

THE SEMINARIAN

BLOOD DRIVE Joe Irvin

On Tuesday, February 28, a Red Cross bloodmobile will be set up in the multi-purpose room from 10 am to 3 pm. The Social Ministry Committee sponsors this event both because it has been a successful, community oriented venture in the past and because of the urgent need for blood in area hospitals. Approximately 1,000 pints of blood are used each day by hospital patients in the Penn-Jersey area. The recent, heavy snows have prevented the Red Cross from collecting as much as is usual from our area. Thus, we need and hope to collect as much as we can from the Seminary and Ascension Church, and have decided upon 65 pints as a reasonable expectation. So far, it looks as though we will meet our expectations, if everyone who has pledged blood will honor his/her commitment.

Collecting blood for the Red Cross is not an issue that many people feel strongly about. We have issues before us that are perhaps more pressing. Curiously enough, however, it is a problem which will not go away and which deepens when people feel that they cannot, or will

not, literally give of themselves. I think its a wonderful opportunity to minister, and expect that the community will demonstrate its support on the 28th. For the folks at the Red Cross, and perhaps for us, too, its a cause worth being excited about.

DEACONESS PROGRAM AFFIRMED Edited by John Hazel

Our Division of Professional Leadership has "strongly affirmed" the desire of the Deaconess Community "to continue its service in the LCA." This action follows two years of study after increasing financial needs resulting in budget deficits and a decreasing membership caused the division to re-examine the state of the Diaconate.

A proposed amended by-law reads that the division "shall conduct long range planning and establish policy and standards for deaconess work... It shall enter into working relationships for the management of the Community and for provision; within available resources, for recruitment, education, setting apart of approved candidates,

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I've experienced a rash of the February doldrums in the last week or so and have had a great deal of trouble motivating anyone to do anything more than lament over the volume of reading material they have yet to begin on.

In desperation I went to Scott Larson and asked him to GOHA. In response we offer you Scott's Bluff, a semi-regular column and this week's timely introduction to GOYA.

Brother Bruce came out from hiding long enough to check with sources and keep us in tune with campus gossip.

Taking out our frustration over the work load, many of us have turned to the athletic pursuits in Hagen-perhaps even a bit too zealously- as Bill Henderson points out in his challenging comment.

For competition lovers who are avidly involved, McAdoo covers the sports, and perhaps you might want to defend your outlet by using the nearly unused Letters to the Editors section we began last week. Just to reiterate that this is serious, we're re-inserting last week's letter due to lack of response, which frankly surprised us.

Finally, you will receive shortly a questionnaire in your mailbox. It is the first of what we hope to be a series of Campus polls. In order to help make the results valid, please take it seriously and spend the 2-2 1/2 minutes it takes to complete it and return it to the Seminarian box, just to the left of the mailboxes in Hagen.

We're always looking for contributions for The Seminarian, so if you feel inspired please feel free to contribute.

Peace,
Barry Mitchell
co-editor

To the editors:

Is student representation at Faculty meetings denied?

If so, why?

Paul Beck

Good question-we'll try again.

CHAPEL NEWS

Greetings!! Highlights of this coming week's Chapel services: Thursday (2/23) at 9:40 am.: we celebrate Polycarp, Bartholomaeus and Ziegenbalg. (Check your CW 6's...!) The Rev. Ernst Schmidt of Gloria Dei will be our guest preacher. Come & worship! Monday (2/27) at 5 pm.: evening prayer led by members of Group #12. Tuesday (2/28): Matins at 9:40 am. The Rev. Rudy Featherstone, adjunct faculty member, will be preaching. There will be a combined Seminary and Ascension service on Wednesday(3/1) at 7:30 pm. No other service here that day--come & worship with our brothers & sisters if you can. Next Thursday(3/2) will be our weekly celebration of Holy Communion, on a day commemorating John Wesley and Charles Wesley. The service is at 9:40 am.; Dr. Lyman Lundeen will preach and celebrate.

