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### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL COMES TO LTSP

On Tuesday May 1, Terry Whitfield, outfielder for the San Francisco Giants visited our campus. He was the guest of "Ms Jean Barge" (OB), and had the pleasure of eating lunch in the refectory. If you recall we had superdogs that afternoon, and Terry was right there to enjoy the meal. "Ms Barge" gave him the appropriate introduction insisting that it wasn't that important that Terry was playing for the San Francisco Giants, but that he formally played baseball for the Oneonta Yankees. That was back in 1972 when Terry was still in the Yankee farm system. Three years ago, Terry was traded to the Giants. He says that it was the best move he ever made (he is originally from Southern California, and this puts him closer to his hometown).

Later that evening six seminarians, myself included, went to the Phillies game, courtesy of Terry Whitfield. We sat right behind Terry in the left field bleachers. It was a real good game for the Giants. They won 7-0, and Terry had an inside the park home run (I'll never complain about those superdogs again). To top off the whole evening, the last out was a fly ball to Terry and after he caught it, he threw the ball up to Jean. She still hasn't come down!

I would like to thank Jean for bringing Terry up to the campus and look forward to meeting him again. It's about time we got some different people on campus for convocation. Spring is for baseball, not theology.

Peter Breitsch

#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Ruth and I are pleased to announce that we will be continuing as editors next year. Hopefully the paper will continue to improve. Again we would like to thank you all for the support and comments. At times production has been a bit hairy, but we always manage to get some help - even if it does mean threats. To all those people who helped and didn't get mentioned in the credits, "EXCUUUUSSEEE ME!" We bid a fond farewell to some of our regular columns, like Brothers Bob and Father John's Confessions. They were always fun to read. Galen Tinder's articles have prompted discussion and we thank him for that. We wish you all good luck and God's blessings in your new locations. As for the rest of you, who will be here next year, this is YOUR paper and we can only do as good a job as you want us to do. If we are not printing what you want to read, then do something about it. Write something you want to read. Both of us wish you a happy and blessed summer and look forward to meeting the interns and welcoming back our class in September. Thanks Again. God bless you in your work!

Peter and Ruth

Dear Seminary Friends,

First of all, I would like to thank the Brothers Bob for acknowledging my first choice occupation of Sex Symbol. How did you know? Which of my admirers told you? I am happy to inform you, though, that ministry has proven to be a more adequate substitute. Internship for me is unparalleled to any learning experience I have ever had. I have been affirmed in my feeling of a call, have been able to take theology out of the classroom into the grit of everyday life, and have begun to anticipate with some excitement my return to seminary next fall to study. Before you think that my brain has turned into a pretzel I'll explain. The reason is that I see where I want and need to build academically on various situations I've encountered while interning.

I look unbelievably to the days when I said, "I wish I had more to do," (that honeymoon was over long ago), when I said, "I have no money problems," (before I totalled my car on an angry telephone pole on an icy Sunday morning on my way to church services where I was scheduled to preach), when I said, "This is a harmless neighborhood," (before I had my purse stolen once and later my wallet, both out of my office at church), and when I said, "Winter can't be that bad," (until it seemed to last forever, and ever. Amen.)

I've grown. I've laughed. I've cried. I've worked. I've ministered, but most of all I have loved and been loved by the folks of Immanuel and by our Lord, Christ. I would never trade in this experience.

Blessings to you all as you finish up the school year and take your pilgrimages elsewhere.

In Christ,  
Marjorie Weiss  
Immanuel, Jamestown, N.Y.

"Beautiful Gordon Valley"

After reading Jeannie Rowan's article after it arrived one week late (as usual), I decided to get off my duff and write something about this pocket of northern Schuylkill County.

