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## SPEAKING OUT...

THE FOLLOWING IS AN OPINION OF THE EDITORIAL STAFF, DRAFTED BY BILL MUNZ

I begin by postulating that this seminary is very definitely a Christian community. The Seminary as an institution is not synonymous with community. Rather the community consists of the men & women who participate in the programs of the institution and thus give it life. Buildings and blackboards do not make a community, but people do, and so by its very definition it is dynamic. We are an interacting population with a common characteristic. I would maintain maybe erroneously but nevertheless, that because of our unique nature and goals, one by the very fact of enrollment is a member of this community. I do not believe that one can be enrolled at Mt. Airy and not be part of this community, although some of us are ardently trying to do just that. Enrollment in another institution might leave open the possibility for rejection of the community but because of our relationship as Christians I do not think that such an option is available here.

Assuming that we are all members of this community for better or worse I would also maintain that as members, we have a responsibility to develop and strengthen this community. Efforts to accomplish this task have recently met with a generous portion of negativism. The first student body meeting witnessed a minority of the students participating. If we take our responsibility seriously then we are obliged to attend such an event. It was at this meeting that the moratorium was discussed and overwhelmingly sanctioned by the student body. A day for reflection and understanding turned out to be that for some, but for others it was a day of study and assorted other activities. Now there is certainly nothing wrong with translating Greek or reading Von Rad, but what good is that going to be to your ministry if you lack social concern. You are going to preach in this world and you had better be reverent and relevant or you will be forsaking the Gospel you propose to proclaim.

Last Thursday a valiant effort was made to strengthen this community by means of participation in a dinner, a service of Holy Communion and a coffee hour provided by the faculty wives. Frankly, the response was pitiful. I sincerely wonder just how many of us take our responsibility to our community seriously.

I think it should be stated that I consider myself guilty. Admittedly, I am speaking out of anger, but also out of sincere love and concern. It is primarily because of this concern that I raise this issue once again, and it should be understood that the purpose of this article is not to condemn, but rather to bring renewed attention to a problem which is a constant source of discontent.

If you agree that there is a community present, a Christian community, and if you consider yourself a member then you should also consider your responsibility to it. I feel that confrontation of the issues may be beneficial and I for one would welcome such discussion.

# DIE STRAßENBAHN SPALTE

Today the cry of "relevance!" is heard on college campuses everywhere. Students, no longer content with the activity traditionally assigned to them, i.e., learning, are today demanding that everything they do in school be somehow directly applicable to the outside world (the world outside the college walls<sup>1</sup>). However, it was until a few weeks ago the unfortunate presumption of most of the directors that the students who use the local trolley system had somehow managed to remain unconcerned with whether or not the trolley had any direct applicability to the world outside (in this case, the world on the other side of the tracks). And this was indeed true, up until the past year or so. Today, however, students of the streetcar are beginning to question whether or not the whole thing really has any use in our secular society.

Once the relevancy movement gets started, there is no telling where it will go, but this writer has an idea that sooner or later this very column will be given the familiar ultimatum: either go secular or get out. Therefore, in the hopes of getting off easy this writer, in spite of the fact that he has ignored accusations of irrelevance in the past, remaining true to his belief that knowledge, no matter how obscure and esoteric, is its own justification, will attempt from time to time to present facts that are useful for those who actually have to use the streetcar.

For this reason, the now twice-promised report on the Urlinien will again be postponed, this time due to a lack of relevance. However, for all of you "celebrate secularization" fans, here is something to sink your teeth into:

--Since their take-over in Sept. 1968, SEPTA has upgraded route 23 in almost all areas. The only area that is still crying for attention is that of car maintenance, especially of the outsides of the cars (viz. #s 2783, 2786 and 2799).

--About 50 feet of new rail on both sides was installed yesterday on the southbound track of route 23 in Chestnut Hill.

--Much of the Woodland air-electric fleet (from Woodland) has recently been transferred to Luzerne, for unknown reasons. There has been a movement of Luzerne all-electric cars in the opposite direction. The newly-arrived air-electrics are seeing service on such routes as 53, 56, and 60.

--The last double-end line in the city was abandoned in July of 1957. However, there are still two double-end lines in the suburbs.

--W-54, which last year became very familiar to countless drunks and night-shift workers, reportedly put in an appearance in Chestnut Hill late one night last week.

--The large-scale relocation of route 15 in the area of the new Delaware expressway has been completed. This writer was able to ride this line recently due to a fellowship received from the SEMINARIAN. The track is still a little rough, but when perfected it will be a beauty.

--Ray Ursin, John Morill and Dean Bickel work as oilers and pitmen on weekday nights at Callowhill car house.

--The familiar PCC type trolley running in the city today is the product of a long process of evolution and development.

--Trolleys still run in New Orleans, Louisiana.

--Likewise with reference to San Francisco, Pittsburgh (but better hurry), Boston, El Paso, Cleveland, and Newark (but try to find it).

--Trolleys used to run in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, within 1000 yards from the author's home.

