



STUDENT AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Three seniors and four middlers have been selected by the faculty to be the recipients of three annual awards presented to upperclassmen. The faculty took this action at its September 18th meeting, acting on the recommendations of the Committee on Admissions and Student Life.

Seniors Stan DeCamp and Dave Shaheen, and Middlers Paul Britton and Andy Lowe were selected as the recipients of the Hoh Award for 1967-68. This award was established by the Men of Mt. Airy, a group of laymen organized for the purpose of supporting and promoting the work of the Seminary, in 1966. The award is named in honor of the Rev. Paul J. Hoh, D.D., L.L.D., Professor from 1937 and President of the Seminary from 1945-1952. Four thousand dollars a year is channeled through this program to seminarians and prospective students.

The four upperclassmen who participate in this award will receive five hundred dollars each. These are awards in the strict sense of the term. Students do not apply for them, but are selected by the faculty. As in the case of scholarships, academic records are the basis for selection.

Senior recipient Stan DeCamp is a graduate of Susquehanna University. His home is Elizabeth, N.J. Stan has just returned from a year of internship at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Norwich, Connecticut. Dave Shaheen is a graduate of The American University. His home congregation is St. Luke Lutheran Church in his hometown of Silver Spring, Maryland.

Middler Paul Britton is a 1966 graduate of Wagner College. Paul's home is Brooklyn, N.Y. Andrew Carl Lowe hails from Worcester, Mass. and received his B.A. degree from Upsala College.

Juniors who received the Hoh Award for this year were announced in The Philadelphia Seminary Bulletin, June 1967. Robert Karli and Gordon Simmons received stipends of one thousand dollars each based on their academic records in college, their Graduate Record Exams, and their responses to specific questions answered by all applicants in essay style.

CALENDAR

- Sept. 21 - 11:45 A.M. Junior Class Elections, Rm. 4, Hagan Hall
1:30 P.M. Student Activities Board Meeting, Activities Office, Rm. 64, F Hall
- Sept. 22 - 2:00 P.M. Choir leaves for their weekend retreat. Meet in front of the library.
- Sept. 23 - Choir Retreat
- Sept. 26 - 11:15 A.M. Holy Communion
Dr. Lazareth, preaching
1:15 P.M. Rev. Arthur Frieberg Pastor of St. Luke's, Devon will meet with students interested in parish employment Seminar Rm. A
- Sept. 28 - 11:45 A.M. Student Executive Board Meeting, Activities Office.
10:00 P.M. Vespers

Other awards acted upon by the faculty included the Karl Elser Wurster Memorial Fund Award. The first recipient of this award established last spring is Ray Sistik of Irwin, Penna. He will receive a stipend of \$240.00. The award is given in memory of Karl Wurster, established by his mother, a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Penna.

Nominated to receive the Aid Association for Lutherans Awards were Senior Don McCoid and Middler Marty Roth. Don, who graduated from West Liberty State College is from Wheeling, W. Va. Marty who comes from McKeesport, Penna. is a graduate of Thiel College. These awards carry a stipend of two hundred dollars.

Formal recognition of these students will be in chapel, Tuesday, September 26.

YOUTH DEPT. RESTRUCTURED

Consolidation of agencies responsible for direction of youth work into a single unit with equal representation of youth and adults will be proposed to the executive council of the LCA. If the council concurs, the proposal will be submitted for action to the next biennial convention of the LCA.

The plan was adopted by a combined conference of the LCA's Commission on Youth Activities and the executive committee of Luther League, which met at Ursinus College in September. Under the new proposal, the present Commission on Youth Activities and the executive council of the Luther League would merge into one single unit.

The Luther League, now the LCA's official youth auxiliary with a membership of 75,000 would go out of existence as a church-wide organization as would the Commission on Youth Activities as presently constituted. Congregations and synods would be free to decide how to structure the youth ministries for their territories.

According to the conference, the new plan would go a long way toward overcoming some of the present obstacles in youth work. Representatives noted that the youth of the church feels an increasing alienation from the church while the congregations are mostly insensitive towards specific needs of youth.

The Luther League serves less than 25% of the youth in the church, and is declining as far as the percentage of Luther League youth in the total membership of the church is concerned.

Under the new plan, the Rev. Larry E. Nelson, director of the LCA Commission on Youth Activities and executive director of the Luther League said, "youth gatherings would still be encouraged, but they would be centered on issues of concern to church and society rather than on running an organization."

The proposal adopted by the LCA youth workers and representatives will be submitted to the LCA's executive council this month. It will then be explored by youth and youth workers at territorial gatherings of the church's 32 synods between fall and next spring. The final proposal would then be drafted by the LCA's executive council in April 1968 for consideration of the LCA convention in Atlanta next June.

for crying out loud...

