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## KEEPIN' IT TOGETHER

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The editorial staff of The Seminarian has begun to hear some concern being expressed. Concern, that is, about the lasting quality of the beautiful community spirit which has developed thus far this year in our various classes. It seems that many people would like to see this closeness and this concern for others which has been evident through our first two weeks, continue over the entire year.

With this in mind, we would like to make a proposal for your consideration. We would like to see instituted, either on a large or small group scale, some form of coeducational study-discussion groups. Our hope is that couples would be encouraged to join with other couples and with single members of our community, in order to form a more perfect union. These groups might feel moved to engage in meaningful Bible study, or in discussion of some particularly urgent or current issue.

It is our opinion that such groups would serve an important community role for those who have been previously forgotten - our wives! The K.I.T. Groups would certainly maintain a community spirit and would serve to integrate the whole L.T.S. community, from Pine St. to the professors.

Let the staff know how you feel about this proposal and we will do what we can to help organize Keepin' It Together Groups for the benefit of all.

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## FORUM

On September 24, 1971, at a time to be announced closer to that date, our community will be getting together to discuss certain problems, common to all of us. A committee has been established to decide on the mechanics and the content of this Forum. We suggest that the community be on the lookout for further notice of this very important session! Only through an awareness of our common problems and open discussion of them can change take place!

## NEW STAFFERS

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At a recent meeting for interested new staff members, The Seminarian received a show of support and a promise of help from eight new faces. The labors of the staff were divided into four main headings by the editorial staff, including Reporters, Layout Artists, Contributors, and Typists. Perhaps there are some who were unable to attend this organizational meeting. If so, and if you would like to name your own extent of involvement in our work, we encourage you to make your desires known to the staff. Contributors are especially welcome and you may contact Wayne Strever or Steve Cote or any of our new members with whom you may be acquainted. Please help, we need all your support!

## Babysitter Needed

Babysitter needed for two days a week, beginning Sept. 28th. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9a.m. to 9p.m. Contact Sandy Ludwig B 104 - 392-2553.

## Great Bargain

Electric typewriter for sale. Call 392-2553.

## NEW LOOK

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The following represents some excerpts from a letter written by Dick Peebles (Middler) who had an interesting work experience over the course of this past summer. We asked him to share some of his experiences with the community so that we would know what possibilities are open to you for summer work. Dick worked in a chaplain's capacity at Mariner's House in Montreal Canada under the Montreal Harbor Chaplaincy Program. He will be in the P.T.P. program this year and he will be glad to talk to any one of you about his experiences whenever a convenient time can be arranged. Dick says, ...

"I'm convinced that no matter how 'unconventional' a ministry is said to be, basically there is a routine that naturally arises and becomes rather structured, in spite of how 'unstructured' the setting might be. At least that's the way it is here in Montreal."

"Most of the time we work for the Sunday night service, which is held at 7:30. Sunday is the heaviest day with visitation on board the ships in the harbor. We go from ship to ship, visiting sometimes as many as 80 in one day. The visits are short, and practically all we do is to tell the crews that there will be a service at Mariner's House that evening."

"The services are informal and largely because not all the people in the congregation are English speaking, the extra unnecessary gyrations would only confuse them and obscure the message, which is always very plainly presented. The music is always folk style, as that's what the men respond to the most. The services are good lessons for basic communication."

"Outside of the Sunday gring, the work is very low keyed, with little rushing around. During the week we work in straightening out the mountains of periodical literature that we take to the ships, separating them into various languages. By and large, the magazines and newspapers are non-religious in nature so that the men will read them. As a matter of fact, I'd say that 90% of the reading materials we take on board during the week are non-religious, and 100% of the stuff that they eventually read is non-religious."

"This summer for Dick was "a good opportunity to see what a golden example of an 'unconventional' ministry is all about."

As many of you can see, The Seminarian is beginning a new year with a really new look. We owe the creation of our new letterhead to Marjorie Burns, and we thank her for her time and attractive production. The colorful silk screen recreation is due to the labors of Junior Phil Allamong, to whom we owe a deep debt of gratitude. We look forward to hearing your comments about our new appearance and we hope you will all like it.



## Juniors in Harrisburg

The distraught wives rejoiced as the "be-draggled" Juniors made their way back to their respective dwellings late Saturday afternoon after an eyeopening week in Harrisburg and vicinity. The Juniors left with anticipation for the first part of their September Program, Tuesday morning, September 7, at 10:30. The schedule was rigorous and tiring but provided for an extensive insite into the problems one might be faced with if their goal was the acquisition of a parish in the Penn Central Conference.

The state capitol provided a telescopic look at the church reacting to the society that one finds in a small metropolitan area. Under the guiding hands of Prof Paul Achtemeier and Prof "Bud" Hartley and Penn Central Execs Dr. James Moyer, Rev. Richard Whitney and Rev. E. Reginald Wagner the Juniors visited the state capitol complex with the intention of finding out what relationship the state office complex has to the city of Harrisburg and how that relationship affects the people who dwell there. Instead, however, they came away with a better appreciation of art and architecture; which isn't that bad when you come to think about it. Maybe this indeed told us more about the state then we had originally planned to find out. Who knows?