Pax et gaudium,
Judith Bahrs

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RETHINKING THE SPIRIT
OF COMPETITION
Bill Henderson

I have spent the last couple of weeks feeling quite confused after playing intramural volleyball and basketball games. My confusion was over why I felt so good after volleyball games and so lousy after basketball games (win or lose). I have learned quite a lot about myself in the process of finding the answer out.

Our IM games, to my way of thinking, should be a chance for us to get together as brothers and sisters and enjoy the fellowship of a game together. They should be a chance to get excited when we do something well and to laugh when we foul up. In summation- it should be fun. I feel that spirit when we play volleyball together, but in our basketball games I don't. In our basketball league, the emphasis has moved from "Have we had a good time?" to "Who won the game?" and the difference means a great deal in so far as how the game gets played. In a "Have we had a good time?" game, your opponent is a friendly competitor who would like to see you succeed along with him or her. In a "Who won the game?" game, your opponent becomes an adversary, an obstacle to overcome, at worst- an object to be beaten. In our basketball games we get very intense; in struggling to overcome the opponents we get mad, we will push and shove, scream and yell, all in the pursuit of the knowledge that we threw a ball through a hoop more often than they did. And that's all there is to gain, nothing more. It certainly won't add to our prestige any, except perhaps as we view ourselves from within.

The tragedy of the situation is that we have made a game into a struggle and hung a lot of personal baggage on the outcome. Life itself is a struggle and when we play ball that way, games become like life. Why should we have to make life out of basketball or any sport? Life confronts us with enough strain and stress that we should never want our fun to be a hassle also.

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I began all this searching for an answer as to why I felt lousy and I've found that out. Friendly competition can be a very good thing but when our competition stifles the fellowship in our games the fun of them is lost. So for me the answer is to inject fun back into the game and I resolve to change my ways immediately. From now on I'm going to have a good time and hope we all play well. If I lose by a hundred, so what? It's only a game.

Anybody out there wanna join me?

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GUEST NIGHT
THURS. MARCH 8

Our first Guest Night of the semester features the Rev. Harold Reisch, the Director of Education at the Lutheran Home in Germantown, speaking on "Parish Practice and the Older Adult", i.e.- the aged. Pastor Reisch is the retired administrator of the Artman Nursing Home in Philadelphia. He is well acquainted with the matter of ministering to and caring for the elderly. He intends to gear his presentation to the needs of seminarians by focusing on the unique problems of ministering to the elderly within parishes. It promises to be a very informative evening. The time is 6-7pm. in the 1st floor of the refectory following the evening meal. All students and faculty are invited, on or off campus, boarding and non-boarding, slave and free, Jew and Greek...

Please plan to attend.

Coming up March 9- Rev. Karl Schneider on counseling the alcoholic.

Margie Weiss

CONGRATULATIONS

To The Rev. Dr. Gerhard Krodel, upon installation as dean of our sister Seminary in Gettysburg.
2-21-78

To Prof. Margaret Krych upon becoming a naturalized American citizen.
2-21-78

Forthcoming articles include--What Church Professionals Can Do; The Family; and Isolation & Helplessness, among many others.

This Spring semester, I plan to give some basic information about the psychological aspects encountered in a stroke or a malady. This article will be on some of the biggest issues: Frustration and grief. And these can always lead up to depression.

Everything that you cannot do can be frustration. It's one of the first things you learn to cope with because you cannot do the things you once did. Talking to someone helps a lot. I've done that through my stay at Moss Rehabilitation Center. You can let out your emotions of frustration by crying or laughing. Some people might cry without making a noise. You can think the world is coming to an end because of the word "CAN'T." For such a small contraction, this word carries a lot of weight.

What you can do about frustration--which happens to the best of us--is to accept it and deal with it on its own level. Don't let it get so big that it engulfs you! That will be frustrating in itself and it might then seem like too big a problem to tackle. Another way of dealing with frustration might be to talk to someone with a similar condition. He or she might be able to relate better.

