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SIB SITEANS

Following are the six theses that Dr. Bornemann presented last Wednesday morning at convocation in his discussion of theology and worship. Hopefully they will lead to further discussion.

I. Christian worship is dialogue, address and response.

Christian worship is by nature an event; it is the interaction of God and community. In worship God comes to his people and addresses them, revealing himself and proclaiming his will and love. To this action of God the community reacts, responding to him. Consequently worship has always an active and personal character. It is always a matter of encounter, of address and response; it is dialogue.

Most briefly defined, Christian worship is the community's expression and confession of faith in the God who comes to his people.

- II. Worship begins and centers in the coming of God to be present with his people.

  The initiative is God's, and his active presence and address are controlling throughout.
- III. To speak of worship as dialogue, the interaction between God and communuty means that congregational participation is an essential part of liturgical action

The congregation is more than a group of individuals, an aggregation; it sings and prays as a unity, a community in Christ. This does not mean that the identity of the individual is lost or submerged. In worship God addresses the individual, but it is always in the context worship God addresses the individual's response to God is made within of the community, and the individual's response to God is made within this same unity of the congregation.

All forms employed in worship must enable this community to come into being and to express itself.

IV. The congregation's role in worship is that of response to God's address, of reaction to God's action. This reaction centers in the community's joyous expression and confession of faith

....worship is expressive rather than impressive. ... It is essentially a response to a person... It is an expression of faith in terms of thanks-giving and praise... (it) is also a joyous confession of faith in the God whom it meets in worship.

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#### EYE ON SPORTS

By now, word has probably circulated the good news of the Saints' victory over Westminster. This brings the season record to 2 - 0 for the Saints. Keep up the good work!

This report is coming from an eye - witness view, and will be reported for those of you who simply couldn't be there. ( Although it reflects a slight prejudice of the reporter, it is fairly accurate.)

Westminster won the toss and elected to receive. After fumbling around with the kick - off, they finally decided to down the ball - which seemed like a pretty good idea in view of the fact that a wave of white jerseys were sailing down the field. The first play of the game was a long pass and an effective one. They scored, but the extra point was no good. John H. picked up the short kick. Arne's first pass into a TD for the Saints. The extra point was no good and Westminster declined the off - sides penalty against the Saints. The score, 6-6; all this action took 6 minutes of game time!

Westmin ster returned the kick for short yardage. The first down attempt succeeded in two plays. The next pass was broken up by a good rush. This seemed to shake up the opponents, for John A. intercepted the next pass. However, the Saints were not able to move the ball enough for a first down, bringing on the first punt of the game. It was a long kick - into the end zone. However, the Saints' defense was saints took the 3rd and 9 pass play was broken up by John A. The he set up a scoring play. The extra point try was no good. The score-

The Saints let loose with another good kick, and Westminster tried again. The first pass was incomplete. The second was intercepted and took over after the Saints failed to make the first down. The first play was broken up. On second down, they threw a long pass which pass to Jim H. was overthrown despite a good effort. Westminster held broken up, and the second down pass play was run out of bounds. The half ended with the score: Saints 12, Westminster 6.

The Saints were not able to move, and on 4th and 1, they decided to punt. Westminster had only a short rerun. A long run was cut off by Rick O.. The first pass fell incomplete, and then a rush by the Saints forced a throw on the run, which was intercepted by John H. Jim for long yardage and was just short of a TD. John S. scored and the extra point was good. Saints 19, Westminster 6.

Westminster finally got a good return. The first pass fell and 10 for Westminster The QB had a good run - good enough for the picked off by John H.. Arne threw a long pass to John S. and he scored another TD for the Saints lost yardage, but recovered as John S. score: Saints 25, Westminster 6.

Westminster had no return on the kick and the first pass was Continued on page 4.

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- V. To describe the community's response in worship as the expression and confession of faith means that all the forms and parts of worship must be consonant with this faith.
- VI. It is not enough to require that the forms of worship be consonant with faith; they must also be adequate for the expression of faith within the action of worship.

REB

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, etc. The staff is anyone who wishes to help. The staff this week is: Editor: John R. Koons Assistant Editor: Skip Erickson Sports Editor: John Schlotter Cartoonist: Barry Henderson Special Guest Contributor (and typist): Bob Bornemann General Staff: Bob L. Boyer, Rick Bair, & George Treutle Contributors: Ingrid Morton, Ron Heske, Bob Hoenich, Mark Roth, Rolf Hedberg, and

## CONVOCATION

Tom Light

Mr. Grant Griffith, director of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Unit at Haverford State Hospital, will be the convocation speaker this morning, Wednesday, November 4, at 11:15 A.M. His topic will be alcoholism.

