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THE SELECTION OF A SEMINARY PRESIDENT: AN OPINION

In the last issue of The Seminarian we were given some indication as to the process to be used in the selection of the new seminary president. It was noted that the final candidates will be interviewed by the faculty, senior administration officers, and the Student Body Executive Committee prior to the submission of names to the Board of Directors.

The problem that I have with this procedure is that nowhere is it provided that the student body as a whole will have the opportunity to meet and respond to the candidates prior to the final selection. This procedure of all students meeting with the candidate has been customary when new faculty members are first considered for appointment to the faculty, and I would think it just as imperative in the selection of a seminary president.

Certainly students on campus are concerned with the future of seminary education at Mt. Airy. We might also be concerned because the candidates selected should be able in our judgement to relate to students as well as to faculty, staff and synod constituencies. It might be nice if the potential candidates could speak to the seminary community as a whole and give us some insight into what they regard as important in the education of the ordained and lay professionals, what they see as the future of Lutheran seminary education, particularly at Mt. Airy, how they understand the presidency of a seminary, etc.

These are the issues that concern the entire student body, not just the Executive Committee, and I would think that we would all welcome the opportunity to give input not merely on general desired characteristics for a president but on the candidates themselves. I think that it would be most appropriate if the classes themselves and the student body as a whole urges the Board of Directors to revise the selection procedure to allow total student body input on the desirability, from a student point of view, of particular candidates for president.

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A special thanks to Bev Heidman for helping us get the paper out this week. We are still looking for another typist or two, or a few warm bodies to help us assemble the paper on Tuesday nights (8:30, if you're interested). Can YOU help?

CONFESSIONS OF A HOUSEHUSBAND

The cornerstones of efficient househusbandry are the mop, apron, broom, bulletin board, and of course Platex rubber gloves.

- Gloves: Essential for scrubbing and doing dishes, gloves protect the callouses from the softening effect of today's dishwashing liquids. (Which hands are the househusband's, and which belong to the 20 year old coed?)
- Apron: It's tough to maintain proper H.H. dignity in a frilly pink apron and equally difficult to serve your wife El Rancho Grande in a barbeque apron which says "Burned or Well Done?" Picking a plain, absorbant, no frills apron prevents a common H.H. malady -- snickering wife.
- Mop: Women's mops are totally unsuited for effecient work. Instead of the rectangular sponge mop, get a swab type. The proper mop will cut down your mop time enough so that you can mop often. (Also allowing you to ask your wife incredulously, "I don't understand why you didn't do the floor more often?")
- Broom: Get a large-handled, big-bristled sweeping broom. A greater bristle width gives superior sweeping latitude. (Benefits are much the same as with the mop. Also, you can put off sweeping till the last second and still make your wife think you've worked all day.)
- B.B.: Finally, the most important is the H.H. Communication Center (bulletin board). Standard features include 1 large square calendar, 4 lead styluses (pencils), and 42 pressure-activated catalytic adherence devices (thumbtacks). The H.H.C.C. keeps your family in control of the communications flow (messages, bills, jokes, etc.).

Once you have the cornerstones of Househusbandry all you need is a system. (to be continued)

ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER: Turn adversity to your advantage. I used Raechel's midnight crying sessions as an opportunity to spend time snuggling my daughter. I remember these times fondly, not as a burden.

HINTS TO HOUSEHUSBAND: El Rancho Grande: H.H.H. 4-star recipe -- Brown 3/4 cup of rice in 1 tablespoon of cooking oil; mix 1 lb. of hamburger with 1 pkg. Lipton Onion Soup mix and brown with the rice; finally, add 1 can tomato soup (with the proper amount of water), cover, and simmer 45 min. Makes 4-6 servings.

Please, guys, send in your hints and recipes. Help me out.

"Father" John

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

DON'T FORGET: REFORMATION SERVICE Wednesday, October 29, 9:40am.
PREACHER: The Rev. Elizabeth Platz. Beth is the Lutheran chaplain at the University of Maryland, a fine preacher, a genial person, and an articulate spokesperson of the "good news." She will also be the celebrant for the Lord's Supper. Pastor Platz will be able to remain following the service. She is eager to rap with you about campus ministry, women in ministry, the mood on campus today, or whatever you choose.

The following week Pastor Bertram C. Gilbert, Assistant Executive Director of the Division of Service to Military Personnel will use the first part of the convocation hour to discuss the question, "Is Ministry to Persons in the Military Safe and Right?" He is eager to meet at 10:10, following the earlier discussion, with students considering the military chaplaincy.

The second part of the convocation period, 10:15 am to 11am, is sponsored by the Senior Nuts and Bolts Program and features a dialogue with professional funeral directors about tensions between clergy and undertakers. All students are welcome to be present and hear both Chaplain Gilbert and the funeral directors.

Bob Hughes, Chaplain

MONDAY NIGHT'S PRAYER

October 20, 1975

Thank you for this day, God.

I didn't quite see your purpose in it.

I didn't quite become overwhelmed with its beauty - it rained.

I didn't quite see what was in it for me.

But I thank you anyway

'Cause at least nothing got worse - it all just remained the same;

'Cause at least I have my health;

'Cause at least I have you to thank.

And I guess that's what I want to do;

Thank you for helping me see you - even in a day like today;

Thank you for yesterday, as well,

And God, I am most thankful

for tomorrow.

See you in the morning,

Amen.

Tom Irwin, Jr.

THE LAST JOB OF INTERNSHIP

It should be common knowledge among us here at seminary that when a pastor leaves a parish he has to make a complete break with the people he leaves behind. He should not return to the parish for one to three years and only then with permission of the new pastor. Any violation of this is subject to discipline from the President of the Synod.

