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## MORE MUSIC AND POETRY - TOGETHER

Last week we published the first of three poems by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, narrated to music by David Englert. Here is the second.

### "The Puppy"

In our back yard a boy keeps his little dog Sharik chained up  
A little ball of fluff, shackled since he was a puppy.  
One day I took him some chicken bones that were still warm and smelled delicious.  
The boy had just let the poor dog off his lead to have a run around the yard.  
The snow was deep and feathery. Sharik was bounding about like a hare, first on his hind legs, then on his front ones.  
From one corner of the yard to the other one, back and forth burying his muzzle in the snow.  
He ran toward me, his coat all shaggy, jumped up at me, smelled the bones.  
Then he went off again, belly deep in the snow.  
"I don't want your bones," he said, "I want my freedom."

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## INSTALLATION

The ASW will install their new officers on Monday, May 5, at 7:30 in the Chapel. Dorothy Book will conduct the services. Everyone is asked to bring a candle.

## EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

At the first meeting of the newly formed Educational Development Committee on April 23, a lengthy discussion centered around the concern of some "conservative" students that their biblical and theological positions are not respected by some faculty in some instances. The committee is trying to deal with all the issues involved to reach an intelligent position on the matter. Therefore, at its next meeting, May 7, at 3:30, it is devoting the first 45 minutes to a "hearing". All "conservative" students who are concerned with and wish to speak to this matter are invited to come and voice your views. We hope you will come.

- Larry Hemsley, convenor

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## EARLY MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Since we won't be here for Memorial Day on May 30, I feel we ought to have a special chapel service commemorating this day. So, on May 7, the chapel service will be geared to the observance of Memorial Day. Due to the length of the service planned, Mr. McConnell will start playing the prelude shortly after the chapel bell rings. This will be in the vicinity of 9:20 am, and go until 9:50 am.

I'm sure that everyone is looking forward to this service in remembering all those who have died in battle for their country.

- Dale Serfass

## HERETIC IN THE HUB

I want to personally thank all the people who grilled me during the "great debate" over the chaplaincy. (Now sit still--I'm not going to rekindle the flames!) You see, last week I went before the national committee which makes the final decision as to who will and who will not become a Unitarian Universalist minister. They asked me many of the same questions which Fred Barker and others asked, and thanks to the head-scratching and shoulder-shrugging days of the debate, I was able to answer the questions to their satisfaction.

Hold it a minute! I don't mean they agreed with me. They didn't, generally. Nor did they hide the fact that many of our number are dye-in-the-wool pacifists. What they approved of was the fact that I had thought it out and had reasonable answers for their questions. One committeeman came up to me afterward and shook my hand, saying: "I didn't agree with a thing you said, but you had some good points." This is Unitarianism at its best, and I was proud and grateful to be a member of such a denomination.

Too often have we Protestants been prepared to label our adversaries. When someone disagrees with us, he is not just wrong, he is EVIL. The result of this narrowness can be seen in the ethnocentric positions of many Christian groups even to this day.

And why not? If we have the only truth for the salvation of mankind, are we not the chosen ones? Are not all others, then, sons and daughters of the Devil? Is it not our Christian duty to promulgate the Gospel (the one taught at our church building) and to shun evil-doers? "What about all those Hindu's over there?" you ask. Well, there's no excuse. To hell with them all! (A milder approach: "Of course, I would not want to judge the salvation of others...but I know Christ is the only way.")

Let me propose a thoroughly heretical alternative: there is no One Way. There are as many ways as there are wayfarers. God has revealed himself billions of times, in a manner always commensurate with the ability of the human being (who receives the revelation) to understand that revelation. What is the path for you? No one can tell you that. Nor can YOU tell anyone else how to find a righteous God, heaven, Nirvana, the New Jerusalem, etc. No one has ever "saved" anyone--that is left to God alone. And no one can atone for your mistakes but you yourself. Find your path, whatever it may be, and you might find, at the end of the trail, a smiling trio of Jesus, Mohammed, and Zoroaster, who will say to you, "I didn't

## First Prize in the Bake Contest:

### MIKE ISKI'S CHEESE CAKE

Dust a "spring form pan", coated well with butter, with graham cracker crumbs.

