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## CONTEMPTIBLE WORSHIP II

In his most recent "partners" newsletter dated Epiphany 1976, President Marshall briefed us all on the current status of the work of the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship, opening his presentation with a significant observation: "The church still takes its worship very seriously." He then proceeds to spend the first half of his discussion in commentary on the usefulness of there being one hymnal shared by all American Lutherans across the board, and how the hymns chosen for that book must be both singable for people with average singing ability and theologically sound. The second half of his letter summarizes the work being done on the liturgical portion of the proposed hymnal, the overriding emotion being one of apparent satisfaction with the process and confidence in the work which "has benefited from the help of many on seminary faculties and in university religion departments..." And, as if to head off any complaints that might injudiciously interrupt the march to 'one hymnal-one church', President Marshall tells us: "A rough count indicates that 29 "trained theologians" are or have been either directly involved in ILCW work or have served as consultants." Thus everything seems to be in good order and certainly all under control.

But is everything in good order? Who are the "trained theologians" who have worked on the ILCW? How many of our faculty, for instance, have been sought out for help by the ILCW - and if they have been solicited for judgements and opinions, what were the circumstances and what effect did their opinions or judgements have on the ILCW? Have corrections been made in any of the Contemporary Worship 2 (Liturgy for Provisional Use) sections? When will we hear the whole story?

These questions are not posed to impune the reputation of anyone on the ILCW nor any pastor who has chosen to use CW2 in a provisional way. These questions must be asked and answered, it seems to me, if it is to be  
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THE ACCEPTING OF THE STAPLER

As the saying goes "You're on your own." This is the hidden meaning in the cliché of 'accepting the stapler.' Although, I must consider myself fortunate because 'the passing' took place in the middle of the academic year. There are still some resource people at hand like Chris and Marie. It helps to have these people in order to be advised on such matters as layout or how to order new supplies.

Following are some personal expectations and concerns for the production of The Seminarian:

1. to continue the fine, respectable form that this paper is known for.
2. to keep The Seminarian a sounding board for students and faculty and Board Members.
3. to publish articles, notices, artwork, poetry which are submitted by 5p.m. Monday.
4. to not publish articles which are slanderous in nature.
5. to have The Seminarian typed every Tuesday commencing at 3:30 p.m. in the office on the third floor of the refectory encouraging as many students as possible to lend a finger. Please bring your 'pica' typewriter.
6. to issue the paper to students by 10p.m. Tuesday nights.
7. to involve as many students as possible in some aspect of producing the paper because this editor can not do it all.
8. Finally, to maintain The Seminarian as a means of communication within the Seminary Community.

Your comments and concerns about your newspaper will always be appreciated. BUT, your contribution will even be more appreciated. Also, I hope we would here from the interning class!

Bruce T. Ewen, Editor

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The staff would like to thank the special efforts of Joann and Rick Reeser on last week's paper.

"Thank you." The Staff  
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OUR MOTTO:  
"We're all here because we're not all there."  
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A VALENTINE POEM 4 U  
Roses are red violets, our sweet sugar; is sweet so...Are you?

If your chewing gum shrinks when passed thru the dishwasher, try new PRE-SHRUNK GUM. You'll love it!

## THE MYTH OF PETER MUHLENBERG (PART II)

Since the Bulletin Service of Fortress Press has drawn the parallelism between Peter's confession in Matthew 16 and General Peter Muhlenberg's farewell sermon, I will show that they have unwittingly chosen the pericope which, taken in context, condemns Peter Muhlenberg's action.

The verses that immediately follow Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ and his reception of the keys read:

"From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day he raised. And Peter took him and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men.'" (Matt. 16:21-24)

Gunther Bornkamm has a deep appreciation of the Biblical unity of Matt. 16:13-28 and shows a greater understanding of Biblical theology than our brothers in the Bulletin Service.

"The conclusion then follows: the dialectic already in the Markan text between the dignity of Jesus as Christ and his suffering as Son of man is in no way abolished, or simply toned down by Matthew; it is for him, however, no longer an apologetic theologoumenon, but is of the highest importance for the Church itself. The position now is - and in this it differs from Mark - he who is already Christ and Son of man here on earth. As such he places his disciples on the way of suffering imitation." (Tradition and Interpretation in Matthew, p. 48.)

Bornkamm explains further that the "suffering imitation" consists of a demand "for turning and lowliness, for avoiding giving occasions of stumbling, there is given unmistakably the norm for the command of radical obedience and unlimited readiness for reconciliation." (p.49)

If Peter Muhlenberg calls his congregation to fight from the pulpit while still holding his official capacity as the spokesman of Christ, then he broke the demand for "unlimited readiness for reconciliation." Like St. Peter, he deserved the rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men."

