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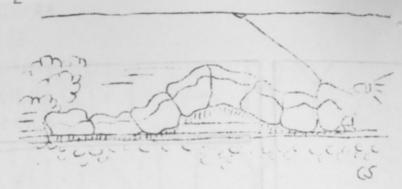
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COUMMENCHEMENT

On Friday, May 19, 1972 at 11:00 a.m., the Lutheren Theological Seminary at Philadelphia will hold its annual Commencement Exercises. This year, for the second time, the program will be held in Christ Lutheran Church in Oreland, Pa. Dr. Martin J. Heinecken, Professor of Systematic Theology will be the speaker. After 10:50 a.m., those people who do not have tickets for this program will be able to obtain general seating in the church's nave. We at the Seminarian would like to take this opportunity to extend congratulations to those of our number who will be graduating this year. We hope to see most of the community at this our last community meeting.

The end of another school year has once again crept graciously upon us. We are all anxiously awaiting the consummation of this most interesting semester. The seniors and middlers are studying especially hard so their departure will be a happy one. The juniors are busy sitting at their desks staring blankly at the walls, mesmerized by the large bulk of theological information they have yet to integrate into their brains. The end of classes also brings to mind the stark reality that many established friendships will be strained by many miles of terra-firma. Regretfully, the seniors and middlers will not be present next year to bless our community with their fundamentalistic presence, but we do sinceely wish them a meaningful and fulfilling ministry during

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More than three years ago, the editor emeritus once removed of the SEMINARIAN, Ray Ursinn, and the Strassenbahn editor (see staff listing if you don't know by now who he is) were sitting in the refectory, carrying on what seemed to be a rather bland conversation about the above-mentioned former editor's (only in them days he was the editor-elect) fantastic and amazing plans for the paper's future. As frequently happens, a route 23 trolley car was in the process of grinding its way down the line, and the resulting noise caused us to pause for a moment in our serious conversation about the SEMINARIAN in order to reflect upon a topic which had concerned us during various odd hours of our Junior year: STREETCARS. In what I considered to be a more attempt at humor, I began to talk about the Germantown, North Philadelphia, and Tioga St. strands of route 23. Ray, always able to recognize a good thing when he sees it, picked up the analogy and began to talk about such personalities as Otto Strassenhausen and Gerhard von Gleis. I countered by quoting an article from the "Strassenbahnische Rundschau", and before we had realized it the whole thing was out of control. Soo-there was no other alternative but to establish a regular column in order to work out all the ridiculous problems we had raised. Therefore, on Sept. 18, 1969 (Vol. 31, No. 1) a new column made its debut in the SEMINARIAN. Burried among such other regular features as "Around Campi" and "Thousands have lived without Love, but not one has lived without water!", the column soon began to make waves in the seminary community, even the most students and faculty shrugged it off as some sort of freak in the first weeks of its existence. Soon, however, it became clear it could not just be written off as a passing fad: it was obviously going to be around for a long time. Each week a particular problem was investigated, resolved, and a new problem raised, thus providing an excuse for its continued existence. Another amazing feature of the column was the way it always managed to fill up exactly one page, no more and no less. We could go on listing characteristics, such as the run-on sentences, overuse of the passive voice, misspellings, and general unwieldyness of style, but most readers will have been able to have picked out these little disgusting features themselves. For this reason, it was nothing short of a miracle that the column was continued, after a year's interruption due to internship, during the present school year. But now it looks like the end of the line for the "Strassenbahn Spalte". There's just no way to keep the thing running, what with poor track condition, rising maintenance costs, unwillingness of patrons to accept fare raises, etc. ctc. Therefore----that's all, folksi

Nevertheless, there are a few "trade secrets" which should be revealed at this time, before we pack it in. First of all: for the benefit of all you heathens, "Strassenbahn Spalte" means "Trolley (or Streetear) Column". Secondly, all numbered trolley lines mentioned in these articles really do or did exist: Finally, it should be said that not a few of the articles were directly inspired through the lectures of Drs. McCurley, Lazareth, and

Heinocken. (continued page 12)

SOCIAL PAGE

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

Dr. McCurley: Mythology and Theology in the Old Testament Prerequisites: Perspectives in OT (202)

An investigation of ancient Near Eastern motifs in myth and in folklore which have been reinterpreted by Old Testament writers to bear witness to a God of history. Special emphasis will be placed on defining "myth" and "history" as representing mutually exclusive world views.

