

CLASSES SUSPENDED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MT. AIRY-CORNELL SCIENCE SEMINAR

All classes on Friday, March 8, will be suspended by action of the faculty in order to allow students to fully participate in the Mt. Airy-Cornell Science Seminar. Four papers in the fields of Biology and Physics will be presented by four men on the faculty at Cornell University in the morning. The afternoon will be spent in discussion groups which will be based on the papers presented in the morning. A forum will be featured in the evening.

The forum is expected to be the highlight of the day and will feature dialog between Drs. Keeton and Berg of Cornell and Drs. Lazareth and Heinecken of Mt. Airy. The forum will attempt to cover items not fully covered by the papers and the discussion groups or problems which grow out of the afternoon discussion sessions.

The four papers presented in the morning sessions will be the basis and meat for the discussion groups and the forum. Biographies on the four men who will be presenting the papers are on page four of this issue of the Seminarian.

The first paper by Mr. Irwin will probably deal with the challenge of determinism. Did God act? Is this a closed universe which God cannot penetrate?

Dr. Berg's viewpoint is that theology is not being humble before the imperial fact.

Dr. Keeton, according to Mr. Bender, is the most articulate of the group and anyone wishing to argue with him must be on his toes and know what they are talking about.

Dr. Raffensperger is concerned with genetic control for reproduction.

The discussion groups in the afternoon will be led by the four men presenting the papers in the morning plus Dr. Charles Reif, head of the Biology Department at Wilkes College.

Wesley Hamlin is in charge of assigning discussion groups. Each person will be asked to sign up for his discussion preference in the morning.

SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR FRIDAY

Following is the program for the Mt. Airy-Cornell Science Seminar this Friday, March 8.

8:30--MORNING SESSION

Lee Miller, chairman

Current Theories of the Universe -- Mr. E. John Irwin.

A Scientist Views the Church -- Dr. Clifford Berg.

10:15--MATINS -- Mr. Donald Simmons.

10:45--MORNING SESSION (Cont.)

The Implications of the Biological Sciences for Christian Theology -- Dr. William Keeton.

The Responsibility of the Scientist to Society -- Dr. Edgar Raffensperger.

12:15--End of Morning Session

1:30--AFTERNOON SESSION--Discussion

3:00--COFFEE BREAK

3:30--DISCUSSION GROUPS (Cont.)

5:00--VESPERS

7:30--FORUM SESSION

Dr. H.H. Bagger, moderator.

Dr. William Keeton

Dr. Clifford Berg

Dr. William H. Lazareth

Dr. Martin J. Heinecken

Questions will be received from the floor after the formal presentation.

Sebastian Seminarian Reports... A MICROVIEW OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

I am a disciple of Christ. I belong to a religious group with nearly two million adult communicants and some eight thousand autonomous congregations. I belong to a church which has its roots in the New Testament and modern democracy. It has been said that "my beliefs as a Disciple are as American as the Declaration of Independence, and in point of individual liberty of conscience, I am as American as the Bill of Rights." (J. E. Craig in LOOK's Guide to the Religions of America.)

Like the New Testament church, we have no formal doctrines or dogmas which have been developed through the ages.

In terms of sacraments we hold that the Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of remembrance of Christ, and allow anyone to come to the table with an individual interpretation. In the case of baptism, it is our belief and practice--as in the early church--that knowledge and confession of faith are essential to baptism, and that it be done by immersion.

Biblically, there is within the mem-

bers of our church the range of belief from literalism to liberalism--each person being responsible for his own belief and each serving God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

As a strictly congregational type of polity governs us, no statement can be made for the entire church on such matters as birth control, etc., yet trends can be depicted which would link us with other Protestants, although we do not share in the use of catechisms and prescribed rituals of worship.

