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# COMMENCEMENT SET FOR MAY 21 FORELL DELIVERS ADDRESS

The Class of 1965 will be graduated from the seminary at the commencement exercises scheduled for Friday, May 21, at 11 o'clock in the morning. The facilities of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Germantown, will again be used. The commoncement address will be delivered by the Rev. George V. Forell, Th.D., Professor of Protestant Theology at the University of Iowa. Dr. Forell is an alumnus of the seminary, Class of 1941. He has served parishes in New Jersey and New York and has taught at Gustavus Adolphus College and the Chicago Lutheran Seminary. He was visiting professor at the University of Hamburg in 1957-58.

The lolst commencement will mark the first participation in such an exercise in Philadelphia of President Donald R. Heiges.

In all probability Dr. Heiges will bestow the Bachelor of Divinity degree on 53 men. This class contained 61 members when it entered in September 1962. Twenty of the original group dropped out along the way. Of this number, five are presently serving as interns and will become members of the next class. Four are on leave of absence, of whom two have indicated their intention to resume their studies in the fall. Four transferred to other seminaries. Seven, so far as we know, have entered other occupations than the ministry.

To the Class were added twelve men over the years. Nine of these had either served as interns or had otherwise interrupted their programs. Three entered the Class with advanced standing on transfer from other schools. Despite the net loss in membership, this Class will be the second largest to graduate, falling short of the fifty-nine of May, 1953.

Recognition will be given at the commencement exercises to Dr. Martin J. Heinecken who will have completed twenty years as a member of the faculty.

Following the exercises, a luncheon will be served at the refectory. Because commencement is not held on the campus, it is hoped the luncheon will bring many of those in attendance to see the seminary and its facilities.

# JOHNSON LECTURES

The Reverend Roger A. Johnson will deliver the last of the Lutheran Brotherhood Centennial lectures today in the chapel. His lecture is entitled "The Enigna of Denythologizing." The lecture will be held immediately following Matins which begin at 11:15.

The other lectures presented in this series sponsored by the Lutheran Brotherhood were: "The Quest for the Historical Jesus" and "The Interpretation of Paul's Doctrine of Justification" by Dr. W. G. Künnel, March 9-10; "Gnosticism in the New Testament" and "Gnostic Uses of the New Testament" by Dr. Robert M. Wilson, April 6-7, 1965.

This is the last issue of the <u>Sen-inarian</u> for this academic year. The editor wishes to express his approximation to the members of the staff and his thanks to members of the seninary who have helped to publish the paper this quarter. Robert N. Pecry, Jr.

#### CONSULTATION DISCUSSES RACE RELATIONS

On the weekend of April 23 and 24, Richard Shenton, Alberto Martinez, and Russel Gromest went to Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, to attend a conference on Race Relations. This conference was sponsored by the Inter-Seminary Movement of the Middle Atlantic States which includes all seminaries from New York to Richmond.

The conference opened on Friday evening with dinner in the seminary refectory. Immediately we were involved with students of different denominations in conversations.

The first speaker was Dr. James Mc-Bride Dabbs, who is a faculty member of the English department of the University of South Carolina, whose recent book is <u>Who Speaks for the South</u>. Dr. Dabbs spoke about Southern culture and its relation to Southern religion. He was more than kind to the South concerning its relations and attitudes towards the Negro.

The second speaker on Saturday morning was Dr. Rene deVisme Villianson, professor of government at Louisiana State. Dr. Williamson received his education in the North, but now considers hinself a Southerner, having lived in the South for over thirty years. Dr. Williamson appeared to be less biased than Dr. Dabbs, whose entire orientation was in the South. Dr. Williamson relied heavily upon Calvin and quoted him throughout his address. The address was primarily based upon excerpts from his recent book, A Christian Re-Orientation in Political Science. He quoted Calvin at length on love and also restated much of the Calvinist theology.

Our third speaker was Father Joseph Leonard, Order of the Society of St. Joseph's, whose primary responsibility is ministering to the Negroes in the South. Father Leonard scemed to be nore realistic in his approach to race relations and based his address upon the attitude of Christian love for the neighbor. He divided his speech into two parts: the theological consideration of the race problem and the practical implications of these considerations.

Father Leonard spoke in more concrete terms than did the two previous speakers and gave us something to take with us. He stated that there were three bonds which have been denied to the Negro because of segregation. The first is the physical unity to all mankind. Second, there exists between all men a bond as a result of the Redemption of Christ. The third bond which is denied the Negro, according to Father Leonard, is the bond established through the baptism in Christ.

