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I IT'S A GIRL!!!! That's right, it's a girl. The Greens had a little baby girl at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon. The new member of our community weighed a nifty 7 pounds and a few ounces (full report is not in as yetx). Congratulations John and Cindy. Will the winner of the baby pool please let us know who he/she is sometime soon?

Good Heavens, I hope she doesn't look like John!!!

never have been able to put a thing together, much less this valuable publication. As a matter of fact, I probably wouldn't be here right now, since I probably would have either flunked out or ended up in the "funny House". Guys, thanks alot!!! I just hope that the community will support the editors (don and mike) of next years Seminarian even to a greater extent than this year.

Bruce Druckenmiller

Election Results;

The Election results for the SCC offices for the coming year are as follows;

Sally Cunningham elected President.
Tom Roan elected Vice President.
Todd Fennel elected Secretary.
Randy Rossman elected Treasurer.
Bruce Druckenmiller and Pat Bennett elected as Representatives at large.

Best of luck to you next year gang.
Congrats on the poll victories.

A Memo From the Editor's Desk;

I want to just take a few lines to thank everyone who helped out with the Seminarian this year; people who contributed material and people who supported us with notes of praise (well deserved of course). I want to extend a very special note of thanks to Don Mason, Mike Vaughan, and Tim Dykstra. Without them, I would

From the Staff

We the staff of the Seminarian, being humble, would like to put credit where credit is due. After all, what makes a great publication great. I was discussing that very thing with Hugh just the other day. He and I, or should I say "we" agree. It is the dynamic leadership of of the Editor, mixed with a loyal staff, add a little technical know-how, and some talent as to material, and proper equipment which makes a publication click. Of course, being that we are all humble here will acknowledge the real source of our success. LUCK.

Yes, Lady luck is why this publication greets you in your mailboxes each week. After all, we happen to be lucky enough to have a dynamic, understanding and talent leader as well as a knowledgeable and skillful technician. Of course, the writers haven't been too bad either. Yes, you amateurs out there pulled us through once again.

One thing that Hugh and I did mention was typists. But then you can't have ever thing.

HORT'S SPECS

LESSON I

My fellow Seminararians... it is with a heavy heart that I write this column today. I can accept neglect. I can accept abuse. I can even accept derision. I will not accept allegations as to the true sources of my commentary coming from illegal routes. I did not bug the Watergate YMCA. My secretary really did accidentally erase 18 minutes of my Crisis Counseling tape. I am not a crooked columnist. I just want to clear the air and let you know that you won't have Wort to kick around any more.

Yes, I'm leaving. Don't try and stop me. I have handed in my resignation and put in a plea for pardon with next year's editor Don Mason. I think I've suffered enough. I'm planning on retiring to my home in San Fernando to drink wine and wait for the book, interview and consultation offers to roll in. I've already picked out a title for my memoirs: Wort Sportswriter, the Dog House years. I think it'll sell.

I was born in the box seats of a Playoff game between the mets and the ~~expletive~~ Cubs. I teethered on ballpark faanks. I knew how to dribble before I could even walk. My parents named me after the situation of the ball game H.O.R.T.... None out, runner on third.

But I'm finished. Washed up as a sports columnist. It's just lost all its luster. With that, I bid you Adieu.

None Out, Runner
(Wort) on Third

TOO EARLY?

It's not too early to think about next year. The Seminarian is YOUR publication. Just think about all the time you'll have during the summer months to wire up that creative genius and grind out piece after piece fit for publication in this wonderful newspaper. If we really apply ourselves to the task, we can fill every issue by the time we get back into the swing of things again in October. So... during the long hot summer, grind up that satirical wit, conjugate that verb, hone that gem of an idea and create a piece of magic happiness for our colleagues and loyal readers. We're counting on YOU.