--Among the Pittsburgh east-end lines abandoned in January 1967 were the following: 64, East Pittsburgh 67, Swissvale 71, Highland 75, Wilkinsburg 76, Hamilton 87, Ardmore 88, Frankstown. Still running are, among others, 42/38 Mt. Leabnon via Beechview 35, Shannon-Library 36, Shannon-Drake, and 47, Carrick via Tunnel. All these lines operate out of the Mt. Washington Tunnel Car House. *NEXT WEEK: A SURPRISE!*

<sup>1</sup> Obviously a problem arises at institutions without walls. Students at such schools seem to experience difficulty in finding what to be relevant to. But, it won't happen here.

# CONVOCAATION

The Rev. James Gunther, a black man who was told that the church was not ready for him when he graduated from Mt. Airy in 1959, returned yesterday to tell a large convocation audience that the Lutheran Church is still not ready for the "black experience". The Rev. Mr. Gunther, pastor of the Church of the Transfiguration in New York City, and a leading figure among black churchmen, said that he sees no indication that white seminaries will ever regard black Christianity as something central to their interest. He views the attention which a few theological schools have given to black studies as merely token responses. The Lutheran Church, he charged, is not serious about the black movement except when it can "use, abuse, accuse, or refuse" it.

As evidence for his position, Pastor Gunther pointed to the scarcity of black Lutheran pastors, seminarians, and seminary professors. ("The L.C.A. could use some soul preaching!") He admitted, however, that it is not easy to recruit black men for the ministry, and he had no suggestions for means of increasing black enrollment at the seminary. Another change which he called for was in the area of the seminary curriculum. He questioned the relevancy of several seminary courses, excluding Old Testament (He got some good ideas from the way those tribes joined together for protection and formed an amphictyonic league!) When questioned about particular courses, however, he had no concrete proposals for curriculum changes.

Pastor Gunther suggested that the only way the problem of segregation in theological education can be solved is if the black man gains some power in the church. The National Committee of Black Churchmen may provide a base for such power. Why should the black experience (nationalism) not be stressed in the Lutheran Church as the "German Experience" once was?

Pastor Gunther proposed three things which the Lutheran Church must do if it is to take the black experience seriously: first, it must take the South seriously, and increase its interest and activity there; secondly, the difference in emphasis between the "black church" and the "white church" must be resolved. Presently, said Gunther, the white church has a theology of glory and success and is more interested in talking about Kierkegaard and buying new stoles for the pastor than in getting bread on the tables of the hungry. Finally, black people must gain key positions in the church, something which Gunther views as a difficult task, since whites are not accustomed to having blacks in positions of authority.

Pastor Gunther had something to say, and it's about time that each one of us take him seriously and not only listen, but ACT.

Barry Ridge

THE SEMINARIAN is a student publication of the Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia. The office is located "F" hall, 3rd. floor, facing the recreation area (power house). We welcome any unsolicited articles, newsworthy items, criticisms, and/or cartoons. The staff is still varying but those who help are sincere...

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HAPPY 3RD DAY OF HALLOWEEN !!!!

# \* AYE PILGRIM \*

John madison was drafted today  
Left on the eight o'clock train  
No one asked him what he was fighting for  
He didn't have to say.

It's true he didn't favor the conflict  
And pondering it in his mind  
He guessed that the U.S. President  
Thought it a good idea at the time.

But his hitch did help his prejudice  
While playing the conquest game  
Because yellow, white, or black (he found)  
They all go down the same.

It toughened him up. it slimmed him down  
That sloshing through the mud,  
It even helped his weight a bit;  
The loss of all that blood.

And wartime B-Girls weren't bad  
The screwed in perfect harmony  
And when he paid them; He felt good  
For stabilizing their economy

At times he got some new from home,  
of a love movement igniting  
But he couldn't think about it much  
Because he'd been trained for fighting

So into the Breach! and wipe out the leaches  
(And that's what the enemy said, too)  
It was almost a joke, because with all that smoke  
It was hard to see who was shootin' who.

Well, when his hitch was done, and his ammo was gone  
They let him fly home in a plane  
And discharged in Butte, he mapped out a route  
And by dinner, was sitting in Maine.

He married his sweetheart, they bought a new house  
with a T.V., but it was a bore  
Because all he could get was a single channel  
And it was playing re-runs of the war.

His wife was a peach; she didn't talk much  
So he wasn't asked for much thinkin'  
With a house on the hill, and the G.I. Bill  
And a neighbor who was quite fond of drinkin'

And it was relaxing to pay off the taxes  
Through installment plans that were growing  
His government pension was keeping off tension  
Who cared where the taxes were going?

And even his wife, the love of his life  
Was spry as a chippy in bed  
She always seemed thrilled, so what if he'd killed?  
His body, at least, wasn't dead.

But sometimes in waking, right after  
love-making  
She'd look at her man in Alarm  
While he sat in his place, an odd  
look on his face  
And he played with his wooden arm.

