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The Middler Class has found it necessary to make slight changes in the plans for the Annual Middler Banquet. The date previously set was May 1, which was announced in the last issue of The Seminarian. The program committee encountered difficulty in securing the services of the desired speaker for this evening, however, and asked if the date could be changed. After consultation with the faculty, it was agreed that the date of May 8 could be set aside for the banquet. Although this will necessitate other schedule changes, the banquet will be held in the refectory on Wednesday evening, May 8, 1957, at 6:30 P.M. Students, faculty members, wives, and other friends of the Seminary Family are cordially invited.

This banquet annually serves as an opportune time to honor the foreign student currently studying at our Seminary. In addition to this function it has also served in recent years as a time for the members of the Seminary Family to contribute to the fund for the expenses of the next year's student. This provides an opportunity for all of us to participate in an ecumenical movement through the practice of Christian stewardship.

The liberal giving of last year causes us to be very optimistic as we approach this event. The financial chart posted in the Administration Building is indicative of this year's stewardship practice. Advent offerings exceeded expectations and, as this article is written, it looks as if the Lenten offerings will push the indicator beyond the limits of the box on the chart. This is good, and we feel confident that the long indicator at the top for the ecumenical student will go beyond expectations on May 8.

Last year cash and check books were brought, and many cheerfully and generously gave \$10.00, \$12.00, and even more. This year the cause is the same, the need has not decreased, and it seems that our means are no less than they were last year. An offering envelope, into which each person may place his contribution, will be beside each plate. A dedicatory service will be part of the evening's events.

Perhaps you are wondering what was important enough for a change of date. We have secured the services of a highly recommended after-dinner speaker. Dr. J. William Frey, a member of the Franklin and Marshall College faculty, will be the featured entertainment for the evening. Dr. Frey is an authority on Pennsylvania-Dutch folklore and is much in demand as a speaker and entertainer. We are confident that you will find the program most enjoyable.

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Van Grimes

NEWS FLASHES OR NOTES TO START A CONVERSATION WITH

1. The missing masthead or what are those Juniors doing?
2. The weather. Spring is here or has the rain hurt the rhubarb?
3. No Choir trip Holy week.
4. The scenery changes in room 4. Were you really surprised Dr. Moss?
5. Why are the Seniors so busy or does April 29th have real significance for them?
6. What's on T.V.? Has work pressure diminished the Tennessee Ernie Fan Club?
7. What are you wearing for Easter or any fire sales downtown?
8. Who fixed the lights in the gymnasium?

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FOOTNOTE: To the grammatical purist who says, looking at the above, "isn't with a preposition?". Sure it is and we know it's an awful thing to end a sentence with.

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BOOKSTORE COOPERATIVE ELECTS.

Approximately 40 stockholders of the Bookstore Cooperative met on the evening of Mar. 25, for the annual meeting. The business portion of the meeting consisted of the acceptance of the proposed constitution to be put into effect at the beginning of the next school year, and the election of the new Bookstore Manager and representatives.

Russ Heintzelman gave a verbal supplement to the previously published statistical report of the year's financial statement. In an effort to clarify the proposed changes included in the new constitution, Merrill Ressler led a discussion which received very favorable comments from the members.

Official ballots were then distributed for the voting. The results were as follows:

BOOKSTORE MANAGER

Bob J. Allen

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES

Russ Heintzelman
Barry Kern
Van Grimes

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVES

Willard Rabert
Dick Bonner
Bob Welsh

The staff would like to take this opportunity to tip their hat to Russ Heintzelman for a job well done.

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"Love, says God, does not surprise me.

It is not astonishing.

These poor men and women are so unfortunate that

Unless they had hearts of stone, how should they not have Love,
the one for the other.

How should they fail to have Love for their brothers?

How should they fail to draw forth the bread from their mouths,

the daily bread, in order to give it to unhappy children who pass?
And my Son had such love for them.

My Son their brother -- so great a love.

But Hope, says God, that is what surprises me. To me
that is the astonishing thing.

That these poor children see how things turn out today and that they
believe that to-morrow things will go better.

That they see how things turn out to-day and that they believe that
it will be better even to-morrow morning.

That is the astonishing thing and the greatest miracle of our Grace.

And it must be that my Grace is indeed of an unbelievable power

And that it flows from a spring and like an inextinguishable river.

Since the beginning it has flown and it flows still.

In my natural creation and in my supernatural --

In my spiritual creation and in my fleshly creation and in my
creation both spiritual and fleshly --

In my creation eternal and temporal and both eternal and temporal.
Mortal and immortal.

And Oh! that time when it flowed, like a river of blood from the
pierced side of my Son.

What cannot my Grace do and the force of my Grace, when this little

Hope, wavering at every sigh of Sin -- trembling at every wind,

anxious at the slightest sigh -- may be constant -- holding itself

as faithful, as upright, as pure; and invincible, and immortal,

and impossible to extinguish, as this sanctuary flame --

which burns eternally in its faithful lamp."

Le Porche du Mystere de le Deuxieme Vertu
Charles Peguy

(translated by G.H.)

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D Our seminary felicitates Franklin and Marshall College on the occasion
E of the Inauguration of its eighth president, Dr. Frederick DeWolf
A Bolman on Saturday, April 6th. Our faculty participated as a body in
NOTES the inaugural procession. The close historic relation between our two
institutions is shown in the fact that the first three presidents of the college
either had been or were to become professors in the seminary: Doctors Gerhard,
Nevin and Thomas G. Appel.

