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Dear Mr. Koons:

A reply to your open letter to me printed in the Seminarian of November 4, 1970 is appropriate, and I would request that you print it in full in the next issue of your publication.

Your letter contains observations which are (a) personal and (b) substantive. I don't believe that discussion of the first category is fruitful either in open letters or in correspondence over a couple of hundred miles, so I will confine these remarks to the second part of the content.

1. I quite obviously do not know if 100% of the Board of the Seminary is frustrated about the failure of the Gettysburg-Philadelphia merger. I do know that, in my four sic of service on the Board, I have heard no Board member privately or publicly sic express even mild opposition to merger. If you can site for me the names of Board members who are opposed to a Gettysburg-Philadelphia merger at a Philadelphia location, this would be helpful to me.
2. If you would talk at length with members of the faculty of the Philadelphia Seminary, you would discover that there are differences of opinion as to how "best provide quality education" and there are serious differences among all of us in the theological enterprise of the Lutheran Church as to the validity of the original Bergendorf report. A paper by Carl Hertz published four or five years ago in the Lutheran Quarterly was the first example of serious substantive questions raised to that report.
3. Occasionally my prose is a bit opaque. What I meant to say about the "prior question" is: Is there substantial unanimity of opinion about the shape which the church will take in the next decade or two?
4. I would suggest, from a positive point of view, that you understand that I accept a book such as Hadden's "The Gathering Storm in the Church" as one of the most sociologically sound analyses of the issues that face us in the present and near future, and equally sound in terms of its description of options open to us.
5. If you would be interested in understanding how my intellectual development has been affected over the years by my teachers, I would suggest that you examine the work of B. Paulsen, C. Wright Mills, Kingsley Davis, N. Cantor,  
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and S. Lipsit. While I did have the privilege of studying under R. Merton, he has never made any significant impact on my thinking.

- 6. The reason why I stepped back from the "university related, urban oriented, ecumenical" criteria of the BRE plan is two fold: (a) I wish to deal with these criteria in a subsequent mailing to the constituency; (b) If you would discuss these criteria with members of the faculty for the Philadelphia Seminary, you will discover that they know, as I do, that there is substantial disagreement as to what these words mean when we get down to the implementing of them. For instance: "ecumenical" is defined by various persons as "co-location with another seminary"; "location in close proximity to other seminaries"; "a cluster of at least five seminaries of different traditions"; "partial cross-registration of students and faculty"; "total cross-registration of students and faculty", etc.
- 7. What I am working up to in this series of communications to the constituency (and I will let you in on the big secret) is that, unless I miss by bets, the ultimate solution that we come up with (whatever it may be) will not fulfill all of these criteria, and we had better start recognizing it right now.
- 8. If you doubt that it is possible that a single seminary would not be cheaper than two, I refer you to a memorandum from Lyla Schaller dated June 1, 1970 (a copy of which I enclose with this letter for your study). [This document is available in my room for anyone interested.. ed.]

If you have any other substantive questions, or if my attempt at clarification above is not clear, I am perfectly happy to contribute to a dialog that would illuminate.

Most sincerely yours,

EDWARD KERSTEN PERRY/jd

# REPLY

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Dr. Perry for his response to the editorial which appeared in the Seminarian on November 4, 1970, and to exercise my advantage, by replying to his letter. But first a few words of explanation. I could not agree with Dr. Perry more, that open letters are not the place for personal attacks. In my initial letter, a personal attack was not intended, but evidently, either I got carried away, or at least much of what I said was so interpreted. If this is, in fact, the case, for this I apologize. However, since this correspondence was begun through an open letter, my response shall also be through the Seminarian, but this time, I will attempt to deal clearly with substantive items.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As stated above, my remarks here will be confined to substantive areas, which I feel are of importance to the seminary community, or if you will, my "constituency."

- 1. I have never doubted for an instant that any board member would oppose a merger of Gettysburg-Philadelphia "at a Philadelphia location." But it seems to me that in your original letter, when you stated that the "real criterion will not be financial, but educational", you were saying that education is to be the primary criterion. If this is the case, why must the merger then
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# CHRISTMAS PARTY

Racism and the Christian Understanding of Man, and has contributed chapters to symposia, and articles to various religious and academic journals.

