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Great job hunting days

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GRADUATING SENIORS:

Remember the communion service at 8:00AM on the morning of graduation. Dr. Veith will be the celebrant. Communion is a pretty good way to begin a pretty big day.

Dan Harlin

SCC NOTES AND WISHES:

Anyone interested in serving as a delegate for the Association of Theological Seminaries, please leave your name and where we can get a hold of you in Russ Yoder's mailbox by no later than this Friday, 5:00PM.

Some of the new appointments as Chairpersons of committees for 77-78 are:

Spiritual Life: Craig Snow
Campus Life: Chuck Stanfield
Community Affairs: Charlotte Whiting
Student Center: Jeff Welsh
Athletics: Allen Heckman
Seminarian Ed.: Al Mann

Plans will be firmed up by the time the September session begins.

Right now we are still looking for a Benevolent Committee Chairperson. Appointment will be made this fall.

We will have town meetings once a month during 9:30 - 10:30 period with a ten minute chapel service opening in the Refectory. These meetings will be held a different day each month so as to allow all students the opportunity to attend at one time or another.

The committee meetings will be held on a Wednesday yet to be selected. All of the community are invited to attend. These meetings will be held in the Student Lounge in Richards.

If you have any suggestions please do not hesitate to let me know.

At this time, we would like to congratulate all of the Seniors graduating this month. During this past year, we have had the opportunity to meet many of you and count you as personal friends. It has been a pleasure to have gotten to know and work with you.

You have contributed greatly to the advancement of the seminary and we feel that you will each be a vital force in the Christian ministry. Much groundwork has been laid here due to your individual efforts, and I only hope that all of us who are returning can add on to what you have begun.

We salute you. And may each one be met with God speed and guard you on your way in all your future endeavors.

Yours in Christian
Love and Understanding,

The SCC 1977 78 (Rich)

Today we hear alot about the struggle of identifying and defining what a Christian is. If we call ourselves Christian, then surely we have already begun to answer the questions, What is a Christian and What does a Christian do? As Christians, we must face the existential reality of doing and being Christian.

Which of the following statements is true for you?

- A. I am a Christian because I was raised a Christian and know no other way of life.
- B. I am a Christian because I belong to a Christian institution.
- C. I am a Christian because I believe that Christ was the Son of God and is the prototype for all my actions, but I cannot find a Christian institution where its behavior measures up to the prototypical behavior of Christ.

Now, how may we identify the prototypical behavior of Christ? I think we may identify it in the following ways:

First, Christ became what he knew he was, the Son of God. He lived up to his own authenticity, his own inner man.

Second, Christ esteemed God more than he esteemed Satan. Therefore, he resisted the temptations of Satan. The inner rooms of Christ were filled with Light.

Third, When Christ was threatened by the anthropomorphic structures of the laws of men, he stood against them. He was not afraid of them. He knew who he was. He knew he was power.

Fourth, Christ ministered to the people. He taught them health. He taught them humility. He taught them charity. He taught them love. He reconciled himself to them.

Can an institution ever measure up to the prototypical behavior of Christ? Institutions are always made up of people. Individuals. The composite structure of the potentialities of the individuals who belong to the institution. The strength of an institution lies in the strength of its letting be capacities. This means that as an institution allows creativity to emerge in and through individuals, so the letting be capacity of that institution increases more and more. If an institution cannot let its individuals be, then it is an impotent institution.

Sandy Fluck

Reply: Although I don't agree with your theology or assessment of Christ, I must agree with your article. But couldn't you have just said listen, or you'll be deaf? Look or you'll be blind, speak, or you'll be mute, respond rather than listen only, appreciate, rather than see only, receive talk as well as give it?

I'm not disagreeing, only agreeing strongly but with comment on what this says to me. As for theological disagreement, that's usually the case around here and not meant to detract from what seems to be your point. Respectfully, Al

MAY THE SUMMER BLOSSOM FOR YOU, BUT WITHOUT POLLEN....sneeze.