Greg Johnson

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THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, the Social Activities Committee is holding a Valentine Mixer. Anyone wearing red will be charged 50¢. If you do not wear red, the admission fee will be 75¢. Come to the first mixer this semester and take advantage of the music, decorations, and Valentine Atmosphere.

SHERRY HOUR: All students, faculty, student wives, faculty wives, and any other member of the community are asked to stop by the rotunda in the library between 4:15 and 5:15 P.M. for some sherry and a chat. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Remythologizing "The Myth of General Peter Muhlenberg"

"Greg has done it again," said I. And a voice replied, "Take issue! You enjoy a good argument with Greg!" And so I will, thinking it may have been Greg himself urging me on.

Greg is right, of course, about the theological confusion between St. Peter's confession of Christ, and General Peter Muhlenberg's sermon on political resistance. There is a difference, but what is it? I can not agree that General Peter "Profaned his holy office by preaching rebellion against the civil authorities" as Greg suggests. Rather, he made some kind of case for resistance (we do not know how good a case, for the sermon does not survive). No doubt about it. There was more law than gospel that particular Sunday. What is more, his pyrotechniques probably made Ross Stoeber and Capt. Noah look like amateurs in comparison. Bad taste and human excess in a time of high emotion and great personal upheaval. But a Word of God, as well, to people deeply perplexed by the theological issues of impending resistance to King George. For, resistance could be (and often was) resistance against state authority constituted by God. And so General Peter said, in effect (in his sermon on Ecclesiastes 3), "there is a time to pray, and a time to fight."

Peter Muhlenberg, his brothers, and his father had to decide what time it was, for they stood in what Helmut Thielicke calls a "borderline situation" where resistance is sometimes essential. It is essential when resistance is the only option open to preserve the essentials of ordained, constitutional order. And what was that "order" in Muhlenberg's Virginia? It consisted of an elected House of Burgesses and a royally appointed governor who, together, administered and legislated for the common good. The governor was in flight after a contest of wills with Burgesses like that which took place up and down the eastern seaboard as royal officials sought to check, delimit or eradicate a longstanding tradition of self-government in the English colonies. Who was rebelling against civil authority in this case? King and governor, or Burgesses? Whose resistance to arbitrary government (governor of Burgesses) had the best chance of preserving the essential order and principles of the British Constitution? These were 'borderline' questions for patriots and loyalists. A full third of the colonial population sat out the war (including neutral Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg) on the 'borderline.' Peter joined the patriots as a member of the constitutional Convention called by Burgesses, as an elected member no less, representing his county and neighbors. That convention commissioned him as a militia colonel. Peter Muhlenberg, at the time, was both representative and agent of the only constituted order with a semblance of legitimacy in Virginia.

Muhlenberg reluctantly assumed that position, and in doing so publicly defrocked himself (and rightly so) upon returning to his church from the Virginia Convention. He dramatized a difficult decision, in questionable fashion perhaps. But then General Peter stood on two borderlines--the one separating political loyalty and civil resistance, the other demarcating the two kingdoms. Many of us stand on that borderline more often than we think. The "Myth of General Peter Muhlenberg" dramatizes this dilemma of discipleship and citizenship in a most instructive way this Bicentennial year!

Bob Scholz

## THE MUHLENBERG DISPUTATION

I read with great interest Greg Johnson's critique of a Fortress Press bulletin which equated Peter Muhlenberg's recruiting address with St. Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ. My reaction to his critique was both positive and negative, as has been my reaction to many other articles in The Seminarian. Yet I feel compelled to comment on Greg's analysis because it strikes at the very heart of a proper understanding of the Gospel, and of its implications. Thus, it is simply not just another article, but rather sets forth a theological understanding of the Gospel which I will label as the "LUTHER-SLAVE MASTER" position. The position diametrically opposed to the "LUTHER-SLAVEMASTER" understanding of the Gospel I will label as the "MARTIN LUTHER KING-JAMES CONE" position. It seems to me Greg is advocating the former position in his article, which I reject.