Once you arrive here, you learn that there are two tourist attractions in nearby Ashland. One is a coal mine that is open to visitors. If you like it dark, cold and damp, its great. The other attraction sits on a hillside surrounded by a large, beautiful rock garden, with stairs leading up to it. Its also lit up at night so it can be better seen. "It" isa 12ft. high bronze statue of Whistler's Mother, rocking chair and all. Jeannie may have the "Brothers of the Bush," but up here in the woods we've got the "Happy Stephen Anthracite Polka Band." Who needs diamonds when we can buy coal jewelry?

The congregation that I'm with this year worships in four different locations each Sunday. Instead of one church plant, we have four. The same multiplication applies to choirs, organists, heating bills, and almost everything else. No wonder my supervisor has called this place "C.H.A.O.S. Headquarters."

My family and I have a large house to live in, which is a big plus. But it does have some drawbacks. The furnace is a large square box with a hopper on one end. Into the hopper I shovel coal about once a week. Each week I take out the coal ashes with the trash to be picked up - a job I hate. If any of you need ashes for Ash Wednesday, just come and get it. I also have the dubious honor of being the first flea-bitten intern. When we moved in, the house was infested with fleas- they love coal bins.

It has been a challenging and frustrating experience so far, but it has also been enriching and rewarding. I'm looking forward to September, yet I'm beginning to realize that I'm going to miss this place (except the ashes). Hope to see you in September!!

Larry Conway

## "A SPECIAL DOG"

In my house lives a golden aid dog. She's not an ordinary dog, but my teammate and companion. The dog is identified by the name Mandy. She is a golden retriever that works for me primarily in the house. She is about two years old and recently had nine puppies, five females and four males. The puppies are the responsibility of the foundation for Aid Dogs for the Handicapped. This venture proved profitable for both Mandy and the Foundation.

To give one a description of her disposition, it would have to be summed up in the phrase, "Gentle as a Lamb." As many people on campus will verify, she is very friendly to all. This friendliness can work for or against a person getting used to animals. If one goes by the philosophy which I support, one would as the master first if the dog can be petted. Otherwise, one may lose a few fingers. This is the reasoning of instinct behind all animals, whether they be seeing eye dogs, hearing dogs, or, like Mandy, aid dogs.

Aid dogs are specially trained for people in a wheelchair. They are not easy to obtain. After applying for an aid dog, I had to wait five months before one was available. Then I had to train with her for four months, before she could come home with me. Mandy has been trained especially since birth in basic obedience skills, i.e., sitting staying, and walking. During my period of training with her she has learned to retrieve items off the floor such as cassettes, my glasses or a handkerchief. Not only is she trained in retrieving, but she is trained to help in other ways as well. For instance, Mandy could carry a cane upstairs, and could bring a wheelchair over to a person who falls out of it. The person uses the dog's shoulders as a support in re-entering the wheelchair.

Granted, a dog needs some relaxation and play time. She keeps in shape, not only by herself, but through other means of exercise such as walking, running, and playing ball outside. Her diet is very strict, and she will not eat unless I give her the command. There are things that require my work and Mandy's cooperation such as picking up paper off the floor without destroying it, or silent hand signals. I miss her very much in her absence because when I work on my academic studies and drop a tape, there is no one around to pick it up for me right away like Mandy. Mandy and I are working towards becoming more of a team, instead of just another pet. She's a great help, but just a word of caution: not all dogs are as well trained as Mandy! I know Mandy's limitations and gentleness and can trust her around almost all people. She's been a great help to me and a wonderful companion.

Keith Wilbur

### Postscript:

Keith and Nancy would like to extend their thanks to all the members of the community for helping this year. A special word of thanks to Bob Stott for co-ordinating the schedule this year.