Gary Kull

## AROUND CAMPUS

The Mt. Airy Saints posted a win last Sat. defeating an Alumni team 19-18. (GASP!) Look out G-Burg!!... Martin T. has turned the seminary into a garage-- need any car repairs? Bill H. has lost his moustached wonderness but promises a resurrection! Ken A. stayed on campus this weekend--ask him why? Tim S.'s car is running again--but for how long? Typewriters will be burning out in a week--all middleers are looking for typists. Condolences to John S. on the miserable showing of his Baltimore Orioles vs. the Amazin' Mets. Don't forget--Daylight Savings Time changes this Sunday--back 1 (one) hour!! Thanks to the juniors for the opening of the library on Sundays... Don B. is on his way to winning the "Raze the Head Waiter Award"... Here's to Mr. G. & crew for adding atmosphere to our early morning classes... A hearty welcome back to Dr. Aden!!... Rehearsals for the choir special in Advent have begun-- after two rehearsals the 1st tenors are ambling about funny--can they really hit those !! Steve T. celebrates another birthday Sunday... The Mt. Airy Saints go after sweet revenge vs. Westminster on Fri. Let's support our team!! Good luck to all middleers in their O.T. discussion--try wearing a Hebrew beanie!!

"SEX is the least important thing I think of most."

D.P.

FOOTBALL POLL STANDINGS  
4th WEEK

BOYER	29-11
SMOOSE	29-11
LOHR	28-12
WHALEN	27-13
SEMINARIAN	27-13
LEE-REU.	26-14
BOMGREN	24-16
SWANSON	24-16
SCHLOTTER	24-16
NEWHART	16-24

The Mt. Airy Saints played the Alumni and for the first time in two years they won a football game. It was a close game all the way through and both teams played determined ball. The Saints finally showed they could play good football when they really wanted to. Even though the score was not too overwhelming (19-18) it still counts as a win.

The Saints try for their second win in a row when they meet Westminster at 3:30 on Friday afternoon.

Once again we would like to extend an open invitation to all. It might be nice to see more than just faculty members and their families and one or two interested students!

On Wednesday afternoon John Schlotter played Dr. White for the tennis championship of Mt. Airy. It took John three sets to defeat the good Dr. ( 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 )

Doubles finals will take place next week!

GETTYSBURG vs. MT. AIRY  
OCTOBER 31

HOW ABOUT SOME SUPPORT!

KANSAS ST	OKLA	KAN ST	OKLA	OKLA	OKLA	OKLA	OKLA	OKLA	OKLA	OKLA	OKLA
OKLAHOMA	OKLA	KAN ST	OKLA	OKLA	OKLA	OKLA	OKLA	OKLA	OKLA	OKLA	OKLA
PITT W. VIRGINIA	W. VIR.	W. VIR.	W. VIR.	W. VIR.	W. VIR.	W. VIR.	W. VIR.	W. VIR.	W. VIR.	W. VIR.	W. VIR.
AUBURN LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
MISSISSIPPI HOUSTON	MISS.	MISS.	MISS.	MISS.	MISS.	MISS.	MISS.	MISS.	MISS.	MISS.	MISS.
STANFORD UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	STAN	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	STAN	UCLA
TEMPLE DELAWARE	DEL.	DEL.	DEL.	DEL.	DEL.	DEL.	DEL.	DEL.	DEL.	DEL.	DEL.
TEXAS TECH SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU
RAIDERS CHARGERS	RAIDERS	RAIDERS	RAIDERS	RAIDERS	RAIDERS	RAIDERS	RAIDERS	RAIDERS	RAIDERS	RAIDERS	RAIDERS
EAGLES SAINTS	EAGLES	SAINTS	EAGLES	EAGLES	EAGLES	EAGLES	EAGLES	EAGLES	EAGLES	SAINTS	EAGLES
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BOYER SCHLOTTER LOHR SMOOSE SWANSON BOMGREN WHALEN NEWHART LEE REU. SEM. YOU

# NEW LIBRARY HOUR

The Seminary Library will be open on Sundays, from 3:00 - 5:00 and 7:00 - 10:00 PM. (retroactive October 19, 1969).

The Library Staff and Library Committee hope that the students will find these extra five hours helpful. After Thanksgiving the Library Committee will review the record of student use and take action concerning future open hours.

If you have been saying that you want to use the library on Sunday -- here's your chance to prove it!

Henry Scherer,  
Librarian.

ON THE THIRD DAY OF HALLOWE'EN MY SUNSHINE GAVE TO ME,  
THREE BLACK CATS !



For those in the Student Body who feel that, for them, one avenue of reaction to last week's moritorium is to write to your home Senator or Congressman, the Seminarian is printing below the list of your Senators now in Washington. The addresses of your local Congressmen can be obtained by looking in the copy of the Bulletin Almanac 1969 which is in our library. We hope that those of you who do want to write will take advantage of these resources and do not feel stifled by not knowing who your representatives are or where they can be located.

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