Our basis as a church is a simple statement of faith, and a democratic systems of government. We emphasize the right of the individual interpretation over any dictated by a church body. We do not claim to be the only true religion, although we do believe we are the closest to the practices of the early Christian churches. We have as one of our greatest missions in life to bring all Christians together in one church of Christ based on this faith simple expressed.

We are the Disciples of Christ. Amen.

FOOTNOTES

Some of us visited a Benedictine monastery last weekend. We were very graciously received both as guests and as Lutherans. While the monks were yet in choir after Prime for the reading of the Rule of St. Benedict, the Abbot, Damasus Winzen, formally greeted us. Then he proceeded to homolize to his flock on the significance of our presence, especially at the beginning of Lent. He noted that they had all taken on special disciplines of prayer and reading in their personal observance of Lent. But the Lutheran witness, he emphasized, is to the absolute sufficiency of grace through faith, and this was to be the monk's motto too, lest any taint of pride and impiety stain his observance.

But we were also learning from the

monks. The Abbot reviewed Benedictine history for us and the place Mt. Savior had in it. The guest-master explained their customs and the structure of their lives as monks. And one of the clergy brothers attempted an explanation of his role as a prophet and servant of the Church. Then we had to account for ourselves to the astonishment of men who still half-believe that Protestants are inevitably free-thinkers, secular, and individualistic. We left him with a list of books on Lutheran theology.

Then there was the "Liturgy of the Word," scripture lections, and prayer which we observed together; and the simple fare of the monastic board. Would that you all could glimpse this life and know such wonderful people, and anticipate the vision of Church unity!

George Weckman

FACULTY ACTS FAVORABLY CONCERNING COMMITTEE'S CONCERN FOR FIELD WORK

Moving field work to one afternoon a week plus a closer tie between field experience and the practical field were agreed recommendations of the faculty at their meeting on Feb. 18 following the reading of concerns which were submitted by the Student-Faculty Committee.

Two areas of concern were called to the attention of the faculty in the committee report. Specific points were listed under each heading.

In a letter from Mr. Stump to the committee, it was reported that "at the faculty meeting on Monday (Feb. 18), there was agreement that henceforth senior field work should be moved to one afternoon a week and that all scheduling in conflict with this would be avoided."

The report continues: "Your concern that class work in the practical field be tied in with field experience was heartily approved."

Mr. Stump comments in the report: "I am quite convinced that there are improvements that must be made on the basis of the things that we have learned this year."

The Committee's listing of concerns followed a student body study and survey which was begun in December, Charles Ziegler, chairman of the committee, reported.

SENIOR BANQUET

Tickets for the Senior Banquet are now on sale through representatives of the Middler Class, according to Wesley Hamlin, chairman, for the cost of \$2.50. The banquet will be held at At. John's, Mayfair, on April 26.

The program will begin at 5:30 P.M. with an Organ Recital by George Weckman. This will be followed by the Vesper Service, Foster McCurley, reader. The dinner at 6:30 will be highlighted by Dr. Edmund Steimle, speaker. A dance will be held after the dinner.

The Senior Banquet is open to all students, their wives, or dates, and the faculty. The deadline for purchasing tickets is March 30.

CHAPEL CALENDAR

Wednesday Chapel services during March include a diversity of form and content. They include a Special Order for use in Lent, a sermon by the Rev. Edward W. Uthe, M.A., and a Sermon in Dialog by Mr. Fred Myers and Mr. Ben Thorpe.

The schedule for March is as follows:

March 6--A Devotion for Lent
(Special Order)

March 13--Sermon: The Rev. Edward W. Uthe.

March 20--Sermon in Dialog.

March 27--A Devotion for Lent
(Special Order)

The Special Order, "A Devotion for Lent" was edited by Dr. George Seltzer as a penitential service for Lent.

The Rev. Edward W. Uthe is Secretary for Educational Research on the Board of Parish Education of the LCA.

