



# CALENDAR

- Sept. 28 - 11:45 AM Student Body Executive Board Meeting  
10:00 PM Vespers
- Sept. 29 - 1:30 PM Football Practice at Germantown Home Field
- Sept. 30 - 10:00 AM Football Game Juniors vs. Upperclassmen at Germantown Home Field
- Oct. 2 - All Day: Metropolitan New York Synod Seniors meet in New York City with Synod officials. New Jersey Synod seniors meet with President Knudten in Dr. Heiges' office beginning at 1:30 PM.  
7:30 PM Eastern Penn Synod seniors and wives meet with Synod officials, Hagan Hall, Room 2.
- Oct. 4 - Eastern Penn Synod seniors meet with President Kidd in Dr. Heiges' office beginning at 1:30 P.M.  
1:30 PM Football Practice at Germantown Home field  
Wives Club Meeting (Time and place to be announced)
- Oct. 5 - 11:15 AM Junior Field Education Orientation, Hagan Hall, Rm 4

# MAIL CALL

Dear Brothers:

What I am about to say may seem like a small matter, in fact it concerns some small matter. As one enters the TV room after a Saturday night of watching the idiot box any semblance of the clean room left by the cleaning staff is long gone. Is it so difficult to expend the necessary effort needed to place the empty soda cans and the like in the trash barrels? But beyond this one item which dirties the floor of not

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# JUNIORS ELECT CLASS OFFICERS

The Junior Class on September 21st elected the following men as class officers for this year.

- President: David Luther Alderfer  
Spring City, Penna.  
Muhlenberg College
- Secretary-Treasurer: John R. Sabatelli  
Richmond Hill, New York  
Queens College
- Social Activities Chairman:  
Frederick William Hennen  
Watertown, New York  
Thiel College
- Athletic Chairman:  
William Allen Villaume  
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada  
Waterloo Lutheran University

# 'MINI' WEEKEND

by David C. Newhart

A weekend in the Poconos may be a very desirable vacation for almost anyone from Philadelphia, that is unless you spend it at Camp Ministerium. Camp "Mini", as it is affectionately called, is situated in the Virgin Forests of the Eastern Poconos; with its well ventilated cabins, open air showers where you can bathe in the sun, and the air conditioned dining facilities. This is truly the place to retreat and that is just what the Seminary Choir did this weekend, retreat!

Many of you may have noticed that there were a large number of students missing from the campus this weekend who returned Sunday afternoon with colds. Those students were members of the choir.

All in all we accomplished a great deal under the directorship of Mr. Bornemann. We put in eight hours of volleyball, six hours of football and forty-four

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# MAN, MEDICINE AND THEOLOGY

## LCA STUDIES NOW AVAILABLE

Topics that are coming in for increasing attention by the medical profession and churchmen are thoroughly discussed in a series of four booklets just published by the Board of Social Ministry of the Lutheran Church in America.

Under the general heading, "Studies in Man, Medicine, and Theology," the results have been compiled after seven years of what started as informal talks, and subsequently led to institutes, extended discussions and in-depth papers.

The first booklet is titled, "Man, Medicine and Theology." It includes a paper, "Medicine and Theology" by Dr. Martin J. Heineken. Another paper, "Man As Patient," is written by the Rev. Dr. Robert W. Jenson, tutor and dean for Lutheran students at Oxford University. The third, "A Physician's View of Man," is by Dr. Joseph J. Baker, director of Butler Hospital at Providence, R. I., and former commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Mental Health.

Other booklets are: "The Ethics of Conception and Contraception," by the Rev. Dr. Carl E. Braaten; "The Problem of Abortion," by the Rev. Dr. Frederick K. Wentz; "The Christian Faith and the Dying Patient," by the Rev. Dr. Roy J. Enquist.

Areas considered of particular importance include contraception, artificial insemination, sterilization, abortion, euthanasia and the right of the patient to know the truth about his condition.

"While these documents are not official statements, they have the approval of the board," said The Rev. Carl Thomas, executive director of the LCA Board of Social Ministry. "And we hope this is just the first of an ongoing series in the field of medicine and theology with subjects such as organ transplants and personality changing drugs due for similar consideration soon."

The series of LCA booklets tries to recognize all elements of the basic issues involved and also to relate,

historically, the areas of conflict between denominations or between the medical man and the clergyman.

