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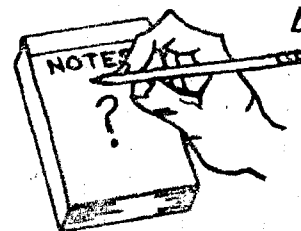
S O I

In recent weeks many people have been raising questions with many people regarding the functions of the Society of Inquiry. It would appear that there is enough confusion about the Society to merit some sort of statement.

Perhaps the first thing which needs to be said lies in an historical stream. For years the SOI was a massive organization with as many as eight commissions functioning in various areas (campus affairs, worship, spiritual life, outreach, and so forth). At the beginning of each school year, all students were asked (we might even say required) to indicate their choice of the commission on which they would like to work. Thus each commission was furnished with a "list of prospects" for the coming year.

Within the last two years, however, feeling has become quite strong against this huge bureaucracy, and various moves for change have been instituted. During the academic year 1963-64, a study committee was appointed to recommend structural changes for the SOI. Their conclusion was that the bureaucracy had to go. Thus, they recommended that the work of the SOI be done by a central planning committee composed of the elected officers (president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer), the officers of each class, the commission chairmen (appointed by the president--there are three commissions, Social Life, Vital Issues, Spiritual Life), representatives from the Bookstore, choir, and other organizations, as well as a representative from the ASW.

It is under this latter structure that we have been functioning during this year. We need to say that last year's committee threw out the old constitution, and failed to produce a new one. Therefore, our "constitution" for this year has been the set of guidelines which the committee produced. The form of the SOI Executive Committee is that of a representative government--the officers
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**BE SURE TO
MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR**

- Feb. 8 - 8:30 p.m. - Mrs. Charles Fegley: Sex Education in the Church. See page 4.
- Feb. 9 thru 11 - Regional Meeting of the T & C Committees of the Middle Atlantic Conferences of the United Church of Christ will be held on this campus.
- Feb. 10 - 10:00 a.m. - CHAPEL: Dr. Wallace Fisher. Dr. Fisher is pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, here in Lancaster. He is the author of the forthcoming book "Tradition to Mission," and is interested in renewal: both urban and parish.
- Feb. 12 - 7:00 a.m. - Holy Communion.
Liturgist: Robert Masenheimer
Preacher: Glen Rader
- Feb. 17 - 10:00 - CHAPEL
The Rev. Clayton Moyer. Mr. Moyer is pastor of Trinity UCC, Waynesboro. He is a graduate of Lancaster Seminary.
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EDITORIAL

Law is important to the Christian who recognizes that man, left to himself, will decide questions in his own favor and possibly to the detriment of others. Rules, codes, and other forms of discipline must be respected since they are instituted for the benefit of the total group. Given the Christian perspective of this campus, it would seem that the above presupposition would be held by those who reside here. On the other hand observation of the conditions which exist tends to show a disregard and disrespect for law.

Parking regulations have been drawn up for this campus to insure an orderly method of using those available spaces. Flagrant violation of these regulations by the students causes one to wonder whether these future pastors can ever exhort their parishioners to a life of self-discipline with a clear conscience. A strict enforcement of these regulations might help to remind the students that they are obligated to obey them. The recent notice stating that stricter enforcement would ensue evidently can be filed in File 13 as irrelevant.

A complete disregard for the rules of Richards Hall by many F & M students is evidently a result of LTS's neglect in enforcing them. Self-discipline by the seminary students would help to restore some respect by the F & M students, and thereby reduce those conditions which would tend to bring disfavor upon the seminary.

For the individual driving on the highway who is behind time there is an incentive to speed if he knows that there is no law enforcement official nearby. The threat of punishment causes those who are considering a violation of the law to think twice. If the threat of punishment is removed, then violations tend to become more frequent.

Regulations of any type are useless unless they are enforced. Failure to

restore a regard for law on this campus shows a theological naivete in not seeing sin as "really real."

CALENDER

and has taught at Hood College.

