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FACULTY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

On Monday, February 28, the faculty, in executive session, voted to recommend to the Board of Directors, through the Board's Committee on Faculty, "that Robert G. Hughes be engaged as an Instructor of Practical Theology (Christian Worship) for a two-year term beginning July 1, 1972. It is understood that during this period Robert G. Hughes would assume a limited teaching load in order to afford him the opportunity to work toward a graduate degree in the related fields of liturgics and homiletics."

It should be clearly understood that while Mr. Hughes was unanimously recommended by the faculty, in executive session, it is the Board of Directors who has the final responsibility for election. The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for April 17 and 18.

CONVOCATION

Today, during the Convocation Hour, the Urban Church Institute will present Drs. Lundeen and McCurley who will make a presentation and critique of Harvey Cox's The Secular City. This convocation presentation and one next week represent a writing project which the Urban Church Institute has supported. The convocations will hopefully be a source or resource for future dialogue among students and faculty on the theology of an urban ministry. Papers will be coming out for the student body from these presentations.

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YES, VIRGINIA,

IT'S TRUE

MOVIES

The art show has gotten off the ground. In fact, it's not half bad. There are almost as many different kinds of articles and media as there are artists - and certainly as many different expressions. At this time (Tuesday night) there's still more to come in for exhibiting - but don't let that stop you from coming. We've got a whole rotunda full of art, upstairs and down, getting fuller every day. If you've already seen much of the display, I still urge you to see it again - so you won't miss the new additions, and perhaps may see the old stuff a little differently the second time around.

Honestly, everything will be in order by Thursday - that includes identification of all the works! (You may be surprised to find out who's been doing what, and you never even suspected.)

I'd like to thank not only everyone who's contributed something, but the people who helped in preparation. There are already several possible outgrowths of your efforts: artists of formerly lonely interests are finding others with the same lonely interest. Some have talked of having slide shows or similar presentations for small groups during the display. (If you're interested in English cathedrals, see Jim Giannantonio - if it's Florence Italy, talk to **Hobie Burkat**). Several wives have expressed interest in taking art lessons. We are fortunate enough to have a professional artist, Renee Meschke, exhibiting two paintings; and she not only is interested in offering instruction, but is very capable, and (in my opinion, from talking with her) would make a personable art instructor. If you would be interested in exploring your potential, contact Mrs. Lee (who would also like to know if you're interested in pottery anyway).

I can't think of anything else that needs to be said, except that those of us who have shared something in this effort hope you enjoy the show!

Barry Henderson

On Thursday, 16 March, we'll be featuring two free movies at 8 P.M. in Hazan Hall. Since September, we have been trying to get the 1929 Academy Award winner for short subjects, "The Music Box", starring Laurel and Hardy. This film is the only one for which these two classic comedians ever won the Academy Award. It is a talkie in some versions, a silent in others. We are trying to get the talkie. Whichever it is, we will be showing "The Music Box" that evening, along with a different sort of film. The second movie is, "Silent Snow, Secret Snow", reflecting what some once considered the avant garde of film making.

Looking ahead, on 23 March we will have, "The Hat" and "Chicamagua". Both of these might be called 'message' films. The first concerns how hostilities begin; one's hat falls into neutral territory and a war almost breaks out as he attempts to retrieve it. The second concerns two brothers who lose each other, only to be reunited on the battlefield, fighting each other on opposing sides.

We're back again. We hope you will be.

Bob Boyer

BOARD OF DIRECTOR COMMITTEE

As was announced in last week's The Seminarian, an election was to be held to select three students to serve on a committee to study placing students on the board of directors. However, since only three nominations were submitted to me, an election seems unnecessary, and these three nominees will now form the committee. The committee members are Jan Newher, Art Sonnenberg and Mike Wuchter. Any comments, suggestions, or other input which you might have concerning this proposal should be given to them.

Bruth Davidson
Student Body President

CONGRATS!

Well, it happened again--someone else bit the dust. This time a "JUNIOR"-- Jerry Arndt. He got himself engaged to Ruth Rehrig from Leighton. Congratulations!

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Spring Banquet from John Harding, John Morill, Bruce Potteizer, or Pete Fauerbach. BUY TICKETS BY MARCH 23RD PLEASE!!!!!!

FACULTY MEETING

The faculty, at meetings on February 14 and 28, took a number of important actions with regard to academic requirements beginning in the academic year 1972-73. Thanks are due to those responsible members of the student body for their expressed viewpoints at the open hearings and for their responses to the questionnaire in evaluation of the present academic program.

