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The Joint Commission published a partial report to be used as a working document last month. This report will be worked through by the supporting synods of Gettysburg and Philadelphia seminaries, the faculties, and the student bodies. Opinion polls are being distributed to these various groups in the hope that such feed-back will be of use when the compilation of the final report is made. The final session of the commission will be on January 20, and assuming that the entire report will be approved it will then go to the boards of the two seminaries (January 28-Phila. and January 30-G-burg.)...

This student body read the report and then at the student body meeting of January 14 posed questions, participated in discussion, and completed opinion polls concerning the report. The commission consists of four committees. The section of the report dealing with program has already been approved by the commission. In it there is a four-fold emphasis: 1. a strong community of learning with high standards, 2. a community of faith emphasizing the whole man, 3. a need for the seminary to relate to the world of which it is a part, and 4. a necessity for the maintenance of a confessional Lutheran seminary. The committee on structure had its report accepted but not voted upon. This section of the report made proposals for the mechanics of unification and submitted a tentative charter.

The committee on finance was able only to report estimated potential since a decision has still not been reached on location. A listing of assets, projected value of the campuses when sold, support from synods, bequests, support from student fees, etc., were provided. Philadelphia has the best standing of Lutheran seminaries in the country in regard to capital, while Gettysburg is among the worst. Gettysburg, on the other hand, has much better financial support from the synods, which is important for operation. Philadelphia has raised almost 5 million dollars towards its future plans, but Gettysburg has raised nothing.

Finally, the committee on location and facilities had its report received by the commission in October with the recommendation that further investigation be done on the remaining two sites of Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. (this was the remnant of twelve possible sites when the study began). The criteria on which the committee based its final recommendation to the commission were urban orientation, university relation, and ecumenical relation. On December 30 the recommendation was made that the new site be in western Philadelphia, but it did not receive the 2/3 vote needed to pass. A motion was then made for Washington but that did not receive the 2/3 either. At present, there is an

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Students of Philadelphia seminary are niggers! When we get that straight we get that straight we might begin to make some sense out of this school. It is not enough to call students niggers, we must understand why. We have to get passed the old feeding the new their knowledge and get down to the nitty-gritty of human needs and hang-ups. Then the students can come up from slavery.

We live in an institution where we cannot have a voice in the decisions which control our lives--no representation on the academic policy committee--yet we can all vote in a national election. We are allowed to have our little toy government which is run by Uncle Toms and concerns itself primarily with trivia. The faculty and administration decide what courses will be offered but we get to choose when the Advent Vespers will be held.

We live in a system that not only tells us what courses to take but what to read, what to write and even what is true and what is not true. Tell the man what he wants to hear or he'll fail your ass (sic) out of the course. We become overpowered with trivial items such as the length of papyrus, boring lectures along with the boring books, the irrelevant application of what is being learned to today's problems. This is all depressing of itself but what is worse is that the students take it. We haven't spent 16 years of education for nothing. We've learned one thing in all those years. We've forgotten our algebra, we're vague on our chemistry and biology. We resent literature and we write like we have been lobotomized. But Jesus can we follow orders. (sic)

We don't ask if the orders make sense. We have given up that long ago. We have learned two truths. Outside of class things are true to your tongue, your fingers, your stomach, your heart. Inside class things are true by reason of authority. And that's fine because you don't care anyway and neither does the professor. The important thing is to please.

What we have here is a 3-year course on how to be a slave. We've got the slave mentality: obliging and ingratiating on the surface but hostile and resistant underneath.

We vary in our awareness of what is going on. Some recognize the put-on for what it is and their rebellion breaks through to the surface now and then. Others--most of the "good students" have been more deeply brainwashed. They swallow the bullshit with greedy mouths. (sic) They honestly believe in grades, in busy work, in general requirements. They're like the old house-niggers in the south who don't see what the fuss is about because Mr. Charlie "treats us real good." The system doesn't usually allow the Rap Browns to get in but some "pass"; the rest of us who are the Toms sit in our rooms outlining our reading material, never experiencing life or comprehending a word of what is in front of us.

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During the past Christmas season I had opportunity to speak personally to many of my classmates who are interning this year. I thought it might be of some interest and encouragement to the current middlers and juniors if I related one impression among many that we shared.

