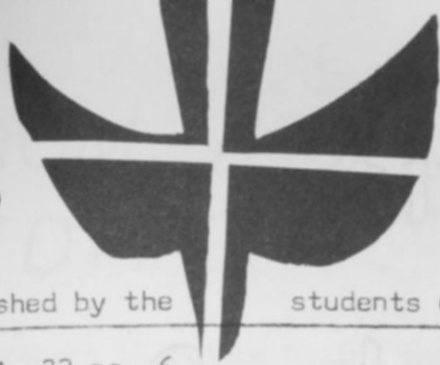


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SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Social Ministry Committee to my recollection has been a committee of little prominence and questionable service in the recent past. My question — Is this the fault of the committee or could it be the lack of enthusiasm on the part of the student body to become actively concerned in community relations and ministries that can be conducted for people of all ages?

I am not writing this article to accuse past seminarians, committees or curriculae. I am simply trying to concentrate on the now in order to make known the opportunities available for individual and group social ministries. The recent retreat brought to light many optimistic signs to those who are concerned about our apparent lack of community and commitment. Now, over a month later, we have a gold mine of opportunities available for ministry within ten blocks of the campus. The Germantown Home cares for old people and orphaned children. I have no doubt that they can use our help. How about a "chaplain corps" to make visitations to lonely old people? — There is a political campaign in progress where there are ample opportunities for involvement of those who have strong political preferences. — To toss out another concern. — More than one elementary school in our area could use tutorial help in Math and reading. I'm sure everyone is aware of the gang and drug problems which certainly can present a challenge!

Our new curriculum has given us increased opportunities in securing a sound theological education. Should this not also encourage us to look up from the books for 2 - 5 hours a week so that we may donate some of our time to the community in which we live? Many, especially Juniors, have heavy fieldwork commitments. However, there are others who might have specific interests and time to spare for social ministry.

As chairman of the Social Ministry Committee, I am open to suggestions and anxious for ideas so that the student body of "Mt. Airy" might show its love and concern for the neighbor — not only the guy in the next dorm room, but the lonely old person, the 5th grader reading on a 2nd grade level or whoever..... Sign up sheets for various interests will be posted today around the campus and will be up until Tuesday the 20th. Anyone with an interest in any type of social ministry, please sign up so that action can be taken on particular people.

Dave Roppel

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During the past month the juniors have been attempting to integrate themselves into the full swing of seminary life. To place the word themselves in the active tense rather than in the passive tense is of great significance. So far it has been left largely up to themselves.

The orientation at the beginning of the semester was beneficial in the sense that it helped us to find out which pens were still useful and it loosened our wrists for the first Dr. Reumann lecture.

But as far as giving any information which would help the "rookie" understand exactly what is expected of him, the "coaching staff" had nothing to say. The rookie was left, unfortunately, to discover these untold truths on his own.

If one would ask the students on campus their concepts of the ministry, he would no doubt receive a variety of responses. Today, when so much emphasis is being placed on specialized vocations, it is easy to "pigeon-hole" oneself, even in the ministry. It is easy to forget that every minister, regardless of what he considers to be his own individual bag, should be equipped with a certain level of basic (but essential) knowledge and skills. I assume the seminary is attempting to do this. I feel I am regressing, however, when I cease to just assume and want to know why. This very question has been present in the minds of many members of the junior class for quite some time.

When the work load in one particular junior course was questioned recently, it was more than just a question of work load -- it was a question of relevance. It may have been rephrased to say, how will this course with all its required reading, fit our conceptions of the ministry. Or perhaps we should say in our present state of ignorance, how can we fit our conceptions of the ministry around this course and with its required reading.

This question can be applied to the entire program at the seminary. How will the courses we are taking or will take aid us in carrying out a meaningful ministry. The program is relevant but WHY?

It would be extremely helpful next year if the entire seminary curriculum were explained to the incoming "dumb-dumbs" as to its importance in their future ministries. This could easily be accomplished during the orientation period or even better yet at a faculty-student retreat. But as one junior pointed out these kinds of questions should be freely and openly discussed in our everyday life at the seminary. In this respect these questions, and the variety of opinions in answer to them, are important not only to our future ministries but also for the strengthening involvement and interest within our seminary community.

Rich Overcash

FROM THE EDITOR

It appears that once again, the junior class is concerned about the lack of orientation, and the lack of explanation for the courses and the work they have to do. As a middler, I find myself saying, "What are they complaining about? The orientation this year was better than ever--the retreat was something new and it worked." But then again, I think of the retreat, good as it was, and considering the fact that many new friends were made, I wonder if it might not be a possibility in the future, to include some orientation for the juniors as to what the whole thing of seminary is about--that is, if anyone has any idea at all. As to the second concern of Mr. Overcash's article as to the explanation of what is happening and why it is happening, unfortunately, all I can say to him is, join the crowd of those who have asked the question before. Will an explanation ever be made, or are we to simply continue following by "blind faith" and accept it just because, "Well, that's the way it is!" It seems to me that Mr. Overcash is not so much questioning the way it is, but rather is simply asking for an explanation as to why it is that way. Perhaps, if for a change, a response was made, a lot of the displeasure of the students would be avoided. Many times we have asked for articles from the faculty, but they have been scarce--in fact, non-existent. Is this the spring from which student apathy gushes forth? It would seem to me that the faculty is the one source that may at least (if nothing more) make an attempt at answering the questions posed by Mr. Overcash. Or will we all sit back and let one more student raise serious and honest questions without receiving answers and say, "Well, he'll outgrow this period," or "Oh, he'll learn after CPE"? I, for one, hope not!! I would hope that responsible comment will be made to Mr. Overcash, for I am sure he is not alone in raising this issue.

