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## STUDY COMMITTEE SUBMITS REPORT

The Study Committee on the purpose and workings of the Society of Inquiry has completed its assignment. The report is now in the hands of the executive committee.

The study was approached with the question in mind, "What is our need?", i.e. how can we best accomplish the day by day necessities etc. of our community life. The specific findings of the committee cannot be disclosed at the present time. However, it can be said that if the committee's recommendations are accepted, the design of the cloth will be different. It is felt that areas of responsibilities will be more clearly identified to avoid the overlapping of duties; yet a high degree of cooperation between areas will be vitally necessary.

As soon as the executive committee completes their evaluation, a report will be presented to the society.

During the month of February there will be only one meeting of the Society due to the spring recess. This only meeting was held last night because of a choir trip scheduled for tonight. The main feature of the evening was a showing of "The Hidden Heart" and "By All Means." These films were shown so that all members of the seminary family would have a chance to preview them in view of the possibility of using them in their own church programs.

-Bill Simpson

## CHOIR

### REMINDER...

The members of the choir are reminded of the first choir concert at Palmyra Trinity E & R Church. The bus will leave the Pine Street entrance at 5:30 Tuesday evening of this week. You are asked to wear a dark blue or black tie, dark shoes, preferably black, and dark socks. Of course each member has the responsibility of his own music and robe.

The bus must leave promptly at 5:30 in order to provide ample time for travel and getting oriented at Trinity Church for the concert.

-Joe Hennessey

## DAY OF PRAYER

### PROGRAM COMPLETED

"Christ Jesus, the Hope" will be the theme of the Day of Prayer to be held by the Seminary family on March 2nd, with students and faculty of Lincoln Seminary as guests.

The theme will be dealt with in the two sub-topics, "Christ, My Hope," and "Christ, Our Hope." These sub-topics will be treated in morning and afternoon meditations by a student from Lincoln and a student from Lancaster.

The retreat had been planned by a committee including student and faculty representation of both seminaries. Faculty chairman for our seminary is Dr. Bela Vassedy. Lancaster students on the committee include William Rader, Lawrence Rezash, Sara Weirich, Ronald Keller, Robert Rieff, and Willard Wetzel.

The day-long retreat will be held from 9:30 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. The morning session will open with a half-hour period of greeting and introduction, and will include Bible study and prayer, and the meditation, "Christ, My Hope," by a Lincoln seminarian.

After lunch the second meditation, "Christ, Our Hope," will be presented by a Lancaster seminarian. This will be followed by a discussion and sharing period, which will lead into prayer and the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

-Will Wetzel

## DEAN-O-GRAMS

REGISTRATION NOTES: For spring term, seniors: 28; middlers: 34; juniors: 21; specials: 4; MRE's: 2; total: 90. Twenty-three seniors registered for Dr. Shaffer's course in evangelism; this class will meet Tuesday's at 11:20, beginning March 9.

SPRING TERM SCHEDULE in tentative form may be viewed on the blackboard in room I. Conflicts should be reported to the Dean as promptly as possible.

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# ALBERT'S ALLEY

Last Tuesday, the Lancaster City GROUNDHOG peered out into this February weather, saw his shadow, and immediately scurried back into hiding for another six weeks of winter. At the same time that this world shaking event was taking place, our ALBERT emerged (dusty, but unbowed) from the Seminary deep to announce the completion of repair work on our furnaces.

With heat again a commonplace thing here, Albert is lost for conversation like the rest of us! But the dear, little month of February (28 days held together by an overdose of holidays) can speak for itself, it seems.

For, February is really loaded with sentiment -- both personal and national; and if historians tear out their hair at what has happened to the "real Washington" and the "real Lincoln," just think what our Church Fathers must suffer when they observe what we have done with the birthday of kindly, old St. Valentine!

