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## SEMINARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

This information is for the new seminarians. The SCC, (Seminary Community Council), is a working group of seminarians that come together monthly to do some of the business of the seminary. The group consists of three elected officers, two representatives at-Large, and representatives from the various organizations on campus. Organizations represented are, ASW, the Hub, the Spiritual Life Committee, the Seminarian, the Senior, Middler, and Junior class. Each member of the SCC has certain responsibilities which he/she works on, and at the monthly meetings of SCC the representatives report to the entire Council any information that may be needed by the Council. The meetings are open to the entire community, and each organization would appreciate any help you might want to give. Listed below are the persons responsible to the various organizations that make up the SCC:

President: Lee Jessup  
Vice-President: Charles Hull  
Sec.-Treas: Don Wetzel  
Rep.-at-Large: Elmer Scofield  
Rep.-at Large: Todd Snyder  
ASW: Mary Jo Jessup  
Hub: Alice Zimmerman  
Spiritual Life Comm.: Mike Iski  
Seminarian: Nancy Lilly and Doug Turner  
Junior Class: Tom Webster  
Middler Class: Dave Wetmiller  
Senior Class: Robert Doner

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## SPIRITUALITY

This experience of the ability to be spiritual (spirituality\*) on campus is being given much attention. I would like to express for the community some thoughts that I have experienced and felt in my short time at L.T.S. The purpose of doing this task is to present another viewpoint; another kind of spirituality that has been vital to me.

There has been little heard by me of the subject of Practical Spirituality. Granted I can't write about something that is indescribable but spirituality should not be separated from the businessman, the street worker or the child in his home. It is in between the lines of mundane experiences that I see wide blank spaces of reality unexplored. God breaks through these spaces, the schedules, the papers and problems. Spirituality to me is practical and its method is love, a definite psychological experience - Joy, love, blessedness and peace. I find these crucial in human situations, face to face encounters with God: helping someone type a paper, going to an A.A. meeting, sharing hurt and memory with a person.

Yes, I am closed. One needs to close some doors in a spiritual community in order to open oneself to other doors. We are not all spiritual in the same way. Our needs are different before God, so he chooses to fulfill them differently.

Now I would like to comment on another aspect of community here at L.T.S. Along with our need for others runs our need for privacy. Our needs  
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of solitude, prayer and humanness demand privacy. The greatest problem in maintaining essential privacy comes from people I call intruders, they meddle (not help) in other people's lives. "Where did Jack go?" "Why did he go?" "How Long?" These intruders are lonely and bored, they are innocent intruders; giving too much advice and pouring you into their mold.

In any community of authentic persons uneasiness develops when someone takes an inordinate interest in others. Who are your friends? What are your family problems? How is your inner life developing? If the structure of privacy is lost then depression, irritability, and inner peace are lost. It becomes difficult to pray and recollect. It hinders full participation into community affairs and hinders its spirit.

Jonathan McCauley

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## ARTS FESTIVAL NEWS

The annual Spring Arts Festival is coming once again to Lancaster Seminary. The dates for this year's festival are March 31 and April 1&2. This year's Art Festival will once again feature a variety show. The theme this year will either be Cabaret or the Follies. So be thinking about your act for the show and let me know when you have it together. For the gourmets of the campus, this year we will once again feature the Lancaster Seminary Bake off. So, start hauling out the recipes guys and gals. Those of you who are in to writing prose and poetry, there will be a special issue of the Seminarian the week of the Arts Festival featuring all entries. Faculty and students and student's families are invited to submit their original writings for this publication. Those of you who are talented in the arts and in arts and craft activities be ready to demonstrate or display your crafts during this time as well. The Arts Festival is still in the early planning stages so if you have ideas you would

like to share or know of local talent who might wish to be a part of the festival please contact either myself or Alice Zimmerman, Dana Schlegel, or George Jewell.

James Werner

Co-Chairman of the Arts Festival

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## LANCASTER'S SOCIETY CORNER

Greetings lovers of fine art and culture. I can not tell you how much I missed you all during the month of January while I was visiting my Aunt Harriet (my mother's youngest brother's fourth wife) in Washington. Since this is my first column since Christmas break let me say that a fun time was had by all at the Farrar's Christmas open house. Thanks so much Betty and Lyman. Since January and February are slow months on the social scene, I would like to share some fun ways to spend those dull evenings at home. Reading is always fun, and most of us have a huge supply of unread text books lying around that we can unwrap and get acquainted with anew. Just pretend that the dog is lying in front of the fireplace (which you also must pretend exists if you live in the apartments) and all is peaceful in the world. Painting can also be fun since you can drive your friends crazy with hidden meanings and symbolism, and can also get high smelling the fumes. Or, how about becoming a member of the Pennsylvania Hedge Squirrel Watchers Society? The entrance fee is peanuts and its alot of fun. Or, how about dropping an orange down all your socks and sorting out the ones that have ripped toes. Winter white sales can be fun if you know how to rip a sheet in half and scream at your fellow customers. It's really a fun way to make new acquaintances. Take up eating as a hobby and gain at least ten pounds, that way when spring arrives you can justify playing tennis every day instead of studying. If you are a Senior, how about having a party where everyone brings a creative letter of introduction; take the best parts from all of them and compile a uniform letter of introduction thats vague enough to fit anyone. Well, I must close now I hope I have been helpful in helping you fight the Winter blahs. See you at the Sock Hop in February. Ta Ta

## SCC Concern

The SCC noticed that during last semester there were no open evenings during which meetings or communion services could be held without conflicting with scheduled classes. Therefore we have drawn up a petition to be presented to Dean Bricker and Dr. Hartley requesting one open evening per semester for this purpose.