There is much that Greg either says or implies with which I agree. I must plead ignorance regarding an in depth knowledge of Peter Muhlenberg. But the assertion of this weekly bulletin that his recruiting address parallels St. Peter's confession seems almost sacreligious. It is but another indication of the way in which in this Bicentennial year, we are experiencing the growth of civil religion. In this case, it is the Church itself that is contributing to this trend. Greg seems to allude to this. Then, as a black American, it is difficult for me to praise and laud these great heroes of the Revolution when I realize that in 1776, my black brothers and sisters were shining the boots and plowing the fields of these "great men" who were fighting for their freedom, while denying it to others. Greg rightly points out that this Bicentennial Folk Worship obscures the faults and thereby the realities of Revolutionary America.

Having said this, however, I must respectfully say to my brother in Christ that the theology expressed in this article is all screwed up. Greg is guilty of totally separating the kingdoms on the left and right. He implies that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is totally "other-worldly." In effect, he denies the validity of dealing with and preaching on Christian ethics. He asserts the absolute authority of the civil authorities and the necessity of submitting to them, not considering the validity of Acts 5:29 as a counter-balance to Romans 13. This is the exact basis upon which Luther condemned the peasants. This is the exact basis upon which slavery could be perpetuated in a "Christian nation." This is the basis upon which Hitler could perpetrate genocide on six million Jews. This is the danger of the "LUTHER-SLAVEMASTER" understanding of the Gospel.

By contrast, the "MARTIN LUTHER KING-JAMES CONE" understanding of the Gospel takes seriously the message of eternal salvation through Jesus Christ. But it does not stop there. It asserts that the Gospel also relates to events in this world and consequently must be applied to events in this world. I will grant that the Gospel can and will be applied in defferent ways, sometimes in diametrically opposed ways. I will even admit that there is a danger that the Gospel can deteriorate into a social gospel and thus omit the eternal message. Properly balanced, however, this understanding communicates the love of God in Jesus Christ that has both a

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THE MUHLENBERG DISPUTATION (cont. from page 5)

transcendent and immanent dimension.

As to whether Peter Muhlenberg was correct in his ethical stance and action is, for me, a moot point. The issue of far more importance is that we recognize that the Gospel is always a message of eternal salvation, but not only a message of eternal salvation. The Gospel must have application in God's world.

J. Kenneth Echols

CONFESSIONS OF A HOUSEHUSBAND

A child's memory is a precarious thing? Simple events, misconstrued, can leave a lasting impression which differs greatly from what others remember.

As a child (and to this day) I was convinced that my parents were trying to get rid of me. Take, for example, the day my mother locked me out of the house during an air raid drill. Mom remembers only that her three kids wanted to walk on her freshly waxed floor. I on the other hand, have vivid memories of massive German bombers which would have succeeded in destroying me had not a friendly neighbor sheltered me. The reason no one ever found any bomb craters was that when the Germans found out that they couldn't get me they saved their bombs for the Russians.

My children, too, will have their horror stories to tell of incidents which I will claim are innocent and not a plot to lower the population.

The first time I put John down on the lawn he screamed like a banshee. His father, obviously distraught at rising food prices, had cast him amidst the ever-dangerous, eight foot, billious green child chompers. He managed to save himself by crawling onto a blanket nearby. (Child chompers can't chomp a child on a blanket.) This was obviously a close call.

How about the time I tried to leave him in a thruway rest room? That was diabollically clever. I changed my appearance and got into a strange car just to lose him. (He was following a stranger he thought was me.)

Raechel's first bubble bath is another example. Unable to cope with three children and unable to lose them in the woods like Hansel and Gretel, her father had substituted her bath water with the epidermis eating, deadly, white quicksand. When she realized the entire lower half of her body was being consumed she let out a wail which brought three volunteer fire companies. She refused to reenter another tub until I agreed to get in with her.

As years pass, they will probably blow these incidents all out of proportion. Why can't they see things straight like I did?

Father "Gengis Kahn" John

NUTTY & BOITY

On Tues., Feb. 17, Mr. Joseph Gould from the Board of Pensions and a representative from Social Security will be on campus to discuss pension plans and social security for the Pastor. We will meet in the Library from 7-9 pm. Refreshments will be supplied by the Board of Pensions.

MEDIA WORKSHOP HELD ON CAMPUS

If you had peeked into the rare book room in the library on the week of Jan. 19-22, you might have been convinced a tornado had hit - you would have seen piles of spliced film, deflated weather balloons, cassette copiers, slide projectors, pans of pulpy water, and tape recorders galore. This was the main battlefield for the four-day media workshop held on campus this past January, of which Dave Searing and I were student participants.

