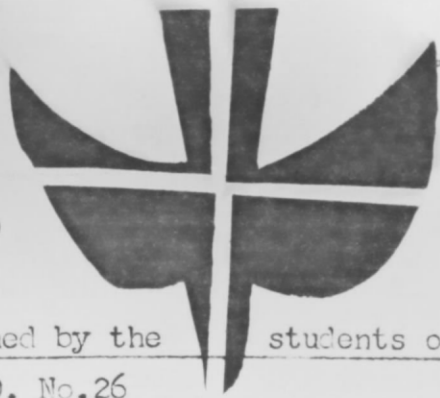


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LARRY ET CARL WINNERS ---

The first order of business at Wednesday's packed post-luncheon student body meeting was the reading of the election results determining next years class President and Treasurer. Larry Smoose was elected President, and Carl Shankweiler was elected Treasurer. Election results were fairly close, and as pointed out by President Simmons, the seminary could not have lost in this election because of the high capabilities of all the nominees.

The next order of business, in the historical setting of the refectory, was the unanimous adoption of the proposed amendment to Art. VI of the Constitution. This section, dealing with the Honor Code, reads as follows:

"The Honor System shall prevail throughout the Seminary. A student is responsible for the integrity of his actions in regard to his academic and social conduct; likewise, he should insist on the same responsible conduct from his fellow students."

The last order of business was the acceptance of a letter expressing the student bodys' feelings concerning the departure of Messrs. Luck and Sirel following this academic year. After a brief tautological discussion which actually clarified and affirmed the content of the letter rather than disagreeing with it, the letter, which is addressed to the Faculty of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, was adopted unanimously. Copies of the letter will be delivered in the coming week.

- N. Wuchter -

CHAPEL CHALLENGE

The chapel services at Mt. Airy are declining in attendance. Students are not showing much concern or involvement. In order for a chapel program to be effective, student support is vital.

Next year a new group of students will arrive on campus, and I feel that we are challenged to improve and support chapel. Chapel can be a constructive and experimental experience for the seminary community --- students and faculty. I feel that participants in chapel should be encouraged to try different types of services found in the hymn book and other sources.

Chapel will come alive when students become involved in the services. It is my hope that the whole community can give support to such an effort.

John Morrill

Sacristan

PIKE'S PIQUE

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PIKE'S PIQUE (con't)
parochialism." Instead of changing with the ages, the institutional church has taken the attitude that it is all sewn up. He attempted to illustrate this with phrases such as we are "saved only by Grace through faith" or "only begotten."

Last Friday Dr. James A. Pike walked onto the speakers platform in the Muhlenberg College Gymnasium wearing white shirt and tie and proceeded to give a thought-provoking talk on methodology. Pike, who recently left the episcopate of the Episcopal Church, (there is no provision in the canon of the church for such an action) began with the statement that the church today is on a decline. More books are being written on religion than ever before, colleges are forming new departments of religion and religion is the fastest growing of the humanities. Yet the church is in decline. People have an interest in religion, but not in the institutional church. And one answer to this could be found in methodology.

One type of methodology, stated Pike, is authoritative. We are taught something is so and we accept it as authoritative. The Roman Catholic church cannot understand internal opposition because they operate under this type of methodology. Why should people question when the church has told them how it is. The Roman Catholics said Pike are realizing that just because the church says something it does not necessarily follow that it is infallible. He used the Missouri Synod as another example saying that there is tension within this Lutheran body today concerning the question of the scriptures and confessions.

A second type of methodology is empirical. Mankind has made more scientific progress in the past 25 years than in the preceding 455 due to this method. With this type of methodology more truth may be found, but it is meaningless unless we modify ourselves and our institutions according to the new facts. The primary reason for the church's decline is simple. "The church never got with Copernicus." The church has remained hung up with its "geocentric"
(con't next column)

With men like Charles Darwin came new authority and the church fought it tooth and nail. It did not want to yield to new authority and here in is found one of its major miscalculations. Pike mentioned the controversy over birth control by stating that although all empirical data testifies to the fact that the world population is treading for dangerous ground and family is best sociologically. The Pope cannot yield on the birth control issue simply because it would injure his basis of authority. When facts show a methodology to be wrong, Pike concludes that it should be changed or discarded. The church's failure to comply with this is pushing it down the scale quickly. On top of this the church is dying from "internal bleeding" caused by struggle between those for and those opposed to change.

James Pike thinks that we should make use of the past, present, and warnings of the future in our evaluation of anything. The church or for that matter any institution, should make use of a methodology which would use new facts to modify the old. The more you talk about the next world, the more you try to guard the institutions of this world. He feels that church people are less likely to change. But change is the only answer as far as he is concerned, for at the present rate the church is heading straight for the "cataract of the stream of history".

He also adds that Christianity will have to unify more if it is becoming impossible physically to maintain the great number of plants. As a footnote he stated that by putting excess property back on the tax roles of the church would be directly helping to solve other problem in our society.

Pike may have controversial and in the minds of some even heretical
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FLASH FROM GORDON

Last Friday the Cluster Task Force completed its "Preliminary Report on a Curricular Model." In a 33- page single-spaced report, the Task Force outlines the aims and principles of a Seminary Cluster and then makes a proposal as to how the curriculum might be arranged.

Flexibility is the key to the proposal. A student could choose from three different ways of completing his Seminary education.