Feb. 19 - 7:00 a.m. - Holy Communion.

Liturgist: Glen Rader

Preacher: Robert Masenheimer

Feb. 24 - 10:00 a.m. - CHAPEL

Mr. Kent Smith. Mr. Smith is the new chaplain at Lancaster General Hospital. He teaches in the STM program, and will be responsible for a clinical training program at the hospital this summer.

Feb. 26 - 7:00 a.m. - Holy Communion.

Liturgist: Theodore L. Trost

Preacher: George Geisler

March 3 - 10:00 a.m. - CHAPEL

Mr. Alexander Stephens. Mr. Stephens is pastor of Bethel AME Church, Lancaster. He is President of the local chapter of NAACP and a leader in the local civil right movement.

March 5 - 7:00 a.m. - Holy Communion.

Liturgist: Reynold Ziegler

Preacher: Robert V. Moss, Jr.

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Editor's Note: Many times we, as students, fail to note that our professors are involved in far more than lecturing to us. Some of their "extra-curricular" activities are well known, others are not. The Seminarian will print, from time to time, articles of interest to the students concerning the activities of our professors in their larger fields of endeavor.

The 100th Meeting of the
Society of Biblical Literature
--Donald M.C. Englert

Thirty years ago, when I was a rural pastor interested in biblical studies, I joined the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis. Since then I have attended the annual meetings in New York and elsewhere and have served as Treasurer of the Society from 1947 to 1952. At first, Union Seminary (and occasionally Jewish Theological Seminary across Broadway) was our host. This year we had to meet in the Assembly Hall of Riverside Church, which holds 800 comfortably. Since 2/3 to 3/4 of the 2,000 plus members live along the eastern seaboard, and meeting in New York necessitates travel problems for midwest and far west members, it is now agreed that one meeting in four will be held outside New York. Next year's meetings will be held on the campus of Vanderbilt University.

On December 28-30, the 100th meeting was held. Since the Society was founded in 1880, someone with a mathematical bent of mind can figure out when the policy of meeting twice a year was discontinued. For this year's anniversary occasion a special program was devised. Instead of opening the program to any member's paper (screened, of course, by a committee) a committee of three was appointed to invite papers from outstanding scholars. The Committee was composed of Samuel Sandmel of Hebrew Union, J. Philip Hyatt of Vanderbilt, and a Roman Catholic scholar whose name escapes me.

The Result of their labors was a program of nine subjects (5 in Old Testament and 4 in New Testament) with the main paper by an outstanding scholar in this country. I have persuaded the Editor to let me write on the 5 sessions in

Old Testament and give "equal time" to my colleague, Dr. Achtemeier, for the New Testament subjects.

"Method in the study of early Hebrew history" was the subject of the session addressed by Roland de Vaux who heads the Dominican Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem. A response was given by George Mendenhall of Michigan whose work of the Hittite covenant treaties is well-known and another by Moshe Greenberg of the University of whose work "Habiru/Apiru" is the definitive work on the subject.

I had heard Father de Vaux in Strasbourg, France in 1956 at the International Congress for the Study of the Old Testament. At that time he spoke in French and made a striking appearance in his creamy white robe and luxuriant black beard. He smoked his cigarette to the last bit and I momentarily expected the foliage to burst into flame! This time he spoke in English, was dressed in the sober clerical dress of an American priest and his beard was gray.

His main thesis, enunciated in his monumental "Ancient Israel," was that the book of Joshua is silent about Lachish, Debir, and Bethel, of which archaeological evidence has given a great deal of information, while Joshua reports the capture of Jericho and Ai, of which archaeology has found, so far, no corroboratory evidence. He wondered out loud whether there ever was a conquest such as Joshua describes!

