

THE SEMINARIAN

WET SAINTS

a long and exuberant peace-

The Choir Tour: A Report

Sometime around 7, tired and hungry, the choir left water logged St. Peters.

Snowbound on Friday, the choir got underway by directing the bus driver to the Pa. Turnpike on Sat. Morning. We arrived at St. Peters, Manhattan about 10:30, were greeted warmly by Pastor Gensel, but for lack of a key, were shuffled to The Market in the Citicorp Center for some unexpected free time.

Later that afternoon we snacked on lunch at St. Peters and rehearsed with Eddie Bonnemere and the band. Late aft and early evening, we took to the streets of N.Y.C. In varying degrees of exhilaration and frostbite we boarded the bus for Queens at 8.

We made it to Grace Lutheran Forest Hills in 3rd gear and were warmly greeted by Pastor Haak and our hosts.

Sunday at 10 we worshipped and offered a musical message with an enthusiastic people of Grace church, followed by lunch (homemade bread!).

St. Peters doors were open Sunday and we set the "stage" amid some confusion. At 5, with CBS lights and cameras set, we processed among the large crowd. The atmosphere was (in many senses) electric. Eddie, the band and the choir all seemed a bit nervous, but settled into the music of an unforgettable jazz Baptism. Sometime during Pastor Petersons message, a pipe broke outside on e of the entrances, sending water onto the floor near the Baptistry. The people were sent out, but the band and the choir (Loose now, after

WELCOME TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS!

This week we welcome 20 prospective students and their families to our campus.

We hope you will enjoy your stay here, but most of all we hope you find this visit helpful as you make decisions about your future in theological education. You are part of our family while you are with us, so make yourselves at home. When you do leave-Godspeed!

Visitation Retreat Comm.

MISSOURI DISCUSSIONS

(New York, PRT.) While it is willing to continue multi-lateral discussions, the LCA sees no reason to have bi-lateral discussions with the LC-MS on issues that divide the two churches.

At its Feb. 25 meeting, the LCA Executive Council voted that the President, the Rev. Dr. Robert J. Marshall, should so respond to an LC-MS invitation for new discussions.

Dr. Marshall addressed a letter to the Rev. Dr. J.A.O. Preus, LC-MS president, in which he explained careful consideration had been given by the council to the invitation, but found no basis for discussions except in study programs such as those conducted by the Div. of Theol. Studies of LCUSA.



Letters to the Editors

TO THE EDITORS:

I appreciate your including me on the mailing list for The Seminarian which I read through regularly. I can imagine it is not the easiest task to secure the news and meet the deadlines in addition to your academic work. It's a good effort considering.

May I speak a word of concern about two items in the February 22nd issue. Scott Larson's piece on "Goya" is intended, I suppose, to be funny, but to those of us who are out on the front lines of the parish, jokes about our Lord are not funny. There is enough (b)anal material purveyed in the bookstores without The Seminarian adding to it. I hope Scott is done with this type of effort at humor.

The other item on the "Gay Cultural Festival" dismays me. Considering all the cultural opportunities on the daily calendar of events in a city the size of Philadelphia, why is this one item selected for the attention of the Seminary community? I will not quarrel with your editorial freedom, but to publicize this kind of exhibition to the exclusion of other city events says something about your preferences.

The task of sorting out what is productive of up-building the church and what is edifying for the community of faith rests on a parish pastor day in and day out. I mean my comments here to be constructive to that end in your efforts as editors of The Seminarian.

God guide and equip you in your work at the seminary.

Sincerely,
Rev. Arthur J. Henne, Member
Board of Directors

Rev. Henne:

When we elected to print the article on "goya", we realized that it would probably amuse some and offend others. We are sorry you find yourself in the latter category. Our decision to print the piece was based upon an effort to attack the quietus present in our Christian lives. We aren't active for the Gospel and this state of inactivity is not consistent with the large measure of grace we have received through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Even a humorous treatment cannot avoid the centrality of Christ, who came preaching the word and is the Word.

Printing the item on the "Gay Cultural Festival" was not a major editorial decision or stance. The Seminarian receives few items about cultural events and fewer that are free. When we receive such items, we feel it is our responsibility to publicize them.

We hope to deal with the subject of homosexuality in future weeks in an educational way, polling students on their opinions in order to bring out the complexity of the issue. It is apparent that an individual, if not a corporate stance on the theological and ethical attitude of the Church toward homosexuality will be necessary to meet the insistent voice of this group of citizens.