In discussing "conception by choice or by chance," for example, the authors state: "The reader may suspect by now that we are setting forth the usual liberal Protestant attitude on birth control which has long been vigorously repudiated by Roman Catholic theology. However, so far, our discussion has not yet reached that level at which we can expect a difference to arise with the Roman Catholic position. On the contrary, it happens that on the matter of the ideal of responsible parenthood, there is now no fundamental difference between major Christian bodies."

Different views on therapeutic abortion are discussed, with that paper noting the "incidence reported from hospitals in relation to live births" ranges "from 1:35 to 1:16,500." It also points out that in Japan "abortion may be legally obtained virtually on request." The so-called "modern" laws of the Scandinavian countries is reported as a policy midway between the two extremes.

In conclusion, the booklet on "The Problem of Abortion" suggests: "A careful strategy of compassionate abortion recommends itself as a public policy."

The report on "Christian Faith and the Dying Patient" states: "Physicians today are sometimes scored for 'playing God' when they make decisions of life-and-death significance for their patients. The rapid expansion of man's power to control and redirect the forces of nature has led religious people in particular to warn against man's reaching beyond his supposedly proper role. Theological clarification has thus become necessary."

Six cases are cited in which a physician seeks to illustrate the variety and difficulty he has encountered in the question of the terminally ill. In analysis, answers are sought against medical and theological background.

"Dying itself is both a radically personal and a comprehensively social

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WILLIAM MARTIN...

# the struggle for man in modern fiction

## BORIS PASTERNAK

### - LIFE ABUNDANT

When Boris Pasternak's novel, Doctor Zhivago appeared ten years ago, it was welcomed by many for the wrong reasons. It was hailed as a political tract and as an indictment of Russian communism. Banned in Russia, it was then awarded the Nobel prize, which the author first accepted and then rejected. It became the storm center of political controversy.

Now that the dust has settled, we are able to read it on its own terms. And those terms are spiritual, religious, and yes even Christian. Yes, this Jew has depicted a Christianity that is so warm, so poetic, so full-blooded, that, as one critic has pointed out, it appears almost alien to the Western reader accustomed to the dry orthodoxy and moralism of the average church. We see now that it is not an attack on any one particular system, but a passionate protest against all that denies life in any and every system.

Pasternak's hero is called Zhivago. But the word zhivago in Russian is very similar to the word for "life." So that the title can easily yield the meaning "healing life." And this, as it turns out, is one of the main themes of the book. It is a celebration of life against life as opposed to all the forces within and without man that conspire and combine to diminish life, to halt its flow, to petrify its hot lava into cold rock.

Zhivago, medical man and poet, is engaged throughout the novel, both in his personal life and in his engagement with the regime, in resisting whatever would turn life into its pale imitation, thought into ideology, feeling into the stereotyped reaction.

In a novel so richly wrought, so packed with characters and incidents, so full of long conversations and meditations in the Russian manner, it is hard to disengage what Pasternak considers the chief enemies of "healing life." One of them is certainly the very human temptation to postpone living now for the sake of some future bliss, whether it be political or religious. Perhaps a key sentence of the book is "Man is born to live and not to prepare to live." Under a dictatorship, people can be duped and cajoled into nonliving now for the sake of some hypothetical future, some perfect classless society yet in the making. They can even be persuaded to endure loss of freedom, censorship, suppression of truth, dehumanization of themselves and their fellows, for the sake of life more abundant hereafter.

Sometimes they do not have to be persuaded, for many men fear life. So they seek to curb what is free and spontaneous and unpredictable, by forcing it into the mould of some "safe" ideology or system. They do not respond to life at first hand, but only through some stereotype.

Nothing is more striking in Doctor Zhivago than Pasternak's animus against the cliché. "What is it that prevents me from being useful as a doctor or a writer? I think it is not so much our privations or our wanderings or our constantly changing and unsettled lives, as the power in our day of rhetoric, of the cliché - all this "dawn of the future," building a new world," "torch bearers of mankind" ...The first time you hear it, you think, What a wealth of imagination! But in fact...it is pompous...there is no imagination at the back of it...the thought is second-rate."