"The role of the cult in old Israel" brought Arvid Kapelrud of Oslo to the podium, with responses by Bruce Vawter, author of "The Conscience of Israel," and by Herbert G. May of Oberlin, one of the co-editors of the Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible. Although a Scandinavian, Kapelrud did not over-emphasize the role of the cult as the other

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THE CHURCH'S PLACE IN SEX EDUCATION

Sex seems to have gained a place among the concerns and conversations of this age in unprecedented ways. The "Sex Revolution," the "New Morality," unhealthy attitudes of youth toward sex, high school dropouts due to pregnancy; these things and more threaten our basic traditional beliefs of "right and "wrong." Even the Church is taking a new look at itself in this issue.

With this revolution has come a place for conversation about sex that is not limited to cloak rooms and street corners for our young people. With this new, intelligent, open, and constructive approach to sex, we can rejoice that there may be hope of an end to unhealthy attitudes and the resulting conduct.

Mrs. Charles Fegley came to the attention of the program committee of ASW because she has ventured into what is still a pioneer endeavor: proper sex education for today's teen-agers. At St. Andrews United Church of Christ here in Lancaster, Mrs. Fegley is instructing classes for youth in sex education. These classes, her methods of teaching, and the response of the youth and their parents will be shared with the Seminary community by Mrs. Fegley on Monday evening, February 8. At 8:00 a worship service will be held in the chapel and Mrs. Fegley will speak at 8:30.

Mrs. Fegley is a qualified special education teacher. She has done undergraduate work at Millersville and graduate work at Temple University. Previously a teacher in the Cocalico Union Schools, Mrs. Fegley is now a guidance counselor at Manheim Township High School. At St. Andrews Church, she is a teacher in the adult Sunday Church school department and serves on the Christian Education

Committee. Because of her great interest in the welfare of youth, Mrs. Fegley conducted the "You" classes at her church for junior and senior high school age youth, stressing the physical, mental, and spiritual aspects which make up a teen-ager. An average of about 36-38 youth attend these weekly classes.

ROLE OF A PASTOR'S WIFE

Barbara Weller, wife of Armand Weller, Lancaster, '64, will visit the campus on Tuesday, February 16. Virginia Thomas, 545 North Pine Street, will be hostess to the women who wish to meet with Barbara and discuss her experiences of one year as a pastor's wife. There are areas in which Barbara feels her experience is inadequate because of her newness to the parish. Even so, we anticipate hearing of such things as her concern for Lay, Life and Work, her talks to women's groups, and about the other roles she has filled, and her initial feelings upon meeting and getting to know a first congregation.

FREE FILMS ON SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Anyone interested in a catalogue of available films that are put out by the Pa. Department of Public Welfare for use in dealing with areas of social concern should contact Marian Schweitzer. Any student (or wife) who plans programs, whether for youth or adults, will find a variety of topics on most social subjects is available from this source. Some examples are: "Is This Love"(preparation for marriage),

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The 100th Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature.

members of that "school" do.

The pattern was changed for the next session: two separate papers were given on two aspects of the same problem. James Muilenburg, formerly of Union, now retired, but teaching at San Francisco Seminary, gave a major presentation on prophecy and Stanley Frost of McGill University, author of "Patriarchs and Prophets" gave one on apocalypse. Muilenburg stressed how little we know about the prophetic movement and how many other prophets there may well have been whose sayings and/or writings never got in the Canon.

Krister Standhjal of Harvard made a major presentation on "Method in the study of Biblical Theology." Here he reiterated what he had said so strongly in his article for the Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible; that the Biblical theologians need to take into account, more than they do, the other parts of Biblical studies, namely linguistics, textual criticism, literary criticism and archaeology. Joseph Sittler was scheduled to respond but could not attend. Avery Dulles, S.J., of Woodstock College, did.