Marsha Jark
Barry Mitchell

(GUEST) EDITORIAL

This weekend many of us had the kind of experience we all too often don't get in this education. To be sure, the choir's experience in Manhattan was less than a rousing success. Keys (or lack of them), snow, cold, water (in

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overabundance), TV camera crews, etc. all contributed to what for many was a major "downer". There is no denying that much of the energy of the choir was used in coping with frustration and adjusting to the adverse turns of events and not in singing.

We find ourselves extremely disillusioned and disgusted with modern church architecture that seeks to be a showpiece for Christianity in the midst of the concrete jungle. But that may not be a sound artistic/theological judgement; it may be cold feet and no place to go after rehearsal on Saturday. It is all too human and easy to transfer frustrations and feelings from the great and impersonal or the unassailable to specifics that can't fight back. We can't afford that.

If this church of ours is to move bravely into the future, with us in the lead, we need that kind of vision that a St. Peter's offers. We need the courage to try to make our witness in the ring with a major corporation, rather than grab the cash and run to the suburbs. The simple existence of St. Peters on the corner of 54th and Lexington makes a statement to Manhattan about the relevance of the church. The architectural style is a statement of flexibility, spoken in the language of a rapidly changing world where it is and will be.

On the other hand, we need to remember that despite the extravagance of facilities and the extra-ordinariness of clergy, we are still humble servants of the Word and the world. We may well disagree with the effectiveness of others, but we must also remember that they cannot gain from our "mental excommunication" (writing clergy off as not Lutheran or not humble...) and they do need our prayers and guidance.

The comments Sunday night of relief at actually being back at Mt. Airy attest to the fact that we lead a "quiet and peaceable life" in this corner of God's creation. The real give and take of ministry may well consist more in the degree to which we can adjust and adapt than in the quality of a mapped-out plan that we can pull off without a hitch. This weekend with its frustrating, annoying aggravating memories, can help us to lead a frightened people boldly into a future God has given us; or it can leave us hopelessly blinded and cynical, increasingly parochial and reactionary, progressively less interesting and relevant to the world we want to serve.

Peter Pettit
Barry Mitchell

TO THE SEMINARIAN:

I have read the articles dealing with the Lutheran diaconate in the February 22 and March 1, 1978 edition of The Seminarian. I felt that the author of those articles was most affirmative toward the diaconate and its program.

However, there are several errors in the March 1 issue which I would like to clarify:

1. The second paragraph talked about an "Article III of the Deaconess Council, November 1975 Statement." There is no such statement. A task force was formed by Deaconess Council to make a study and report. I believe that the material in the article is referring to the committee's report. The Deaconess Community Board or any other body has responded to the report. The official stand by the diaconate is the author's first differentiation. That of; that the diaconate is an office of service.

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Student Body meeting April 3, at
3:30 pm.

The Executive Committee urges the Seminary community to participate in the care of Keith Wilbur. The Social Ministry committee requests volunteers, and will welcome suggestions for better scheduling.

SCOTTSDLUFF
"ADULT" CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In my field education Adult Sunday School class a few weeks back, we had a lengthy discussion on our human nature and the difficulty we have accepting others. The next week the leader of our class began by sharing with us the following which hangs in his office at work:

"Nobody is Perfect"

Each one of us is a mixture of good qualities and some perhaps not-so-good qualities. In considering our fellow man we should remember his good qualities and realize that his faults just prove that he is, after all, only human. We should refrain from making harsh judgments of a person just because he happens to be a dirty, rotten, no-good s-- of a b----!

(Would this look good in a pastor's study?)

FATHER JOHN cont.

Answers to quiz

1. D (I still haven't convinced her)
2. D (Some will want to go twice)
3. B (It was 40 minutes before he could get his mouth closed)
4. C (He still has it.)

Scoring

If you scored 4, you may read all articles completely

If you scored 3, you may read every other article completely.

If you scored 2, you may read half of every other article.

If you scored 1 you may read the titles of the articles.

If you scored 0 you are allowed to read the page numbers.

Chapel is highlighted this week by two great preachers. Our registrar, John Kaufmann, will share his message with us on Wednesday, March 8, at the 9:40am service of Holy Communion. Dr. Leroy Aden will be celebrant. That evening is a joint service of worship with Ascension Church at 7:30pm. The Rev. LaVonne Althouse the pastor of Salem Lutheran Church in Philadelphia will preach at the 9:40am service on Thursday, March 9.