# U.C.I.

On December 12, 1970, the Wives' Club is planning their holiday extravaganza. Beginning at 8:00 P.M., the festivities will be held in the basement of Ascension Church. In addition to stereo music for dancing, there will be catered cold cuts and salads and various other assorted goodies. Tickets costing \$3.00 per couple, or \$1.50 per person, will go on sale December 2. Single members of the seminary community who need accommodations for their dates should contact Barbara Nelson. All students and faculty members are cordially invited to attend.

The Urban Church Institute will sponsor two workshops for students during the Inter-session (between the two semesters). The theme of a January 4-8 workshop will be "Police and Minority Group Relations." It will take place in Philadelphia and will offer dialogue opportunities with a range of persons from the police to the Black Panthers and including persons working at various levels of the "Justice System" of the city.

The theme of a second workshop to be held January 11-15 in New York City will be "Communications in the Urban Scene". In this workshop there will be dialogue opportunities with media personnel. It will be a study opportunity on the "turf" of those who produce materials for mass distribution.

If you are interested in participating in either of these workshops including the planning and implementation of them please fill out the preliminary registration form below and hand it to Dr. White of U.C.I. Numbers will be limited to each workshop. Costs are yet to be determined, but will be held to a minimum in each case because of U.C.I. subsidization. No one should hesitate because of limited resources. Final determination of participants for the New York workshop will be handled through Dr. Albert who is spearheading the preparations and through Dr. White and a student committee for the Philadelphia, Police/Panther workshop.

## CORRECTION

A few errors have been found in the Seminary Directory concerning phone numbers. The number for Mrs. John Kaufman should read CH 7-5022. and Mrs. Gerhard Krodel's number should be CH 2-3162.

It is also to be noted that Richard O'Leary is married, and his wife's name is Jane.

## INVITATION

The Faculty Wives' invite the entire seminary community to a series of "GET-TOGETHER COFFEES" to be held Sunday evenings beginning Sunday, November 22, 7:30-9:30 in the High Lounge of the Main Building.  
Main Bldg.

## CONVOCATION

The students and faculty are invited to meet and hear Dr. George D. Kelsey speak on the topic: "A Christian Interpretation of Human Rights". Dr. Kelsey will speak during the convocation period on Wednesday November 18, at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel.

Dr. Kelsey is Professor of Christian Ethics in the Theological School and Graduate School of Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. He is the author of the book

TO: U.C.I.

I am interested in the following workshop:  
— Police and Minority Group Relations  
January 4-8.

— Communications in the Urban Scene  
January 11-15.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# SOCIAL MINISTRY

TO ALL FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND THEIR FAMILIES:

THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE of the student body in support of the United Farm Workers Lettuce Strike

URGES YOU NOT TO SHOP AT

## ACME

until they agree to buy and handle union picked lettuce. ACME is the only chain store in the Delaware Valley buying non-union lettuce. By buying such lettuce you could be helping the anti-union growers to break the strike.

If you must buy from ACME for reasons of convenience, ect., we ask that you please do not buy lettuce..... and make it a point to ask your store manager to handle Farm Workers AFL-CIO union picked lettuce with this label.



The opinions expressed in this statement are not necessarily those of the Seminarian.

# LETTER

I feel that there has been a lack of ethical sensitivity. Despite the sincere efforts of presidents, chairmen of boards and commissions to bring about a merger and/or cluster of theological schools, we have failed, and in a sense we have not been faithful in our responsibility to provide the best possible theological education, nor have we been faithful to those whom we serve and who support us. Our seminaries certainly do exist in the kingdom of the earth, a whole with our age of indecision, compromise, and pluralism. There are few of us who do not feel chaos and coercion.

I see a condemnation upon our inabilities, and in our age when we must be decisive and authoritative we can do this only by venturing in the faith we proclaim in Christ. If anyone should be able to realize our guilt, to be of one will in order to overcome this condemnation, it should be the Church who knows redemption through a willingness to act in faith. Our lack of activity is a lack of sensitivity.

