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DR. BOST ANNOUNCES FACULTY CHANGES

President Bost informed the Student Body Wednesday morning of recent developments concerning three faculty members. Mr. Robert Hughes has been promoted to Associate Professor. Dr. Richard Olson has resigned effective June 1977. The faculty recommended to the Board of Trustees that Dr. Oliver Olson's services not be continued here at this seminary after his contract expires in June.

Student Body President Bruce Ewen announced Tuesday night that a special Student Body meeting would be held Wednesday morning. The content of this meeting was not divulged. The only item mentioned was that President Bost wanted to address the Student Body.

Mr. Ewen called the meeting to order Wednesday at 9:45 A. M. in the chapel. Mr. Ewen opened with a prayer and then introduced President Bost.

President Bost initially expressed a continuing concern for Keith Wilbur. He asked that anyone who is able to drive Keith's wife Nancy down to Episcopal Hospital each day at 2:00 P. M. to let Mrs. Maiden know. It is difficult for Nancy to get to the hospital to see Keith.

Next Dr. Bost explained in detail the process of evaluation of faculty and the committees involved. This process included matters of tenure, promotion, and continuance of service.

In regard to evaluation of faculty, President Bost informed the Student Body of developments from the faculty meeting on Monday. Mr. Robert Hughes has been promoted to Associate Professor. President Bost said this promotion was unprecedented in this seminary since Mr. Hughes has not yet earned his doctorate. However this promotion was made because of the high quality of Mr. Hughes' work and because he is now actively seeking his doctorate. President Bost also said that Dr. Richard Olson has submitted his resignation effective June, 1977. Dr. Bost said of Dr. R. Olson, "This will be his last year." President Bost said he and Dr. R. Olson had held several conversations in private. He said Dr. R. Olson was resigning in the interest of furthering his own "career development." Finally President Bost stated that the faculty voted not to recommend to the Board of Trustees that Dr. Oliver Olson's services be continued after this academic year. Dr. O. Olson has not yet responded to this. Dr. Bost said Dr. O. Olson was present while the faculty discussed his evaluation. In all three cases, student opinions were considered.

President Bost then answered questions by students for about 20 minutes. When one student praised Dr. Bost for his openness and honesty, the students followed with a standing ovation.

Reported by Ray Miller



COMMENT ON FACULTY CHANGES ANNOUNCEMENT

I wholeheartedly applaud Dr. Bost's initiative in informing the Student Body of these recent developments which affect the whole seminary community. I found his candor and honesty and willingness to speak to us most refreshing. I am grateful that the announcement of faculty changes took place out in the open.

I suppose all institutions change, whether it be their physical appearance, their curricula, or their personnel. These changes become exceedingly difficult and painful when they take on human faces and human feelings.

I congratulate Mr. Hughes on his promotion. It is a well-deserved piece of good news for a wonderful man and a valuable part of our community.

I regret what looks like the losses of Dr. Richard Olson and Dr. Oliver Olson. We have all come to know them as our teachers. Each of them has become a part of us. In a sense we are losing a part of us.

I was going to call this article "The Wednesday Morning Massacre." But I think that that is overly dramatic. I want to express my own feelings of shock and upheaval at what has happened.

This has been a most difficult and trying **event** for us as students and especially for those who had to make the decision. It was clearly not a neat and easy decision to make. To those who have been affected by what has happened, I -- and I think I speak for the Student Body too -- pledge my love and support to you. God be with you!

All comments are welcome!

Ray Miller
Editor

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

"Much of what we know is not true and much of what we try will not work, but frequently as we fail to 'solve' problems, we do succeed in 'trading up' and have a better, more enjoyable, and more challenging batch of new problems to work with after we trade -- even though we thought we were solving, not trading problems." Lyle E. Schaller, Understanding Tomorrow.

Submitted by Tom Irwin, Jr.

SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING

There will be a meeting Wednesday, October 13, at 9:40 A. M. in the Refectory, second floor, rain, snow, or otherwise, of the Social Ministry Committee. Please come if you are interested.