Be that as it may, February continues to blossom forth with holidays for all of us. The college fellows who eat at the refectory just had a week's vacation themselves; thus stabilizing our dining hall budget and the nerves of our waiters -- Albert observed.

Just to be one ahead of the students here at the seminary, several of our professors have taken their own versions of "holidays" lately.. getting a few days off before the official vacation begins, with the help of assorted viruses.

Our choir plans a special holiday trip to Niagara Falls -- to celebrate Leap Year and Valentine's Day, Albert supposes. Taking all those single boys to Niagara Falls is just as useless as trying to sell a moose a hat-rack!

Albert's desk in the bell-tower of our institution has been crowded with news items of late. It is now about time that he release some of them:

Item #1: "The executive council of the Society of Inquiry appointed a special Study Committee a few weeks ago. This committee has completed its work. Now that the report has been read, it is rumored that the executive council will next study the Study Committee!"

Item #2: "Don Leonard has replaced Nels Wenner as waiter in the dining hall. Mr. Leonard's absence

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DAY OF PRAYER observance in which the faculty and students of Lincoln University School of Theology will join us on March 2 (Tuesday) will begin at 9:30a.m. and close at 4p.m. It will consist of group Bible study, a meditation by a student from each school, and discussion leading up to the service of Holy Communion.

WINTER TERM CLASSES will end Friday, February 19, and those of the spring term will begin Monday, March 1.

EXAMINATION OF THE SENIOR CLASS by the Board of Visitors will be held Friday, March 5, hour to be announced.

LENTEN CHAPEL SERVICES -- The Worship Committee of the Society of Inquiry and the faculty have agreed to hold Lenten services at the Monday chapel hour again this year. The services will begin at 1:15 rather than 1:30 to allow time for more complete worship. Offerings will be added to the Benevolence Funds. Meditations on the general theme "The Last Week" will be as follows:

March 8 - The Triumphal Entry, Dr. Frantz

15 - The Last Supper, Dr. Bartholomew

22 - The Agony in Gethsemane, Pres. Meek

29 - The Betrayal, Prof. Moss

April 5 - The Trial Before Pilate, Dr. Kosman

12 - The Crucifixion, Dr. Sayres

from the company of those being served their meals has caused a remarkable reduction in the total daily food consumption rate!"

Item #3: "Mr. Gerald Hinkle -- a great asset and player-of-the-year for all bowling teams other than the one to which he belongs -- was unable to complete the bowling season last Tuesday. This news brought tears to the eyes of his teammates (tears of joy, that is!)."

See you all again in the spring term!

--Jerry Hinkle

(Item #3 was included by popular demand. -Ed.)

# Letter to the Editors...

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Dear Editors:

The recent letter by Dale Heckman concerning America's supposed "blind spot" contained in the past issue of the SEMINARIAN has invoked considerable comment, both pro and con, from many members of the seminary family. Few would labor the point that there is somewhat of a vacuum existing between some of the statements of Arpad deKaillos, -- But I for one, and others like myself, feel there is an even greater vacuum existing in Dale's sentiments.

Is this "other way" actually a big 'blind spot' for the majority of America's people, and in particular its governmental representatives? I think not. Too long have many in the church universal promoted the idea that its clergy and laity are blind to "the way," when such is not the case. -- Rather they are realistic in a time which calls for realism; rather than totally idealistic in a present age, which, in this correspondent's opinion, is not yet ready for total idealism or its accompanying acceptance of "the way" by the majority of the world's people today. What I feel Dale in essence stated was the standpoint of pacifists in our present day and age.

But I for one (and I feel there are others who feel similarly), can not play the role of pacifism in a world which is largely governed by immorality. -- I say this with the full realization that I still have five years of army reserve status before me.