Mt. Airy provides a sound theological education which liberates and allows the individual to minister effectively to people regardless of where they are - economically, socially or geographically.

In this statement I do not wish to say or imply that there is no room for improvement or that all of our courses are of equal worth (some may be of little or no worth as presently constructed), but I would like to state that Mt. Airy supplies the serious student with the knowledge and tools that he needs to be a leader within the Church and within the Community.

When you are going through the system - writing papers, memorizing material, attending lectures, taking exams - it may not seem worth it, but all the work pays off when you are able to do a job and do it well once you leave the confines of the Seminary.

It seems to me that Mt. Airy has done well by both her students and the Church.

Sincerely yours,

John R. Sabatelli

NIGGERS!! (Continued from page 2)

So students are niggers. It's time to find out why and to do this we have to start looking around. Start asking questions of why the system breeds what it does. Observe the powers that be. Start moving!

Barry Lace (sic)

DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL, WE HAVE A NUMMY FOR AN EDITOR!

(REALLY, MR. WRSIN!!)

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impass, but the synodical hearing, faculty and student body meetings, and opinion polls should be of some help in overcoming this. Whatever the outcome the deadline for decision is February 1.

Several questions were addressed to Dr. Heiges and Dean Lazareth which centered on some of the key issues. What is the support for unification and the realistic status of merger? So far the principle of unification has been overwhelmingly approved, but definite commitment beyond that that would make merger a one-way street does not exist. The support for unification is very strong though. It is overwhelming in the constituency of Philadelphia and growing very rapidly in that of Gettysburg. If location cannot be resolved the probability of merger is low. At present seminaries across the country are in financial straits. Small ones have a bleak future and large ones have a very rough road ahead. If the seminaries do not merge and the present programs are continued support from synods would have to be increased which would probably mean a cut-back on their support of church colleges. This is a hypothesis. Another question was related to the money which has been given to Philadelphia to move to University City. Can this money be used for one other than western Philadelphia? A definite answer is not available at present. After the synodical hearings are completed the seminaries should have a better idea concerning how the synod which contributed the money feel about its use at a different site. The opinion was raised that if we stayed at Mt. Airy we could have urban orientation and university relations but it was stated that if we stayed on Germantown Avenue we would not be able to have the desired Lutheran unification and ecumenical relation.

Q. Why don't our seminaries teach more etiquette? Many young men these days are careless about their dress. Practically all our ministers in past times wore conservative clothing, white shirts and shoes shined and were always neat in appearance. These days some young men look ridiculous in various ways and I think this should be corrected by our seminaries.

A. Young fellows these days are really very conservative. They wear hairstyles as their great-grandfathers did. Also they have discovered that none of the church fathers of the first century wore white shirts.

(Taken from The Lutheran, January 21, 1970.)

The SEMINARIAN is a student newspaper, which is a publication of the Lutheran Theological Seminary. We appreciate any and all contributions whether they be poetry, prose, nursery rhymes, criticisms, letters, or cartoons. This Week we are featuring as our staff:

Editor (he's not really a nummy!): Ray Ursin

Assistant: Stove Jensen; special guest: Al Ambrose

Medical Aide: Johnny "T" Schweitzerlich

Articles: Gary Kull, Barry Lace, Lawrence J. Kapples, Bill Munz, Crain Tozzo, John Sabatelli

John Morrill, Dr. Henry Scherer.

TO ANYONE ALIVE (?) AND LIVING (?) AT THE SEMINARY:

I was sitting in the University of Pennsylvania Education Library the other night (while studying the Pentateuch) when I noticed a pamphlet on Soviet education. It just gave me a feeling of pleasure to know there are people who are concerned about education in other countries.

At that moment, however, an analogy to the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia was brought home to me—or rather, the lack of an analogy. Are our own concerns, as future clergymen (well, some of us, anyway) as far-reaching as they could be? I feel they are not, but I certainly would like to hear the opinions of other seminary students on this matter. There seems to be a communication breakdown at this school, wherever the fault may lie. I often find myself thinking, however, that to elicit a response from people at this seminary one must shoot somebody.

Regarding our concern, however. What is it? Where is it? Even, what is our conception of concern? I feel that there is bull session griping about seminary, the people involved with it, and ministry in general. I suggest that we not conduct our own whisper campaigns but rather try to come to grips with each other and our respective selves. This might be for the (betterment?) of the seminary and for future clergy.

