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#### INTERN GREETING

Welcome to all of you from the class of 1977: We won't be around very much this year since internship has taken us to all corners of the map. However, we do remain with you in spirit.

Our main avenue of communication is the Seminarian and we do appreciate receiving it regularly. Chris and company are doing a good job, both in assembling and in distribution. Keep up the good work: I hope that our class will find time to contribute to the paper.

To the newest members of the community, juniors and transfers, a special welcome. I remember back to our first months at Seminary and how different it was from college. Here everybody goes to class (most of the time). The lectures were different, too. Who ever heard of "proverbial grandmothers" before listening to Gerhard Krodel? The social life isn't what it used to be either. Here the Irish nightspots are within walking distance. Believe me, as you go along, Williston Walker becomes more interesting and the Seminary construction becomes less noticeable. continued on page 6

### FAITH AND LIFE INSTITUTE ON THE CHURCH AND THE ARTS NYC - October 10-13, 1975

Faith and Life Institutes are programs "for the discovery of new insights into the meaning of Christian faith for creative living within the common callings of lay men and women." They occur occasionally in as varied fields as law and agriculture. This one had representation from Christmas-pageant planners to art teachers and university professors. The Bornemanns and the Becks joined 35 others to consider the calling of the artist and discuss critical issues in the relations of the church and the arts.

We experienced attempted ministries to artists in Greenwich Village, to music lovers a la Bach at evening vespers in mid-town, to folk music lovers at the new Bitter End, and to the jazz community at All Night Soul's 10th anniversary at St. Peter's. What they had in common were diligent efforts to reach specialized groups with varying degrees of the gospel proclamation.

Our discussions raised more questions than they answered. As to the proper relationship of the church and the arts: are they to be separated by identity and function yet interrelated in action? Or should there be more intimate involvement? Isn't this where the church failed in Western society? Heady stuff.

### THE SEMINARIAN -- Staff

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BOOKSTORE NEWS

New assistant manager: Ed Fernandez New hours:

Monday--1:30-3:30 Tuesday--10:30-11:30, 1:00-2:0 Wed.--1:00-3:00, 6:00-7:00pm. Thurs.--10:30-11:30, 3:30-4:30

Friday--8:00-10:00

## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Devotional literature is basically of two types. The prescriptive suggests specific prayers and devotions for general use while the descriptive recounts the spiritual pilgrimage of other believers. At their retreat this past weekend the middler class became deeply involved in the second type. By means of film, case studies and some personal writing middlers got their feet wet in the genre of autobiography. What makes some autobiographical material "spiritual" is the central focus. Instead of being merely the story of a life, interesting as that can be, spiritual autobiography zeros in on the self in relation to God. You may have read Sam Keen's To A Dancing God or Teilhard de Chardin's Writings in Time of War without thinking of them under this category, yet in their own way both are of this type. The Pawnbroker and The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pitman, films seen at the retreat, fall into this category as well. In future weeks we will take a brief look at some of the classic autobiographies of yesterday and today.

Don't forget -- Holy Communion -- Wed., Oct. 22, 9:40
Reformation Service -- Wed., Oct. 29,
9:40 -- preacher: Elizabeth Platz,
Lutheran Chaplain, U. of Maryland

Bob Hughes

## SOCIAL MINISTRY NOTES

The SCM has met and adopted a statement of purpose. That is: "The Social Ministry Committee will serve as the funnel for emergency and our consciousness of Christian Social Responsibility in the seminary community and in the world."

With that in mind we began planning our program. Initially, we will help establish and support a campus collection center for recycling glass and aluminum. We are exploring the possibility of a visitation program to the Lutheran Home, The Home for Retarded Adults located political forum for the upcoming election for mayor. We want to provide a for World Hunger will continue as we plan for National Unicef Day (Oct. much or how little you can contribute, contact a member of the SCM or afternoons. All members of the campus community are invited.

Your Brother in Christ, Henry Pawluk

Dear Chaplain Diefenquinas.

Recently, I saw an article on the bulletin board which stated I can receive a certificate of ordination without any "laying on of hands" at all, "instantly ordained." I would be licensed in all fifty states. This would mean I wouldn't have to "dogmatically lift my leg" at every theological fireplug." Here I am in seminary and can do other. I'm confused. "Curb me" if you can.

E. Van Gelist

Dear E. Van,

While sitting in my tower the other night, I was relieved to know that others were not in the same predicament. Considering what you said about ordination and seminary, you seem to be the kind of guy that would consider the Lutheran Confessions as a book about the private discourses Martin Luther had shared with priest in a booth in the monastary. Furthermore, I wouldn't doubt if you thought the Book of Concord was a handbook Welch's used to make their jelly. I'd advise you to visit your church vocations committee and do some thinking about your call to the ministry. Should you make it to ordination, I hope the dove leaves its blessings upon you, or should I say: all over you.

Chaplain Diefenquinas

Do you have a pressing question you would like to share with Chaplain Diefenquinas? Be unafraid! Write your question up and put it in the "D" box in the mailroom. Chaplain Diefenquinas will comment on your problem. As Dear Abby entered the realm of psychology, in like manner Chaplain Diefenquinas enters the realm of religion.

