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Greetings from Cororal Klinger's hometown. I am just about settled in here now so it's time for an epistle to you folks back at the angel factory. I'm writing to you from my apartment, which is spacious and a little different than a dorm room -- no clanging pipes, no pillow fights and no midnight raids to Friendly's. But I can see I will be kept busy enough over the next nine months and look forward to making many new friends here in Toledo.

In many ways my arrival in Toledo was the culmination of a long struggle for Ed Dufrense and I. Some of you know that I was originally signed on to work in a church in Perkasio, PA this year. Well the Lord had other ideas! Pastor Hebel was called to a mission church in Appalachia and I began the summer long process to find a new intern placement. Ed and I spent the summer combing the possibilities and three interviews with congregations fizzled before Toledo opened up. I have sat through four meetings with different intern councils and flown many miles this summer. Three times my hopes have been dashed, and I've been discouraged, but after three closed doors, God opened a window! Yea, though I walk through the valley.....

ang, please pray for some "Air-support" for me this year. These have been two years of change and this will be nine months of growth for me. I thank you for all your love over the past year, and I personallu want to take this moment to thank Ed Dufrense for all his sweat and sacrifice this summer. I'm no the easiest person to get along with at times, and Ed has probably seen me at my worst. Thank you Ed for all you've done, and thank you dear friends - Wild Bill, K.S.C., Spot, O.B., Linda and Sarah and all the rest. God Bless You!

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### IMPORTANT MEDICAL NOTICE

Dr. J.W. Price has requested that he wishes to terminate his medical services to the Seminary Student Body effective December 31, 1979.

As a result of his request, all students requiring medical attention should contact the Chestnut Hill Family Practice Unit effective January 1, 1980.

The address of the unit is;

8811 Germantown Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19118  
Telephone: 247-4145

Please call in advance for an appointment and bring student identification card with you.

Thank you,  
Ed Schofield  
Business Manager

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The Senior Class met Wednesday October 3 with 17 people in attendance. It was announced that anyone who would like their private telephone number listed in the campus directory to be published soon, should submit their number to Mrs. Armstrong as soon as possible. It was also announced that Jeanne Rowan was elected as the Senior representative to the dorm council.

The class elected Don Hake as a representative to serve on the Social Ministry Committee. Class pictures will be taken in a few weeks. There will be a sign - up sheet posted near the mailboxes when the dates and times for sittings are available, The cost is \$5.00 per sitting which will include the composite. The class decided to go with the composite, and asks that all M. Div. students wear black clerics for this. You will be allowed six poses, two of which you will have the option of wearing other types of clothes.

Reflection Day was discussed. A committee was selected to do the planning for it. It was generally agreed to combine a topic for the day with recreational activities. The Reflection Day Committee members are: Barry Mitchell, Thelma Cobbler, Bob Breon, Jeanne Rowan, George Koch and Steve Moyer.

A list of Senior Representatives for the faculty and Student Body Committees is listed below. If you have concerns about any of these areas, please see the proper representative.

FACULTY COMMITTEES

First Professional Degree  
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Ruth Becker  
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STUDENT BODY COMMITTEES

Nominating  
Judicial  
Social Activities  
Student Publications  
Co-op Bookstore  
Refectory  
Athletics  
Dorm Council  
Social Ministry

Bruce Trethaway  
Dave Ellis  
Margie Weiss  
Barry Mitchell  
Frank Nelson  
Karl Krueger  
Mack Smith  
Jeanne Rowan  
Don Hake

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USMA ELECTS MEMBERS

Part-time student and full-time Methodist, Janet Tebbel has been elected vice-president, treasurer and carillonneur of the United Methodist Student Association.

Dr. William Ramsden, who is teaching the class on Ministry in Small Groups has been named faculty advisor. Ramsden is part-time faculty and full-time United Methodist.

Other members of the group have asked that their names be withheld. (Are you afraid of retaliation Bruce, hymn and other former and current Methodists?)