The last formal presentation was to be in the form of three major papers on Biblical Archaeology: "The future of Biblical studies" by Nelson Glueck of Hebrew Union, the famous explorer of Trans-Jordan and the Negeb. Unfortunately he was not able to attend. The other two were: "Biblical Languages" by David H. Freedman, formerly of Pittsburgh, now at San Francisco Seminary, and "Culture History" by James B. Pritchard of the University. Both are proteges of W.F. Albright, the dean of American Biblical Scholars, who strangely enough was not represented there by his former students. Pritchard pointed out that at only two places in the history of the ancient near east were there violent disruptions of the

cultural history: at 2100 B.C. with the eruption of the Amurru (the Biblical Amorites) and around 1200 B.C. with the arrival of the Sea Peoples (the Biblical Philistines). Thus he seemed to agree with De Vaux that Joshua is not our best source for the reconstruction of the events of 1300-1200 B.C.

Mendenhall's theory is that the Conquest was merely a socio-economic upheaval between two groups of the same ethnic strain: Canaanites and Israelites.

A banquet was held one night at which the main speaker was the President of Duke University, Dr. Knight. He was an English Literature major so he told us it was the better part of wisdom, in the presence of so many authorities, to speak of the use of the Bible made by Dante and Milton. Henry J. Cadbury, the dean of American New Testament scholars, spoke in reminiscence of his long years with the Society, although he was quick to point out that he did not attend the first meeting in 1880.

As Lancaster's representative on the Corporation of the American School of Oriental Research, I attended its meeting. President Detwiler of Cornell told us of the new role that the School in Jerusalem is being called on to play. Our State Department has earmarked a million or two to bolster Jordan's shaky economy by attempts to build up its potential for tourist trade. At first the Jordanian army was put to work to improve and enhance the many archaeological sites in that country. Later more expert hands were brought in and better things resulted. One of the places to which access roads are going to be built is the Qumran area. Cave Four will probably be the one fired up for tourists, especially for their safety. He told us that one unwary tourist, backing up to the cave's entrance to get a better picture, backed right over the cliff to his death!

I also attended the annual meeting of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew and the American Textual Criticism Seminar, as well as the joint meeting with the other "child" of the Society of Biblical

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POETRY CORNER

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A STRANGER

In a surrealist world where melted time and
out-stretched arms with no hands demanding alms and
celluloid characters in kaleidoscopic balance
between this world and mine,
They call me stranger and ask me to move on.
Does the traveller know where he is going,
or does he only know where he has been?
WHAT EXISTENTIAL GOD REIGNS IN THIS WORLD?
I am compelled to dance to the drummer's beat though the
Siren sound of a different drummer is sweeter,
Convincing me that reality is to die.

THE STUDENT

I have heard the ceaseless cries of pedantry.
Students solving problems that exist
only in their minds.
When reality is confined to words,
it loses its pathos,
Making classroom solutions pathetic.

THE DWELLING PLACE OF WONDER

Tales of wonder conjured out of childish imagination,
Fantasy of youth born from healthy hallucination,
Early years spark the mind of innocence,
Giving rise to the search for curious wonderments.
Knowledge shatters childhood's looking glass;
A necessary evil by which we pass
Out of the dwelling place of wonder.

---Harry Serio

THE NEW LIBRARY CHALLENGE PROGRAM

--Richard T. Schellhase

With pledges totalling over 1/3 of the goal set, the Lancaster Seminary Library Challenge Fund is moving its appeal into the second phase of its program.

In Buffalo, N.Y., on February 5 the 19th sectional dinner for ministers and laymen was held. More than 100 people were in attendance at the Buffalo dinner, and total attendance for all the dinners approximated 3,500.

To date we have had report meetings in only half of these areas; follow-up activities are still in process. But already campaign pledges total \$274,870.

We are now engaged in the preliminary steps for the second phase of our program, which we are calling the "All-Church Phase." From now until Easter we are attempting to approach all congregations within the bounds of Penn Central and Penn Southeast Conferences. After Easter we will begin Second Phase activities in Penn West, Penn Northeast and the former Potomac Acting Conference.

Perhaps the most encouraging sign of all is the enthusiastic and generous response of numerous ministers in the "Alumni Phase" of our program. Early in December an Alumni Fund Committee was formed. Francis X. Pirazzini, '51 was appointed General Chairman of the committee and of the campaign among ministers. Other men in charge of the "Alumni Phase" in their respective conferences are Vernon H. Baum '47, John C. Shetler '45, Joseph H. Clem '57, George T. Fitz '21, Grant E. Harrity '49, and Edwin M. Alcorn '46.

