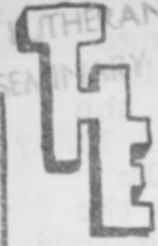


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RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS

From the balloting on the 19th and 20th: out of 82 ballots cast, 42 were needed to elect. For President: Wimmer 28, Moyer 17, Petit 14, Anderson 13, Bahrs 10. For Treasurer: Ellis 40, Trethaway 41, abstention 1. From the run-off balloting on the 21st and 22nd: out of 91 ballots cast, 46.5 needed to elect. For President: Wimmer 47, (elected), Moyer 40, write in (petit) 3, abstention 1. For Treasurer: Ellis 45, Trethaway 46. From the second run-off balloting on the 25th and 26th: out of 90 ballots cast, 46 needed to elect. For Treasurer: Ellis 43, Trethaway 47 (elected).

Respectfully submitted:

Bruce Ewen, Rod Kopp, Wayne Kaufman

FROM THE PRESIDENT - ELECT

The close of the semester also marks the reorganization of student body committees. I am therefore asking for the cooperation of the student body. Anyone who is interested in serving as interim chairperson on any of the following committees is asked to contact me. The committees are as follows:

Social Activities
Social Ministry
Athletic Activities

Bookstore
Refectory



Appointment will be made Wednesday, May 4th. However I wish to stress that the expression of an interest to become a chairperson may not necessarily result in an appointment. In addition, all appointments will be temporary pending Executive Committee approval in the fall. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Mark Wimmer

EDITORIAL: Final Word

My father once told me about a distant relative of ours, great-Uncle Max. Uncle Max had a tendency to take things very personally. The only history I have concerning him is that when he sat in an old overstuffed chair and read the newspaper, he would become so inflamed by some news of Teddy Roosevelt that he would summarily respond with the calm retort of exploding a fair content of salivation onto the article and then rip the newspaper to shreds screaming loud obscenities of his own personal editorial. Uncle Max had a tendency to take things personally.

At times I have felt people to take The Seminarian very personally, and in some ways this is good. But The Seminarian is a medium of communication and not the reality itself. Over the past year the editors have tried to keep this newspaper an open medium for communication; even when the articles filled us with anger, even when we felt like Uncle Max. We hope The Seminarian will retain this function for the benefit of the community in the coming years.

If there is one thing to thank the seminary community for, it is for the lesson in writing editorials; simply this: say it clearly and say it honestly. The only thing guaranteed when you open your mouth or uncap your pen is that somebody is going to be angry, someone will disagree. This is a singularly important lesson for a professional people who are called to speak frequently. We are guaranteed nothing like accolades; we are guaranteed a fight.

I thank the seminary community for all its help in writing for and putting together The Seminarian. I wish the best of luck to the new editors, Jo Witman and Dale Irwin whom I think will maintain and increase the quality of this paper. (By the way, they put the paper together this week!) Thanks also go to Tom Irwin and Jack Roberts for their weekly features. Finally, I'd like to thank Ray Miller: a good friend, a great editor and the only one who has kept me from tearing up the Seminarian office in consternation and even wrath. Ray---you have been a blessing.

Good luck this summer: seminarians, faculty and staff! You have all taught me so much. May the peace of God be with each of you.

Bill Damrow

THE SEMINARIAN STAFF

Editors, 1977-1978: Dale Irvin and Jo Witman

Editors, 1976-1977: Ray Miller and Bill Damrow

Typists: Dennis Reppen, Ray Miller, Bill Damrow, Dale Irvin,
Jo Witman, Tom Irwin

Crank: Mark Winner

EDITORIAL (From the new editors)

Greetings to the community! It is with great expectations, intrepitations, consolation and a bit of enthusiasm that we, Dale and Jo, accept the job of leading the stapler in the coming year.

This past year has brought controversy and change to the Mt. Airy Seminary, along with a growing awareness of the world we face and what it means to be a church leader in the twentieth century. The evidence of controversy and change has often shown up in these pages in the form of dissention, anger, and even open hostility. On occasion we have heard disillusioned students speak of the lack of openness and communication; we have watched an instance of samizdat which continues even in this issue; and we have bemoaned the fact that the seminary is unresponsive to the needs and aspirations of the student body.