Haverford has been actively involved in Alcoholic Rehabilitation for most of its ten years of operation, and has been in on many of the significant advancements in this area. As a result of these advancements, the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Unit reports a cure rate of one out of every three, with many of the remaining two returning for further treatment.

According to ome of our students who spent his CPE with Mr. Griffith, the Alcoholic Remabilitation Unit places an emphasis on the work of the clergy in the treatment of the alcoholic; so, this presentation should be of concern to us all.

Alcoholism -- sounds distant. Doesn't it? Or does it?

There is a good possibility that you'll be encountering alcoholism in your ministry!

Worship Committee Publicity Secretary,

Bob Hoenich

#### AROUND CAMPI

Jeff R. has again set a new clothing style for Mt. Airy. It is known as the pull-over shirt worn bass-aackwards, thus having a quiver rather than a pocket ... Please remember Dr. B., that Papa might be that wide, but he is not that tall!....Jim H. had a heavy date the other night, he wore his good sweatshirt.... The "pretty-boy" of the senior class, Al A., has struck again; this time, in a blue sportscoat, a yellow shirt, and a pink & green striped tie -- Christmas in October?!?.... A quote from Bill R., "All my people have their dessert." Ride on, Vear! ....Who was that student on campus last Thursday with a permanent wave in his Hair? Any ideas, Roger?!? Right on Mrs. S.!...Hog keeps wondering how long it's going to rain ....Captain has been overheard comparing eyes with Jerry Quarry....What senior recently became "mayor" by making up his own rules?.... Now we know why a certain "theme" has been heard coming from a certain balalaika -- eh, Bill?....On top of the Mt. Airy charts last week was "Let Us Boycott" ....What middler looks less like a buffalo? ....Rumor has it that Dr. McCurley has been condemned to re-reading Eissfelt in the original Hebrew (or German) as a result of the recent heresy trial attended by all your favorite O.T. heroes....Jim H. -- did Dr. Heinecken ever answer your question? The (continued on page 4)

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first cut in two years?!?....Is it true that Ken & the Rakers are really collecting the leaves to use as fuel this winter?.... What broad-minded newspaper editor got a backrub at 9:00 A.M. by our sports-minded deaconness while still in bed?....What Cookie-monster who masquerades as a bair became an instant waiter Friday night at the incentations of Dr. Seltzer?....Rumor has it that the tall, blonde dishwasher has been known to lock the head-waiter out of the room -- Good taste, Arne.

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incomplete. A long second down toss was broken up by Mark R. and John S. They gambled on fourth and ten and the long pass was completed for a first down. After bobbling a pass, the receiver finally got a grip on it and scored for Westminster. The pass for the extra point was over the end zone. The short kick was taken by the Saints, and Westminster called time to reorganize. On third and ten Westminster intercepted Arne's pass and used their last time out to try to catch up. The plan failed; John S. intercepted again. The Saints used the last seconds of the game trying a new play -- Jim H. took the ball on a reverse pattern and passed to Herb who was bumped out of bounds as the clock ran cut. Final score: Saints 25, Westminster

After Westminster's first play, the Saints dominated the ball game. Westminster had to play catch-up ball for the rest of the game. Arne looked pretty good and got a lot of holp from John H., John S., Herb, and Rich O. -- both offensively and defensively. A hearty note of confidence to the team for their next game. I feel they'd appreciate a little support from...YOU!

Ingrid Morten

Mr. Chairman(from p.5)

BTE Plan "university related, urban oriented, ecumenical." Stepped Back?!? Totally avoided is a better term. Reflect on the sentence on the first page of the letter again, He was going to share his "personal interpretive comments which reflect) my understanding of the situation." Our quiry is, how can one possibly do this with without talking about the issues from which he deliberately stepped back?

Dr. Perry's deduction that two can live cheaper than one dows NOT make sense. We eagerly await his "subsequent mailing" in which he is going to show us all how it

can happen. Will this mailing be entitled, "Mission: Impossible"?

It is also good to know that the chairman is not saying that "we should not have a single seminary in the East", but that's not the report we heard, or is he perhaps saying that it would be OK if it were in a certain location? But the fact that the real criterion "will not be financial, but educational" is also good to hear--it should have been that all along.

But it is nice to know that our Board Chairman is concerned? All in all the letter has said really, absolutely nothing. It seems to fit in with the season in which it was prepared -- that of election time with all the political ramblings.

John R. Koons, editor.



# MR. CHAIRMAN.

Last week, the seminary was blest to receive copies of a communication from the newly elected chairman of the board of directors, His Eminence, Dr. Edward Kersten Perry. This three-page encyclical was to inform(?) us of many things.

