

Seminary News

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MIXER/BUFFET TOUR

Between Wednesday, April 20, and Thursday, April 21, close to 400 people will visit our campus. As a member of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, the Seminary will host other member institutions, organizations and businesses at a mixer on April 20. This event is an opportunity for people in the business community to become familiar with the Seminary.

On Thursday, invited guests, along with members of the Seminary Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, will tour the campus during dinner. The dinner is one of the concluding events of the year-long Campus 100 centennial celebration at Lancaster Seminary.

CAMPUS CLEAN-UP DAY RESCHEDULED

Due to inclement weather on Saturday morning, clean-up activities have been rescheduled to April 23, 9:00 a.m. A new sign-up list for volunteers is located in Lower Level Lark Building. Tasks include raking, sweeping, trash pick-up and planting flowers. Volunteers will meet in the Quad on Saturday morning, and work should be completed by early afternoon. If you can't join us on Saturday, but have a few hours during the week to contribute to a project, please see Vic Wright or Ken Waclo. Get involved! Let's help make the campus a more beautiful place! A special word of thanks to Julie Guise, Pat Minnick, Kathy Pforr and Brigitte Putnam for the beautiful flowers they planted in the Quad/Refectory areas.



SCC WANTS YOU

Each year the Seminarian Community Council appoints students to the Institutional Planning Committee, Worship and Community Life Committee and the Educational Life Committee. These committees meet monthly during the school year. A brief description of each is given below.

If you wish to advance your name for appointment to a committee, or if you are currently serving and would like to be re-appointed, please submit to the SCC your name with the committee you wish to serve. Names should be placed in the SCC mailbox by April 30.

...The Educational Life Committee is charged with overseeing the details of Lancaster Seminary's educational life, including curriculum, policies, handbooks and continuing education.

...The Institutional Planning Committee is responsible for the review, evaluation and plans for the implementation of the Seminary's five year Institutional Plan.

...The Worship and Community Life Committee addresses issues having an impact on the community's life: chapel, housing, student life, community standards.

COMMUNITY HOUR, APRIL 28

Imagine this...classes cancelled so that students may fetch water (from a well one mile away); no books may be checked out of the library; no teacher is available to teach Church History, so students study English instead. Sound like a challenge? Come and hear about the struggle for theological education at Banyam Theological Seminary in Northern Nigeria. Ann Kemper will show slides and invites people who went to Ghana and South America to participate in the discussion about the similarities and differences in theological education world-wide. The presentation will be held in Hafer Center beginning at 11:10 a.m. on Thursday, April 28.

TAKE NOTE . . .
SENIOR GRADES ARE DUE 4/29.
Be sure to check with professors
for work-completed deadlines.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER

Some of you may have noticed a new face in the Library. Phyllis Doultrick is a volunteer who will be helping at the circulation desk every other Thursday (April 7, 21, etc.). Please welcome her to our community.

LIBRARY CHECKOUTS

All books checked out by seniors must be returned to the Library no later than Friday, April 29. All overdues, fines, etc., must be cleared by the same date.

All library materials checked out by students other than seniors are due May 13. If you need books beyond that date, please come to the Library, renew the books and give us your summer address and phone number. Fines will be assessed for materials over the summer.

**BEGINNING JULY 1, 1994, LIBRARY FINES
WILL INCREASE TO 25 CENTS PER DAY.**

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Do you like the new look in the Library? Would you like to be a part of the moving and shaking? The shelves in the Library are too crowded, and books need to be moved from overcrowded shelves to empty shelves on the first floor. We need volunteers (students, staff, faculty, innocent bystanders) to help us (library staff) shift the books. Please, please, please, even if you can give us only an hour, come and help move books on Wednesday, May 25th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and lasting until we finish. The more people we have, the quicker and easier and more fun the process will be. The library staff will provide lunch for whoever comes to help. Please let Ann Kemper know by May 12 if you will be able to help so we can plan accordingly. Thank you for your support!


