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## STUDENT BODY MEETING

At the regular student body meeting held Monday night, Sep. 24, the main brunt of discussion centered on the proposed budget for the 1962-62 academic year. The total proposed budget was \$1730. Of this total \$600 was budgeted for the Senior Banquet. Heavy discussion ensued on this matter. The \$600 set aside for the banquet was defeated. It was moved and passed that a special referendum be held in the near future. The purpose of such a vote, in which it is hoped that the entire Student Body will participate, will be: 1) to decide whether or not to hold the banquet; 2) everyone will pay for his own meal or if it will be done as has been the case in the past. There will be ample time given for thinking and discussion on this before the referendum takes place. The SEMINARIAN will be most delighted to publish pros and cons of this issue.

All other items on the proposed budget were approved. In addition, extra funds will be allocated for a Mt. Airy-Cornell Seminar on the subject of Christian Faith; this will take place on our campus. Also money was appropriated for a banquet for Dr. Bagger.

Various committee chairmen or their representatives presented reports. In connection with this we wish to put in another plug for the SEMINARIAN. The content of Your publications is only as good or as full as YOU contribute.

## FOOTNOTES

What happens when the pastor decides that fund-raising bazaars and dinners have no place in the Church; and his congregation think the opposite? This is the type of situation which will be the topic of discussion at this coming Saturday's retreat. Dr. Lazareth will speak and will outline the problem and the resources for its solution. Then it will be discussed in smaller groups.

Perhaps there are not many denominations where this problem would be a real one--some would just let the pastor have full sway in spite of any other considerations, while others might uphold a final veto power for the congregation. But for Lutherans who recognize in the ministry a function of teaching and leadership, who stress the unity of all the offices of the Church under God's Word, the inevitable tension arises.

How, in the service of Christ, in a loving manner, can direction be given to a reluctant flock? At what point do we begin to compromise our ministry by becoming the servant of the people's

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less inspired notions?

These questions are not so different from all the other ethical dilemmas which have no easy solution. But by the same token we are not without precedent and guide, when we have acquired something of the implications of our faith for this plight, and have prayed sincerely for the enlightenment of the Spirit.

We hope to see many of you this Saturday.

George Weckman.

## LETTERHEAD CONTEST

As stated last week the Student Body needs a new letterhead design. Men with any kind of artistic talent are encouraged to submit a design to Prexy Lee Miller. The design should be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 white paper, in ink, ball-point, or pencil. Indicate the placement of the lettering: "The Student Body-The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia."

Deadline is September 30 at 5:00 p.m.  
Prize: A one-year subscription to DIALOG.

## REFLECTION IN A DOGMATIC EYE

O Ground of all being which art nowhere, but everywhere who is nothing, yet has made everything give us this day our being; save us from nonbeing.

We thus being able to give thanks for thy Absolute Otherness help us to be as explicit, as thou art abstract.

Deliver us from the utter beyondness of thy hypostasis.

Above all, lead us not into uncertainty or confusion.

May we trust in thy dynamics and rest in the tension of thy eternal cosmic bosom.

Faithfully yours,  
Peter Schumacher

We publish the following for the wives.

BIBLE or SCRIPTURE CAKE (KJV)

- a. 1 cup Judges 5:25b
- b. 2 cups Jeremiah 6:20
- c. 2 tsps 1Samuel 14:25b
- d. 6 Jeremiah 17:11
- e.  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup Judges 4:19b
- f.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  1Kings 4:22 (to taste)
- g. 2 heaping tsps Amos 4:5
- h. 1 cup 1Samuel 30:12b
- i. 1 cup Nahum 3:12
- j. 2Chronicles 9:9b (to taste)

Bake at 375 for 30 minutes

Cream together a, b, c; beat d until frothy; add e to d then combine with creamed mixture and beat thoroughly. Sift together  $\frac{1}{2}$  of f with g then add rest of f. Mix this with first ingredients. Chop and flour h and i, then add to above. Last, add j (about 4) of (1tsp each). Beat for 5 minutes.

