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## GREG SHANNON ELECTED STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Greg Shannon was elected Student Body President for the 1964-65 academic year at the meeting of the student body last night. Fred Berkobin will meet with our president-elect and prepare to turn over the administrative reins. Other officers chosen at the meeting who will round out the Executive Board are: Paul Hirth, V. Pres., George Freeman, Secty., and Tom Chittick, Treas.

Our congratulations to these men and our hearty thanks to the officers who who served the community this past year.

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## SBL TO MEET ON MT. AIRY CAMPUS

Dr. Reumann has announced that on Sunday, April 26, the Middle Atlantic section of the Society of Biblical Literature will hold its annual meeting on the seminary campus. From 3-5 PM. papers will be presented by members in OT and NT sections, and following dinner in the refectory, there will be an evening session at 7 PM., with an address by Professor Willen C. van Unnik, of the University of Utrecht. Students, alumni, and others interested in biblical studies are invited to attend the afternoon or evening sessions, which are being held on the seminary campus in connection with our 100th anniversary celebration.

## PROFESSOR RAGNAR BRING TO VISIT CAMPUS

Professor Ragnar Bring of Lund University, Sweden, will be a visiting scholar, May 4-8, in connection with the 100th year celebration. It is expected that he will give one or two public lectures on Thursday, May 7, and conduct seminar sessions on an honors basis with selected students during the week, in the subjects of Christology and Atonement. Details will be announced as to time and place.

Dr. Bring is well known for his work in systematic theology, as a New Testament commentator, and in Reformation theology. He has been a visiting professor at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago this current quarter.

## Editorial

## "Theological Students Vigil for Civil Rights"

With a firm conviction that love demands that we take some concrete and responsible forms of action, students from seminaries all over the East are planning a "Vigil" in Washington as a telling witness to our concern and to our determination to assure equal rights for all of our citizens. As Dr. Fry and other Christian leaders have continually pointed out, real moral and religious questions lie behind the social and political issues of justice and equal rights. Without any illusions that there are any wholesale social and political answers, we do believe that comprehensive civil rights legislation is imperative. We hope to do our part to assure the success of the bill which is now on the floor of the Senate.

The "Vigil," as was explained last night, is now supported by over fifteen Roman Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant seminaries. The "Vigil" common denominator around which we can work. The Vigil itself will consist of a seven day a week, twenty-four hours a day witness on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, beginning today, April 15. This is certainly one unique way in which seminary students, in an inter-faith and inter-racial effort, can witness to the vital significance of the pending legislation. Steps have been taken by the planning committee, headed by Tom Leatherwood of Union Seminary, to insure the responsible nature of the program. The plans for the Vigil have been cleared with the Superintendent of National Parks in Washington; thus, there need be no consternation regarding the legal aspects involved.

Now comes the pitch. (If you have read this far, fine). For a more effective witness, obviously the Vigil will need the support and endorsement of as many seminaries as possible from all over the U.S. Responding to this need, our student body has adopted a resolution pledging our support to the Vigil and the civil rights legislation.

The resolution was one step which we as a student body have taken. There are additional ways in which we can help. If possible, some students can go to Washington to give a personal acknowledgment of our support. Another way is to have our prayers and worship take this into account.

Actually, the Vigil is only part of an overall plan of activity in Washington. Students will visit Congressmen and Senators personally. At other times students will work with the major lobbying organizations and with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, which is the central coordinating office for all civil rights lobbies. Protestants will be assisting in daily services in the Lutheran Church of the Reformation near the Capitol. Another important way we can help is to write to our men in Congress informing them of our conviction on the civil rights bill. This can be augmented by eliciting support from each of our home churches.

It does not require much imagination to know what will happen if this bill is defeated. On the positive side, it will accomplish something long overdue in the history of our nation. In the words of one of our colleagues: "It may do some good; it can't do any harm."

The Mt. Airy Players have again skillfully executed another creative experiment. Both "The Pantomine" written by Bill Weiser and Christ and the Concrete City by P.W. Turner had a profound effect on all. This writer was almost limp when the lights faded. The combination of the two--the "Pantomine" providing "the context for the play" made it an emotionally intense evening for viewers. Viewers is actually the wrong word. You just could not sit there and watch. You were forced to participate and become involved--even to the point of laughing and crying at certain points. This is due to the combination of factors--the messages of the two works, the ability of the performers, and the skill of the director.

The "Pantomine" offends; it pops the balloons of our self-complacency, our "religiosity." Dick Grove's comments between the action were timely and, I believe, an improvement over its original presentation in a chapel program. Dick cited Peter Berger's remarks about the Church as being a "sociological agency for keeping alive the rumor about God." The Pantomine points out a serious illness in the life of the Church today. It makes no pretensions that it is offering solutions.

The play immediately followed the pantomine. The interweaving of history and the contemporary scene is part of the real depth to Turner's work. This "meddlesome God" who "gatecrashers into time" and shows us "the striped sins of our enormous pride" also has a heart of love. A man is crucified. Something happens on the Cross. It is not the end of the story. There comes the glory of the Resurrection. All of these things are tried to be brought out in the play. Again, no solutions are offered. But before our eyes we had a visual re-enactment of the passion and death of our Lord. The final denouement to the play can only come in the response of those who saw-participated in it.