John R. Koons, Editor.

A MBULANCE

Once again the cry for relevance is heard around Mt. Airy, it seems that the juniors, as did the juniors last year, desire some kind of practical work which will have a bearing on their future ministries. Though there may not be any such opportunities at the seminary, there is one available elsewhere.

The Northwest Community Ambulance Corps. needs volunteers. This organization, which is totally voluntary handles most of the emergency ambulance service for the Mt. Airy, Chestnut Hill, and Germantown area, and being voluntary can only function properly when there are enough people available to man the vehicles. Right now there is a great lack of available personnel for the day time hours, and an appeal for help is being made to you.

The students here desire meaningful work in the field of ministry. Well here is a chance to stop complaining of how little there is to do and go out and do something. The ambulance cannot operate without help, and if it does not operate then there is a chance that someone who needs a hospital may not be able to get to one in time; so we ask you to do something about it; join Northwest and volunteer your services to your community.

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AROUND CAMPI

(We welcome the return of Around Campi to the pages of the Seminarian. Anyone who has some information they would like to see in this column, please put it in my mail box.--ed.)

Attention please--"Kamoonittee" has returned to Mt. Airy--Right Mr. Mayor?...Anyone desiring information on the whereabouts of "Hogan" Hall, please contact Dave--"Papa"... If in need of a good chair reupholsterer see Harley R...Hey George, Where, oh where are the chapel keys?...The word is that pastoral counseling is the "in" thing this semester, especially all night sessions with single, eligable nurses--right Herb L. and Mark R?(Herb's doing all right with the seminarians, too, we hear--it must have been a good CPE, eh?)...If you are in need of an instant blackout at any of your parties, see Ron H. He has had good results in creating sudden losses of light at Harold's Hideaway...Where, oh where is John S?--spinning records at Korvettes... Up in the sky--it's a bird, it's a plane, it's superman--no it's Jim G. in his flying machine...October is National Indoor Games Month. Glad to see that some seminarians are observing it in style. For further details on its proper observance see Pete F., Bob Y., or Dwight S....The seminary community is eagerly awaiting the debut of a certain middler sporting his special Spiro Agnew T-shirt...see you next week.

YOU DID IT AGAIN DEPARTMENT:

Will the person who used a library book to prop open a window in the Bible Reading Room on Wednesday, October 7, please report that fact to the Library?

Henry Scherer, Librarian.

JOB OPPORTUNITY!!!!!!!

---in Bookstore---\$1.75/hour.
Some typing required--see Rolf Hedberg or Mike Heinsdorf.
(This is not limited to the junior class).

POEM

Into the Hall of Mirrors I must go
down brachiated passageways
that twist and turn confluent, involute

It is a dream with no beginning and no end
though I suspect I am awake.

I see the myriad me's that echo back
plano, concave, convex

from that sad universe of mirrors

(once I looked deep into a mantis' eye
and saw my sharded image reflected
in the thousand facets of that jewel)

I cannot turn back

time is my jailor and terror walks beside
inexorably they urge me on

they mask their knowledge thinking I know
not

if I had courage I would laugh at them
because I know

I know that where the mirrors end
there is a clown dressed all in black
waiting to make me shorter by a head

Bill Berglund

PLEASE NOTE

Tonight, Wednesday, October 14, at 6:30 PM, there will be a meeting of all persons interested in working on and contributing to the Seminarian. This short meeting is scheduled in order to establish who can work when, so that when you do come to work that there is something for you to do. If you can afford one, two, or three hours a week and are interested in working on the Seminarian, you are invited and urged to attend.

Editorial Staff

To a Certain WIFE---(Please note)
Last week an article was submitted to Bill Koons, editor entitled "From the Home Front". We would like to print this but you did not sign your name. This we need, and can withhold. Please send it to me--JOHN Koons, editor. Thank you!

CONTINUED RUMMAGING THROUGH THE ARCHIVES

It was a beautiful autumn day in 1864 when Jacob Lawson Smith and John Christian Dizinger (the first two students at our seminary), mounted atop their faithful steeds, ventured towards the newly opened religious institution of higher learning. What must have been going through their minds as they journeyed forth? Was it the Civil War that was still in progress? Was it the presidential campaigns of Lincoln and McClellan? No, it's my humbl opinion that their thoughts were on more weightier matters. For them, as it was for us when we first came to seminary, the burning quwstion of the hour was "How much piety must I exhibit at this austere institution?"

