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HEYER COMMISSION DRIVE

The Drive ends exactly a week from today. Are you giving it your daily consideration? Please don't wait until the very end and then wish that you had! Take a look at the interesting display of pictures of the Tokyo Seminary, in the Canteen.

There will be a program featuring mission work in Japan, tomorrow night, April 30 at 7:30. Next year's officers will be elected following the program. You are eligible to make nominations, to vote, and to hold office! Be sure to be present.

FROM THE WIVES'.....

Wives' Club Picnic- May 4--Be sure to buy your ticket.

DATE MAY 4

TIME 6PM

PLACE Seminary Lawn (If it rains, the picnic will be held in the Refectory).

COST: 75¢ for adults

50¢ for children 5-12

Children under 5 free

For tickets contact the Wives' Club member who represents your class:

Seniors- Hattie Hanmer CH2-1288

Middleres- Ruth LeVan CH2-0162

Juniors- Sandy Lahet CH-8-3293

DR. STEIMLE TO ADDRESS WIVES...

"Constructive Criticism of Your Husbands Sermon" will be the topic of next weeks Wives' Club meeting. Dr. Edmund Steimle of Union Theological Seminary will speak on Tuesday, May 5 at 7:45 PM in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Voehringer.

LARRY BURR TO EDIT SEMINARIAN

Larry Burr, no stranger to many of us, will serve as editor of the paper next year. This past year, Larry has been on internship at Zion Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

RAGNAR BRING HERE NEXT WEEK

Dr. Ragnar Bring, a visiting professor at the University of Chicago Divinity School will be a guest professor at the seminary next week, May 4-8. Your attention is directed to the public lecture to be presented next Wednesday afternoon, May 6 at 4PM in the Chapel. Dr. Bring's topic will be "Our Saving and Serving Faith."

In addition to the public lecture, Dr. Bring will meet Dr. Snyder's NT seminar class and other selected students (see bulletin board) for two discussion seminars. The primary source will be Galatians. (Again, check the bulletin board for the assignments).

It is hoped that all students will avail themselves of this excellent opportunity to meet and hear one of the world's foremost Reformation theologians.

DR. SNYDER

It has been reported by Mr. Kaufmann that Dr. Snyder is in satisfactory condition, although he will not be able to come home this week as was originally hoped. It is requested that visiting be kept to a minimum. Our prayers are with Dr. Snyder and his family.

STUDENT BODY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS--

One of the tasks of a president when he assumes office is the quick and efficient handling of administrative details. Among the most important of these details is committee appointments. Greg Shannon has ably finished these tasks. The various chairmen, who were approved by the Executive Body, have agreed to serve in their various capacities. See page 6.

THE GAME OF THE GAP

RULES: FOR MEN ONLY

1. The boundaries of the game: there is a gap between law and practice; there is a gap between Christian confession and Christians who act.
2. The object of the game: To disrupt justice for the sake of the Moral well-being of America.
3. Interpretation: What better cause could there be for disrupting justice than the moral integrity of America. (I believe integrity is the word used to describe a close correlation between law and practice; between profession and practice.)

RULES: FOR BLACKS ONLY

1. When a white man treats you as an equal act suspicious.
2. When a white man regards you as a neighbor, act indignant.
3. When you receive the rights and privileges which you rightly deserve, abuse them because they have been denied for 100 years.
4. When job opportunities open up and there are no people able to fill the vacancies, call a time out and pad the bench, so no one will notice that the bench is empty.
5. When the time out is over, use rule 1.
6. If the opponet keeps hammering away at the weak spot, drop back ten and punt the White Man in the "descency and order" sack.
7. If he doesn't give in, invent a new gap.
8. Under no circumstances shall the rules be respected.

RULES: FOR WHITES ONLY

1. Always identify God with your particular prejudice.
2. If in a pinch, say: "Some of my best friends are Negroes".
3. Always refer to niggers by their first name or other fitting obscenity.
4. Use law and order as a means for undermining the democratic process.
5. Refuse to be "my neighbor's keeper."
6. Always regard the Negro as a stereotype, never as an individual.
7. Always make a particular incident or person into a universal rule.
8. When cornered, drop back ten and crap on a man because of his skin color.

