



# THE SEMINARIAN

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## SEMINARY TO HELP "TOYS FOR TOTS"

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the Community Council of Lancaster County called upon the Association of Seminary Women to help with the "Toys for Tots" program. Realizing that we are unable to assume full responsibility, the representatives of the two groups agreed that we could serve as a sub-station if another larger and less transient group could take the chief roles of organization and development.

At an emergency meeting of the seminary community Monday evening, some commitments of support were expressed. There were fifteen in attendance at this meeting. We sincerely hope this was not the magnitude of our total response! We hear a lot of "talk" about the needs of our community and the importance of being socially active. It is not evident, however, that a lot of us know the meaning of social service and social action beyond demonstrations or rallies. This is a chance to actively get involved. It is a social service which would bring joy to thousands of underprivileged children who might not otherwise enjoy the celebration of Christ's birth as much as more fortunate children do.

The involvement requires the commitment of a certain number of hours per week toward working on toys right here at the seminary. We need to pledge our support to the controlling group with the assurance that we will meet our commitments. So don't sign up for more than you can contribute. But neither should you hold back any time which you can offer to this worthwhile social service. The program will run from now until December 17. We have heard the pleas and complaints (and we've made a few ourselves, i.e. the Junior's September presentation). Let us see if we can back up our claims to social consciousness with a concrete response!

### SCC PRESENTS: THE SELLING OF THE PENTAGON

The now famous CBS Documentary "The Selling of the Pentagon," will be presented by the Student Community Council this Thursday and Friday evenings in the Hafer Center at 7:30 p.m.

Controversy has surrounded CBS ever since the initial showing of this film, highly critical of the Military establishment.

Discussion will follow informally in "The Hub."

Please fill out this commitment pledge sheet and put it in a box which will be located in The Hub. This plea includes everyone, students, wives, faculty, and staff.

NAME

TELE. NUMBER

AVG. HOURS PER WEEK

## REACTION

The students of LTS now have a voice, though no vote, in the general meetings of the seminary's Board of Trustees. Indications pointing in this direction could be seen last year, when students investigated the financial investment policies of the seminary as a class project. The establishing of a committee on student affairs by the Board is yet another step. The committee is chaired by the Rev. Wm. Arnold, pastor of St. Peter's UCC only a block from our campus. He is enthusiastic about his role, which he sees as "The youth movement of the Board." He is alone, however, for the remainder of his committee members are living at distances as far away as Chicago. In addition, there is a lack of young blood on the board. The philosophy of wisdom coming with age is widely accepted by the body.

Some of my reactions to the meeting itself are already evident by my comments above. Allow me to add a few notes here. As would be expected, much of the work is carried out in committees. I met with Bill Arnold last summer to talk about his "committee." Last week then, near the end of the meeting of the Board itself, we had our chance to report. I am not sure anyone heard us - after all, it was a long day! Numerous gentlemen made an "effort" to introduce themselves by informing me of their names. To them, this is getting to know the students for whom they make decisions and confer degrees.

The highlight of the afternoon came when a debate broke out over the issue of exchanging the old BD degrees for the M.Div. If our emphasis is really pastoral ministry, the conferring of degrees -- not to mention the exchanging of them -- seems to be a silly gimmick for getting students to submit to the educational process. (cont.)

And yet it is specifically in this conferring of degrees the Board attains its biggest reward. They need to get their eyes off that piece of paper so they could see the person they are handing it to.

After leaving the meeting, I had to be hunted down in an effort of the Board to retrieve a financial document which had been passed to me in the course of the day. Someone must have become very nervous seeing those sheets of paper in my hand.

As a final comment, let me announce to you that there are about ten vacant seats on the Board. There are movements -- though small -- to seat students or young ministers. I do not think we shall be invited, however, without first exerting some pressure.

C. Stumb (Curly)

## CHAPEL: ANOTHER TIME?

The latest editorial in the *Seminarian* expresses a concern for chapel attendance and how it can be improved. While staying at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore last month, I was overcome by the enthusiastic response with which the students attended daily mass. It appears as an integral part of their everyday experience.

Inquiring into the matter with several of the students at St. Mary's, I found them in general agreement that the time of day was critical. Their services were held at 11:45 -- after morning classes and before lunch -- when the students were awake, functioning, and ready for a break in their activity.

Would change in the schedule make a difference at L.T.S.? If 8:10 is too early for seminarians, then would it not be worthwhile to set chapel time later in the day, such as just before lunch or dinner?

- Mike Romig

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Student Community Council is presently taking action to have chapel time changed to just before coffee break.

## EXPERIENCING PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia has long been known as the "City of Brotherly Love". It became extremely evident during the Junior class visit there, that regardless of its tradition Philadelphia today has its problems. How is the Church involved with these problems? What does it mean to minister in an urban setting? Is the urban Church accomplishing its ministry? We need to take a good hard look at these questions as we will someday be involved directly or indirectly with urban problems.

We arrived in Philadelphia after a frustrating sojourn on the infamous Schuylkill Expressway and we were immediately immersed in the problems of urbania. During the orientation by Bob Strommen, Metropolitan Minister for Penn Southeast Conference, we discovered that Philadelphia is distinctly divided along racial lines. So distinct were these divisions that a given street often marked the separation of the Black, Italian, Spanish, and White communities. Thus the major problem for the city and the church is racial. Another problem of major concern is poverty and all the resulting problems such as poor housing, crime, drug abuse and gang warfare. These are the major problems which confront the church in Philadelphia. The major question now is how does the church respond to these problems?