We believe that controversy and change are vital elements in the maturational process. In the coming year, this paper will assume an even more prominent role in providing an avenue for voicing dissention (as well as satisfaction!) in looking for solutions. We look forward to the involvement of more members of the community, students as well as faculty and administration. Contributions are welcomed: news items, special interest stories, reviews and regular columns, whether solicited or not. As this is a community publication involvement by the whole community is vital.

Our policy concerning publication in the coming year is simple: all decisions will be made jointly by the co-editors concerning the use of submitted materials. We welcome criticism, comments, advice; however, final authority must rest in the hands of the editors. Material must be received two days before publication to allow adequate time for responsible response to opinionated matter and assembly time for news items. In the event that there is sufficient reason to hold up publication, the author will be consulted and informed of the decision before press date; we hope, however, that such incidents will prove to be rare.

We look forward to working with Mark Wimmer and Bruce Tretheway along with the rest of the Executive Council and the Student Body. As one voice in the community, THE SEMINARIAN looks forward to working with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Jo Witman

Dale Irvin

One of the tasks relegated to the Publications Committee of the Student Body is the yearly edition of the Seminary Handbook. Dale and I will be returning to campus on September 1st to begin that long and tedious process. We would gladly welcome any suggestions and helps (new Sunday supper spots, etc.). Please submit them to LTSP Box 808 before the end of the term or to my home address which can be found elsewhere in this issue. Thanks.

jo witman

EDITORIAL RESPONSE

NOTE: Last week THE SEMINARIAN published an editorial comment alongside a letter written by Peter Pettit. Mr. Pettit has in turn responded to the views of the editors with the following defense of his actions and opinions. The Editors,

TO THE EDITORS:

Last week you published an editorial explaining the reasons for which you did not publish my letter submitted to you on 4/13/77 in the issue of that date. It is extremely unfortunate that you never attempted to contact me concerning your reasons prior to the decision not to publish. As reported in your editorial, I do not find the concerns you express to be insurmountable.

"In the first place, (you) did not wish to be entangled or misinterpreted as a paper which would help one name become more popularized..." Three alternatives were available to publishing the letter over my name: publish it as an editorial of the staff, publish it over another student's name, publish it over the signature "A Student". Assuming that option one would not have been your choice, there remained two and three, both of which I was prepared to suggest and accept, had anyone talked to me.

"In the second place, (you) believed that the accusatory tone of (the) letter and its basic argument would be as relevant this week..." This would have been true, had a change in the nominating process been the basic argument of the letter, as you supposed. It was not. As is obvious from the last paragraph of the letter (last page, 4/20/77), the basic argument was to encourage the Student Body, whether voters or candidates, to take the election seriously. Such an argument would have been lost on a Student Body that had already finished voting. I cited the recent actions and reactions of the President, Executive Committee and Nominating Committee only to indicate in what ways I felt such a seriousness was being discouraged. The actions and reactions I reported were not accusations, but historical facts.

You went on to say that you did not wish to become "help to 'political' machinations, intentional or not." Indeed, the letter was intentionally political. I intentionally set out to rouse among the Student Body an awareness of the extent to which we all, over the past year, have turned in false innocence away from difficult issues and to encourage serious engagement of the issue of the elections. Thus, the letter qualifies as a political action. So, too, do appointments to committees, selections of individuals for any position and decisions on what to publish, what not to publish and when to publish. As to the implications of self-interest which are present in your editorial, one could, and can, consider the antagonism expected to be felt by any group receiving such a letter and the deleterious effect such antagonism would have on the author's self-interest.

Further comment could be made on your editorial, but it would take me from the realm of this letter into philosophical rebuttal of the values espoused in your last two paragraphs. Suffice it to say that I am disappointed that you did not see fit to talk with me about the decision not to publish until it was irreversible. We might have been able to find common ground for publishing. In fact, I was disappointed that neither of you ever reported the decision to me. If my self-publication circumvented "channels of communication agreed upon and supported... by the Student Body," your refusal to contact me in any way about the decision not to publish offends common courtesy.

