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## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE FIRST PROFESSIONAL DEGREE COMMITTEE

During January Intersession independent studies will be given consideration by individual faculty members, subject to corporate faculty approval on Monday, Dec. 15. All such proposals must be written out in Dean Krodel's hands by 2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15.

### CHAPEL

During exam week there will be only one chapel service on Wednesday December 17 at the regular time: 9:40 A.M.

Since this is the last chapel of the semester (and the year!) we will use A Service of Departure adapted by a member of the Seminary Community from the ancient Itinerarium, an office read by those about to set forth on a journey.

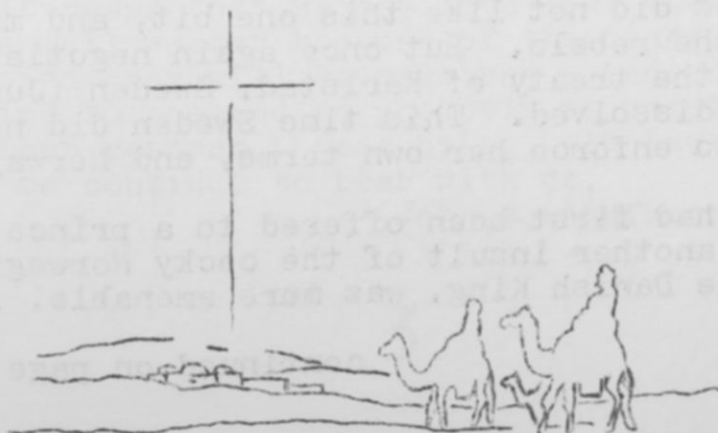
Thanks, Woody

### NOTICE

On campus mail service will stop after Friday, Dec. 19 and resume Monday, Jan. 5, 1976. During that time ALL campus mail will be handled through the office.

If you plan to be away longer than the normal holiday vacations and would like your mail forwarded to you, please arrange it with Mrs. McKelvey, the secretary in the office.

Thank you for your cooperation. God's richest blessing to you, your family, and all you know this Christmas. The mailpersons



A POLITICAL SKETCH OF NORWAY  
Part II: The Road to Independence

The successful bid for national identity in 1814 gave a tremendous boost to Norwegian culture. The literature became the flagship of emancipation from many hundred years of Danish dominance. The field was led by poets like Henrik Wergeland, dramatists like Henrik Ibsen, and nobelists like Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson, making the middle part of the 19th century the golden age of Norwegian literature. There was also a gradual emancipation of the farmers and the middle class in the towns from the dominance of the King's officials. As the century wore on the deference to the King in Stockholm lessened, and the opposition began to take the initiative.

The Constitution of 1814 had divided power into judiciary, legislative, and executive, the latter of which was exercised by the King and his personally chosen Council. A young ambitious lawyer, Johan Sverdrup, challenged that, welding the agrarian group and the intellectuals into the first political part of Norway ("The Left") in the process. He wanted Storting (the Parliament) to be able to control the executive, and after much heated campaigning (many families were irrevocably split by the issue) his party was given such a return in the election of 1884 that he was able to impeach the King's Council. After trying another one the King was forced to appoint Sverdrup the Prime Minister of a Left Government, which established parliamentary rule as a constitutional precedent. It is interesting to note that most church leaders sided with "the Right", as the party opposing Sverdrup called itself, and the most conservative of them denounced parliamentary democracy as being contrary to the order of creation. But, when the Left left office due to internal strife, the Right did not revoke the principle of majority rule.

After this improvement the struggle changed character. The issue was no longer democracy, but independence. (Universal suffrage for men was achieved in 1898, for women in 1913). The unwarranted dominance of Sweden in the union was resented, and the Left made itself popular again by demanding an independent diplomatic service for Norway. (The size of the Norwegian merchant navy was 4 or 5 times that of Sweden.) After being passed by the Storting the bill was twice vetoed by the King. The third time his veto would be ineffective, but veto it he did, and blocked implementation to boot. At this the Left government under the leadership of Christian Michelsen (of Bergen) declared that the King had ceased to function as King of Norway, and that since this was the sole link between the two countries, the Union was thereby dissolved. The Swedes did not like this one bit, and made preparations for war to chastise the rebels. But once again negotiations prevailed over warfare, and at the treaty of Karlstad, Sweden (June 7, 1905) the union was peacefully dissolved. This time Sweden did not have the Continental backing to enforce her own terms, and Norway was home free.