### TREASURER'S REPORT 5/1/79

Balance- 4/1/79	\$1358.46	Savings	Beginning Balance	\$ 1516.71
	\$ 158.25	Checking	Expenditures - athletics	\$0.00
	\$ 1516.71	Total	contingency	\$0.00
Income - Interest	\$9.67		publications	\$5.50
Sherry hour	\$31.46		Sherry Hour	55.00
Public.	\$13.05		Social Act.	773.35
Social Act.	\$53.95		Social Min.	200.00
	608.13		Stud. Ad.	6.80
Ending Balance -	\$1004.19		Union 7301	0.00
			Total	\$1120.65

## THE JOHANNINE LITERATURE

Having received an urgent telegram on Patmos, I am now aware that this is the last issue of the academic year for the Seminarian. I will therefore try to provide you with something meaningful, especially since I missed last week's issue.

When I began this year at Mt. Airy, I expected a bunch of pious holy-rollers, duller than a butter knife. Well, after 8 months of observation I find the piety reduced to premeditated worship, a goodly amount of debauchery and nonsense instead of fundamentalists, and some rather sharp and enlightening people. I came as a layman, I remain a layman and I will leave a layman.

Most of the junior class will remember someone asking "What makes this professional school any different from another professional school?" On the surface, nothing. Oh, the library is not as crowded, and we have no labs but as student bodies go, I daresay that we do not distinguish ourselves much from other graduate schools. Looking below the surface, the level of scholarship is below average but the concern for the practical application of academic regimen is above par. The answer to the above rhetorical question must be the Gospel, and I find it disturbing that the evidence for awareness of such does not rise to the surface of our everyday behavior.

I do not advocate constant prayer or greeting one another with first century salutations; that is going an absurd step too far. There is much in our behavior that goes on without conscious consideration to alternatives implicit in the Gospel and recommended by the Law. I notice pettiness, gossip, suspicion, tension and laziness in schoolwork while the preferable opposites of such are also present, the negatives stick out like the proverbial sore thumb. That which makes us different from other communities should help us to pay attention to our inadequacies. Perfection is by no means here expected; a feeble attempt would suffice.

I open myself for considerable fire for this lambasting. With this as the last issue, and by my anonymity (or is it pseudonymity?) I negate some direct heat for this verbiage. And there is always the passage about taking thorns out of other's eyes with lumber in your own. I know, that I have no room to talk. But if someone doesn't stick out his vulnerability for others sake, these things won't get said. Now I lay a martyr complex atop it all. God have mercy on my soul!

Seriously, I really do love this place. I wish someone would pay me to stay here all the days of my life, studying and reresearching all this wonderful world of theology. But such utopies are mere smoke. I have grown as much these past 8 months as ever, and many others can say the same. I wish all the seniors the best of luck in either ordination or further scholarship of both. I know that the middlers will emerge as one fantastic class of ministers, and Internship will be a preview of great things in the L.C.A. And there is no way in the world that I want to miss the further exploits of this junior class. 'nuff said. The faculty and administration have reminded me what education is all about, and there are people employed here that deserve sainthood.

To all my friends, and you others, too, remember Luther's words: "Sin boldly!" and the ones we all forget that come after. But when we sin, can't we at least try to be aware of it? That kind of Law makes the Gospel what it is indeed: unequalled.

Auf Weiderschreiben,  
bis September  
Johann

Vicious lies have recently been spreading about the Brothers Bob. Someone (was it Galen?) has suggested that maybe the Brothers Bob aren't really cousins or something like that. So we were forced to check out our family tree. The only problem was that Cheryl was sitting on it and kept us from doing our research. So we did the next best thing: we asked Tina who was done an awful lot of research on our family tree and she informed us that we are indeed brothers.

Who are we then, do you ask?? Well, we will give a few hints now and in about a week we will post a notice on the bulletin board telling the community who we are. What follows will help you guess our secret identities: WE are twins born a week apart and are clones. We look exactly alike except for a few minor differences like hair color, eye color, height, weight and looks. Both of us love New York and we know where Elmsford is located. Our favorite month is April and at least one of us is a fool.