The method of teaching the course will consist of lectures and group discussions on assigned readings and on research papers.

A WEDDING ... (2)

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Behnke invite you to A Service of Praise and Thanksgiving as their daughter Pamela Elizabeth Behnke is united in marriage with Harry Walter McDowell, II on Saturday, the twentieth of May nineteen hundred and seventy-two at eleven o'clock in the morning Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Elm and Esterbrook Avenues Rahway, New Jersey

ENGAGED

We are pleased to announce that another member of our community has taken that fateful plunge into the deep unknown. Be it known that on the said day of Friday, May 5 at 9:14 in the evening in the year of our Lord 1972, Jeff C. Rhein became engaged to Miss Linda A. Stolz of Reading, Pa. They plan to be married in June of next year.

COMMUNION

The last communion service for 7:30 P.M. Dr. Newpher will preach plans for developing the facilities tonight. All are urged to attend on the campus. It is important tonight. tonight, as this is an appropriate for every student to attend, so way to end this year. Let us break bread together.

In partial fulfillment of the last will and testament of the late Dr. Luther D. Reed, members and friends of the faculty, staff and student body of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia are cordially invited to contribute indirectly to the seminary library's Luther D. Reed Book Fund by purchasing Dr. Reed's furniture, china, rugs and other household possessions at reasonable prices in a

> CASH-AND-CARRY SALE USED HOUSEWARES at 7204 BOYER STREET FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2:00 - 5:00 P.M. and SATURDAY, MAY 20, 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

CONVOCATION

Today during the convocation hour there will be an important meeting conducted by Mr. Glenn Appleby, Director of Development. This meeting will be concerned with describing and commenting on the planned for the future of this seminary.

Duess who's coming

This Thursday May 11, Dr. and Mrs. Martin Heinecken will join the student body for lunch. This will be an opportunity for all seniors and middlers, before they go on to internship and to calls, to sit down with the Heineckens for a meal.

No formal speaking is expected, but a few words of thanks, as well as friendly humor, might be anticipated from the student body. Dr. Heinecken has been warned of this possibility and he is reported to be ready for any eventuality. Please feel free to come to lunch on Thursday. If you do not usually eat meals on campus let Bruce Davidson, Bob Young or John Morrill know of your intention to have lunch on campus Thursday. Bob Young

All seminarians who are going on internship please submit to me as soon as possible your:

Name and name of wife and kids Church or place of internship (address)

Dates internship runs Mailing address for internship

Several internships begin June 1. If yours does not, please submit your summer mailing address and then your internship address (please specify which is which and dates in effect). Some sort of newsletter will begin in June and as an internship class, we should all receive the newsletter right from the start. Some sort of policy will be advanced later,. but please contribute information to me for appearance in the newsletter (such as triplets, jail terms, etc.). One thing I guarantee is that the means of staying in touch and keeping informed about each other's doings will be available on a regular and frequent basis. Let me know what's happening, and I'll outdo Louella Parsons!

future Intern Class. Boyer, Sec. of

MESVIES

There's a term in movie- making called "fade-out," and that's what this article is about. First Peter and I wish to thank the many persons who participated in our film festival on campus. By adding our attendance figures for each showing going back to October, realizing there is overlapping, we get a figure of over 200. We were able to bring to campus roughly fifty films.

There are people to thank.

Some running around and expense was involved, and the following persons helped us carry the load:

John Minnich, Peter Fauerbach, Ken Gould, Jeffery Rhein, Jim Giannantonio, and a booklet entitled, "How to Manage Antique and Tempermental Projectors."

Thanks, too, to Mr. Kaufmann for allowing us the use of Hagan Hall and equipment, and to Willy Gates, "Keeper of the Key."

See you at the flicks!!

