

THE SEMINARIAN

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP,
PRAYER FOR PEACE
THURSDAY, MARCH 16

SEMINARIANS TREK
TO BIG APPLE
by Paul Beck

A St. Patrick's Day Eve service with Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church on March 16 at 7:30 p.m. The ecumenical service will be one of prayer and liturgical dance, prayer for peace in Northern Ireland and for the ecumenical movement and dance in interpretation of Eph. 2:13, a passage on reconciliation.

Dr. Raymond Bost will read the epistle, Eph. 2:13-22, a portion of which reads:

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ. For he is our peace who has made us both one and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility.

Monsignor Woods, from Holy Cross will read the Gospel.

Homemade Irish soda bread made by Craig Staller and women of Holy Cross Church will be served after the service.

Lynn Shivers, a Quaker who has been writing and speaking on Northern Ireland for 6 years will lead a talk and discussion on the subject following the service. She is a member of Life Center, an organization in West Philadelphia dedicated to non-violent social change.

Copies of the acceptance speech for the Nobel Peace

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Four seminarians were asked to represent LTSP at a DMNA-sponsored conference of synodical representatives concerned with justice for men and women.

Two years ago at the Boston LCA convention, a resolution was passed suggesting that synods create task forces to check out how women were represented in each synod and try to do something to correct imbalances. Such task forces have met with varying degrees of success.

This year's consultation drew more than 65 people from 29 synods. Major objectives of the weekends, which were largely met, included:

1. sharing information among the various synodical groups,

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DEANS DISCUSSION

Dr. Lundeen, the chairman of the committee to consider the Dean situation, and some members of his committee will be meeting with the student body executive committee this Thursday evening.

All students at the seminary are invited to voice their concerns and hopes for the office of Dean. The meeting will take place immediately after the St. Patrick's Day Eve service at Ascension or at 9:30 p.m. in the Amphitheater.



Letters
to the Editors

To the Editors:

In looking over last week's list of upcoming events, I was impressed by the number and quality of events scheduled by the Spouses Group's education committee. The topics are relevant to both spouses and seminarians. Having attended their seminar on child abuse, I would recommend these seminars to everyone. And thanks to the education committee for sponsoring them.

Nancy Anderson

Dear Editors of the SEMINARIAN:

Any connoisseur of literature, and especially of poetry, knows that fourteen lines-and not eighteen-comprise a sonnet. Upon seeing the composition in print, I immediately recognized the error of my effort. Lack of sleep and absence of concentration may be an explanation for such a mistake (for which I apologize) in submitting the poem on PILES.

Herewith is another contribution which, if not suitable for publication, may be given to Keith Wilbur. It is not a sonnet.

Yours humbly--from one who appreciates and enjoys your well-composed and nicely-edited paper,

Helen Tappert
(Mrs. Theo.)

Poem can be found in this issue-Ed.

To the Editors:

After reading the guest editorial in the March 8 SEMINARIAN, I found much that I could agree with. The need for witness in the city, as well as the innovations that made it possible are commendable. The new building does enable a variety of worship unavailable to most churches. St. Peter's has made the center of NYC their home, instead of fleeing to the suburbs with their 9 million dollars obtained from Citicorp. They are trying a different kind of urban ministry, based in a striking building.

The reason I am writing this letter is because of the wide gap between

the vision St. Peter's has, and the reality of that vision so far. St. Peter's church received 9 million dollars, as well as the right to build a new church as part of the Citicorp Center. At this writing St. Peter's is facing a debt of about \$100,000, most of the 9 million having gone into the building of the church.

The noon theater program of old St. Peter's no longer exists, and the jazz ministry has been told to support itself financially. It now costs between \$150 and \$300 to be baptized, married, or buried at St. Peter's, because of the cost of keeping the building open. The church also has strict opening and closing hours, which seem to be almost unchangeable, as the choir found out.

