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President Heiges Announces Meeting With Student Body

President Donald R. Heiges will meet with the Student Body following Matins Wednesday, February 17. He will discuss personnel changes and the progress of the development campaign. Dr. Heiges said in an interview with the Seminarian staff that there will be a new field work director next year. He will announce who the director will be and what his duties will entail. Discussion will also be held on the proposed additions to the faculty of the systematic department.

The film on Mt. Airy Seminary which is being used in the development campaign will be shown. In addition, Dr. Heiges will have a progress report on the fund-raising campaign and the possible sites for the seminary near the University of Pennsylvania.

It was announced that a report on the proposed joint executive meeting of the boards of trustees of both Philadelphia and Gettysburg Seminaries to be held May 11 will be made. The boards will meet separately in the morning and in a joint session during the afternoon.

Services Scheduled For Lane

Mr. Danny Lane, a member of the Refectory staff since the beginning of the school year, died last Saturday of pneumonia. Funeral services are scheduled for 7-9 p.m. this Friday at Liberty Baptist Church, 37th and Filbert Sts.

Mr. Lane had resided at 5726 Hunter Street with his sister and her family. He is also survived by his mother who resides in South Carolina.

Mr. Lane had been at home recovering from a broken leg when he was stricken. He was being treated as an out patient at Misericordia Hospital, West Philadelphia, for his pneumonia.

The Card and Gift Committee, on behalf of the Student Body, will send a check to his family, Bruce Schrader, chairman, announced.

Five Seminarians Attend Study Group

Five seminarians are attending an ecumenical study group today at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Seminary, Baltimore, Md. They will discuss "the nature and place of theology in the church" with representatives of Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal and Roman schools of theology.

In preparation, each of these denominations prepared a paper and bibliography on its positions. Future issues of the Seminarian will present material from some of these papers.

Mt. Airy's representatives at the conference are middlers Ozzie Arnal, Ron Bohr, and Ron Lee; and seniors Paul Kokenda and Bodo Nischan. Their paper was prepared with the assistance of Dr. Heinecken.

Bob Peery has been appointed editor of the Seminarian and chairman of the Student Publications Committee. Greg Shannon made this announcement at a meeting of the Seminarian staff on Monday evening. Mr. Peery replaces Larry Burr who has resigned from these positions. The duties of the new editor have commenced with the publication of this issue of the Seminarian.

EDITORIAL

Much of the work that has been done on the Seminarian and by the Committee on Student Publications has been the result of one person, Larry Burr. He has spent much time and effort to make these two phases of Student Body activity operative and pertinent to all persons closely associated with Mt. Airy Seminary. His work is sincerely appreciated by the students and the faculty and especially by those who have worked closely with him this year.

LETTRICH REVIEWS PLAY

Last night Christopher Fry's adaptation of Jean Giraudoux's tragedy, "Tiger at the Gates" opened at the "Theatre of the Living Arts." Attending a dress rehearsal on Monday night, this reviewer saw a well-rehearsed production which combined moments of lyric and dramatic eloquence. This modern commentary on war and destiny's part in distraughting human passion is staged with naturalness and simplicity on a one unit set of concrete-like steps and ramps. Certainly, the play is recommended to all seminarians and their families.

"Tiger" will run for three weeks, Tuesday through Saturday evenings. Ticket prices begin at \$2. and may be purchased from the theater at 334 South St.

- Joseph Lettrich

ODDS' ENDS

STERLING GEIGER has been appointed chairman of the Student Work Committee... He replaces LYNN WOOSLEY who has resigned... FWP asks that juniors interested in pulpit supply work in the Eastern Pa. and New Jersey Synods this summer contact her no later than the Easter recess.... STEVE MCKITTRICK and his wife became the proud parents of an 8½ lbs. boy, SCOTT ANDREW, 1 a.m. Tuesday morning.... STEVE MYERS is planning to join the anti-celibate clergy. He recently became engaged to CAROLYN SLAUGHTER.... MR. KAUFMAN announced that the electives to be offered next quarter are noted in the catalogue. He added that DR. SELTZER is expected to teach his elective.... Try-outs for the production of "Animal Farm" are scheduled for 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday of this week in the upper school room of Ascension Church. There are roles for 9 men and 3 women.