- 1 lb small curd cream-style cottage cheese
- 2 8-oz pkgs cream cheese (softened)
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cups sugar
- 4 eggs, slightly beaten
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup corn starch
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp vanilla
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup melted butter or margarine
- 1 pt sour cream

Force cottage cheese through a fine mesh sieve into a large mixing bowl. Add cream cheese. Beat at high speed till well-blended and creamy. Gradually add sugar, then eggs. (NB: the previous step can be done in a blender at high speed, then transferred to a large mixing bowl) Add corn starch, lemon juice, and vanilla. Beat at low speed until blended. Add melted butter and sour cream. Beat at low speed until blended. Pour into pan. Bake in a slow oven (325°) until firm and brown around the edge --- approximately 1 hr 15 min. Turn oven off. DO NOT OPEN OVEN DOOR!! Let cake stand and cool gradually, as the oven cools, about 2-4 hours. Remove from oven and cool completely on a wire rack. Chill in refrigerator before serving. Remove sides of pan. Serves about 12. (NB: If cake cools too quickly, it will crack in several places.

- Thanks, Mike!

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### HUB CHAPEL

Anyone wishing to participate in the May 8th HUB Chapel, contact Jim Moyer by May 5th. All ideas will be appreciated.

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agree with your chosen path, but you got here, and that's what counts. Welcome home."

- Tom Schreck

## MORE THOUGHTS ON THE SEMINAR ABROAD

There have been many questioning the mandatory requirement of the Seminar Abroad in light of its expense in the face of the present world conditions. Our junior class representative, Doug Turner, took a survey of our class, which showed that around two-thirds of the class feel that there should be alternatives to this requirement. The petition circulated this fall shows that this feeling is not limited to this class.

In spite of this, at the meeting held to consider the Seminar, the Dean declared that only the trip itself was being considered, not alternatives. Only a small portion of the class was there, so Doug called for a stop to the complaining, unless we are going to do something. My question is, "Do what?" The survey and the opinions it represents were largely ignored at the meeting, and I seriously doubt whether a greater turnout would have materially changed the proceedings. Aside from that, if in a Christian institution we all have to appear in person to validate what we said in writing, and organize power plays in order to bring about or force change, we need help. Will it really take a sit-in or threat to leave or withhold money by a majority of the student body before responsible options are considered by the administration, faculty, and trustees? I hope not. What does it take to show that change is needed?

I went to see Dean Bricker about alternatives to the Seminar Abroad, and as it stands now, the only way to get out is to prove that it is absolutely impossible financially, regardless of other personal goals or priorities, or to prove that you have already had an equal or better foreign culture experience which included a foreign church. There is a very slim chance of any other alternative being accepted, but a few have been. What the successful few were I could not find out. I asked when you can submit an alternative petition, and was told that that cannot be done until all planning meetings are through and all final arrangements and financial details for the trip are worked out, which will be sometime next year. Those wanting to petition for an alternative (besides being handicapped by being given no idea of what kind of alternatives have been accepted in the past) have no chance to present the petition until their seminary years are over half completed.

I think it is time for a reevaluation of this requirement. Costs have risen over the years since its beginning, from \$200 to about

## MOTHERS' DAY SMORGASBORG

Dubbs Memorial UCC, at 5th and Allen St. in Allentown, is having a Mothers' Day Smorgasborg on May 11. The price is \$3.75 for adults, \$1.50 for children under 12. There will be four settings: 12 PM, 2 PM, 4 PM and 6 PM. The menu includes the following: roast beef, ham, pork, chicken, meat loaf, shrimp, fish sticks, knockwurst and sauerkraut, lasagna, baked beans, sausage and green peppers, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, corn, stringed beans, red beets, relish tray, apple sauce, chow-chow, fruit cup, rolls and butter, coffee, tea, and soda. For dessert you make your own sundae. To make reservations contact Dale Serfass in Richards Hall or phone 392-9439. You don't know what you'll be missing if you don't eat at Dubbs Church on Mother's Day. Make reservations by May 7-8.

