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- WAIT JUST ONE MINUTE! -

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1—A Day in the Class of Paul Achtemeier

Today was beautiful! The one-hour session of NT 113 zipped by far too quickly. It seemed a real shame that the discussion of Paul's ideas of Righteousness and its implications for personal ethics should come to an end. But the hour did end, with one impression staying behind, giving a mandate for our lives: Christians, out of love, do what is best for their brothers. As was pointed out, this is a kind of "structured situation ethics" because what we do at a given time is determined, not by our needs, but by the needs of someone else.

This was the point in the class discussion, because it lifted Christian life and practice out of the realm of legalistic and pre-determined, static standards. Somehow, by seeing the Christian way of life in this way, too. On this basis, I must now feel the sharp dichotomy between thought and practice in an institution such as this.

Also dated November 1, was Dr. Glasse's announcement that "house and apartment rents are affected (by the freeze). . . But it is our intention to secure approval for a ruling allowing us to collect rents at the rates announced for this year. This means that students renting apartments and houses from the seminary should plan on paying the rents announced in the catalog last spring . . . ."

So why gripe? Where's the dichotomy? We were given fair warning, as Dr. Glasse reminded us at the close of his announcement. Why should we not pay the rents that have been announced?

There is one point this legalistic, pre-set, unchallengeable (e.g.—the tone of "we intend to secure . . . .") position fails to take into account. That is the fact that although the rents may go up, for most of us who have to pay those rents income has not increased. Our wives who work and who have wage increases pending are not bringing home any more simply because our cost of living has increased here at the seminary. There will be no accompanying ruling that our wives' employers must pay them more so that we can afford to pay the increased rent. The seminary (i.e.—the "powers to be", the faculty and staff whose salaries are unaffected as Dr. Glasse noted) has apparently not given the immediate problems and needs of the students any consideration as it has gone on continuing

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INTERNATIONAL DINNER—TONIGHT

Tonight in the Hafer Center the Association of Seminary Women is providing you the opportunity to don the role of connoisseur and taste fine delicacies from far away lands.

Our foreign students have graciously provided us with "old family recipes" so that you may delight your taste buds.

The feast begins at 6:00 p.m. and it's free, but reservations are needed. Hope you have yours!!!!

- A.S.W. -  
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WHEN you  
have a fight  
with your conscience  
and get licked,  
you win.

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to exercise its power to legislate.

Now the argument may be presented that there is no dichotomy. This rent increase is necessary to provide what is best for us, that really we don't see our own need (as mere students), and that the executive structure of the organization is acting in our own best interest, not theirs. I will admit to this possibility, but (getting back to our class discussion) Dr. Achtemeier pointed out that this is also one of the most common ideas and statements of any of the assorted tyrants who have gained power.

It seems that somewhere within the structure of this institution, and particularly since this institution purports to be Christian in basic character, there should be room for honest thought about the potential problems that any legislated demand may entail. It seems that conscience should dictate that doing what is best for an individual often means that we should begin by listening to what he thinks is best for himself. Right now I think I don't need extra expenses!

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(GUEST EDITORIAL)  
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#### TOYS PROJECT NIGHT

There will be an A.S.W. Project Night on Monday, November 8th, starting at 7:00p.m. The toys will be in the basement of THE HUB, just as they are right now, for cleaning, painting, and/or fixing. Please come, if only for an hour!

A.S.W. EXECUTIVE COMM.  
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YOUR STAFF,  
EDITORS: Steve Cote  
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Tony Szilagyi  
(ANY OTHERS WHO WISH TO CONTRIBUTE OR HELP IN ANY WAY WILL BE RECEIVED WITH OPEN ARMS \* WE MEET EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON FROM 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.)

What if one day you heard that someone was healing and giving food to the poor people in Pakistan.

I'm sure that many of us would find this story hard to believe. It would still be harder to believe when we heard that people were claiming that this man was Jesus Christ.

Many people could say that it was just a tactic by the government to focus attention to the problems of Pakistan, as if dying and starvation were not enough to draw the attention of the world.

I wonder though, if deep in our hearts we wouldn't wish that this story was true? It would be kind of nice to sit with Jesus and talk with Him.

A father could tell Him how useless his job can be. He could tell Him how hard it is to make enough money to raise a family, with the economy the way it is.

A mother can cry on His shoulder and tell Him about the frustrations of bringing up her children.

A son or daughter could sit on the floor and tell Him about the trouble they are having in finding any meaning in life.

Come to the Communion Service on Wednesday and meet Jesus and talk to Him, because your wish has been granted.