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CHAPEL SERVICES

Chapel service leaders are:
April 20 and 22 - Unitarian Universalist
Week Planners
April 25 - TBA
April 26 - Ann Few

OUR COMMON EARTH - OUR COMMON WEALTH

Try this...take one day during this week to examine your lifestyle. From the moment you wake up until you go to sleep, analyze how you live. Ask: What are my priorities? What do I have to have? What do I like to have? What can I do without? How much water do I use, and how do I use it? How dependent am I on solar energy? Electricity? Gasoline and oil? Natural gas? What is the ratio of what I take compared with what I give? Take time at the end of the day to summarize, and then take your conclusions to God in prayer.

Happy Earth Week!

- Jennifer Geary

Our Common Earth



Our Common Wealth
EARTH WEEK 1994

President's Page

This week marks important events in our centennial celebration. On Wednesday we welcome members of the city of Lancaster to our campus for an open house. The guests are members of the county Chamber of Commerce. As a school with deep roots in this county, we are pleased to host this reception. The reception will be from 5-7 p.m. Please note that we will probably have between 100 - 200 guests touring Lark, the Schaff Library and the Refectory.

On Thursday and Friday, we hold our spring Board meeting, which will include a special celebration Thursday evening for faculty, staff, trustees, and donors. The evening will culminate in a service in Santee Chapel marking the centennial of our campus.

The board committees will meet on Thursday afternoon, with the plenary session of the Board on Friday morning. Each committee will of course attend to its own business and then report the next morning. Of special note on the agenda are the following issues:

1. A revision in the By-laws of the Board, removing the stipulation of a maximum of six trustees who are members of other denominations than the United Church of Christ. We have a large board, consisting of 36 members. We have 18 trustees appointed by church bodies. The other 18 are elected by the Board itself. The leadership of the Board sees no need to limit non-UCC members to six.
2. There will be special reports by the Development Office on progress toward the Campus 100 goals. We currently have several grant proposals out to foundations and others are in preparation. We are also working with many individuals regarding direct gifts or planned gifts.
3. The Education and Student Life Committee has received recommendations from the faculty, the Dean and myself regarding the tenure and promotion for Richard Berg and Frank Stalfa. These recommendations are based on their positive contributions to the Seminary over the past five years.
4. The Education and Student Life Committee will also take action on a procedure in the event of sexual assault developed by the Worship and Campus Life Committee. This procedure has had discussion on campus with faculty and administration, and now goes to the Board.
5. We have presented to the Business Committee of the Board a budget for FY95 which incorporates major changes in our expenses. We began by reducing the FY94 expenses by \$200,000. This involved changes in our financial aid policy for new students, several reductions in personnel and general reductions across the board in program budgets. On the revenue side the proposed budget includes a 6% increase in tuition and 5% in housing. It projects enrollment in a very conservative way and also reduces our expectation for gifts and grants, in light of recent experience. The budget also includes a \$40,000 contingency line, in order to give us more protection from unpredictable changes in both revenue and expenses. In the last three years we have experienced deficits because certain costs exceeded our estimates and certain income lines fell below estimates. In the past ten fiscal years, this budget represents the most serious attempt to reduce expenses. Our expectation is that by undergoing this type of fiscal planning we will bring expenses more in line with our actual revenue. It has been a difficult process and it obviously entails the deferment of many expenses which are to be directed toward achieving goals in our planning process. At the same time it has to be recognized that one of our goals is to have a balanced budget and to eliminate the use of reserves to operate the current fund. After so many years of deficits, these reserves are depleted and we simply must take steps to produce a budget that ends in a surplus.
6. As part of the change in personnel, Professor Allen Kroehler will continue as Chaplain as a volunteer. Professor Kroehler is currently on a half-time position and has agreed that it is time to take one more step in providing more freedom for himself and his family. He came to the Seminary in 1968 and is the senior member of our faculty. During these years he has been a Professor of Christian Education, Director of the Field Education program, Dean of the Chapel and Chaplain. In all of these roles, Allen has demonstrated his love of people. He has natural gifts for counseling and caring for those about him. Even in times when he was not the official chaplain, everyone knew that Allen was a person that one could seek out for nurture and assistance. In recent years he has assisted us in welcoming Belva Brown Jordan as the new Director of Field Education. This has allowed him to take up the role of Chaplain and Dean of the Chapel. I am glad that he will continue to be a part of this community next year. I am also pleased to announce that Allen will be the preacher for the Service of Word and Sacrament on Commencement Day, May 14.
7. Finally, leaders of the Board and the administration will report on the ATS/Middle States review process. This will include a review of the final report, which we now have received, as well as reflections on the implications of all of this for the life of the Seminary. As you recall, we received the best possible recommendation from the visiting team. The team recommended that the two notations from the previous review be removed, full reaccreditation for ten years and a set of requests for written reports in two years regarding key issues in the life of the school. We have accepted the report without objection, affirming the assessment by the visiting team in its affirmations as well as its articulation of issues which must be addressed. This discussion at the Board meeting will begin the process for the Board to deal with the issues raised by the report and adjust our plans over the next few years so as to develop a positive plan of action.