1. Regard Sin as the source of the problem.
2. Interpret prejudice as a personal manifestation of Sin.
3. Interpret descrimination as a social manifestation of Sin.
4. Look for the shape of Sin in restaurants; grocery stores, churches, schools, communities where you live, the places where you work, the laws by which you live, and the conditions under which other people are forced to live and work.
5. Acknowledge your place before God-repent in the light of personal and corporate failings.
6. Act responsibly where you find yourself, and allow God to make up what is lacking in your strength through his gift of the Spirit.
7. Remember that man is simul justus et peccator.
8. Make the sign of the cross and act as if men were men...

RGroße.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC MUSINGS

This has been a busy and a happy year for the members of your library staff. More people have used the library than in any year of our seminary's history. A larger number of books, periodicals, and audio-visual aids have been taken from the library for use. It has been a pleasure to serve our students, our faculty, not a few visitors, and to mail hundreds of books to individuals, seminaries, universities, and libraries across the country.

Our wish is to make your library as pleasant and as efficient a place to study as possible. You can help. If you have any suggestions as to how we can make the library a place for even more effective and pleasanter study, we will welcome your comments before you leave for home, or your first parish. Written notes, signed or unsigned, will be most useful, but we will be happy for oral comments also.

Henry Scherer, Librarian

Most excellent Scotos:

Since last writing to you about destroying love, a sudden revelation has come to me - a sure-fire time-saver for all readers of your Handbook of Deceit:

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Prevent love, don't even let it get a foothold, and your bonus will be that many will thank you.

You must, of course, let Christians still talk of love, especially loving the world, but the clue to prevention is: do not let them think about it. Especially do not let them think about any one who might possibly be loved, at least not in particular ways. Do not let them have the slightest thought about it. For that is getting too close - dangerously close - to letting love happen.

Don't let it get a foothold. Once thinking starts about the one to be loved, it tries every blessed way to make the other aware that he is loved and aware of who it is that loves him. Should this happen, all is hopeless.

It might be of value - in order to avoid thinking - to get Christians to join in categorizing a person (although, of course, encouraging them to still remain patronizingly friendly to him). Then that person can be more readily dismissed from the realm of thought. This is especially helpful if he is unloving, or unlovable because he himself is busy loving in ways they don't approve. For you will have stopped them either from helping another to love or from rejoicing in the way another loves (particularly when it shows their own failures).

Above all, now, don't let them think. They will thank you - be sure of that - for saving them from the embarrassment that surely comes when it is realized that someone has changed and that his love-thinking has made him go out of his way.

Brother Blindworm

New rains have fallen and warm beams of light touch the anxious earth. And once again (and who would doubt it could be otherwise) our cold, dead earth has been revived and blossoms forth in magnificent display of color and delight,

There was a time when such a happening was not taken for granted: when ritual combats were engaged in on earth, visibly portraying, for one, Baal's victorious defeat over Met. Such actions were not mere games, but solemn rites, shadows of the mythological combat and victory which guaranteed the renewed issuance of spring and fertility.

We have come a long way since the Bronze Age. Myths of divine warfare are only of scholarly concern. Spring will come, combat or no combat, Baal or no Baal. And the land will be revived in warmth and growth. Rightfully have we dispensed with such rites of invigoration as the past indulged in. But what of the jubilation that followed? Has the joy of spring also become a part of the past? Ought not the first bud of spring, the whistle of a bird, the warmth of the spring sun above a trickling brook fill our hearts with jubilation also, and even more so? Do our lips speak words of praise and thanksgiving to a God who so easily have said, "Let there not be spring;" but who in his longsuffering love, creates a new spring and new joy for sinners?

"Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

make melody to our God upon the lyre.

He covers the heavens with clouds
he prepares rain for the earth,
he makes grass grow upon the hills....

Praise the Lord." Psalm 147

-J. Bresnahan

STUDENT ART EXHIBIT: May 4-9
in the LIBRARY
see Alexander Jacobs for details.

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SEMINARY DAY on SATURDAY (all day)

This Saturday, May 2, will mark the annual Seminary Day, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary. It is expected that, as in recent years, there will be a tremendous turnout of ladies from all over the eastern sea-board. Among the many attractions of the day, will be a performance of Christ in the Concrete City by Turner. The Mt. Airy Players, under the direction of Bill Weiser, will present this in the tent at 1:15. The Choir, which will present a short concert prior to the play, will also sing (and act?) at various interludes in the production. It promises to quite dramatic. It will have a profound impact upon all who witness it.

