



INCOMING CLASS NUMBERS 36

The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia opened its doors for the one hundred and fourth year on Monday, September 11. Included in the total enrollment of 107 students were 36 Juniors, 27 Middlers, and 44 Seniors. Eleven students are spending the year serving in parishes on the internship program. Interns returning to the Germantown Avenue campus number fourteen.

Included in the 36 students who make up the Junior Class are two candidates for the M.A.R. Degree. According to the Registrar's Office, there will be one member of the class who is not a full-time student.

COMMENT

SUFFER THE ... CHILDREN

"I got me a V.C., man. I got at least two of them bastards..." The Marines ordered a Vietnamese corporal to go down into the grenade-blasted hole to pull out their victims. 'Oh my God,' cried one of the Marines, 'They're all kids.'

'At least a quarter of a million children have been killed in the war.'

'60-70% of the (burned) patients in DaNang Hospital were under 12...'

'...a woman whose arms had both been burned off by napalm. Her eyelids were so badly burned, she could not close them. Two of her children had been killed...'

'Torn flesh, splintered bones, screaming agony are bad enough. But perhaps most heart-rending are the tiny faces and bodies scorched and seared by fire.'

'Napalm and its more horrible companion, white phosphorous, liquidize young flesh and carve it into grotesque forms. The little figures are afterwards often scarcely human in appearance. I never left the tiny victims without losing composure. The initial urge to reach out and soothe the hurt was restrained by the fear that the ash-like skin would crumble in my fingers... (cont.)

seminary choir

Ken Zindle, President of the Seminary Choir for 1967-68 announces that tryouts for the choir will take place on Monday, Sept. 11 and Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 1:15 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. in Ascension Church. All members of the student body are invited to try out. Should the scheduled times pose a conflict, you can arrange for a try out at another time by talking with Ken or Mr. Bornemann.

The Fall schedule for the Choir appears to be one of the busiest programs they have had in years. Included in the plans for the First Quarter will be a music retreat for the weekend of September 22 to 24. On the afternoon of October 29th, the Choir will appear at The Academy of Music. The same day they are scheduled to sing at an evening Reformation Service in Wilkes-Barre.

A concert in conjunction with a Roman Catholic Seminary Choir is also planned for October. In November, a weekend tour is planned with a stop at Thiel College.

'American soldiers in Vietnam who accidentally suffer burn injuries from napalm are rushed aboard special hospital planes - equipped to give immediate first aid treatment and flown directly to Brouk Army Hospital in Texas, one of the world's leading centers for burn treatment and for the extensive plastic surgery that must follow. Burnt Vietnamese children must fare for themselves.'

'A million children have been killed or burned in Vietnam.'

We can go on and on and on. But let it be summed up...

'A quarter of a million children are already dead in this war, and another three-quarters of a million have been wounded or maimed since 1961...'

There is no further comment to be made - except to add: For whatever reason, political, military, ideological, can it be right to make the children suffer so?

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is too involved in the secular and is so 'far out' it is losing its following; (3) that religion has become so much a 'mirror image' of its community and national setting that its influence is imperceptible and perhaps, non-existent.

The Gallup poll itself recently supplied substantial evidence that 'there are no significant differences in opinion between church-attending and non-church-attending adults on major issues involving moral questions such as capital punishment, American military involvement in Vietnam, open housing, and school integration.'

Also reported were attendance figures at public worship for major age groups. The over-all percentage of adults attending worship in an average week has declined five per cent since 1958 when it had reached a high of 49%, but the number of adults in their twenties who regularly attend has declined 11%, for a total of 37% attending in this 21-29 age group.

RELIGION IN U.S. LOSING ITS TOUCH?

In a span of just 10 years the proportion of American adults who believe that religion is 'losing its influence on American life' has jumped from 14% to 57%. This, according to George Gallup, whose periodic polls yielded this finding, 'represents one of the most dramatic shifts in surveys of American life.'

Four sample surveys in a 10 year period, 1957, 1962, 1965 and 1967, asked the same question, 'at the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life, or losing its influence?' The trend has been consistently - and sharply - towards greater pessimism about religious influence, moving from less than one-sixth to a clear majority.

The results of the poll can be used to support three quite different conclusions: (1) that religion (the churches and their members) is increasingly irrelevant to the real and increasingly complex world and its multiplying problems; (2) that religion

NEW FACES ON CAMPUS

The coming academic year finds two new full-time men added to the Mt. Airy Seminary faculty. Six visiting lecturers have been named in an attempt to offer a full compliment of staff since two faculty posts remain vacant.

The Rev. LeRoy H. Aden has been appointed associate professor of practical theology. A graduate of Wartburg College and Seminary, he did his graduate work at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. Since June 1965 he has been associate pastor of First Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, and director of its Counseling Center. His teaching experience includes serving as an instructor in pastoral care at the University Counseling Center in Chicago.

The Rev. Andrew J. White III has been named assistant professor of practical theology. A graduate of Wittenberg University and Hamma School of Theology, he holds a master's degree from Christian Theological Seminary. Mr. White is presently

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completing requirements for his doctorate at Western Reserve University. He has served as pastor of Bethel Church, Cicero, Ind., and Calvary Church, East Cleveland, Ohio.

Named as visiting lecturers for selected courses in church history are the Rev. John K. Brndjar, the Rev. Dr. John Schmidt, and the Rev. Dr. F. Ernest Stoeffler. These men will fill the teaching schedule of Dr. Tappert who is on sabbatical this year. Continuing as a lecturer in the field of Christian Education is Sister Bernice Pantel.