Next Monday, March 13, evening prayer will be at 5pm. Small group #4 is in charge of services all this week. On Tuesday, March 14, Matins will be at 9:40am and we will hear a student preacher. The only service of Wednesday, March 15, will be the final joint service with Ascension Church at 7:30pm. (A lecture by Dr. Eric Routley is scheduled for the convocation hour in the Choir room.) Professor Hughes will be preacher and celebrant at the weekly service of Holy Communion on Thursday, March 16 at 9:40am. The planned service is the Mt. Airy Rite, a spoken service by Dr. Bornemann.

DEACONESS cont.

2. Information concerning the diaconate is referred to Sister Sally Kerr, 2900 Queen Lane, Philadelphia, Pa. 19129.

3. There has been much discussion about an office entitled "Ministry of Word and Service." However, the term is not official.

I realize that these errors were due to misinformation and misunderstanding. I would be most appreciative if this information was shared in your paper. If I can be helpful in giving information about the diaconate, please do not hesitate to call me.

In Christ,
Sister Sally Kerr

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THE MENIAL MIDDLING MIDDLE MARCH

Irregular, Immaterial, 33,38

Tune: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the syllabi
O'er which the middlers last year wailed,
My richest hopes for this year die;
My face, like theirs - completely paled.

Harold, your methods are unique;
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
No fire or brimstone is e'er chic;
yet, you adopt them for your own.

Lyman, I fear you'll say two things
On any topic I suggest;
Once, please tell me what I should think;
Just one, the answer that is best.

Margaret, you workshops are real neat;
Yours is a course that I can use.
When, oh, when, will we find some meat?
Ed. Min. is one nice pleasure cruise.

Tim, in your Ethics books abound;
Pray, could the reading list be less?
Thanks for the talk; your reason's sound.
Before you faint, please, take a breath.

Jack, teach us all in Social Min;
Justice and racial rights infill;
Show us the shape and means of sin
This year without all your handles.

Chuck, there is little we can say;
Yours is a power far too strong;
See to it, Lord, things go my way -
The intern year can be so long.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should learn
Save in the care of these good folk;
All the vain things that I have earned
And all my pride - gone up in smoke.

- P. A. Pettit
I. Watts

CONFESSIONS OF FATHER JOHN
by John Roberts (nr. Edith)

-The Father John Reader Acceptability
Test-(You didn't think that I would let
just anyone read my articles, did you?)

1. Your daughter walks up to you wear-
ing a stethoscope and a maniacal
grin and says, "Daddy, I'm going to

Father John cont.

take out your tinkles." You
immediately -
A.run from the room screaming

B.smile and say, "I had them
removed when I was 7."

C.put her up for adoption.

D.spent 20 minutes trying to
convince her that she means
tonsils.

2. You walk into a room containing
10 children and say, "who has
to go potty?" How many child-
ren will go with you?

A.2

B.4

C.6

D.10 including 2 still in
diapers

3. Your son comes to you and says,
"laph, flmph, frbl, mffl."
That means -

A."Gee, you're such a wonder-
ful parent. I'm speechless."

B."Daddy, I'm done chewing.
May I get down from the table"

C."If I talk this well now,
think how well I'll be able
to speak when I'm 16."

D."Daddy, can I have another
cookie?"

4. Your son clenches his fist and
says, "finders keepers weeben
eepers." This means -

A.He's found a penny which he
will return to it's rightful
owner.

B.He's found a penny and he will
part with it reluctantly.

C.He's found a penny and he will
fight to the death to keep it.

D.You have dropped your wallet
and now he is head of the
household.

Answers and scoring continued.

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Wine and Cheese Party

8pm. Sun. March 12

The Pit - Main Dorm

-Meet the prospective students
and just relax —

GUEST

The Reverend Jane Shields,
Assistant Pastor of St. Mark's
Church in Wilmington, Delaware,
will be on campus as a visitor
today. She will be in the Refectory
at 10:30 for coffee, for lunch at
12:40, and for coffee after lunch
should you wish to meet her.

Lutheranism
in the Tappert Room

On Thursday, March 9 at 7:30
p.m., Dr. McCurley will lead a
discussion on the topic, Lutheranism
for Non-Lutherans. The program is
intended especially for spouses of
seminarians who would like a better
understanding of LCA-Lutheran belief.
The Spouses Club educational commit-
tee is sponsoring the meeting
which will be held in the Tappert
Room.

