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ACADEMIC YEAR CLOSES

With the arrival of the "Spring Festival of Creative Writing" the Seminary draws to a close its 1961-62 repertoire season. In this issue we list the summer occupations and whereabouts of as many students and faculty as we could pry out of the woodwork. This issue also brings to a close Volume XXIII of The Seminarian, an interesting venture in weekly zuzutazz. The aging and ailing editor and associate editor retire with Volume XXIII to the shelf and turn the delights and delusions of publication over to a 'younger' man, Mr. Fred Myers.

A word of public thanks to our faithful staff of writers (look what 'Sam Seminarian' did for Lee Miller!), to our many unexpected and hence most welcome contributors, and to the Mesdames Prigge and Auger for their secretarial assistance.

God grant us all His presence this summer!

VIVALDI CONCERT THIS SUNDAY

On May 13th at 8 p.m. the Choir of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, DeKalb St. and Hancock Ave., Norristown, will present selections from J.S. Bach's "Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bands" and Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria." The ensemble and chorus will be under the direction of George Weckman, and the performers include Robert Kehrl, Donald Simmons, Donald Jacobs, Doris Krewson, Nora Jacobs (vocalists), Jules Auger, cello, Nancy Grove, violin, Rev. Richard Miller, organ and harpsichord. Faculty and students are cordially invited to attend.

CHOIR ELECTIONS

New officers of the Seminary Choir: Robert Kehrl, president; Donald Simmons, treasurer; Ralph Welsh, librarian; George Niedermayer, gown chairman. Mr. Bornemann was reelected director.

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Time for a finale!

It's been an interesting and I hope a profitable year for all of us. It certainly has been a significant time of ecumenical activity since these columns began last fall; we need not rehearse the big events like New Delhi, John's Council plans, the Blake-Carson proposal. All these things are but indications of the trend which we shall all feel more and more in every corner of Christendom.

The note I should like best to leave with you is not, however, the grand and majestic fanfare of new and better conventions and mergers, significant as these are. But neither does the emphasis which I began to express last time and wish to continue now cancel the developments and ideas which have appeared here before.

Rather, I want to underline all that I have written with a declaration of the intensity with which I have felt and hoped to convey the longing for the unity of the Church. Call it Romanticism if you must, that this task like all others in the Church is a matter of the heart. In that these columns have attempted to give an objective basis for ecumenical theology and action, they may have seemed on occasion detached; but the motivation has been for me as I pray it may be for you in an inner necessity, a sense of vocation if you will, to the realization of the brotherhood of Christians.

So therefore, we must work at home too, repairing the breaches in our own relationships and exhibiting God's love in the immediate congregation as well as the Church at large. We anticipate the day when even our personal lives may know that unity and peace which only God can give.

May God bless us this summer and forever!

George Weckman

ORGANIZATION OF THE STUDENT BODY, 1962-63

Executive Board

Ch. Lee Miller, President of Student Body
 Robert Miller, Vice-President
 Sec. David Krewson, Secretary
 Jules Auger, Treasurer
 Charles Herbert, Senior Class President
 Wes Hamlin, Middler Class President

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Audit: Ch. Roland Perez
 Karl Schneider
 Junior member

Hall Chairmen: Ch. Robert Miller;
 (members to be elected in fall).

Card and Gift: Ch. Peter Olsen
 Wes Hamlin
 Junior member

Social Activities: Ch. Michael Leven-
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 elected members:
 Herman Maertens
 Peter Shumacher
 Junior member

Inter-Seminary Committee:
 Ch. Bodo Nischan
 (members appointed by chairman)

Benevolence Committee: Ch. Henry Johnson
 Don Walker
 Richard Sieling

Book Store Committee:
 Ch. James Cahagen (elected)
 Donald Beck (elected)
 Junior member

Symposium Committee: Ch. Herman Maertens
 (a Middler and a Junior to be appointed by the Chairman)

Refectory Committee: Ch. Donald Simmons
 Warren Rippe
 Tom Reinsel, ex officio
 (head waiter)
 Junior member