Arlene Stofflet

Ernst Käsemann and Ecumenism

That the German university tradition of radical exegesis encased within the lifestyle of tweedy conservatism should produce a self-proclaimed revolutionary at the age of seventy might seem rather odd at first glance. Dr. Ernst Käsemann recently retired New Testament professor at Tübingen, however, embodies that fatherly wisdom which has seen much, endured much, thought much, and understood much. Framed against the narrow concerns often exhibited in our churches, his world view is large indeed.

In his lecture last Thursday morning which admittedly was difficult to understand, Dr. Käsemann spoke refreshingly of perspectives we tend to overlook. He spoke of the Third World. He spoke of harnessing the historical-critical approach to meet the hermeneutical needs of a new ecumenism. He spoke of one Church, not merely a Western, Caucasian enclave of pious aristocrats, but rather a suffering, servant Church meeting the needs of fellow human beings in that third world, whether it be the ghettos of Buenos Aires or North Philadelphia.

To be sure, Dr. Käsemann stressed that one must conform his own world view to that of Christ's and not make Christ the tool of every new ideology that comes down the pike. Against those purveyors of "cheap ecumenism" who would sacrifice our confessional heritage on the altar of expediency, one must actively and cogently do battle. Dr. Käsemann's real contribution comes in his insistence that the changeless Word of God must continually be interpreted anew to meet the ever-changing needs and circumstances of His children. One God, one Church--- truly a revolutionary idea!

Carl W. Filer

I N A P P R E C I A T I O N

To my beautiful friends:

Thank you for your prayers, love, and flowers. I know you are all with me in this time of sorrow and I find so much strength in knowing this.

Love, Bev.

For this God is our God,
Forever and ever:
He will be our guide,
Even unto death.

Ps. 48:14

STUDENT PUBLISHES MUSICAL WORK

Congratulations to Dennis Reppen of the Junior Class on the occasion of the publication of his first musical work. It is "Jesus Savior, Lamb of God", a four-part choir piece which he arranged from a composition by 16th-century church composer Antonio Cabezon. He set a different text to it than Cabezon's--the Agnus Dei. Copies are available at Augsburg Publishing House in the Augsburg Choral Library series for 35¢ a piece.

"ST. THOMAS ACQUAINT US"

Starting next week, Tom Irwin will be writing a special feature called, "St. Thomas Acquaint Us". This will be a weekly schedule of events for the seminary community. For all events you want publicized in The Seminarian, give name of event, time, and place to Tom Irwin.

THE PIGSKIN POLL BACK!!

It's kick-off time again, folks, with Chuck Koup bringing us "The Weekly Football Poll" beginning next week. Keep your eyes peeled for the article, and your betting to a minimum!!

WANTED: All those with "spouses" at the seminary, come to the planning meeting on Wednesday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Nancy and Steve Moyer's 232 E. Durham St.

CONFESSIONS OF THE MASKED HOUSEHUSBAND
M.H. in the Land of the Sickies

Last week Edith left to attend the Middler retreat in Atlantic City. She was as overjoyed about it as I was underjoyed. While she was away, I was stuck for three rainy days with three jobs (mine), three kids (ours), three colds (theirs), and one headache (mine).

John reacts to a runny nose with a panic approaching frenzy. He must feel sure that the world will end should he allow his nose to run any farther than the end of his nostril. To fight off this dread calamity he wipes. In a three day span John used up two boxes of tissues, then switched to paper towels, and when they ran out, to toilet paper. We no longer are able to wipe our noses, our spills or, well, you get the idea.

Raechel was blithely unaware of her cold. She chose the traditional approach - let it run. Every five or ten minutes I would stop her and wipe nose and we were both happy. Enter the Wiper. At the first sign of Raechel's runny nose, John panicked. In a tone of voice most people reserve for fires and avalanches, John screamed, "Raechel, your nose is running!!!" After three days John had her so thoroughly trained that a runny nose made her run searching the house for me.

Jarrood reacts to adversity with hysterical paralysis. When he doesn't feel well his body ceases to maintain it's normal shape, and he crumples to the floor, arising only to make impossible requests and collapse anew when those requests aren't granted.

If the kids belonged to the seven dwarfs they'd be known as Sloppy, Dropsy and Panic Stricken.

So there I was a well person in the land of the sickies. Now the only place a well person wants to be is at a distance from the sickies, and probably during your life you have had some success at it. But once you are a parent you can forget that. The single most important place in the world to a sick child is a parent's lap or arms. At the end of three days I felt like a forty-two year old sofa.