FROM THE BOOK SHELF: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Communion of Saints: A Dogmatic Inquiry into the Sociology of the Church (New York, 1963)

This is must reading for all Bonhoeffer students. It is his doctoral dissertation, written in 1927, when he just twenty-one years old. To be sure, it represents the early Bonhoeffer, but Karl Barth (among others) has hailed this as a "theological miracle."

Essentially, DB attempted to develop a concrete sociological interpretation of the church...on the basis of an exegetical-theological examination of its nature. What DB tries to do (and succeeds at, I believe) is to start with a theological understanding of the Church; then he draws out the social implications of this in sociological terms. Since it is the factor that the Church receives power and direction from the Holy Spirit ('certainly not empirically grounded on sociological terms), his starting point is valid. And certainly the only relevant way to come at the problem of renewal in the church is to look at its mission in terms of its nature.

Not everyone agrees with Bonhoeffer. For example, Peter Berger has raised strong objection to DB's use of sociology (cf. The Place of Bonhoeffer, ed. Martin Marty, Ch. 3). His chief bone of contention is that DB chose to use the wrong school of sociology! (Simmel and Toennies). As a result, argues Berger, Bonhoeffer's sociological data lack any clear connection with empirical data. DB's attempt to find a sociological category for describing Christ as the head of the church, his body, is certainly open to criticism. At the same time, though, there is a theological need

a crying need, for some sort of category, be it sociological or something else, to express the unity which all Christians have in Christ...and to express how believing Christians are to act on any given social issue.

Admittedly, this review does not do justice to this book. However, I do hope that those of you who have not read it, will soon do so. It does stand at the beginning of Bonhoeffer's thought...but already it contains the later, dark reflections on "the world come of age."

W. Hanlin

The Vigil in Washington--

For the first time in the history of Jewish, RC, and Protestant seminary relationships, students and faculties have joined together at one place in a continuous expression of a common concern--the cause of civil rights...calling for immediate and effective legislation to guarantee basic human rights under the law.

The Vigil, to which we have given our support, is but a symbol of many concerns; as such it is really the least important of a number of procedures designed to bring attention to the problems and induce legislation. Dick Sieling's criticisms of last week are well-taken; we do agree with him that problems must be ironed out on the grass-root levels, day by day. Never-the-less, the Vigil is a rallying point around which the heart of our concerns centers. The Vigil will not succeed ultimately, of course, if we do not establish and (p. 6)

IN APPRECIATION

Mr. Gruhn....

There are times when we are given the opportunity to participate in great events. Some of us avail ourselves of this opportunity, while others allow the door to remain closed, proving only too well the proverb that we tend to miss opportunity when it knocks. Opportunity knocked for all of us two years ago in the form of a man who came among us to give of himself personally and professionally. He gave us his whole being, only to have it stepped upon. He dared to be a little too different as an instructor and a little too believing in us as a brotherhood of Christian people. He dared to ask more than the normative do ut des ad ne approach which is so common here. All that I have just said can be summed up thus: we have turned away from a truly great opportunity.

By now you must have realized that I am speaking of Mr. Gruhn, who will be leaving us after this quarter ends. Perhaps there are many who welcome his departure, because they never understood his method of teaching. Mr. Gruhn has often been heard to say in regard to the many things which we want given to us in a nice easy outline, that they are things that we "must live with awhile." When you hear this statement, at first it may seem to be an evasive answer, a turning away from the task of teaching, and yet it is not.

Perhaps much of the reason for misunderstanding Mr. Gruhn came from not giving ourselves enough time to understand him. His method becomes clear only when you get to take a few more courses with him. What he has tried to do for us was to help us to grow by throwing a task upon us. What good is it to have a professor throw out a lot of facts from his level without the student's having a kind of background similar to the professor's? I think that all of us would agree that such and such a course would mean more to us after we had finished it and then had the opportunity to take it over again. We would feel much more involved. It is this very involvement which Mr. Gruhn has tried to provide, by growing with each of his classed; by

going the same route of discovery with his students. It may be that such an approach does not work in larger classes, but even if it does not, the reason for it is the simple fact that we have allowed ourselves to become too ingrained into the track of lecture spoon-feeding.

Mr. Gruhn is leaving us with an uncertain future and a quite unfavorable send off, for which we can all thank our wagging tongues of derision. The one immediate plan which he has for the future is to complete work for his doctorate.