- ANTHONY SZILAGYI

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#### HUB AND CHAPEL BANNERS

Design and construction of banners for the Chapel and the HUB will take place on Monday, January 10, 1972 at the A.S.W. meeting in the Hafer Center at 7p.m. In order to integrate the ideas of the entire community for these banners, we would appreciate the creative talents of everyone. We would ask that those interested would submit, in drawing form, their motifs by Friday, December 3rd. From all received, a number will be selected. D. Strever or J. Cote.

## PARISH TRAINING PROGRAM

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Five students are now engaged in an experimental program designed to prepare them for "professional leadership for parish churches." The objectives of PTP have been stated as follows:

1. To introduce the seminary student to professional life as a minister.
2. To relate theological education data to people and situations as found in parishes.
3. To enable students to learn how to learn from their own experience.
4. To return participating students to the campus-based program with professional focus for their further theological education.

That program is now going on in Harrisburg, Pa. Students are working in a variety of ways along side of ministers and the churches in which they serve. Besides the day to day contact with a variety of expressions of church life, the students meet weekly with themselves in a professional development or growth seminar. And finally, the "collegium" is to meet monthly, here on campus for an afternoon seminar which is to involve faculty and students alike. The weekly seminars so far worked through have been concerned with such matters as: Holy Communion, Baptism, Confirmation, Church Membership, The Minister's understanding of his Calling, and finally, Stewardship. Out of these weekly seminars, the subject matter for the first monthly seminar has been developed by the students themselves. It is in the form of a question; addressed to faculty members, who will make brief responses, following which, all present will be invited to participate. That first monthly seminar is to be held in the Hafer Center, on Wednesday, November 10, at 3:00 P.M., and YOU ARE ALL IN-

VITED. Indeed, it is to be hoped that as many members of our community will come as is possible.

It is reading week; there are no scheduled classes; many of us will be on campus. The three faculty members to speak are: Mrs. Achtemeier, Mr. Irion, and Mr. Vassady. The question addressed to them is:

The roots of Christianity are deep in a world view which is quite different from that which many people hold today. The secular trend away from supernaturalism, a manifestation of the modern world view, presents a conflict which must be dealt with by the Christian minister. Taking into account individual differences in theology (liberal and conservative), what guidelines are available from the Bible, current or traditional theology, and the history of the church, which would enable the minister to not only handle the conflict encountered with the people he talks to, but also in deciding his own stance on matters of: religionless Christianity (as understood by Bonhoeffer), praying, secular understanding of the Sacraments and those people who hold more religious understandings of these matters, especially those who would be termed 'fundamentalists?'

Clearly the general nature of the question enables speakers and respondents to delve into critical areas concerning ministry today, on a cross field basis in the setting of the entire community.

The five students, Steve Gifford, Bob Stoudt, Dick Peebles, Jim Roth, and Randy Leisey, and myself, urge all of you to attend this campus-based seminar on November 10. Come and participate. You are all welcome.

-Robert W. Duke

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Remember LBJ?

"He who meddles in a quarrel not his own is like one who takes a passing dog by the ears."

-Proverbs 26:17

## PAPER DOLL PEOPLE

How do you build a tomorrow on such a thin, threatened today?  
where values are vended like vegetables—  
loveliness is a lipstick—or a lather  
love is a bikini—or hip-low pants  
beauty is a bath—a bra, a bed, or a bottle.

culture is a Broadway play banned in Boston  
music is a twist—a tortured disc  
nature is a plastic plant  
a poodle in a jacket, grass in a packet  
discipline is 2000 calories a day  
friendship is in alcoholic flavors  
gin and julep—brandy and beer  
philosophy is a label on a library shelf  
religion is a church supper, a collection plate  
marriage is a meal, a stopping-off place  
a namesake, a between-work break  
honesty is a required tax statement  
Compassion is a welfare office, an alphabet check.

How do you build a tomorrow on today's paper values  
vended to paper people to paste upon their differences  
and cover them with a colorless, predictable pattern?

How do you build a tomorrow on today's corrugated canyon  
where there's no room for eyes to see  
ears to hear  
minds to meditate  
no room for souls to grow  
room only to copy, to complain, to criticize?

What happened to people who stand out like giants in vitality and vigor?

What happened to minds that design  
hearts that hope  
and faces that respond to delight and concern  
to anger, to sorrow  
to happiness?

What happened to people with purpose and pulses  
and muscles and motive  
and dimension, depth  
determination?

The paper must be split, the pattern broken, the canyon scaled.  
So real people appear  
with eyes uncovered  
and ears opened  
hearts bared  
minds unleashed  
souls exposed.

- Jean M. Ohman -