Curiously, the crown had first been offered to a prince of Sweden, who repudiated it as yet another insult of the cocky Norwegians. Prince Car, second son of the Danish King, was more amenable. This was fortunate

REPLY FROM MR. KAUFMANN

I have been asked to respond to the student petition relating to driveway and parking lot paving, especially on the areas adjacent to the main dormitory. There is nothing I personally would like more to see than the completion of this work. We have been under construction since June of 1973 and I am sure that many of you are as tired of the detours as I am. During these years the patience of the faculty, staff and students has been most helpful to and appreciated by the Construction Committee and those of us who have recently been assigned the task of closing out the work.

To the problem at hand. The first factor is money. Recently it has become apparent that an expansion of the areas designed for parking especially around the dormitory is desirable. It has also become apparent that the new paving along the south side of the campus has created a drainage problem. When the laying of certain necessary sidewalk if added to these two items, a total additional cost of approximately \$22,000 has arisen. This figure is beyond the \$2,575,500 already expended or committed for renovation, construction, furniture equipment, etc. Available for construction as of the end of October was \$2,563,900 or a shortfall of \$11,600. If the projected additional cost of \$22,00 were added to this we should have a deficit of \$33,600.

A second factor is authorization. On June 18, 1975 the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors put a ceiling of \$2,575,000 on funds spent or to be spent without specific Board or Executive action even though new money is received or otherwise becomes available. This is probably a temporary ceiling but presumably will not be altered until evidence is presented both to justify additional work and to demonstrate how such work can be funded.

The matter of prioritizing the remaining tasks has been placed in the hands of the Administrative Committee which will report its findings to the Executive Committee. The Administrative Committee, I can assure you, has placed driveway/parking/sidewalk work in the first priority category. The Committee is now considering the corollary problem of finding first priority tasks. Its work is not finished but it has set for itself as tight a schedule as possible in view of the importance of bringing the construction work to a conclusion.

A third factor is the weather. Even if funding and authorization were forthcoming, the laying of blacktop should not proceed on cool or cold weather. It seems that we may have lost the opportunity to utilize the mild fall weather because of the other two factors cited above. It is hoped they will be resolved - indeed, they must be resolved - in time to proceed as promptly as possible with the work when proper weather returns. Meanwhile, reluctantly, it would appear we must ask you to continue to bear with us.

John A. Kaufmann



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This will be the last issue of THE SEMINARIAN before the holidays. Good luck with exams and a Blessed Christmas to all.

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BRANDYWINE RIVER MUSEUM  
Holiday Calendar of Events

"A Brandywine Christmas for Children" -- a gallery filled with a dream model railroad for old and young. The "0" scale layout, with more than 1500 feet of track, features a 20-track turntable, many trestles, bridges and gorges, handbuilt residential areas and an illuminated control panel visitors can view.

"Christmas Comes Naturally to the Brandywine" -- Christmas trees decorated by the Museum volunteers with a fascinating variety of natural ornaments made from seed pods, nuts, mock orange and pine cones.

Special Medieval Christmas Concer -- Dec. 20 and 21, 8 to 10pm. Tickets \$6 each. Music of shawns, krummhorns and rebecs will blend with more familiar instruments. Performers will appear in colorful medieval costumes playing the authentic instruments of this period. Punch served during intermission.

"Winter Gallery" - Nov. 28 through Jan. 11. A special exhibition of 55 Christmas and winter paintings by Brandywine regional artists.

Brandywine Heritage - a gallery of works from the Museum's permanent collection stressing the role of Brandywine artists in the development of American illustration and art. Includes the recently acquired Erickson collection, the only female nudes Andrew Wyeth ever painted.

The Brandywine River Museum is on US 1 just west of Route 100, Chadds Ford, Pa. (215) 388-7601. The Museum is open daily, including Sunday, 9:30am to 4:30pm. Closed Christmas Day. Admission: adults \$1.50; children, 6-12, senior citizens and students 75¢.

A POLITICAL SKETCH OF NORWAY continued

as he was married to the daughter of Edvard VII and this link to England was vital in ensuring support for Norwegian independence. He accepted with the proviso that the Norwegian people really wanted him as King. Hence to plebiscites were held. In the first the dissolution of the Union was upheld by a landslide - only 184 diehard loyalists were counted. In the second, Prince Carl was accepted as King by a majority of about 75%. He then accepted the throne, changing his name to Haakon VII, and became such a popular monarch that the cause of republicanism in Norway shrivelled and died. His two year old son was also given a Norwegian name, and became our present King in 1957 as Olav V.