The main facilitator of the workshop was a media professional from Pittsburg, Dennis Bensen. Dennis led us through a few mental exercises to open up some creative channels, as well as being a resource person to teach us various useful skills, such as how to have a youth group make a film out of pices of TV commercials (or "How to Proclaim the Gospel with Leggs pantyhose and the Jolly Green Giant") available from local studies. Dr. Albert also served as a fascilitator, helping us work on various "projects" individually or in groups which were presented on the last morning. Projects ranged from slide shows to on-the-street interviews to modern dance to my own video documentary. We were also grateful for the techincial help of a local expert, Ron Yeargey.

What impressed me the most was the fact that we had tons of additional loaned or private equipment on campus, including a small television special-effects generator with two extra cameras and three additional portable video units, and at times we had to wait in line to use it. Every piece of cable or equipment the Seminary owns was in use it was good to see our investments well used. What was also driven home, however, was our state of need. Our single studio camera, while quite effective, is obsolete and can't be used in combination with any other cameras now made. We have no two video decks which can take the same tapes (unless you use half-hour tapes on the editing deck). And of course, we were all disappointed that the new facilities were not yet available.

I think everyone who participated had a good experience, though, and everyone was in agreement that there should be more workshops. I personally wish that we could have the same kind of workshop for students only. Most of us could probably graduate without knowing about three-quarters of the equipment we have available - not to mention the equipment we hope to get - and that would be sad, because the possibilities are amazing.

Chris Matthy

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ARE YOU EXPERIENCED?

The Seminary has been fortunate to obtain a production of "The Water's Fine", a multi-media experience to be performed on our campus by the travelling Church Without Walls, who are a mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Philadelphia. Based on I John, this presentation will stimulate the senses and provoke your thinking. It will be held only once, February 12, this Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M., in the Upper Rotunda of the Library. Please bring yourself...family...and friends. All welcome!! Sponsored by Rinda Rogers and the Social Ministry Committee.

Henry Pawluk, Chairperson

STUDENT BODY MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY, 19

IN THE REFECTORY  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHAPEL

2 By-law Amendments to be voted on are as follows:

That Article IV Sect. 10 be added to read:

There shall be a dorm council composed of a chairperson and a representative from each of the first, second, and fourth year classes. All members of this committee shall be elected from and by the dormitory population only. The committee shall address problems and activities which concern solely the residents of LTSP dormitories.

That Article V Sect. 4 be amended to read:

The books shall be submitted annually for audit to the Burssar of the seminary or to some other person designated by the President of the Student Body during the month of May and prior to the transfer of the books to the newly elected Student Body officers.

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CIVIL RELIGION AT HOME

Did you ever wonder about that U.S. flag found in most Lutheran church sanctuaries? Many of us already know that if you tried to remove it, you would face stiff resistance and all sorts of slander. Yet to the best of my knowledge that flag has no theological purpose or tradition of merit. It is actually an anachronism of the World War I era when German pastors were under great pressure to prove their loyalty to this country, and installed flags to show their patriotism. Dr. Tappert and others have stated that this is the most probable reason.

In this year of Bicentennial madness our church has been hard pressed to prove that we too, have a Bicentennial heritage. But as critical theologians to be, we must be honest to our faith. As much as the Two Kingdom Doctrine promotes a Christian's responsibility to participate in politics, it does not call for a merging of church and state, i.e. civil religion. This surrogate Protestant faith has never been theologically endorsed even if our actions speak otherwise. A flag in the church can be as transitory and idolatrous as the image of Caesar. Our job as Christians is to serve God and our fellow man, and that may or may not mean service to our country.

Some may ask about what can be so evil about a harmless flag that no one pays much attention to anyways. Symbols are not unimportant and that symbol is meaningless only to those who do not take the relationship of church and state seriously. It is an oppressive relationship when worshippers are indirectly conditioned to see church and state symbols as equal. Furthermore, this contributes to state control of church activities. Did you know that even though the flag is voluntarily placed in the sanctuary, its position is regulated by state law? If it is in the nave it must be placed on the left side and in the chancel it must be on the right side.

Presently the LCA Dept. of Parish Services does not recommend that newly formed congregations purchase flags. The Christian flag was never popular but one tends to believe that it was adopted to "balance" the American flag. Yet the Pub House continues to sell them without a reason. It's time to take a risk and remove this unnecessary and secular symbol from our sanctuaries.