I find it hard to justify a \$250 thousand dollar chapel when programs have been cut out. I find it hard to justify a staff larger than the Metro NY Synod when the jazz ministry may end. And I find it very hard to justify an attitude that values a building more than a congregation. Just what is St. Peter's vision?

I must confess that I am somewhat cynical about the actions that St. Peter's has taken. And I am also sad, sad that such a chance for ministry in the city of New York was handled in such a manner. Let the example of St. Peter's stand as a lesson of what happens when grand schemes overtake the needs of a congregation. St. Peter's does need our prayers and our guidance, since the vision of a vibrant Christian ministry at St. Peter's is not dead yet. "Mental Excommunication" is not the answer for the problems at St. Peter's.

Yours in Christ,
Larry Conway

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ANNOUNCEMENT

FORTRESS Display
Thursday - March 16
Library - Upper Rotunda
From 10am to 3:30pm

The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring another thematic coffeehouse on Friday, the 17th at 8:00 p.m., in the Pit. The theme will focus on Irish music and tradition. Please feel free to bring instruments, kazoos, readings, poetry, yourselves, etc. No need to stick to the theme - it will be liberally represented. Beer and soda will be provided. There will be performing, lots of participation, and open mike. See Joe or Fred for details and/or questions. By the way, the St. Patrick's day coffeehouse is preceded by a Thursday night prayer service at Ascension for peace in Ireland.

ETHNIC FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL III
AT INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, APRIL 1-2

Workshops, exhibits, concert and street market from Philadelphia's Italian and Jewish communities will be part of a weekend Festival at International House.

The third in a series of Festivals highlighting the folklife traditions of Philadelphia's ethnic communities, it will feature participatory workshops on Italian folk culture (Saturday, April 1) and Jewish folk culture (Sunday, April 2) noon to 6:00 p.m. both days. The cost for daily workshop admission is \$2.00, good for all workshops on one day.

Saturday's program will feature Italian cuisine and games in workshops and exhibitions of Italian craft and art exhibits and Italian cabinetry and wood-carving.

On Sunday, April 2, there will be workshops on Jewish tales and legends, Israeli dance, modern Yiddish poetry and song and a combined Italian-Jewish marketplace with all kinds of traditional foods.

On Saturday evening, April 1, at 7:30 p.m., there will be an Italian/Jewish Concert, interweaving the best in music, song and dance from various regions of Italy with traditional Jewish Yemenite, Hasidic, Yiddish and contemporary music, dance and storytelling. Concert admission is \$3.50 per person.

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Tickets are on sale in advance at International House, 3701 Chestnut Street, or at the door. For further details and a complete schedule for ETHNIC FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL III, contact the Program Office at International House, 3701 Chestnut Street, EV7-5125.

EDITORIAL

On humor: Some reflections.

It seems that self-critical humor, even in the best intent, has come under stern attack in The Seminarian. There is, granted, a fine line between aggression and humor on the one hand and 'clean' and 'dirty' humor on the other. Often the validity of the material lies only in the author's intent - a combination of ethical context and tone. Removed from its context, or taken outside the author's intent, the material is sometimes harmful or obscene, and virtually never funny.

The historical and critical process that we value so highly in appraising Biblical material is often forgotten when we read newspapers and other current literature, including The Seminarian. We lose sight of the context of the material in this publication, we forget the community and its current 'sitz im leben' and we fail to take account of the author and his or her outlook.

God has uniquely granted to people the gift of laughter. Humor, like other gifts, can be abused, it can be a mask as well as that which strips us of our masks. Aware of this, it is always with 'great fear and trembling' that we present self-critical humorous material. We take that risk with the belief that each of us can laugh at our foibles, learn from them and gain fresh awareness of the selves that we often take too seriously.

