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A DREAM

COME TRUE!!

Last June when I met with the faculty committee concerned with an "All-Seminary Retreat" I felt that we had a fantastic potential and what you might call a dream to actualize. I suppose if any of you have ever been involved with planning a similar activity you might have called this task a "nightmare." Well, that was last June and a lot of work and planning took place between then and last weekend. I think our hardest two decisions were finding a place for the retreat and deciding upon a central theme. After they were decided upon, it seemed that things just fell into place (happily, I might add).

It's because of this "falling into place" that I, as planning chairman, have taken the time to write this short article. I finally saw something actually work, and with great enthusiasm. This, to me, is what our so-called "community" is all about. I must admit that we were rather pessimistic about how many would attend when we started, but you fooled us. THANX! We offered a rather basic program which would depend on group discussions and participation and you (all the members of the seminary community) made it work. We interacted with both strangers and friends. We took time to think and talk with each other. We worked and played together. It seemed that almost everyone had at least one thing they could say they enjoyed from the weekend. I found myself stopping occasionally during the weekend to watch our planning as it actualized. I was actually watching a dream "coming true." I was greatly pleased to see how all of us interacted and really did make things work. Because of this, I really feel that we were in some ways "taking ourselves and our faith seriously." We gathered as personalities in a warm and open community. What will become of that feeling is hard to say. Will we experience it again? Maybe so. But, whatever may lie ahead for us, I still think we can look favorably upon a past weekend which offered both individuality and community. Maybe I'm prejudiced, but I feel very positively about our retreat. I pray that you as individuals came away with an inkling of that sense, too.

I actually started this article for the main purpose of thanking all those people who made my job so much easier, and I'll still do that. The faculty pushed this idea and my special thanks go to all of them and especially to Drs. Lundeen, Reumann, Aden, White, Mr. Streich and Mr. Overbeck. I think our discussion leaders made a great contribution and I thank you guys for all your help (Bob Holley, Dave
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SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

At its meeting on Monday, the faculty voted to grant Hoh Awards, each carrying stipends of \$500 for the academic year, to the following students:

Seniors - David L. Alderfer, Robert J. Karli, Gordon E. Simmons,
William A. Villaume

Middlers - Gunnar L. Anderson, Robert M. Holum

The faculty elected these persons from a list of nominees presented to it by the Admissions and Student Life Committee. The nominees were chosen from the top ten ranking students of the middle and senior classes, based on the quality point average of the previous year only. The basic requirement imposed upon recipients is that they successfully complete the academic year in which the Awards are granted.

Because of a vacancy in the Hoh Scholarship list last year, it was possible to elect six students rather than the usual four. Funds for both the Scholarships and Awards are provided by the Men of Mt. Airy, a supporting auxiliary of laymen residing on the territories of the constituent synods of the Seminary. They are named in honor of a former president of the Seminary, Dr. Paul J. Hoh.

Late in the summer, the Admissions and Student Life Committee granted a \$1,000 Hoh Scholarship for his first year in the Seminary to Mr. John R. Barton. It also awarded Walter F. Taylor, Jr., an Auxiliary Scholarship and appointed Robert F. Hoenich of the middle class to a vacancy on the Auxiliary Scholarship list. It is anticipated that the Committee will announce further awards and scholarships during the course of the next several months.

9/15/70

J. Reuman

The above article is an exclusive press release of the Seminarian, ed.

FREE BOOKS

A local retiring clergyman, who wishes to remain anonymous (incidentally, he is non - Lutheran), is offering his library free of charge to students of this seminary. He does this remembering that he would have appreciated a similar gesture when he was a penniless student. The library staff has been asked to administer the distribution.

Books will be available to students in the rotunda of the library according to the following schedule. Beginning at noon Monday, September 21, Seniors may choose up to three books per person. Tuesday the same will be true for Middlers, and Wednesday for Juniors and other students. Thursday all remaining books will be available to anyone with no quota restrictions. Please check your name on the list and indicate the number of books selected.

There are many worthwhile books in the collection. Do not miss the opportunity. The usual library book sales will also take place later in the year.

HELP NEEDED

Once again the press is rolling on 3rd floor of " F " Hall in the hopes of putting out another year of the Seminarian. As the paper states, "the Seminarian is a student publication", and without your help we cannot do the kind of job that we would like. However, at the writing of this article, there were only three people working, while far more are needed.