Bob Boyer

STEC Tucked away in CPE and intership centers all over America this summer the Mt. Airy Saints of Mt. Airy will be partaking in a vigorous training program. All of the backs and receivers will be looking for "handles" (for the football that is), while our defensive demon will be sharpening up in order to help them find out "where it's at" (the football that is). But the Saints will be looking for a quarter back to help them determine their gome plan. Mext years outlook -- "OH WOW!!"

"The Godfather"

PEACE, FEACE, WHEN THERE IS NONE

In accordance with the Constitution of the Student Body, I have called a special meeting of the Student Body to be held on Thursday morning, April 12 immediately after chapel. We will discuss possible student action in response to a ner outbreak of discussion over the Vietnam war. The Executive Committee has proposed the following statement to be discussed, expanded, and edited and eventually sent to senators, congressmen and the president. Please study it and the included statement of the LCA on Vietnam and come prepared to discuss it.

The Lutheran Church in America at the Third Biennial Convention in Kansas City, Mo., of June 21-29, 1966 adopted a statement on Vietnam in which the fol-

lowing paragraph appeared,

"Christians cannot be content to remain silent in the crisis of conscience that confronts them. They must be true to the conviction which is uniquely their own: that all men, regardless of nationality, politics, or ideology, are equally the object of God's judgement and loving kindness in Jesus Christ."

We note with sadness that Vietnam is still such a crises, even today, six years after this statement was formulated. The conflict still has serious consequences for the lives of all God-created men- regardless of nationality, politics, or ideology. Therefore, we the members of the Student Body of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia feel compelled in the li ht of recent developments in Vietnam, to raise some issues connected with this conflict which should be given serious consideration by the government of the United States of America.

We share the concerns voiced by the President of the United States, particularly in his speech of May 8, 1972. We realize the necessity of protecting the lives of our "gradually withdrawing" troops; we share his concern for the lives of innocent Vietnamese civilians who are imperiled by the warfare; and we share his fear over the fate of the American prisoners of war being held in North Vietnam.

However, in dealing with those concerns, we have serious questions over the President's choice of alternatives, such as mining and blockading of North Vietnam ports , increased bombing, and the possibility of sending more American personell to Vietnam for combat. We realize that a simple solution to the complex and ambiguous situation in North Vietnam is unrealistic and probably dangerous. We identify military strategy such as the President's proposals as perhaps such simplistic and dangerous. We urge the President to abandon these military actions and adopt a policy which emphasizes flexibility, diplomacy and negotiation. Furthermore, we see the President's actions as an extension of the war despite a large public outcry against it; such policy always raises the danger of nuclear conflict with global implications.

Several other issues have been resurrected by the president's recent decisions. Among these we note in particular, the confusion and ambiguity which exists among the citizens of the United States due in large part to the secrecy and lack of communication from governmental sources over their policies and proposals. Also,

we again raise the whole issue of the justice of the war.

We feel that that these issues should have been dealt with by now and that their reappearance shows that they have instead been neglected. It is our feeling that a responsible government would resolve these pressing issues and we feel it is about time that our government did so.

As Christian citizens, we are disturbed by these actions of our government which we see as being dangerous, unjust, and irresponsible. We urge the government to exercise extreme caution in further persuit of its military diplomacy, being especially mindful of the effects of such measures on the lives of the creatures of God.

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Adopted by the Third Biennial Convention Kansas City, Missouri June 21-29, 1966

The deepenin crisis in Vietnam is a cause of grave concern among all of good will who seek the establishment of peace with justice and freedom. Especially troubling are the following aspects of the situation:

1. The rapidly mounting number of dead and wounded on both sides of the conflict;

2. The steady escalation of military commitments in Vietnam and, with it, the increased danger of a full-scale war in Asia;

3. The difficulty in achieving conditions which would make feasible the termination of military action in Vietnam in the near future;

4. The vast destruction of natural and developed resources;

5. The tragic diversion of attention and economic support from the assault upon domestic and world poverty to the growing war effort in Southeast Asia;

6. The turmoil and frustration among the people of South Vietnam in seeking to establish representative self-government.

Christians cannot be content to remain silent in the crisis of conscience that confronts them. They must be true to the conviction which is uniquely their own: that all men, regardless of nationality, politics or ideology, are equally the object of

of God's judgement and loving kindness in Jesus Christ.

