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## PILOT PROJECT

The following is reprinted from the April 15, 1971 issue of The Messenger of The Phoebe-Devitt Home:

### PILOT PROJECT TO AID AGED PLANNED AT PHOEBE-DEVITT

A pilot project to aid aging persons both within and outside of institutions in the Lehigh Valley recently got under way at Phoebe-Devitt Home.

Through the cooperation of Penn Northeast Conference of the United Church of Christ and Lancaster Theological Seminary, it is planned to bring second-year seminary students to Allentown for at least a week to study the aging problem in that area. Working with them will be the younger pastors of the area who also will study the problem.

The Rev. Dr. James D. Glasse, president of the Seminary, gave the program his enthusiastic support. He pointed out that seminarians today "are showing a renewal of interest in the parish church!" but with a wider outlook on social problems than formerly.

It is planned to house the 25 or more students at Phoebe-Devitt Home and in private homes while in Allentown. They will visit both Phoebe and Good Shepherd Home (a Lutheran institution) and spend some time with elderly people in their own homes. In this, they will be assisted by the Lehigh County Senior Citizens, Inc.

The program was initiated by the Christian Witness Commission of Penn Northeast Conference and has been led by the Rev. Paul R. Peters, assistant minister of the conference.

If the project shows worthwhile results it will be expanded to take in other seminaries and other parts of the state.

EDITORS' NOTE: The Seminarian does not wish to undermine the implementation of this worthy program. However, was the Junior class considering a real option in this "proposal" on April 28, 1971, or merely a fait accompli?

The staff of The Seminarian wishes to make public its policy toward all material. To begin with, let it be known that absolutely no part of any article offered for publication will be deleted. However, we must maintain the right to refuse to print any article which might be slanderous or serve as a personal attack. In other words, every word of any article within the bounds of propriety will be printed in The Seminarian.

Good luck and congratulations to the new slate of officers for the Student Community Council, for the year 1971-1972. Newly elected are Pres.-Clarence (Curly) Stumb; V.Pres.-George Heberling; and Sec't-Treas.-Ted Nace.

The Hub Committee has been made a standing committee of the Student Community Council. It wishes to thank all the wives who baked for the grand opening of The Hub and helped make Ecumenical Day a success. A special thank you to Diane Strever, Joyce Côté, Pat Robertson, Margaret Stumb, and Judy Roth. Our appreciation to any others we forgot to mention.

The Hub Committee wishes to thank Mr. Duke for his donation of a milk glass punch bowl set, candle holders, and various dishes for use in the Hub.

Our community has grown! Congratulations from The Seminarian to Nancy and Jack Esbenshade and their second child, a daughter, Jennifer. We rejoice also with Judy and Jim Roth who had their first child, a son, Benjamin Christopher. We also wish to extend our best wishes to the Rhineharts upon the birth of their daughter.

The ears of The Seminarian staff have heard rumblings of discontent concerning the Ecumenical Day which our campus recently had the privilege of hosting. "Where were the seminarians from Lancaster?" some people have asked. Everybody has heard the excuses.... (The staff would like to thank those few who were concerned enough to remind us of this lack of response.)

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CHAPEL  
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In the last issue of The Seminarian, an examination of student opinion concerning the time for chapel was undertaken. It would seem that the reason behind this survey is the poor attendance at chapel and an attempt to increase it.

Is this really the reason for poor attendance? I do not think so. Whenever worship

becomes routine, whenever prayer becomes the printed version "for Wednesday every Wednesday," and whenever lack of inspiration goes on and on..., attendance will decrease. If we cannot make worship here at Seminary a vital, celebrative occasion, how can we expect to make it vital and celebrative for our congregations???

In that old reliable Blue Book, Wednesday is the day set aside for a sermon. Why not transform the chapel service and resurrect the homily, inviting the professors to give us their theology through this medium and provide a chance for real interaction and growth? Do we really get to know the professors' theology and spiritual insights in their lectures? Is it possible for worship to become more than a prod to our conscience when we feel like staying in bed a couple more minutes rather than face the bland old routine?

These are only a few personal observations and questions. What is your opinion? Speak out!

-Albert Johnson

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ON TRIAL  
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It was a strange feeling to sit in a crowded Santee Chapel with a non-seminarian congregation to participate in the Trial of the Catonsville Nine by Daniel Berrigan. It was even more strange to hear this group pray the Lord's Prayer, word by word, slowly, and with thought. These people with whom I sat had hair longer and beards bushier than mine. They are among the many who have rejected the Church for a more religious view toward life. Yet they came to Santee Chapel not for a twenty minute sermon, but rather for one of three hours. It is unfortunate, but understandable, that the "silent majority" was not also interested.

After seeing this play, I am forced to ask myself whether I am really facing the religious issues of life, as opposed to "playing it safe" and thinking only of my own neck. The American way, with its wars, foreign policy, and legal system is brought into sharp focus here by Father Berrigan. Toward what use would you put napalm, he asks, burning paper or burning human flesh?

With the verdict comes the response, "Members of the jury, you have just found Jesus Christ guilty."

-Curly (Clarence Stumb)

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REFLECTIONS  
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers of the Student Community Council, the student body, the staff, and the faculty for helping my year as President of the S.C.C. be so enlightening. With their aid, several of the issues which have been reoccurring over the past few years have been held in check. As in any community there is some apathy in certain facets of that community, Lancaster Seminary being no different. But those students appointed to specific committees, in most cases, surprised me with their enthusiasm.

Personally, I was able to serve in capacities in which I had not previously experienced. This proved to be an education in itself. My hope is that the President next year will find as much joy in phases as I and not view these responsibilities as distasteful or cumbersome. I also hope that the present student interest in various activities also continues and does not ebb as has been the case in the last several years.

In general, the year not only went fast but pleasantly. The Student Community Council reacted well in dealing with problems and tasks that developed. While it seems that this past S.C.C. was more active in campus affairs than past years, it is hoped that the next administration will continue in this endeavor. The potential for a creative and meaningful student government is there, but it takes the work and concern of many to have this realized.

In short, the only thing I can say is that I would not have missed this opportunity for anything.

-Larry Louder

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