Plan A is course-oriented. A student would be examined in each course in which he enrolled. Probably about 40% of the courses could be elective.

The first Sub-tract of Plan A is intended for the student who is reasonably committed to the goal of parish ministry. With a normal load of 4 courses per semester, there would be two semesters of NT, two of OT, two in history, two in systematics, and one each in hermeneutics, homiletics, pastoral care, ethics, and education. The first year includes a "Seminar of Inquiry" and a "Professional Studies Seminar." There could be C.P.E., a 3-month placement in an urban insitution, and a 6-month internship.

The second sub-tract of Plan A is for the student who is unsure of his professional plans. The first year would be spent almost entirely in "Seminars of Identity," "Seminars of Inquiry" and issue-centered courses.

Plan B is examination-orientated. The student wouldn't be required to take any courses; his abilities would be measured through a series of area evaluations. He would have two evaluations in Bible, one in Christian history and thought, and one in systematics and ethics, two in functional theology, and three evaluations in specific areas which the student himself chooses.

Plan C is an independent study program stressing preceptorials and tutorials. The student would write a thesis upon completion of his study. Only a limited number of students would be admitted into this program.

A student could not only change from one plan to another, at specified times, but he could also choose more than one plan at the same time. Thus he might take NT in Plan A and history in Plan B.

On Saturday the proposed-curriculum will be discussed at a meeting of all the faculty members of the six schools. At that time the student consultants to the Task Force will present their analysis of the propsal. It is significant, I believe, that students have been given such a determinative role in the writing of the Cluster curriculum.

Meanwhile, actual steps toward Clustering continue to make little progress. The proposed curriculum, even if it wins support, is still a hypothetical situation.

WANTED

Dear Editor:

Could you please include the following notice in next week's issue of the Seminarian.

"Will the junior who has a bookstore receipt #25757 please stop by the store."

Dave Alderfer

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Our great 'n glorious volleyball team has brought honor and glory to our home front once aga in- they won by default when Hathore-Horsham failed to show 5-0.

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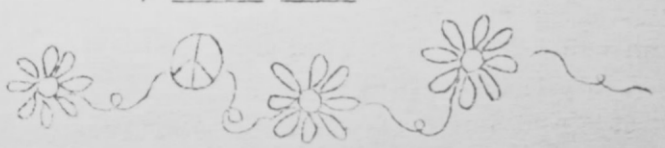
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PIKE'S PIQUE (Continued from p. 2)
 views, but he is pointing to a problem to which the institutional church must turn its attention with greatest concern. People will make the difference not money, or movies, or liturgies, or humanistic emotions. People will make the difference and in order to mobilize our people we must instill in them the true meaning of the Gospel. Unless Christians take seriously their responsibility as witnesses for Christ. I am afraid Pike's pessimism may be well founded. We are struggling for the life of the church. It is a struggle of every Christian but it is our job to steer them in the proper direction.

Bill Munz

MERGE - A NEW SEMINARY

(Ed.-The following article was taken from the Gettysburg Seminary newspaper, TABLE TALK, April 17th, Vol.V, No.17). I think it proves to be quite interesting and revealing of the attitude of our sister seminarians).

Concerning merger, 46% said YES while 54% said NO.

If a new merged seminary results:

Location in order of preference:

- Gettysburg
- Washington, D.C.
- Baltimore
- Philadelphia

(perhaps too few students knew about possibilities with St. Mary's).

Proximity to a university:

- very important 11%
- somewhat important 50%
- not important 39%

Co-location with other seminaries:

- very important 34%
- somewhat important 46%
- not important 20%

Co-location with Roman Catholic seminary

- very important 30%
- somewhat important 46%
- not important 14%

Location in the inner-city:

- very important 3%
- somewhat important 40%
- not important 53%

A clear majority of the students think that a seminary cluster including protestants and Roman Catholics located near a university is (con't next col.)

Congrats & Best of Luck & Success to Larry S. and Carl S.- our new Student Body officers- let's give them 100%, not 99 44-100 support... Who is the goody bar man of main dorn?... Ask Dean B. to comment of Paul J.'s adeptness at waiting on tables... Who are the new "bearded wonders" on campi? All students in favor of silencing the on the hour clanger from Krauth Memorial- meet May 10th at midnight in front of Main Dorn- bring your blankets. Dogmatic Quote of the week: " Man is just a glorified orangutan- so why get all hung up! "... Rumor has it that John S. drives a VW- sure doesn't sound like a VW... Who called a class meeting during chapel service?... G Hall has been renamed Bachelor's Last Stand... Peter S. has just notified the press that 33 N.Y. priests have defected to get married- go getum runs. Middlers have been quiet all week except for Mark F. ... Ask John S. about his intern deal... Fred S. and Mark F. go to Germany- the world just won't be the same... On a recent rainy day- Dr. McC. was seen building something- is he hiding something from us ! ... Any interested future-marrieds who would enjoy a Bachelor party at the end of year see, yep you guessed, Paul J....

important. Location in the inner-city is rejected by more than 50%. It might be helpful if the JC and the AMTS stated specifically what they mean by the inner city.

Location of single student dorms on campus:

Very important	67%
somewhat important	23%
not important	10%

Both married and single students think that a majority of their living facilities should be provided on campus by the seminary.

Priority you as a parish pastor would give a request for funds to build a new seminary:

- high priority 28%
- average priority 55%
- low priority 17%

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