"Anxiety is characteristic of the
Gentiles, for they rely on their own
strength and work instead of relying
on God. They do not know that the
Father knows that we have need of all
these things, and so they try to do
for themselves what they do not
expect from God." Bonhoeffer,
The Cost of Discipleship, p. 200

SPORTS

by Mack Smith

Volleyball

Tuesday Night's Winners
Couples
Misfits
Thursday Night's Winners
Faculty/Staff
Co-ed
Preachers

Standings

- 1) Faculty/Staff* 5-1
- 2) Co-ed 4-3
- 2) Couples 4-3
- 3) Preachers 3-4
- 4) Stymphalians* 2-4
- 5) Misfits 2-5

* The game between the Stymphalians
and the Faculty/Staff team will
be made up soon.

Remember: Only the top 4 teams
qualify for the play-offs!

Basketball

Tuesday Night's Winners
Seniors over Miners
100-49
Thursday Night's Winners
Wolff Pack over Seniors
96-72

Standings

- 1) Too-Short 4-0
- 2) Senior 3-3
- 3) Wolff Pack 2-2
- 4) Miner 0-4

Remember: Basketball vs. Westminster-- Saturday, March 11th.

Watch for details. —McAdoo

Student Body Meeting Minutes
February 15, 1978.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.
- II. It was moved, seconded, and Carried to adopt the agenda as printed.
- III. It was moved, seconded, and CARRIED to approve the minutes of the Student Body as read.

IV. Report of the President.

- A. Nancy Anderson has been appointed as a contact person for visiting students on campus under Don Myrom.
Marie Jerge was appointed chairperson for the Pre-Seminary Weekend.
New Committee appointments: Fred Cook co-chairperson of Social Ministry, Bob Boltz co-person of Social Activities, Barry Mitchell and Marsha Jark co-editors of the Seminarian.
Two people will be nominated for appointment to the Board Committee on Student Affairs.
All these people were or will be approved by the Executive Committee.
- B. CLTEN (Council on Lutheran Theological Education) in the Northeast. CLTEN oversees programs which Gettysburg and Phila. Seminaries have in common. They voted, Oct. 7, 1977 at their regular meeting, to recommend an increase in stipend of internships. It was also stated that the Internship Program are the best in the NorthEast. Educational Standards at Phila. and Gettysburg are equal in quality.

V..Report of the Treasurer

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| A. Bal. | Savings | Checking |
| 1-10-78 | 553.98 | 179.80 |
| Receipts | 6.22 | 369.94 |
| Expend. | 300.00 | 144.65 |
| Bal. | 260.20 | 385.09 |
| | Total | 645.29 |
| | | |
| B. Recap. | | |
| Beginning Bal. 5-13-77 | | 565.95 |
| Receipts | | 1288.51 |
| Expend. | | 1209.17 |
| Balance 2-15-78 | | 645.29 |
| | | |
| C. Balance of Committee | | |
| Athletic 24.49, Publications 251.44, Soc. Act. 461.81, Soc. Min. 106.00, Spouses Club 41.25, Guest Night 125.00, Sherry Hour -4.27. | | |
| D. It was moved, seconded, and CARRIED to accept the budget report as printed. | | |

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Guest Night- Future Guests: March 2, Harold Reisch from the Germantown Home to speak on "Ministry to the Aged and Elderly.
March 9, Karl Snyder from Earleville Hospital will speak on drugs and alcohol. Tentative topics: Islamic Religion, VaticanII, and Funeral Director. Make recommendations for possible guests to either Margie Weiss or Rich Sauer.
- B. Athletic: Volleyball and basketball games are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday Evenings. Softball tryouts will begin in April.
Tentative Baseball games between Gettysburgh and Phila. Motion by Mack Smith to allot 50.00 from the operating budget for athletic equip. Discussion: Store new equip. in Student Gov't Office so it is no lost. Motion was voted, seconded, and CARRIED.
Scores from Football Games.
LTSP 7 Moravian 16
26 Lancaster 2
6 Gettysburg 0 first win in three years.

- C. Student Publications: Seminarian is sent to Pacific, Waterloo, and Gettysburgh Seminaries. Barry Mitchell and Marsha Jark are in charge only of the Seminarian. All other publications are given attention by Jo Witman and Jerry Sanders. Duplicating machine in bad shape, we need a new one. The work of Small Groups of "running off" the Seminarian is going well and would like to continue that practice. Bulletin Boards in Hagan and the Dorm are taken care of by the Publication Comm. no one except this comm. should remove articles.
- D. Bookstore: Discussion on the possibility of merging with Fortress Press. They have to evaluate our store which has not been done as yet. Presently this is only one possibility and forums will be held before any decisions are made.
- E. Social Activities: Spring Banquet April 21st. Cost will be equal to or less than last year. Two more parties will be scheduled before the end of the semester. Planning a Seminary Wide Olympic Day Picnic this Spring.
- F. Social Ministry: Fred Cook is in charge of scheduling for Keith Wilbur. NorthEast Interfaith Council would like a volunteer from the Seminary every third Sunday to lead a worship service at Rest Haven Nursing Home. Blood Drive Tuesday Feb. 28- 10 a.m.-3 p.m. We are responsible for 65 units of blood. This will cover the Seminary, our families, and Ascension Church. St. Patrick's Day-service with Holy Cross R.C.C. Thematic Coffee House- Topic: Lutherans concerned for Gay People.
- G. Refectory: Sunday morning breakfast will begin at 7:15 a.m.