Barry Mitchell
Marsha Jark

(Ecumenical Service cont.)
Prize by Betty Williams, leader of the Women's peace movement in Ireland, will be distributed. The effort for peace in Northern Ireland has been led by a coalition of Protestant and Catholic women. As Mairead Corrigan, one of the leaders said:

We want to show that the brave man is the one who shows kindness and tolerance and concern. He is the one who is going to walk somewhere where there is danger and find the courage to speak for peace. We want to stop glorifying the man with the gun and start glorifying the quiet type. Let the women say to the men: "Here is the man who is the hero to us. A gentle man. The hero with the big fists is no longer the hero we want."

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JUBILATE! FESTIVAL
AT GETTYSBURG

The second annual Jubilate! festival, "The Sacramental Life of the Parish," will be held at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg from March 30 to April 1. Sessions are free to students.

Dr. Gordon Lathrop, professor of pastoral ministry at Wartburg Seminary will begin the daily sessions. He will give three presentations on "Centering," "Washing," and "Keeping the Meal."

Dr. Paul Manz, noted organist, composer, and leader in worship will return to give a workshop for organists and music directors Friday morning and a Festival of Hymnody in the evening. Sacramental hymns and related readings will be the focus of the evening service.

Thursday evening's service will be set to music by Ray

Egan, composer and organist at First Trinity, Lutheran Church Washington D.C. The Jubilate! choir and seminary and college chaplains will join his team of singers and musicians for a joyous eucharistic celebration. Services on Thursday and Friday will be open to the public and an offering will be received.

Conducting the continuing education seminar for pastors will be Dr. Paul Harms, associate professor of homiletics, Dean of community life, and director of drama at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. He will be speaking on homiletical possibilities for sacramental celebration.

Dr. Harms will preach at the concluding service, Saturday morning at 10:45 a.m.

Preregistration ends on March 23 and the seminary wishes to know the name, address, school, and synod of each participant. Further information may be obtained by writing to Jubilate! Festival
Lutheran Theological Seminary
Gettysburg, PA 17325

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- (Seminarists trek cont.)
and church agencies.
2. further refining a communicative system through Elizabeth Bettenhausen's office at DMNA (sharing ideas via mails and at LCA - Chicago - 1978).
3. analyzing formal and informal synodical flow charts to find out which committees and persons held the necessary decision-making power to effect desired changes.

Ad hoc agenda items included the drafting of a statement urging the Executive Council, LCA not to hold church-wide agency meetings in states that had not ratified the ERA.

"Mid-Term Preparation"

A couple weeks back, I (with the help of Mr. C. Matthy) came across this book, Bible Quiz Program Book by Vivian Ahrendt at the library book sale. I said to myself: "Self, would this help me prepare for my exams on the Bible!" Here are some of the questions: (who knows what comes up on exams?)

1. How many persons were on board ship at the time of Apostle Paul's shipwreck?
2. What bird did Jesus speak of as being sold two for a farthing?
3. Who said; "Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad."?
4. The people of Lystra once took Barnabas for the Greek god Jupiter. (True or False)
5. Identify: "Spikenard"
(Circle Correct Answer)
 - a) a lily common in Palestine and Egypt
 - b) a fragrant plant from which an expensive ointment was made
 - c) an outer garment worn by men
6. Peter and Andrew were the means of healing a lame man at the temple gate called Beautiful. (True or False)
7. Christ addressed the Sermon on the Mount to the multitude. (True or False)
8. What is the name of a little hamlet five miles southeast of Nazareth? (Hint: Here Jesus raised to life the only son of a widow)

Now be sure to get your typed answers in to me by 11 a.m. Friday, March 17th (before the New Testament exam). Lotsa Luck!

Scott Larson

Historic Heroes of the Faith
by Paul Beck

I read Charles Porterfield Krauth vol. II by Adolf Spaeth and recommend it to your attention if you have an interest in why this school originated, the life of a super-prof of long ago, how to weed the junk out of your library collection, or the guerilla politics of church vestments. The man was concerned with restoring the confessional roots to a 'methodist' American Lutheranism much in need of pruning. A superior writer well aware of the power of a vital church press, Krauth succeeded in drawing out the 'methodist element' at his Philadelphia congregation a week before his installation by wearing a Geneva gown, and once exposed he preached sermons to them later published, which precipitated the ministerium in convention two months later to advise the wearing of the gown in all congregations!

