



THE SEMINARIAN

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CONVOCATION

The 150th anniversary celebration continues as convocation begins the new year at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Fall convocation emphasized the new theme which is that of the Seminary's involvement in the future. President Glasse led the proceedings, with Dean Bricker and Mr. Paul R. Hafer, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary.

The guest lecturer for the occasion was Dr. Robert Paul, from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Dr. Paul spoke of the importance and correlation between American history and its dependence on the faith and religion of the community of people involved in that particular historical time. The observations and ideas concerning his subject were explicit and provided much thought. Dr. Paul also provided insights into the future of America and its religion. The topic seemed perfect to effectively begin the fall term for the students at L.T.S.

After the service, a reception was held for the community to acquaint itself with the new and renew the old.

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"if the sun
or the moon
were to doubt
all the love magic
that's all about
they would go out
no doubt!"

L. Gunther/sister
Corita

S.C.C.

The Seminary Community Council is made up of three elected officers elected by the student body in a spring election, representatives from the three classes, two representatives at large, and representation from campus organizations recognized in the S.C.C. constitution. The S.C.C. is an organization that attempts to coordinate the extra-curricular activities of the seminarians and their families. It seeks to provide opportunity at its meetings for representatives of the seminarian body to openly share with one another problems and actions that take place on the campus. In the past the S.C.C. has sponsored community projects, educational forums, and social events. In the area of ministry, the S.C.C. last year raised over \$700 for an I.V. Monitor to be sent to the Bach Mai Hospital in North Vietnam. It is my hope that the members of the S.C.C. will continue this tradition with an ever greater zeal. We will not attempt to be an "answer-agency" for seminarians or others who wish us to be so, but we will I hope listen to anyone, and we will let you know when and where our meetings will be. If you want to come and just listen, or if you would like to speak to us about something, please feel free to come.

President - Lee Jessup
Vice- President- Charles Hull
Sec.- Treasure - Don Metzel
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S.C.C. Representatives Cont.

Seminarian - Nancy Lilly
Doug Turner

Spiritual Life - Mike Iski

A.S.W. - Mary Jo Jessup

Hub Chairman - Alice Zimmerman

Junior Representative- Tom Webster

Middler Representative- Dave
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Rep. at Large - Elmer Scofield
Todd Snyder

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FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK

I have been asked by the editorial staff of the Seminarian to write some reflections upon my recently completed Seminar to Germany. I protested that what they were asking me to do in a short article was impossible, but after much insistence (actually threats) on their part I agreed to write the article.

I suppose the first question I'm asked most often about my trip is "what are the German people like." That question is as hard to answer as "what are Americans like." Just as there was a diversity in the people who composed the Seminar Abroad so is there a diversity in the German people. I think I may safely comment on the individual people I came in contact with. My German hosts in Neuenstadt and in Whuppertal were both very warm and open with me; concerned with raising their children; searching for meaning in their church life; and were in many ways remarkably similar to many American families. Church officials were concerned with the state of the church and were in the process of looking for answers to problems that seemed to belong to the American Church as well. While I am on the subject of people I might point out that Germany has a large "guest labor" force composed of Turks, Italians, and Greeks which confronts the Church and the German Government with the task of acclimating these various groups into German society. The only other comment I feel I can safely make from first hand knowledge is that the tradespeople, restaurant

and hotel employees, and other people in service professions were for the most part polite and courteous and willing to go out of their way to help you understand something in a language that was difficult for many of us.

The next question I'm most likely asked is "what does Germany look like?" Germany is a land of gently rolling farms, thick green forests, lakes and streams, large cities and small villages, cathedrals, fountains, castles, blooming gardens and window boxes, and crisp white lace curtains. In short, Germany is a smorgasboard of natural and man-made sights, sounds, and smells that one finds oneself either nibbling at slowly or wolfing down in big, satisfying gulps. Either way you approach Germany you find that your appetite to see and do more seems insatiable and when you leave you still feel more then slightly hungry.

German culture was another area that fascinated me. The rich blending of the old and the new was everywhere. Architecturally, musically, aesthetically one was constantly reminded of the past but at the same time made aware of the present and the future.

But what of the church in Germany? I won't pretend to cover that subject in this article. I will share some of the general observations I made. The German Church faces many problems that are remarkably similar to our own. How to use religious education effectively; how to use new forms of worship; how to minister to the aged, the young, the alienated, the foreign member in our midst. But I was also struck by the fact that each church has problems uniquely their own; each has strengths and yet each has a unity in the other through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

I could write on and I could say much more about the German Church and about German society, but I would rather you asked me or another member of the Seminar.

Shalom!
Jim

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FELLOWSHIP GROUP

"This corroding fear for the discovery of our weaknesses prevents community and creative sharing. When we have sold our identity to the judges of this world, we are bound to become restless, because of a growing need for affirmation and praise. Indeed, we are tempted to become low-hearted because of a constant self-rejection. And we are in serious danger of becoming isolated, since friendship and love are impossible without a mutual vulnerability.

And so, when our actions have become more an expression of fear than of inner freedom, we easily become the prisoners of our self-created illusions."

Please join us in a sharing of love and care, weakness and strength and celebration. A fellowship group has begun on campus with a warm enthusiasm and a spirit of openness. We have been meeting regularly for the last three weeks. Unless there are further schedule changes, we will continue to meet on each Wednesday evening at 9:00 P.M. in the old Hafer Center (under the Hub Bookstore). With open arms...blessings of peace and joy.

Paul Thomas

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

There is a new soda machine in the Hub. It is located in the rear of the coffee room. The price per bottle/can is \$.20. Please return all bottles and help keep the price down and the machine here.--As the bottles go, so goes the machine.

The deadline for articles to the Seminarian is Wednesday noon. Place articles in editors' mailboxes or under seminarian door.

This year the Seminarian has two editors but no staff. Anyone interested in working or helping with the paper please contact the editors.

The Seminarian will be putting out a poetry page every two weeks. Please contribute your original works or old favorites you wish to share with the community.

Watch out! Letters to Lucy are coming!

Are you aware of the Student Health Insurance Program being offered by Blue Cross- Blue Shield to us at L.T.S.? It is a major medical plan with very good coverage and the rates are attractive. If you already have an individual plan it is possible to change to this one. Nine folk are still needed to get this plan going at L.T.S. Please check with Lyman Hollar immediately for details.

Contrary to previous practice, the Editors have decided to exercise their "editorial discretion" concerning the nature of the material that will be presented in this year's Seminarian.

THOUGHT

If you want to get the work done...ask the Busy man, the other doesn't have time!

CHOIR

An organizational meeting for the Seminary Community Choir will be held October 7th at 7:00 P.M. in the Chapel.

Spiritual Life Meeting -

Where- Mike Iski's Apt. H-205
When- Monday, Oct. 6
Time- 10:30

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