Meetings of the United Methodist Student Association will be held at 4:45 PM on Tuesday in the Refectory during the Welchade Hour.

Maybe Breitsch should start a column and call it "The Petrine Correspondence." Thinking about St. Peter was a natural reaction since his most recent successor just missed Patmos on his visit. We had offered to build an Altar, call in the minions for a Mass but Krol wouldn't hear of it. I guess the church big shots have given up on small, manger type settings in favor of Media events.

I must admit to being quite moved by much of the guy's charisma. He is genuinely quiet and a sincere fellow, and seems out of place amid the floodlights and the noise. I still can't get used to applause during a religious service, but we must allow our Roman friends a few indulgences, (no pun intended.) I was really quite shocked that the liturgy stole so many good Prot. hymns for the services, and was expecting to hear Ein Feste Burg along the way. I also hope someone more knowledgeable than myself will take it upon themselves to analyse the Pontiff's homiletic style: I liked his delivery, but was unable to detect any structure or method. I had, however, no doubts about what he said.

The Sunday homily to the Washington D.C. masses could have been written by Erasmus. Humanism was drenching every word to and almost unbearable (for this decadent Lutheran) degree. The divergence between 'essential human goodness' and Tilliochian 'estrangement' churned my stomach like a knot. I do not dispute a need for re-affirming family and social values, but the criterion for such re-affirmation was creation, not the Creator, according to the Pope. I missed a sense of the source of our goodness (whatever goodness there may be) in favor of an assumed, innate, perfectable essence. Other than the legalistic tone of John Paul's stand on abortion, I have nothing against that too.

No one should be shocked by his stand against female catholic clergy. For all of his virtues, the man is basically pre-Vatican II in politics. Aside from scrapple, what he liked about Philadelphia was the "order and discipline" of the Archdiocese. Feminists won't be won over by his charm, and understandably so. In an institution where authority filters down from the top, it's going to be tough sledding for progressive forces. So why did the crowds welcome him with warmth and cheers?

He does know how to utilize mass media. He is young enough and strong enough to undertake pilgrimages of this nature: vigorous and hectic. And how often does the reputed Vicar of Christ come to most religiously free nation? His background runs the gamut from desolation to adoration. He is more than an engaging personality in an influential role who knows the influence of a well planned media campaign; he concretely embodies something many of us lack and desperately need. He said some things you and I may find tough to correlate with the Gospel. He said unpopular things. But it is the combination of office, type, and person that makes John Paul the II the object of multitudinous adoration worldwide. This time, a rather benign man uses these devices as a platform for his message. We may have to be a bit more careful of other future media events and the personalities within.

Auf Weiderschreiben,  
johann

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Greetings from Smyrna (where I sit amongst the smoking ashes of Polycarp's martyred body). May I be so blessed with 88 yrs. of love and service to our Resurrected Lord!

Dr. Joyce's brother asked us to work on vocabulary development this week. I've been very busy, but this fragment of "Periphrastics" are-written found in Bala Cynwyd has helped. These "Periphrastics" are written circumlocutions to make the obvious obscure, the

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simple complex and the familiar enjoyably strange. I understand that Dr. Jeske has labelled them Beckian in origin. I think the author is purposefully anonymous. Figuring out these seven proverbial statements should definitely be a boost to your word Power that Readers' Digest would applaud.

1. Desist from enumerating your fowl prior to their emergence from the shell.
2. A plethora of culinary specialists has a deleterious effect upon the quality of purees, consommes and other soluble pabula.
3. It is in the realm of possibility to entice an equine member of the animal kingdom to a source of oxidized hydrogen; however it is not possible to force him to imbibe.
4. Persons deficient in the faculty of determining values move with impetuosity into places which purely spiritual beings view with trepidation.
5. Immediately upon the absence of the domesticated carnivorous feline, the common house rodent proceeds to engage in sportive capers.
6. Products of ingenuity are the offspring of exigency.
7. A mobile section of petrified matter agglomerates no bryophytes.