-Henry Pawluk



STUDENT BODY COMMITTEE REPORTS

\*\*\*\*\*Instead of having the following committee reports presented at the upcoming Student Body meeting, they are being printed here so you may have a chance to review them in advance. Then any questions or concerns regarding the committees and their activities can be brought up at the meeting.  
Cathy Carlson, Secretary

AD HOC MERGER--This committee remains temporarily dormant until alerted of the need for student action. Prospects look good at this time for the continuation of LTSP and LTSG at their present locations with increased co-operation through CLTENE until at least 1986.  
Judy Allen

BOOKSTORE--The committee met three times in this period, and the following are highlights of its proceedings:  
-Received and reviewed the Financial Report of the year ending 30 June, 1975. Assets increased substantially, as they had in the previous year.  
-Approved as Assistant Manager, Ed Fernandez.  
-Approved a sale of slow-moving books, which was held near the end of the first semester.  
-Approved continuation of the same rate of mark-up.  
-Discussed the questions of who may be a co-op member, and whether part-time students must pay the same \$50 deposit to charge books (and they do).  
-Discussed the move to Hagan Hall, but this is postponed indefinitely.  
-Explored the possibility of pre-registering for courses so that quantities of books may be estimated.  
-Approved a plan to stock cassette tapes for sale, and to make available cassette recorders on an individual-order basis(not stocked).  
-Opened a savings account with authorization to transfer funds by telephone, between the savings and checking accounts. This will enable us to earn a little interest on the cash on deposit.  
Richard Stevens

SOCIAL MINISTRY--This committee has implemented a policy to inform the campus of relevant social issues and carry out short term community projects. This has been done by distributing the Vanguard (Luth: Human Relations Assoc. newspaper) and sponsoring a United Farm Workers night in December. A production of the "Water is Fine" will be on campus Feb. 12. Community projects that have begun are 1) a recycling center on campus, 2) a visit to the Group Home for Retarded Women located next to our campus, 3) a visit to Silver Springs Training School, and 4) membership and reporting on the activities of East Mount Airy Neighbors Assoc. . Future involvement in a campus Blood Drive and Mount Airy Day will be planned.  
Henry Pawluk

CAMPUS TOUR--During the first semester approximately six tours were arranged for visiting groups. Most of these groups were confirmation classes. I thank members of the community who consented to tour the various groups.  
Ginny Biniek

REFECTORY--The committee has taken no action in the past few months for there has been no obvious need. However, the committee will meet at some time in the next two weeks. There are some suggestions which have been submitted (Recycling committee on mugs for coffee instead of cups; a second diet table, etc.) and these will be discussed. If there are any other suggestions please bring them to the committee members by the end of this week.  
Jim Werley

## COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED\*\*\*\*

**WORSHIP & SEMINARY COMMUNITY LIFE**--During the fall semester the committee met regularly once a week to deal with many and varied issues. Much of our time was spent in planning for and preparing the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service and Advent Vespers.

Other activities concerning our worship life together were discussion and choice of preachers for 1st and 2nd semesters, question of additional services, the desire for a small "meditation area" to be set aside in the dorm, and evaluation of our machinery to deal with the criticisms of chapel preaching.

We also dealt extensively with the problems of extra telephones for dormitory students (a problem now in the hands of the newly created Dorm Council) and with the needs of commuting students for a locker room area. In the area of student needs and interests the committee addressed the evaluation of Orientation Week, as well as the planning of next year's Orientation for new students, re-entry and re-integration for returning interns. Subcommittees have been formed to deal with these plans.

Because of a perennial problem of balancing immediate needs and determining our priorities, some of these problems have not been resolved. We will no doubt deal with them as well as attempt to get a handle on the new worship materials (ILCW) during the coming term.

Sarah Davison

**PRESIDENT SEARCH**--The Student Body Executive Committee served as the President Evaluating Committee as ordered by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee interviewed these candidates for the position and responded to the President Search Committee by listing strengths and weaknesses in each candidate. This information was later compiled and transmitted to the Board. As a president and an alternate have been selected, the Executive Committee has fulfilled its function and no longer is acting as a President Evaluating Committee.

Scott Schantzenbach

**ATHLETIC**--During the first semester of the current school year the seminary played three schools in football, and one game between juniors and middlers which ended in a tie.

In December a gym was secured for basketball and investigation was made for volleyball use of the same gym; however, the schedule of the gym would not permit volleyball.

The committee purchased a first-aid kit and various medical aids. A planned trip to see the 76ers failed because of a lack of interest. The committee lost their football during football season.

Until the opening of the new building we are prevented from offering a complete program. This became evident when the seminary lost temporary use of the gym due to firing of the sexton.

Further purchases under consideration--a new volleyball net. A trip to see the Phillies is planned.