Father Leonard went on to say that court decisions cannot force us to love our neighbor. This is something which nust come from within us and cannot be legislated. The real problem, stated Father Leonard, requires love and charity. We must look on the person as he is identified with ne. (ourselves) and at one with me (us). The Christian people need to be educated concerning charity and love. This removes the juristic approach. The speaker then stated what he thought the characteristics of love for the neighbor wore. Father Leonard said we cannot teach anything less than the love of Christ for all mankind.

On Saturday afternoon we had a business meeting of all the schools represented at the conference. The Middle Atlantic states are divided into three regions: New York to Princeton, N. J.; Philadelphia and the state of Pennsylvania; and the area of Washington to Richmond, Virginia. Election of officers for the Middle Atlantic states and (Continued on page 4)

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Bob Peery, editor; Paul Payerchin, sports editor; Len Ashford, staff artist; Jack Denys; Walt Enquist; Ray Hittinger; Mike Merkel; Earl Werdelin; Dave Holmberg; and Al Waganan.

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## JUNIORS FETE ORPHANS AT AQUARAMA

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On Saturday, May 1, several members of the Junior Class took eighteen orphans from the Lutheran Hone on Germantown Avenue to the Aquarama in South Philadelphia. This project was a service project of the class and had been planned since the class of the second quarter. Stan DeCamp served as the coordinator for the event and made most of the proliminary arrangements for the day.

#### CHOIR CONCERT SCHEDULED FOR MAY 6

The seminary choir will present its annual spring concert tomorrow evening May 6 in Ascension Church at 8p.m. Following a brief concert of sacred music which highlights some of the more significant aspects of our Lord's ministry, the choir will participate in a semidramatic production, <u>Mentage: Voices of</u> <u>Our Time</u> for which score and text have been prepared by R.E. Bornemann and R.H. Huldschiner respectively. Through readings, music and slides we shall be confronted with the society in which we all share and to which each is called to witness.

The entire seminary community and other interested friends as well are cordially invited to attend. There is no charge. After the concert, light refreshments will be served .

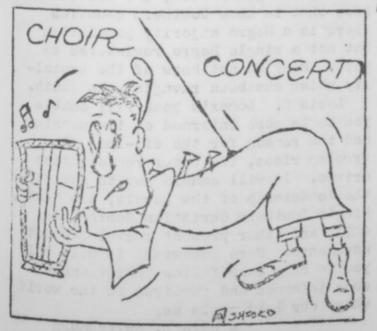
## "RED DESERT" OPENS AT WORLD

In his characteristic creativity, Mr. Antonioni has done a provocative job of suggestive image making in his recent film entitled "Red Desert". This leading existentialist director has vividly caught on color film the volume and tone of missive arrangements of machinery, coldly impersonal modern apartment settings and misty landscapes in the grotesque industrial region of Ravenna. Here a monstrous radar antenna looms above a stretch of hideous waste and sludge. The chemical plant spews poisonous fumes into the air and pipes spit steam onto the crusty earth.

The bewildered heroine, Monica Vitti, is in a confused state of being after an automobile accident. A friend of her husbend, thus, has a brief but meaningless affair with her. In a bizarre scene, an assortment of husbands and wives, engineers and their prostitutes gather together in a shack for some lusty pleasure. However, the paucity of their feelings and the poverty of their emotions is spelled out painfully. Herein is hinted a reason for the separateness and frustration of the heroine.

But it is the visual formations that leave an indelible impression upon the viewer. Through brilliant cinematic painting, one senses the raw presence of a raped earth inhabited by grim people.

Fred Brussat



#### HEYER COMMISSION OFFERING

Because of an unexpected change in the plans for the Chapel program for this week, the Heyer Commission will receive its offering at the Service on Mednesday morning May 12. Jim DeLong, Heyer Commission Chairman, reports that those persons who have given their offerings early have responded well. "If the present trend is followed by the rest of the student body, we should come very close to meeting Farah Farah's needs," he said.

The Heyer Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in Room 1 of Hagan Hall to elect officers for next year. All students are entitled to vote at this meeting.

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#### CONSULTATION ON RACE RELATIONS (Continued from page 2)

for each separate region was held. Russell Gromest was elected president of the Philadelphia area for the school year 1965-66. As president, it will be his duty to inform the seminaries within the district about the activities of the Inter-Seminary Movement. The main purpose of the Movement is simply to keep communication open and to initiate dialog between the various denominational seminaries. A seminary is a member of this movement simply by stating that it desires to be a member. There is at present no rigid constitution which must be adhered to.