Agape,  
Sister Pauline

#### "SNORT PWS"

This coming Sat. Oct. 13th., the Mt. Airy Saints will open up their football season against Moravian Seminary. The game will open up their football season starting at 2:00 P.M. and the game site will be announced on Friday.

This year's team will feature its awesome defense which in the past has proved to be the key to the team's success. The "Bread and Butter" will be led by a strong linebacking crew of Scott Davis, Mack Smith (truck), and Pat Wirick (Karaen). The brutal front four for the defense this year are Mark Reiger (Rochester), Steve Moger (Maddog), and Lou (Fortress) Forney, along with Larry (the Lash) Conway. In the defensive secondary will be Fred (fly-paper) Cooke, LSteve (mouthpiece) Godshall-Meyers, Larry (Buckwheat) Hand and Randy (the Rave) Fischer.

The offensive squad looks forward to having a large point production this season. The offensive line features the finesse and brawn of Martin (Hurricane) Horn, Ron (Tornadoe) Townsend, Jeffz (Leviathan) Lausten, along with Davis and Forney. The receivers are Ken (Getme) Simmurro, Fred (twinkle toes) Mcelderry, and Reiger Godshall-Meyers. In the backfield will be Dave (Brass-Tackle) McFarland, Fischer and Hand.

Future games will be held on Sat. Oct. 20 at 2:00 P.M. against Lancaster Seminary and the Luther Bowl against Gettysburg of the 27th of Oct, also at 2:00 P.M.

The Luther Bowl is always the most important game of the year. In a recent letter from the Gettysburg team Captain he stated the following: "The new year is upon us here on the hill and shortly the workouts will be beginning so that we will be able to regain the title we have allowed (the nerve of this guy) you to have for a couple of years. This year is ours! We'll be waiting for you!! Vengeance is sweet!!"

It looks as though the Luther Bowl, as well as the other games scheduled, will be a challenge this year. For this reason "the Saints" need the support of the whole seminary community and we hope to see you all out cheering the team on to victory. The Saints Flag-Football Fever. Catch it!!.

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## UPON THIS ROCK

When I woke up this morning and saw all this snow coming down from the heaven, I knew it was time for a new column in the Seminarian. As long as it can snow on October 10th, I really don't think all the rain will hurt the rhubarb. Now before I get snowed in on the second floor, let me begin with my topic of the day.

Recently the editing of this paper has been right down the proverbial toilet. And if anyone doesn't believe me, ask Mark Rieger where I do most of my work. I think it's time for a change. No not in editors, because I really enjoy the job, but in content.

Looking over last week's issue, I noticed that there were more pseudonymous writings in the Seminarian, than there were in all of the New Testament. Granted, some of the articles were funny, some were worthwhile, but some just plain didn't make sense. If we had been doing our job correctly, as editors we should not have allowed half that paper to be printed. But I must come to my own defense, as well as Ruth's. There was absolutely nothing worthwhile to substitute for all that pseudonymity. Had we decided to print only the items which were signed by the real authors, the Seminarian would have been another Don Myrom News sheet.

It is my contention that a newspaper should reflect the concerns of the community it serves. If there are no concerns, then I believe that we need to be concerned. That is my concern.

As New Testament scholars we need to be concerned about pseudonymity (to a certain degree), but in a small community like this there is no reason why pseudonymity should be so common. If a newspaper is, as I said, before, reflective of the concerns of this community, then it is pretty evident to me that our concerns are pseudonymous. Either that or we are trying to elevate the Seminarian to some sort of canonical status. If that's the case, I'll have to say "Thanx, but no thanx!" What would Paul Tillich say if we told him that the Seminarian was the norm for Christian faith and practice? (Answers to that question will be accepted on the third tuesday of the month.)

I believe we need a seminary newspaper, otherwise I wouldn't be doing this. We are all well educated Christians (excuse my presumptuous comments), and I believe we all have something worthwhile to say. I would like to make this a weekly column, and I invite you all to work with me to get this newspaper back on the right track.

Peter Breitsch

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FIRST CLASS