The case against pacifism has nowhere, to my knowledge, been more clearly and concisely stated than in the latest Youth Fellowship Kit (Volume 11) in the discussion material entitled, "Can a Christian Be a Soldier?" I recommend that those interested in discovering the basic thoughts of present day non-pacifists read the section of the discussion which presents the case against pacifism. Notable excerpts from this article are as follows: "When the Centurion came to Jesus and begged him to heal his servant, Jesus did as he asked. The Master did not demand that he first relieve himself of his army command. In many other cases Jesus told the individuals who came to him to give up certain practices before they could be helped. -- The morality of society cannot be changed until a change is wrought in its members. No nation can possibly love another nation until each individual loves each other individual. -- The failure to take effective action against evil, (which might mean war in a particular age) amounts in practice to supporting and promoting evil. The pacifist is accessory to all murders he refuses to prevent. -- The classic example of non-resistance in practice is, of course, the political career of Ghandi. But suppose Ghandi's opponent had been Hitler, rather than an enemy led by men such as Baldwin, Churchill or Cripps? -- I cannot believe that permitting evil men to murder the finest and most innocent among us, to blot religion and culture out of the human scene, is the will of God. -- Our most difficult decisions are not those involving the choice between good and evil; the most difficult decisions are those involving two alternative evils. Such a choice was: War -- or a Nazi world. (To which this writer adds: Such a choice is: Cold war -- or a Communistic world.) A time is come when nations that are willing to seek a more just system of settling disputes are justified in trying to protect that system by force of arms. If that is not what the United Nations are doing in Korea, we have no Christian grounds for being there at all."

This writer agrees with Dale that Christ offered His life as a form of revelation of His love. -- But, what he failed to mention was that Christ offered Himself not only out of a desire to reveal His love for us, but above all else, He gave Himself as a propitiation for the sins of mankind in the fulfillment of the will of God. -- This I feel we as pacifists or non-pacifists alike are unable to do, since we are but mere humans and not the one and only Son of God.

Dale further states: "Rather than a man convert by his love his own murderer than that he, perverting his love, be frightened into killing his brother." -- To this I offer but the question: How are we to convert by love the Stalins, Malenkova, and Vishinsky, etc., upon whom the gift of love has proven to have a (Continued on page 4)

## ISM CONFERENCE

### CALLED OFF

You have been hearing, through the Seminarian and through announcements, about the Interseminary Conference scheduled to be held here from February 25-27. You have been hearing of your part in the conference, and many of you have offered your help in running the machinery of the conference. To all those actively interested and to the whole seminary family the ISM committee regretfully announces that the conference has been cancelled.

Because of the established policy of the whole Movement which does not permit the offering of an honorarium to speakers, but only travel expense and board and room, we had much difficulty in attracting speakers who were unable to donate any time away from their regular duties. Then one of our speakers, who bore the main part of one half of the conference found he was able to attend only the final morning. This so seriously hamstrung the conference that the committee in New York telephoned me and asked me to agree that the conference should be called off rather than patched up. So we stopped the machinery a screech that is still being heard.

This is only a setback in our ecumenical relations. The Interseminary Movement has recovered from more serious shocks in its history. The committee in New York is planning a compensatory meeting for the month of April, which will include two or three representatives from each seminary and will last only one day. The meeting will concern the coming Evanston Conference.

This event has been in our minds almost one year and it is not easy to cast it out. We want to thank all those who showed interest. We especially would like to hear from an interested Junior who would like to go to the meeting in April.

One aspect of our keen disappointment is that Lancaster seminarians will not have this opportunity to get to know other Christian workers.

-Joe Gross

## CHOIR ASSEMBLES YEAR'S PROGRAM

The program which the choir will present this season is as follows:

First part of the program

Send Forth Thy Spirit....Schuetky  
Laus Deo ..... Milford  
A Song of Joy ..... Gretchaninoff  
Lord, On Our Offenses in Justice  
Look Not ..... Mendelssohn  
God's Time ..... Sacco  
Lo, A Voice to Heaven Sounding  
..... Borzniansky  
Greetings from the Seminary by

Dr. Sayres

Second part of the program

Come, Let Us All This Day .. Bach  
Beautiful Saviour .. Christiansen  
Two Kings ..... Clokey  
Now Heaven In Fullest Glory  
Shone (solo) ..... Haydn  
The Heavens Are Telling ... Haydn  
God Be In My Head ..... Davies

This is the program which will be used in all concerts by the choir for this year. It is a program which will be very inspirational to the hearer, and in which all choir members will enjoy participating.

