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Once upon a time...

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## ON CAMPUS PRAYER RETREAT

On Wednesday, March 29th the Spiritual Life Committee has organized a Prayer Retreat. Father Frank Miles from the Jesuit Center for Spiritual growth, located in Wernersville, Pa., will be leading the prayer experience. The retreat will begin at 11:30 Wednesday morning. Participants will meet at this time in the Refectory Chapel for a brief introduction and overview of what the Prayer Retreat will entail. At 11:45 we will break for lunch and reconvene at 12:30 in the Hafer Center. The retreat will conclude at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of this event is to enhance spiritual growth within the Seminary Community.

The retreat is offered to the community on a volunteer basis. Students and their spouses, faculty and any other personnel connected with the seminary are invited to attend. It has been negotiated with Tom Brown that collegiums may be exempt from meeting that day provided that they attend the retreat. All classes have been cancelled from 11:30 on, in order to provide students with the opportunity to participate in this community event. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the library. Those interested in participating should sign their name no later than Friday the 17th.

Craig Snow, Spiritual Life Comm.

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## ON BREATHING CLEAN AIR

The time has come for me to speak out on the subject of smoking tobacco in class. To begin with I don't smoke and I feel that those who do smoke are within their personal rights. I do object to smoking in class, because it irritates my senses and causes me to lose concentration on the class lectures. Something has got to be done concerning the rudeness of those who smoke in class, for they are blocking the learning of fellow students. Smoking should take place before class and after class, but not during the class session. I am not the only one bothered by this problem and it can be cured very quickly. In Christian love we should be considerate of others and not inflict our habits on other people. The close quarters with which we are dealing creates a problem with smokers and I am calling for some common courtesy.

Tyson Frye

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## THANK YOU

My wife and I want to express our sincere thanks to the entire Seminary community. The prayers, visits, cards, gifts, and general concern for our new son has all been very helpful the last two months. Everything with Kenton (the baby) seems to be going well.

Love,

Ike and Ann McDonald

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Please Read!!!!!!!!!!!!

Nominations from the floor for SCC officers will be accepted at the meeting at 12 noon in the Refectory. Floor nominations must be accompanied by either verbal or written agreement on the part of the candidate.

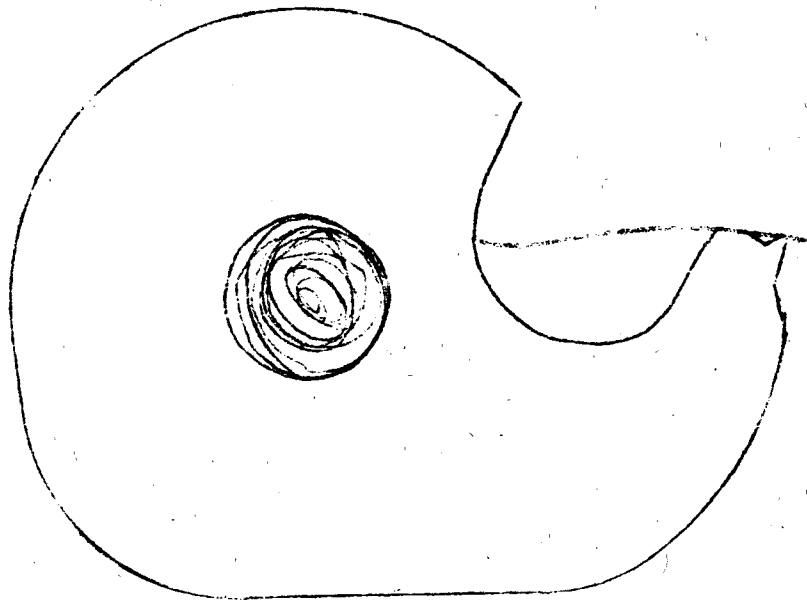
## THE STATE OF THE UNION

Invariably like the weather, elections for officers take place this time of year. As a member of the nominating committee, the task of such a procedure is quite depressing. As a committee, we contacted about twenty-five persons to run for office for next year. We got six firm 'yeses'. So in order to fulfill the nomination slate we had to nominate persons we had not been able to locate. This is not reflecting any standard on the candidates for their names were brought up at the same time as those who accepted by our contact as a committee. We hope those persons contacted and those on whom 'the surprise was pulled' will engage in some very active moves to build the SCC. Nominations include persons whom we believe will do much to make this community better. They are posted in the Library on the bulletin board. If your name is one of the surprises, we hope that you will accept this offer.

Now for the depressing part. Apathy is the word used to describe the state of the union by those who turned down this chance to serve on the SCC for next year. The candidates who did say no cited this word more than for any of the other reasons for denial of the chance. If this is truly the case, then I am glad I am leaving. It is quite ironical. We hear cries of community!!, getting together, working and actively engaging the world in all forms of mission, and yet we don't even care about our 'family'. I would expect a seminary to be full of persons committed to overcoming apathy, not succumbing to it. My soul cries out!

Is there anyone who wants to do something? There are some as is illustrated by those who do things around here and those who accepted nomination. But there is not enough. Not near enough. It really hurts when people complain about apathy, and then decide that since apathy is the state of affairs, apathy is what will continue. The church is in trouble. If you want to do something, NOMINATE YOURSELF ON THURSDAY. Please? 12 noon in the Refectory. Al Mann

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STICK TOGETHER!