This letter, then, asks people to approach me (and all the individuals involved here) and talk, "rap," hash out things about this place and what's happening with us. Perhaps I have not been reaching out to communicate as much as I could, but when a student suggestion box for the junior class draws nothing but air for four days, it seems to indicate a lack of

CHECK ONE: initiative
 concern
(or all) thinking power
 imagination

on the part of our class.

Thanks for your time,

Gary W. Kull, Junior

COFFEE BREAKS AT THE LIBRARY:

should be taken at the Refectory. We enjoy eating and drinking as much as you—but ask you to please not bring food or drinks into the library.

Dr. Henry Scherer, Librarian

The editor is most definitely a NUMMY !!

Did you ever think how much T.P. it takes to produce one issue of the Seminarian?

(Ask the editor for a definition of T.P.)

A YE PILGRIM!

CLIMBING WALLS

When I was young I liked to climb stone walls and picket fences;
To reach the top and hold on tight with eyes so very wide
Just to see how people lived. . . on the other side
Of great stone walls and clean, white picket fences.
I'd climb these walls with dreams of castles in my head
Like the ones I'd read about in books while in my bed;
And when they dimmed the lights I'd relive all of these past tenses.
I'm older now. . . my castle visions flown
The labors of a climbing child have grown.
It takes much more than little hands to climb these walls and fences.

For now I climb the walls that people build around themselves --
Dark, forbidding walls they build. . . and think it's for protection;
Walls that make the skyline of a frightened population,
Hiding under mushroom caps like little elves.
Who fear they'll melt if they should stand out in the rain;
Who think that words like "openness" are only meant to drain
Their very souls, and so they build around themselves;
Never asking what they might be walling out or in,
They touch each other's outer shell but cannot reach within;
Like cans stacked neatly on mother's kitchen cupboard shelves.

Lawrence J. Kapples

AROUND CAMPI

Welcome to the 70's; may love, peace, and happiness win over war, hatred, poverty,
and hunger!!! -- Congratulations and best wishes for much happiness to Mr. and Mrs.
Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Bongron, Mr. and Mrs. Kidd, and Mr. and Mrs. Dugan!--Ask John
Schlott. about what a super skier he is---who can identify--Colorado Smith and his
horse Little Champ?---What junior almost caused a car fire in a recent trip to
Boston? ---Ask Larry S. how he enjoys driving backwards! (With difficulty, eh Lar!)

Some seniors journeyed to G-burg--ask them why? Jim H. goes on running--he'll
never stop.

Greetings to the interns--what's new? Is it true that John Sab. is going to
Europe?

The PROTWEILER has struck again; this time taking over a drive-in movie!!
Quote of the week "Being human is 100% fatal." Ask Bill R. about his skill at pool!
Ask Fred C. about the Senior class gift...Who was the secret blow-your-nose-in-the-
middle-of-grace interrupter? Special award for the best laugh in the school is our
own John Sch. of Strassenbahn fame!! who will challenge him. B-Ball:Friday at Trinity,
Germantown. Beware of the Nubs!! Who threw Norman B. down the stairs in North Dorn
Tuesday night? What Sen. editor spilt mimeographing fluid all over his presses,
thereby making it much more difficult to bring you this issue? What SEPTA streetcar
route uses both all- and air electric equipment? What would this say if we had room to

DIE STRASSENBAHN SPALTE

It has been a long time since this column last appeared in the Seminarian. (It has also been a long time since the Seminarian made its last appearance!) Therefore, it would be good at this time to catch up on what has been going on in the street-car scene during this time. Such a report serves a double purpose: it will provide information useful to the students, and at the same time relieve the author of this column, at least for one more week, of the necessity of dreaming up yet another idiotic parallel between modern Biblical scholarship and the Philadelphia street-car system. Therefore we present the following stark, naked facts (with editorial comment) for your perusal and/or enjoyment:

—It is quite possible that new trolleys may be running on the subway-surface lines (see Sem. vol.31,#4) by 1976. The staff of SEPTA is investigating the possibility of ordering new equipment for these lines instead of rehabilitating the current collection of junk that runs out of Woodland car house at the present time. If this goes through, you had better get down to Woodland before it is too late if you want to get a look at the operating museum that makes up the subway-surface fleet.