As bad as the weekend sounds, I did come up with some suggestions for the scientists.

1. Nose plugs for those kids who hate runny noses.
 2. Ear plugs which prevent little girls from hearing their brothers, but allow them to hear their fathers.
 3. Protoplasmic cement to prevent the jello-like state associated with Jarroditis.
 4. A three-seat strap-on lap for thin fathers with three sick kids.
 5. Patience pills - one pill every day you could wait for the parousia.
- (And maybe make it through the weekend.)

"Father" John

1st astonished bystander: "Who was that masked man?"
2nd astonished bystander: "I don't know but he left this silver tissue."
Hi ho Kleenex.

KEEPING WARM IN THE DORM

To All Who Control Thermostats in the Seminary Community

It seems that our fuel oil suppliers have an ample supply of oil again this year. However, President Ford has lifted price controls on heating oil, which means oil companies can charge any price they wish for their product. Whether or not competition will keep oil at its present price remains to be seen. Therefore, we are asking that everyone keep his or her thermostat set at no higher than 68 degrees to help conserve oil.

For those living in Main Dorm, lower numbers mean lower temperatures, but individual thermostats may vary. Since thermostats in Main Dorm usually control more than one room, please be considerate of others.

If you have any problems, please fill out a repair form, which may be found at the front entrance of Hagan Hall.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ken Garver

P. S. Let's have a square dance!

LTSP STUDENT BODY APPROVED BUDGET
1976-1977

Committee	Budget 75-76	Expended 75-76	Refunded 75-76	Net Exp. 75-76	Approved Budget 76-77
Athletics	\$ 75.00	\$ 94.08	\$ 35.00	\$ 59.08	\$100.00
Contingency	90.00	70.46	---	70.46	75.00
Publications	550.00	417.32	118.99	298.33	600.00
Social Activities	700.00	1960.76	1359.14	601.62	750.00
Social Ministry	100.00	100.00	---	100.00	150.00
Spouses Club	50.00	50.00	---	50.00	50.00
Student Administration	40.00	41.15	1.15	40.00	50.00
Men & Women in Dialogue	75.00	42.85	---	42.85	75.00
Guest Night	---	---	---	---	100.00
TOTALS	\$168.00	\$2776.62	\$1514.28	\$1262.34	\$1950.00*

Operating Principal 664.47**

Note: The administration holds \$400 in escrow which belongs to the Student Body.
 The \$400 is the proceeds from the sale of the pool table in the Library.
 The \$500 set aside for landscape planning has been paid to the administration.
 It accumulated \$4.25 interest, which was left in the account.

* Based on 130 students at \$15 per student.
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 Withdrawals from this principal are subject to the approval of the President and the treasurer.

Paul Scheitlin, Treasurer

A DEFINITION OF WHAT IS COOL!

COOL IS...

UN-COOL IS...

... Not liking any Norman Lear shows (or buying any T-shirts that have faces of his characters on the front);

... Taking 3 courses, an independent study with Dr. Krodel, and an overload in Hebrew;

... Not understanding what Dr. Kasemann said;

... being a married student and not knowing what's going on around campus;

... going back to a state mental hospital to visit your CPE supervisor and having the security guards think that you're a patient;

... going to every 8:00 class that you have throughout the entire semester;

(Note: the reader may add a "not" before "going," change "every" to "any", and change "forgets" to "remembers"; after doing so, reverse the columns and...)

... buying a new 1976 Mercury Bobcat station wagon with power steering, AM-FM stereo radio, power disc brakes, radial tires, deluxe trim, deluxe interior, and air, - and then putting most of your mileage on it driving to the shop seven times in two months;

... owning a CB radio;

... writing amusing, witty, pithy, timely, thought-provoking articles such as this.

.... attempting to write a theology according to Archie Bunker, Mary Hartmann, or other Lear characters... ad nauseum;

... Having time to sleep;

... being sorry that you didn't

... knowing what's going on but having to live in the dorm in order to do so;

... having no way of proving that you're not;

... showing up on the last day for your grade and the professor forgets your name;

... driving a 1970 car with no options at all but has never been within five miles of a garage;

... using it;

.... signing your name to them!

John J. Zoppi

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