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"THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE"

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CPD CONTROVERSY UN/NECESSARY

With the advent of a new academic year it seemed as though it was "traditional" that we begin with a "hot" controversy of one kind or another. So at the first meeting of the SCC, the Center for Parish Development became the center of controversy, and, in many people's minds, rightly so. The Center has moved into what we have commonly, or variously, called the old Library or the HUB. It is this reporter's wish to assure the whole of the Seminary Community that CPD has not suddenly overrun the HUB and removed it from our midst. It has dressed it up a bit and will certainly be adding some new activities to its roster.

Doug Whiting, Director of the new Center, reassured the SCC and the Community-at-large that the old activities of the HUB would continue as we, the students wished them too. He made it apparent that students were still free to roam in, have a cup of coffee or a Coke, sit and browse, kick our shoes off, whatever it was the we always have done in the HUB would still continue. We are free to use the facilities as we wish, or not to if that is our wish. It was also made plain that it was our prerogative as to whether we become involved in the Center's program or not. We are not being pressured into participation by our use of the building as a Student Center.

So TAKE NOTICE--if you don't use the Center/HUB facilities--it is your fault and your's alone. Come on it and get your feet wet.

T. Mummaw

WHAT'S INDIGESTION???

Plop, plop, fizz, fizz, Oh what a relief it is! Yes, friends, registration is finally over—I think. Well, anyway, for the most part it was indeed an experience I shall never forget! After spending considerable time listening to Professors expound upon the virtues of taking particular courses first; I made the fatal error of pre-planning my schedule. Oh, yes, evil lurks in the confines of the Hafer AV Center: the scene of the Fall, 1976 registration. What happened would have boggled the minds of the Assyrians! What I was instructed on an Orientation went down the Appian Way—now it was an act of playing Nero, while Rome burned. That all there was—a lot of fiddling around! Scramble here, scramble there—I felt like O. J. Simpson trying to run a straight course with a confused line in front of me: cancelled courses; and overcrowding in others. Now it was every person for himself or herself (whatever terminology best suits you). By the time I finished, I was closed out of Refectory 111 and 112; and I can't take Shower 110 until next fall; or is it a course offered every two years?

Nonetheless, I did get registered; for now I am full-time student at Franklin and Marshall majoring in Rhetorical Jiberjaber.

Richard Luh

DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR
COMMONCENTS-COIN
COLLECTORS ARE ON THE PROWL

COUNCIL OF THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

Odds are that if you're reading this article you stand among the world's most richly blessed: most richly blessed intellectually, academically, spiritually, physically, socially, etc., etc. One of the goals of our Seminary education, and of our Christian ministry, is to be aware of the world around us; to be aware of the needs of the people around us. Unfortunately, being tucked away in the affluence and the solitude of the beautiful Pennsylvania Dutch Country, the needs of those beyond our reach is too often beyond the realm of our experience; but they are there nonetheless. I can assure you they are there; ask any one of the participants of this year's Seminar Abroad. One of the best ways, I've discovered, to plug into this world around us, and what part we may be able to play in that world, has been through the United Church Board for World Missions, and, more specifically, through the Council of Theological Students, or CTS. CTS is comprised of representatives from each of the eleven UCC Seminaries in the U.S., and stands as the only official student, and theologically oriented, arm of UCBWM. It is interesting that the only theological input into the UCBWM is through students, but it has proven extremely effective, and students have been able to institute real changes in the mission field of our church in recent years. This year the UCBWM's annual meeting is being held in Salem, MA, October 17-20, and as always, CTS will be there. As always LTS will be there too. We are fortunate, however, this year to not have only one representative at this august meeting, but three highly qualified students from our campus will be attending. Furthermore, two of them are Juniors and one is a middler which means that for the next three years LTS will have a growing strength and voice in the CTS and therefore in UCBWM. In the past, Seniors have held this position, and just about the time they were gaining a grasp of the issues and the problems in the Mission Field, they would graduate leaving a tremendous void. We've really got a chance now to get our foot in the door in the Mission Field, to really make a difference. SCC's appointees, Jeff Hamilton (delegate) and Tim Mummaw, as well as Melinda Miko (who is a Board member of UCBWM) are taking on the responsibility of learning, teaching, getting involved and making a difference. They are our representatives to the CTS and to the UCBWM's annual meeting this year. When they come back they will have an enormous amount of knowledge, and probably commitment to the Mission Field of our church. I sincerely hope that as the year goes on you will seek out Jeff, Melinda, and Tim and get informed, and if you choose, involved. You have one of the finest opportunities to get LTS and yourself involved in the world around you that you will ever have. I hope you'll take advantage of it. I hope you decide to make a difference. Whatever your leanings, whatever your interests, at least take enough time to find out what's going on in the UCBWM and the world around you. It just may change your life and your ministry. It did mine! Praise the Lord.