The Seminarian has a need for anyone interested in typing, writing, cranking, proof - reading, stapling, and art work and/

or cartoonist. Anyone interested in working on the paper; for one day or for the entire year is invited. You may contact John Koos or stop up at the Seminarian office any Monday or Tuesday evening. All are welcome and needed.

This is the Seminary's news - paper, but it can only be so with your help and support.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

" Are you a boarding student? "

" Ask your own waiter! "

BOWLING NEWS

For all you bowling fans, the fun is about to start for another year. Next Wednesday night, Sept. 23, the bowling league will begin bowling for averages at the Green Tree Bowling Alley. The fun starts at 9:15 P.M. and it will only cost you a \$ 1.75. For those of you who cannot make it Wednesday night there will be special cards for off days. For more details, see Bob Herbst.

UTR SCHEDULE

The recording schedule for middler Homiletics class has been posted in the large class room of the V.T.R. building (Harold's Hideaway). The designated hours are:

- Mon. 8:00 - 9:50
- Wed. 10:20 - 11:10
- Fri. 1:30 - 5:00
- Mon.- Fri. 6:00 - 10:00

Students wishing to tape must contact Skip Erickson, North Dorm Rm. 3; Ron Heske, " G " - 84; Herb Lohr, " A " - 10; or Lu Johnson.

Dream Come True!!
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Alderfer, Bob Karli, John Scarafia, Bill Villaume, Bob Hoonich, Fred Nelson, Dave Roppel, Gene Stuckey, Dave Bernheisel, John Havrilla). Thanks to Dr. Bornemann who acted as our retreat spokesman, to Larry Nelson who took the time to make us "aware," to Dr. Lazareth who reminded us that our community is based in Jesus Christ and his love, and finally to all of you who make it easy for me to unashamedly call our retreat a success. I look forward to many more successes this year.

Thanks again,
Jim Dugan

COMMUNITY RETURNS TO MT. AIRY?

There was a good deal of discussion and concern last year over the lack of community at Mt. Airy. It was the motivating force behind the weekly Communion service, but for some reason this thing called "community" was never found. Whatever it was that was missing, however, seems to have been found, at least temporarily.

Those who attended the retreat last weekend seemed to bring together all of the ingredients which make up community spirit. For the entire weekend there was a feeling of freedom and spontaneity which infected students and faculty alike. Despite the relative lack of planned activity, there was never a time when there was nothing going on. There were a number of informal hymn sings, discussions, and football games. The time was even conducive to individual talks between students.

But what happens to this feeling of community closeness now that the retreat is over? Do we retreat into our own little shells once again, thus creating the problems we had last year, or do we do something to make this feeling last?

While writing this article I found it very difficult to recover the feelings which I had on the way back to school on Sunday, and it worries me to think that this may be an indication of what is happening around campus.

A retreat, of itself cannot be a success. It takes people to make it so, and to pull other people together so that a feeling of community can develop. Such a feeling was developed over the weekend; and, whether or not it continues is up to the entire community. Most of us found it very easy to complain about the lack of community at the seminary last year. Because of this complaining there was very little done to change it. We know just complaining will not work, and at the same time we have seen an indication that we are able to stimulate and maintain a feeling of community. Whether or not this feeling remains is up to us; if this elusive creature called community is to remain at Mt. Airy, the whole community will have to work at it!-- Ed. Staff

VOLUNTEER ARTIST NEEDED...

Anyone with artistic and/or mechanical drawing aptitude is desired for creating a new and attractive location chart for books in the library. See Mr. Wertluft in the library.

NEW PUB. DATE

It seems with the new curriculum that very few students have classes on Thursday and Friday; and, because the staff needs its weekly exercise at the bowling alley on Wednesday night, the Seminarian will be distributed on Wednesday mornings instead of Thursdays, beginning next week. This will also mean a new deadline for articles to be included in the Seminarian. Since the staff no longer wishes to endure the marathon sessions of the night before, articles are asked to be submitted no later than the evening meal on Monday. Only in extreme cases will articles be accepted Tuesday night for that week's Seminarian; otherwise, they will be held over until the next week.

PARTY

A reminder to all students and faculty, wives and friends, that there will be an Open House tonight at 329 W. Mt. Airy Ave. beginning 8P.M.---? Bring own refreshments please...we're not cheap, just broke.