LETTER
TO THE
EDITOR

(The addressee has not received a copy by the time of publication.

Mr. Paul Kokenda:

Ed. Note)

I had looked forward to the publication of your "CHRISTIAN CELIBACY" as being more than a tour de force of proof texts ala Carl MacIntire's "return to Biblical-Theological orientation," and maybe it is. While in agreement with your(?) thesis, that marrying or not marrying cannot be legislated, your development and use of texts has an unpreciseness which raises a number of questions. "Also hidden in these verses are (two) other subtle intimations" to quote your text about itself. Since yours was a challenge to the Evangelical Churches, I am sure that you will want to reply publically. I have accordingly taken the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to the Seminarian.

The first difficulty arises with your emphasis on Genesis 1:26-27 and your de-emphasis of Genesis 2:18. This use of the Genesis accounts is obviously necessary to the development of your thesis; however, it avoids an issue difficult to any notion of celibacy. You fail to reckon with the "aloneness" of man's life which is dealt with in the Genesis 2 account. Is then, the celibate also devoid of the anguish of man's finitude, as well as human passion? If so, what is the meaning of the Good News for the celibate? That you are not cognizant of this factor of loneliness (getrennt) seems unlikely, but it is one explanation of your insensitive remarks concerning the

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FASTNACHT FEATURES FACULTY FOIBLES

The Fastnacht Festival which annually turns into a pre-Lenten lampooning of the faculty, administration, seminary policy, and other varieties of seminary life will be held March 2nd at 7:30. This year the Germantown Home for the Aged and Orphans, on Germantown Avenue has consented to let the seminary use its auditorium and social room for the festival.

Traditionally the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday has been set aside for the celebration of Fastnacht. Mr. Alton Roberts has agreed to be master of ceremonies for the evening's activities and to act as director over the skits to be presented by the Junior, Middle and Senior Class, and by the Wives Club.

Mr. Paul Payerchin asks that Committee Chairmen from each class meet with him during the coffee break Thursday morning to iron out any difficulties. "Fastnacht" according to Paul Payerchin, chairman of the event, "is one of the outstanding social events of the year. Mark your calendar now."

This issue of the Seminarian will be the last one before the final examination period. The next issue will appear on Thursday, March 4, because of the Fastnacht program on March 2.

STUDENTS PLAN PARTY

The Student Body is planning a "Welcome Back" Party for our returning president, Dr. Donald R. Heiges. Arrangements have been made at Pat's Restaurant here in Mt. Airy. All students, faculty and wives are invited to attend. The party will start at 8:00 on February 15th in the back dining room. It should turn out to be a fine informal shindig. As for refreshments the policy will be "Pay as you Consume."

PICK UP TICKETS AND
MAPS IN BOOK STORE

PRICE \$1.00 per couple

CALENDAR FEBRUARY-MARCH

Wednesday, Feb. 10

Chapel Speaker Rev. John Newpher; 11:15
Social Committee Meeting; Refect. 9:50
Ecumenical Study Day at St. Mary's
Roman Catholic Seminary, Baltimore

Thursday, Feb. 11

EBL Green Tree Lanes; 6:30

Friday, Feb. 12

Chapel Speaker Dr. Krodel; 11:15

Monday, Feb. 15

Party for Dr. Heiges; Pat's at 8:00

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Chapel-Dr. Heiges meeting with Student Body; 11:15

Friday, Feb. 19

Square Dance-Johnston's Barn; 8:30

Monday, Feb. 22 to 24

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Monday, Mar. 1

Third Quarter Classes Begin 8:00a.m.