These men have Association chairmen working under them, and each Association chairman has a number of ministers assisting him in visiting all U.C.C. ministers within the five conferences in which we are working.

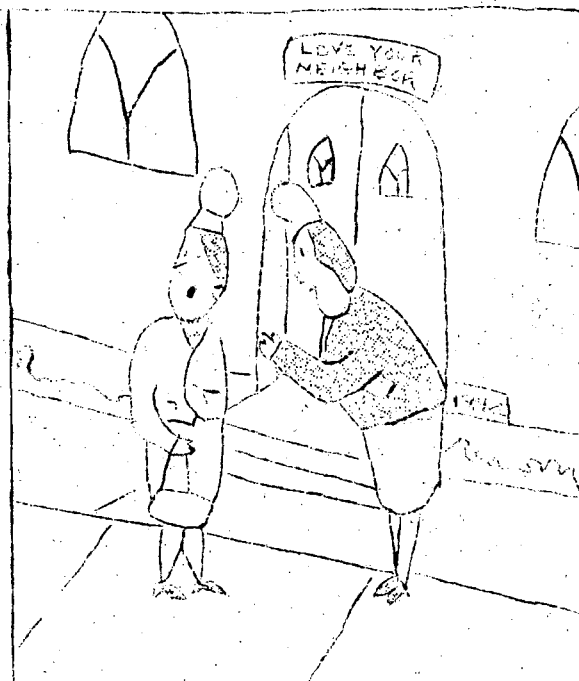
To date 68 pastors are engaged in some activity in this phase of our program,

and more men will participate as the campaign progresses.

The first report from all of these workers will be made at the Alumni Fund Committee meeting on February 15. However, we have already received pledges from 67 ministers totalling \$26,077. This includes 55 alumni who pledges \$19,922, an average gift of \$360.00, and 12 non-alumni who pledged a total of \$6,155, an average gift of \$503.00.

FREE FILMS ON SOCIAL PROBLEMS

"Golden Age," "Getting Along with Parents," "Boy with a Knife," and "Superfluous People" (the "leftover" of society--the aged, handicapped, retarded, etc.) Films are 12 to 60 minutes in length. Discussion guides are available with some films.



"I won't go into all the details about Mrs. Nogood--in fact, I've already told you more about it than I heard myself!"

LTS STUDENTS ATTEND SEMINAR AT UN

Forty-one persons from Lancaster Seminary spent last Friday and Saturday in New York City at a seminar on the UN conducted by the Church Center at the United Nations. Those who attended obtained an inside view of the UN from some of the people who are active in its operation.

Our delegation arrived at the Church Center just in time for the opening worship and a few words of introduction. The chapel in the Center is of the newest architectural design. Cement with three inch thick stained glass is the composition of the front wall. In the front is a table-altar surrounded by a communion rail and kneeling cushions. On three sides of this are seated the congregation.

Proximity is one attribute of the location since the Church Center is located directly across the street from the UN. The Church Center houses representatives of several churches including the Methodist, Presbyterian, American Baptist, and United Church of Christ. Its main purposes are to provide information to persons within the church about the UN, and to provide an information exchange between the church and the UN itself. The latter is the more significant since it means that the church has a lobbyist at the UN which can make it known when necessary.

Hammaraskjold Library was the setting for the first two meetings of the day. Dr. Leo Malania, who is the Chief Editor of the UN, a member of the Executive Office of the Secretary General, introduced the group to the UN charter, which is the constant companion of UN personnel. A phrase in the preamble was pointed out by Mr. Malania: "The UN is to assert the worth of the individual person." This undefinable idea he stated as the bedrock ideal of the UN. Mr. Malania illustrated how important this idea is, for he conveyed humility, sincerity and dedication to his job under that charter. Attention was called to the spirit of peace as

expressed in Isaiah where he says that men shall beat their spears into plows. This phrase from Isaiah appears into plows. This phrase from Isaiah appears at several locations in the UN, even on a Russian statue there. Mr. Malania had asked a Russian representative where this phrase originated and was told that it was a very fine old Russian proverb. His comment was that there may be hope after all.