Grief is something we all encounter in our lives through one way or another--loss of a loved one, a mastectomy, the loss of an arm or leg (or both), a kidney condition, or something else. I had a stroke. And I have to deal with the grief that comes along with it. You can either let grief get the best of you or you can adapt your lifestyle so that it doesn't. Through it all, we can make it! I have. And it was done by God's help and His great power to help a human like me endure. Isn't that beautiful?

C.P.R. is a method which can be followed in an emergency situation where some person's heartbeat and/or breathing has stopped. It is not difficult to learn and is a good thing to know for those of us headed for people-oriented professions.

C.P.R. will be taught by the American Red Cross if 12 interested people sign up. Four weekly, three-hour sessions will certify a person in this method. Texts and equipment will be provided at a cost of \$2.25 per student for all the sessions.

Sponsored by the Spouses Club educational committee, the tentative evening will be the four Wednesday evenings in April.

For more information or to sign up contact Nancy Moyer. The sessions are open to the entire Seminary community.

SENIOR CLASS NOTES

There will be a class meeting, Tuesday, March 14 at 7pm in Library Room A. Dr. Bost wishes a few minutes with us to distribute free books. Then Joe Gould will speak to us and answer questions about pensions and financial planning. A resource person from Social Security will be present.

Reminder that the AAL Dinner is Friday, March 31. The Rev. Dr. William Lazareth will be our speaker.

Thanks to those of you who supported and encouraged the sexuality forum in late January. Special thanks go to Claire, Rusty, and Dave. It couldn't have been done without their efforts!

If one or more of you would like to do something with "nuts and Bolts" please contact me.

The Senior Class "Ongoing Gift" Committee is meeting to develop and narrow down possibilities to express our thanksgiving. A class meeting will be called to present and decide on a couple options when those options are further concretized.

If you haven't received your pictures from Mercer Studios after 3 weeks, call them at OR3-5777.

Neil Bond graduates with us May 12. Welcome him aboard! Mark English

LAY PROFESSIONALS ARE SPECIALISTS
by Marcia Thompson

Recently I received a letter that asked a variety of questions about what I as a lay professional did and how I felt about it. Being involved in both the synod lay professional committee and the cluster of lay professionals that meets in South Eastern Pennsylvania, I've sensed a need to share some basic facts and feelings about lay professionals.

Lay professionals hold a variety of positions in the church from youth workers to parish assistants. The variety is such that even the synod isn't quite sure how to define the position. This can present some problems as far as role expectations in the parish. While some lay professionals run the Christian education program, others do everything from preaching to playing the organ. Some positions include such a variety of activities even parishoners don't realize the extent of responsibilities--of course, most church members never realize what ministers do either.

When are you going to get ordained? This question is frequently asked of me in my work. It's important to realize that lay professionals don't need ordination in order to serve the church in a professionally capacity.

The pastor of a congregation oversees the total work of the church with the specific responsibility of administering the Word and Sacrament. He or she may also specialize in a field that is a special talent, such as pastoral counseling or evangelism.

By way of contrast, a lay professional is a specialist foremost and also may involve him or herself in other areas of the church. I myself work primarily in the field of Christian education. I see myself as a pastor to the youth groups and as an expert in educational fields.

There is a tremendous need for trained laity at the parish level. Unfortunately, two things have happened in this area. Lay professionals have often been seen as a cheap way to hire another pastor. A congregation that can't afford a second pastor hires a lay professional

to do the same thing for less.

Secondly, many assistant pastors are hired as youth pastors or Christian educators. These are activities which don't require ordination but do require professional training. A congregation with a burgeoning youth and Sunday school would do well to consider hiring a Director of Christian Education (DCE) rather than an assistant pastor. It's to our benefit to inform people as to the possibility of hiring a lay professional if that is the need of a congregation. My primary fear as a lay professional is that if ever the budget is cut back, my job will be the first to go, probably before the sexton. There isn't too much job security offered by the church to lay professionals. South Eastern Pennsylvania probably has one of the few and best support systems for lay professionals, a recent development that still needs growth.

However, even with all the insecurities and misunderstandings, I would recommend this vocation to anyone. It is as all church can be, an experience that is fulfilling and challenging.