Student Publications:
 Co-Ch. Richard Zimmerman
 Co-Ch. Fred Myers (Editor of The Seminarian)

Student Publications (con't):
 Conrad Weiser (Editor of Special Publications)
 George Weckman
 Wes Hamlin

Student Equipment Fund: Ch. Robert Miller
 Parking Committee: Ch. and Sheriff -
 Leroy Reitz
 Deputies - Herman Maertens, Bernard Kleckner

Athletic Activities: Coach - Leroy Reitz
 Joseph Hager (elected)
 Arthur Hahn "
 Junior member (to be elected)

Student Work Committee:
 Ch. James Bresnahan
 (other members to be appointed)

Tape Recording Committee:
 Ch. Ronald Howell
 (other members appointed by ch.)

Student-Faculty Committee:
 Ch. Charles Ziegler
 (a Middler and a Junior to be appointed by ch.)

All appointments have been made by the Grand Allah Ketubah Shahhaha, President of the Student Body, unless otherwise noted.

NOTE: All committee chairmen are to give their summer addresses to David Krewson (preferably on a 3 x 5 - inch, not feet- card) by this Friday.

Congratulations to all the elected and appointed officials of our theological isle. And as the chaplain said to the man bound for the electric chair, "More power to you !"

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Editorial:

IN PRAISE OF ATHEISM

It has been said, with some degree of justification, that there are very few real atheists in the world today. This is true partly because few men can function without some kind of god. But it is true also because there aren't many men with the courage to be an atheist, in the usual sense of the word. Subtract God from the worldview of the Christian and what has he got? A reeling cosmos without direction or order. A race of animals like himself ultimately freed to do as they very well please. A life which has no overarching purpose and for which there is no transcendent guidance. And on and on. Despite everything else, there is something tragically grand about a Bertrand Russell or Albert Camus. Behind their actions there is a steel courage and restless dedication that puts flabby split-level Christianity to shame. And their courage is all the more remarkable because they don't rely on a God to back up their words and deeds with an eschatology.

Most of us would make lousy atheists. In addition to the fact that we wouldn't have the courage to take all the manifold consequences of serious atheism, we just couldn't really drop all of our Christian baggage. We've been born and bred in the midst of it, and it's as much a part of us as our hair or ego.

And unfortunately, many of us make pretty bad Christians as well. We all ritually admit this at one time or another, but how very rarely it gets under our skins and really itches us. With all of our Evangelical emphasis on the radical nature of sin, perhaps we are developing duck-like surfaces off of which our self-accusations roll elegantly. We pommel ourselves theologically, but somehow our ego always seems to bear up under the beating.

Dissatisfaction as the result of frustrated idealism may well be one of the chief characteristics of young people. Recently the president of Wittenberg University pleaded for more positive thinking about the

Church. He expressed an impatience with all the groaning about what's wrong with the Church. Certainly he has a point. Worry-wartism is a source of delight to many in the Church today. Yet despite the glorious commission of the Church, the triumph of her Lord, the miracle of her heritage, no man can really rejoice until he can say he is a new man in Christ. Perfection is not the issue; oneness with God and with our brothers and sisters in God is. If Christ really makes a difference, should not that difference be apparent at least in my own life? Should I not be vitally concerned if a brother seminarian is ill or discouraged or sinful? Should I not reverence the seeds of faith, however small and weak, whether expressed in bad stained glass lovingly donated, pious platitudes which sustain sanity in an insane world, pathetic theological searching in forbidden pastures? Should not the thought that the Lord died for me move me profoundly to a sense of my own ingratitude and helplessness?

If the Christian Gospel does not touch me at any really vital point in my life, can I placidly face the awesome task of proclaiming the Word and being a priest to my brothers?

These are terribly basic questions which are asked because they are very close to this writer's heart. I confess that I do not have the answers. But one thing seems quite clear to me: real courage and real honesty may lead any one of us into some form of atheism, but at least we will be facing the issues head-on and not white-washing the old Adam. And who knows: perhaps we must throw it all away in order to be found, to know forgiveness, to taste love.