—SEPTA has also been playing around with paint schemes. Most upperclassmen will remember the sensational if short-lived pastel blue trolley which ran on route 23 for a time last year, as well as the bronze colored trolleys which still can be seen today. Now, however, re-painting has begun in earnest. At least two trolleys, namely Nos. 2159 and 2176, have been completely done over, with such things as new interiors; red, white, and gold color schemes; and cornering lights (the author has seen these things in operation and the lights really flash on the sides of the car when it goes around a corner). Whether or not this is a serious venture or purely a pipe dream is not yet known; however, it is hard to believe that the company paint shops would have received permission for this escapade if it were just for laughs. Nevertheless, route 23 continues to be served by a fleet of battered, noisy cars badly in need of paint.

—The recent snowstorms have played havoc with the transportation system, and the streetcars were right there in the midst of it. While walking along Germantown Ave. last Wed. night in search of liquid refreshment, this author was able to witness one of the rare appearances of the green phantom—an extremely old wooden trolley which is now employed as a snow plough and Eis breaker. As it glided wearily through the virgin snow, its dim lights and distinctive sound telling of a bygone era when this type of car ran all over the city, carrying countless masses of humanity to and from their respective destinations, the author felt a warm feeling of nostalgia. (Or perhaps it was "acid stomach"?)

—Five trolleys were backed up on route 23 when a car broke down due to the cold on this past Sat. night. A second car, attempting to push the first one to Gtn. car house, also broke down in the process. This went on until a total of five cars were involved in a bumper-to-bumper parade to the car barn. The author sighted this spectacle at the Mermaid loop at about 12 Midnight, and the quintet passed the seminary about half an hour later (a distance of less than half a mile—I leave it to you to compute what their speed must have been—to say nothing of the speed of the cars behind them.)

—One of our students waited over 60 minutes in the cold for a trolley on Wed. morning. When it finally arrived, it was followed by a host of other ones. This is just one more reason why the Phila. trolley system has earned the title of "The Banana lines." Now if the cars were only yellow to boot!

—Route 50 will probably start running out to Lawndale during peak hours again. Wire has been strung over the new bridge, which was built with tracks.

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—Help Norman(us) Butsler(um) get his doctor's degree. See Bob R. in North Dorm for details.

SPECIAL CORKER: DON GILLICK

The following schedule for Convocations and Services of Holy Communion was adopted at the January 7 joint meeting of the Worship and Convocation Committee of the Student Organization and the Worship and Aeminary Extension Committee of the Faculty Organization. It represents an attempt to experiment for the remainder of the academic year with a variety of times and uses.

Communion and Convocation Schedule
January - May, 1970

- Wednesday, January 14: Student Body Meeting
- Tuesday, January 20: 4:30 p.m. Communion: preacher to be announced
- Wednesday, January 21: Convocation
Reverend Edward K. Ferry, President Upper New York Synod,
"The Church of the Future."
- January 28: Communion
Rev. John Vannorsdall, chaplain, Gettysburg College
- February 4: Communion
Rev. Dr. Edmund A. Steimle, Union Seminary
- February 11: Convocation
Reverend Robert Taines, First Methodist Church, Phila.
- Thursday, February 12: 4:30 p.m. Communion: preacher to be announced
- Wednesday, February 18: Communion
Rev. Herluf Jensen, Moorestown, N.J.
- EXAM RECESS
- Wednesday, March 11: Convocation
Rev. Dr. Kent Gilbert, Executive Secretary, Board of Parish Ed.
- Thursday, March 12: 7:00 p.m. Communion: preacher to be announced
- Wednesday, March 18: Communion: Preacher to be announced
- Wednesday, March 25: Matins
- EASTER RECESS
- Wednesday, April 8: Communion: preacher to be announced
- Tuesday, April 14: 8:00 p.m. Communion - preacher to be announced
- Wednesday, April 15: Student Body Meeting
- Wednesday, April 22: Communion: preacher to be announced
- Tuesday, April 28: 10:00 p.m. Communion: preacher to be announced
- Wednesday, May 6: Communion: preacher to be announced
- Wednesday, May 13: 11:15 Convocation: President Wilson E. Touhsaent, NE PENN.
4:30 p.m. Communion: preacher to be announced
- Thursday, May 21: Communion: evening - time and preacher to be announced