Steve & Barry

STUDENT BODY MEETING

The First Student Body meeting for the 1970-71 academic year will be held Wednesday September 30th during the convocation hour. It will begin as soon as chapel service ends: about 11:45 A.M.

At this meeting the budget will be proposed for approval, the amount of Student Body dues will be set and nominations will be received for Vice President and Secretary of the Student Body. Nominations will also be received for the ten student representatives to the Faculty-Student committees: Academic Policies, Admissions and Student Life, Library, and Worship and Seminary Extension.

LET'S PLAY GAMES

One of the most interesting parts of the retreat was spent at a groovy bar on Friday night with some of the profs. While there, many riddles were floating around the bar (among other things), so they are included here for your pleasure. The first two are compliments of the bar tender, the third, compliments of Mr. Chuch Streich.

Arrange 10 trees in 5 rows with 4 trees in each row.

Using the digit "9" four times, construct the formula which will equal 100.

Connect these dots with four lines without lifting your pencil(or pen). You may cross over any lines.

Answers will appear in next week's Seminarian.

THE SEMINARIAN is a student publication of the Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia. The office is located in "F" hall, 3rd floor, facing the recreation area. We welcome any articles, news-worthy items, criticisms, cartoons, etc. The staff is anyone who wishes to help. The staff this week is:
Editor: John R. Koons
Ass't. Eds: Skip Erickson and Barry Lace
Writers, typists, crankers, etc:
Geo. Treutle, Pete Helmers, R.F. Holley, Bruce Davidson, R.L. Boyer, J. Reumann, R. Rosevear, J. Hulihan.

DIRECTOR NEEDED

Anyone interested in applying for the position of director of the Mt. Airy Players for this academic year should submit a written application (your own form) including any qualifications to Dr. Gerhard Krodel as soon as possible. The committee on Worship and Seminary Extension will make a selection from those applications submitted.

ADDRESSES

Due to popular request the following addresses are included as information:

Don Stricker has been feeling lonely and thought some of you may wish to visit him or write to him. His address is:

Donald C. Stricker
1061 E. Mt Airy Ave. Apt A1
Phila., Pa. 19150
CH8-2187

David Newhart is David Newhart!
His address is:
The Rev. David C. Newhart
1226 Vermont Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20005
202-667-1379 or 1377(church)

AN AQUARIAN SCHEDULE

Someone mentioned to me the other day that there is always a "loss" in making changes. Somehow, I didn't really understand until I went to my first class of the year on Monday morning...

there I was...a bit tarnished from the earliness of the hour...attempting to look out of my swollen-with-sleep eyes...and all I could see and hear was that either section A would become section B...or if A was on Monday night and B was on Sunday afternoon...the class could meet. It seemed that there was a conflict in the class schedule. So, after close to an hour, we decided that A could meet anytime that it was dark, as long as the temperature outside was above 70° or below freezing (as long as it was on alternate days). Well, I lost something in transition, but being a part of the "community," I went along with only holding class while it was dark, but not before 5:00 A.M.

Having surmounted that one, off I delightedly marched to my next class. Reaching there, the first item the professor announced was that the class was designed for six to eight students and since there were now almost thirty in the class, we would have to split into sections...when could the other half of the class meet? It had a familiar ring as we went through the whole week of possibilities (including meeting only when the sun was in the east and the wind was blowing from the south). But we couldn't decide...so the best suggestion was that a few of us drop the course...or perhaps he said we would have no choice...I'm having a bit of trouble recalling. Unresolved, we put the re-scheduling off for another week.

Refreshed with such exciting gifts of the first day of classes, I marched right off to my last class...only to hear "with forty in the class I don't believe there is any possibility of having anything but lectures...And I know that the scheduled time of 2½ hours will be hard on all of us. Perhaps we can take a break in the middle." I began to bang my head against the wall...not another scheduling problem...but I was a bit premature, for we quickly found a solution. It was felt we could take a break as long as no more than seven people drank Pepsi-Cola (it's for those who think young!) and that at least three people would talk about the need for community at the seminary while stirring their coffee with both hands. With all that resolved, I felt that once, at least once this first week of classes, we had victored over the schedule...