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## RECORDS FOR SALE

If anyone would like a recording of the sacred music performed by the combined choirs of Dubbs Memorial UCC in Allentown and St. John's UCC in Slatington, you can get in touch with Dale Serfass. The price of the records is \$3.50 each

Dale Serfass  
Richards Hall

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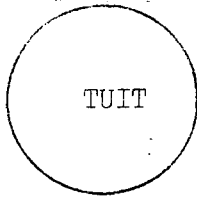
## MANY THANKS

Many thanks to all those who have contributed their efforts and time to helping keep the Hub clean. Perhaps we can increase our own individual efforts by throwing trash in the proper receptacles and by keeping the furniture straight.

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\$500, not counting tuition and heavy subsidy by the seminary. Of course there are benefits to the Seminar, but when do costs outrun benefits? - at \$500, \$600, \$700, \$1000, \$2000? Where is the cutoff point? Are ministers really so handicapped without this experience that they should be denied graduation without it, regardless of cost? Are its proven effects on the parish ministries of LTS graduates that great that expense becomes no object?

- Ross Reider



TUIT

# WHEREISIT?

The whereabouts of a decoupage plaque removed from Peggy Wetzel's Arts Festival display is in question. Anyone having any information concerning this please contact Peg in N-101.

## ONE ROUND TUIT

At long last we have them, and in adequate supply for all readers to have their own! Please cut out and keep yours. GUARD it with your life! Never LOSE it! Don't let anyone take it away from you.

These TUITs have been hard to come by especially these round ones, but now by special arrangements, you have yours. We rejoice because the demand has been so great. Now that they are in hand, most of our problems about attendance and gettings accomplished at the church will be solved. Attendance should double at every service next week, now that everyone has his own round TUIT. For you see, so many of you have said, "Preacher, I will get started to church just as soon as I get a round TUIT."

Others have said, "I know I should be in Church School and the Worship Service, but I never seem to get a round TUIT."

Still others comment, "I know that we have really let the Lord down lately, but we've been so busy, and there is so terribly much to do, that we just haven't gotten a round TUIT."

Now all of that is past. There will be no more need for apologetic excuses. Everyone has a round TUIT. It is surely going to make a big difference now that folks can get a round TUIT as often as they really want.

Elvin Neff

--Contributed by A.S.W.

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LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

SEMINARY COMMUNICATOR - 150:30

May 1, 1975

\*Open to Seminary Community

\*\*Open to General Public

Numbers in parentheses refer to announcements which follow.

CALENDAR

Monday, May 5

\*\*9:00 A.M.

A.M. - P.M.

7:00 P.M.

\*7:30 P.M.

- Chapel
- Church of the Brethren Ministers & Wives Group meet in - Lounges
- Historical Drama Rehearsal in Hensel Hall
- A.S.W. Installation of Officers Service Chapel

Tuesday, May 6

\*\*9:30 A.M.

A.M. - P.M.

- Chapel
- Church of the Brethren Ministers & Wives Group meet in - Lounges

Wednesday, May 7

8:00 A.M.

\*\*9:00 A.M.

3:00 P.M.

\*3:30 P.M.

A.M. - P.M.

- Executive Council
- Chapel
- Faculty Meeting L204
- Educational Development Committee L200
- Church of the Brethren Ministers & Wives Group meet in - Lounges

Thursday, May 8

\*\*9:30 A.M.

- Chapel

Friday, May 9

\*\*9:00 A.M.

- Chapel

DATES AHEAD

May 14 - Historical Drama  
May 15 - Baccalaureate  
May 16 - Commencement

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communicator 150:30

### From the Office of Development and Communication

The United Church of Christ (National) will have some funds available for the academic year 1975-76 for M. Div. students. Applications may be picked up from the ODC office. Channel your applications through your "in care" association. If you received a grant this year, I recommend that you apply again. You will really need to build "your case" in terms of documented need. If you are in a special category, i.e., a woman, from a minority group, have a physical handicap, be sure to apply!

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Bethany United Church of Christ, York, has a Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund. This is available first to members of Bethany Church and then to UCC students from York County and finally to UCC students from Penn Central Conference. Applications for this scholarship are available in the ODC office.