## WOMEN AND MEN IN DIALOGUE

The topic of our discussion was rape. But we had an extra added attraction. The participants in the discussion were asked to put themselves in the role of someone of the opposite sex. The discussion was enlightening to say the least. A debriefing followed and several interesting thoughts were raised. The men in their role as women seemed to have a pretty thorough knowledge of what women were feeling when faced with this issue. One woman, in her role as a man, mentioned that it was difficult to speak out on behalf of the women for fear of stepping out of the masculine role. The men acknowleged that this was a very real difficulty. The men, in their role as women, felt that justice had to be done whether through the courts or through their husbands. The women, in their role as men, felt they had to be protective of their women. It was a lively discussion to say the least. We had a terrific turnout of 27 people.

The next meeting of women and men in diglogue is not yet scheduled, but will be led by Mike Cobbler and Keith Wilbur on subtle forms of sexism. Keep your eyes open for future announcements.

Marie Scharfe

## CONFESSIONS OF A THREE-TIME LOSER

Welcome to all of you. For those of you who don't know me, I am called "Father" John Roberts. For those of you who do know me, I'm still called "Father John."

Big changes have occured in the Roberts household since my last article. Edith is now the seminarian and I am a househusband. That is why this year my articles will be titled CONFESSIONS OF A HOUSEHUSBAND.

Two new features have been added this year. Hints to Househusband will give the househusbands at the seminary a chance to send in helpful hints and recipes to share. Roberts' Rules of Order will be tips for rookie parents.

So tune in and learn to cook exotic dishes such as "El Rancho Grande." Learn what to do with an ambitious toddler. And learn the answers to these fascinating questions: Where is my left shoe? Why is there a moose in the freezer? Is there really a sink fairy? What happened to the couch? What is the incredible secret of rice cereal? Why . . . well, you get the picture.

See you next week, "Father" John Roberts

## RECYCLING COLLECTION CENTER FOR LTSP

Beginning immediately, the seminary community can begin collecting glass and aluminum for recycling. Our collection center is located behind the boiler house (next to the Library) and consists of several barrels which will be labeled. One is for aluminum cans, foil, etc. The others are for glass bottles according to color (i.e. clear, green and brown). Please remove all labels and metal tops before depositing in the barrels. Due to problems with storage we cannot collect paper at this time, but if you are interested, residents along Boyer St. are early Friday morning.

A separate committee is being formed to oversee and expand this operation and make sure that our barrels are brought to local collection centers. However, we need people from the seminary community to help out either by joining the committee or by providing transportation with a station wagon, van or truck. If you are interested contact David Jones or at 10:00 am. in the side room to the lounge in the refectory. Other-"trash" and get a friend to bring his/hers.

Henry Pawluk

## CONVOCATION ON AGING

On Saturday, October 18, at 9:30 am, at Grace Lutheran Church in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, 600 New Brunswick Ave. (across from McDonalds) there will be a Convocation on Aging. The object is to secure more elderly Registration: \$3 with lunch, \$1 without lunch.

John Hansen

Dr. Joseph Sittler had spoken for the former. In his summary Monday morning he asked himself, "What is the mood of modernity?" He thought that while the 19th century had been an age of ever-nearer perfectibility the 20th century had proved the Mystery unsolvable. For once in our development since medieval time, humans are seriously faced with the possibility that there may be no correspondence between the way things are and what is in our minds. The human animal may not be capable of understanding the cosmos. And now we may choose to look the other way. He, for one, delights in Luther's quote about faith in the unfelt, the untried, and the unknown.

While others seem bent on analyzing where the church has gone wrong and why pictures are going to be our salvation, here is an old man looking at the artist as a human, with gifts to the glory of God and creation standing in need of the same proclamation and restoration as we.

The weekend's discussions were trying, as there was no common background save interest in the arts and the church. Yet, the overall impression was good; namely, there are some experiments in ministry to the artist and with the arts and there is room for us out there, too.

Paul Beck

# SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

CHESS ROUND ROBIN - Sign up on Bulletin board in Main dorm.

76ER GAME - Tuesday, November 25. We aren't doing so well with our sign up sheet in Main Dorm. We have to send away for tickets soon to get a group discount or cancel our plans. If you are interested PLEASE sign up NOW.

HAYRIDE - October 17. Sign up sheet in the Library. The cost is \$2 per person and we will provide donuts and cocoa. Dont' forget to bring a blanket.

HALLOWEEN PARTY - October 31, 8:30pm. This is a costume party. The expenses necessitate a charge of \$1 with costume and \$1.50 without a costume. For this minimal amount we will have food, beverage, music, a horror movie, live entertainment, and a chance to win some cash for guessing the amount of candy corn in the jar. This is going to be a BIG night so grab your horns, halo, pitchfork or whatever and join us. CAFE THEATER OF ALLENS LANE - November 14. Feature: "The Love Suicide at Schofield Barracks." by Romulus Linney. A Halloween party turns into a horror masquerade. A protest against the military. The Allens Lane Theater is a production company with an intimate cafe atmosphere. Coffee and pastry is served during intermission and we have the option of bringing our own wine and cheese. This is an opportunity for us to have a great time. A sign up sheet will be in the Library. We must get our money in early if we want to reserve seats. Tickets are \$2 each and because of the cafe environment you might choose to sign up in groups of four. This is not necessary but only something to be thinking about. The list will be taken down and money collected October 27, so sign up NOW!