This fact has prompted my opinion that we should move from this thumb-sucking womb, with all of its sentimental heritage and attachments. I do not feel that geographical location per se is ultimately at issue, concurrent with what others have stated. It is not the buildings or community of Mt. Airy which is the basis and security of our teaching and doing theology, but rather it is the Gospel and confessions of our Church, the Word of God and the sacraments which give us the hope and freedom in which to live. This is a time when we must do theology, when the church must be innovative and enabling. Thus, a change of location or association does not endanger our theological education, but may provide a new setting, a new confrontation, especially in a university orientation, with the leading minds and thoughts of our day. We might have a lesson to learn from Abraham -- a venturing of faith.

At the root of all theology and the expression of faith is the need for confession, for open lines, for trust, for willingness to listen to our Lord and to one another. Perhaps the Rev. Mr. Perry is

the needed change, the fresh air; but, preceding any miracle is the confessional prayer for courage and the willingness to share in this act of faith. At least four years, that I have known, of indecisiveness brings corporate guilt and insensitivity upon us all, not on presidents, chairmen, or commissions of the "Institution." Alienation seems to be more and more irreconcilable. My desire is to feel a oneness, a decisiveness that will give us freedom to venture in an attitude of confession, willingness, and understanding, rather than to have a will imposed upon us.

If you feel that this letter says nothing and is the rambling of apathetic senioritis, then my only plea is to look around you and please help me to pick the log out of my own eye.

Mark Fritch

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## ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

Seminarrians, Deaconesses, Faculty, staff and Spouses, if you are an artist or craftsman or "think you are," you are invited and encouraged to participate in an Art and Crafts Show. The works will be on display from November 30 thru December 14 in the Krauth Memorial Library. If you have work which you wish to show, please contact Mel Woods at 22 E. Gowen Ave. or phone CH 2-3722. Please accept this opportunity to share with others the creative you. The deadline for submitting works is Wednesday night November 25, 11:59 p.m.

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The Seminarrian is a student publication of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. The office is located in "F" Hall, 3rd floor, facing the recreation area. We welcome any articles, newsworthy items, criticisms, cartoons, ect. The staff is anyone who wishes to help. The staff this week is:

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- Cartoonist: Barry Henderson
- Contributors: Bill Berglund, Mel Woods, Mark Fritch, Wives' Club, Ron Heske, Dave Roppel,
- Staff: Bob L. Boyer, Bruce Davidson, George Treutle.

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n necessarily be at a Philadelphia location? Are our minds closed already? Will we hear of no other place?

2. I can appreciate your sociological training. As a sociology major myself, I studied the works of the men that you were fortunate enough to study under personally--for this I envy you. (My list of profs. include such unknowns as B. Stern, J.T.Walker, W. Nibling, F. Stevens, and T. Twombly). My concern as I attempted to express it in my previous letter, was that all too often, it is not clear whether our primary concern is theological or sociological.
3. By objecting to your "stepping back," I did not intend to question the strict definitions of the terms used by the BTE. For I am aware of their nebulous meaning. What I did object to was that what seems to be the major issue before the entire seminary community and constituency, that of the merger and relocation, was avoided. (I hope my prose is not opaque here.) If, in fact, this is to be dealt with in a subsequent mailing; I eagerly await the mailing.

I would be most interested in a dialog with you upon the occasion of you next visit to campus. I am not up on all the material you suggested in your letter; but that is clearly my loss. Rather, the purpose of this correspondence is to clear up many misunderstandings, on the part of the seminary community. If my personal views of you are misconstrued, that's for us to work out elsewhere.

Most sincerely yours,  
John R. Koons, editor.

# GOOD IDEAS--

A while ago some members of the junior class got together to consider ways in which we might better promote a sense of community among ourselves and between ourselves and the other classes. Our first consideration was of the real legitimate problems which do exist to hamper the creation of real sense of fellowship here. Lack of time due to the work load, part time jobs, field education and all such things is one obvious problem. Another problem, but one which we felt we could do something about was the lack of opportunity for people to get together anywhere to do anything. We discussed the problems and came up with some ideas which might help to promote community here. This is not meant to be a plan which if followed will lead us to utopia, but rather is meant to be a list of the possible things which might help people to have more opportunities to get together and know one another.

