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REFLECTIONS FROM A WEEK'S CPE

I have been struggling since I came to seminary to integrate art (my own creativity) with my theology. Usually the integration has been forced and theoretical. I have not been satisfied; I have not been on fire; I have not been free.


It took CPE and a group of honest, caring people to help me discover and believe that trusting self is the key to freedom; my self and my creativity are one. Once my self is freed my creativity is freed to be, to risk, care, succeed or fail. In all this I am held and supported by God's grace. The following is part of a struggle - my growing, my becoming. I share these reflections with you.

I realize that knowing the right word to say to a person is really important in counselling. Is that just another question of mastering semantics? My answer to that question is "no" because the communication depends on more than just words; nonverbales are also important. Yet I still see the importance of words and the legitimacy of mastery; in mastery we have freedom to function fully. We are no longer uptight about the words we use (they become second nature to us - part of who we are); they become only instruments that help us care and help our patients. They become the means of zeroing in on the deeper problems. What happens is that we now concentrate on what the center problem is, rather than just how to get there.

I can correlate this with my art experience. I need to know the color, line, texture, design (the basics of art) and need to be master of my drawing before I can freely express my innermost feelings on canvas (or in clay!). If I don't have the mastery

I will become frustrated in the process and maybe never achieve the freedom to create. I'm not discounting the growth that comes from frustration or putting a negative value judgment on it. I'm just acknowledging its presence as part of the struggle for mastery. Mastery is not a stagnant element if we are willing to risk. Art is exciting because there are always new areas to master, new challenges, new rules to break. As I grow I have more freedom and security to risk in the process.

I see now that I have a new media to work with - myself and others. The same kinds of things are true in working with myself and others that are true in art. I can honestly say that I'm downright excited about the risks, realizing that frustration and fear, as well as excitement and joy, are all part of the picture.

Sometimes I feel my thinking and feeling looks like this: not exactly muddled but  circular.

I'd like to share two meaningful things that happened to me on the floor this week:

On Wednesday I wrote in my journal "Today I saw a new born baby only minutes old. It was red with blue feet and still needed to be washed up. I watched the nurses weigh and measure the baby, rub oil on it, clean out its eyes..."

What a shock for that baby to come from the secure, warm womb of its mother to a sterile hospital where all of a sudden three nurses are doing all sorts of things to it. And then to top, or I guess I should say to bottom things off, they put a pampers on it (continued p.4)

HERETIC IN THE HUB

A young man approached his minister one Sunday after church. "Pastor," he said with a look of confusion, "if there is only one Jesus Christ, why are there so many different kinds of Christianity?"

The clergyperson smiled a fatherly smile "That's a good, honest question, and I really don't know the answer. But let me tell you a story that may clarify things in your mind. Once there were seven blind men in India. They had a friend, a maharaja, who owned an elephant. One day they decided to visit their friend to 'see' the elephant by touching it. The first blind man reached out and grasped the animal's ear. 'A-ha,' he said to himself, 'an elephant is just like a palm leaf.' The second took hold of a leg, saying, 'The elephant is like the trunk of a tree.' The third grasped his trunk and the fourth his tail, saying to themselves that an elephant is like a hose and a rope. The fifth touched his side and thought him like a wall. The sixth, his tusks. The seventh, his tongue. Well, afterward they got together and matched notes, and a great fight ensued. One claimed that elephants are like a leaf, another like a wall, still another like a rope--they were about to come to blows. Suddenly, the Maharaja spoke up and said, 'You are all right, in a sense, for each of you has perceived a portion of the truth. The elephant is like a tree, a rope, a leaf, a wall, a hose, and more. You are all partially right, and yet all partially wrong.'" The pastor smiled, "Now," he concluded, "the elephant is Christ, we are the blind men, and the Holy Spirit is the maharaja. We all claim to have the correct knowledge of Him, but all see just a part of his true majesty. After all, there is only one God."

The young man shook his head, still confused. "Pastor, if there is only one God, then why are there so many different religions?"

-- Tom Schreck

DANCE WORKSHOP

The Resource Center will be having a dance workshop on Saturday, November 22. The workshop will be located in the Hafer Center of Lancaster Theological Seminary. The time is 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The cost is \$1.00 for the entire day.

DANCE WORKSHOP CONT.

If you are interested in attending please fill in the following form and return it to Mary Alice Butkofsky as soon as possible.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Dance Workshop - November 22, 1975

OPPORTUNITIES IN MILLERSVILLE

SNC All-Purpose Room, Monday, 8 P.M. across from Goldineer Dining Hall on George Street (past intersection of George and Frederick) will present "The Spirit of Freedom." The main presentation is Freedom in China by Elvin Byler. Then on the same program "The Spirit of Freedom" presented by Readers Theatre: readings from "The Diary of Ann Frank", D.H. Lawrence, Albert Camus, Simone de Beauvoir, Dostoyevsky and others.