The faculty voted:

- 1) that the faculty adopt a 4-1-4 academic calendar beginning in the academic year 1972-73, with the understanding that for graduation an M.Div. candidate will be required to earn two additional units of credit, each of three weeks, based on the satisfactory completion of seminary offerings (specialized courses, field-oriented instruction, guided research, student-initiated projects, etc.) during two of the three January terms of his seminary career. It is understood that present Juniors are required to take only one additional unit, and that students beginning with the class of 1976 will be required to take two units.
- 2) that the introductory course in Greek required of designated first-year students be offered during the January term with one unit of credit offered for its successful completion.
- 3) that some initial instruction in the leadership of public worship and preaching be made available for members of the first-year class during the January term.
- 4) that small groups concentrating on the personal and professional concerns of members of the first- and second-year classes be conducted under the guidance of faculty members assigned to serve on an interdisciplinary basis.
- 5) that an interdisciplinary developmental course be offered to members of the fourth year class that aims at developing theological integration against the background of the students' internship experiences.
- 6) that the dean be authorized to counsel with returning members of the fourth-year class in order to offer academic guidance concerning course selections in light of previous academic performance and internship experiences.
- 7) that two developmental courses be substituted for Pastoral Psychology (601) and Ministry in Church and Community (602) as formal requirement for the degree of Master of Arts in Religion.
- 8) that the academic integration committee be authorized to engage the seminary community in more extensive dialogue and to make appropriate recommendations regarding our patterns of grading and evaluation of student performance, and that letter grades (not Satisfactory or Pass) be given in all courses during the second semester of the academic year 1971-72 in order to permit students to be evaluated on one standard system of grading.
- 9) that, beginning with the entering class of September, 1972, an M.A.R. candidate will be required to earn one additional unit of credit, covering three weeks of academic work, based on the satisfactory completion of seminary offerings (specialized courses, field-oriented instruction, guided research, student-initiated projects, etc.) during one of the two January terms of his seminary career.
- 10) that the registration schedule for courses elected by students for the first semester of the academic year 1972-73 be as follows:
 - a) March 27, 1972, for the announcement of interseminary exchange courses available for cross-registration by students of co-operating seminaries;
 - b) May 10, 1972, for the completion of registration of students of the Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Seminarian would like to take this opportunity to extend a congratulations to Mr. Hughes on his nomination to the faculty. We wish you the best of luck and welcome you warmly to the community here at Mt. Airy. It's good to have you aboard! Again congratulations Mr. Hughes!!

PRINCETON INVITES EXCHANGE

I received the following letter today, which as I understand it, offers a general invitation to the entire student body:

March 3, 1972

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

An increasing number of people in the religious institutions of this country have indicated concern over the nature and purpose of the trial of the Harrisburg Seven (including Father Phil Berrigan) and over the lack of awareness on the part of many people of the issues focussed in that trial. To the end of promoting a greater awareness and understanding of these issues a number of seminarians have begun planning a series of nationwide actions through the offices of the new National Union of Theological Students and Seminarians.

There is considerable room for local action in addition to this; indeed, no possibility is excluded. Supportive functions of a liturgical, explanatory and logistical nature are required in order to gain the maximum effect from the national action and to provide avenues of activity for those who do not wish to take part in civil disobedience. Obviously there is a great need for organizing and recruiting together on a coordinated basis.

Therefore, so that we may exchange ideas and information and begin and coordinate our efforts, we would like to invite you and/or other representatives from your school to attend a conference at Princeton Theological Seminary on Saturday, March 11 from 1-5PM. We will provide lunch and dinner in the cafeteria here at Princeton so be sure and get here by 12 noon for the meal. We will meet for the meal in the main lobby of the Campus Center at 12:15 PM. The conference itself will be held in the Commons in the basement of Stuart Hall.

We would emphasize that this is not only an organizing meeting but a curiosity session as well, so come if only to become informed. We would also emphasize that the operation is open to people coming from all sorts of methodological viewpoints. If people cannot buy into the civil disobedience bag, come on and help put together some alternatives.

See you at Princeton on the eleventh.

Peace,
Rollin Kirk Rich Weis

It is necessary for us to call Princeton to let them know how many students from Mt. Airy will be coming. Please let me know if you are interested in attending this conference by Thursday afternoon.

My own feeling is that this conference offers us an opportunity to discuss a rather important issue, and perhaps learn a little more about what is involved in it. I hope a number of us will be able to attend this conference. Here's a good chance to come face to face with an ethical issue which has considerable bearing on our professional identity.