-Joe Hennessey

## Social Action Group Discusses Communism

On Tuesday evening, February 2, the Social Action group met at the home of Professor Mess. Vernon Stoop led a discussion on "Communism's Threat to Christianity," outlining the ideology of the COMMUNIST MANIFESTO and the theory actually put in to practice in Russia and her satellites. He concluded his remarks on how Communism is actually a threat to Christianity. This was followed by a stimulating interchange of ideas wherein everyone agreed that the Christian Gospel in action is the best means of counteracting Communist advances.

Refreshments were served after the meeting. Next month Jan Ports will lead a discussion on Roman Catholicism. This meeting will be held at the Geschwindt home. Remember the date! - March 2, 7:30p.m.

-Larry Rehash

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negative effect. This is best represented by a statement made by Andrei Y. Vishinsky in 1948 in the Law of the Soviet State: "In our state, naturally there is and can be no place for freedom of speech, press, and so on for the foes of Socialism." ~ ~ ~ To which this author humbly adds; --or to the proponents of Christianity.

Sincerely,

Vernon Stoop, Jr.

## "OVER THE SHELVES"

During the past weeks the Book Store Cooperative has been able to add some new services for the benefit of its members. These services are as follows:

1. Any item included in the Heidelberg Press catalog can now be obtained by the Co-op at a discount (average 20%). A recent communication from Mr. Clark, manager of the Heidelberg Press, has given the Co-op the privilege of obtaining a discount on all items purchased from them. (This includes robes, communion sets, etc.) However, the sale of such items will be confined strictly to faculty and student members of the cooperative in accordance with our agreement with Heidelberg Press. Discounts obtained by the Co-op through such sales will be returned to the stockholders in the form of dividends. Samples of items available for purchase from Heidelberg Press, plus a complete catalog from Heidelberg is available for examination in the Book Store.

2. The Book Store has been granted a dealership for pulpit robes and choir gowns from Bently and Simon, Inc. Sample materials and a complete catalog for the same are available in the Book Store. The cooperative obtains a 20% discount on any such purchases and this discount will likewise be returned to the stockholders in the form of dividends. Seniors are particularly urged to order now, as it takes from four to five weeks to obtain a fitted robe.

3. Thesis paper of the correct size is available in the Book Store.

4. Kregels, Inc., have forwarded a complete used book catalog which is available for any who are interested.

From time to time your cooperative will add additional services

## IMPORTANT !!!

All students who have not yet paid their fees for the winter term are requested to do so at their earliest convenience.

for the benefit of all its stockholders.

Applications for the position of manager should be in by March 1. Questions concerning this position should be directed to members of the executive committee or the present manager. The salary is \$375.00 per year.

Those who desire to obtain dividends on the business they have done with the cooperative during the course of the past term must pay any outstanding bills by February 19.

Seniors are urged to order books prior to their graduation as soon as possible. Discounts such as are offered on books by the cooperative are seldom available through commercial book stores. During the course of the past year the book store manager has kept a list of the names, authors, and publishers of noteworthy books which have gone over the shelves of the Co-op. This complete list can be seen in the Book Store. (Excerpts from this list will be presented in this column in the near future.)

Volume IX of the Interpreters Bible has been published and is available through the Co-op.

A list of books required for spring term classes is posted on the Book Store and dormitory bulletin boards. Stockholders are urged to order their texts for the spring term as soon as possible. If orders are placed immediately stockholders can still have dividends declared thereon in March, rather than April.

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