I see leading and guiding the community of believers as my role in the body of Christ. Whether as a clergyperson or as a lay professional, each person has a specific gift to help to build up the Church.

SUMMER DEVOTIONAL BOOK

Enjoy writing? Why not join the middler class in creating a summer devotional book for this community? Each member of the second year class (as an assignment for Liturgy and Worship) will be contributing one page to the booklet. These contributions are due by April 3. Booklets will be compiled and distributed prior to graduation. Through the use of this "home-made" devotional aid our community can be open to stronger ties, vertically and horizontally.

If you are interested--juniors, staff, faculty, seniors, whatever?? --sign up on the sheet provided (continued on page 6)

Did You Know. . .

- in Philadelphia one in five individuals cannot read or write?
- in Philadelphia there are 350,000 adults reading below the 4th grade level?

TUTORING IS VALUABLE
by Paul Beck

I am a tutor for the Center for Literacy. I was taught the Laubach method of literacy tutoring at a day-long session last spring. Last fall I tutored a 23-year-old Philadelphia high school graduate who had just finished a hitch in the Army. He couldn't read more than his own name. We met for two hour-long sessions a week at the Lovett Branch of the library (across from the Lutheran Home). Within a month he was almost finished with his first book. Tutoring is a great experience. It is exciting opening up 23 years of unknown communication concepts when we meet.

If you'd like to share an hour or two of your valuable time to open some doors for a neighbor, walk down the street on a Tuesday or Friday and see Cheryl Jackson at Lovett, or call the Center, 3723 Chestnut (one block west of University Lutheran Church), tel. EV 2-3700. Tell them you want to be a tutor. All lessons, books, and materials are provided free. Enjoy!

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QUOTE

We would like the truth to be revealed to us by novel signs, not by phrases similar to those which we have constantly repeated to ourselves. The habit of thinking prevents us at times from feeling reality, makes us immune to it, makes it seem no more than another thought.

Marcel Proust
A la Recherche du Temps Perdu
(Remembrances of Things Past)

NEWS OF THE LCA
Edited by John Hazel

Thirty-five Mission Fields

In 1978 the LCA looks forward to entering thirty-five new mission fields, a jump of ten as compared to the past years which saw the establishment of twenty-five new congregations. Already in this year new areas have opened up for us in Arizona, Illinois, Colorado and also in California. In this last state a new mission to the Chinese community has been established. This is the crux of a report submitted to the Division of Mission in North America.

Rev. Dr. Malcom Minnick, Director of Church Extension, reports that in the newer congregations established in '77, only 26% came from a Lutheran background. New members consisted of 46% unchurched or nominally related to Christianity and the rest being from other denominations.

These findings point to, in the opinion of the Rev. Dr. K.S. Senft, Director of the Division for Mission to North America, an "emerging new consistency" of an increasing membership from a variety of backgrounds and a swinging away from what might be considered "traditional Lutheran backgrounds." Pastor Minnick also reports that as of Jan. 1st, 30 metropolitan and 14 non-metropolitan congregations will be self-supporting. "This is a significant number going self-supporting," says Minnick.

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on the main bulletin board in Hagan Hall by Monday, March 6. Every per-

son participating will be assigned a Biblical "launching pad." Poetry, quotations, meditations, prayers of all sorts are common ingredients. Guidelines as to length will be determined shortly. The name of each contributor will appear at the bottom of his/her page, so that when the material is used it may have personal meaning. Bob Hughes

Last week in basketball, we had no big surprises to report. The Wolff Pack clawed up the Miners by the score of 89 to 43. Curt Wolff led the way for the Wolff Pack with a season high 55 points. High for the Miner team was Bob Miner (34).