Bruth Davidson
Student Body President

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor's note: The following letter came to me from one of the laymen who was visiting here with us last week. I had asked Mr. Harvey to give us some kind of feedback on his visit, which I thought the seminary community might enjoy having. I would like to thank Mr. Harvey for taking the time to provide this kind of information for us--sometimes it's good to see how others see us here.--Dennis Kohl

March 3, 1972

Dear Dennis:

It was with a degree of uncertainty and apprehension that we laymen accepted the invitation to participate in the subject dialog. Uncertainty because all that we laymen could bring to the party was a fund of stunning ignorance about the Seminary and the Seminarians, it's work and their lives; apprehension, because we did not know whether we could make any kind of a useful contribution.

As to the former concern, our ignorance has been dissipated and we feel we have gained much useful knowledge about our young men preparing for the ministry and the institution charged with that responsibility. As to the latter concern, it remains to be seen what contribution we can make over the longer term and in our areas of competency. With regard to any impact of our visit to the seminary community, we must leave that judgement to you.

In our observations, it was eminently clear that individually and collectively the Seminarians are dedicated, committed and highly motivated. We were also most gratified to gain first hand knowledge of the superior quality and professional competency of the staff and faculty and their commitment to the training of the future pastors and leaders of the church.

We gained an appreciation of the tensions and pressures impinging upon the lives of the students as they prepare for a seemingly uncertain future beset by all the problems of accelerating social, political, economic and theological change. That pastoral calls for seniors are not forthcoming in a more timely fashion unnecessarily complicates matters, creates anxieties and introduces the possibility of hurried choice where calm reflection and contemplation is most desirable.

We could not fail to mark the absence of any kind of recreational facilities; the deteriorating condition of the physical plant (even though the reasons for this are well known); the incipient danger to many books, works and publications of great scholarly and monetary value which are largely irreplaceable in your outstanding library; and the general inadequacy of buildings, plant and equipment in their present state.

We were pleased to learn that plans are being developed locally to rehabilitate and renovate the property with money now available in the capital fund subject to supporting synod concurrences.

Your curriculum appears most comprehensive regarding theological studies, church and biblical history, pastoral counseling and psychology, but we felt a little more emphasis on the "how to" of things, especially at the parish level, to be in order. We support your use of a core curriculum concept in preference to an open curriculum concept as we feel this best fits a Lutheran theological education.

The foregoing is a rather rambling account of random observations. Perhaps with time we could have produced a more orderly approach but we wanted to get this to you as early as possible. In summing up, we found our visit to be most fruitful and each of us has taken back to his respective parish and synod a knowledge and understanding of the Seminary and Seminarians which will permit us to undertake intelligent efforts in matters respecting you and the Seminary.

Upon our arrival at the Seminary we were possessed with an interest in you and a concern
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for you; upon our departure we were able to couple this with knowledge and understanding based upon personal contact with fellowship. Because of our limited numbers, we, perhaps, did not speak to each of you individually, however we feel much better acquainted and assure you of our continued interest and concern. Please convey our thanks to all who shared in making this a warm and meaningful experience.

Very truly yours,
Harry W. Harvey

THANKS!

Barry Henderson,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you publically for the outstanding job that you did on the new cover for The Seminarian. I know that you had to work long and hard on it, you know how I pestered you for it--but I've got to admit that now I think that it was worth the wait. Thank you Barry for the new image--we really appreciate it.

Dennis Kohl

P.S. Maybe you's like to put one of our covers in the art show.

S & H

Sister Catherine Neuhardt asks: "Would you contribute your unused green stamps so that Ken-Crest Centers could acquire a mini-bus or club wagon?"

The bus they have is old, it's big and maneuvers heavily. A mini-bus or club wagon would nicely suit today's program.

Ken-Crest serves some 350 retarded children in Montgomery and Philadelphia counties and has found great advantage in taking groups of 12 to 20 to zoos, parks etc.

S&H will accept 500 books as down payment on the club wagon. The whole cost will be met if 2000 books are contributed.

Any contributions may be given to Dennis Kohl. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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Our staff this week is much stronger than any monetary unit in the world, although the "Wizard of Oz" has made a dent in our numbers. This fine piece of journalism has been brought to you by:

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Cranks and Staplers: Jeff Bortz, Paul Bartlett, etc.

Artist: Barton Henderson

Entertainment: Furd Heitzenroder.

If you haven't heard by now, the choir had a good and enjoyable weekend at New York. Eddie Bonnamere's contemporary Vespers seemed to be well accepted. Maybe we could have them performed here in Philly sometime.

Here's the return of an old favourite:
AROUND CAMPUS:

Quote of the week: "It's a shame that you have to be armed to go to class here at the seminary" Jeff Rhein--talking about water pistols. Speaking of which, any colds come about from that gigantic water gun battle on Main Dorm last Thursday night? John Schweitzer took the Strassenbahn to the magical land of Oz tonight (line 730 on channel 10)--he said it was "quite the ride!" Therefore--no Strassenbahn Spalte tonight again.