A welcome visitor last week was the Reverend Joseph Scorza of Los
Angeles, California, father of our Dr. Scorza and a minister of the Reformed
Church in America. He was on his way to his native Italy where he will be
conducting an evangelistic mission.

Recent speakers in chapel have been Dr. Reginald Helffrich of our
Commission on World Service, who related experiences in Hong Kong, Africa and
elsewhere and Mr. Richard Heaton of the Interseminary Movement who spoke of its
ecumenical involvements and the Oberlin Conference next summer on "The Ministry
We Seek".

A Joint Planning Committee, consisting of representatives of Corpora-
tion, Board of Visitors and Faculty has begun a "Self-Study" of our school and
its work. Faculty representatives are President-elect Moss and Professors Gable
and Bartholomew, who would welcome suggestions from students as to how our
seminary may more adequately meet the needs of theological education. A faculty
colloquy on the subject will be held Friday afternoon, April 12 at 2 o'clock.

A schedule for an extended assembly period, when necessary (as it was
for the recent Helffrich visit), that will equalize the class periods for Monday
afternoon has been adopted:

1:30--2:25 Assembly
2:30--3:20 First Class
3:25--4:15 Second Class
4:20--5:10 Third Class

CHANGE OF DATES:

Middler Banquet from Wednesday May 1 to Wednesday May 8.
Spring Communion from Wednesday May 8 to Wednesday May 15.

EASTER RECESS:

Wednesday April 18 (12:15) through Easter Monday April 22.

DEADLINES AHEAD:

For Prize Essays and Sermons - (Schaff and Spessard for Seniors, Deitz
and Sacred Rhetoric for Middlers): Tuesday, April 23.

For Senior Sermons - for the Board of Visitors: Friday, May 3.

For complete text of B. D. Thesis: Monday, April 29.

Dr. Florence Partridge, Executive Secretary of the E. and R. Women's
Guild will be our guest on Wednesday, April 10, speaking to the seniors after
chapel and to the Seminary Women in the evening.

The Faculty has voted our participation in the Clinical Training Plan
of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches. Dr. Sayres who will be our represent-
ative, will be glad to impart information to interested students.

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The Association of Seminary Women will hold their regular meeting on
April 8th, at 8:00 p.m., at the Missionary Home on 1120 West New Street. The
speaker for the evening will be Lois Kratz, who will speak to the group on her
experiences in Iraq, where her parents have served for a number of years as
missionaries. This program is of special interest, and all women of the Seminary
Family are invited to attend. Mrs. Van Grimes will act as hostess.

At this meeting officers for next year will be elected.

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CHANCEL PLAYERS NEW PRODUCTION

The Chancel Players is rehearsing Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town" for production April 25, 26, and 27.

This play was produced on Broadway in 1938-39 and has since become a classic with Little Theatre Groups across the nation. It is a play that depends greatly upon lines rather than upon scenery or costumes, for its effect on the audience.

Wilder has brought the stage-manager before the audience and has made him the narrator of the play. He performs the function of Greek chorus, commenting and interpreting some of the action of the play. At various points in the play he steps into the role of a minor character.

There is just a little scenery - "for those that feel they have to have scenery" - and the imagination of the audience is called into action. Much of the activity is performed in pantomime.

The setting of "Our Town" is Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, a typical American town. The play moves from 1901 to 1913. The three acts deal with ordinary life, marriage and death. The theme of the play is the importance of life and the value of living it every minute. It points out eternal values which endure beyond life but gives emphasis to the values of home, love, family life, etc., which make the world a better place in which to live.

The Cast of "Our Town" is as follows:

Stage Manager-	Charles Bawel
Doctor Gibbs-	Richard Merrick
Joe Crowell-	Jack Argood
Howie Newsome-	Don Stats
Mrs. Gibbs-	Janet Moll
Mrs. Webb-	Ann Schoup
George Gibbs-	Robert Bayler
Rebecca Gibbs-	Ruth Ann Kelchmer
Wally Webb-	Robby Moss
Emily Webb-	Dorothy June Whitebred
Professor Willard-	Robert Gast
Mr. Webb-	David Koch
Lady in the Box-	Wendela Van Lynden
Simon Stimson-	Frank A. McConnell
Mrs Soames-	Phyllis Scorza
Constable Warren-	Bruce Wickkiser
Si Crowell-	Jack Argood
Joe Stoddard-	Robert Gast
Sam Craig-	H. Ronald Whitebred

A publicity committee headed by Mead Bailey is at work on posters and invitations.

The production will be presented for the Seminary Family on Thursday, April 25, at 8:15 p.m., in the Chapel, and for the public on April 26-27 at 8:15 p.m., also in the Chapel.

The objective of the Chancel Players is to provide productions of good plays that stress a Christian theme or Christian values. We feel that such plays are not limited to specifically Biblical themes and that in "Our Town", Thornton Wilder has created such a play.

George Hazen

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The objectives of the Chancel Players and the importance of Christian Drama to-day, will be discussed over WGAL-TV at 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 1957. Participants in the program will be Dr. Robert V. Moss, Jr., and George Hazen, student director of the Chancel Players.

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