As one of the founders of our school it is important to understand the many roles he played. This biography lends itself well to selective as well as sequential reading. One could during one loan period from Krauth Memorial Library read sections at bedtime on his duties as seminary professor, President of the General Council, vice-provost and prof. of Moral theology at U. Penn, pastor of a West Phila. mission, editor of the Lutheran, or The Lutheran Church Review, orator in defense of the Augsburg Confession, author of the History of the Confessions, etc.

At his death in 1883 the good doctor willed his painstakingly selected 15,000 volume library which was appraised at \$30,000 and highly coveted by U. Penn (as it only contained books not available at Penn) to the Seminary.

The two volume sets are available at KML. Enjoy!

REFLECTIONS

Who is Don Myrom and what in the world does a Director of Development do? Since this is a new position at the Seminary, I feel it's important that you have some understanding of who I am and what my role is here at Mt. Airy.

Following graduation from this Seminary in 1965, I served for 12 years in the parish ministry in New England --Abingdon and Andover, Massachusetts. During this time I also attended the Boston University School of Theology and received a Th.D. in Church Ministries and Administration in 1976.

In April, 1977, the Board of Directors approved the creation of the position of Director of Development and gave Dr. Bost authority to hire a person for that position. Following several conversations, I was hired and began work at the Seminary this past August.

Given the small staff that we have here at the Seminary, my role as Director of Development involves me in more activities than would be typical for most development officers. Basically my role is that of interpreting the program, philosophy and objectives of the Seminary to our constituency, and providing them with opportunities to respond--both in financial giving and through direct personal support.

Essentially my job can be broken down into four components:

a. Public Relations--One way of interpreting our message to people is by keeping them informed as to who we are and what we're doing. I assist John Kaufmann in preparing the Seminary Bulletin; I edit a short two page newsletter (News Notes) that goes out quarterly to parents, Board members, and other interested friends; I help process the Parish Practice Notebook; I submit articles on a regular basis to local newspapers, synodical publications, and The Lutheran; I help with choir publicity--and will be going on choir tour to make brief presentations during the intermission at each concert; I'm now in the process of developing brochures that will help us to tell our story more effectively; and I prepared a slide show entitled, "The New Shape of Mr. Airy," 6

and make personal presentations of this show wherever possible.

b. Fund Raising--I am the coordinator of our four basic support programs: the Annual Support Program--which appeals to lay members of our congregations; the Alumni Appeal; the Men of Mr. Airy support program; and the Women's Auxiliary appeal--although in this latter case I simply provide staff support. I work closely with Dr. Bost in preparing proposals for foundations --just this month we received a \$4,400 grant from the J. Howard Pew Freedom Trust for the purpose of developing a campus beautification plan. I am also responsible for developing a deferred giving program, i.e., encouraging individuals to give special gifts to the Seminary through their personal financial planning.

c. Student Contact Work--While this is not a major focus of my work in terms of time, it is a significant part of my work. Given the small staff of the Seminary, it is imperative that we make every effort to reach out to potential students, acquainting them with the program we have to offer. I make it a point to visit college campuses on a regular basis for the purpose of meeting with prospective students. This year, for example, I have been to Muhlenberg, Princeton, Penn State Wagner, Upsala, Kutztown, and I plan to visit Wittenberg in the near future. I am also providing staff support for the student committee planning the Pre-Seminary Retreat.

d. Staff Support to Auxiliaries, and "By Appointment of the President"--At the present time we have 300 persons in the Men of Mt. Airy, 1600 alumni, and over 14,000 members in the Women's Auxiliary. My role is to provide a close working relationship between the Seminary and these auxiliaries. For this reason I was the coordinator for the workshops held for our five and ten year alumni, and I am also actively involved in preparing for the upcoming Pastors' Convocation. As needs arise, I am asked by the president to assume special responsibilities

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ties--such as helping to plan the next LLM/Seminarian Dialogue.