In another game involving the same Bob Miner team, the Seniors wasted no time in destroying them 102 - 70. High scorers for the Seniors were Rusty May (42 points) and Jack Roberts (37 points). Bob Miner led the losers with 35 points. With one-third of the season behind us, teams line up like this:

Name	W	L	Games behind
Too Short	3	0	
Seniors	1	1	1½
Wolff Pack	1	1	1½
Miners	0	3	3

Top league scorers are:

1. Curt Wolff	50/game	2 games
2. Jack Roberts	29.5/game	2 games
3. Bob Miner	29.0/game	3 games
4. Mack Smith	26.7/game	3 games
5. Joe Irvin	18.3/game	3 games

Note: "Too Short" slipped by the Wolff Pack 90 - 72. The game was much closer than the score would indicate, but a late rally led by Mack Smith (35) and Steve Moyer (19) proved too much for the Wolff Pack (Wolff - 46). These teams promise much more excitement the next time they meet.

VOLLEYBALL

Close competition and a very enjoyable time are the rule in volleyball. I would like the team captains to drop me a line after each game telling me who won the games and how many, so that I can continue to post the standings in each issue of The Seminarian.

	W	L
Faculty/Staff	3	0
Stymphalians	2	1
Co-ed	2	1
Couples	1	2
Preachers	1	2
Misfits	0	3

After an intense and demanding month of Greek in January, I jumped into the new semester with expectations that "nothing could be worse!" Upon taking a few days to unsuccessfully "wind down," I tried to dive into the second semester and discovered that there was not much water in the pool. So, last week while wading through the mountains of books, stacks of assignments and volumes of handouts, I came to my GOYA list and decided to share it with you. Might you relate?

G O Y A

A Glossary of Important Terms

Goyaitis - An inflammation of the rear end from not getting off it.

Goyadom - The capacity to shift from one cheek to the other without moving.

Goyation - The process of thinking about getting off your ass but not doing it.

Goya Theology - When Jesus rode into Jerusalem and got off his ass, things began to happen.

- Absalom tied his ass to a tree and walked 40 miles; it can be rather painful to GOYA

- Samson hath revealed unto us that if thou shouldst GOYA and commence to talk only, therein lieth a great danger, for the jawbone kil-leth mightily.

Goyahood - A state of being characterized by productive activity, aliveness and self direction.

GOMA - A defensive reaction to excessive GOYA input.

GOYA Definition: GOYA is a state of mind in which I use my power to go after what I want rather than waiting for it to come to me.

-- Scott Larson

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Upon finding a car bedecked with One Way and Jesus Saves bumper stickers in the asphalt island he had cleared from a sea of snow, one Allentown, PA man produced for the encroaching driver's edification the following sign:

THOU SHALT NOT COVET WHAT THY
NEIGHBOR HATH CLEARED

A SPECIAL UTILIZATION PROGRAM
FOR CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

An excellent opportunity for group
programming

One of the best offerings on TV last year was the outstanding series on PBS of nine films based on stories by leading American writers. A grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities has made it possible for Learning in Focus, the producers, and the Consortium of University Film Centers to offer the film series for screening by community groups - churches, clubs, nursing homes, etc. The 16mm films can be borrowed for the cost of mailing and handling. There is no rental fee.

Other details:

1. There is a shipping and handling fee of no more than 10 dollars for each film. Your group is responsible for return postage.
2. The films are not available for preview.
3. Groups may not charge admission.
4. You are asked to submit a brief report on the showings as soon as they are completed.

THE FILMS:

1. "Parker Addison, Philosopher" by Ambrose Bierce - on the theme of death.
2. "The Blue Hotel" by Stephen Crane - on the theme that no man is an island.
3. "The Jolly Corner" by Henry James - on the theme of self examination.
4. "I'm a Fool" by Sherwood Anderson - on the theme of honesty in personal relationships.
5. "Bernice Bobs Her Hair" by F. Scott Fitzgerald - on the theme of initiation into adulthood.
6. "Soldier's Home" by Ernest Hemingway - on the theme of alienation.
7. "Almos' a Man" by Richard Wright on the theme of initiation into adulthood.
8. "The Displaced Person" by Flannery O'Connor - on the theme of the nature of prejudice.

9. "The Music School" by John Updike - on the theme of self-examination.