The next speaker was from the new (1960) African nation of Sierra Leone. Coeleridge Taylor is assistant to the ambassador of that state. He made several enlightening statements about the small nations in the UN. Neutrality is a position maintained by many of the small nations not to play both ends against the middle, but rather as the position most productive of peace. His country tries not to accept foreign aid from any country since there are almost always political strings attached. For the sake of the money, the nation could easily sacrifice some of its freedom. His country, like others of the Independent block, prefers to work for free trade, an equal place and price for its goods on the world market; by so doing they can help themselves.

The small nations have a definite contribution to make to the UN. Besides contributing their dues, they influence the UN in many ways. They are the hot spots in the world today and therefore need to be in the UN.

Actually, said Mr. Taylor, the large nations have more at stake than the small nations in the UN. The small nations can express their voice with equality in other organizations of nations (OAU). The big nations will lose more than a place to assert their influence. If the UN efforts fail, it will be the big nations which will be destroyed.

A vote on the current dues issue with Russia and other countries was pending, which since has been postponed. Mr. Taylor hoped that there would be no vote

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SOCIAL ACTION



CONSTRUCTIVE DETENTION

In connection with the involvement project in Dr. Fackre's Ethics class, some of the students visited Barnes Hall, the youth detention home for Lancaster County. The Director, Mr. Thomas Hick expressed to the students the desire to give these young people some constructive experiences that would be more than busy work designed to fill up time; that the youth might participate in activities of learning, inspiration, or at least in something of a creative, positive nature. With these concerns in mind, the students visited at the home, sharing with the young people a recreational program and teaching art and crafts.

The students afterward reviewed and evaluated their experiences, and it was evident that there was a flow of benefit in two directions. First, it was felt that this project of involvement had at least some meaning for the young people at the home. And second, the project was of value to the Seminary students as well.

For the young people, participation in recreation and in art and crafts may have helped lay a small foundation toward possible new interests after they leave Barnes Hall. Robert Lee points out that one of the major problems of juvenile delinquency is boredom. "Boredom is associated with the sense of life's meaninglessness, emptiness, and pointlessness--too much time filled with nothingness." Young people today have time on their hands and do not know what to do with it. During one of the recreational periods, one of the boys at the home said that he had stolen fourteen cars just for the "kicks it gave him." Involvement in recreational games and sports, learning creative art and crafts may give these young people new insights for more constructive leisure in the future.

Through personal conversation with the boys and girls and by showing concern for their thoughts and feelings, the students attempted to convey their interest in the young people, to let them know they were accepted as persons.

The students tried to encourage the young people's hope for the future, transmitting by words and attitudes that there is a possibility for a positive future. As the youth expressed themselves in games, in art and crafts, the Seminary students sought to help them develop a sense of identity and accomplishment.

One must recognize, however, that regardless of the help these young people may have received, assistance such as this does not solve the basic problems, or eliminate the fundamental reasons why these young people are at Barnes Hall. But it is at this point that the project was helpful to the Seminary students. For it helped them look behind the scenes and grasp some of the original causes for the problems of these young people: the fragmentation of family life because both parents find it necessary to work in order to provide the necessities of life for the family; the lack of education and job opportunities due to prejudice resulting in school drop-outs--young people with nothing constructive to do with their time and with their potential, hidden talents.

This project brought into focus these cancerous problems which strike at the very heart of the life of a community and of family life, these problems must be solved if these young people who come to Barnes Hall are to grow as persons in relationship to others, and as responsible citizens.

Finally, this involvement was an aid in learning of the work of one service agency in the city and county, and perhaps a similar institution might be something to work toward in other communities.