Newell Embley

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**--During the first semester of the academic year, the committee honored the returning seniors with the first "mixer" of the year. Halloween proved to be a successful time for a party. With costumes, a movie, and a dance, many people from the community chose to attend the Halloween Party and partake of the festivities. Throughout the fall, we held coffee house evenings on Wednesdays of every other week. This year we look forward to Mardi Gras night, Spring seekend, the annual Spring banquet, a few mixers and the usual coffee houses.

Lee Diefenderfer  
Paul Nye

## COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED\*\*\*\*

DORM COUNCIL--During the fall semester the committee:

- Got a list of what students wanted bed boards, even though those who signed up were not necessarily guaranteed a bed board.
- Talked with Mr. Garver about placing a pencil sharpener in the dorm.
- Had Mr. Kaufmann make a statement on the "parking lot" issue which appeared in the issue of the Seminarian.
- We are in the process of trying to obtain another telephone for the dorm, whether it be a pay phone, or a regular phone. Spent several sessions talking with Mr. Carl Adams who is our contact with the telephone company.
- Established a person to act as a mediator between Ken Garver and the dorm. That person(chosen from our committee) was Christian von Dehse.
- Made arrangements for a Xmas tree for within the dorm.
- Handled a complaint about noise late at night in the dorm.
- Are currently looking into the possibility of getting an oven for the dorm kitchen.

Corinne Miller

INTERSEMINARY--The Interseminary Board initiated and worked with the worship committee in planning the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service. Presently the committee, on instructions from President Schantzenbach, is formulating a response statement to the "Report of the Sesqui-centennial Long-Range Planning Committee" as asked for by the Gettysburg Seminary. The Board is passing the report around to get various student input on "our" response. The Chairpersonship of the committee passed from Corrie Miller to Bruce Ewen in January.

Bruce Ewen

LIBRARY--The committee consists of the two librarians, two faculty members(Dr. Lee, Mr. Hughes), the Seminary President and Dean and, as of this year, one student member. The committee is responsible for setting library policy and for the general oversight of the program of the library.

The committee's actions last semester included responding favorably to student concerns for weekend and additional finals week hours. Also, duplicate books were first offered free to Seminex before being placed on Library Booksale.

Recently, the Committee has been concerned with the library budget for next year. We have proposed the purchase of additional needed equipment as a microfilm reader-printer, overhead projector, and stereo system. We have also requested that additional technical and student personnel be added to the library staff which at present is both overworked and understaffed.

We have received valuable student reaction to library policies and we would hope that students would continue to inform committee members of any concerns that develop during the course of the next semester.

Paul Sorcek

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS--The committee was responsible for producing the Student Handbook, the Seminary Directory, and The Seminarian. We are attempting to keep accurate records, since none are available to show how much it costs to run the Publications Committee--as a result, we are bound to be overbudgeted. The committee chairmanship has changed hands to the new Seminarian editor, Bruce Ewen.

Chris Matthy

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED\*\*\*\*

FIRST PROFESSIONAL DEGREE--The committee has in the last few months been involved with examining the seminary's curriculum, with an eye toward creating one curriculum that will be used by both LTSP and Gettysburg.

Recent action taken by the First Professional Degree Committee include: a motion to invite an Episcopal guest lecturer, Rev. John Hardwick to teach a course in Episcopal Polity; and a motion to invite Dr. Larry Folkimer of Gettysburg to teach a course in systematic theology during the spring term.

Richard Niewochner

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ATTENTION ALL TAXPAYERS:

In this capitalistic society there are two so-called certainties in life...death and taxes. For some of us taxes is the hardest to face and death comes at another time. As we are probably all aware federal and state tax statements are due by mid April. Many of us will succeed in completing the many forms, and then there will be some who won't or will have to wait for their refund 'cause of an error in filing. As a previous student and employee in the accounting profession, I am willing to help any student or family in preparation of their 1975 tax returns. There will not be any fee for me but rather I ask donations be given towards the Lutheran Charities Appeal, or a American non-profit organization i.e. American Cancer Society, United Fund. All advice will be kept confidential. If your interested in my help just drop a note in my mailbox or see me on campus.