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This again has shown the real service which drama can render to the Church. The Players have made a start. It has

meant sacrifice--real "blood, sweat, toil and tears" on their parts. We are grateful for their work and the message they have brought to the community. It is hoped that we remember just how powerful drama can be in the church's mission and message for the world.

W. Hanlin

#### ARTICLE VII AND SOCIAL FRATERNITIES

Does Article VII, Sect. 4 of the LCA Constitution apply to social fraternities? Even though active membership was held during college days, does the "life long" membership clause of social fraternities constitute a violation of the LCA Constitution?

In order to show that a violation is involved, one would have to show that a college fraternity "...claimed to possess in its teachings and ceremonies that which the Lord has given solely to His Church..."

In the quarterly magazine which I receive from my college fraternity because I am considered a life long member, I found an article titled, "What's Happening to the Altar?" by John Robson. The article was commissioned by a 58 member, College Fraternity Editors Association, a group organized to prepare a series of articles titled "Operation Challenge" in order to combat the college fraternity system. ~~disturbing~~

Read the following quotations and give some thought to whether or not there are other "secret" organizations whose ritual comes out sounding like this:

"The fraternity world has not been able to make capital of the lesson that when there is no Altar the chapter dies or--more accurately--never lives. The rock of strength that the Altar provides is hewn by the good fraternity as it rushes, pledges, properly trains, and initiates good men. Adherence to the Altar assures the supremacy of good conduct, leadership, scholarship, loyal alumni, and even good housing. But above all it assures a joyous brotherhood whose gifts touch Eternity."

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Most excellent Scotos:

It has been most amusing to watch Christians during the Easter season. The resurrection has indeed taken on some fantastic meanings. For the women it means the resurrection of flowers - not only in the garden but also on the head. For many, both pastors and laity, it is the resurrection from the tomb of multitudinous worship services. And for the one of intellect, there is the resurrection of the 'vital' issues of demythologization, the empty tomb, and body and soul dualisms. So it seems, most excellent Scotos, that our forces have been quite effective in this area of work. Then there are always those few Christians who - but no, I will not dwell on the exceptions.

Enclosed is part three on 'love' for the Handbook of Deceit:

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A third way to destroy love, and yet appear to be showing love, is to take some aspect of love and build it up out of proportion. When one part of love is emphasized beyond its proper significance, love itself is perverted.

Two examples to illustrate. The first regards "freedom." Among certain Christians today almost anything can be done in the name of 'the freedom of the Gospel.' This makes our work all the easier. We must strive to give freedom such significance in and of itself, that it will be taken out of the context of obedience to the will of God. The result will be license rather than love.

The same may be done with "respect." Christians must be led to sharply differentiate between one another out of 'respect.' Use of the term "Mister" in addressing those with whom they are closely associated is a good procedure. Use of "brother" must be labeled as fanatic, and address by the first name as not showing proper courtesy. The division of believers into categories such as these will prove an excellent hindrance to fellowship among themselves. This is all done in the name of respect for the other person, when in fact it is done to elevate one's own status and sense of superiority.

Brother Blindworm

Delegates representing nine Philadelphia seminaries elected Ron Bohr, Mt. Airy Junior, as president of the Philadelphia area of the Interseminary Movement. The election was held at the spring Interseminary Conference, Union Theological Seminary, New York City, April 10 - 11.

Parker Williamson, a middler at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., was chosen president of the Mid-Atlantic region of the inter-denominational seminary student association.

Bro Bohr will meet next fall with other area and region officers to plan events for the '64 - '65 academic year. This spring's meeting centered on an ecumenical discussion of the Lord's Supper. A paper on the Eucharist was presented by Father Alexander Schemann, noted Greek Orthodox scholar, and a panel discussion was held. Panelists included Father Eugene Bianchi, a Roman Catholic priest, and Professor John H. Leith, Presbyterian theologian. Professor Leith has participated in recent Lutheran-Presbyterian conversations.

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...."The plumbline of Amos is in the altar of the fraternities, and it tells them, as nothing else can, which side is up in this topsy-turvy world."

Dr. Frizzell (former chaplain of Penna. State Univ.) urges: "Go back to your altars. Listen again to those inspired words of your rituals, of the charges. They are not nunbo-junbo or hocus-pocus, they are practical ideals creeds to live by, philosophies of life which, if you'll let them, can change your life and make living a real worthwhile adventure. In those rituals, you'll find God and the teachings of Jesus."

Many other gens lie between these and the concluding lines "The Altar is the first fact of fraternity life."

R. Grove

## IN ANTICIPATION

It has been said that the future of the Christian Church in the U.S. will depend upon its reaction to the millions of unchurched now living in the urban areas of the country. The traditional ideas of worship and the church's function are being seriously questioned by a substantial portion of the nation's population. We of the Lutheran tradition take no small pride in the fact that we have a realistic, bi-focal view--faith and the facts. But, do you honestly know the facts as they pertain to the urban sociology of 1964 America? What is the source of your inside information? When have you last questioned and listened to the experts in sociology and church administration?