Peter A. Pettit

EDITORIAL REPLY TO PETER PETTIT'S LETTER IN THIS ISSUE

Dear Peter,

Boy, you really must be boiling mad! I can understand this and so shall attempt to respond as briefly as possible. I think this will offer a nice contrast to your rather lengthy letter. Thank you for outlining your letter "In the first place" etc. because this will help me to answer your concerns without quoting you: something I would find most tiresome.

In the first place, you are neither a member of the staff nor are you another student. I hope you understand this. Your third choice is not so hot either. Our deadline is Monday at 5P.M. and you gave this letter over to us Wednesday morning! Well, we hardly have time to go looking for the authors of different articles when they cannot even hand them in on time! If your letter was so important, we could have received it on time and then contacted you over our concerns. But your letter was late and I therefore assume it wasn't important. Besides, when you give us an article, you leave it to editorial decision and trust which you violated in the face of the entire student body.

In the second place, your historical facts were about as uncolored as a speech by General Patton. I wonder who put you in command.

In the third place, theology and mercy seem to be absent in your political letter. God is present in politics, "n'est pas"?

Finally, I do not even want a philosophical rebuttal from you! I want to see an ethical action which accepts the concerns of a larger student body than Peter Pettit! That is what I mean by patience, a quality which you have an amazing tendency to ignore.

It's not your letter that bothers me, Peter. It's the fact that you are so quick to ignore the channels of a community because it will not put up with your procrastination. You offend common courtesy and patience.

---Bill Demrow

P.S. See you at the Spring Banquet.

AMUSEMENT PARK

At 9:40 a.m. on May 4th, the film "Amusement Park" will be shown in the Amphitheatre. This film touches on the many aspects of aging and is well worth the time (45 min.) spent viewing it.

--Lyle Sass

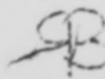
WRITING ON THE WALL

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SEMINARY CHOIR:

For your faithfulness and enthusiasm, for the many hours of hard work, for the fun we have had together and even for the rough times, for your willingness to give of yourselves to get the job done, for your sense of commitment and community, in short, for the privilege of working together with all that this means I want to express to you publicly my thanks.

Because of you the Seminary Choir has not only been a musical ensemble of high artistic achievement, but a witnessing fellowship both in person and song. To all of you--Peace and all good!

--Bob Bornemann



April 25, 1977

THE OLD, FAMILIAR INTERNS

My first two years at Seminary, I noticed that most of the returning seniors returned with a noticeable bulge around the waist-line. This malady came to be affectionately known as "Intern Gut." (Note to Jim Heckman: You're in trouble already!) But interns are supposed to be busy! How could such a phenomenon occur?

After less than a month out here, I diagnosed the cause for Intern Gut: it's "Congregational Overfeed." Dinner invitations abound among these loving people. It's great for the wallet and for relaxing with members, but it's terrible for the belt-line.

Plus, in its own way, Internship is a cushy job; i. e., desk chair cushion, car seat cushion, the committee meeting seat cushion, the living-room sofa cushion, and so on.

But one need not succumb to Intern Gut! While my interning cohorts have probably worked out their own forms of exercise, I have two. For one, get a bicycle and knapsack. I can at least commute to church and do some local calls as well as errands. For another, declare a moratorium on elevators in your hospital calls. Sure, you gotta catch your breath after hiking 9 floors, but when else can you get a work-out like that on a regular basis? And if it's just 3-4 floors, you can usually beat the elevators anyway!

Internship has, of course, been more than meals and exercise. My brothers and sisters have written very truly in their accounts to this paper. For myself, not only have I had the opportunity to test out what I've learned in seminary, but I've learned some things about me that never could come out in classes or CPE. And the beautiful part of it all is that I can discover and work through my short-comings among caring, constructive Christians.

Hope to see many of you at the Spring Banquet!

Peace and Paryers,
Mark English

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The newly-formed Student Affairs Committee of the Seminary Board will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, April 28. The Committee will consider the Seminary's financial aid policy and the policy for termination of student tenure. While the committee will need to be guided in part by regulations of agencies holding accreditation authority, YOUR OPINIONS AND IDEAS ARE INVITED. If you would like to communicate with the Board concerning these issues, please contact CLAIR BURKAT or PETER PETTIT before dinner on Thursday.