In facing the present situation in Vietnam, Christians must take cognizance of the fact that simplistic solutions are unrealistic. Attempts to bring easy enswers to so complex a set of problems may only complicate them. Neither extended war nor immediate unilateral withdrawal by the United States seems to answer the problem. Continuance of the present limited war seems to be no solution. Consequently, it is important that every effort be made to bring all parties to the conflict toward a stance of openness and flexibility with a readiness to respond to whatever beginnings of solutions may emerge.

In view of the church's universan concern and its awareness that the situation in Vietnam defies simplistic solutions, the LCA calls upon its congregations and their

members:

1. To engage in intensive study and free discussion of the Vietnam question, bringing to bear Christian insight upon all aspects of this crisis.

2. To pursue such study and discussion while exercising due caution against

which: a. assume that ends justify means.

b. overlook the dangers of the US acting unilaterally rather than in cooperation with ot'er countries through the effective utilization of international agencies such as the UN.

c. absolutize international conflicts so that one's own position it is seen as totally good, and the en my's as totally evil.

d. disregard America's traditional commitments to freedom of expression, and the right of dissent.

e. ignore or underestimate international Communism's declared purpose of aggression, congquest and destruction of freedom.

3. To seek to foster within their communities a climate of political opinion characterized by such openness to new approaches as to foster a corresponding openness on the part of those holding national political office.

4. To stand in compassion and understanding beside those to whom the conduct of national policy is entrusted, to pray for them and to support them, though not

uncritically, in their efforts to solve the dilemas they face.

5. To be especially mindful of the spiritual and moral problems of men called to military service, including those who on grounds of conscience feel that they cannot participate in the war.

Finally, the LCA commits itself to:

1. Continued works of mercy, relief, and rehabilitation in Vietnam through Lutheran World Relief; and

2. Joint efforts through the LWF, the National Council of Churches of Christ in USA, the World Council of Churches, and particularly with the churches in the quest for fuller understanding and possible solutions of the international issues related to Vietnam.

(cont. from p.1) the coming years. The juniors are breathlessly anticipating CPE. We hope they all finally find out where they're at!

No matter what your station in life we hope your summer months provide you with St. Tobias Efficiency Award enough liesure time to renew your enthusiasm and brighten your faces. In closing the editorial staff wishes the faculty, graduates, George Harpel and students a happy and prosperous summer. Shylock Award to those returning, we'll "see you in Sept-The Editors



Announcing the 1st annual Phred F. Fosdick Memorial Fickle Finger of Phaith Awards: May I have the envelopes please!

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Seriously, I want to thank all the members of the student body and faculty who have given me encouragement, ideas, and inspiration. It gives me a sense of satisfaction to know that I might have provided a few laughs and occasions of comic relief in the midst of what is, after all, a serious undertaking. Indeed, there have been times during my three odd years of study at this seminary when I have been tempted to dismiss the 100,000 volumes reposing in the Krauth Memorial Library as nothing more than monumental proof of the arrogant and presumptious love of man for his own intellect; as trivial exercises in one-upmenship; or as the best example available of original sin. After all, we still have fundamentalism, witch hunts, renewed interest in the occult, astrology, crass superstition, all going on in spite of the appearance of Kittel's Wordbook, form criticism, the "Christian Century" and various other publications, the judicious reading and taking to heart of which would hopefully result in a lessening of the medieval concerns which still reign supreme in many quarters. But, so long as we are able to take time out from our serious task to laugh at ourselves, so long as we do not take ourselves and our little intellectual exercises too seriously, perhaps all those tomes in Krauth will do some good after all. It was in this spirit that the "Strassenbahn Spalte" was launched, and if there has been any kind of overlying theme or thesis which has ran through the whole thing it has been this: the belief that God indeed does forgive our arrogance and our confusion of the penultimate with the ultimate.

Hoppy riding: John T. Schweitzer John T. Schweitzer

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