives a more revealing picture in a brief compass. While sweeping in scope, the title volume avoids the technical points which make some books difficult for laymen to use. It is written for lay church workers and the reader gets the heart of the matter in each case in simple and understandable language without having to flounder through a maze of detail which is of no concern to the average layman. It is admirably adapted to its end - the use of lay church workers. Any ordinarily intelligent layman will like it, and it will be a very useful book in the Sunday School church library.

- Van D. Grimes

MINIARY SPORTS *****

The Seminary soft-ball team has played three of its games so far this season. On Monday, April 13, the Dietz Hall team was routed by a score of 12-10. On Tuesday, April 17, East Hall tasted defeat as the Seminary was victorious by a score of 11-10. On Thursday, April 19, the Seminary nine trounced East Hall of 11-2.

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

The six high averages at the time of printing were:

Bob Godfrey	.800
Bill Harner	.750
Hal Henning	.750
Charlie Fogel	.571
Dick Barley	.429
Hal Schoup	.429

The Ping-Pong tournament is moving toward the final round. In one week we should have a Seminarian champion.

If you are playing Bridge, don't forget to make arrangements to play your games as soon as possible to schedule as possible.

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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK *****

Rev. A. Augustus Welsh, D.D., minister of Christ Church, Bethlehem, Pa., has accepted our invitation to be the Commencement speaker on Wednesday, May 30 in Hensel Hall. Dr. Welsh is currently president of our Alumni Association and is widely known as a preacher of vigorous thought and expression. His son, Robert, now a senior at Pennsylvania State University will be member of next year's Junior Class.

Speaking of Commencement, attention is called to the article on page two of the Handbook, "The End from the Beginning." All members of our school family are expected to "stay through" and to render such service as may be assigned them by the Committee on Arrangements, which will soon be announced. Professor Bartholomew is the faculty advisor to this committee. Due to our use of Hensel Hall for the Wednesday program, graduates and other students as well, need not feel under restrictions as to inviting guests to enjoy with us the Commencement festivities.

Sylvio Scorza of Princeton has been named guest professor of Hebrew and Old Testament for the next school year, which will be Dr. Englert's sabbatical year, to be spent in study at Hensel and in the Near East.

MIDDLERS' B.D. thesis subjects should be in the Dean's hands by Monday, April 30. That date for the SENIORS represents the deadline for submitting revised texts of theses to the responsible professors for approval...also for depositing senior sermons in the President's office.

Dr. Frederick D. Wentzel, Director of Publications of our Board of Christian Education is our assembly speaker on Monday, April 16. Rev. Philip Williams, new Associate Executive Secretary of the Board of International Missions will be here on Monday, April 30 for interviews with interested students as well as for the assembly address.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Blankenship on the arrival of their daughter Ann, born Tuesday, April 17.

GENERAL SYNOD MEETS IN LANCASTER - August 31 to September 7 *****

Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster Synod and the Seminary will be host to the meeting of General Synod this year. We are very happy to have the Synod come to Lancaster in the process of Union with the Congregational Christian Churches since one of the formative moments in the merger of the Evangelical and the Reformed Church was held here also. Clear in our memories of many is the debate on the control of ordination in which the late Dr. Richards participated most animatedly.

Being host means that we must ready the guest chambers. While for many years students have stored their personal belongings in the rooms which they were to occupy the following year, this will not be possible. Space will be made available in the storage rooms on the ground floor. If you have chairs and other furniture which you will not mind having used, it may remain in the room. Please empty closets so that the space will be available for our guests.

All keys must be returned and the deposit will be refunded. Locks will have to be changed in the rooms of the forgetful and the deposit will be forfeited.

There will be the need of some persons to assist in the general housekeeping tasks during the week. If you would like to work some of the time and take in some of the General Synod some of the time, make your request early.

Questions and additional information can be secured from Dr. Bartholomew.

PADRE...by Ronnie