One thing that we of the Seminarian staff have learned in the course of this year, although it's taken us this long to fully comprehend is this: NEVER TYPE UP THE SECOND PAGE LAST. About the time you reach the last page to be typed you have nearly run out of material. Luckily we had this piece waiting in the wings for just such an occasion.

Those of us who can envision going out into the parish and putting out a weekly newsletter need experience in handling the most essential of all articles: filler.

Now how would it look if this page were to be left totally blank. Frankly it would look horrible.. Filler was invented for just such occasions as this. It is of the nature of filler to be A. ~~xxx~~ witty B. interesting and C. space consuming.

Articles which fit this criteria are generally of one nature, jokes, yet this nature can be manifested in two ways, short story or long story.

Atypical example of good filler is the following:

WANT AD: Poet looking for a word that rhymes with ambidextrous.

Now a true genius with filler could quickly transform this short sentence into a major article:

A certain young man was extremely interested in publishing a magazine of his own, dealing mainly in poetry. He sought financial backing for this enterprise in many areas, and was just about resigned to the failure of his ideal when he happened upon a professional baseball game. The star pitcher on the team was able to pitch long stretches, and very effectively because he could throw the ball equally well with either hand. This intrigued the young poet immensely. He made a point of speaking with the young man after the game and discovered that the pitcher was a patron of the arts, with great interest in publishing just such a magazine. His one stipulation was that the first issue must carry a feature poem about his baseball skills. Thus appeared a want ad in the following edition to the local news paper: Poet, looking for a word that rhymes with ambidextrous.

NOW THAT'S FILLER!

Mad Man

The madman drew his sword
and mounted the mighty steed,
commanding in wiggly, wormy words
"Onward from thy tasty weed
to the town of innocence and sweets
and smiles and child's hearts."
Venom dripped from his razor teeth
as he spurred and cursed the dark,
inside his rotted mind, molded maze
the rat strayed too far, lost.
The steed obeyed the chastized craze
of a man cursed by God.

They heard him not, nor saw his smile
nor the green heart layed bare in his
chest;
wicked was his sword, swift and wild
unequaled by all the rest.
She stood in white nighty, long blonde
hair
a child's heart beating in breast;
yet in youth's touch, none so fair-
pale celâophane skin, blue eyes addressed
him as he rode into town;
blade swishing, rat gnawing, horse shod
hoofs clapping, eyes like orange coals
rode the man cursed by God.

The first cut pierced her breast and rib,
the second deeper still-
layed open her heart throbbing in the crib
of a higher, freer will.
The madman turned the steed to halt-
dismounting he stormed her castle,
of blonde curls, innocent dreams, enthral-
led-
and bound in a virgin tassel.
Sword raised over the twisted head, he
snarled
to strike again the youth-
when the orange eyes glimpsed the cello-
phane, gnarled
by hatred's terror and brute.
Vengeance for nothing the echoing shrill
beauty and life to be trod,
under the boot to lifeless still
by the man cursed by God.

Sweat dripped from his hands falling to
the dirt-
where they brought forth briars and
weeds.
But the tears of the child carressed the
earth
growing flowers and ivy as seeds.

He trembled, shook, and then convulsed
as his madness commanded his limbs;
when a strand of reason which once re-
pulsed-

his mind finally crept in.

"Damn be Thee, oh Great Great God,
I've born your bastard curse.
I've wrought your will, drawn the blood
You've dictated passage and verse.
But no, not I, I will not destroy
this child your love forgot.
I've served long enough as your toy!"
thus spake the man cursed by God.

The madman lowered his sword and cried,
the weeds grew thick around him.
For slowly his actions long undenied
in tears cooled the coals so dim.
"I can not let this heart so green
take one so lovely and true.
But such is the curse of those like me
if not my life be through."
He turned and mounted his steed,
sword dangling in his wet palm.
Screaming, he wretched the gangrene gre-
ed,
as if a victory psalm-
from his mind a free soul.
Howling like a terrified dog,
riding swift as wind from his unfulfil-
led goal
the man cursed by God.