That's enough for you all to go on, if you guess right you will not be charged tuition for the next semester. All entries must be postmarked no later than May 10, 1978 and Mailed to:

Save the Tiger  
Box 666  
Oakland, Maryland 21550

Good luck to you all:

This is our last column to be printed in the Seminarian (but watch the bulletin board in case we have more community information): It was our intention to say goodbye in a big way, but circumstances beyond our control do not permit us to do it. We do want to thank a few people who have been most helpful: our editors, Scott Larson, Ruth Hankins, and Peter Breitsch; Galen Tinder, Linda Fairheller, Cheryl Meinschein, and Gerry Sanders, whom we have regularly picked on and who still love us (we love you, too!), and to all whose names appeared in our column for one reason or another. If your name has not appeared in our column we are truly sorry and you are truly lucky. AMEN.

#### CHILDREN IN CRISIS- MAY 9, 1979

Rev. Thomas Sauerma of the Division for Parish Services will conduct a 2½ hour workshop on the topic Children in Crisis at 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, in the Tappert Room. This workshop is a part of course # 860 but is open to all members of the seminary community.

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We regret that Galen Tinder and Tom Irwin could not get a final article in before they left. Academic studies have a tendency to cramp one's creative abilities. We understand. Thank you for your support throughout the semester. Good luck in new congregations.

NOTE: Last weeks front page article on "Men, A Generic Term" was a reprint from the Seminary newspaper of Saskatchewan Seminary. I thought it was interesting and submitted it for publication.

## INTERNSHIP INTERVIEWS

I would like to share with you a concern I have for the apparent lack of interest exhibited by the Student Body for the Director of Internship presentations. Beside the Student Interviewing Committee there were only a handful present for the Reverend Gregory Jackson's presentation last Friday. There are still three more presentations that remain to be heard. As in any form of representative government, when the people do not voice their concerns, they forfeit the decision making to a small minority who are left to run things on a relatively small amount of data. This is highly risky because it becomes increasingly difficult to separate what the representatives want from what the people want. And, as in the case of the Director of Internship's position, it directly affects two-thirds of the Student Body present here on campus. One would not think so when only six of them show up to hear presentations.

Please help the Interviewing Committee out by voicing your concerns at the last two presentations:

Friday, May 4th, 1:30 pm---the Reverend A. Everett Nielsen  
Monday, May 7th, 9:30 am---the Reverend C. Earnest Brooks

Sincerely,  
Jim Bowers

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MAY DAY

May Day at LTSP was quite unique here Tuesday in two ways. First of all a women's group from Eastern Baptist Seminary headed by Charlotte DeGregoris, their Field Education Director, returned our visit from April.

We shared our time, our ideas and our perspectives and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Another gathering is projected for October 3rd at EBS and at that time we will focus our discussions on specific topics of concern to both seminaries.

The Women's Concerns Committee here on campus was fortunate enough to have the group arrive just as Chris Nelson was about to entertain our community with his dance group. In English midland dress (complete with bells to ward off evil spirits), the group performed dances native to different counties in that part of England.

Chris, who heads the group, told me that he learned the folk dances when he was in Cambridge, Mass. and the group came about more or less by word of mouth. It was a perfect day for it, and those who watched had a hard time keeping from joining in.

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REFORMATION

The Black king  
came forth  
under a Lutheran name.

Perceiving an impartial God,  
he moved his pulpit to the streets  
and revealed his dreams.

Before T.V. cameras he stood.  
He stood and marched,  
he stood and prayed,  
he stood and preached.

He was voted  
the most peace-loving man  
on our planet.

Violent, conspiring hands  
ended his march...

At last, he's free  
to stand in the land  
of Perfect Peace.

by Ramona Carroll

## DUE PROCESS FOR STUDENTS

On March 5, a special meeting of the Student Body was held to discuss a draft document entitled "The Rights, Responsibilities, and Freedoms of Students". The draft had been prepared by the Student Affairs Committee (SAC) of the Board of Directors and was submitted to student and faculty review for suggested revision before forwarding to the Board as recommended policy. As a result of the student meeting and of faculty consideration of the document, an ad hoc committee met to consider revisions before the draft was considered at the SAC's April 18 meeting.