## ATHLETICS

Coach Reitz announced a game between our Angels and the Eastern Baptists Immersionists. Game to be played at Ardmore on Wednesday, Sep. 26. (The Band will not make this out-of-town trip)

Volley ball seems to have fallen in disrepute this year. Instead it's all "love" on the tennis courts. Senior Bob Miller would like to organize a golf team. See him for details.

Do you know Simone Weil? If you do not, you are missing one of the most sensitive yet powerful minds of this century. She died twenty years ago; aside from a few essays her thoughts are available only in the aphorisms of her published notebooks. These factors plus the intensity of her thought and the expression thereof probably explain her obscurity, but it is nevertheless unfortunate.

She was a French Jewess, a student of philosophy, but she came to faith in Christ. Hers is an extremely passionate experience of faith - the fervence of her prayers and her life breathe through every thought. One is almost exhausted in the mere contemplation of a soul so intent on learning to hear and obey God, on living a life in His presence.

Her attitudes are all the more precious for us as preachers, because they are rooted in the experience of modern life - what she writes was learned in occupied France, in association with radical political efforts, in physical weakness. The best introduction to her is a sample of her meditations:

"The source of man's moral energy is outside him, like that of his physical energy (food, air, etc.). 'My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me.'

"Grace fills empty spaces but it can only enter where there is a void to receive it, and it is grace itself which makes this void.

"A very beautiful woman who looks at her reflection in the mirror can very well believe that she is that. An ugly woman knows that she is not that.

"We should do only those righteous actions which we are unable not to do, but, through well directed attention, we should always keep on increasing the number of those which we are unable not to do."

George Weckman

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(Editor's note: Seminarian Paul Puhl, a 1961-62 Middler is on a years leave-of-absence working in the Western Zone of Berlin. His letter to Mr. Stump follows)

It seems hardly possible that we have been in Berlin now for over a month. The time has flown and we have enjoyed all of it.

First about our work here. Sandy, myself, and another theological student from Augustana Seminary, Rock Island, are carrying on a program for refugees who are living in Marienfelde Refugee reception camp, or who at a previous time lived here and are now living in the area, in private apartments, or in a near-by Red Cross home for young men. As you know, the flow of refugees has died to a mere trickle, although every week there are a dozen that scramble through the barbed wire - successful escapes are not given the limelight like the unsuccessful attempts. Our program is in Foyer Cimade - the name being the French initials for the French Hilfswerk. The barrack was first run by the French but is now under the Evangelische Hilfswerk. Because of so few refugees left in the camp, or in the neighborhood, our attendance is cut way down. Before the 13th of August last year, there were around 200 people here very day, now there may be twenty, most of which are young boys in their late teens or early twenty's. Many have interesting stories to tell, and we meet some of those who you have been reading about, e.g., ex-Vojsos. You see that I've been stingy with my post-stamps, so that this letter is on the back of a typical program of the week. Most weeks our program runs about the same. This was the program in large part handed down to us from the Social worker who preceded us. Our task in the future is going to be to work with the Pastor of a local congregation and begin integrating our program and that of his congregation, which is comprised of many previous refugees. Things are slow because he too is new to his situation.

Now about us. Sandy is enrolled in the Goethe Institute, along with the others who are here with us through the N.L.C. She is progressing and is no longer lost in a conversation. I will begin in an advanced class next month. The "language barrier" is slowly receding. I'm not sure that we'll be understood any where else in Germany, though, because we're beginning to sound like the rest of the Berliners, with their own crazy dialect, which drops all G's to Y's, slurs everything else together, and travels 50 miles per hour per sentence. The city we love. It's a beautiful bunch of little towns all strung together, with many parks and lakes. We have a light-weight motor cycle on which we get around better than we could with a car.

It is interesting to watch the international game of chess called "the Berlin situation" being played. Although we have not activated in any demonstrations, etc., we do keep well informed by some of the boys here who do. But as for most of the facts, we get them like you do, from TIME Magazine--although the daily papers carry alottoo. Last week, however, we were not so proud of our boys in kaki at the wall when Peter Fechter got it. Things have pretty much quieted down, until today's question about the use of Check-point Charlie by the Soviet panzers. "Your move, please."

Bald wiederhoren,

Paul Buhl

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