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## DEANS RESIGN FOR STUDY OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Deans Reumann and McCurley have requested that the program of "annual faculty self-evaluation" begin with the office of Dean. In connection with this, Dean Reumann decided to accept his sabbatical in 1978-79 and will terminate his service as Dean in April of this year.

Dr.'s Lundeen, Albert, and Bornemann were asked by Dr. Bost to study the office of Dean in its function and structure as well as the qualities manifested by the incumbents.

Dean McCurley will also resign as of the end of April in order to give the committee complete freedom in its study.

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## CRIMINAL CODE REFORM MEANS STRICT PENALTIES

A bill which seeks to reform the 200-year old Federal criminal code is now in the House of Representatives

Judicial Committee, following an easy passage in the Senate.

The bill has caused some serious questioning by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and other organizations concerned with human rights. This concern centers around some far-reaching effects that passage of the bill could have.

Federal law would extend into the areas of journalistic confidentiality, solicitation (trying to encourage someone to believe what you believe to be a constitutionally protected activity) and making false statements to federal officials (even when witnesses are not present).

By far the most serious portion of the bill leaves room for harsher sentencing of convicted criminals.

Senators Kennedy (D.-Mass.) and Thurmond (R.-S.C.) supported the bill and had it introduced as the first order of business in this session of Senate.

Now that the bill is in the House committee, it is getting a page-by-page reading. This did not take place on the Senate floor.

This bill will have a great effect on criminal codes in years to come. It deserves our attention. For more information see Barry Mitchell.



Senate Bill 1437 (see front page story) seems to have passed the Senate floor and our attention a little too easily.

While it is a vast improvement over the original bill which intended to reform the outdated criminal code, there are some serious problems which need to be looked at carefully - more carefully than the Senate apparently took the time to do.

Some of the result of hasty passage of what is now House Bill 6869 would be: to invite longer periods of sentencing by (a) delegating broad powers to a Sentencing Commission to establish guidelines which could permit longer terms of imprisonment than are now actually served under existing law and (b) give judges new power to impose imprisonment for the entire length of the sentence.

The Bill is some 60 pages long. Its area of coverage extends from drug control to journalistic rights to giving the FBI several new powers.

We fear that H.R. 6869, because it is backed by such names as Kennedy, Thurmond and Byrd and being pushed by Attorney General Bell, has potential for a very quick and hasty vote by the House. This could be a travesty of justice for the American people.

We urge you to write to your Representative and to James R. Mann (D.-S.C.) who chairs the committee the Bill now resides in. Ask that careful consideration be given. Question the value of longer sentencing. Ask if Federal control needs to extend radically far in order that a 200 year old code be updated.

Marsha Jark

Barry Mitchell

(Opposing points of view are invited. Address to Editors, The Seminarian, c/o L.T.S.P.)

You know folks, I get rather disturbed when people label my contribution to this paper as a 'gossip column.' How dare they say gossip!! Now if this were gossip (idle talk or rumor, especially about the personal or private affairs of others), you would expect me to highlight romances on campus such as Marsha and Peter, Nix and Mitch, Devie and Dave, John and Linda, Mark and Jeanne, Bob B. and Cathy or Bruce and Magretta. Or one might expect light shed on some deep dark secrets like why the middler class is planning to present Bob Hughes a five by seven foot poster inscribed with the words of institution, or that Frank Nelson moonlights at Berlitz Studios by giving lessons on the 'Brooklyn' version of the English language. (Easy there! Typist's note.) In a gossip column, the author would be asking incriminating questions like why Fred McElderry was seen coming out of the Evelyn Wood Speed Reading School last Tuesday night or why Cheryl Meinshein walks around uttering foreign phrases, or the 'real story' behind the statue given to Tim Lull. Both faithful readers and casual observers of this column will readily admit that this is not the cheap form of journalism to which Brother Bruce is accustomed. There, I rest my case. . . Here I stand, I can do no other.