Now is the time for the students of this august institution to unite in their support of the student power movement! President Bill Skroggins is even thinking of declaring a national student power day. Rally and support these matters that are so close to home; help keep other people in their place! Give aid to this organization that is dedicated to the principle that all men are created equal, especially students, but don't let your daughter date a faculty member. We will sit with them on buses, in the classrooms, at the communion rail, but social intercourse - never!! We are willing to grant them all the personal freedom that they need as long as they don't try to move in with us. We will even go as far as to invite them to our organizations' gatherings, hoping all the while that they won't come! We absolutely deny that there is a break-down in communication between us; after all there was never any communication to begin with.

Please don't think that I am in any way prejudiced against my brothers just because the color of their hood is different than mine; some of my best friends are quite close to faculty members. It's just that they have their own interests and I have mine; so why force ourselves upon each other?

Isn't it rather strange that the other day I heard a faculty wife ask if she was really invited to the affair that evening; did they really want her and her husband to come. The cry of ignorance in these matters will not cover up the true fact that maybe an underlying feeling of inhospitality is there. Ignorance about how I should feel and act toward my brother is not acceptable; remember that ignorance of the gospel is no excuse.

...the old crab.

REFRESHMENT CENTER OPEN

DAILY
Room 64 - F Hall

Hours:
Mon.-Fri.
4:15-5:15
7:15-11:15 PM
Sat.&Sun.
7:15-11:15 PM

WILLIAM MARTIN...

the struggle for man in modern fiction

SAUL BELLOW

-JUSTIFICATION

When Saul Bellow's novel, Herzog, appeared a year or so ago, a critic wrote, "Moses Elkanah Herzog, Ph. D. is an original figure in our literature, and now that he is safely born we will be quick to perceive that he was sorely needed and is henceforth not to be done without."

That was high praise, for it put Herzog among that select company of fictional characters like Don Quixote, Don Juan, Faust, Hamlet, who enable us to interpret ourselves at greater depth.

But is it true? At first sight Herzog is simply a long, richly-brocaded story of a fey, rather muddle-headed intellectual on the verge of a nervous breakdown, whose identity has been called into question by a broken marriage. In tired middle-age he has been rejected by his second wife, betrayed by a friend, and made insecure in his professional career. But on closer examination it turns out to be more than another 'man in search of himself' piece.

What Bellow has done - deliberately or by chance - is to rise to the challenge flung down by a fellow-professor at the Univ. of Chicago, Paul Tillich. Writing about the doctrine of Justification by Faith, Tillich once said: "This idea is so strange to modern man that there is scarcely any way of making it intelligible to him."

But where theologians fail, novelists may succeed. At any rate one rises from a reading of Bellow's book with a heightened understanding of how one man - and through him, man in general - attempts to justify his own existence. Groping among the scattered prizes of his life, Professor Herzog asks innumerable questions (recalling that other intellectual, the lawyer who came to Jesus 'seeking to justify himself by asking, "And who is my neighbor?") Herzog does not address his questions to a spiritual ~~groom~~, instead he fires letters off in all directions, to the living and the dead, to Hegel and Eisenhower, to Pascal and Stewart Udall, to his dead mother and to himself, and even in the last resort, to God.

For some readers, these unposted letters simply impede the action of the story; for others they will prove to be the core of the book, delightful in themselves, since they explore many important ideas, and sink a shaft into an interesting, if somewhat disorderly mind. But in the end, Herzog comes to see the futility of seeking to justify himself. The last words of the book are, "At this time he had no message for anyone. Nothing. Not a single word." He is content to accept, to receive, to take what grace has given.

In his final unsolicited and undelivered letter, he writes, "But what do you want Herzog? But that's just it: not a solitary thing! I am pretty well satisfied to be, to be just as it is willed, and for as long as I may remain in occupancy."

Certainly, the novel also contains plenty of action - desperate journeys across America, encounters with friends and relatives, a projected murder - but action that consistently results in bedevilling his situation. Like the fanatic who has been defined as one who "redoubles his effort when he has forgotten his aim," Herzog only makes confusion worse confounded when he attempts to justify himself on the plane of practical life.

Naturally also, Herzog, being a man seeks the very human way of 'justification by self-punishment.' It was said of George Orwell, perhaps unkindly, that 'he wanted to atone, to expiate, to wash himself in dirt.' Herzog, too, temporarily wallows in self-abasement and self-laceration, but reaches the end of the journey with the ringing affirmation, "Excuse me, no. I've had all the monstrosity I want. No more of that for me. I am simply a human being, more or less..."