I am also responsible for providing tour guides whenever a group is interested in visiting the campus--that's why you periodically see me wandering around campus with a group in tow!

You should be aware that I am not a member of the faculty, but I have been invited by them to attend faculty meetings on a regular basis.

Hopefully this will help clarify for you just who I am and what my role is here at the Seminary. I must add, I appreciate the very warm way in which I have been accepted as a part of the Seminary community, and I look forward to an ongoing partnership with you--even after your graduation!

THE CONFESSIONS OF FATHER JOHN
by John Roberts
BROCCOLI

Jarrold's Body awaits a Cookie.

Stomach: "What's the hold up? Where's that cookie?"

Ears: "She says no cookie until he eats his broccoli."

Mission Control: "Eyes, this is mission control; let's give her some tears."

Bottom: "Bottom to mission control, she's threatening me again. Go easy on those tears."

Mission Control: "Red alert, teeth, she's trying to force feed. Clamp! Clamp!"

Teeth: "Too late, mission control, alert the stomach."

Mission Control: "Attention stomach! Code four broccoli alert! Let's send it back....Good shot! All over his plate."

Bottom: "Bottom to mission control. Why don't you come down here and see how successful you've been."

Stomach: "Sonach to mission control. Hey! She's sending us to bed without supper."

Mission Control: "Mission control to stomach. We're working on it. Attention! Attention! This is a tantrum alert! This is not a drill! I repeat, this is not a drill!"

Bottom: "Bottom to mission control. Get those legs moving! You got the big gup mad now! Mayday! Mayday! We've been hit!"

Mission Control: "Mission control to body. Run up the white flag! Broccoli--yuch!"

Mission Control: "I shall return."

DVAWM

The Delaware Valley Association of Women Ministers is holding a meeting on Thursday evening, March 16, at 6:30pm in the rotunda of the Library. This is an ecumenical group of women and men in seminary and "out in the field" who are concerned with mutual support, personally and professionally. (It is a regional chapter of the International Association of Women Ministers.)

All members of this community are cordially invited to attend this meeting. The topic under discussion will be "The Call." We will be seeking to grow in our understanding of what a call is in our own and other denominations, and to explore the creative possibilities of calls in our ministry to others.

The meeting will conclude by 9pm. Refreshments will be served. Please join us and add your vision and support to this group.

Judith Bahrs, Conveter

COMMENT

A different inclination to the Menial Muddling Middler March:

Margaret, teenagers you make me understand.

Teaching, I promise, will be in my parish at the core.

Now I am ready to enjoy Ed.Min.Land
And I promise waffling always to abhor.

Helene Begouin

Just a few short notes for this week's services, and a look at next week's; ready?

Wednesday (3/15) will be the last of Joint Services with Ascension Church at 7:30 p.m. There is no morning service on either Wednesday or Thursday. The service for Thursday will be an ecumenical prayer service for peace and reconciliation, especially in Northern Ireland. This begins at 7:30 p.m. at Ascension and will be followed by a talk and discussion, for those who can stay, with Ms. Lynn Shivers and Mr. Bob Doran. Come join in worship and prayer with our neighbors, Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, with whom we are co-sponsoring this event. (Our dance group is involved, too.)

Next week is Holy week (can you believe Lent is over already?) and we will have a regular schedule of services. There will be a service of Vespers at 5 p.m. on Monday (3/20), led by Small Group #16. Holy Communion will be celebrated on Tuesday (3/21) at 9:40 a.m. Dr. Foster McCurley will preside, and Audrey Foley will preach (Our First Lady of the Call!). Wednesday of Holy Week is our last service before Easter break. Service is at 9:40 a.m. and we will be using the CW Genreal Service for Lent.

Pax et gaudium!