Till he was far off in a distant cave,
dark night his only companion.
And there he dug his grave,
a mammoth misty canyon;
and threw himself down upon his sword
piercing the heart colored so green.
Life lost, deeds ignored
by the morning's amber scene.
He gave his life in madness-
to save a life he cherished
found in the eyes of sadness-
for the little girl, he perished.
In the dark cold night alone
tossing aside his chains and rod,
silently, without a moan
died the man cursed by God.

R. Michael Vaughan

Dear Seminary Family;

At the end of my year with you I want to tell you how much happiness you have brought into my life during the past months. It is with great joy that I look forward to being with you another year. I am living at St. Mary's Church, Vine and Prince Streets in downtown Lancaster and during the next school year I will be on campus every-day of the week. This summer will find me at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, where I will be pursuing a Masters program in Christian Spirituality. Over the summer, we will be united in our prayers for each other. I am looking forward to September to being with you again.

Devotedly in the
Lord,
Father Ed Sanders
S. J.

I would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during my recent hospitalization. The concern and thoughtfulness of this community was greatly appreciated.

Bally Cunningham

Authors Unknown

- 1) If going into a church will make you a Christian, then going into a barn will make you a horse.
- 2) It is a sad religion that is never strong except when it's doer is sick.
- 3) Happy are the people who do not try to lift themselves up by pulling someone down.
- 4) Too many church members have been starched and ironed without being washed!

Ms. M. Chabaku

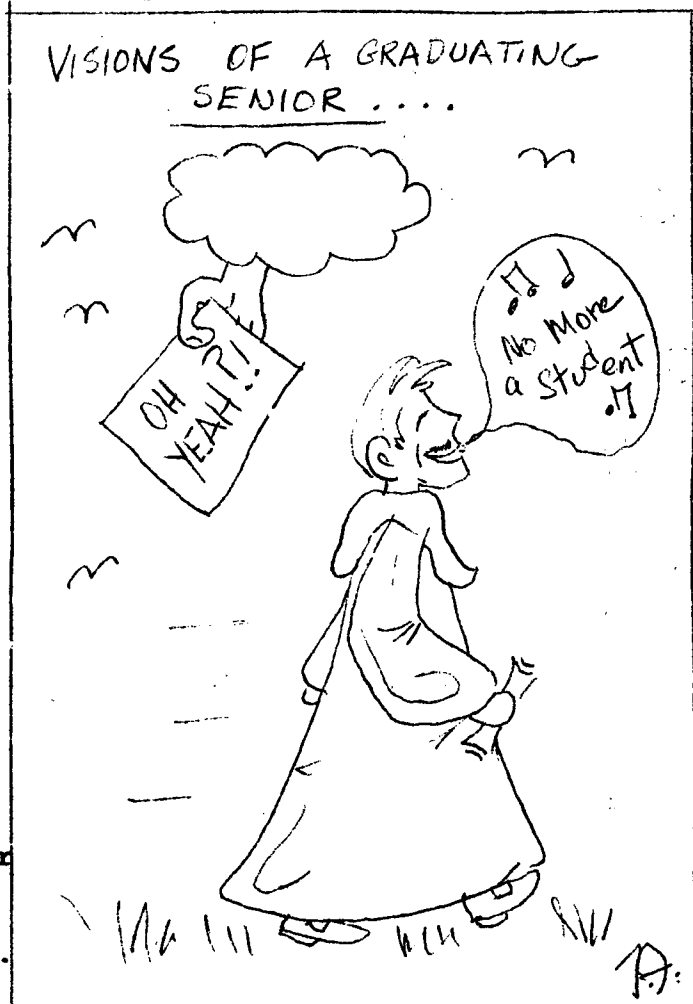
(Best of cont.)