JOIN US FOR SOME FUN AND FELLOWSHIP: 1: The Social Activities Committee

In regard to the middlers, I'm not sure where you're coming from but what I hear you saying is that CPE was a supportive experience. You, no doubt, spent several months dealing with people in difficult situations and then reflected on your style in small group encounters. Perhaps you were on the hot seat some days. As relevant as CPE can be and as shaky as it can be theologically, it is a time for growth and well worthwhile. Hope you are having a good year.

We know too little about internship to claim to be experts although I'm sure the seniors can cover for us. What I have found already in conversation with fellow interns is that working can be fun. Most of us were scared about leaving our schoolbags behind and putting ourselves on the line. However, I have heard only positive reactions thus far. Maybe that's because our training has served us well. We have no doubt that the education at Mt. Airy is superior to any other of which we are aware. Time and again, the theology of the Lutheran Confessions has proved to be the more persuasive one, the more realistic one, the one committed to its Lord. For this we are grateful to the faculty, we did not receive blue ducks but the Word of God.

The problem has been translating our heavy theological concepts into light but profound images. We are struggling with this task and it is a good struggle but frustrating at times. I won't elaborate on youth problems but that area is a common concern for us. Seniors, you know.

We wish everyone a wholesome year in addition to a fun year (if you need any ideas, Werner and I are compiling a book entitled Seminary Can Be Fun). Our thoughts and our prayers are with you people and the work that is being accomplished in the name of our Lord.

Rodney S. Kopp

## SENIOR "NUTZ & BOLTZ"

First session, <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>October 15</u>, during the convocation hour (10am), in the Library. We HOPE to have a funeral director to talk with us about the logistics of funeral planning. If he is unavailable that morning, this session will be postponed. Check the bulletin board in Main Dorm to find out if session is still scheduled.

Second session, Wednesday, October 22, during the convocation hour, (10) in the Library. Pastor Dan Schook of Christ Lutheran in Upper Darby will talk with us about dealing with families in funeral situations. Pastor Schook has done extensive work in this area. Unlike the first session, Roger Beiswenger

## MAYORAL ELECTION

As the November 4 election for Mayor of Philadelphia draws closer, the campaign of Independent candidate Charles Bowser has expressed a need for literature and information see Bruce Davis (M.D. 204) or call local Bowser headquarters at VI8-3220 or visit them at 6747 Germantown Ave.

Bruce Davis

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	Wartluft	12-8	.600
4.	Coach McCurley	16-14	.533
	Slotterback Von Dehsen		
5.	Bodnyk	15-15	.500

Our pros continue to have a better overall accuracy with the college games than with the progames (three week average -- college 72%, pro 64%), though the number of upsets in the prosthis season is probably cause for some of that. Those upsets have their positive sides, too -- have you noticed Chris Von Dehsen walking on air this week since he was the only one who picked Kansas City over Oakland?

Well, this next week should shake up the standings a little, since there are not many sure-fire picks this week according to our pros. If things don't change soon, life at home might become rough for Rich Olson!

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## SAINTS' FOOTBALL

Our own team still has a shot at a winning season. Back the team!

Thursday, Oct. 23 -- Westminster (H)

Friday, Oct. 31 -- Gettysburg (H)

The following schedule of events has been proposed for Reflection Week by the Junior Class Committee on Reflection Week. Attendance at all events is voluntary.

Monday, October 20

9:30-10:30am - Educational Ministry Meeting

11:00am-12:30pm - Small Groups Meet

Tuesday, October 21

9:40-10:30am - Chapel 1:45-3:45pm - Biblical Studies and Old Testament/Hebrew Combined meeting

8:00pm-?? - Social gathering at Dr. Clarence Lee's house

Wednesday, October 22

9:40-10:30am - Convocation/Communion 3:30-4:30pm - "Lifestyles at Seminary and in the Parish", discussion group led by Dr. Lazareth

Thursday, October 23

9:40-10:30am - Chapel

11:00am-12:30pm - History of Christian Thought Meeting 7:30pm-?? - Dessert and Panel Discusion on Lifestyles at Seminary and in the Parish

Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25

Open for individual meetings, special interest groups, and personal Dave Pastorello

ATTENTION: APARTMENT DWELLERS: STAFF: FACULTY: AND COMMUTERS. Most of the hassles of parking should be cleared up. There are still a few peole who don't have a ticket for their car and or an assigned space. If you are in this category please see me, Paul Nye, or leave a note in my mailbox. Many people who have spots and do not yet have the label on their car, PLEASE put them on. Contrary to popular opinion there are NOT enough spaces, so it is important to use only your own.