The Rev. Donald G. Luck will assist in the department of systematic theology. Two seminars will be offered under his direction, and he will lead the discussion groups for Dogmatics II and III. Also serving in the department of systematic theology this year is Mr. Robert C. Hawk, who has been awarded the Robertson Scholarship for study in the Graduate School.

Assisting with the Senior Practice Preaching classes this year will be the Rev. Ralph Peterson, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Summit, New Jersey.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday	9 A.M. - 5 P.M. 7 P.M. - 10 P.M.
Friday	9 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Saturday	9 A.M. - 12 N.

During Seminary Vacation Periods:

Monday - Friday	9 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Saturday	9 A.M. - 12 N.

The Library is closed Sundays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Good Friday and Memorial Day.

ZIEGLER LEAVING

The Rev. John J. Ziegler, Jr. who has been serving in the field education department has announced his resignation from the faculty. He will be leaving immediately for Michigan where he will be assuming new responsibilities at the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies directed by Reuel Howe.

CALENDAR

- Sept. 9 - 9:00 A.M. Junior Class registration and beginning of orientation and testing program for incoming students Hagan Hall - Room 1.
- Sept. 10 - 9:00 A.M. Orientation program for incoming students continues throughout the day.
- Sept. 11 - Seminary begins its 104th year.
8:00 A.M. Junior Classes begin.
9:50 A.M. Seniors register in Rm. 1, Hagan Hall.
11:35 A.M. Middler Registration in Rm. 2, Hagan Hall.
5:30 P.M. Dinner for ALL students in the Refectory.
7:00 P.M. Opening Communion Service.
8:15 P.M. Social Gathering on the Parking Lot behind Grad Hall.
1:15 P.M. Choir Try outs in Ascension Church.
- Sept. 12 - 10:20 A.M. Meeting for all Middlers concerning field education and internships.
1:15 P.M. Choir try outs in Ascension Church.
10:20 A.M. Junior Class Meeting with the Student Body President. Room 4.
11:15 A.M. Seniors returning from internship meet with Student Body President in Room 1, Hagan Hall.
- Sept. 13 - 2:30 P.M. Volleyball
- Sept. 14 - 7:00 P.M. "Stag Smash" in Grad Hall for faculty and students. \$1.00 a head.
- Sept. 15 - 5:30 P.M. Wives Club "Splash" at the "Albert's Ranch."
- Sept. 16 - 9:30 A.M. Football Scrimmage and Organizational meeting.

<p>MONDAY NIGHT DINNER IS 55¢ FOR OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS</p>

REFRESHMENT CENTER OPENS

Beginning this year, the student body can enjoy having readily available a Refreshment Center located in the new Student Activities Office. This room is in F hall, room 64 (by the volleyball court). The hours of operation are:

Weekdays: 4:15-5:15 & 7:15-11:15 PM

Saturday: 2:15-5:15 & 7:15-12:15 PM

Sunday: 3:15-11:15 PM

The Refreshment Center will be run by the Refectory Committee, headed by Dick Zimmerman, according to the operating instructions in the Student Handbook and posted in the Center. Though all students may use the center, it is to be noted that membership to the Center costs \$1.00 and members are committed to take an equal turn operating the Center (i.e. be in the office to see that payments are made and the area kept clean and uncongested). They will also exclusively share in the modest profits.

Refreshment prices are: Coffee 10¢; Milk 10¢; Juice 10¢; Soda 15¢.

All on-campus students are invited to join the Center. On Monday and Tuesday, members of the Refectory Committee will check with all on-campus students.

INTOLERANCE

The ways of Muhammed Ali (alias Cassius Clay) are beyond the understanding of the average man. The fact that they appear eccentric to those not of his persuasion is, nevertheless, not a valid reason for denying him fundamental human rights. Whatever view you take of Ali's refusal to engage in military service, it is totally wrong to strip him of honors he won in the sporting field, because he has taken a stand on principle. This is not justice of any sort. It is emotional judgment of the worst possible kind.

Yet it is the sort of judgment we are getting all too frequently these days in many places. If you are for closer relations with Roman Catholics, you can't be a good Lutheran. If you criticize American involvement in Viet-

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nam, you must be a Communist.

This is the kind of attitude all too common within Christian circles, the last place that it should be met. If it is fundamental to the Christian doctrine of many to look upon every human being as a personality with rights, then the right of that man to take a different point of view on any subject should be allowed.

The Christian virtue of tolerance is not an easy one for Christians - as it happens. They tend to assume they speak for everybody when they don't. Christians have the same right as others to seek to persuade, by every legitimate means they can, that their view IS right. They do not have the right to become a pressure group dedicated to establishing their minority point of view against the wishes of a majority.

The privileges the churches are allowed by the state are often valuable, but the time may have come when we must ask if they are all defensible.* What is important is that the fact of privilege, freely given, does not constitute a right intolerant use of it.

If this seems far from Muhammed Ali, alias Cassius Clay, the basic principle is the same. It is the human right to believe what you like, and not to be punished professionally for doing it, in a free society.

*cf. Bishop Pike who says in "Playboy" (sic) that (U.S.) taxpayers would be taxed less, if church property and income were not "privileged."

WIVES CLUB

For the married students, one of the most important organizations of the student body is the Wives Club. This year, the club will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Notices of their interesting meetings are placed in the mail box well in advance so that even the husband who only occasionally checks for his mail can give the information to his wife on time.

Betty Hrdlica urges all wives to attend the club's first meeting which will be at the Albert's in the form of a Splash Party. Husbands invited too!