- VI) Best filler; Dr. Ritterspach's elevator incident as reported by Balaam's Ass.
- VII) Special recognition for Marc Wessels as most persistant; least appreciated.

The Best of the Seminarian;

That's right folks, it's time for us on the staff to acknowledge the best work that has graced the pages of this fine publication. So get out your old copies, (those of you who have used them to line the cat box may borrow ours) and reread what we feel the best of the best were this year.

- I.) Best Editorial submitted by a student; is "A Time for Service" by Mark Broadhead. It was printed in the December 20, 1978 edition.
- II) The Best Editorial submitted by a member of the faculty; is "A Misplaced Debate" by Fran Ringer, printed in March 8, 1979 edition.
- III) Most indebt reporting was done by Bruce Druckenmiller for his fine work with both the parking issue and the F&M crisis.
- IV.) Best poem; "Game" by Ron Parks, printed the October 25, 1978 issue.
- V.) Best Poem by a Faculty member; Bob Duke wins for his poem in the April 26, 1979 edition. (cont.) Bel



The following is a report given by Allen Kroehler, Coordinator of Community Life at LTS to the Seminarian Affairs Standing Committee on April 26th.

Community life at Lancaster Theological Seminary includes a lot of people- there are children, seminarians and their spouses (if they're married), single seminarians, staff, faculty (and their families in different degrees), laity committees, pastor preceptors, "parttime" faculty, guest resource persons, community hour leaders, fellows and candidates in degree programs other than M.Div., the thousands of persons who come and go as they visit and use the resources of the campus and its "centers" (the Parish Resource Center, the Career Development Center, the Center for Professional Development in Ministry, the Library (open to the public), the Historical Society and Archives) - a steady stream of people who interact in some ways in a rich mix of activities. A minority live on campus (or nearby) and probably regard the rest of us as intruders into their homes. We have changed from a residential school into a many-faceted center for learning, gradually, over the years.

I've served this year as an emerging "coordinator of community life" to provide some of the functions requested by seminarians at these meetings in the recent past and to observe and facilitate the enhancement of some of the life of the campus and its folk.

I'd like to share with you some observations about the ways in which especially those seminarians and their family members present in the setting have interacted with each other and the rest of the community this year.

It would be impossible to document the loving caring which goes on - (much of it we don't know about, I'm sure) - one-to-one ministries which help to create a feeling of an extended family: shared shopping, a food cooperative, baby sitting exchanges, car repairs, everyone digging in to dig out the parking areas and driveways during the big snow storm, homes opened to each other when illness and crises have produced the need for housing and nurturing. Voluntary and collegium clusters have rallied to meet special needs. There have been a lot of people who have been responsible for the quality of life here. Some of them are here tonight.

Seminarians have been involved in the planning and administering of programs on campus. C.O.M.P. The Spiritual Life Committee. Jim Myers has represented the S.C.C. on the Executive Cabinet. The student body, organized as the Seminarian Community & Council, working with Richard Vieth as consultant, continues to make its significant contributions - such as a series of town meetings which enabled seminarians and faculty together to confront some problems and to improve communication, including the development of a flow chart for getting information and solving problems in the Seminary system.

At least 18 seminarians participated financially in the Capital Campaign, pledging or giving a total of \$98.00 so far and about 30 have responded to the request of the campaign office to preach in churches as part of Seminary Sunday.

Housing has occupied some of my time. The conditions in Richards Hall continue to be a concern to its residents and neighbors. Three meetings with residents and others (Staff people, faculty and other seminarians) hopefully increased the flow of information, changed some of the conditions in the Hall and in the refectory and resulted in the organization of an ad hoc Richards Hall Council which has been asked to write guidelines to which residents can agree when they enter Seminary housing. I've helped some individuals with housing changes.

Both Phil King and I have done some counseling this year. Phil does long term and more serious counseling, including referrals when necessary. We've had a relatively light year, seeing less than 10 persons a week. My counseling includes the wide variety which pastoral caring often includes and has been available to both to seminarians and to staff. Phil and I met regularly with the dean, the registrar and the business manager to consult with each other about and to anticipate some seminary concerns.