Tuesday Mar. 2

Fastnacht-Germantown Home; 7:30

NEWPHER PREACHES IN CHAPEL

The Reverend John Newpher, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Oreland, will preach at the chapel service this morning. Middler Fred Brussat will be liturgist.

Dr. Newpher is a graduate of this seminary and was pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church on the campus before he assumed his present call.

Dr. Gerhard Krodel will preach during Matins on Friday. He will deliver a short sermon, as will other members of the faculty on future dates.



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acts of incest between Lot and his daughters. These women were faced with stark loneliness! Further if you took your exposition of Hebrew Law seriously, the morality of these women would not seem so questionable. You give what seems to be a distorted view of heterosexual relationships in general and of marriage in particular.

On page 26 at the bottom of the first column, in discussing the background of Paul's epistle to the Corinthians, you state the following: "The graver problems, however, arose concerning the moral laxity of the Corinthians on one hand and the extreme Gnostic dualistic asceticism on the other." You make the parallel generalization "One extreme declares everyone must marry, the other that it is a sin to marry..." There must have been a typographical error here, for it seems that you are equating moral laxity with marriage!

Your notion of marriage and celibacy as charismata is a difficult one that is not made easier or more lucid by your either/or proposition. "Are there two ways--marriage and celibacy? Are either or both of them charismata of the Spirit?" Your early dismissal of "bitter old maids" and ineffectual men victimized by circumstances becomes somewhat disconcerting when you consider Christ. We have no evidence of Christ being an avowed celibate, thus in encountering life this was an open question for Christ. It is not for you, as a celibate freed from the passions of mankind by your emancipating Gift. To parallel the unmarried Christ with the condition of celibacy as you define it, serves only to cheapen the incarnation. What other alternative can you give in this either/or situation, than the conclusion that Christ was ineffectual?

Are you baffled by the 19th century ethic you refer to? It seems so. One hears echoes of SK's ethical stage, for you never posit an authentic choice with regard to marriage or celibacy. You say "...if a person does not have the gift of celibacy he should marry and realize this charismata of the Spirit." What choice is here, it seems that one marries by default? "The command still

stands to replenish the earth." "Because of the temptation to immorality this command stands for anyone not suited for celibacy." How can you reconcile this position with authentic choice? Further it seems that your notion of marriage becomes sanctified fornication.

Dispite your ambiguities, there is no Law at any level legislating marriage. Thus within the Lutheran Church there is no distinction between married and unmarried clergy. That a congregation would prefer one or the other remains another question which you have not addressed yourself to, that is preference. In view of your stance one wonders what you really mean when you ask for an "understanding of the celibate living in the Churches midst." How are many devout Christians being condemned to a life "devoid of fulfillment"? Can you be referring to some one who has received the influx of the Spirit?

Awaiting your response, I remain

Sincerely Yours,

---Peter B. Baede

KOEBER WINS

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Bill Koeber defeated Keith Byers in the final match of the seminary's chess tournament last week to become campus champ. This match lasted almost four hours and was the longest game of the tournament. Both Koeber and Byers were at their best and it was a close game all the way. Paul Frable and Mike Merkel were the semi-finalists in the tournament.

JOHN EXPANDS LEAD

John strengthened its hold on first place Thursday in the EBL by winning four points from Mark while second place Matthew dropped three points to Luke.

In the first game, Mark gave the league-leaders a scare by leading for eight frames. John roared back in the tenth frame by scoring four marks to Mark's one and kept the lead for the remainder of the evening. Steve McKittrick, possibly spurred on by the imminence of a blessed event, hit the night's high single (188) in his 459 series. As usual, Paul Hirth led John with a 478.

Matthew, entering the evening with high hopes of advancing in the standings at the expense of Luke, was soon disappointed. Although they were behind for 28 frames, they roared back in the last frame, almost making up the deficit of 96 points.