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S.C.C. Elections

The S.C.C. elections were held yesterday in the Hub. Forty-five out of a possible seventy-four students voted. The turn out was good, but many more should have voiced their opinion by the use of the ballot.

The results of the elections are as follows:

Pres. John Fureman

V. Pres. Larry Canfield

Sec. Tres. Mike Romig

The staff of the Seminarian wish nothing but the best for these new officers, and we hope that the rest of the Seminary Community will support them in the coming year.

Tony Scilagyi

Psalm 29

At first appearance, this psalm is about a thunderstorm. In fact, it would appear that the thunder which could be heard was really the voice of Yahweh. Such an unreal mythological picture! "Man comes of age" clearly recognizes the com-

plate insidiousness of this imagery, in fact of this psalm. Here we have

one of the clearest indications of the prescientific, naive world view which created a God. Finally we have risen above it! Thunder is thunder,, The ancient Hebrews even thought

that God was so powerful, that he created (out of nothing) the 3

tiered universe indicated by the

opening chapters of Genesis and assumed throughout the rest of the

Bible. Can you imagine that?... creating a three tiered universe out

of nothing? A finite universe at that

Why we know almost for a fact that the universe is spatially infinite.

The universe is even larger than the Hebrews thought! Can you imagine what

this psalm would have sounded like

if they had realized that? They would have had to invent a stronger

word than "glory." Boy were they naive. You know, if the Bible wasn't

primarily trying to talk about

science, I could almost go along

with it. Oh well, back to the books.

Chuck McHose

A.S.W. News

The A.S.W. Progressive Dinner, which was held on Monday Night, was a great success. All those who attended had a wonderful time. We commend the A.S.W. on a fine job. The A.S.W. elections were also held that night. The new officers are; Pres. Bonnie McDowell, V.P. Marilyn Thompson, Sec. Peggy McCardle, Tres. Sharyle Marcy.

Students Named

Three students have been named to serve on the Search Comm. looking for a successor to Dr. Achtemeier. They are John Baig, Jim Patzinger and Ron Waite.

I would like to identify five areas or characteristics of the church's witness--be it in the preached word or in the programming of a local congregation.

First, the church has the task of reconciliation -- cf. II Cor. 5:19. We confess that "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself." As members of the Body of Christ we are called to share in this ministry of healing to our broken world. The opportunities are numerous -- from our own families and community to the family of nations. We are called to proclaim the possibility of new life without alienation from ourselves, our brothers and God through the work of Jesus Christ. This is the cohesive function of the church.

Second, the church has the task of stimulation. The church is not called to provide the societal qualities of life that other organizations can do equally well or better. The church is called however, to "equip the saints, for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:12). This is the enabling function of the church.

Third, the church is called to be a servant. The Statement of Faith says that "He calls us into his church to be his servants in the service of men." The example of our Lord's life is all the evidence we need concerning the role of servant. Certainly, the Gospel asks us to do what we do not want to do, but Jesus says to us: "I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." It is only the selfless love of a servant church that can adequately proclaim the Good News.

Fourth, the proclamation is not limited to any exclusive community. Rather, we are called to "proclaim the Gospel to all the world" -- cf. Matthew 28:19. Like the Jews we are not called to a life of special privilege but to a life of worldwide responsibility.

Fifth, the church is a prophet. The church is called to be the plumb-line for the societies of the world. This is not to become enmeshed in a pessimistic role as prophet of doom, but rather to provide the creative agitation which establishes a relation between what we believe and what the world does.

It is the clergy who provide the empowering force toward fulfillment and, therefore, it is an unorthodox and confused leadership that cuts the funding of this force. We need a re-orientation of the church as institution and people to society, its needs, but most of all to the Good News of the Gospel. This is the job of the church.

--Brad S. Lutz



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CHURCH & MINISTRY REFLECTIONS 3: A WITNESSING COMMUNITY

In this last reflection on the Church & Ministry meeting I would like to give some suggestions as to the work of the church which is indicated in I Peter 2:9, 10: "...that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you..." It becomes clear here and elsewhere that the business of this living community, the church, is to witness to the Powerful Presence at work in our world. Mr. Wilke says that there is still a need to hear the word of God in the world; yet, he advocates the financial support for all these social concern programs and not the one institution that has as its unique possibility, this very job of witnessing. These programs which Mr. Wilke favors may have Christian characteristics but, separated from the Gospel stories and the figure of Christ, they are like noisy gongs and clanging symbols.

HEAVENLY HUMOR

Whereas most who are called to our profession seem to have both the weight distribution (mostly at the base) and the general shape of office paperweights, I feel compelled to share my program of ecclesiastical exercises with my fellow students. Following are some of the most useful and certainly most common sets of exercises.

First and probably most fun is an exercise usually performed in groups (most often at consistory meetings). This is, of course, called RUNNING AROUND IN CIRCLES. The body parts most frequently used are the tongue (in a wagging motion) and the fist (used to beat either the table or a convenient head).