Your brother in Christ,

Doug Dandridge (outgoing CTS
delegate)

ODE TO METZGER

Little did I realize when, upon that fateful day
I signed up for "Synoptics," how much my mind would sway:
I'm dizzy from the lexicons, the verses and the texts,
and wonder how I ever got in such a horrid mess.

I always thought "concordance" was something like "agreement"
but now I find it weighs five pounds; if that were not the limit!
I knew that exegesis was a subject to avoid,
So I'd shelved it with the others: like politics and Freud.

I like to think that Jesus is someone I should know,
But how did He get buried far beneath this snow
of textual, redaction, form, and source, and worse.
Why, I can't even make it through Matthew's second verse!

Through all of this, I must admit, I have a new respect
for those of you who somehow (how?) understand the text.
The lessons that I'm learning, hard as they may be,
are penitence and patience, and plain humility.

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COUNSELING AVAILABLE

UNITED WAY

If you wish/need to talk things
out with someone, but do not feel at
ease discussing your problem with a
person connected with LTS, you are
invited to Buchanan Hall, Room 19,
at Franklin and Marshall.

Father Hugh Kealy and Rev. Joe
Peacock have made themselves avail-
able for counseling with members of
the Seminary Community.

SEMINARIAN DEADLINE SET

Articles for publication in
the SEMINARIAN should be left in
the Mail Box, (the file cabinet used
for such in the HUB) in the third
drawer from the top marked with
the paper's name. The weekly dead-
line for submission of articles
will be 5:00 p.m. Tuesday. Any art-
icles submitted after that time
will not be printed until the fol-
lowing week.

The Community-at-large is urged
to submit articles expressing your
concerns, interests, etc. Make your
voice heard!

The time has arrived for the
United Way of Lancaster County to
conduct its annual campaign for
funds. Each year at this time an
opportunity is given to each student,
faculty, administration, staff and
organization to contribute to this
agency. By contributing to the
United Way you are helping to sup-
port thirty-eight agencies within
Lancaster County to further the work
being done for the physical and
mental health of the people of this
area. We as a Seminary do not
directly receive funds from this
agency, but many of the individuals
within our community do benefit from
the United Way.

Won't you consider making a con-
tribution to this agency for their
support. For further information or
to make a contribution, please con-
tact Ms. Edna Hafer in the President's
office before October 30th. Let's
show them "We Care."

Charles Hull

Thanks to you it's working...

THE UNITED WAY

WHERE IS THE HUB?

There is quite a bit of confusion as to where the HUB is now located. Let me share with you the discussion which was held at the SCC meeting last Tuesday evening.

The HUB is still located in the same place as always. The Center for Parish Development and the HUB share the same building. Students should feel free to use these facilities whenever they are open (unless otherwise posted).

The new student center in the basement of Richard Hall does not as yet have a name. This will be decided in the future. Also, rules and regulations are being set up for the use of this new center.

If there are any further questions regarding the HUB or the new student center please feel free to contact me or any member of SCC. Thank You.

Charles Hull

Reflecting upon my first month here at Lancaster; I can honestly say that I was and continue to be impressed. The Faculty; fellow Seminarians; F & M Students; and the public in general have really been a great experience for me. I thoroughly look forward to a lasting fellowship in Service with the people involved in the Seminary Community. Both Faculty and fellow Seminarians have demonstrated a true concern for each other in pursuit of the common goals in all our lives: How to be of better service to mankind as upright Christians. I sincerely hope the expressions of fellowship and love for each other can be transfused into society-at-large. This society needs more of it. If this goal can be reached, in some small way, the whole world will benefit.

Rich Luh

It's a New Babby:

Sarah Rose (6lbs. 7 ozs.) to
Ken & Sandy Bitler (9/30/76).
Rebekah Grace (8 lbs. 6 ozs.) to
David & Faith Jongewaard
(9/22/76).

LTS BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

On November 4th and 5th the Board of Trustees of LTS will be on campus for their bi-annual meeting.. Each year an open invitation is given to the student body to attend these meetings.