The <u>Seminarian</u> is aware of the fact that this letter was directed to the pasters in the field (and possible future votes somewhere?), but <u>the Seminarian</u> feels that since the chairman "desires feedback and communication" he should receive some.

Dr. Perry begins by announcing the fact that he was "selected as chairman of the Board." He continued by bewailing that this is "more of a burden than an honor." If this is the case, why would a busy synod president accept this additional cross to bear? But, nevertheless, he has accepted this damnation handed to him and we all must bear it! In spite of this terrible burden he still has a cherished hope that the decisions of the board be "made positively and intelligently, rather than simply by default or be the result of visceral processes alone." Right on, Mr. Chairman.

He then says that he can provide two kinds of information. The purpose of the letter is to provide "(2) personal interpretive comments which reflect.../his/ understanding of the situation, and for which... he/ would be solely responsible." And does he ever!! His first personal interpretive comment is concerning the Gettysburg-Philadelphia merger. He mentions that there is frustration concerning this failure. No kidding, Sherlock! But for us to believe that the board as a whole is frustrated is hard to believe. We well know that some of the members are, but the whole board, the chairman? But it is important that we all be frustrated about "the right issues." But the issues are never stated. As close as he comes is to state the obvious and the devicus in saying that we should be concerned about "how do we best provide quality education for men who will serve the Church as its pastors in the coming decades within limits which we can afford?" This is indeed a good question and somehow this is to relate to the problem of the merger. But the problem of the pertinence of this question is solved by his stating on page two that "this presumes the ability to answer an even prior question about the nature of the Church within which these men will function as pasters." But what is the question? He never says, unless that was it in the second part of the sentence, if that makes any sense.

Did you know that much of the literature about the nature of the Church is not only theologically unsound, but also SOCIOLOGICALLY NAIVE? We would have been disappointed had he not used his class notes from Merton somewhere along the line. It is reassuring to know that his answers will only be tentative. But where are the answers? Where are the questions? What about G-burg? Ah, but the man tells us that he has deliberately "stepped back" from the issues of "merger," "relocation," and the (continued on page 4)

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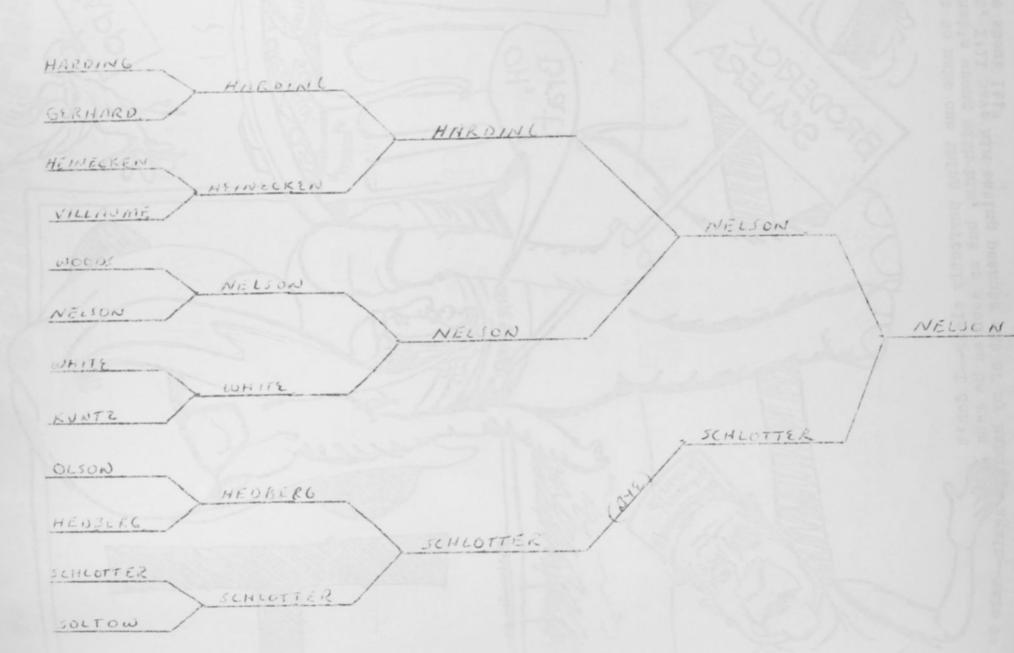
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The new volley ball net is now available. Those persons wishing to use it must sign it out in my room and will be responsible for anything that might happen to it. The net will not be left up all day & night. It must be returned.

The SAINTS (2-0) will go
against Gettysburg on November
13 at home. With the "hot-dogs"
from the Junior class we have
a good chance this year to "put
it on their head". The talents
of the Juniors are commendable.

## SINGLES





over it, I'll have him eating peanuts out of my hand again-make no mistake about it!"