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of the various classes should be reporting to the classes the doings of the Executive Committee. This applies equally to the representatives from the ASW and the Seminary Council.

What the plan of proposed organization attempted to do was to place all of the organizations which function at LTS within the context of the SOI in order that there might be coordination of planning, and fewer meetings to add burdens to an already overcrowded schedule.

The meetings of the Executive Council are open to anyone who is interested, and they are announced in advance in the weekly Seminary bulletin, so that anyone who would like to attend has that opportunity. The Council meets "occasionally," when the need arises for a meeting. It does not meet simply for the sake of saying, "We had a meeting."

What does the SOI do? Many things. Below is a list of the work which is engaging the SOI this year.

Planning for the Freedom School
Setting up a Benevolent Budget for the year.

Arranging for Lenten Services for the Seminary Community.

Supplying Long's Home (worship services for the aged residents).

Maintaining the chapel (paraments), candles, etc.)

Sponsoring various all-Seminary events (e.g. the Halloween party, Christmas banquet).

Seeking speakers on various issues of interest to the Seminary.

Coordinating plans of the various organizations (e.g. a workshop, still in the planning stage, on worship sponsored jointly by the SOI and the ASW).

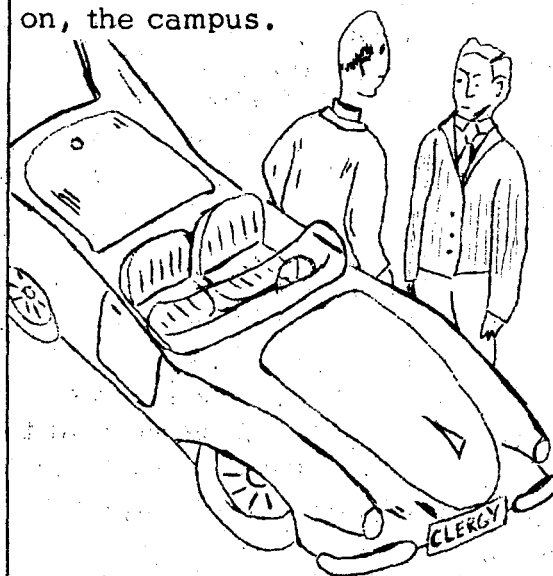
Taking charge of scheduling events on the Seminary calendar.

Perhaps the most important work which is going on this year is going on almost in private, however. A committee has been appointed to evaluate the SOI, to seek to

determine its goals and purposes, and to propose a structure and constitution which is tailored to these goals. Within this committee, various questions have been raised with regard to the real need for a group like the SOI on the campus. The group is also considering ways in which the SOI can promote "community" here at LTS through its very structure. When this committee has reached its conclusions, they will be presented to the Executive Committee and to the student body, and a constitution will be written which will seek to embody the best thinking of the committee, the Executive Committee, and the interested students.

Our whole purpose is to lay a foundation for the SOI which will be solid ground upon which future Executive Committees can build without fear for a strong and relevant organization which will serve the best interests of the student body.

The SOI can be nothing more or nothing less than we as students choose to make it. In past years, few of the students have cared enough to make the SOI a vital organization at LTS. It is our hope that in the future the ground work laid this year will help to make the SOI truly relevant to, and a vital organization on, the campus.



Pastor Egghead, that sure was a fine sermon you gave on Self-denial yesterday.

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in the General Assembly where one side or the other would lose. He would like to see the debts cancelled by the creditors and thus prevent a crisis between U.S. and Russia.

After lunch we met in the U.S. Mission to the UN (the embassy to the UN is called a mission). Mr. F.W. Carpenter, Director of News Service, spoke about the U.S. policies at the UN. He stressed that policy is not made there but in Washington; they may suggest policy, not originate it. He spoke from the position of strength of a large nation. On the issue of back money due to the UN by Russia and by others, he made it an issue between the U.S. and Russia. He said that the U.S. will not back down in its demand for the payment of the money. Russia had said they would pay some of it but after a month went by and no payment, they declared they would pay none of it. The U.S. called Russia on the carpet about the issue. A showdown is expected in a few days.

