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LUH TO  
S.C.C.:

"Come back to the  
Land of the  
Living !!!"

\*\*\* (in other words!!!)

## TO ALL FELLOW SEMINARIANS:

It appears to me that clarification of values needs to be established immediately on this campus in regards to: responsibility, fortitude, and loyalty.

Responsibility is something which seems to perpetuate laxity and perhaps even fear. The proposal for disbanding the present SCC in light of the "sudden emergence of COMP" causes me to feel this way. The SCC isn't that familiar with their own power and responsibilities. I noticed this quite readily at the last meeting. Their attitude (the majority) is that  
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S.O.S.

—WITH—  
ALL PULLING TOGETHER ...



THE S.C.C.  
CAN WORK!!!

TO ALL FELLOW SEMINARIANS (con't.)

of being somewhat discouraged with student moral support and participation. Well I asked how can the populus be enthusiastic about something which the "leadership" lacks enthusiasm for? One cannot succeed without the other! A passive leadership role is no leadership at all in this particular situation. Well, to continue, the lack of responsibility seems to reach further heights of fancy by proposing that COMP be the new organization on campus. My impression received at the SCC meeting was one of uncertainty that many knew much about COMP and how it will function, etc. Therefore, what appears to me as being very irresponsible is the proposed action of a few to throw out an established, but not fully utilized, group, and turn everything over to a new committee which has been organized in the shadows with nothing more than a weak skeletal framework to operate from.

Responsibility also rests with the students to take an interest (active) in finding out just what is going on. For in the long run, we are the power to decide the destiny of SCC and COMP. Let's utilize this golden opportunity while the chance still exists.

Fortitude is another word which seems to be lacking in the minds of SCC and the rest of the community. Fortitude to try to get SCC off its blistered posterior and out doing the kinds of programs it is capable of doing. When a person becomes dormant one does not merely scratch him off the list of humanity without finding out why he is such. He is still a being of great potential - only now, strong influence must be employed to help get this person back on his feet. Well, the SCC is rather dormant; and so if influence from leadership within this committee is non-existent, then we from without must shoulder the burden. We must try to make SCC a viable source again. Fortitude must be fervently exhibited in this case.

Third, loyalty has lost a tremendous amount of ground on campus. We are all here for the same purposes - and in conjunction with our academic endeavors - we must ban together in spiritual harmony in all our activities we engage in as a community. The loyalty to each other may seem somewhat self-centered, and yet our stay at this institution is in itself a foundation upon which our remaining years will depend. This dependency can be enriched by a strong supportive community which we alone are responsible to create or destroy.

Student organizations such as SCC can solidify this loyalty among our fold effectively. However, we must be willing and able to act and react positively to the challenges which face each and everyone of us. We must be loyal to the convictions of preserving that which has the ability to unite us in our common bonds of fellowship and faith. The SCC members (officers) would do well to ponder upon this more carefully. We, as the general assembly of Seminarrians must reflect upon our own intensity of concern and do something about it!

We have an organization which can do so much - yet there is much to do in lubricating this machine to make it run smoothly - that we must roll up our sleeves and begin the task immediately.

I admit I speak out of ignorance for I know little of what intricate mechanisms are involved in the body of either group; yet I fear that some would feign to act out of ignorance. And thus, my guilt in making such a speech, quickly subsides.

**BEEN**

Rich Luh

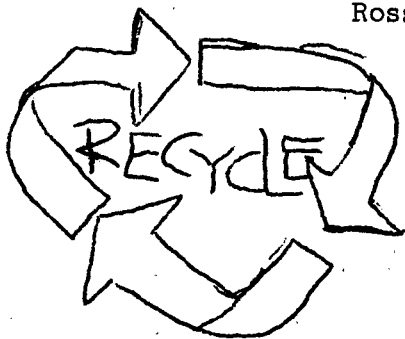
The Seminarrian staff wishes to report that the material on grades (Why have them? How seriously do students and faculty take them? Is the idea of grading in conflict with Christian ideologies? etc.) is still in process. (Apparently "process" is the thing to be in these days!) Next issue ...

the ed.s

## RECYCLING

Recycling will now include glass and aluminum along with paper. Two appropriately marked metal garbage cans will be found in the Quad Pavilion. We need your cooperation in being responsible stewards of your natural resources. Please separate aluminum and glass products (cans, pie plates, foil, jars, bottles, etc.) from your trash and place them in these two receptacles. They will be taken to the L.E.A.F. Recycling Center (at the last red light on the Harrisburg Pike before Rt. 30) the first and third Saturday of each month along with the paper.