Come out for a significant evening and bring your friends.

Alice Zimmerman

ART CLASSES

Don't forget the classes in art sponsored by the Resource Center. The pottery class meets Tuesdays at 4:00 - 5:00 and the woodworking class meets also on Tuesdays from 4-5. Everyone is invited to come and create!!!

Alice Zimmerman

PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS

FUND

Mrs. Madeleine Thompson of the Presbyterian Ministers Fund will be on campus-wed., Nov., 19, in the Hub.

A reminder: Father Walsh's slide presentation on the "Holy Land" is Wednesday, November 19 at 7:30 in the Hafer Center.

Please note also that the Craft Night previously scheduled for the 19th will be held Tuesday, November 18 at 7:30 in the downstairs of the Hub.

We look forward to seeing you at the slide show and the Craft Night. SS invites the entire Seminary Community to both of these events.

"Thank you" Dianne Moser

ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE TO THE SEMINARY COMMUNITY

AT F&H

Nov. 14 - ARTISTS-IN- CONCERT
Series: Narciso Yepes,
Guitarist - Hensel Hall
at 8:30 P.M.

Nov. 20- PUBLIC LECTURE: Red, White
and Black-the Conflict
of Cultures... Dr. Jim
McLaughlin, Professor of
History, Brown University
Nevin Chapel- 8:00P.M.

ALL MONTH - Fackenthal Library
Exhibit: "Focus on
women" (Mon-Sat, 8AM-
12 midnight; Sun. 1PM-
12 midnight)

Dec. 6 - NORTH MUSEUM PLANETARIUM
SHOW: "The Christmas Star"
(might be good for a youth
group or senior citizens
or family groups) at
3P.M.

BAZAAR

Dubbs Memorial Church at Fifth
and Allen Streets in Allentown is hav-
ing their 17th annual bazaar on Wed.
November 19th, 1975. The time is from
9:30 Am till _____. Holiday gifts

and decorations, attic treasures wood
crafts, aprons, cakes and candies
are some of the booths. While there
visit our restaurant and try our
delicious food. Bring your friends.

Dale Serfass

MUSIC PROGRAMS

The Music department of the
Dubbs Memorial Church of Allentown
announces a special program of events
for the remainder of this year.

Nov. 23 at 9:15 and 10:45 AM
a bicentennial worship Service-our
Religious Heritage In Song by Robert
Thygerson.

December 20-24 inclusive at 8:00
PM- Christmas 1775 and "The Nativity"
featuring the choirs with a dramatic
presentation and song. The two
selections will be Christmas is Coming
by Siegmaster and Wheeler plus The
Song of Christmas by Ringwald, a Fred
Haring presentation. General seating
area is free, reserved sections \$2.50
This refers only to the Christmas
Pageant. See Dale Serfass for tickets
and other information.

Dale Serfass

TENPIN CHATTER

This week in bowling, the high
game by Dale was beaten by D. Bechard.
He rolled a fantastic game of 219.
Bechard also took over the high 3
game series, which now stands at 525
Englert is gaining ground on Serfass
in the standings. Chris fell into a
slump but she'll pick up next week.
The standings for the top bowlers
are: A. MANN-158.22, D. BECHARD-152.1,
T. WEBSTER- 146.5, D. SERPASS- 138.29,
D. ENGLERT- 137.85, D. KIRK- 133.75
and T. VILLARREAL-133.73.

CHAPEL

REMEMBER CHAPEL IS EVERYONE'S

WHEN HITLER GOT TO HEAVEN

When Hitler got to heaven and
learned what he had been
he sat him down beneath a tree
and cried for all his sin.
He weeped and wailed for all the
souls he'd tortured down below
The hell on earth he'd brought to
men
the evil seeds he sowed.

Then looking up and sure to see
the wrathful eyes of God
he saw instead around the tree
a smiling, radiant crowd.
"Do you come to judge me and fling
my soul to hell?
If so, please do it quickly"
the sooner that I've fell
into the flaming sulfur
the sooner I will be
In awful fires of punishment
Then suffering I'll be free
of all the anguished memories
burning inside me."

A member of the shining group said,
"You don't realize that all your
evils's past
There is no fiery pit in which the
souls of men are cast.
You suffered in your former life by
being what you were,
And now that life is ended
there'll be no evil here."

"But how can I live with myself
if I'm not made to pay?"
"By joining us, your victims, who
forgave your deeds this day.
Evil is a sickness, we shall not
torture you
Accept our love, and love us back
For God loves even you."

When Hitler got to heaven, he heard
no voice of doom just softly spoken
welcomes in a place with growing
room.