I for one shall pray for the courage of an atheist!

R.J.Z.

AN EXPERIENCE IN CHURCH - LABOR UNION DIALOGUE

On May 6 and 7 fourteen seminarians gathered in Atlantic City for the Religion and Labor Council of America Regional Seminary Conference, held in conjunction with the convention of the United Auto Workers. While the undersigned was the lone representative of Mt. Airy, there were delegates from Gettysburg, Eastern Baptist, Gordon Div. School (Interdenominational), Episcopal Theological School (Cambridge, Mass.), and General (Episcopal) Seminary. This was a disappointing response, considering that all major seminaries in the New England-Middle Atlantic area were invited to participate.

The RLCA exists in order "to attempt to educate the clergy concerning the goals and objectives of the labor movement, and attempt to educate union leadership to the necessity of being guided by ethical principles in day-by-day operation." The Executive Board is composed of Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Jews, both clergy and laity. The Council provides two regular publications, Religion and Labor, a monthly review, and Walking Together, a weekly newsletter.

The Conference was planned in such a way as to provide opportunity for the seminarians to attend Convention sessions, and also to allow for group discussions with union officials and clergymen concerned with the labor movement. On Sunday night we were guests at the Convention banquet, where UAW Social Justice Awards were given to Eleanor Roosevelt, Upton Sinclair, and Mary Heaton Vorse. On Monday morning we heard Dr. Ralph Bunche address the Convention; in the afternoon we attended a spirited session at which a resolution was adopted to divert union funds for the organization of union workers in foreign countries.

As a group we met with Victor Reuther, assistant to the president of the UAW (his brother Walter), and a member of the Department of the Church and Economic Life of the National Council of Churches. Mr. Reuther warned that unless the Church relates itself to social and political concerns it will yield the field to those who can make

decisions in these areas without ethical standards. He also stressed the importance of avoiding "cut and dried" solutions to complex economic problems. In a luncheon session Leonard Woodcock, UAW Vice-President, briefed the group on the problem of automation and its relation to unemployment, a matter of great concern to the auto workers.

On the clerical side, we met with the Rev. Emerson W. Smith, a director on the General Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church. Mr. Smith stressed the importance of pastoral concern extending to an understanding of the layman in his work relationship and the need for the Church to reach the "decision-making elite" in the community, including labor leaders. He pointed out that many of the problems with which labor is wrestling, such as unemployment and care for the aged, should be of great concern to the Christian conscience.

Many of us went to the Conference doubting that any positive results could come out of the work of the RLCA. Striking evidence of the kind of results that can come from the interest of religious leaders in the labor movement is to be found in the Public Review Board of the UAW. This Board is the final court of appeal for union members having grievances. Chairman of the Board is Rabbi Morris Adler of Detroit; members include Msgr. George G. Higgins, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam (Methodist), Dr. Henry Steele Commager, the noted historian, and distinguished jurists. This is a unique suspension on the part of the UAW Executive Board of its juridical sovereignty, in order to bring high ethical standards to bear in the consideration of grievances.

As a result of this Conference, I feel that the RLCA can perform a service to the parish pastor by keeping him informed through its publications of what is happening within organized labor, and to the entire Church as a witness of our concern for social and economic justice and for ethical standards within unionism.

Henry Ireland

SUMMER COMINGS AND GOINGS

As the school year draws to an end both faculty and students begin to think about what the summer months have in store for them. Members of the seminary community will be taking up residences not only in the United States but in Europe and Latin America as well. As a handy guide to where these people will be and what they will be doing we direct this column.

FACULTY:

Dr. Snyder - Philadelphia, on sabbatical
 Dr. Doberstein - Vermont, painting;
 Detroit, LCA Convention; Wisconsin, writing
 Dr. Reumann - Philadelphia, teach ULCA Pastor's Institute; BAM School for Parish Workers; lecture on Stewardship to AME pastors; writing
 Dr. Lazareth - Urban Church School; Summer Assemblies of Virginia and Central Pa. Synods; Chaplain, Constituting Convention Lutheran Church Women; Keynote speaker Luther League Convention New York Synod; Complete "Dogmatics for Laymen" of Long Range Program.