But then I began to think about my independent study...Oh my God!...how can I re-arrange the schedule I have set up for it?...and I must, for it is obviously an important part of the academic enterprise that one spend a good hour trying to figure out when one can really meet to learn. My God, I've got to change it, but how can I change a schedule that doesn't exist? I thought about it and suddenly realized there was but one solution...When the moon is in the Seventh House and Jupiter aligns with Mars...then, and only then, could I as an Aquarian, do my independent thing...

The horror of that whole discovery is that I think they do the whole rest of the class schedule the same way...

R. F. Holley

PASS-FAIL

Recently I was involved in a discussion concerning the abolishment of the present grading system at this seminary, and the substitution of a pass-fail system in its place. This would mean that instead of receiving an A, B, C, D, or F as a grade for a course, a student would receive either a Pass or a Fail. This concept has been discussed and experimented within schools all over the country, sometimes with little success, but there seem to be some unique circumstances which exist at this seminary that would seem to make the institution of this system a sensible improvement over what now exists.

One such circumstance is that the seminary seems to stress field work and outreach to people as requirements for our education. A letter grade is not an important factor in these experiences, since it cannot accurately measure anything about the venture. Success or failure is determined by the people involved, both those who are ministering, and those who are being ministered to. It seems to me that if we are competent enough to deal with individuals in these experiences, without needing a grade to check up on the amount of effort we put into this, then perhaps we are responsible enough to do our best in the field of academics also, without having grades to push us.

In connection with this matter of field education, there is something else to consider. If a student were to feel inadequate in his dealings with other people in the field, he might think he could compensate for his failure in this by working extra hard for high grades in academics. By doing this, he might ignore or excuse his deficiency in dealing with others by using high grades to prove his competence.

Another point to be considered is that some required academic study tends to turn off many people, who don't feel a thorough knowledge of the material is necessary for their particular ministry. These areas will be the ones in which we will probably do the poorest, and for some reason a pass grade is a little more heartening than a "D". In fact, many new students might really be discouraged at the value judgment which a low grade makes, and feel inadequate to their tasks before they have a chance to prove themselves in areas where they may be competent.

A final point is that by eliminating the necessity to get good grades, perhaps a lot of unnecessary pressure would be lifted from the student. This will make us all a lot happier, and may help us get along with each other and with people off campus a little better.

Obviously, there are many issues connected with the idea of a change in the grading system which make it less pleasing than it may seem. For instance, if grades were abolished, would students work up to their potential? Of course, the resolution of this problem centers on our ideas about ourselves and our fellow students.

In the discussions in which I have been involved concerning this matter, there is a need for a definite affirmation on it or how this idea might work. So far in discussion, I have discovered that another seminary, Pacific Seminary, has abolished grades, and also that some synods use grades to some extent to determine our futures in internship and calls. More information is needed on these matters. Hopefully this letter will stimulate some interest in looking

CHAIRMEN ANNOUNCED

The following is a complete list of Student Body Committees and their respective chairmen:

- Athletic Committee: John Schlotter
- Social Activities: Roger Spencer
- Social Ministry: Robert Holley
- Student Publications: John Koons
- Bookstore: Rolf Hedberg
- Inter-Seminary: Barry Lace
- Refractory: Robert Holum
- Michael Heinsdorf

Student Life and Chapel-Convocation Committee will be joint Student-Faculty committees, and the student representatives will be elected by the Student Body after the first Student Body Meeting. Other appointments include:

- Student Work: Harley Rusch
- Telephone: James Hulihan
- Sheriff: Robert Herbst
- Student Housing: Fred Nelson
- Hospitality: Steve Jensen
- Keeper of the Refrigerator Key: Rick Bair

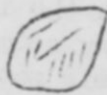
Each of these men as a chairman is heading a specific function of the Student Body. Their success and the success of this year can only come with the support and co-operation of the Student Body as a whole, and each individual who makes it up. Please try to contribute to a successful year by helping out in whatever capacity you are called upon to serve in.

PASS-FAIL (cont. from p. 7.)

into and discussing the idea of a pass-fail system, so that perhaps some action may be taken.

Bruce Davidson

Ed. Note: The above article does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the editorial staff or the newspaper. Any responsible reply to Mr. Davidson's article is welcomed and encouraged.



PUNT!



what many of us had to do last weekend due to "Jack" White's FANTASTIC directions.