This procedure allows the new pastor to get a fresh start within the parish, breaks all "long-range" dependencies, and allows everyone to live in the present and look to the future.

Internship, we feel should be under this "oral tradition". Many times on internship we have felt the encumbrance of past interns on our ministry. Also past interns have been known to come unannounced into the parish for visiting and in some instances counselling. There is one instance we know of where a past intern was asked to come into a parish three years after he had been intern there to do a baptism.

The list of violations of the present intern's parish by past interns is very long. We would hope this can be somewhat curtailed by interns being taught that their last job, as a pastor, is to let go of relationships and break dependencies that are a result of his internship involvement in a parish.

Jim Anderson LINDENHURST 1974-75
Greg Johnson LINDENHURST 1974-75

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO THE FANS

As a member of the seminary football team I would like to personally thank the faculty, students, and wives who came out to cheer us on in our game against Westminster. Our record is less than impressive and I can see that as possible deterrent for enthusiasm and support from the campus. It was energizing and just plain warm down deep inside to have you out there cheering and yelling. At some points I believe it was your support that helped us keep coming back after many frustrations. For those of you who had to leave early, our 2nd half was literally 4 times as good as the 1st half. I hope that all of you who came out to the first two games and many more will come out for the Gettysburg game this Friday. Your presence gives us a terrific feeling of playing for OUR seminary - for Mt. Airy and not simply for ourselves. Again, my sincere thanks for the fantastic support you have given our team in these two games.

Paul A. Nye

A CPE REMINDER

All students who plan to take CPE next summer are asked to meet with Dr. Aden Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library on the second floor of the Rotunda. Bring your CPE pamphlets and any questions you have.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TO VISIT CAMPUS

On Tuesday, Nov. 6 and Thursday, Nov. 8, members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Seminary will be visiting the campus, attending chapel and classes, and lunching at the refectory.

Since the Auxiliary was founded in 1939, its members have contributed close to one-half million dollars to various seminary projects such as scholarship aid (\$74,000), the Luther D. Reed Professorship (\$100,000), the purchase of books for the library (\$18,000) and many renovation and building programs. At the last annual meeting in May, the members of the Auxiliary voted to undertake as their current project the restoration and refurnishing of the refectory.

The members who will be with us on Tuesday and Thursday of next week are among those who will be working hard to accomplish the goal of restoring the refectory and at the same time continuing the annual scholarship support.

Please welcome these visitors, show them around, and answer their questions. The support of the Auxiliary is vital to the growth of the seminary.

GUEST NIGHT THIS THURSDAY

Thursday night, Oct. 30, will be our first guest night this year. Our guest for dinner will be Lary Groth, Deputy Director of the Commission on Human Relations in Philadelphia.

After dinner we will adjourn to the ante-room in the Refectory for coffee and conversation. Our guest is ready to talk about the functions of the Commission and especially of the Community Services Division with which he is involved. However, he has also said that he is anxious to deal with the concerns of the group.

In the past these encounters have been flexible, free wheeling, and most often worthwhile. Hopefully, we will learn from each other as we break bread and share discussion with Mr. Groth. Try to plan on being there. Thank you.

Tom Irwin

PROFESSORS PLEASE NOTE

In order to receive books in time for the January term and deal with any out-of-print material I ask that you place book orders for the January intersession by Nov. 11 and second semester orders by Nov. 25 at the latest. Thank you.

BOOKSTORE NOTE: Anyone who has a yellow slip from Fortress and has not yet turned it in please do so immediately. The bookstore clearance sale will start Nov. 3.

Dave Searing

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES REMINDER

Friday, October 31 - Halloween Party - 8:30 p.m. - costumed people (\$1.00) without a costume(\$1.50). Cider punch - music - a horror movie - live entertainment - don't forget to take a guess at the candy corn jar in the refectory.

Friday, November 14 - A play, The Love Suicide at Scholfield Barracks Cafe Theater of Allen's Lane - bring your own wine and cheese - intimate atmosphere - a night of fun.

Friday, November 7, - Hayride - sign up in the library by October 31.

The 76ers night, Tuesday, November 25 has been cancelled due to an ecumenical Thanksgiving service our seminary will sponsor.

We hope to see faculty, faculty wives, student wives, and students at the Halloween Party on Friday. Few are the times we have the opportunity to mix and get to see one another in our daily responsibilities and commitments. The Social Activities Committee asks you to make the Halloween Party a responsibility and a commitment, not only for your own fun but the opportunity to share some fun with someone else. See you on Friday night!

Social Activities Committee

STUDENT BODY NEWS

There will be a Student Body Executive Committee meeting on Monday, November 3, at 3 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Tappert Room.

It is the request of the Student Body Executive Committee that representatives from all Student Body Committees submit a monthly summary of activities to Dave Pasterello by Thursday evening of this week.

Student Body Exec. Comm.



"Moses couldn't of written that stuff; he must of had a ghost writer."

DUPLICATION OF CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

When "routine" class assignments have to be duplicated (35 copies or less), please follow the steps outlined below:

1. Pick up ditto masters from Mrs. McKelvey in the business office.
2. Please allow a one inch margin on all sides whether typing or writing.
3. Return your completed copy to Mrs. McKelvey two days prior to your deadline in order to allow her sufficient time to schedule work.

We realize there will be exceptions to the above from time to time, depending on faculty instructions, length of assignments, time values, etc., and adjustments will be made accordingly. We are here to work with you, and through mutual cooperation hope to maintain a happy relationship with all.

Mrs. Irene Maiden

SENIORS NUTZ & BOLTZ

Wednesday, November 5 at 10:30 am in the Library, Robert Wetzel, a Funeral Director, will be our guest to discuss Funerals and the Pastor.

Dan Hahn