For, as he comes to see, to be a human being is to be surrounded with grace,

(continued)

BELLOW (Cont.)

with undeserved and unmerited love and encouragement.

But there is something better in store for the reader of Bellow's novel than the satisfaction of tracing a theological theme in a secular work. There is the delight of keeping company with an extremely intelligent and articulate man, sharing his thoughts not only about the narrow world of the self, but of the self in relation to others, to education, to history, to the events of contemporary life.

And there is a richness and liveliness of style that will come as a relief to anyone who loves words, after the grunts and belches of so much modern writing. Bellow is one of the finest stylists, and in my judgment, the most promising novelist on the modern scene. Above all, he qualifies by his intellectual and moral seriousness, to take his place among those who 'struggle for man.'

1967-68 INTERNS

The following students are spending this year away from the community on internship:

- Ron Bacon, Resurrection Luth. Church,
3 Doat St., Buffalo, N.Y.
- Charles Eiss, St. Paul's Luth. Church,
10 N. Main St., Telford, Pa.
- Steve Fossum, St. Simeon's Luth. Church,
Philadelphia, Penna.
- Don Henderschedt, Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church, 35 9th St., Ashland,
Penna.
- Bill Herbst, Messiah Luth. Church,
915 Oneida St., Lewiston, NY.
- Bob Kidd, Lord God of Sabaoth Luth. Ch.,
Box 0, Christiansted, Virgin I.
- Jim Sneddon, St. James' Luth. Church,
High & Price Sts, Pottstown, Pa
- Tim Waltonen, Center City Luth. Parish,
Phila., Pa.
- Don Worth, St. John's Luth. Church,
311 Cumberland Rd., Pittsburgh,
Pa.
- Craig Wright, Zion Lutheran Church,
74 First St., Pittsfield, Mass.
- Ronald C. Yergey, St. Luke's Luth. Church
417 N. 7th Street, Allentown,
Penna.

FACULTY WIVES

The Faculty Wives have, for a number of years, sponsored three annual social events for students: a Junior Reception in September, a Middler Reception during the winter and a reception for Seniors prior to commencement. These social affairs have become increasingly less successful and the wives are looking for ways to change them to better meet student interest. They would welcome any ideas of students concerning the kind of social get-togethers between faculty and students which they would like. Please give your comments within the next week or two to Bill Kiggins, your class president, or a member of the wives' committee (Mrs. Krodel, Mrs. Lazareth, Mrs. Heinecken, Mrs. Reumann) working on this.

AROUND CAMP 100

Dr. Henry H. Scherer announces that the list of new books acquired by the library over the summer months is now available.....Dave Newhart, Tom Sinnott, Drew Fischer, Dave Shaheen, Dave Berg, Bill Horn are helping with the Seminary Development Fund Drive by visiting in churches this fall presenting the story of our proposed relocation.....The BookStore announces morning hours: 11:15-12:30 pm daily.....For those of you who wish to contribute articles to the Seminarian but can't find the office, we're located in Rm. 62 of F hall.....Vespers will be held at 10:00 P.M. on the eve of Saint's Days this year.....Falstaff starring Orson Wells, Jeanne Morcau, and John Geilgud will be at the Boyd Theater October 2 & 3. Special student price is \$1.00 for the performances at 2:30 and 8:30 PM.....Uncataloged materials of current interest are available for student us in the library. Check with Mr. Wartluft about this new service.....Deadline for students wishing to receive the Inquirer at the special rate is Sept. 22. See Ed Bommer.....Bob Peery is the new Chairman of the Worship Committee.....Don't get too upset about "Forcryingout-loud" this week. Another point of view will appear in the next issue.....The meeting of the Slovak Zion Synod, Eastern District will be in NYC next week. Visiting lecturer J.M. Brndjar is Dean of the Eastern District.

THE MANIFESTO SPEAKS

edited by Bob Busch

"Worship is the central and primary act of the Christian life and undergirds all of its activities. Before God's people can assume their responsibilities for evangelism, education, or Christian service, they must first experience God. Worship provides that experience. It draws God's people together in conscious awareness of being the redeemed community the body of Christ. For in worship we come both individually and corporately into relationship with God in the most direct touch with the holy we humans can have. Through his Word God reveals himself as sovereign Lord, proclaims his saving deed in Christ on our behalf, and calls us out of our broken relationship into a new life of reconciliation with him and our fellowman."

"In its widest sense, worship involves the total response of the Christian in his encounter with God. This idea is conveyed by the New Testament word for liturgy. A 'liturgy' in ancient Greece was a work done for public welfare at one's own expense. Just so, the liturgy we perform includes our total service to God, including that which we render to public welfare throughout our seven-days-a-week living."