The next speaker addressed us in the Church Center on the missionary concept of the UN. Mr. MacCabe is Program Officer of Public Administration at the UN. He illustrated quite well how Christian morals can influence this essentially non-religious organization. A new program under his administration is, in his view, an example of Christian helpfulness. This program, OPEX, assists under-developed nations get themselves on their feet. Many times as a result of becoming a new nation or because of a lack of human resources essential government posts are vacant. OPEX, the Operational and Executive Committee, tries to obtain a person with that particular skill and send him to that nation. That nation hires and pays the qualified person for the job. The UN has a minimum of influence over these persons. It keeps watch on the person through reports given by the government itself and through local UN representatives.

A variety of types of posts have been filled, such as postmaster general, head of water works, judicial heads, etc. This is one example of how the UN provides for a changing world, creates conditions of stability, peace, and security in the world. The rational for these goals may be found in the Gospel better than anywhere else, MacCabe believes.

Mr. MacCabe put the United State's contribution to the UN in perspective. We are the largest contributor as a nation but Iceland gives the largest contribution per capita. In OPEX, Britain and France outrank the U.S. in contributing trained persons. Mr. MacCabe had a somewhat international objectivity and could thus make one realize that the U.S. is not always the most generous contributor, the only policy maker, or the only correct nation.

The last speaker addressed the group at the Church Center after the evening meal. Dr. Elfan Rees is the European Representative of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, the World Council of Churches. He stressed involvement in the affairs of the world church. Many fine resolutions are passed by the various denominational Christian churches and that is the end of them. The churches and the individuals in them must put these resolutions into action. Many of the problems of Christian concern go unrectified or unheeded. The UN is the place where the church can make itself felt and do some good for the ills of the world.

The seminar was very informative to those who were not so tired from the exam week that they could not pay full attention to the presentations. It tended to be very broadening since the group was addressed by only one American. The other speakers were British, Canadian, and African.

After being dismissed at 8:00 p.m. Friday most persons made good use of their time in New York until the group left for the seminary at 4:00 p.m. Saturday.

--Ralph Dermota

RAMBLING THOUGHTS AND IMPRESSIONS:

To All Who Believe in Fantasy and Reality (or is it just Reality?)

A semester is completed; a semester is beginning.
 On the one hand, United Nations; on the other, Mary Poppins.
 The one, "Single Form;" the other, the bird woman.
 Dag Hammarskjold; Mary Poppins.
 Face to face, representatives of nations; face to face, children
 and parents.

PEACE

The eyes of the city; the eyes of Michael.
 The fading of tall buildings; the fading of kites.
 The bankers within; the bankers within.

CHAOS

The night people; the chimney sweeps.
 Hidden God; Hidden God.
 Impersonal city dwellers; impersonal Mary Poppins.
 Looking backward to Germany; looking forward to England.
 After finals, to get away; after finals, to begin again.

A spoonful of sugar may help the medicine go down; nevertheless,
 it is a fact of some importance that the reality of medicine is
 not diminished in the least.

--Mike Walker

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Kenneth Mitchell has speculated that
 the now worn-out Country-Western, "I
 want to be a Jesus Cowboy on the Holy
 Ghost Corral," will be replaced on the hit-
 parade by a new record carrying two big
 hits: "I'm on a honeymoon with Jesus"
 and "The bells of hell go ting-a-ling,
 where, O death, is thy sting-a-ling."

"DESEGREGATION"

We drove ouah convoy
 Up toward Kasserine.
 The Fok-Wuffs hit us
 An' we hit the dust
 Ouah white Lieutenant wid us.
 Took a dive
 Right in a slit trench.
 Not a man alive
 When we got theah--
 Bof black an' white
 All daid.
 An' Mistah, eve'ry drop of blood
 Was red; plumb red.

--Thomas V. Calkins
 Christian Century