Note to role play victims for junior class: Dr. Aden has requested that all victims 'spice up' the content. It becomes rather tedious when having to read 40 or so verbatim.

Note to those who did not receive a X-mas gift from Brother Bruce: Fortress Press is having a sale. Get the hint?

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BOST AND DEANS  
INVITE RESPONSE

HALE SPEAKS TODAY!  
ON IRRELIGIOUS  
AND EVANGELICAL OUTREACH

Any students wishing to discuss the M.Div. questionnaire are invited to meet with the president and deans in the amphitheater on Thursday, March 2, 1978, 4:00-5:00pm.

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REGARDING PILES, A SONNET  
by Helen L. Tappert  
(Mrs. Theodore)

How can these forty piles accumulate  
Beneath the bed and under furniture  
In both my rooms - when I myself was sure  
To comment, in reproof, my life-long mate

Who had too crowded, insufficient space  
To house his "works" within our lovely  
homes

On Seminary campus where his tomes  
And lectures, letters, sermons, notes  
did grace

The nursery and sewing rooms - at last -  
Both granted (taken) for his very own?  
They still did not suffice his needs -  
"no phone,"

Yet he knew where to locate answers fast!

And now I too am cluttered and deplore  
The lack of knack and will, in storing  
stuff;

But my disorganized and carefree muff  
Compares no way with Ted's precision  
chore!

'Tis I who must declare "pro tems"  
On forty piles of jumbled, bungled "mems."

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GUEST NIGHT

Next week, March 9, our guest will be a 1964 Mt. Airy graduate, Pastor Karl Schneider, the Director of Education at Eagleville Hospital. He is also involved in a tentmaking ministry with the SEP synod as clergy consultant on drug and alcohol services.

(Continued on the bottom of the next column.)

All students are invited to attend segments of the continuing education program on Wednesday, March 1, on "The 'Outsiders' and Evangelical Outreach." Beginning at 10am, the day's offering will feature the Rev. Richard H. Bartley, coordinator for "Evangelical Outreach" in the LCA, and the Rev. Dr. J. Russell Hale, of Gettysburg Seminary, author of a much-quoted study on persons outside the church and why they remain unevangelized.

During a sabbatical, Professor Hale made surveys in the six counties in various states reported to be the "most irreligious" in the U.S. in terms of per cent of church membership. From his work he was able to catalogue various classes of the unchurched. He has been featured in TIME Magazine, on television, and in a number of publications for his analysis of findings.

Pastor Bartley will report on Word and Witness and a host of other LCA and AIC programs now being used as part of "E.O." He has helped develop many of the materials, and has oversight for programs throughout the country.

There will be an attempt to interact and integrate the findings of the Hale survey and the Lutheran programs, with time for questions from the floor. Parish clergy and lay persons are invited to attend. Students are welcome to come whenever free, from 10am until 12:30, and after lunch until 3pm.

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Holding a master's degree in alcohol studies from the Pacific School of Religion, Pastor Schneider is well qualified to present his topic of "How to Help an Alcoholic who insists he/she doesn't need Help!" Also, he has published the book Alcoholism & Addiction, a study report for youth & adults - Fortress Press 1976.

SPORTS  
by Mack Smith

TREASURER'S REPORT  
February 15, 1978

In Volley ball, the Faculty/staff team has been the leading contender ending last week's contest with a record of four wins, one loss. Their four-game winning streak was ended by the Co-ed team, who bested them two games to one.

Other winners and losers last week include Couples, 2-0; Misfits, 1-1; Stymphalians, 0-2; Preachers, 1-1; and Co-ed, 1-1.

The present standings are:

Faculty/staff	4-1
Co-ed	3-2
Couples	3-2
Stymphalians	2-3
Preachers	2-3
Misfits	1-4

BASKETBALL

In basketball, only two games were played last week with an upset taking place. In Tuesday night's game, the Seniors pulled out a squeaker over the Wolff Pack by the score of 90-81. At one point in the game the Wolff Pack led by 15 points but the Seniors came from behind for the win.