Tom Schreck

CONGRATULATIONS TO BARB AND CRAIG ON THE BIRTH
OF THEIR FIRST SON - ANDREW ALDEN !!

REFLECTIONS CONT.

and introduced it to our sterile, dis-
posable society. I see a contradic-
tion - something so tiny and real -
a human being who isn't - can't be
disposable in a disposable world!

This was one of the most moving
things I have experienced - the mir-
acle of life!"

On Wednesday afternoon I went up
to the children's floor with rabbit
(a puppet) close by. He really helped
with the kids by asking them all sorts
of questions including the most import-
ant one - "Do you like carrots?" Mr.
Rabbit and I went to visit one little
girl who never said one word - she
made one sound. However we communi-
cated through Mr. Rabbit. She petted
him, shook hands with him, let him
get close to her, kissed him; she even
took Mr. Rabbit and put him on hand,
and then I shook hands with him, pet-
ted him, held him close. Never did
she say a word, and yet we were really
together and communicated. I left
feeling uplifted and elated (and so
did Mr. Rabbit because he had made a
friend!).

My only other theological reflec-
tion on this week is that I believe
in transformation and new life.

Alice Zimmerman

A NEW RELEASE

Around December 1st a new edition
of Information & Volunteer Services
of Lancaster County will be released
at a cost of \$3.00. They may be pick-
ed up at their offices at 630 Janet
Ave., Lancaster. They ask that you
stop and pick up a copy as they prefer
not to mail them. In the past, I have
found this type of publication to be
a valuable resource book for the
student, pastor, and counselor.

Jim Garner



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communicator 151:8

World Board Meeting

About 350 persons are registered for the Board for World Ministries Meeting! Almost every nook and corner of our campus will be used for a family group meeting, a display or something! The Hub will become a "Drop-In Center".

Please join in the plenary sessions in Hensel Hall whenever you want to. If any of you want to register to attend the extended sessions and family groups, please check with Helen Gress before 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

Dorothy Book

Office of the Librarian

The United Church Board for World Ministries will be meeting in the Philip Schaff Library, November 14-19, Friday afternoon through Wednesday afternoon in connection with their 166th Annual Meeting in Lancaster.

LIMITED LIBRARY SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SEMINARIANS AND OTHER PATRONS DURING THIS PERIOD EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

* * LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL PATRONS EXCEPT UCBWM DELEGATES WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19 FROM 12:00 NOON TILL 2:00 P.M.

* * EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL PATRONS AND RESEARCHERS MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17-19.

(1) Christian Ministry in the National Parks

Christian Ministry in the National Parks is looking for seminarians. If you are interested in an unusual summer ministry, there is a chance for you to find out about it next week. A Christian Ministry in the National Parks is looking for 175 seminary students to help with leading worship and coordinating ministry activities in national parks all over the United States next Summer. Students not only work in the ministry but are employed as worker-priests and have a full-time job with either a park company or with the National Park Service. David Miller served in the Yellowstone National Park last summer along with his wife and could give you more information about it.

The Rev. John Schmidt, assistant director of this ecumenical program recognized by over forty denominations, will visit Lancaster Seminary on Tuesday, November 18th. Watch for signs advertising a presentation of the program which he will give in the classroom area near Mr. Kroehler's office and if you are particularly interested, sign up for an interview with him on that evening. For more information, see David Miller or Allen Kroehler.

Allen Kroehler

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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(2) ASW

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Please note that the Craft night previously scheduled for the 19th will be held on Nov. 18. This week we will be making Burlap Flowers. Again, we look forward to seeing you there. Thank you.

Dianne Moser

SENIORS

Assistant Minister opportunity at Dubbs Memorial U.C.C. Church, Allentown. November 20 is the deadline for expression of interest. Stop in at CPDM office for copy of descriptive letter.

Thomas E. Brown

House for Rent

Large rancher - 3 bedroom - West Lancaster 3 miles from Campus. Rent \$200.00 a month plus utilities. Available January 1 for five to seven months. Completely furnished and equipped. Call:

Gordon Wickstrom
1937 Temple Avenue
393-9582

Please note the following changes in the Student Directory 1975-76:

M.Div. - Margaret Clark - phone number should be 299-6935

M.A.R. - Nancy Johnston - address and phone should be: 618 Spruce St.
Reading, Pa. 19602
215-376-3260

S.T.M. - Mary Ruth Allis - phone number should be 393-7669

Nancy Norris

Chapel Services

Due to the meetings of the U.C.B.W.M., there will be no Chapel services on campus Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. We urge you to attend the worship services being held in Hensel Hall in connection with these meetings. Check your schedule.

Mike Iski
The Spiritual Life Committee