Our conference ended with a panel of Southern Negroes, discussing how the Negro himself feels towards segregation. This panel consisted of a business man who is running for the Virginia State Legislature, a teacher who is the president of the Negro Teachers' Association of Virginia, and a Presbyterian minister from Memphis, Tennessee. All of these men were in agreement that the Negro wants to be accepted as a person, just as the white man does. They would like to see the Negro put in a position where he will better be able to help himself. They stated that no white man can possi-. bly state how the Negro feels about segregation, any more than the white man can accurately state just what the Negros problem is. This must come from the Negro hinself.

No pat answers were given by anyspeaker during the conference. They all agreed that the problem of race relations is a difficult one, but one that can be overcome with understanding and love. Each one of us as future pasters will have to wrestle with this problem in his own individual area.

The conference was stimulating and informative. However, the fringe benefits which are derived from such a conference are almost impossible to evaluate fully. We came into contact with students of all denominations and had especially interesting conversation with loman Catholic seminarians. They asked us frank questions, just as we asked questions of them. This provided a much better understanding of each faith for both groups.

More students should avail themselves of opportunities such as this conference to acquaint themselves better on a personal level with men of different religious backgrounds. The conference is held in a different place annually. Next year's site and program are yet to be determined.

- Russ Gromest for our delegation

#### "THE NEGRO REVOLT" - A REVIEW

One of the fields in which we as Christians should be well informed today is that of race relations. Louis E. Lonax in <u>The Negro Revolt</u> concerns hinself with the age-long struggle of the American Negro for freedom and examines the development and meaning of the racial protest of this century and specifically the last decade.

Should we not be able to answer other Christians who say: "There is little or no discrimination in the North"; "The one thing which raises my blood pressure is to hear that Martin Luther King has led another non-violent demonstration": "The South will settle its own problems"; "These freedom demonstrations are controlled by the Communists." Many Christians do hold these and many other opinions which are formed with a lack of informative education in this field. I have spoken with many Lutherans who did not know that tests were required of some Negroes in the South for voter-registration, who did not know that in some Southern counties there is a Negro majority population but not a single Negro registered to vote. Many do not know of the brutality which has been ravaging the South.

Louis E. Lonax's book will enable you to be more informed on the meaning and the reason for the sit-ins, the freedom rides, the voter registration drives. It will enable you to evaluate the leadership of the revolt, the NAACP, King's Southern Christian Conference, CORE, and other present racial protest movements. More important it will help you to help your fellow Christians become informed and involved in the world where our Lord meets us.

- Dale L. Sultzbaugh

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Ronald Bohr.

ROBERTS APPOINTS CHAIEMAN At this time I would like to report to the Student Body the appointments of committee chairmen I have made for next year: Audit Committee, Frank Wilhelm: Hall Chairmen Committee, John Fox: Card and Gift Committee, Robert Hawk; Social Activities Committee, Robert Peery; Inter-Seminary Conmittee, Ronald Bohr and Russell Gromest; Benevolence Committee. Robert Buckwalter; Symposium Committee. Bruce Schrader; Refectory Committee, Paul Frable; Student Publications Committee, Walter Enquist; Student Equipment Fund Committee, John Gansle; Parking Committee. Vilbur Walling; Athletic Activities Conmittee, Jesse Houck; Student Work Comnittee, Storling Goiger; Tape Recording Committee, Ivon Harris; Student-Faculty Committee; Alexander Jacobs; Telephone Committee; Peter Muhr; Student Housing Committee, David Matthews; Mt. Airy Players, Robert Karlson. Special Committees: Science Seminar Committee; Charles Gills; Guided Tours Committee, Richard Kitz; Social Ministry Committee,

You will note that there are eighteen standing committees and three special committees. It is my opinion that this number should be reduced. Several of the committees could be combined under the direction of one chairman. Before the first meeting of the Student Body in the fall, I will submit my proposal to the Executive Board. This will be an attempt to streamline the standing committees to a more workable number.

Second, I have set up a new special committee for a one year trial period. I have called it the Social Ministry Committee and have appointed Ronald Bohr as chairman. This was in response to a petition received by Grog Shannon from a group of students concerned about the Seminary's role in present-day social programs. As stated in this petition: This committee will coordinate, catalogue and present for the Seminary comnunity, all information printed or other-Wise publicized; by our Board of Social Ministry, other religious organizations, National Council of Churches, Civil Rights organizations, official government social agencies, Human and Race Relations Commissions, stc." I have asked the chairman to structure this committee and define its function in anyway that will prove effective.