The following are the suggestions which were made. Some of these have been discussed and worked on, some have not:

- The party which was held Friday night was one of the things which came out of our meeting. Judging from the success of the party, we hope to be able to try this again.
- There was a suggestion for more opportunity for intra-mural sports, like volleyball and football. Some games have been played in the last few days, but the attendance has not been too good.
- An idea was presented for the opening of the student lounge in the main dorm. This could function as a gathering place for the students whenever someone wanted to just go someplace to talk.

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# POEM

## CREDO

Time is, was, will be, is.  
 The ever burning star  
 is nascent, ripened, cindered, gone,  
 in that short interval  
 between a memory and a sigh

God was

Empires flower,  
 bloom and die  
 and still men love,  
 and still the neonatal cry  
 shrills out- in burning, man begins to die

God is

Deep in the awful vacuum,  
 the nothingness of empty sky  
 between the suns  
 hydrogen atoms ping  
 into being

God will be

Bill Berglund

Is it possible to enjoy life  
 When life presents it self  
 Are we capable of meeting and interacting  
 And then part when parting is due  
 Is it possible to separate  
 Without a dagger-like wound  
 Is it possible to engage  
 Without becoming bound

Is sharing and togetherness worth the risk  
 Of hurting and pain and loss  
 Is living when life presents itself enough  
 To chance dying when it must flee  
 Are we capable of controlling the depth  
 Of human interaction

Hey FRIEND are you willing to chance living and the impossible  
 Even with our limitations.

Mel Woods

# AROUND CAMPI

According to Al D. marriage is like a hockey game; you need a hard stick and a fast puck. Or is it like a pair of scissors which are one until they are screwed together....After last Friday night's party Doug C. has a new title..."HOT LIPS!" Barry H.- Ed. Miller is Married!....Harley R's car, The Blue Baron, has again become possessive of its parts. This time it will not allow its rear tires to be removed and replaced with snow treads. Is it true that Ford means Fix or Repair Daily?.... After Friday's defeat G'burg went home black and blue, especially the fellow that mild-mannered? Herb L. pounded into the mud!....What Junior had a note on his door from another junior's pin mate thanking him for the bed and everything? Right on Bruce D.

good night all!!

# CONTEST

We are nearing the final day for entries in the Seminarian letter head contest, and so far we have received nothing. Unless you, of the Seminarian community wish to go another year or more with the same old letter head, you had better get your entries in. The deadline is Wednesday morning November 25, 1970. The winner will be presented with two six-packs of his favorite beer--so if anyone out there is thirsty here is your chance to get some free beer!!

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--It was suggested to rent some movies of interest, like the Bergman film shown at the retreat. These could be shown and then discussed afterward.

--Finally, one idea which presents a large number of possibilities, is the idea for some type of seminary-wide outreach of service to the outside community. One suggestion along these lines was for the establishment of a "rap center," for the neighborhood kids, which would be opened and staffed by seminarians.

This article was meant to sort of summarize some of the suggestions which were made at this meeting, I know that I have not treated them in as much depth as they should be treated, but I am hoping that this article will give you some idea of the things which were in our minds that night. I hope there will be some response or discussion of these things, so that we can try and work out some of these things, to see if they are worthwhile. These suggestions are not meant to be a junior class service project or a "three easy steps to community," but rather represent ideas which a group of students have, which we hope will direct us all a little closer together.

Bruce Davidson  
Junior Class President.

## intern overseas

Do you know that you can spend your Internship Year overseas without extra cost to you?

The American Board for the Syrian Orphanage, Inc. is offering two Fellowships for a year of pastoral and teaching experience in either Germany or Lebanon.

In Germany, you would spend ten months at Bethel, the largest charitable institution in the world for the care of epileptics, retarded persons, vagrants, young delinquents, old folks, etc., a whole "City of Mercy" of over 6000 inhabitants, including a School of Theology, institutes for deaconesses and deacons, churches and schools. After four weeks of orientation you would have three months of practical work in one of the institutions, followed by pastoral work either at Bethel or in a city congregation in nearby Bielefeld. You may enroll for one semester in the Theological School, getting a taste of German theological studies and contact with German students, who are also doing practical work at Bethel. There will be opportunity for a study tour to places of ecclesiastical interest in Germany (e.g., Evangelical Academies), France (Taizé) or Holland.

There is one hitch: you have to know German.