VII. Special Committee Report:

- A. Pre-Seminary Weekend progressing well. Dates are March 12-14.
- B. Constitution Revision Committee- All revisions will hopefully be finished by March 1. A special meeting will be called by the Student Gov't to vote on the revised Constitution and By-Laws.
- C. Pete Pettit will be forming a honorary code system. Anyone interested should contact Pete.

VIII. Executive Committee.

- A. The Exec. Comm. held Vesper Services at the Deaconess Home the first Semester. Dave Jones is in charge of scheduling services the second Semester.
- B. Key Policy- Any member of a committee sponsoring a program may obtain a key for Hagan from the Business Office before closing hours and return it in the morning.
- C. Reduplication charge will be lessened to .05.
- D. Pastor's Convocation April 4-5.
- E. Dean- Question of a Full time Dean vs. Part-time-- purpose addition of faculty.
- F. Elections: Motion by Pete Pettit that the Exec. Comm. be directed to reschedule the Spring Student Body Meeting and Student Body elections in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws and insuring that the Spring Choir Tour not fall between the meeting and the election. Motions: was approved, seconded, and CARRIED. Possible Student Body Meeting: March 30, 1978

Student Body Elections April 6,7

Board Meeting April 20 1978

IX. Old Business:

- A. Pool table donated to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Woodlyn, Pa.

X. New Business:

- A. KOSI: Keep our Students Informed System- Keep students on and off campus informed. Use bulletin Board, Seminarian, and Refectory for announcements.
- B. Dorm keys for commuters are available from Norm Crowder.
- C. Medical Service:
 Patient/Physician Confidentiality. Question, what is a chronic malady? Letter and an example of a student medical card will be sent to Dr. Bost. Motion: To support and accept a compromise measure on the medical service proposal.
 Motion was approved, seconded, and CARRIED.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 11a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Devie Rippel
 Student Body Secretary.

CALENDAR OF
 UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Ongoing Projects

1. Rest Haven Nursing Home at least once a month
2. Companions for Keith Wilbur

Thematic Coffee House

Lutherans Concerned for Gay People
 Service on St. Patrick's Day with Holy Cross Catholic Church

SOCIAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

March 10 - Mixer
 April 21 - Spring Banquet
 Reading Week (May) - Picnic, Olympics

SPOUSES GROUP EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

March 9 - Lutheranism - Dr. McCurley
 4 Wednesdays in April - CPR - Red Cross

Death Seminar

- April 6 - Crisis Counseling - Dr. Aden
- April 11 - Memorial Park - Planning Jeanne Griffin
- April 18 - Worship, Funeral service Rev. Hughes

Most programs will be held in the seminar room off the rotunda of the library, 7:30pm.

Nancy Moyer
 Fran Ormond

SPORTS

Volleyball continuing until March 23.
 Tournaments also
 Basketball continuing until March 23.
 Tournaments also

Interseminary Softball League

April 3 (practice)

Softball against other seminaries if weather permits and we have enough interest

Pool tournament - see Dale Walck.

GUEST NIGHT

March 9 - Karl Schneider - Counseling the unprofessed alcoholic
 Coming in the future -
 U. Llewellyn - Islam religion
 Gerard Sloyan - Vatican II
 Mobilization for Survival - Anti-nuclear weapons

Margie Weiss

HIGHLIGHTS OF
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Pre-seminary weekend, March 12-14. Thirty people have made reservations. The group includes twenty prospective students and their spouses and children. Hosts should be present Sunday evening, March 12, at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7:30pm.

The dates for the Constitutional Forum will be March 14 at 4:30pm and March 17 at 1:30pm. Students will receive the proposed by-laws to the constitution in their mailboxes by Friday.

March 20 - 3:30pm - Student Body meeting to vote on the 5 special by-laws to the constitution
 April 21 - Spring Banquet - Dugan's Northeast Philadelphia - still negotiating on cost.
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