We find many churches in transition because of the rapidly changing racial boundaries, especially for Blacks. As Blacks become more affluent they begin to immigrate to neighborhoods such as Germantown, a formerly all White community. At this point such as Woodcrest UCC must redefine their ministry in terms of the changing neighborhood. This particular church in Germantown is still searching to find its new ministry although it has opened its doors to the community.

Other churches find ministry in terms of social action and still others find their own past to be more important than social change. Calvary UCC, a Black church, and Christ UCC, a Spanish church, both find their ministry in terms of social action.

They are involved in such programs as day care for pre-school children, halfway houses for inmates on parole, guidance and recreation for youth, a nutrition program for pregnant teenage girls, adult education classes and in addition operate food and clothing banks. Both of these churches are located in a slum community. On the other hand we find Old First Church spending a half million dollars to restore their former church building in a community with a ghetto only a few blocks up the street. At the same time this church has very little outreach into the community. I wonder if Old First can really justify this spending while showing little or no social concern for the community.

As one can see some of the churches have accepted the challenge of the city while others sit by indifferently. One new organization which brings new hope for Philadelphia is Metropolitan Associates of Philadelphia or MAP. It serves as a resource center to bring about institutional change through lay efforts. MAP has the potential of being a very valuable resource for the church and the community.

Besides this academic inquiry several of us found ourselves making serious inquiries such as "Can I borrow a dollar?", "Have we been left behind again?" But then it seems that such profound inquiry only displays man's quest for knowledge.

The Philadelphia experience gave us some insight into the problems of urban America and the urban church. Hopefully we will accept these challenges and never give up the quest for answers!

- John Fureman -

RECOMMENDED . . . for anyone who thinks kids are going to the dogs:

YOUTH magazine's Creative Arts issue (September). Most of the prize-winning works of art are serious in tone but there are a few light touches like updated nursery rhymes by Tim Weeks of MT. Olive, N. C.

And we quote: Little Boy Blue come blow your horn. The war it has started and registration's this morn. Oh where is the boy whose horn is his craft? He's gone to Canada to avoid the draft. (from UCH, Oct. '71)

Science and religion no more  
contradict each other than light  
and electricity.

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### Movies At F&M

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Belle de Jour	Oct. 2/3
The Taming of the Shrew	Oct. 9/10
The Seventh Seal	Oct. 13/14
Marry Me! Marry Me!	Oct. 16/17
King: A Film Record	Oct. 20/21
Georgy Girl	Oct. 26/27
The Innocents	Oct. 30/31

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The Christian is the highest  
style of man. -Young

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### LTS CHOIR TO FORM

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LTS may soon have a brand-new  
choir. At least that is the wish  
of Seminary Organist, Frank McConnell.  
Several members of the Middler and  
Junior classes have expressed inter-  
est in forming a new singing group.  
McConnell emphasized the fact that  
there has always been a demand  
among area church bodies for a group  
of this type.

The new choir is expected  
to consist of Soprano, Alto, Tenor,  
and Bass voices. All seminarians  
and their wives are invited to at-  
tend rehearsals scheduled tentative-  
ly for Wednesday evenings at 6:30.  
Those with children should take note  
that rehearsals should last no long-  
er than one hour, McConnell says.

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A prayer in its simplest defini-  
tion is merely a wish turned God-  
ward. - Phillips Brooks

I want to thank all of you  
who helped make our Seminary  
Celebration such a pleasant and  
meaningful experience. I am es-  
pecially glad for those who  
brought their children — making  
this a real "Family Affair."  
There are very few times when we  
are all together. We don't plan  
a lot of them — but we can en-  
joy them when we do. Thanks  
again, to all who helped in the  
planning and shared in the part-  
icipation. - J. Glasse -

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### NEED RESOURCES? ATTENTION:

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Want to get on top of the cur-  
rent welfare issues? Hobart A.  
Burch, general secretary, UCBHM  
division of health and welfare  
can help with booklets, papers,  
bibliographies. Write to him at  
287 Park Avenue South, New York,  
N.Y. 10010.

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Want to start a church news-  
letter or improve the one you now  
have? Everett C. Parker, direct-  
or of the Office of Communication,  
can tell you what you need to  
know. Write him for help at 287  
Park Avenue South, N.Y., NY 10010.

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Want to know what white church-  
es can do to help secure justice  
for minorities? Allan Fisher,  
director of New Approaches to the  
White Community for the Commission  
for Racial Justice, can tell you  
what you need to know. Write him  
for models for white church in-  
volvement at 287 Park Avenue So.,  
New York, N.Y. 10010

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### UNISON

Director of the Program:

Rev. William A Hower

Secretary: Mrs. Vivian Spiese  
Encounter Group - Charles Wirls, PhD  
3rd Mon. of Each month - 8-10PM  
Games Workshop - Bernard DeKoven  
3rd Wed. of each month - 8-10PM  
Seminar - To be announced

October 19 - Afternoon session  
at 1:00 and an evening session.  
Whatch for details. Due to  
schedule conflict Saul Alinsky  
cannot come until January at  
the earliest.