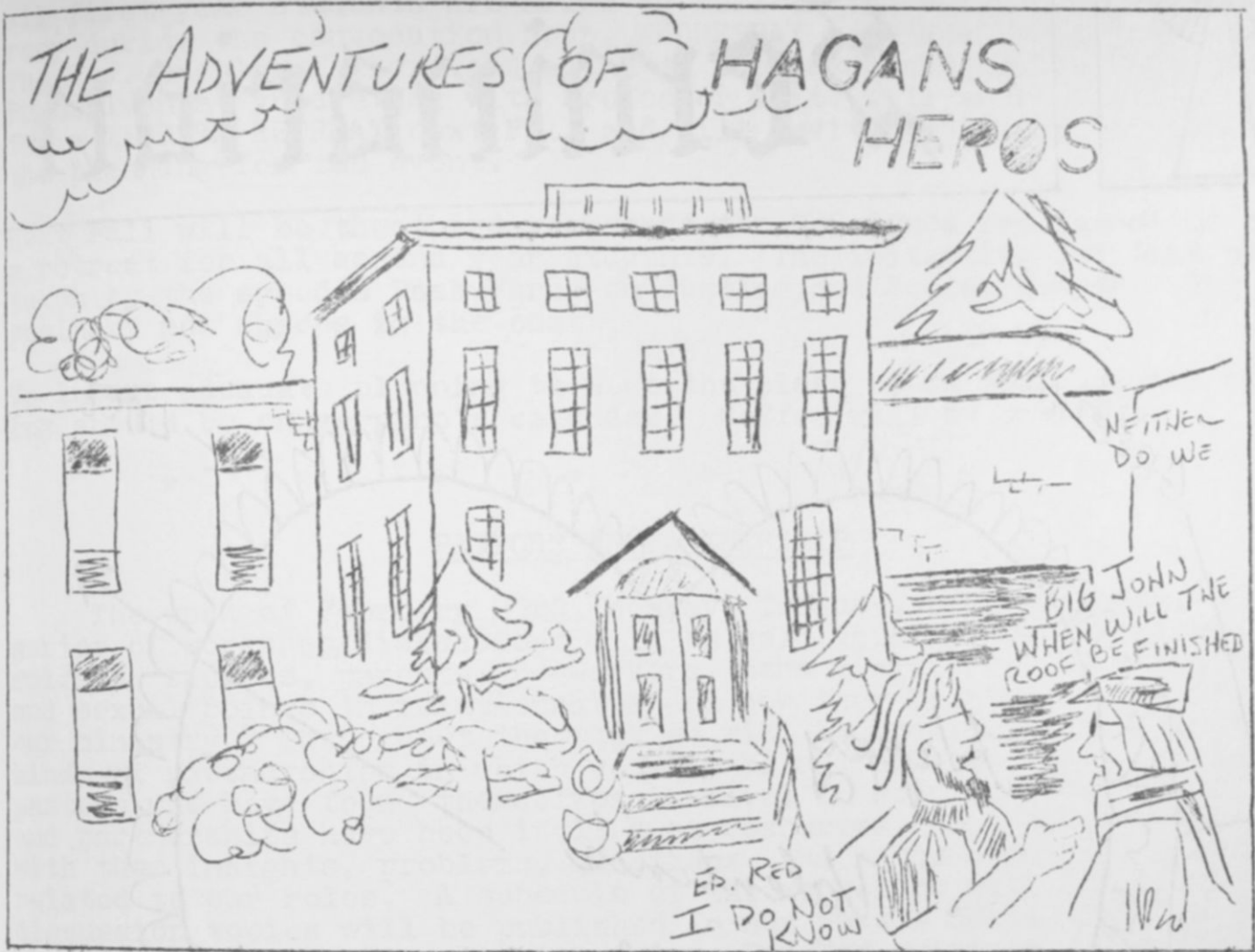
Keith Wilbur

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"I LOVE"

I love September, for it means returning to school and seeing familiar faces once again,  
I love the beautiful colored leaves that autumn brings my way;  
And I love the snow capped mountains back home, on which the skier learns to depend,  
I love to hear a church bell ringing on Christmas Eve,  
And to see the smile upon the face on a child opening presents the following day,  
I love porpoises, big sheep dogs, koala bears,  
And I love all the things that close friends can share;  
I love early morning walks with someone just to see the sun come up over the hill,  
And I love the feeling I get when I'm in God's presence, because I know that it's His will;  
I love going off in a field by myself once in a while,  
I love Humphrey Bogart, and the special way he used to smile,  
I love spring's first robin; cheeseburgers; the color green; Mt. Airy; and an outdoor pool;  
But most of all.....  
I LOVE YOU!!!

Corrie Miller



CONTEMPTIBLE WORSHIP II (con't from page 1)

true that we Lutherans are really taking our worship "very seriously," as Dr. Marshall claims we do.

Aside from those already suggested, some other questions might include (1) What is sin? (our actions and our failure to act?) (2) What is worship? (man's act?) (3) Is the CW2 service Act centered as opposed to Word of God centered? (4) Is there not a magical significance to the direction that the pastor extend his hands over the elements and pray that the Holy Spirit be sent "upon this bread and wine?"

