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Several weeks ago we published on the pages of this newspaper a Vocabulary-Take-it Yourself Test. We requested that the student body respond by attempting to identify the words. We didn't print the answers the following week as promised because we felt that maybe there wasn't enough time. To date, instead of the flood, we've had the barest trickle of response: TWO. Two from 150 or 1.33%. The silence gives eloquent testimony to the mental poverty of all our students. Perhaps not mental poverty, but sheer laziness is indicated.

We are at a loss to find out what we as students do with our time. Surely the chapel isn't full; classes are not filled with the able-bodied; special programs are poorly attended; the library can close for hours and days and nobody squawks; and the Seminary is not filled with mental giants.

John Glenn and the other astronauts spent three intensive years preparing for a few hours flight. We have three years to prepare for life and half this is wasted.

"Watch therefore, for you do not know the hour". Or in today's language: "Get rid of that kid's stuff, use Vitality."

The answers to the vocabulary study follow:

<u>WORD</u>	<u>PASSAGE</u>	<u>ENG. TRANSLITERATION</u> <u>OF THE GREEK</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Allow	Lk. 11:48	suneudokeo	praise, approve
Attendance	I Tim 4:13	prosecho	attention
Bestow	Lk 12:18	sunago	to store
Bowels	Col 3:12	splagchna	affections
Communicate	Phil 4:14	sugkoinoneo	to share
Convenient	Rom 1:28	ta kathakonta	seemly, right, fitting
Conversation	Phil 3:20	politeuma	citizenship
Conversation	I Pet 3:1-2	anastrophia	conduct
Convince	Jn 8:46	elegcho	convict
Feeble-minded	I Thess 5:14	oligopsuchos	fainthearted
Fetch a compass	Acts 28:13	perierchomai	make a circuit
Guilty	Mt. 26:66	enochos	liable to, subject to
List	Mk. 9:13	thelo	desire, will, wish
Occupy	Lk. 19:13	pragmateuomai	do business
Prevent	I Thess 4:15	phthano	precede

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Vocabulary Study Answers (Continued from page 1)

Scrip	Mk. 6:8	para (π is eta)	bag, wallet
Shambles	I Cor 10:25	makellon	meat market
Thought	Mt. 6:34	merimnao	anxiety
Virtue	Lk. 8:46	dunamis	power
Wanted	Jn. 2:3	ustereo	lacked

FOOTNOTES

Kirkridge is the name of the place where I spent my vacation. It is located in the Pocono Mountains near Bangor. It is a retreat center for Protestants of all denominations.

The program was for "square peg" seminarians, which freely translated reads: oddballs. (No comments, please!) From the four corners of American Protestantism, the discontents arrived to encourage and learn from each other. These were the seminarians who, for many reasons, are troubled by the status quo, who see incompetence and hypocrisy all about them in the Church.

They sound like they must have been a rather sour, hypocritical bunch themselves (and of course their motives were probably not absolutely pure) but one sensed that the concern expressed in so many places was sincere. There was distress at the Church's lack of witness in industry, the stultification of the usual parish program, and at the fear of new techniques.

These men were far from full of pat answers and plans. In fact they in many cases seemed rather dubious of real improvement. But it was hoped (and prayed) that the divine unrest they felt might blossom into new dedication and vision.

What a strange reversal of the usual celebration mine was: to discover thankfulness in the lacks which these men recognized.

George Weckman

THE POOR SOUL

(Curvatus in Se)

How about that quarterly edition of the SEMINARIAN? Wasn't it the worst mishmash you have ever seen? I don't think that there was one poet in there that made any sense to anyone but the author. It seems that maybe, just maybe, the critics are right! Perhaps our generation is too self-concerned, and this reflects itself in poetry. Phew, what rubbish!

To all those who voted against the Senior Class banquet, I have just three words to say: "Same to you".

Rumor has it that we have in our midst a spy from Cuba. In order to conceal himself he has taken an English name and has acquired American habits. Our only clue who he is comes from the fact that his pre-war occupation was that of a barber! More on this later.

After a great deal of careful consideration I have found a way to increase our available time for FIELD WORK. If we would have breakfast served in bed, this would save us about 35 minutes. If all the lectures were trimmed a bit and televised into our rooms, (while we were eating) this would save us about 5 hours. Now with this additional 5 hours and 35 minutes think of all that we could do! Just droll a
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while on thoughts of how we could take field trips into sewage plants, of how we could serve internships with the P.T.C., of how we could go out and see life in the "raw".

Passing thought: After the last couple of liturgical "coming out" sections at chapel I wonder what we will see next, elephants?

(If this column gets printed it will be a minor miracle. If I don't receive angry letters it will be a major one)

I had a great experience the other day. It really shook me to my roots. I know that you won't believe me but I swear on a stack of LUTHERANS that it's true. Do you know what happened to insignificant me? I FOUND A BOOK IN THE LIBRARY. Kind of makes you choke up, doesn't it?

It started innocently enough. I went to the library with my Captain Midnight secret decoder, and started to look for a book. I'll admit that breaking the code of where the book was located was tough, but I did it. And then with baited breath I rushed to section NFB06593H75-G67 (South) and there it was. With shaking hands I took the book down and began to read:

"In the beginning....."