The ad hoc committee included Dr. Clarence Lee (faculty representative to the SAC), Chris Nelson and Bill Shafer (student representatives to the SAC), Dean Faith Burgess and Student Body President Jim Bowers. Their proposed revisions (limited to section IV of the draft document -- "Due Process") were considered and further revised by the SAC on April 18. Printed below is the product of that meeting: a proposed statement of due process to be considered for adoption by the Board of Directors in its June meeting. The SAC is seeking a final round of student and faculty reaction to the current draft before Board action. Please address comments to any of the five members of the ad hoc committee or to Student Body President-Elect, Kevin Ogilvie.

The ad hoc committee (or its successor) has yet to address Sections I, II, and III of the total document which was reviewed on March 5 by students. Consideration of these sections will probably be delayed until the Fall Semester.

SAC Chairperson Betty Reisner and the other members of the SAC are eager that students and faculty know that SAC meetings are open to all. The Committee meets twice annually in conjunction with the Fall and Spring board meetings.

### DRAFT DUE PROCESS STATEMENT

Seminary students are citizens of both the academic and general community. As such they enjoy the freedom of speech, right to peaceful assembly, and rights to petition as other citizens do.

If the activities of students off-campus result in violation of the law, institutional officials will apprise students of sources of legal counsel and other assistance as it seems appropriate.

The faculty with its representatives, the Dean and the President, bear ultimate responsibility for taking disciplinary action in the case of academic or social misconduct by students. Prior to consideration of disciplinary action by the faculty and its representatives, members of the Seminary community are expected to follow precisely the succession of steps outlined in paragraphs I, II, and III below. In the event that disciplinary action by the faculty seems appropriate, the measures described in paragraph IV are to be followed.

I. Should one or more persons (known hereafter as "the observer", but understood to be singular or plural, and to include faculty, administration, students, or staff) believe a student's behavior to be a breach of community standards of academic or social conduct, the observer should first approach the student in question and allow the stu-

dent the opportunity to clarify or rectify the situation to the mutual satisfaction of observer and student.

II. Successive discussion and action takes place according to the following distinctive paths for (A) academic conduct and (B) social conduct:

A. Academic Conduct

(1) If the observer is convinced (after discussion of I above) that there has been no misconduct, nothing further happens.

(2) If the observer still has reason to believe that there has been misconduct, he/she must see that the appropriate faculty member is involved in the discussion. The observer then has no further role except as requested by the student, the faculty, or other parties involved in the procedures of III and IV below.

(3) If the issue cannot be resolved to the mutual satisfaction of the student and the faculty member, either or both parties may present the issue to the Dean (III below).

B. Social Conduct

(1) If the observer and student can arrive at a mutually acceptable resolution, nothing further happens.

(2) If the absence of such resolution (B-1) above), either or both parties may present the issue to the appropriate committee of the Student Body for mediation and/or adjudication.

(a) If the parties of B-2 above can arrive at mutually acceptable resolution, or if the Executive Committee of the Student Body recommends sanctions within the power of student government, then the issue goes no further.

(b) If the appropriate committee of the Student Body judges that the student's conduct warrants discipline beyond the powers of student government, then the issue is presented to the Dean (III below).

III. When an instance of alleged student misconduct is presented to the Dean, every effort will be made to resolve the issue without involving further members of the community. If, however, the Dean determines that the faculty disciplinary action may be appropriate, any further investigation and review shall be subject to the measures outlined in IV below.

IV. Due process for students being considered for disciplinary action by the Seminary faculty:

A. The student will be clearly informed in writing of all charges of misconduct.

B. The student will be confronted by all accusers (includes but is not limited to the "observer" noted above) and will have the right to question them.

C. In all hearings at which the student is to be present the student may be assisted or represented by counsel of personal choice.