This article has been intended as a farewell tribute to Mr. Gruhn. I have appreciated the opportunity to study with him. I would also like to thank him for the many stimuli that I have received while sitting in his classes. Of all the men under whom I have studied while at Mt. Airy, he has been the most stimulating. It has been the custom of some of the examining committees to ask the seniors who they considered to be the most stimulating professors. If the question were addressed to me, my answer would have to be Mr. Gruhn. To quote a poet, whose name I have forgotten, "I'm glad he passed my way." I'm sure that I'm not the only one who feels this way.

I would like to wish Mr. Gruhn the most favorable of futures, wherever his future will take him.

--Carl W. Alexy

 CHOIR NOTES

At a meeting yesterday, the Choir has chosen Don Myron to serve as its President for 1964-65. Also elected were: Rudy Schneider, Secretary-Treas.; Roy Lash, Librarian; Ken Michnay, Gown Chairman.

Upcoming events for the Choir will be a recording session of the Spring Tour music, "Seminary Day" with the Mt. Airy Players, a concert at the Germantown Home on May 5, the Choir Banquet on the same night, and graduation.

There is still no word on the new director.

FRED BERKOBIN AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP
FROM LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

CHAPEL NOTE- HOLY COMMUNION NEXT
WEDNESDAY

Senior, Fred Berkobin was awarded the 1964 Lutheran Brotherhood grant for graduate study at last night's annual Lutheran Brotherhood dinner for graduating Seniors. The scholarship, in the amount of \$1200 is awarded each year to an outstanding graduating senior. Fred plans to study American Social and Intellectual history.

Next week on Wednesday we will celebrate our last Holy Communion for the academic year. Dr. Lazareth will preach. On Thursday, May 7, Ascension Day, the Choir will sing for Matins.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENTS, 1964-65

April 23, 1964

Audit	Frank Wilhelm
Hall Chairmen	George Freeman
Card and Gift	Margaret Ann Johnson
Social Activities	Paul Payerchin
Inter-Seminary*	Rudy Schneider
	Ron Bohr
Benevolence	Roy Lahet
Book Store	Ron Meyer
Symposium	Matthew Mamuya
Refectory	Tom McClellan
Student Publications*	Larry Burr
Student Equipment*	Paul Frable
Parking	John Slingerland
Athletic	Don Myrom
Student Work	Lynn Woosley
Tape Recording	Paul Kokenda
Mt. Airy Players	Robert Cornelius
Science Seminar	Ralph Petersen
Tour-Guide	Bill Koeber
Telephone	Lee Longrie
Student Housing	George Freeman
	Bruce Johnson
By-Laws Revision	Paul Hirth

Middler

President	Brian Snyder
Vice. Pres.	Ron Bohr
Sec.-Treas.	Steve McKittrick
Socail Ch.	Robert Cornelius
Athletic Ch.	Sandy Jacobs

Sacristans:

Senior	Rudy David
Junior	Frank Wilhelm

Wives Club:

President	Dolores Shade
1st V. P.	Linda Sauerwein
2nd V. P.	Judy Snyder
Sec.-Treas.	Margie Dierk
Housing Comm.	Simone Gothberg
	Joyce Bagnall

Head Waiter:

Jim Delong

Waiters:

Rudy David	D. Sultzbaugh
B. Bischoff	R. Bender
R. Eilers	J. Solliday
H. Johnson	

* - Minor Changes in the By-Laws will be necessary in order to make these appointments official. These changes will be proposed at the first Student Body meeting next fall.

Greg Shannon
President

GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Body Officers:

President	Greg Shannon
Vice-Pres	Paul Hirth
Secretary	George Freeman
Treasurer	Tom Chittick

Class Officers

Ath.-J. Slingerland

<u>Senior</u>	
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Vice Pres.	Roy Lahet
Sec.-Treas.	Rudy David
Soc. Ch.	Ron Meyer
Athletic Ch.	John Slingerland

SEMINARY DAY

SATURDAY MAY 2

Vigil for Civil Rights...
maintain effective local centers of action.
This can begin right here.

Letters to congressman do create impressions and do bear weight. Regretably, those supporting the bill are not writing with the same frequency as those who are opposed....

A visit to Washington to participate would also serve as a telling witness. (See bulletin board for instructions on participating). I would suggest that the Srs. as a body go to Washington on May 15.

Today's Chapel service is another means which we as a community can employ to witness to our concern..Our prayers and actions, both corporate and private, will have an effect... WH