The time is at hand! The Symposium Committee is proud to call your attention to the forthcoming symposium on the urban church, to be held 8:00 PM., Wednesday, April 22. The experts will be available to question; they will be here to share with us their experience and knowledge.

The participants are Mr. I. Peter Gellman, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology at NYU and Wagner, who will discuss the changing characteristics of the urban population--demography and ecology; the Rev. Theodore L. Fischer, Executive Secretary of the Board of Home Missions of EPS, who will discuss the urban situation from the standpoint of the church at large and the church administrator; and the Rev. Ian F. Tarbet of Tabernacle Lutheran Church in West Philadelphia, who will discuss the situation as experienced by the parish pastor as he seeks to implement the policies of the church.

These men will pull no punches, and promise to duck none. Your intelligent participation is invited. It can lead to an exciting and stimulating evening. Wednesday, April 22, 8:00 PM.

George C. Niedermayer,  
Symposium Committee

One of the most common complaints voiced in the library is: "Why do I have to look in so many different places to find a book?" It can be an aggravation. But there are some good reasons why our books are not all in one place by subjects.

There are three main book collections.

1. Reading Rooms. There are four subject collections so arranged: Biblical, Historical, Doctrinal, Educational. These collections have been chosen by faculty members as a working set of books most useful to undergraduate students, B.D. candidates. Most books in reading rooms may be taken home. The shelves are uncluttered with vast rows of older or less useful materials for the undergraduate.
2. Reference Room. Here are such books as biographical tools, indexes, dictionaries, encyclopedias; the sort of books that are needed for a reference question. They are too bulky and too expensive to circulate. They stay in the library so that all may use them.
3. The Stacks. Here is housed the bulk of our collection. You may smile at a book not used for years, but it could be just the item needed by a research student to settle a particular problem. We aspire to build a library that will support a graduate program. That means keeping a great many books that will not interest the undergraduate; indeed many books that the undergraduate is not even able to use. The volume that may seem frivolous, useless, or esoteric to you could be just the book which a doctoral candidate will some day seize on with delight.

Henry Scherer, Librarian

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WIVES' CLUB ELECT OFFICERS

Election of officers of the Seminary Student Wives Club took place at their meeting on April 13 in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Tappert. The new officers are: President- Dolores Shade  
1st. VP--Linda Sauerwein  
2nd. VP- Judy Snyder  
Sec.-Treas.- Margie Dierk

Dr. Martin J. Heineken addressed the group on "The Meaning of the Sacraments."

E. B. L. CLOSES IT'S SEASON.

"Eat, drink, and be merry," is a good way of putting it, as we, the E. B. L. bowler's look back to the 1963 - 64 season. It is especially true for the victor's, Mark. But, "if we rejoice with those who rejoice," the remaining three team's, Matthew, John, and Luke, must, indeed, look upon their individual achievements and worthwhile efforts as not in vain. Actually, we all had our ups-and-downs, but Mark had less "downs" and more "ups." Just think!; the losers can make use of the New York Met's old comeback, "WAIT TIL NEXT YEAR!!!"

In a more serious vein, may our appreciation go out to the Green Tree Bowling Center, to Moran's Sporting Goods, for obtaining the season's trophies, to Mr. Steve McKittrick, who performed an excellent job in his office as league secretary, and to the team captains who maintained their team's spirit throughout. As league president, I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Paul M. Payerchin, to whom I had turned to many times for help and advice.

It may be of interest to glance at the final standings from two angles: considering the regular handicaps as over against the "scratch" scores (without handicaps). Number of games was 36.

	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Total pins (handicap)</u>	<u>Average/ 3 games</u>
MARK	32	16	25,961	721
MATTHEW	28	20	24,897	691
JOHN	21	27	25,275	702
LUKE	15	33	25,031	695

Standings of the Basis of "Scratch."

	<u>Total pins</u>	<u>Average/ 3 games</u>
MARK	25,641	712
LUKE	24,913	692
JOHN	24,506	680
MATTHEW	23,899	663

I leave it to you to see the many true points about a team revealed in the "Scratch" score.

Do you remember the "special tournament" that was to be played between Mark and the 5-Hi MEN"? Well, it was this way.....Going into the third game, Mark was trailing by 175 pins. As the final game was viewed, Mark was leading by nine marks in the 5th frame; then, the "All-Stars" plunged ahead to win by one (1) pin - 806 to 805. Need more be said????

Congratulations to the "All-Stars:" Cilff Stierle, Jim Shelton, Hank Dierke, Bob Schlotter, and Jim Papada, substituting for George Hanssen.

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# Spring Banquet

Dinner - Dance Band - Program

Dr. Donald Heiges - Gettysburg - Speaker

Boast Beef Dinner

Bowling Awards

April 24, 1964

at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Andover, Pa.

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