In Lebanon, you would live and work at an orphanage for 300 Arab boys (Christian and Muslim). You would probably teach English language or some other subject in English in the higher grades. You would do some preaching and other pastoral work in the Lutheran congregation connected with the school. On the way to Lebanon, and back you would have a chance to stop over in Germany, Italy, Greece, etc. During vacations you could investigate the Bible Lands, perhaps do some archeological research.

One hitch: Your movements might be somewhat restricted by the political situation in the Mid East; but the school in Lebanon has not been affected in any way by the conflict and is doing its work peacefully and undisturbed (so far).

If you are interested in either project, get in touch with

Prof. Erich F. Voehringer.

The student body wishes to extend its mushy thanks to Barry and Steve for the use of their pad for the VICTORY party on Friday evening--Thanx, guys!!!!

THANX



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# SAINTS 18

# GETTYSBURG

The Mt. Airy Saints met the Gettysburg ...?... (Buffies?) on a quagmire last friday at Glenside Park. I'm sure that everyone who came will agree that the field wasn't the only water-logged thing there. The weather didn't stop the Saint machine, but then, neither did Gettysburg.

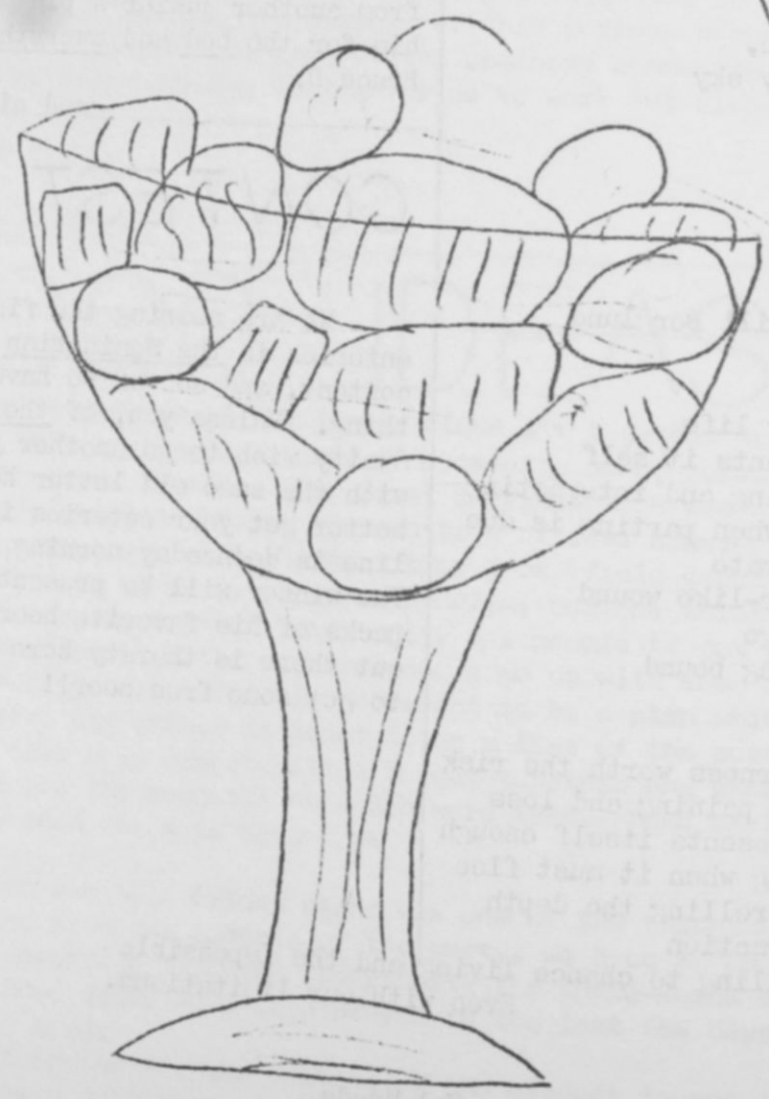
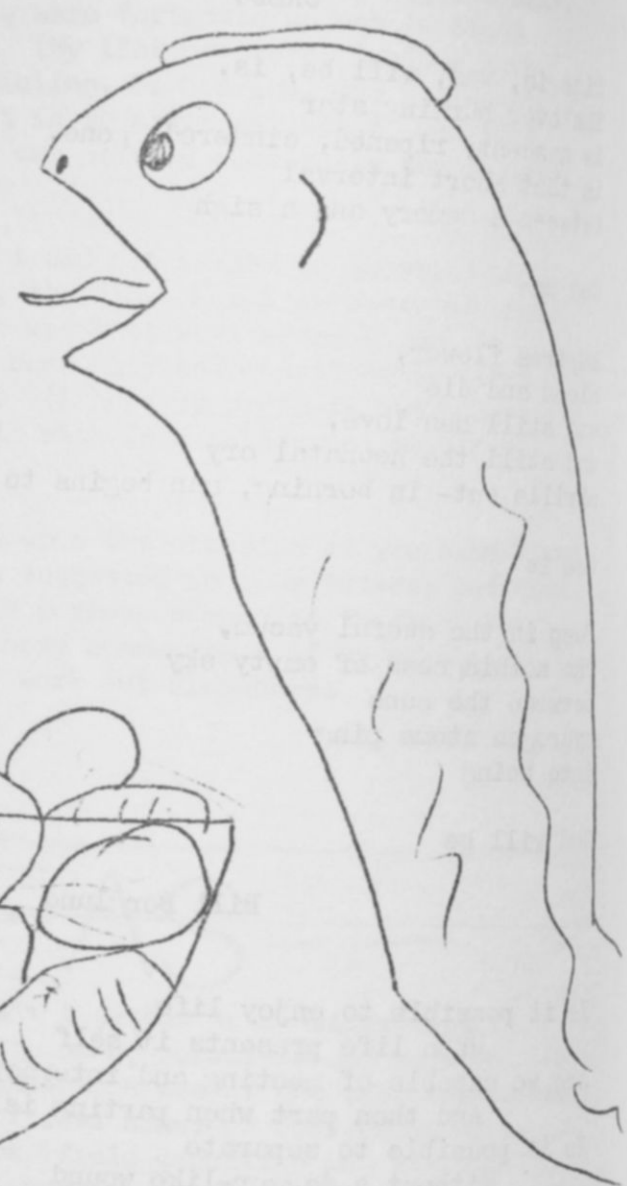
The team was well psyched for the game and it showed in the aggressiveness of the linemen. The offensive line kept the pressure off of Arnie all day, and he responded with great accuracy; of course the line did get caught holding and illegally blocking a couple of times, but you could only expect that. One of our men even got aggressive enough to get kicked out of the game. But Herb did the job while he was there so we won't say anything.