On November 4th the committees of the Board meet to discuss their respective subjects. The meetings are scheduled from 3:00 to 5:00 and from 6:00 to 7:50 p.m. Students are requested to attend these meetings so their input can be heard. These committees include the Financial Affairs, Seminary Relations, and Resources, and the Committee on Trustees. The Plenary Session of the Board takes place all day Friday the fifth.

If you could and want to attend one, any, or all of these meetings, or would like further information on any of the above committees please contact Charlie Hull immediately.

Believe me, the Board cares about we Seminarians and wants our input. Now let's show them "WE CARE!"

Charlie Hull

AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH JOHN PAYNE CONCERNING THE GENEVA TRIP:

Q: Dr. Payne, How was your trip?

A: Great!!

Q: Would you do it again?

A: Once is enough!

We thank Dr. Payne for his on-the-spot co-operation. Watch for our roving reporters—they're everywhere.

C. U. Later

SCC CONSTITUTION

For those interested in reading the the Seminary Community Council Constitution...a copy is available on the reserve shelf of the Library. Once revised, copies will be available to anyone requesting same.

The Continuing Saga of "Doc" Trine
...D.Din. of the Old West

It is with great difficulty that I embark upon the telling of my story. My life has been long, carrying me today into the 93rd year of existence on this massive globe we call earth. My memories are of pain and pleasure, giving and receiving, of stagnation and renewal. The humongous expanse of my pilgrimage has taken its toll on me for I now have trouble remembering many of the puzzle pieces which make up my being.

Perhaps the most appropriate approach would be for me to tell you some vital and relevant basic fact concerning my personage, and then relate to you my very life's story by sharing with you illustrative pages taken from my diary. In this way, you will, whether you wish to or not, become illuminated by the very light my life has shed on the path of human civilization.

Perchance, we will commence at the beginning...which I hear, by the way, is a very fine place to start.

First, I must explain the socially redeeming value of the name which, like the clinging vines of Tammorla, has clung intensely to me.

I was christianed, not with a champagne bottle, mind you, but with water, Horatio Alexandrinus Huletrine by my parents, Wadsworth and Uppercrustia Huletrine, after having been born in the town dry goods store in North Buckinghamshrapshireostenford, Massachusetts in 1825.

My father, the editor of the town newspaper, was a distinguished member of the First Congregational Church of North Buckinghamshrapshireostenford, where he served as chief usher, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Treasurer, Elder, Deacon, and President of the Sons of the Mayflower. Some very notable citizens I had the occasion to meet during my childhood had the opinion that my father was, to a small degree, active in the affairs of the church.

I must now give you a glimpse of my dear old Mother. But wait!! It does indeed seem that I have gotten myself off the track. Now, let me get back to the subject at hand...the name which graces my personage, and its true derivation...

TO BE CONTINUED

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REPORT OF THE SCC MEETING:

At the October 5, 1976 meeting of the Seminary Community Council the following actions were taken:

- tabled a decision to spend \$150 to purchase a dolly for the Chapel piano

- voted to change the soft drink machine in the HUB to one serving cans to prevent further loss from bottle deposit with the cost of drink's being risen to 30¢/can

- appropriated \$100 to the Association of Seminary Women to continue their programs this academic year

- appointed a committee of the Vice President and all three class representatives to complete the revision of the SCC By-Laws

- voted to purchase a new supply of LTS jackets for sale through the bookstore

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SCC Report (cont.):

-voted to set initial policies for the use of the new Student Lounge in Richard's Hall to the effect that it would be kept locked at all times not in use and that members of the Seminary Community could purchase "usage" rights and/or keys from the HUB chairman at the rate of \$1.00. The key is good for the duration of the user's affiliation with the Seminary. Persons interested in obtaining a key should contact Doug Turner as soon as possible. The Lounge will open for the use of the Seminary Community and their guests.

-Note was made that Father Hugh Kealy and the Rev. Joe Peacock chaplains at F & M were willing to do pastoral counseling for the Seminary Community upon request. Also, that Protestant Worship Services were held at the Campus Center on Sunday evenings and Catholic Mass at 4:30 pm. on Saturday

-voted to donate \$100 to the United Way campaign

-Jeff Hamilton was appointed as the delegate to the Council of Theological Students and Tim Mumaw was invited to attend as a second representative of the LTS community. Travel expenses to the UCBWM and CTS were approved

-Student representatives to the Trustees Meetings were appointed.

-The next meeting was set for November 2, 1976 @ 7:00 p.m. in the new Student Lounge.

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