Rolf Rasmussen

## PARTY TIME

Toys, gifts, funds, entertainment and volunteers are needed to make this Christmas memorable for the 2,000 children and adults of the Hahnemann Community Mental Health/Mental Retardation Centers. The Centers' Centralized Community Advisory Board has scheduled seven adult and five children's parties beginning December 15 to make this a special season. For many of these clients, from pre-schoolers to senior citizens, it will be their only holiday celebration.

Your help will make it a season of joy. Mrs. Dorothy Martin at L08-0860, extension 263 or Ms. Benita Jackson at L08-0860, extension 240 are eager to include your help. Donations payable to Hahnemann Community Mental Health/Mental Retardation Centers can be mailed to Mrs. Dorothy Martin c/o Hahnemann Community Mental Health/Mental Retardation Centers, 230 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Contributions are tax deductible. Have a joyful season.

Marjorie R. Carmosin

Marie Potts

## UFW CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Deck the Stores with Union Lettuce

Deck the stores with union lettuce,  
 Fa la la la la, la la la la,  
 Boycott scabs out of markets,  
 Fa la la la la, la la la la,  
 Please help farm workers in their struggle,  
 Fa la la la la, la la la la,  
 Lives before a grower's profits,  
 Fa la la la la, la la la la.

While we celebrate Christ's coming,  
 Fa la la la la, la la la la,  
 Enslavement reigns in the fields,  
 Fa la la la la, la la la la,  
 With our help these bonds are broken,  
 Fa la la la la, la la la la,  
 Deck the stores with union lettuce,  
 Fa la la la la, la la la la.

(to the tune of "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly")

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Farm Workers Christmas Dream

I'm dreaming of that Black Eagle  
 With every contract that is signed,  
 Boycotts ended, disputes amended,  
 And growers who are sweet and kind.

I'm dreaming of humane treatment  
 For every worker in the field,  
 When the wounds of injustice have healed,  
 With workers' unity our shield.

Henry Pawluk

POEM

The time of friendship is now  
 The season of Love is here  
 be strong  
 take courage  
 be alert  
 -that no one rob you of your riches.

Love always  
 never failing to be you  
 for you are priceless  
 even if not in your own eyes - but in mine.

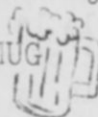
Your Love  
 your friendship  
 is a priceless treasure.

Corrie Miller

ATTENTION ALL YOU THRILL SEEKERS AND COMICAL THEOLOGIANs

The Seminarian will be bringing to you next semester a comic strip entitled 'the Adventures of HAGANS HEROS'. The stars of the Strip will no doubt be taken from our own backyard of fun filled theologians and beloved administrators, here at Mt. Airy. The caricatures portrayed in this forthcoming strip will be based on the features and habits of these 'collared' prof's on campus as seen through the artist's eyes. This not meant to be defamatory, but just remember the Truth hurts.

THE CHARACTERS MUG SHOT



BIG JOHN



FOSTY



ED. RED



SMOKEY-DEE



SEMATIC SAUL



YOUR FRIENDLY  
NEIGHBORHOOD SQUIRREL





Well, we've done it! We've come up with a finale for the Weekly Football Prediction Poll that has stumped even the greatest of our own pros. Perhaps the last page confused you, too -- so we'll try to clear it up a little.

What we have here is a two-part poll. The first part consists of eleven college bowl games that will be played over the holidays. Some of them look like good games -- so keep your Seminarian with you on New Years day, see how the pros do (so what if the relatives look at you a little funny?).

The second half of the predictions is what threw our pros a curve. We made them predict the division winners, the division playoff winners, the conference playoff winners, and the superbowl winner -- all with only three of the six divisions decided. A lot of work was put into this part, from what we hear -- and maybe a couple of apocalyptic visions! In any case, what will happen is that these final pro picks will not add games to the records of the pros, but rather can be used to raise their percentage -- they can't lose, only gain. Example: If a person with a 50-50 record gets all seven pro predictions right, we will change his/her record to 57-43. Aha! That means that everyone is really laying it on the line here -- the standings could really change.

Will the Olsons protect their lead and emerge victorious? Will Foster McCurley continue his blazing charge to the top? Will the students remain content to let the top places continue to slip from their grasp? Only those of us who keep our copy of The Seminarian in their sweaty little hands over the holidays will know for sure!

We promise to print the final results in next semester's first issue.  
Happy Holidays!

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