The Sermon in Dialog, to be presented by Mr. Fred Myers, '63, and Mr. Ben Thorpe, '63, will be centered around the situation of older men going into the ministry and the problems therewith connected. This will have relevance to the parish ministry and counseling of older men who intend to go into the ministry,

PREXY ASKS FOR OFFICER REPORTS

In order to facilitate the compiling of a handbook for the office of Student Body President, Lee Miller has asked that "all committee, class, and student body officers submit a report of what their job involves and what they have done during the past year."

Mr. Miller has asked that these be in his hands by March 29.

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BIOGRAPHIES PRESENTED FOR THREE OF THE MEN IN THE SCIENCE SEMINAR

Mr. Ernest John Irwin is an Instructor and Research Associate at Cornell University. He received his B.S. from MIT and is now a Ph.D. candidate at Cornell. In the Physical Review, he has written, "Low energy nuclear Structure of K^{40} ". In the Annals of Physics, he has also written "study of interaction wiv r decay." He is a member of Sigma Xi Fraternity.

Dr. Clifford O. Berg is Professor of Limnology and Aquatic Entomology at Cornell University. He received his B.S. from Luther College (Decorah, Ia.); and his M.S. and Ph.D. from University of Michigan. He has written mostly research papers dealing with his research on snail-killing flies, but also a few semi-popular papers, and the chapter on the Middle Atlantic States in the new book, Limnology in North America.

He is a member of the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, the American Microscopical Society, and the Ecological Society of America, the Entomological Society of America, the American Institute of Biological Sciences, Sigma Xi and Phi Kappa Phi fraternities, and is a reserve officer in the U.S. Public Health Service.

Dr. Edgar M. Raffensperger is Associate Professor of Entomology at Cornell University. He received his B.S. and M.S. from Pennsylvania State University and his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. He has written several technical papers on insect control. He is a member of Phi Sigma, Sigma Xi, and the Entomological Society of America.

Biographical information was not available for Dr. William Keeton at the time the Seminarian was prepared.

COIN BOXES DISTRIBUTED FOR HEYER DRIVE

Coin boxes have been distributed by the Heyer Commission to collect funds for this year's appeal for the Makumira Theological College in Tanganyika. The goal for this year is \$500 and the month of March has been set aside for the Heyer Commission drive. For further information or a coin box, contact Ricahrd Sieling or Henry Johnson.

PROF. LOHSE TO PRESENT LECTURE AT MT. AIRY ON LORD'S SUPPER

Prof. Dr. Eduard Lohse, professor of New Testament at the University of Kiel, Germany, will present a lecture entitled, "The Institution of the Lord's Supper" in the Upper Sunday School room of the Chapel on April 4, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Reumann said in an interview that Prof. Lohse is one of the top younger New Testament scholars in Germany. His particular interest is in the Jewish background of the New Testament. His doctoral dissertation was on ordination as seen in the Jewish background of the early church. He has written a commentary on Revelation; however, the only work of his in English is Mark's Witness to Jesus Christ which is contained in the World Christian Books, No. 3.

Prof. Lohse's lecture in the afternoon will be followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion. In the evening he will be the guest of the faculty in the Reumann home.

Dr. Reumann stated that this will be an open lecture and that all students, graduates, and other persons connected with the seminary are invited to attend this lecture.

NIEDERMEYER OFFERS POEMS FOR SEMINAR

The following two poems were submitted by George Niedermeyer for possible consideration in light of the Mt. Airy Cornell Science Seminar. The poems were written by Hilbert Schenck, Jr.

I think that I shall never see
A calculator-made like me.
A me that likes martinis dry
And on the rocks, a little rye.
A me that looks at girls and such,
But mostly girls, and very much.
A me that wears an overcoat
And likes a risky anecdote.
A me that taps a foot and grins
Whenever Dixieland begins.
They make computers for a fee,
But only moms can make a me.

Said a rocket man winking an eye,
"into orbits computers must fly.
Now it might be more sound
If they stayed on the ground,
But the people want Pi in the sky".