



SEMINARIAN

"The Poor Soul"
(Incurvatus Se)

STATEMENT

Well, here we are in the new year. The Junior's have been orientationalized to death, the Middler's are cleaning their typewriters like men preparing for war, and Seniors are acting like Seniors.

This column is new. It grew out of an idea to have an area in the paper where anything and everything could be printed. And so this is the format. What is lacking in depth will hopefully be made up for in breadth. There will be quotes, phrases, newspaper reprints, my views, current campus questions, my views, etc. etc.

My first "gem" is a letter to the editor that was printed in the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS some years ago (1958). It is reprinted here because of its serious nature and profound insight. When you finish reading it you too may ask that large question..WHY?

"OFF WITH THEIR HEADS"

"Statistics recently released by the Department of Agriculture indicate that the Russians have overtaken us in chicken fat production. Why have we fallen behind in this vital field? Who's responsible? When are those lunkheads in Washington gloing to appoint a chicken fat czar? How can slave chickens produce more than free chickens? I demand a congressional investigation. I want the firing of those stupid officials, who've let this cotton-pickin' chicken fat situation get out of hand. Billions for missiles but nothing for chickens! Fools!

(signed)

CLUCK-CLUCK

Doesn't it just make you burn? "

LAUGH OF THE WEEK DEPARTMENT:

"Let's merge with Gettysburg"

The SEMINARIAN is the official student body publication and depends on the student body for literary, financial, and whole-hearted support.

News, comments, digests, and reviews of the SEMINARIAN staff and students are published weekly.

This year the SEMINARIAN will publish in four special editions the literary and artistic efforts of any student wishing to contribute his masterpiece.

The Student HANDBOOK, the SEMINARIAN, and the special LITERARY Supplements are the official student publications. Any other publications such as "Angels in the Marts" or Seminarians in the Study" are privately printed and distributed. There is ample latitude in the student-sponsored publications for artistic expression. Our hope is that every member of the student body and/or faculty will feel free to castigate, condone, or contribute to our humble efforts.

If you have something to say about the contemporary scene, or a comment on the seminary, or have a favorite hymn, we will review and publish in as faithful a way as possible (within the limits of the treasury).

The SEMINARIAN office is Room 51 in E Hall. If one one is in the office, put your contribution either in the special mail slot in the mail room or under the door of room 51. Office hours will be posted later.

FACTORS FOR A 'SUCCESSFUL CLERGYMAN'

- High level of intelligence
- Emotionally well-adjusted
- Self-confident without arrogance
- Possess tact, patience, leadership
- Affection for people
- Strong character

QUESTION

If the house of a vicar is called a vicarage, and the house of a rector is called a rectory, and the house of a parson is called a parsonage, what does one call the house of a pastor?

A pastorage? We suggest "manse" - the house of a minister.

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SALVE!

Monday, September 10 marked the opening of the ninety-ninth academic year of Mt. Airy Seminary. A record number of students was on hand for the first day of classes. The Junior Class with a total of 59 students was welcomed to the campus on September 6 at the start of orientation program. The majority of Middlers and Seniors flocked to our hallowed halls over the week-end. We of the SEMINARIAN staff would like to extend a cordial welcome to all incoming and returning students.

ABOUT THE STUDENT BODY

A total of 66 students, new to Mt. Airy registered for the Fall term during the past week. Of the 66, 59 are Juniors, 3 Seniors, 2 Middlers, and 2 Unclassified. The percentage of married students dropped from the previous years: this year only 19 of the 66 are married. Not one of the Juniors is over 28 years of age, thus halting the senior-citizen influx of the past several years.

The three Senior transferees are: Carlos A. Maestre and Luis Rodriguez, both graduates of the Evangelical Seminary at Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico; Byron L. Schmid from the Augustana Seminary at Minneapolis.

Middler class additions are Harry J. Goos and Melvin J. Hammer.

Pastor Sachio Hoshiyama for seven years pastor of the Chiba Minorida parish in Japan and Dean A. Hepper are the Unclassified students. Dean Hepper is a former Methodist pastor and a graduate of Eastern Baptist Seminary.

Not in the Undergraduate classification but one who will be seen often on campus is Pastor Hans-Heinrich Hirschberg. Pastor "Heiner" Hirschberg is a graduate of the Universities of Heidelberg and Tubingen. Before coming to Mt. Airy he was Vicar of the Evangelical Church of Württemberg, Germany.

We also welcome back from an Intern year: Kenneth Bailey, Philip Jurus, and Robert Meschke. (In a future issue one of these Seminarians will give us a view of his internship).

Of interest to the Senior and Middler classes are the students who are not in our midst this year: Paul Buhl in Berlin; Dave Wartluft and John Deisinger on an intern year in the campus ministry; Herbert Kohlenhoff, "Chick" Biegner,

Ted Romberg, and Malcolm Lerch are interning in parishes; Tom McClellan and C. Alton Roberts are teaching at the Schneller School in Lebanon (not Pennsylvania but in the Middle East). Don Jacobs is on leave of absence.

NEW FACULTY

We welcome The Rev. Victor I. Gruhn, B.D. as Instructor in Old Testament and Hebrew. Pastor Gruhn is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary. He has served parishes in Minnesota, Chicago, Villa Park, and Detroit. He is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Michigan.

Added to the Department of Biblical Languages as Instructor is the Rev. Foster R. McCurley, Jr., B.D. Pastor McCurley is a Susquehanna University graduate and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, class of 1962.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Fred Berkobin, Middler, on his election as President of the Luther League of the Lutheran Church in America. The newly organized group is one of the largest religious youth organizations in the nation. Fred is the first President of this group that reaches over half a million youths in the new 3,200,000-member church.

RETREAT PLANNED

On Saturday, September 29, a retreat for clergy and laity will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mt. Holly, N.J. Seminarians are invited to participate.

The Rev. Dr. William Lazareth will speak on the theme "Pastoral Authority and Christian Love."

It is hoped that such a retreat will bring together both social and liturgical radicals within the church in a meaningful experience. If you can plan to attend, please let Charles Ziegler or George Weckman know. More details on the retreat will follow in next week's SEMINARIAN.

Charles Ziegler

CAMPUS VISITOR

Pastor Yoshikazu Tokuzen will be on the campus until Sept. 21. He has just completed a two-year study in Germany and is on his way back to Pastor Hoshiyama's church.