Peter Schmiechen

Bulletin Board

LORD'S PRAYER TRANSLATIONS

Liz Bell is compiling a packet of translations of the **Lord's Prayer**. If you have any copies you would be willing to donate (with source citation), please put them in her mailbox. After the collection is assembled, she will make it available to any and all.

POEM PUBLISHED

Star McCarthy's poem, "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God," has been published in **Tears of Fire**, the publication of the National Library of Poetry. Star submitted her poem to the National Library of Poetry's annual contest.

WOMEN'S MENTORING GROUP

Clergy-seminarian women's mentoring group will meet again on **April 22 at 1:00 p.m.** at St. Paul's UCC, Lionville. If you haven't attended before and need directions, talk to Liz Bell or Ann Kemper. All women, all denominations welcome.

TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS TO WORK DAY Thursday, April 28

*"We are together, my child and I.
Mother and child, yes,
but sisters really,
against whatever denies us
all that we are."*

-Alice Walker

Seminary is for me in part an opportunity to speak and think and pray about the things that have "denied us all that we are." Lancaster Seminary is a place of friendship, learning, struggle and challenge. Being a seminarian is something my mother never could have been. And so this year I will bring my ten-year-old daughter, Kate, with me to Lancaster on the Ms. Foundation's second annual "Take Our Daughters to Work Day." For now, **this** is my workplace (especially at this point in the semester). So, how about you?

Whether you are male or female, how about taking this opportunity to show your daughter how the doors are still opening for girls and women in the world. Why, when I was a little girl, I never saw a "lady minister." My daughter, however, finds this "so weird."

All you have to do is let your daughter skip her school and come to your school with you instead. She'll sit in classes, use the Library, enjoy Community Hour, maybe eat in the Refectory, meet your school friends...and maybe if the weather's nice we can play some pick-up basketball over in the part after lunch. See me or Belva Brown Jordan for further information.
- Deb Gausmann

WEEKLONG CONFERENCE AT LUTHERAN SEMINARY

"Ministry in an Age of Science and Technology" is the title of a week-long conference at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. Presentations, given from July 10-15, will cover such subjects as "Scientific Literacy for Religious Leaders," "Physics and the Cosmos," "What the Church Should Know about Evolutionary Theory," "Ethical Implications of Burgeoning Technology," "Gene Therapy and Pastoral Counseling," and "The Human Genome Projects." Contact Nancy E. Gable, 61, N. West Confederate Avenue, Gettysburg, PA 17325-1795 for more information.

SUPPLY PREACHERS

Frequently Lancaster Seminary receives calls requesting supply preachers, either on a one-time basis or to cover several weeks at a time. If you would like to add your name to the list of those students who are interested and available to respond to this need, please sign up with Donna Kaplan, Faculty Secretary.

ROBES, STOLES, PARAMENTS

Brenda Grauer, liturgical artist, will be at Lancaster on Wednesday, April 20, with her handcrafted robes, stoles and paraments. Stop by Brenda's exhibit table in Lower Level Lark to talk with her and to place orders for her unique works.