WRITE: Marjorie Rutimann
LEARNING IN FOCUS
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BROTHER BRUCE

Roaming through the halls of LTSP last week, one could pass by Billie Wright who was busy feeling the walls (for whatever reason), Jim Bowers practicing his Chuck Barris imitation (which isn't bad)--offering "war jobs" at \$50 a head and Almete screaming for a "pick-up."

At the Gong Show we saw the "Classical Clucks" (Donna Welton, Bob Stott, Bob Bolz and Margie Weiss) and the "Rubber Ducky Act" get gonged and rightfully so, I might add, by the team of Bornemann, Foley and Lull. By the way, Tim, that penguin wants his suit back as soon as possible. Now, for some personal asides. Note to Nix, Jeanne, Marge, Mary and Fred: I think the number would have been better had you changed the name of your group. Note to Paul Beck: If only you had Linda's voice. Note to Mitch: ever tried selling shoes?

Now for some important announcements. . . Judith Bahrs, Linda Sauerwein and Cath Ziel wish to announce the arrival of twins--please, if you wish to visit, step lightly. The security dept. has made an important decision on the Rowan panty case--it's definitely an inside job. Rumor has it that another inquisition will be held for the missing silverware. The inquisitors will be accompanied by that gorgeous blong who mysteriously appeared on Tuesday night. Dr. White will help us to get "a handle" on that.

On next week's episode, we will try to ascertain the identity of that short man (early 40's, wearing a turtleneck and mumbling Hebrew words) who was seen visiting the refectory recently.

FIRST PHILADELPHIA GAY
CULTURAL FESTIVAL ANNOUNCED

Gays at Penn, the Hamilton Village Council, and the Christian Association of the University of Pennsylvania have announced the first Philadelphia Gay Cultural Festival, highlighting gay dancers, singers, musicians, actors, poets and filmmakers in a series of events scheduled throughout the months of March and April. Happening in many parts of center city and West Philadelphia, the Festival schedule includes programs sponsored by the Festival itself as well as many events presented by other gay and non-gay community organizations, providing the widest possible opportunity to experience the many achievements of lesbian and gay artists and performers. See the Bulletin Board in Hagan Hall for more information.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The N.C.C. conference for women seminarians will be held at United Theological Seminary, New Brighton, Minnesota, from April 14 to 16.

A limited number of scholarships will be available from the seminary to help toward the cost of student participation. Students applying for scholarship aid should be willing to serve on a campus committee to promote campus discussion of issues of special concern to women seminarians.

If you wish to apply for scholarship aid, please give your name to Dean McCurley's secretary by Friday, March 3.

If you would like to talk further about the conference, see Dean McCurley or Prof. Krych.

DEACONESS PROGRAM CON'T.

supervision of the services of the deaconesses and for developing guidelines for their temporal support. It shall also assure life-long care for those admitted to the "cooperative plan" prior to July 1, 1978.

The management committee affirmed that it "is committed to the development of a

comprehensive program of support for all professional leaders, including the deaconesses." and "shall carry out this responsibility in such a manner as to provide even handed support for all professional leaders to the fullest extent possible." The division has also given the Diaconate advice that "all inquirer and persons involved in study programs leading to their setting apart be advised that changes in the shape of the LCA Diaconate may be forthcoming" and that "there be no committment or implied committment of obligation by the LCA for deaconesses in retirement, apart from those on the cooperative plan except as provided for in the church's pension program," and that "until the LCA convention has the opportunity to act" there will be no new additions to the cooperative program. (It must be noted that most deaconesses go on the salary plan instead of the cooperative plan.)

LCA CONVENTION
WOMEN REPRESENTATION UP
Edited by John Hazel

At the Ninth Biennial Convention in Chicago this July, there will be an increase in women delegates. There will be a 43 percent increase over the last convention held two years ago. Also, of the 344 clergy delegates, four will be female. This will make the total of women delegates 22 percent of the 687 delegates.

Other noteworthy items: 58 percent of the 687 will be serving in their capacity for the first time, there will be 12 minority delegates (a recent addition to the registration forms) and 11 youth representatives.

The Convention will be held at the Chicago Hilton on July 12-19.