Under the heading of "Plunge" the Juniors found themselves swimming aimlessly through the streets of Harrisburg anticipating an informative dialogue with the citizenry. This aspect of the journey proved to be very interesting. What would you do if someone came up in back of you and asked, "Are you a Christian?" It Happened! Those words began a most enlightening series of events with a down-and-outer along the banks of the Susquehanna. You can really find out alot about the socieity and its social agencies when you are confronted with a real live human being in need of some real human compassion and understanding. Did you know for instance that the YMCA only accepts decent looking lodgers or that the police consider anyone who is loafing or sitting on a park bench a number 34 (that's police lingo for a drunk).

Bethel AME provided a look at a middle class Black church and also provided lodging for the Juniors in their homes. After that experience each and every Junior is aspiring to the attainment of a Porsche and a motorcycle. This incentive was motivated by Rev. Theodore Clements, pastor of Bethel AME, who owns both.

On Wednesday Harold Swenson, mayor of the city of Harrisburg, told it like it is as the Juniors asked pointed questions about how the socieity in the metropolitan area is changing and how these changes will affect Harrisburg in the future. The time was short and the schedule tight so on they went to see a jointly sponsored rehab housing project. The rehab housing project is sponsored by St. John's UCC and a relatively new non-profit organization called METRO. It was interesting to see just what could be done to a row of previously delapidated row homes with just a little cooperation between two social agencies.

YIS was the next stop on the agenda, i. e. Youth Information Service, a branch of the YMCA. YIS is run by youth for youth who have problems ranging from drugs to pregnancy. They operate twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. How efficient or how helpful they are was hard to determine, but indeed they are trying to solve the problems of the young person who seems to have no other place to turn in today's socieity.

The therapeutic community of Yokecrest was the next stop for the Juniors. An interesting place--Yokecrest. The idea of the family as the main-stay of socieity has been rejuvenated at Yokecrest and is used for the rehabilitation of people who have committed acts that are socially unacceptable. Again there is no measure for the effectiveness of Yokecrest because there have been no graduates. The Yokecrest program is a new one. The visit to Yokecrest made many people aware of the alternatives to the penal and custodial duties of the country's prisons.

Rev. Roland Roehner gave us the view of a new suburban church, the special problems that it faces and the special ways it has of dealing with these problems. The Juniors were at Chapel Hill UCC only a very short time and really had only a chance to get their feet wet before they had another obstacle to face.

Peter's Mountain was the next obstacle. For to get to the next destination, Halifax, one must traverse Peter's Mountain. As the Juniors descended the other side of Peter's Mountain they saw it, rural America unaffected by the outside world or seemingly so. The rural church because of its dichotomy from the fast paced urban society faces special problems. These problems were well exemplified as the Juniors viewed the traditional church in the setting of the four-point Uniontown Charge, the experimental church in the form of the Zion Union Church, and the new church in the form of the Valleys UCC. The pilgrimage spread light on the Penn Central Conference, i. e. the type of church and church problems that it contains and also the area and type of people that it has to minister to. The question that has to be asked is whether the church is ministering to the people in the best way possible or whether the church is just a stronghold for antiquated, traditional beliefs and actions.

The Farmer's Home Administration was represented to the Juniors by Mr. Claude Myers Thursday evening. He described to them the various programs that are available to help impoverished rural communities build sewer and water systems. He described programs which provided financial aid for building homes, etc. All in all the impact of Thursday evening upon the Juniors was not too great, except to let them know that there are monies available under FHA for social improvement.

Friday was a most enlightening as well as depressing day. Friday was the day to take a look at the migrant ministry that has its base in Gratz. There were many interesting people to talk to, knowledgeable people who have work with and for the migrants in Upper Dauphin County. The Juniors heard about the health programs and the Head Start program which was set up especially for the migrants and then got an opportunity to view first hand the disgraceful camps in which human beings had to dwell. The Juniors saw the Head Start program which operates out of Simeon United Luthern Church and were able to talk to the owners of the migrant farms, the crew leaders and the migrants themselves. This day was a very worthwhile one for it showed just what the church could do in rural situation.

Friday night the Juniors met CORA, the Commission of Religion in Appalachia. CORA is an ecumenical organization whose purpose it is to introduce ways for social change in Appalachia, primarily through financial support. The purpose of this encounter was to familiarize the Juniors with what CORA is all about, but it turned out to be a rapid crossfire of generalizations which sank the boat and mildly defeated the whole purpose of the evening. At least now the Juniors know that CORA exists and I guess that is something.

Saturday finally came. The agenda called for a tour of Appalachian communities, so that the Juniors could see how the coal mining has affected the land and towns and even the people. An unexpected side trip found the Juniors 1200 feet under a mountain in a coal mine where they saw first hand the place where the majority of central Pennsylvanians had made their livings.

The week ended with a short evaluation and a sigh of relief. The Juniors saw many things and it is now up to them to sort out what they saw and evaluate it in the light of previous knowledge and experiences.

- - Philip Allamong - -