JUNIOR CLASS:

Thomas Keener - Chaplain, Phila. Area Boy Scout Camp Hart
 Bodo Nischan - Camp Trexler, Southfields New York
 Wesley Hamlin - Prince of Glory Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, Michigan
 Ken Laber - Irwin, Pa. Arts and Crafts Instructor on Playgrounds
 Paul Reitnauer - Reading, Pa.
 Raymond Zayas - Ministry to Spanish people, Advent Church, Philadelphia
 George Niedermayer - St. Paul's Church, Beechwood, New Jersey
 Richard Grove - Dist. of Columbia Children's Center
 Richard Keck - Clinical Training, Byberry
 Eric Seibert - Clinical Training, Trenton
 M. Fabian - Board of Parish Ed., Phila.
 S. Zanger - Moorestown, New Jersey
 Wes Johnston - Emanuel Church, Dallas, Texas
 Robert Tyce - Philadelphia
 Richard Krause - Philadelphia
 James Shelton - St. Stephen's Church and Delaware Park Race Track, Wilmington, Del.
 Wilbur Cowen - Wartburg Farm Orphan Home, Mt. Vernon, N.Y. and playground system of Mt. Vernon.

Richard Hafer - Hamburg, Pa. working for trucking agency
 Nolan Feeser - Clinical Training, Traverse City Mental Hospital, Michigan
 Richard Olson - Naugatuck, Conn., construction work
 Thomas Davison - Olean, N.Y., public school maintenance
 Jon Parsons - Phila., Camp Program Director
 Jules Auger - Clinical Training, Byberry
 Vaughn Taylor - Recreational Director, Carson Valley School, Flourtown, Pa.
 Len Knapp - Silverdale, Pa.
 Alton Roberts - Leaves Aug. 1 for a year in Khirbet, Lebanon. Will tour Europe with Tom McClellan on the way.
 Hank Ireland - VCS Director, Emanuel Church, Philadelphia
 Conrad Weiser - Pottstown, office manager
 Charles Miller - Mt. Airy maintenance
 Walter Tappert - Frankford Settlement House, St. Mark's Philadelphia
 James Papada - Landscaping business, Phila
 Elmer Eiche - Concession manager, Northwest Swimming Pool, Reading
 William Mattis - Paint & Equipment analyst for General Electric, Professional diver in Water Shows
 Richard Horn - Chaplain, Scout Camp, Muskegon, Michigan
 Art Hahn - Cop, Ocean City, N.J.
 Bernard Kleckner - Mt. Airy, gardening
 Orian Wilber - Syracuse, N.Y., construction
 Bill Wightman - Papada & Wightman Inc., Landscaping, Philadelphia
 Donald Beck - St. Peter's Church, Allentown, summer field work
 Craig Landis - Boyertown, laborer
 Jay Rochelle - Church work and work at AAA International Travel Dept.
 Dick Sieling - Gloria Dei Church, Ambler
 Tom Reinsel - Camp Counselor, Camp Weiser, Wernersville, Pa.
 R. Bender - Summer assignment, Wilmington, Delaware

MIDDLE CLASS:

R. Zimmerman - Philadelphia, graduate work and field work
 C. Tucker - wedding June 16, trip to Redwood, Calif. intern year
 D. Hagey - Inner Mission Chaplaincy in Philadelphia Hospitals
 B. Thorpe - Roslyn, Pa.
 Paul Buhl - After July 1, West Berlin, Germany for one year
 D. Walker - self employed, yard work and home repairs