MORE SUMMER PLACEMENTS FOR 1977

Donna Welton
LTSP
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Philadelphia, Pa. 19119

Carol Noel
Trinity Lutheran Church
1000 W. Main St.
Lansdale, Pa. 19446

Jo Witman
The Lutheran Home at Topton
Summer 41 Hummingbird Rd.
address: Myonissing, Pa.
19610

CHAPLAIN BOB MESCHKE TO COME FOR
GUEST NIGHT

Guest Night on Thursday, April 28, will feature Chaplain Bob Meschke from Pennhurst State School and Hospital in Spring City, Pa. Pennhurst is a state institution where over 1200 mentally retarded people reside. These people are mostly adults and are on the severe and profound levels of mental retardation. Pennhurst has recently been in the news because of a law suit which seeks to close down the institution because of inadequate care.

Chaplain Meschke is engaged in a unique ministry to the people of Pennhurst. Several of us here at the seminary did CPE at Pennhurst under Bob's supervision. I speak for myself and say that the joy of getting to know Bob and the experience of trying to minister to the mentally retarded and the questions that that experience raised for me made for a most rewarding summer. I encourage all of you who can to come spend an hour or two with Bob on Thursday night and begin to see how far our Christian witness can extend, in this case to the mentally retarded. I personally can say that I have learned an awful lot from the mentally retarded. I also attribute much of my own growth as a person and as a professional in the church to Bob Meschke.

Ray Miller

CHAPLIN SCHEDULE FOR
READING WEEK

Chapel Services for Reading Week will be something special this year. Tuesday morning will find Hal Humphries and Joe Irvin leading Matins, with Billie Wright preaching. There will also be a short service on Thursday morning led by Joe and Hal. Framed by these two on Wednesday evening will be a community service planned by Drs. Albert and Lundeen. President Bost will preach; the service will be a culmination of this years work and a preparation for CPE, Internship, and Ordination. The time is 8 pm so that the congregation may include students and faculty as well as spouses and children. Please come and join in worship and praise for this past year's community and next year's possibilities.

DIRECTIONS TO BLAIR MILL INN

North on Mt. Airy Ave., which turns into Easton Rd.

North on Easton Rd. to 611 (Penn Friut and Burger Chef on corner).

Go left on 611 to 2nd light past Pa. Turnpk. Interchange.

At second light go right on Blair Mill Road.

Proceed on Blair Mill Rd. about 3/4 mile.

Turn right into development called Blair Mill Village Apts.

Follow road for about 2/10 mile.

Blair Mill Inn on right.

BIG MACK ATTACK

After the high excitement of the semi-final games, the Seminary basketball season ended with a romp. Thursday night, in the first game, the Propositions scored early and often. Led by the offensive power of Glenn Zorb, Jim Echols and Ed Fernandez and the brilliant defensive work of Jim Echols (which limited Jack Roberts to just 5 shots and 6 points in the first half) led by 22 points with only 12 minutes left to play. In an effort to create more offensive pressure Roberts moved to guard. The move worked well, enabling Mark Brophy to get free underneath. With 38 seconds remaining the Seniors led by 1 point when Brophy hit both ends of a 1-and-1 to seal victory. Glenn Zorb's basket as time ran out was academic. Final score: 58 to 57.

In the second game a vastly improved Celtic team played the game of the year. Mack Smith and the Junior team have been invincible all year -- they remained unbeaten but only by 2 points: 75 to 73. The sharp shooting of John Henrich, rebounding by Dale Irvin and all round play by Neil Bond almost pulled it out. But Mack Smith and his 31 points proved a bit too much.

After Thursday night's scare the Juniors apparently were out to prove something. They burst to a 22 - 6 lead early and then built it to a 58 - 16 score by half time. Nothing the Seniors did seemed to help. Exhausted by the overwhelming scoring of Mack Smith (46 points) they quietly folded their tents. Final score: 84 to 39.