High scorers were Jack Roberts-41 pts., Rusty May-20 pts., Carey Miller-22 pts., (Wolff Pack).

In the game between Too Short and the Seniors, Too Short used balanced scoring to win 113-71. High scorers for Too Short were Mack Smith-29 pts., Joe Irvin-24 pts., Paul Herpich-20 pts., and Steve Moyer-17 pts.

The present standings are:

Too Short	4-0
Seniors	2-2
Wolff Pack	1-2
Miners	0-3

Put this date on your schedule: Mt. Airy vs. Westminster in basketball, Saturday, March 11, on our home court.  
McAdoo

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TOTAL	\$645.29	

Recap Report as of 5-13-77

Beginning Balance	565.95
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Committee Balances  
as of 2-15-78

Athletics	24.49
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Guest Night	125.00
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Respectfully,

Bruce G. Trethaway  
Treasurer

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GUEST NIGHT

This Thursday, March 2 - 6:00pm

HAROLD REISCH

Parish Practice & the Older Adult  
Place - Refectory

Once to Every Man, a memoir by William Sloane Coffin, chronicles the life of this furniture family scion from the Upper East Side of Manhattan through boyhood days in Carmel-by-the-sea, New England prep school, and into a Paris conservatory of music. War interrupted the budding concert pianist and we follow him to infantry boot camp, French intelligence, then behind-the-lines as an Army instructor in Europe, U.S./Russian liaison officer, and CIA agent. Then "The Rev," as Doonesbury likes to call him, finished seminary and became Yale's chaplain through the hot '60s and most of the lukewarm '70s. Romantic biography of near-epic proportions. John Huston should make this film and star Clint Eastwood as Coffin.

As a member of the class of '70 and graduating amidst the Kent State tragedy and the Cambodian incursion protests, I did quite a bit of reminiscing over his section on the "barricade days" of moratoriums teach-ins, and Vietnam prisoner exchanges. I submit that any theologian with this kind of background ought to write copious memoirs, but, before we get the second volume it is my hope that Mr. Coffin has a chance to catch his breath and sort out what, if anything, his experiences mean, because the conclusion reached at the end of the present volume is that not enough reflection has been possible. Good reading if one keeps in mind the thousands of students that kept "Crusader Rabbits" like Coffin and Spock afloat. Available at KML.

Paul Beck

#### DEACONNES REVISITED by John Hazel

In response to my article of last week concerning the state of the Diaconate of the LCA, Linda Wagner approached me with some information. Linda, a member of our seminary community, plans to be consecrated as a member of the Gladwyne Mother House. The House

itself is only a half an hour drive from Mt. Airy, yet I think few of us are really familiar with it or the Deaconess Community in general.

According to Article III of the Deaconess Council's November 1975 Statement, the Diaconate is not to be considered a separate office of the Church. There is only one "office", the ministry of the Gospel and of this office there are many branches, each one more or less defined by its function. I visited the Mother House last semester and was told that a differentiation is made between the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and the Ministry of Word and Service. The former of these can be conceived as the function of the ordained clergy, the latter of the consecrated deaconess.

Deaconesses work in a variety of services: parish work, social work, nursing, campus work, teaching, counseling and in other fields. All offer a ministry of service to God. Lankenau Hospital has the Diaconate to thank for its inception. Florence Nightingale took part of her training at the Deaconess Community at Kaiserwerth; nursing as we know it today is indebted to the work of the Deaconess.

Contrary to popular belief, the program is not declining. Previous to this year I was under the impression that the Diaconate would die out, with the advent of the ordination of women as ministers. There apparently has been that feeling in the Community itself as more and more sisters were going into retirement, but each year now sees a growth in the number of candidates. Whereas in past years candidate classes numbered only one or two, last year's class had four, and classes of five or more are expected in future years at Gladwyne.