Indeed he seems to blame all the troubles of Russia, and by implication the modern world, on the seduction of the cliché. "It was then that falsehood came to our Russian land. The great misfortune, the root of all the evil to come, was the loss of faith in the value of personal opinion. People imagined that it was out-of-date to follow their own moral sense, that they must all sing in chorus and live by other people's notions...And there arose the power of the

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glittering phrase, first Tsarist, then revolutionary. It was catching and nothing was unaffected by it. Nor did we escape its influence in our home. Something went wrong with it. Instead of being natural and spontaneous, we began to be idiotically pompous with each other."

But why does Pasternak value life, free spontaneous life, in this extravagant way? Because, on his own admission, this is the message of true Christianity. "It has always been assumed that the most important things in the Gospels are the ethical teachings and the commandments. But for me the most important thing is the fact that Christ speaks in parables taken from daily life, that he explains the truth in terms of everyday reality. The idea that underlies this is that communion between mortals is immortal, and that the whole of life is symbolic because the whole of it has meaning."

For Pasternak, Christ is all important. "It is even possible to be an atheist not to know whether God exists or why there should be one, and yet to believe that Jesus brought to men the supreme revelation. By dislodging the moral emphasis from society, from the nation to the individual soul, to the idea of the free personality and the idea of life as sacrifice, he for the first time rescued man from the rest of nature, and inaugurated a society that was truly human."

## STUDENT WIVES

Betty Hrdlicka announces that the first meeting of the Wives Club will be held Wednesday evening, October 4. Please make sure your husband checks his mail box today to bring home YOUR letter announcing all the details (time and place, etc.). One of the activities of the first meeting will be the planning of this year's activities. They have not been planned for you. Come and share your ideas..... IT'S YOUR WIVES CLUB!!

YOU'D

BETTER BE  
THERE!

act. Every man must do his own dying, as Martin Luther clearly saw. Yet, paradoxically, as one dies he is related to companies of martyrs and prophets, kings and peasants, auxospores and Trachodons--all who have gone this way before. The private and corporate dimensions of death both require acknowledgement by family and friends. Nothing in life is more common than death and nothing is as decisive. The dying patient needs support as he faces this extraordinary paradox. He particularly needs assurance that he as a person, not just his productive value, is important. To be deprived of this is to suffer a mortal blow indeed."

The matter of helping physician and grief-stricken family alike decide the final end of the dead, is a problem which also must be met. On the question of autopsy and the like, the paper states: "Far from being a desecration of the body, an autopsy or a donation of one's body and its parts to medical science, provides opportunities for giving of one's substance to one's neighbor which manage ingeniously to outstrip even the paradigmatic hyperboles of the Gospels."

This set of booklets is offered for sale at cost by the LCA Board of Social Ministry.

### A PARADOX FOR CYNICS

Forward cynics; deny Him,  
Forward cynics to taunt Him,  
He strikes not back.

Live your lives, cynics, godless.  
You need not fear His revenge.  
He strikes not back.

Shout your senseless denials,  
End your lives cynics, alone.  
He strikes not back.

In your death nobody cares  
Save the one whom you revile.  
He, of all, cares.

I could step down from my cross,  
Allow the human race to fall.  
For why should I give my life  
for those who don't.....

David Newhart

MAIL CALL (Cont.).....

only this room but also our classrooms; the ashes and discarded butts. Is it necessary to flick ashes on the floor as you sit or stand around. I do not bang my pipe out on the floor, can I not expect equal consideration from the rest of you smokers. Put them in the ash trays from now on...Please.

Thank you,  
The Burning Busch

Dear Brothers;

At 10:00 pm on the evening of Sept. 20, 1967 (The eve of the Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist) new heights were achieved in the liturgical life of this seminary. A Vesper service was conducted which provided a true feeling of fellowship for those present. And of all the people, it was the Old Crab himself, George Summers who accomplished this feat with a special liturgy and a novel setting for the congregation. It was old George who was attempting to put some new life into the old problem of worship here at Mt. Airy.

During a discussion which followed this experiment certain ideas were formulated which we would like to share with the community of this institution.

Based on the community of fellowship and closeness of God experienced at the afore mentioned service it was suggested that possible Holy Communion could be celebrated in a similar setting. This setting would include having the congregation seated in the Chancel (Choir Pews and as close to the altar as possible), a specially written liturgy for the occasion and a free standing altar (table). The Order for Public Confession could be used at that morning's service as preparation. The bread and wine would not be administered by one or two celebrants, but would be passed from one brother to another in the style of a table-fellowship. A special committee would be established to handle the details of such a service composed of men willing to undertake this task.