Adios RO-LAND

COMMENTARY "A Thaw Has Dangers Too"

Just over a month ago, at the height of the Cuban crisis, we were probably all wondering if we were in the "winter of the world." The cold war had nearly reached its climax and we all gathered by radio and television fearfully anticipating a snow of bullets and bombs. Thankfully, we can now add to this portion of history that the weather forecaster had not made such a prediction. In recent events of the triangle of this crisis, Cuba, Russia, and the United States, the winds appear somewhat to have changed their course. There are now those who consider that the prevailing conditions would indicate that "spring" is near; that a thaw in the cold war seems possible. Such a change in the weather of the world would be most welcome. Cold weather gets a person down after a while.

But in view of this possibility we must not find ourselves avoiding reality, and becoming disillusioned by our hopeful optimism. No one would argue that a thaw presents no difficulties. Rather, a thaw can be more of a peril than the actual storms of winter. There are many touchy spots in the world today that would be affected by any thaw. We will have to stand ready to meet these danger points with adequate preparations. There will need to be open minds and accepting minds. There will have to be changes in attitude, compromise and adjustment. Perhaps we will have to reinforce some of the dikes so that there will not be floods. There will be many other problems that will have to be faced. It should be our sincere concern that we see to it that these things are realized, that we are not carried away with the possible while at the same time we are unprepared for the probable. If a thaw comes, and I hope it does, let us remember that a thaw has its dangers too!

Philip N. Jirus

THE CHURCH BULLETIN

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the north and south ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Tuesday, at 7:00, there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.

Wednesday the ladies literary society will meet, and Mrs. Johnston will sing, "Put me in my little bed" accompanied by the Reverend.

Thursday at 7:00 there will be a meeting of the Little Mother's Club. All those wishing to be little mothers will please meet the minister in his study.

The service will close with "Little drops of water". One of the ladies will quietly start and the rest of the congregation will join in.

This being Easter Sunday we will ask Mrs. Johnston to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

REVIEW: THE SEMINARIAN QUARTERLY

The general opinion of the Student Body regarding the first edition of the Literary Quarterly (contrary to one opinion expressed earlier in this issue) was that it was well worth all the effort that went into its production. Editor, Conrad Weiser and contributors are to be congratulated for a job well done.

Variety was certainly the key note of the issue. Featured in it were an essay, poems, art work, short stories, and photography. Each piece of work represents considerable thought, maturity, and artistic sense. At this point it would be very easy to start "blowing our own horns." But nevertheless, from as "objective" a stance as possible, this magazine can rate as high as any other literary production in any comparable graduate school.

Certainly one of the highlights of the issue were the pen drawings by William Bock. It is well to mention that these were original drawings, made exclusively for the Quarterly. Bill also designed the cover. Larry Hassler also shows originality in his wood-carving of "Dutchman and Dog." Classmate, Ray Le Van photographed the original.

Two tender and poignant children's stories were written by Conrad Weiser ("My Doll") and Charles Miller ("Old Jonathan."). Both of these stories will delight the hearts and imaginations of child readers (and adults, too). They are loaded with meaning. We suggest you read these to a Church school class or one of your children.

The poems in the issue are also quite original. Douglas Wwerner in "The Far Country," gives us a view of the Parable of the Prodigal Son. His title is from Thielicke. His point is clear. Carl Alexy contributed three poems. Our favorite

is his "The Trolley Ride." Anyone who has ridden the 23 from Erie Ave. to Allen, some with his eyes open to the surroundings can not but see how true this strikes. George Weckman also contributed two poems. "Too Much" requires almost too much time to read and comprehend. His "Portrait," however, is a carefully constructed poem that certainly does have a point.



The essay by Phil Juras, "Something of Contemporary," breathing with the spirit of a William Golding or evil Shute, is indeed worth reading and giving some thought to. He gives reactions from three points of view to various cataclysmic events that have occurred in our own time. Part IV of the essay, a poem, drives home the message, the need for working together.

All in all the results of the first issue are indeed encouraging. It shows that there is creativity in our student body. We look forward to the next issue.

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CONCERT OF CHAMBER MUSIC**DEC. 6 8PM

Students, faculty, and friends of the Seminary community are invited to attend a concert of chamber music to be performed in the chapel on Thurs., Dec. 6 at 8 PM. The group headed by George Weckman will perform works by Telemann, Bäck, Mozart, Handel, Vivaldi, and others. Participants will include: Doris Krewson, Soprano; Dorothy Seibert, Alto; Donald Simmons, Tenor; Conrad Weiser, Baritone; Carlton Heckman, Violinist; Robert Bornemann, Recordist; Paul Kokenda, Organist; George Weckman, Harpsichordist.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2) FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	3) PASTOR RUTH'S US .. BOARD OF	4) VISIT TO CAM- WORLD MISSIONS	5) Chapel - Rev. A. Howard Weeg	6) CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT 8:00 p.m.	7)	8)
9)	10) At Ascension Church - Reading & Refreshments 8:30 p.m.	11)	12) Chapel - Rev. Seminarian Peter Olsen	13)	14)	15)
16)	17)	18) ADVENT VESPER SERVICE 6:00 p.m.	19) CLASSES END (Includes FIELD WORK) 5:00 p.m.	20) VACATION	21) St. THOMAS VACATION	22) Doug Werner's Wedding VACATION
23)/30) VACATION	24)/31) VACATION	25) VACATION CHRISTMAS	26) VACATION St. STEPHEN	27) VACATION St. JOHN	28) VACATION HOLY INNOCENTS	29) VACATION