Upon arrival at the seminary, Dr. Charles F. Schaeffer (the Mr. Kauffman of his day) sensing that these men were in an emotional crisis state, quickly intervened with crisis intervention pastoral counseling by placing in their hands his original manuscript of the "By-Laws or Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Philadelphia" hoping, all the while, that this tiny book would help dispel their "dread of the unknown" and thereby place their out-of-kilter emotional triangle back firmly on its base in the state of emotional equilibrium. Of course Dr. Schaeffer asked for the manual right back since he had the foresight that this would someday hold a place of honor in the seminary library's rare book room. But while the little book was in the possession of Jacob and John, it proved to be of inestimable value in dissipating their anxieties, for now they knew precisely what was to be expected of them as students at the new seminary. They read:

"Any unprofitable expenditure of time is strictly forbidden, and the attention of the students is specially directed to the extreme caution which will always be necessary for them to exercise in the choice of associates or companions who are not connected with the seminary."

"Every student is expected to maintain the dignity and decorum which should characterize the member of a well regulated Christian household, and to promote, as far as it lies in his power, the harmony and comfort of all- exercising forbearance and self-denial, and never losing sight of the nature and character of the institution."

"...All students are privileged to have their washing and mending done outside the building, on private terms. But they can have it done for 37½ cents per week..."

"No private conversation shall be allowed during any recitation or lecture."

"During the hours of study (from morning prayers at 6:15 to breakfast; from 9 A.M. to noon; and from 2 to 5 P.M.) the students who are not required to attend a lecture or recitation, shall not be unnecessarily absent from their respective rooms; nor shall any visits be paid or received, during said study hours, except on special or urgent business."

"The house shall be closed regularly at 11 o'clock P.M. after which hour students may be out only by permission (for good reasons) of the chairman of the faculty."

A student was permitted to smoke in his room or speak after 10 P.M. only after he first got permission to do so from his roommate.

"The free use of the bathroom and parlor is accorded to the students at such hours as may be agreed upon by the Student's Executive Committee and the Steward." (Bill Rosevear- I believe at the last Student Body Meeting this item of business was overlooked!)

"The senior class will be held accountable for the enforcement of the above rules. Each member thereof shall act as Censor for one week in turn, in alphabetical order." (As senior class president I'll be the first to note that my class has shirked its duty, therefore, juniors and middlers please note- Censors Alderfer and Assa are on duty for the next two weeks.)

...Rummaging...(cont'd from page 5)

Now being less anxious over the whole matter, Jacob and John cheerfully swore the student oath which states "...I hereby promise, that, so long as I remain a student in this Theological Seminary, I will, with the help of God, faithfully and diligently attend all the recitations, lectures, and instructions intended for me..." (the italics are mine).

Dennis O'Rourke

reminder...

Dr. Lazareth will be the speaker at the October 20th meeting of the Wives' Club, to be held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Aden, 7322 Boyer St., at 7:30 P.M. This will be an important meeting to discuss plans for the coming year. All faculty and student wives are invited and encouraged to attend.

ABOUT TOM...

It may be of interest to those of you who know Tom King, to know that he is alive and well and living in Washington, D.C., with Dave Newhart (well, two out of three ain't bad) at Luther Place Memorial Church. His phone number & address are the same as those published for Dave in the Seminarian Vol. 32 #2. Tom's recovering well from his bout with hepatitis this summer, and may return to the seminary in the fall. If you have a chance, drop him a line.

H. C.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today, Wednesday, October 14, in chapel at 11:15 A.M. Dr. Albert will be the preacher.

MORE?

Roger SPENCER and the SEMINARIAN wish to thank all those who turned out for the beer blast last Thursday. Due to the fine response, it is rumored that there may be more during the year. Keep your eyes peeled to this space for more announcements concerning this.

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, newsworthy items, criticisms, cartoons, etcetera. The staff is anyone who wishes to help. The staff this time is:

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- Assistant Editor: Skip Erickson
- Sports Editor: John Schlotter
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- Cartoonist: Barry Henderson
- Articles by: Dave Roppel, Rich Overcash, Ron Heske, Henry Schorer, Bill Berglund, John Koons, Mike Heinsdorf, Dennis O'Rourke, Skip Erickson, Susan Heuss, and Herb Loehr.

Ambulance- cont. from page 3.

Those who join the corps. are given free first aid training and are trained in the operation of the ambulances and all of the equipment on them. If you are interested in joining there will be a meeting on Thursday October 15 (tomorrow) at 8:00 p.m. at the Northwest Ambulance Headquarters on 7838 Germantown Avenue. We will meet on the front porch of main dorm at 7:45 p.m. so that we may go as a group. If you have any questions about the meeting or anything else concerning the ambulance, you may contact Skip Erickson or John Koons. I hope to see a large group on Thursday night!

Skip Erickson

This is blank space that you could have filled!

FOOTBALL POLL STANDINGS
4th WEEK

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JERSEYS

Some of the persons who signed up to get a football jersey have yet to pay their money. Please bring your \$4.65 to lunch by Thursday because the jerseys cannot be delivered unless I have the full balance.

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An attempt is being made to schedule a game for this Friday afternoon. Nothing is certain however. We will have our practice Thursday afternoon at any case. Please plan to be there. We are 1-0 but we still need the practice.

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