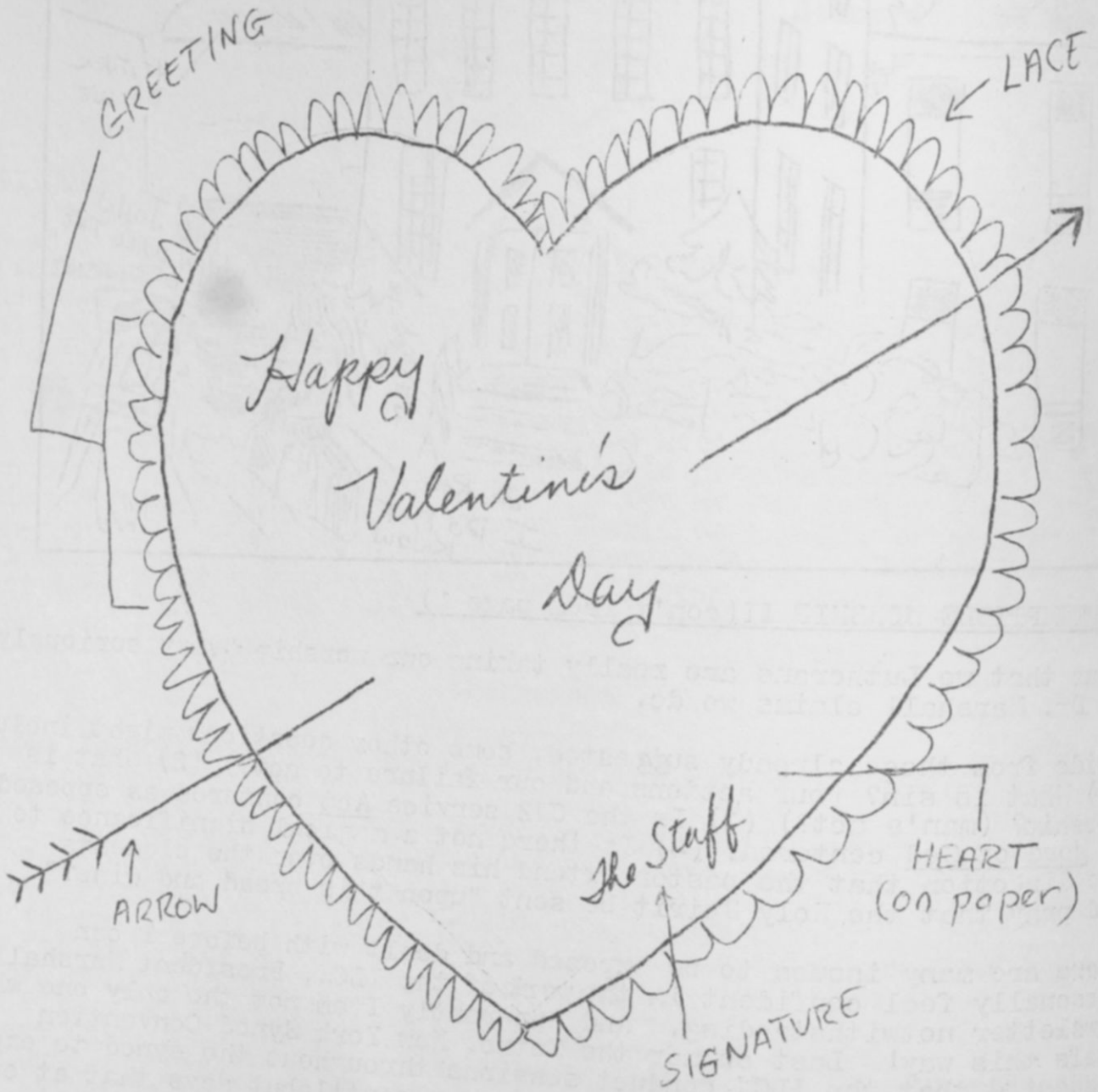
There are many issues to be exposed and dealt with before I can personally feel confident in the work of the ILCW, President Marshall's newsletter notwithstanding. And apparently I am not the only one who feels this way! Last summer the Metro. New York Synod Convention requested that the ILCW conduct sessions throughout the synod to explain the theological bases of the CW2. Campus scuttlebutt says that at one of our seminaries, CW2 is called "Contemptible Worship 2!" Maybe they are on to something!

Jim Anderson

Next week: Thanksgiving Day



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