Finally, I an concerned with the present unrest concerning worship in the community. I realize that no one person or no one directive can aclve the problems involved. But J believe that stops in the right direction can be made with the help of every member of this community. For this reason I have not as yet set Up any committee or board, and ask that the students might give me their suggestions. My summer address is: 5 Anderson Avenue, Demarest, New Jorsey 07627.

May you all have a very fruitful summer and return safely to Seminary in September.

- Al Roberts

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the editors of the April 1 "spoof" Seminarian:

Congratulations! This is the most sensible thing that has appeared on campus for a long time. It should be required reading for seniors before final examinations.

- Henry Luther Whichone President Emeritus.

## ANNOLINCEMENT

Carl Heckman, Secretary of the Senior Class, has asked that all Seniors please note the following announcement:

"All those who have not contributed to the class gift fund should do so as soon as possible, as the deadline for contributing is approaching. I night point out that neither the fund nor the particular amount requested from each nember was 'dreamed up' by any of the class officers, but both were established and voted upon at the last class meeting without audible

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## OFFICIAL CALLS ANNOUNCED

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The following is the list of official calls that have been submitted to Mr. Kaufmann as of April 30.

Clair Anderson- Epiphany, Hempstead, N.Y.- asst.

Ronald Bagnall- BAM(Henrietta, N.Y., new).

Lawrence Burr- St. John, Nazareth, Pa.- asst.

Wilbur Cowen, Jr.- Trinity, Maspeth, Pa.- asst.

Robert Danielson- First, Brockton, Mass ... asst.

Louis Dunkle- Holy Trinity, Wenonah, N.J.

Deniel Eckert- Christ, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Richard Eilers- Trinity, Middle Village, N.Y.

Gilberto Graciani- BAM(Ponce, P.R.). Melvyn Hammarberg- study(U. of Pa.). Richard Hans- St. Mark, Brooklyn, N.Y. Larry Hassler- Alsace, Reading, Pa., asst.

Harold Johnson, Jr.- Prince of Peace, Brentwood, N.Y., asst.

Ulrich Keemss- St. Michael(Germantwn) Phil., asst.

Paul Kokenda- Grace(Spring Garden), Pittsburgh, Pa.

Roy Lahet- Zion, Bristol, Conn. Philip Long- study(U. of Pa.). Thomas McClellan- study(U. of Pa.). Ronald Meyer- Grace, Buffalo, N.Y., asst.

Bodo Nischan-study (Seminary Fellowship).

Richard Olson- Trinity, Pawtucket, R.I.

Paul Payerchin, Jr.- St. Peter, Uniontown, Pa.

M. Gregory Shannon, Jr.- Bethel, Phil. asst.

John Slingerland- Emanuel, Elmer, N.J. Andrew Stauffer- Mt. Bethel Parish, Pa.

Walter Tappert- BAM(Hernwood, Md., new).

Vaughn Taylor- St. John, Red House, Md.

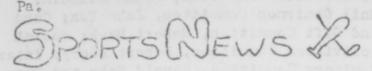
Leonard Torcello, Jr.-BAM(Amangansett, M.Y., new).

Robert Tyce- First, Beach City, Ohio. Joseph Valters- Holy Spirit, The

Villas, N.J.

Brian Welsh- BAN(North Huntington, N.Y. new),

William Wittcopp- St. Matthew, Laurens; St. John, Eurlington Flats, N.Y. John Yedlicka- Maria, Dagus Mines,



## VOLLEYBALL

On Monday afternoon the Junior Class edged the Midele Class 2-1 in the best of three series in this year's volleyball tournament. The Juniors, who have been practicing almost every day, walked away with the first of three games. However, the Middle Class began to jell in the second game which they won, thus tying the series at 1-1. The third game was a complete rout for the Juniors who won handily 15-8, taking the game and the series 2-1

Last night the faculty and the Senior Class met on the volleyball court for the second series of games in the Seminary playoffs. The Seniors won all three games with relative ease, having some trouble with the faculty at various points in every game. "I am sure almost any faculty member will be more than happy to relate the details of the game," Paul Payerchin announced after the series.

The Juniors and the Seniors will play the championship series on Monday, May 10 at 6:45 p.m. Everyone on the staff, except the sports editor, predicts that the Juniors will take the series and the championship. The championship will follow the Wives' Club annual picnic. Everyone is invited to the picnic and then to the games.

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At the Spring Banquet, awards for the Evangelical Bowling League were presented. The awards distributed were: Championship trophy to Matthew; high average and high series for the season, Paul Hirth; most improved bowler, Bob Peery.