(Worship is more than ceremony, but this does not mean that worship does not include ceremony or that ceremony is unimportant. "The congregation is the local community of God's people that gathers regularly to renew its faith and life in an experience involving recollection, thanksgiving, participation, proclamation, and expectation with respect to God's gracious acts towards men")

"Thus worship is 'the heart of religion and of the religious quality of the church. A church may be filled with creative ideas and overflowing with good works, but unless there be a sense of the presence of the holy there, of the presence of God - unless there be a capacity for worship, it is doubtful whether what is there is religion'."

"In such a perspective we see that worship is not an experience of ourselves but of God. At times we speak of a 'worshipful experience' as if it were something contrived through the use of candles and ornaments, choirs and chants, rich voices and soft colors filtered through stained-glass windows. This is

to try to create the holy synthetically and defeats its own end."

As Gilkey wrote: "Worship is the response to the presence of God, our reaction to the appearance of the holy. And the point is not that we feel something then, though surely reverence, awe, and wonder are normal; but that we relate ourselves creatively to Him, that we respond to His presence in adoration and praise, in confession of sin and thanksgiving for mercies known and received. It is the relation to God, the felt relation to the holy - to the tremendous majestic, awesome power and goodness of God - that is the core of worship. Thus we bow, thus we adore, thus we surrender ourselves - thus we experience God."

As we begin a new year of worship and work here at Mt. Airy, let us keep in mind the ringing call of The Lutheran Church in America to each congregation (including this congregation), "To appreciate its rich heritage of worship and to be open to new expressions of adoration of God."

(Taken from A Study Book On The Manifesto by Donald R. Pichaske, p 135f&l49).

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

The Student Body and class officers met Thursday, Sept. 14th to discuss the proposed changes to the By-Laws. Discussion centered on the establishment of Boards for Student Activities, Publicity, Administration, and finance, and their offices and structures. Work also began on preparing the budget and further refining of the proposed change to the By-Laws, as well as filling the various committees. The meeting adjourned after scheduling the next meeting for Thurs. Sept. 28.

Students are encouraged to keep their officers informed of their wishes and suggestions for improving the community.

...Bill Kiggins

want to be an operator?

Applications are now available in the Bookstore for any Junior who is interested in working in the store. This is an excellent opportunity to earn some extra money, especially students with a financial need. Deadline for application is October 13th.

ARE THERE ANY JUNIORS WHO CAN PLAY FOOTBALL?

Drew Fischer announces that there will be a football game between the upperclassmen and those in the Junior Class who think they can handle this great challenge. If the Juniors show up, the game will be played on October 30th (a Saturday, so don't give us any excuses about Greek classes, etc.) at 10:00 A.M. The site of the game is being kept secret at this time. The Wives Club will sponsor the First Aid stand.

Other football notes of interest to the student body include weekly practices on Friday afternoons at 1:30 P.M. Work-outs will take place at the Germantown Home. Meet in front of the library at 1:30 so we can arrange transportation to the home.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN FORMING A BOWLING LEAGUE, PLEASE SPEAK TO DREW FISCHER!!!

GOOD MORNING

Have you ever wondered what some of our professors thought when you wished them "good morning"? Well Bill Bispels is happy to report he's had a revelation and has listed below some of the thoughts that creep through a faculty member's mind:

Good Morning.....

- Dr. Krodel: a challenge
- Dr. Heinecken: a speculation
- Dr. Reuman: a supportable conclusion
- Dr. Albert: a magnanimous blessing
- Mr. Kaufmann: a rarity
- Rev. Peterson: a sly witicism
- Mr. White: an invitation to discussion
- Dr. Lee: a conditional acceptance
- Dr. Tappert: a concession
- Dr. Seltzer: a traditional greeting
having a curious and
spritely historical
development

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ATTACHED STATEMENT ON WORSHIP

Dr. Lee, Chairman of the Worship Committee, has requested that the attached statement be distributed to each student to emphasize the faculty's desire that they be consulted by chapel leaders before they prepare the service. The purpose of this statement is to clarify the mutual responsibilities of the students' and faculty in chapel worship.

Am I a man or am I a mess?
Am I the world or am I less?
They say my will is the strongest thing,
That out of this chaos order can bring.
And yet I can't even make up my mind,
Whether or not to leave this empirical
world behind.
What so I want out of this miserable
life?
Is it fame or love, money or wife?
But the answer comes up from every
man that ever trod,
"In hell's name man, all I want is God."

I think the real problem is that I do not want to give myself to anything, be it God, some small or greater cause, or another person. But only want things to give themselves to me. Yet at the same time I have a great need to give myself. Result: An unclarified tension.

...Robert W. Busch