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VISITATION RETREAT  
MARCH 12-14  
Marie Jerge

Visitation Retreat is the official title when a group of prospective seminarians visit our campus to find out what LTSP is all about. This article is designed to let you know what will be happening and how you can help to make the retreat a success.

The Retreat begins Sunday evening with Registration. This is when visitors will meet their hosts and find out what is going on. It is important that all student hosts be present in the Pit in Main Dorm at 6:30pm to greet the visitors. After settling in there will be a few short introductions and greetings and then the fun! A Wine and Cheese Party for everyone. This is where we really need your help. All students, faculty and staff and spouses are invited. The purpose is a relaxed atmosphere to ease the visitors into the Seminary environment. All we ask is that you come to the dorm, meet visitors, talk with them, share a little bit about your experience at LTSP and drink some free wine and eat some free cheese. It can be a fun evening away from the books, which we all desperately need by mid-March, so join us and help us at the same time.

As for the rest of the Retreat visitors will be attending classes, small groups, meeting profs, and eating in the refectory. Students will be with us through Tuesday lunch. Help here is mostly being on the alert for lost visitors, and just generally helping to make them feel at home.

A few other notes that should be of interest. Monday at 3:30pm

our visitors will have free time. We have scheduled some volleyball ~~for that~~ time, if any of you are interested. If you have some free time, the pit will be a central place for talking with visitors.

Beyond that, all married hosts are invited to eat in the Refectory on Monday evening, March 13.

Faculty members are helping us out, by having dessert in their homes for the visitors on Monday night.

For those who have signed up to be hosts. Dave Searing and Linda Sauerwine will be finalizing the lists this week and will notify you if you are a host. My thanks go to them and also the other members of the committee; Bob Ashburn, Gary Walbert, Nix Huseman, Craig Herrick and Ann Larson for the fantastic job they are doing.

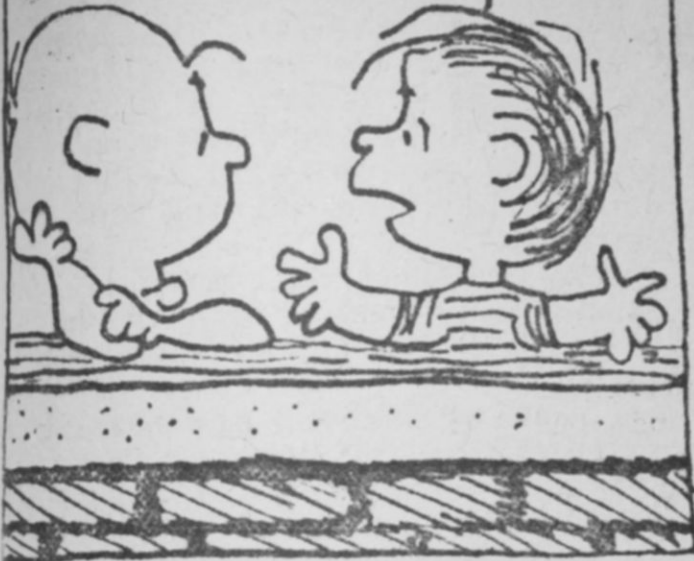
In all, this is a chance for people to see what living at LTSP is like. Be prepared to answer all kinds of questions, and above all be honest about what this place means to you. Your cooperation and input are what make this retreat what it is, both fun and informational.

ENJOY !!!!!