SUMMER COMINGS AND GOINGS - CONT

D. Wartluft - Training for Danforth appointment & graduate work U of P.
 R. Kehrli - Inner Mission Society, Reading, Pa.
 P. Olsen - Board of Parish Education, Philadelphia
 T. Romberg - Church of Our Saviour, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, June 1962-63
 C. Youse - Phila., Presley Hist. Society
 Priit Rebane - Clinical Training, Byberry
 C. Crumpton - Making money in Iowa
 W. Rusch - Buffalo, N.Y. working, July & August, graduate work U. of P.
 Henry Johnson - Ass't pastor Hudson, N.Y.
 George Weckman - preaching and parish work, Villas & Cape May, N.J.
 Don Simmons - student ass't Good Shepherd Church, Easton, Pa.
 F.W. Myers - work. electronics technician; Church summer work in State Recreational area, State College
 Charles Ziegler - summer ass't Brant Beach, Long Beach Island, N.J.
 Don Jacobs - post office or police dept. Fort Washington, Pa.
 John Deisinger - wedding June 9, intern year University of West Virginia
 Arthur Enquist - Clinical Training, Emanuel Hospital, Portland, Oregon
 Charles Scott - Experimental staff ministry to vacant rural parishes, Bedford County, Pa.
 Charles Biegner - secular work NYC, begin intern year Sept. 1
 Herbert Mohlenhoff - begin intern year Christ Church, Upper Darby, Pa. June 1
 Gary Santmire - Summer field work, St. Paul's Church, Buffalo, N.Y.
 Herbert Snyder - summer field work, Phila.
 Charles Orom - summer field work, Grace Church, Allentown, Pa.
 Chuck Herbert - work in Phila.
 Lee Miller - Chaplain, Camp Trexler, Southfields, N.Y.
 Joseph Hager - Parish work at Freidens Church, chaplain at Allentown General Hospital for Mission Board
 Mike Levengood - summer parish service in Central Pa.
 John Elstad -YMCA counselor, Phila.,
 Ed Keyser - Carson Valley School, Flouertown, Pa. recreation staff
 George Hanko - Carson Valley School, recreation staff; after June 15 parish work Grace Church in Duquesne, Pitts, Pa.
 Walter Emswiler - Clinical Training, Iowa Training School for Boys, Eldora, Iowa

Dick Hadfield - summer intern, Grace Church N. Bellmore L.I., N.Y.
 James Gahagen - summer intern at Brick Church Parish (3 churches) Ford City, Pa.
 Ed Boone - student pastor, Christ Church, Allentown & clinical training at Allentown State Hospital

SENIORS

Richard Miller - St. John's, Hamburg, asst.
 Ronald Speckman - Sparta Lake Mohawk, N.J.
 George Dursthoff - Poestenkill, N.Y.
 Harold Baer - Holy Spirit, Reading, asst.
 Larry Schell - Heidelberg-Slatedale Parish, Slatedale, Pa.
 Harwood Smith - Sharon, Gibsonville, N.C.
 Robert Herman - Mission Developer, Syracuse (East area), N.Y.
 Jon Joyce - Grace, Norristown, asst.
 Robert Hughes - St. Matthew's, Springfield, asst.
 Richard Starr - Holy Trinity, Camden
 Richard Stough - St. John's, Allentown, asst.
 William Nicholson - Our Saviour, Saginaw, Michigan
 Guy Edmiston - BAI developer. Perry township, Indiana
 Paul Mills - Southern Home for Children in the fall graduate school for MSS at Bryn Mawr College
 Fred Wietfeldt - St. Andrew's, S. Ozone Park, L.I., N.Y.
 Herman Osterloh - St. Stephen's, Hicksville L.I., N.Y.
 Royal Olson - St. John's, Overbrook, asst.
 Ken Smith - St. Peter's, Easton, Pa.

(The editors regret that the above lists are not complete but due to the deadline, information was necessary by noon yesterday.)

SPORT NOTES

Dave Wartluft, athletic chairman, has requested that all seminarians who have not returned their basketball uniforms do so at the earliest possible time. They may be returned to Dave in "E" Hall, room #54.
 The volleyball tournament of the Seminary saw the junior class victorious over the faculty on May 2 and over the middle class in three out of five games on May 7.