All of this would be in keeping with the guidelines set forth in The Manifesto. Donald R. Pichaske in his A Study Book On The Manifesto makes the following points:

"...each parish must develop a pattern of liturgical life suited to its own community and resources."

"...worship will take shape on the basis of a least five criteria."

"First it must communicate the gospel."

"Second, it must be geared to the missionary task of the church. It must help Christians to exercise their apostle ship"

"Third, it must be geared to the neighborhood or the community the congregation seeks to serve."

"Fourth, it must keep in mind the levels of people who worship...."

"Fifth, it must consider the Common Liturgy of the Service Book and Hymnal.

If these criteria are observed it would seem that the seminary situation should be the one place where experimentation in liturgy can take place. This is said with all sincerity on our part. From our situation should come at least some of the ideas which will produce change in our Church which is faced with confronting a changing world.

Let it be clear that we are not minimizing the problems of such a task as we are suggesting (such as the fact that we are technically a congregation and would require approval from those who govern the Church). But with these thoughts in mind we present our ideas to you the members of this community for discussion and action. Liturgical variation is tied to pastoral responsibility. Are we mature enough to experiment?

--The Burning Busch

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FOOTBALL GAME  
saturday  
10:00 am

JUNIORS VS. THE UPPERCLASSMEN !!!

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# AROUND CAMPI 000

The National Poetry Press, 3210 Selby Ave., Los Angeles 34, Calif. wrote us last week that they will accept poetry now for their spring edition. Deadline in Nov. 5th. More details are available in The Seminarian office if you're interested.....Did the choir get any practicing in on their recent retreat? All we've heard about is pizza, an Italian tenor and \$50.00.....It's a well known fact that Bob Busch is financing Dave Berg's love life by the sale of articles in the TV lounge.....The BIG question is: Will the Juniors show up on Saturday at the Germantown Home with a football team?.....Roger Zepernick is accepting the FIRST offer for his car, which by the way is in excellent condition for the junk yard. Won't someone please help him out? You'll be doing the pedestrians of Philadelphia a big favor.....How are you at bowling? If you're interested in being on a team this winter, sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in Hagan Hall... ..Did Dr. Lazareth really preach 29 minutes?.....The tennis court has been improved, condition-wise, under the supervision of Dr. Heineken, Dave Newhart and Fred Crawford. Now you can play tennis without breaking your ankle.....Craig Wright and Ron Y ergey, both on internships, write that they are off to a good start and really enjoying life in the parish.

## MINI WEEKEND (Cont.).....

hours of shivering. I'm sorry to say that I cannot complain about the food at the "Snow Palace of the Poconos" except for the molten tar that the camp so affectionately calls "coffee."

The time spent in between rehearsals was usually to shiver, play sports, or eat. However, we were able to wet our thirsts in the evening at a local Italian restaurant called Hiram's. Little Tommy Tucker has nothing over the Seminary Choir, due to the benevolence of one of our Roman Catholic brethren. There were also other shekels spent upon the Luther-Dietrich nectar which has been immortalized by our director.

The choir did accomplish some eight-teen odd hours of rehearsal. The concentrated effort of each member of the choir is certainly to be admired. We suffered at times through the Villa-Lobos Mass, fudged-in portions of the Rachmaninoff, there were some remarks also that we don't want no more of Daniel Noe.

Sunday morning we brought fellowship of the entire weekend together in a communion service with Ken Zindle preaching a fine sermon. With all the hardships taken into consideration we did accomplish three months of rehearsal in one weekend and at the same time were able to know each other a great deal better.

## FROM THE PEN OF THE POET

...robert f. holley

### ON MEANINGLESS AND OTHER THINGS

hurry soldier, get your gun.  
hurry soldier, you'll miss the fun.  
pilots will napalm with exacting finesse.  
teachers release innocent children to recess.  
hurry soldier, get your gun.  
hurry soldier, you'll miss the fun.  
godless communism shall not reign;  
rather fall to america's gain.  
hurry soldier, get your gun.  
hurry soldier, you'll miss the fun.  
jungles fill with fear of a screaming tongue--  
christians have another sunday worship begun.  
hurry soldier, get your gun.  
hurry soldier, you'll miss the fun.

sorry soldier, the enemy fled;  
sorry soldier, count our dead.