My job sometimes is interpreted as campus chaplain. I performed one Seminary wedding and about six others (frequently referred from the campus ministry office at Franklin and Marshall College).

A faculty/seminarian task force introduced a new schedule for community hours and chapel services this year. We have chapel on Mondays and Fridays and communion on Wednesdays at 9:30, setting aside Tuesday and Thursday for Community Hour. They include moments of worship, announcements and discussion of a current concern. Tuesdays tend to be related to the campus, with a once-a-month town meeting (or more if needed) and some unplanned get-togethers to allow for emerging conversations (Bible study, theological sharing, moments of concern and planning for action). Thursdays have been related to concerns of the larger community and world, including campus presenters. One of the first - sharing the culture and problems of the Hispanic community in Lancaster - was led by seminarians Milca Plaud, Victoria Martinez and Persida Figueroa. Other topics were Disarmament, Nuclear energy and its alternatives, World hunger, Women's concerns, Human Sexuality.

Seminary women have attended off-campus events organized by the national church leaders (United Methodist and United Church of Christ), feeding into the Seminary their excitement and learning. Seminarians have participated in events on campus, such as meetings of the Clergy and Laity Concerned (disarmament and the politics of food), a workshop on the transfer amendment, two workshops of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries (We are all aging, Vulnerable together: the church and Handicapped persons).

Contributions to spiritual life on campus, in addition to chapel, have included some special chapel events at Christmas, holy week, and additional communion services. Small groups (prayer, support, house-church) meet regularly. Father Ed Sanders has been able to spend time throughout the school year as spiritual director, working with individuals, with small groups, with a weekly collatio (Bible/prayer/discernment) group, providing leadership for prayer retreats on campus and recruiting persons to attend retreats at Wernersville Retreat Center.

Other on-going activities meet other needs. The Association of Seminary Women meets regularly and sponsors some special events. Together with the S.C.C. they have sponsored evenings of movies for the kiddies (and their friends), parties, and very successful potluck picnics and dinners. They planned and presented a gala dinner and program recognizing the gifts which I.T.S. received from Lyman Farrar and his family. Choir makes beautiful contributions to special events. Recreational activities go on under their own momentum (and some hard work): bowling, intramural athletics, jogging, working out in the gym at the College, swimming, etc. An Arts Festival is happening this week. The SEMINARIAN continues publication under the editorship of Bruce Druckenmiller, with two major emphases this year: Dialogue and debate of important issues for Christians and concern and action and a lively and creative poetry section which has several regular contributors from among seminarians.

Near the end of the year several meetings were gathered of single seminarians to discuss their unique and special interests. And the whole community was impacted by the nuclear accident just 23 miles away at Three Mile Island. A faculty/seminarian committee drafted a policy/discussion/call for action paper which was unanimously adopted by the faculty and widely circulated as an invitation to mission for ourselves and the rest of the religious community.

I'm sure I haven't mentioned everything, perhaps not even the most important. These are some of the things I've observed and participated in. I think they speak of a growing maturity and interdependence, of self identity and responsibility among all of us who find ourselves in the community called Lancaster Theological Seminary.

As you can see included in Allen's report there has been much happening during the course of this school year. I believe this is an indication that there is much student involvement here at LTS. As SCC President I would like to thank all those persons who gave of themselves in an effort to make LTS a dynamic community. I would like to give a special commendation to Bruce Druckenmiller and his staff for the fine work they did on the SEMINARIAN and to salute Sandy Fluck and Norma Ritterspach and their committee for the added dimension they brought to the campus. In closing I would like to offer congratulations to all the newly elected officers of the SCC and to wish them nothing but success as they seek to enhance the social, educational and spiritual dimensions of community life.

Craig Snow