If you feel this need and would like to lend your support, please sign the petition which is hanging in the Hub on the bulletin board between the main door and the Book Room. Won't you help us to help you!

Charlie Hull for SCC

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## ITEM OF INTEREST

On Friday Feb. 20th at about 7:30 PM the SCC is sponsoring a "Get Acquainted" party for the new seminarians. We not only want the new seminarians to come, but would like to see some of you "old timers" present along with faculty and administration. Refreshments will be available, and we're sure we will engage in some "deep" theological discussions (i.e. 'what's your name?, Do you think it will snow?, etc.) and much more!!!! Let's all come out, drink a little brew, and Get Acquainted. Thanks.

The SCC

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## MORE ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Future Events: March 12, Folk and Square Dance for the community.
- Sock Hop: Friday 13th, in the Hafer Center, 50 cents donation. Disk Jockey will be Rick "Wild Man" Shearer. Refreshments provided, Dress the part!
- Presbyterian Ministers' Fund Dinner Last day for dinner replies is Feb. 16th. If you have any questions, see Doug Turner.
- The SCC is taking orders for Windbreaker Jackets with the schools name imprinted on them. If you order and pay for them before Feb. 20, 1976, the price will be \$11.50; however after that date the price will be \$12.50. If you are interested in ordering a

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jacket, please give your order and money to either Tom Webster or Charlie Hull as soon as possible.

- Spiritual Life Committee meeting will be Monday after chapel in the Hub.

- If anyone has found a pair of lined black imitation leather gloves, I would appreciate it if they could be returned to me. They were lost Tuesday morning outside the chapel. Thank you very much.

Peggy Wetzel - N-101

- If anyone needs the use of the storage room key, see either Don Wetzel in N-304, or Peggy Wetzel in N-101.

- Please spread the word that the choir meets tonight (Wednesday) at 7:15 in the chapel. Seasoned members and recruits are needed.

- There will be a special meeting of the SCC on Friday, Feb. 13, at noon in the Hub. The meeting will last approximately 20 minutes. All reps are urged to attend. DLJessup.

- The SCC at the last meeting decided to reprint the following guideline as it relates to the operation of the Hub. "The Hub is intended for use by Seminary students and their guests, when they are accompanied by a Seminary student. CHILDREN OF SEMINARY STUDENTS OR FACULTY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A STUDENT OR PARENT." October 15, 1974.

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## CONGRESSIONAL WISDOM

Once in a great while the Congress of the U.S. gives us reason to be grateful. A most fortunate event recorded in recent headlines shows us that Congress is not always drowning themselves and us in the pool of imperialistic ignorance that for too long has ruled the minds of Washington and elsewhere. The action taken by Congress that would deny military aid to anti-Soviet forces in Angola needs to be loudly applauded. The President said in a recent newspaper article that the Congress would live to regret their decision. You are right Mr. Ford, we all will live; maybe not to regret.

D. Lee Jessup, Jr.

## A DEVOTION

Dear Friends in Christ: In the modern church today we hear and read much about the falling numbers of membership and pledges, or the ineffectiveness of the Body of Christ in this world. Have we really looked inward at our collective selves and asked if the fault is in us? How often are children or new members admitted without proper instruction? I am not referring to the history of the church or its order of worship but how well is the present Christian equipped to spread the good news of Jesus Christ in this world-not just in scripture and theological concepts, but by example. It has been my observation that to often persons in the Body have not waited for the Lord. They have "come" to Him and "found" Jesus - and unfortunately their "seeking" ends there.

- "The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him."  
.. (Lamentations 3:25)

"Be patient till your wings are grown. I fear very much that you are too vehement and headlong in your wishes and attempts to fly. You see the beauty of spiritual light and good resolutions; you fancy that you have almost attained, and your ardor is redoubled; you rush forward, but in vain, for your Master has chained you to your perch, or else it is your wings are not grown; and this constant excitement exhausts your strength. You must indeed strive to fly, but gently, without growing eager or restless. You resign yourself, but it is always with a BUT; you want this and that, and you struggle to get it. A simple wish is no hindrance to resignation; but a palpitating heart, a flapping of wings, an agitated will, and endless, quick, restless movements are unquestionably caused by deficient resignation. Do you know what you must do? You must be willing not to fly, since your wings are not yet grown. Do not be so eager with your vain desires, do not even be eager in avoiding eagerness; go on quietly in your path-it is good path."

(St. Francis De Sales)

It is important that all believers **strive** to seek a fuller knowledge of the Lord and with that knowledge spread the joy of their faith to the world upon their fully grown wings. But it is also important to wait for God to tell us when we are ready to fly, or that others are ready to accept. Yet even with ready wings, we must constantly seek; or the strength of our wings and the **power** of God's message will be hampered by our own "vain desires".

Prayerfully yours,  
"A Friend in Christ"