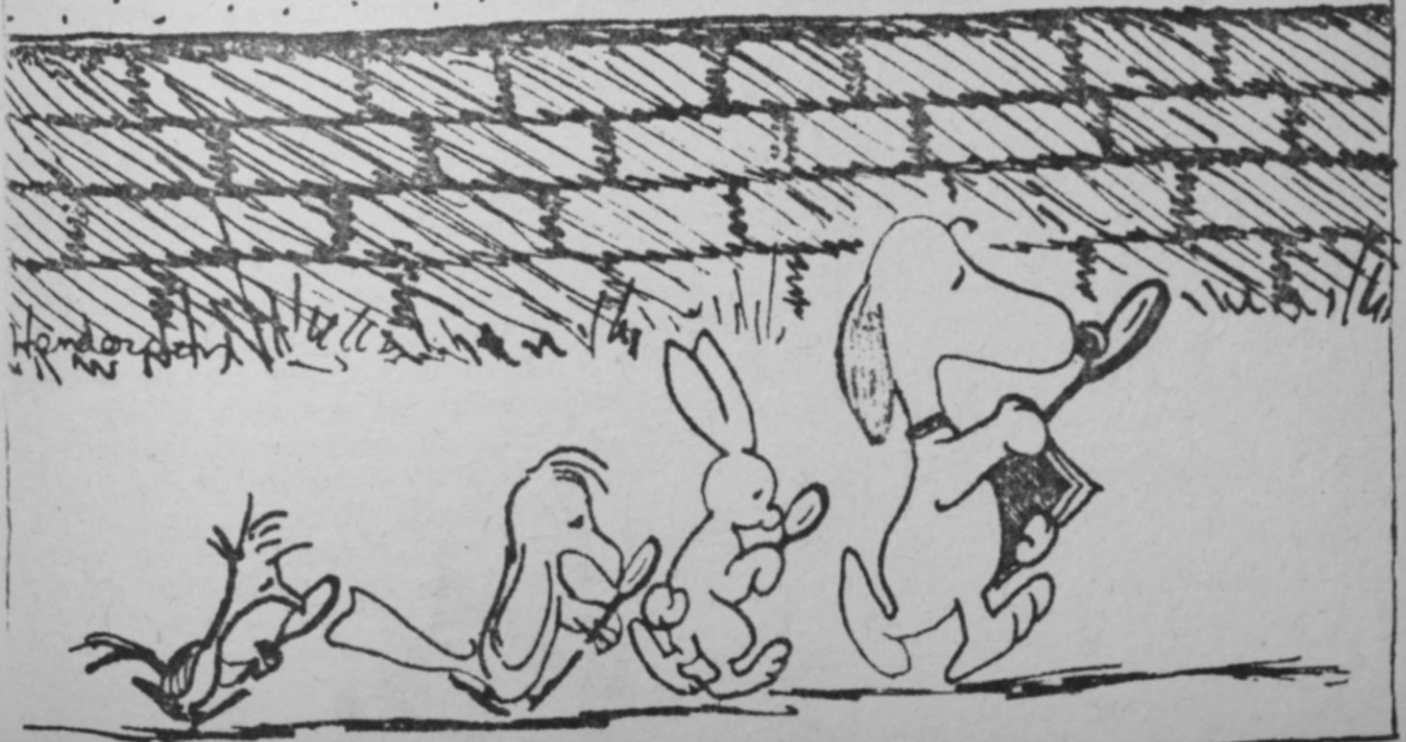
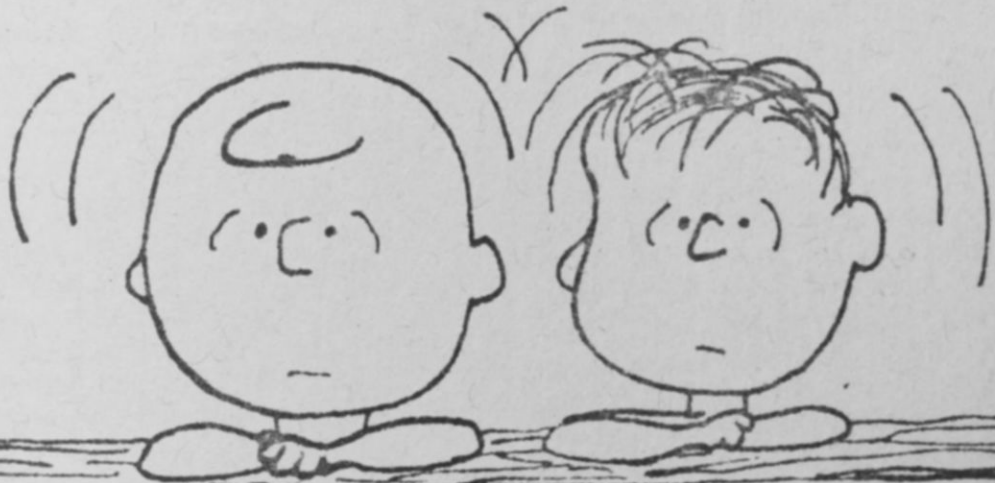
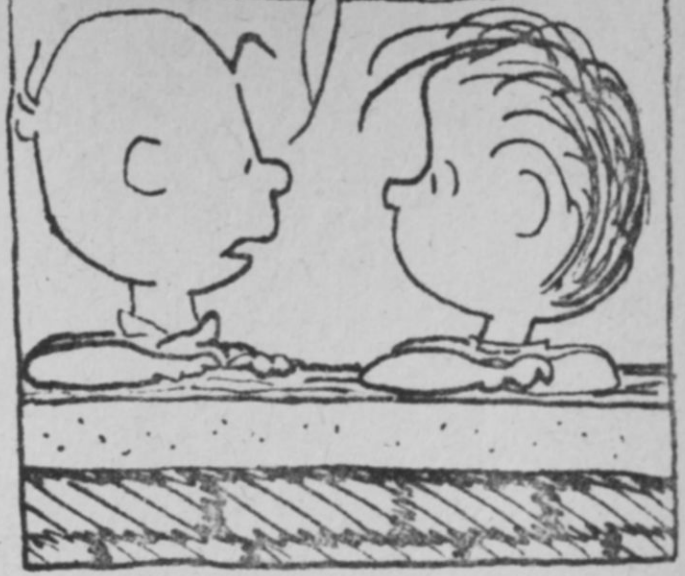
DIACONATE (CON'T)