The defensive team did the job all day long with good pressure being kept on their quarterback, forcing him to throw enough interceptions to keep them from threatening the Saints goal line very much. Even when Gettysburg did threaten, the heads-up defensive play of Mark Roth and the other defensive backs stymied them short of pay-dirt.

It was overheard in the Gettysburg locker room that they could have played twice as well had the weather been better. We can concede that this is true for both teams. Of course, if you look at it that way;  $2 \times 18 = 36$ , and  $2 \times 0 = \text{nothing}$ . So I guess they were lucky it rained.

On behalf of the whole Saints team, we would like to thank everyone for coming out to the game in such mean weather because (page 11)

FRUIT COCKTAIL  
WITHOUT  
COOKIES???



(Ednote - Due to a tired staff paper this week will run -  
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FOOTBALL POLL STANDINGS  
9th WEEK

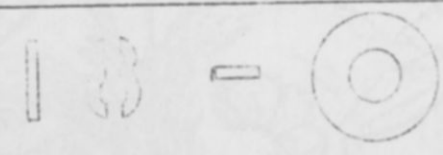
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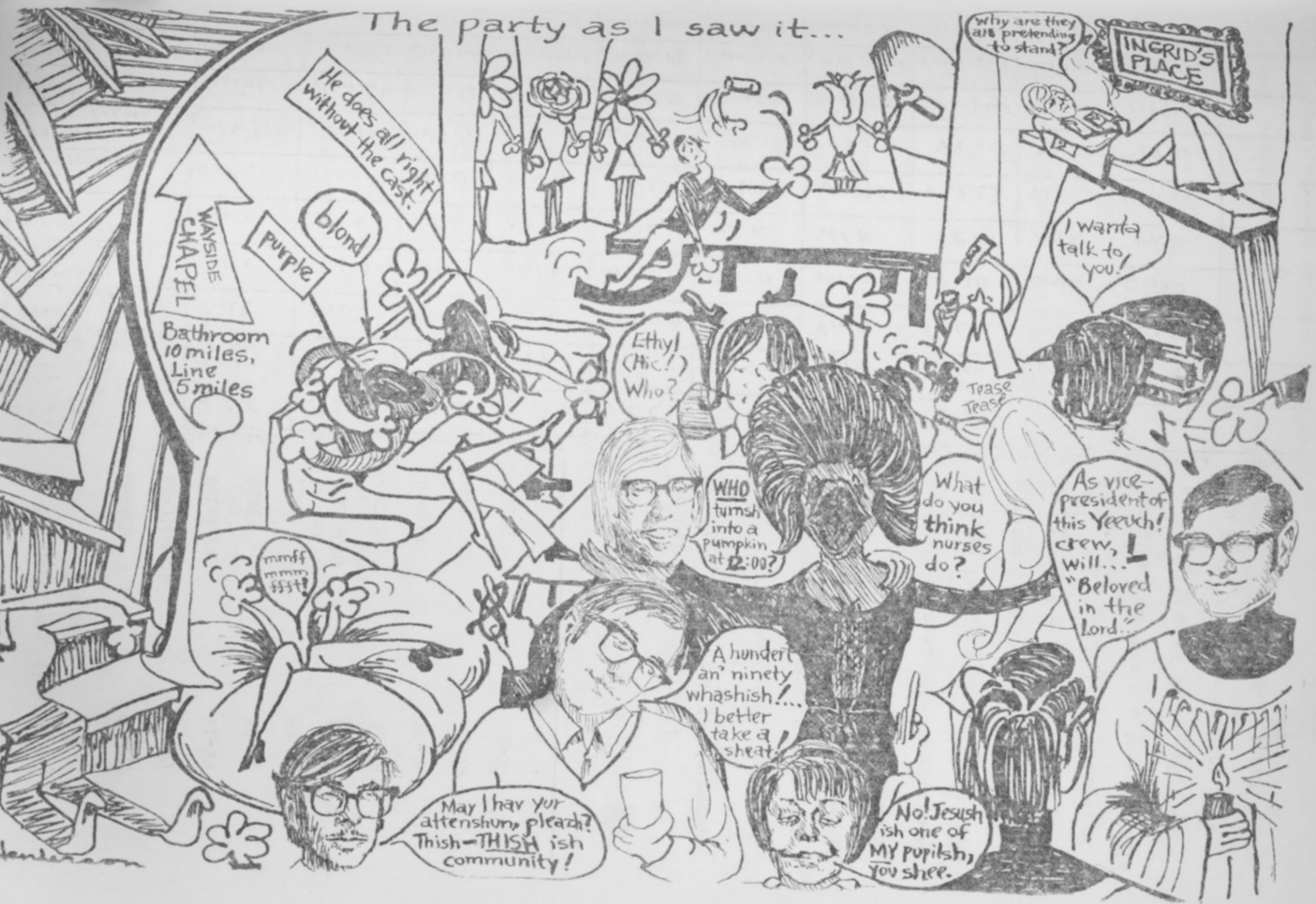
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it really helped the team's morale and spirits.

We are undefeated and we have the momentum for keeping the streak alive this friday against Westmin, We would like to see the same super support for this game because Westminster is a lot better than G-burg and it will definitely be a better game. The game will be played at Glenside Park again with a probable starting time of 3:00. We thank you again for your support last week but try to make it again.



The party as I saw it...



He does all right without the cast.

WANSIDE CHAPEL

Bathroom 10 miles, Line 5 miles

blond  
purple

why are they all pretending to stand?

INGRID'S PLACE

I wanta talk to you!

Ethyl (hic!) Who?

Tease Tease

WHO turnsh into a pumpkin at 12:00?

What do you think nurses do?

As vice-president of this Yeeuch! crew, I will... "Beloved in the Lord..."

mmff  
mmmm  
ffff!

A hundred an' ninety whashish!... I better take a sheat

May I hav yur attenshun, please? Thish-THISH ish community!

No! Jesush ish one of MY pupilsh, you shee.

Henderson