SCORING (INDIVIDUAL)

Smith	34.0
Henrich	27.8
Roberts	24.2
Irvin	20.5
Cobbler	20.0
Zorb	18.7
Fernandez	18.0
Wenhold	17.0
S. Davis	17.0
Echols	16.7

FREE THROWS %

Roberts	64%
Smith	61
Wenhold	51
Davis	51
Reichert	46
Cobbler	44
Henrich	41
Hagerty	41
Zorb	36
Bond	20

THE GOLDEN BLUDGEON

Henrich	37
Filer	35
Koch	29
Bond	28
Smith	27
Reichert	26
Roberts	26
Pawluk	25
Benson	24
Wenhold	23

TEAM W - L

Juniors	8 - 0
Seniors	7 - 3
Propositions	4 - 5
Celtics	2 - 7
BANDON	0 - 6

TEAM OFFENSE

Juniors	91.0
Propositions	79.1
Seniors	70.7
Celtics	69.2
BANDON	48.8

TEAM DEFENSE

Juniors	54.2
Seniors	63.1
Propositions	70.1
Celtics	81.7
BANDON	95.8

THOMAS ACQUAINT US

sem-i-nar-y (sēm' ə nēr'ī), *n., pl.-naries.* 1. a school, esp. one of higher grade. 2. a school for the education of men for the priesthood or ministry. 3. a school of secondary or higher level for young women. 4. a seminar. 5. a place of origin and development. (late ME, *t.* L: *m.s. seminarium* nursery)

I was visiting friends the other evening and while I was there some other people dropped by. I had never met these other people before but they were good friends with my hosts. The man became quite entranced with the whole idea of meeting a real seminarian in the flesh! (I'm sure you can appreciate the situation) "Do they grade you and mark you just like in a school?", he asked. "Of course. It's just like any other academic institution.", I said, as I pondered over my exam schedule and the papers due next week.

There I was, playing the dictionary game at it's best - "1. a school..., 2. a school..., 3. a school..." It sounded like a reading from the "Gospel according to grade point averages" with an eschatology of due dates. Needless to say, that didn't sit too well with me - so I continued, "I guess I'd have to say it's more than a school. Something happens there besides classes - people seem to change and grow...", and then we talked about the traumas of seminary life, with which we are all familiar.

As I look back on this year at seminary I see that Webster did best in his last definition (#5. above). "Development" seems to be an appropriate word. A lot of water has gone over the dam since orientation week, and in my mind, many of us have developed and grown in more ways than we can imagine. Believe me it will show up in C.P.E., internships and calls.

Perhaps what I finally liked the best about Webster's definition was the connection with the latin word *seminarium*, "nursery". I think back to a sermon delivered by Professor Hughes earlier this year in which he told us about a tree in his yard that he supported with guidelines against the winds. The tree would not grow because the cables did not permit the wind to sway the tree so the roots could develop and take hold. Seminary: a nursery full of trees where the wind blows where it will and our roots are deeply planted.

Another source talks about growth and development like this: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. . . . every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit." (Jn 15:1&2b). Seminary: a place where growth really does happen! In fact, we grow enough to be pruned so that we may grow more.

Sometimes it's hard to see the whole process at work in the midst of the strong winds and the snipping of our branches, but as it turns out growth is a process of exuberant joy as well as great pain and the bitter tears are ballanced out by the belly laughs. The seminary experience: I hate it; I love it; I can't wait 'til it's over; I could only hope for more.

If I may go back to Webster one more time, he writes in his fifth definition that a seminary is "a place of origin...". This is to say the story doesn't end here at Mt. Airy. This is where we go out from. All our growth is useless if we don't go out and plant the seed of Life in the lives of those we meet.

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide." (Jn 15:16a)

Depart in Peace,

Serve the Lord.

THOMAS

THOMAS ACQUAINT US

THURSDAY, April 28

L.T.S.P. Board Meeting

FRIDAY, April 29

Second semester classes end

Spring Banquet Cocktails at 7pm Blairmill Inn Hatboro, Pa.

Dinner at 8pm

TUESDAY, May 3

1:00pm - Student Body Executive Committee meeting Upstairs Refectory

WEDNESDAY, May 4

9:45am - FILM: Amusement Park Amphitheatre

FRIDAY, May 13

10:00am - L.T.S.P. Commencement Christ Lutheran Church, Oreland, Pa.

WEDNESDAY, September 14

REGISTRATION for the fall semester.

THURSDAY, September 15

First day of classes

Have a GREAT summer!!

Thomas

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