What is the future of the Diaconate? Surely not one of sterility, as it will constantly re-examining itself and exploring new ways of serving others in the name of Christ. I think it would be good for all of us to look at the program more closely and see what we may learn from it. Inquiries can be made in writing to Sister Sophie at 801 Merion Squire Road, Gladwyne, Pa. 19035, or by talking with students on our campus planning to go into the Ministry of Word and Service.

YOU KNOW, ALL OF LIFE IS A  
PROCESS OF GETTING  
ACCREDITED!



YES, AND YOU NEVER KNOW WHO'S  
GOING TO TURN UP IN THE NEXT  
EVALUATING COMMITTEE!



CHAPEL NOTES

Wednesday, March 1:

Today's service will be at 8 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church.

Thursday, March 2:

Come celebrate communion and commemorate John and Charles Wesley. John, we remember for his leadership of the young Methodist Church and his spiritual experience where his "heart was strangely warmed." Charles, we know better as a prolific hymnwriter.

The service will be at 9:40 a.m. and Lyman Lundeen will preach and celebrate the Eucharist.

Monday, March 6:

SBH Vespers will be used at this 5 p.m. service

MIXER IN THE PIT

Friday, March 10. 8:30 p.m.

50¢ per person  
beer - soda - music!

Jeanne Rowen

Tuesday, March 7:

At 9:40 a.m. we will commemorate Perpetua and other African catechumen who were imprisoned and executed after their baptism in 202.

St. Thomas Aquinas, a brilliant Dominican monk will also be remembered for his Summa Theologica and other theological writings, which have left their stamp on both the Catholic and Protestant Churches. CW-9, Morning Prayer will be used.

Wednesday, March 8:

Our registrar, John Kaufmann will bring us a message and Leroy Aden will celebrate this communion service from SBH 1.

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