D. For the hearings, the Dean will convene a committee which includes the Dean, two faculty representatives chosen by the faculty, and two students chosen by students in accord with student government's established procedures. The hearings will be recorded either by tape or transcript.

E. After hearing and discussing all charges with the student present, the committee of five (Dean, two faculty representatives, and two student representatives) will meet to judge the merits of the charges and, if necessary, to recommend appropriate disciplinary action.



to the faculty. The Dean, in consultation with the faculty, will then decide the action to be taken and notify the student in writing.

F. A student who has been adjudged guilty of misconduct and has been subjected to disciplinary action has the right to appeal the faculty decision to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee of the Board may lessen the penalty imposed by the faculty but it may not impose a penalty more severe than that already prescribed. Any decision by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall be final.

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#### WANTED:

A minister for a growing church- a real challenge for the right person. Opportunity to become better acquainted with people. Applicant must offer experience as shop worker, office manager, educator (all levels including college), artist salesman, diplomat, worker, Minor league athlete, psychologist, vocational counselor, psychiatrist, funeral director, wedding consultant minister of ceremonies, circus clown, missionary, and social worker. Helpful but not essential: experience as a butcher, baker, cowboy, and Western Union messenger. Must know all the problems of birth, marriage and death; must also be conversant with the latest theories and practices in areas like pediatrics, economics, and nuclear science. Right person will hold firm views on every topic, but is careful not to upset people who disagree. Must be forthright, but flexible. Returns criticism and backbiting with Christian love and forgiveness. Should have outgoing friendly disposition at all times. Should be a captivating speaker and an intent listener. Directly responsible for views and conduct of all church members and visitors; not confined to direction and support from any one person. Salary not commensurate with experience or need. No overtime pay. All replies kept confidential. Anyone applying will undergo full investigation to determine sanity.

These are words of consolation and refreshment to all seniors seeking a call and words of warning to all juniors. Middlers and interns just LAUGH!

Borrowed from New England Synod "Ecclesialog"

#### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The final worship service for the 1978-9 academic year will be held at 9:40 AM on Tues. May 8. We hope that as many of the community as possible will share in the Holy Communion Service. Dr. Raymond Bost will be the preacher and celebrant. The seminary Sacred Dance Group will participate in the service.

On Monday at 5:00 PM Raphael Malpica will lead a service emphasizing the richness of diverse backgrounds within the seminary community.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all those who have participated in leading worship this semester. A special word of thanks to the sacristans, organists and choir who have contributed so much to the worship program.

Margaret Krych

FATHER JOHN'S CONFESSIONS  
(and traveling road show)

The career of Father John began November 12, 1974. Since that time I have written on such diverse subjects as pregnancy, a desk that cried, moose meat and the joy of correspondence with the Upper New York Synod. We have gone from two children in diapers to sibling rivalry (those of you at the choir concert may have seen John hit his brother on the head with his program just as everything got quiet). I have gone from seminarian to househusband to nursery school teacher. To the many people who said nice things about my articles, I give my thanks. (For those of you who didn't, I know who you are and a man named Vito will visit you during reading week.) It is interesting that there are no students and few faculty members who have as much tenure as I do. When Raechel was born we had one more child than the rest of the entire seminary community. Now, everywhere you go you bump into a kid (this may explain the gnome sightings on campus). Through 60 articles I've tried to share with you the very special gift I've been given - the love of a family. I'll let each of us say goodbye in his or her own way.

Jarrood Nathaniel - philosopher

Dad: "Walking is good exercise Jarrood."

JN: "You get exercise. I get tired."

John David - heir to the throne

John: "Me and Jarrood"

Dad: "That's Jarrood and I."

John: "I don't want to be last."

Raechel Sarah - Daddy's "Rae" of sunshine

Dad (in car): "leave your sister alone."

SILENCE

Raechel: "I don't like being left alone."

Mommy - (soon to be Pastor Mommy)

"Eat your beans."

"Father" John

Rejoice with us for the Lord has blessed us!!!

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FIRST CLASS  
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