The second exercise is called JUGGLING THE CHURCH BOOKS. This is a seasonal program usually performed around New Year (Fiscal, that is) and Income Tax time. Manual dexterity is important here; although, if caught by a fellow exerciser (called an auditor because he becomes very loud while performing his function). The large muscle action of the legs becomes important.

Unknown to many ministers is the sport of BOXING. This sport is included in our list because of the religious association of the terms "right & left CROSS," and the term "hitting the canvas" which obviously means Every Member Canvass.

The programs of fitness most often carried out beyond the Church walls are called OPENING EXERCISES. These are usually exhibition actions carried out in front of a bored but reverant dinner meeting.

Other fitness activities such as SHOVELING THE S (performed for a period of twenty minutes or more on Sunday mornings) are optional in the program.

I am proud to announce that by Official decree, the auspicious teaching career of our newly retired Theology Professor is to be called the "Vassa Days."

No offence meant Dr. Gable, but with your leaving the office, the Seminary has been "ReDeaned" by the Grace of GOD.

There is always something nice to say about Dr. Glasse because his motives are so transparent.

Mr. Sills tells me that the Church season of LENT has absolutely no connection with the Student loan program.

--Barry E. Smock

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HOLY + WEEK

Mon. Apr. 16, 9:55am Service of
Triumphal Entry

5:00pm Vesper Service

9:00pm Tenebrae: Stations of
the Cross

Tues. Apr. 17, 9:55am Stripping of
the Altar; Good Friday Office
10:30 am to

Wed. Apr. 18, 9:30am 23 Hour Prayer
Vigil

9:55am Service of Penence as
Preparation for Easter

All students, faculty, staff, wives, and other members of the community are invited to participate in these services leading up to Easter.

Also, all members of the community are urged to sign-up for the prayer vigil from 10:30am Tuesday to 9:30am Wednesday. It is hoped that someone will be in the Chapel the entire period.

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THE FALL MAY COME!

This week's medical article almost made the front page, instead its here on page 3 (to the chagrin of the Editor). Tuesday was the date of a near tragedy of catastrophic magnitude as this was the date that Brad S. Lutz first learned to ride a bicycle! With much help from Paul Thompson and John Hoff, Brad was shakily peddling by himself in about 20 minutes; shortly afterwards, he bought a new bike. So watch out world, Brad may run you over!

GREEK REQUIREMENT AFFIRMED

THE SEMINARIAN learned from an undisclosed source today that the Academic Affairs Committee yesterday expressed approval of maintaining the requirement for the study of Greek. This move came after a proposal by Dr. Glasse to have the requirement dropped from the Seminary program.

One of the detriments was that no other UCC seminary at present requires the language. However, it was quickly pointed out that our individuality is important, too. Dean Bricker apparently felt that this would not attract students. Then it becomes necessary to ask if we want the type of students who are not interested in the study of Greek in order to be better able to study and preach the Gospel.

THE SEMINARIAN learned that it was the students who upheld the requirement as no voting faculty members who serve on the committee were present. This is an interesting fact and should be noticed by the faculty in their considerations.



"OVERDUE? How could this book be overdue when I've only read the first two chapters?"

CALLED OUT

Well sports fans, LTS's Sluggers have been thrown out even before getting in! For some unknown reason, our softball team was not entered into F&M's league. It appears that someone at F&M forgot to put our name on the list. More than likely this is not entirely the case considering that our teams have not lost a game at F&M for the past three years. The probable reason for forgetfulness is that they are afraid of our "Supreme Power" and do not want us to over power them once again this year.

The team will not be without competition though (as we probably would be at F&M) as there are games scheduled with area churches.

My only question is why are we allowed to be in the football, basketball, and volleyball leagues and not softball?

--Denny Moritz

TED BOWLS 'EM OVER

After Tuesday night, Ted Nace still has a commanding lead of Jack Seville and everyone else in bowling. Ted's 178.8 average leads Jack's 163.6, followed by McDowell, Peebles, and "Doc" Englert (144.6). It appears that only a major miracle will allow anyone to catch Ted now.

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There will be no SEMINARIAN next week.

Next Issue: Tuesday, April 24 -- have any articles to the editors by noon of that day. Thursday, May 3 will be the last issue of the term.

VOLLEYBALL NOTES

Our volleyball team has not done too well yet. All three games have been lost, but the spirit remains high. So far the turn out has not been too great, so if you are at least somewhat interested please come and play. The league schedule with times and dates is posted in the Academic Building and in the weekly announcement sheet.

ORGAN ON THE WAY IN

The first shipment composing the majority of the pipes for the new organ arrived at LTS today. Another shipment is due next week sometime. SO--with a little elbow grease and prayer (mostly the latter) we will have a new organ prior to the Arts Festival.