Ross Reidner



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## COMP, GRADES AND YOU...

The educational Affairs Committee of COMP urges those Seminarians and faculty or staff concerned by questions about grades and course requirements to join in a discussion over lunch. We will meet at 12:00 Monday, February 21, in the Refectory. Buy or bring a brown bag and spend an hour sharing your opinions and suggestions.

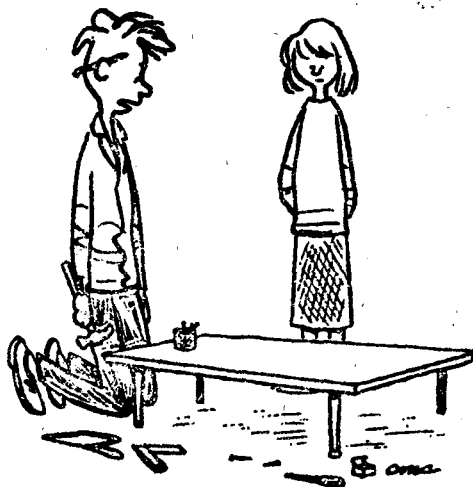
Ben Martindale

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## HELP WANTED

All students who are working with youth, or who are interested in youth ministry, are invited to attend a brainstorming session on February 23rd. at 11:00 am in the C.P.D. I am interested in your ideas regarding youth materials that should be available in the center, and services we might offer. I would appreciate the opportunity to share with you!

Sharonn Halderman



"It started out to be a Ping-Pong table for the Youth group, but somehow along the line it turned into a coffee table for the Woman's Missionary Society!"



"And then I thought I'd conclude with an illustration of how important it is not to hide your light under a bushel!"

## THE "PROCESS"

I have received a petition from eight Seminarians to offer next year a seminar in the thought of Alfred North Whitehead. Whitehead is foundational for the contemporary movement known as Process Theology. The Educational Affairs Committee has recommended to the faculty inclusion of this seminar in the curriculum for the Spring term, 1978.

I support this petition because of personal investment in the subject and respect for the interest demonstrated in the petition. To offer such a course, however, requires some changes in other theology course offerings. I am therefore soliciting student response to the following proposed changes in theology course offerings:

(1) Drop TH 221, "Spirit, Church and Ministry," scheduled for next Fall;  
(2) Shift TH232, "God and Human Suffering," from Spring, 1978, to Fall, 1977;  
(3) add TH 237, "Seminar in Contemporary Theology: Whitehead," to the Spring, 1978, offerings; (4) repeat TH240, "Process Theology" (1 credit) during one week of the January term. TH221, the course to be dropped in this proposal, focuses on the nature of the Church and especially on theology of ministry, lay and ordained. Discussion with faculty indicates that TH 221 duplicates material already covered at other points in the curriculum.

Before presenting these changes to the faculty, however, I wish to give opportunity for Seminarians desiring to elect TH221 next Fall to register their interest, and similarly for any who would be inconvenienced by the switch of TH232 from Spring to Fall Term. Such response should be made to me within the next two weeks, preferably in the form of a brief written note.

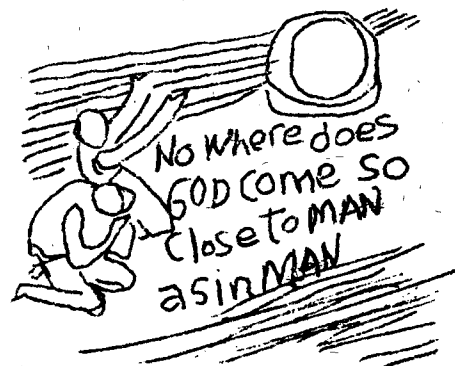
RICHARD F. VIETH

LORD I CAN TRY ME.

BACK ME UP, LORD



To Live is To  
Dance. To Dance  
is To Live!



No where does  
GOD come so  
close to MAN  
as in MAN