SENIOR CLASS NOTES

There will be a class meeting next Monday, March 20, at 11 a.m. in the Amphitheatre. Topic is our class gift to the Seminary. Options from the "ongoing Gift" committee will be presented. Other topics? Please see me and/or bring them to the meeting.

Mark T. English

APPRECIATION

Thanks to Jean Barge for the continuous use of her typewriter for the Seminarian!

On March 2nd Deans McCurley and Reumann and President Bost met with members of the Student Body in the Amphitheatre to discuss the questionnaire on the Seminary's M.Div. program which was distributed to M.Div. students earlier this semester. It was noted that faculty, alumni, synodical officials and examining committees are also being invited to share in the program review.

Since some students were unable to attend the session on the 2nd, President Bost has indicated that he will be available in the Refectory on Tuesday, March 21, following Chapel for discussion of the questionnaire or other topics students wish to introduce.

SUMMER DEVOTIONS

Gradually the list is growing of those members of the community who have opted to join the middlers in producing a Mr. Airy Devotional book for the Summer. Many who do not use devotional aids on a regular basis will find themselves reading this booklet just to see what friends have written. Of course that's just a side benefit. Sharing favorite prayers, apt verses of scripture, and valuable insights is a medium for "keeping in touch" while separated by things like CPE and internship. But primarily the book is another "means" among many for the gracious God to impact upon our lives.

So walk (don't run, but walk quickly) to the main bulletin board in Hagen Hall to sign on the dotted line. While the interns will have an extra week to get in touch with me and indicate their desire to participate, the on-campus list will come down this Friday (March 17). By Wednesday, March 22, most of the lectionary assignments will be made. Your page will be due "at the publisher" by Wednesday, April 5 (interns, a few days later). Share your faith. Do it in print. Do it now.

Bob Hughes

SPORTS
by McAdoo

VOLLEYBALL:

There is a rumor going around. The rumor speaks of the 2-game winning streak of the Stymphalians. The league had better watch out, or they will find themselves out of the play-offs. The only team unworried and almost untouchable seems to be the Faculty/Staff, but the Stymphalians are in hot pursuit.

THE STANDINGS:

Faculty/Staff	7-1	8-1
Co-ed	5-4	5-5
Stymphalians	4-4	5-4
Couples	4-5	4-6
Preachers	4-5	4-6
Misfits	2-7	3-7

All play-off games have been pushed back until after Easter vacation because of seminars taking place on March 16.

BASKETBALL:

In a preview of the championship game, Too Short prevailed again, but by the skin of their teeth. Wolff Pack trailed by 5 points most of the game until the depth of Too Short and fouls by Curt Wolff and Carey Miller canceled any chance they had. Final score was 101-79. High scorers were Wolff, 45 points and Miller, 22 points for the Wolff Pack. High for the winners were Smith, 37 points, Irvin, 19 points, and Dawson, 19 points.

On Thursday night the Miners fell to Too Short by the score of 119-59. High scores for the miners were Miner, 23 points, Malpica, 14 points, and Brant, 16 points. Highs for the winners were Dawson, 28 points, Smith, 22 points, Moyer, 20 points, Irvin, 23 points, Herpich, 14 points, Davis, 12 points.

STANDINGS:

*Too Short	6-0
Wolff	3-3
Ballomewoi	3-3
Miners	0-6
*First place finish - champions of the league	

Playoff pairing

Too Short vs. Miners	- 3/ 13 3:30
Wolff vs. Ballomewoi	- 3/16 9:15

P.S. Westminster beat our Saints in basketball by the score of 49-46. Scores were Smith, 11 points, Miner, 10 points, Bowers, 9 points.

NOTE

Greetings from room 320 and 111 !
(The Tower and Inner Sanctum) ?
We just want to say 'thank you' to everyone in the dorm who has helped in our continued recuperation. Thanks to the tray crews, the mail crews, the laundry brigade, the cartage of chauffeurs and to everyone who has stopped by to make the days go faster.

Peace and Joy,
Billie & Linda