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Baer-Snavely forms can be picked up in ODC office. They will not be mailed to you as previously announced. See note on last page about additional scholarships.

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Historical Drama Rehearsals - Monday, May 5 and 12, 7:00 p.m., Hensel Hall. Mrs. McConnell appreciates the response of all to helping with the drama. Now she wants to put it all together!

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Dennis Spangler is host on "Vignette", a Telerad program on Channel 15. It usually is shown on the last Sunday of each month on Perspective. This month the schedule was changed. "Vignette" will be on Channel 15 on May 4 and May 25 at 10:30 p.m.

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SEMINARY DAY speakers for May 4 are as follows:

Myerstown	Lyman Farrar
Bethany, Philadelphia	James Glasse
Friedens, Oley	Robert Webber
East Petersburg	Warren Sickman
Conestoga Cooperative Parish	Lee McCardle
Faith, New Cumberland	Dorothy Book
St. John's (Blymire's)	Dennis Moritz

From the Office of Development and Communication (continued)

Thank you, thank you, thank you to those who have gone out for Seminary Day! And also to those who will be going soon!

There are some requests left to be filled. Can you help? Check with Miss Book in ODC.

June 1 - Christ Church - Jim Thorpe (or 15th)  
St. James' - Havertown (or 8th)

June 22 - St. John's - Shamokin  
St. John's - Friedensburg  
St. Mary's - Westminster, Maryland  
St. Paul's - Stowe  
Community - Reading  
Schwenkfelder - Palm

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The deadline for the June issue of the Bulletin will be May 19.

Lyman G. Farrar

Library Notice

All books must be returned to the library before you leave for the summer and no later than Friday, May 9th at 5:00 P.M.

Middlers and Juniors are permitted to sign out books for the whole summer after Monday, May 5th. These books will be due: Middlers, September 1st and Juniors, September 5. Books which you now have will not be renewed for the summer unless they have been presented at the circulation desk for renewal.

Graduating Seniors will be given the same privileges as all library extension users. Books may be signed out for two weeks with the possibility of renewal.

Please search your own shelves for library books before you do your packing -- for books regularly signed out and for those which, in your haste, you may have forgotten to record at the circulation desk. It would help the library staff if you would cooperate by returning books as soon as you are finished with them instead of waiting until Friday afternoon to return them all at one time.

Library summer hours, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Friday will begin June 2nd. The library will be closed for summer vacation, the weeks of July 14 and July 21.

George H. Bricker, Librarian

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### Attention Graduating Seminarians

All graduating Seminarians may obtain caps, gown, and hoods from the Business Office during the week of May 5. Please return them to the Business Office immediately after Commencement and please return them in the carriers provided.

Myrone E. Wolf

### Educational Development Committee Report

Committee members present at this first meeting of the newly formed Educational Development Committee were Paul Marmon, Gary Phaup, Tom Smith, Alice Zimmerman, Larry Hemsley, Paul Irion, Robert Webber, Doug Whiting.

Action Taken - The committee passed the following resolution to be sent to the Faculty: "This committee recommends to the Dean of the Faculty that preferably two (2) three-credit courses be offered during the evening this fall term. At least one required course should be offered."

Discussion centered around a concern of some "conservative" students that their biblical and theological positions are not respected by some faculty members. Several related issues were discussed: the right of both professor and student to hold separate positions, a need for openness within held positions, need for the student to demonstrate competency, and other matters. The committee will continue discussion and hopefully arrive at a position on this matter at its May 7 meeting. The first forty five minutes of that meeting will be a "hearing" for any "conservatives" of the Seminary community to come and dialogue with the committee over this issue.

The committee recommended to the Town Meeting held later that afternoon that it be continued as a student-faculty committee of this Seminary next year and that its present membership be continued as well, but with the addition of new students to take the places of those who will be leaving the committee at the end of this term.

Larry Hemsley, Convenor

### Concerned about human rights?

To those who are concerned about human rights, it has just come to my attention that Bela Abzug, Ed Koch and Paul McCloskey, Jr. have introduced a Gay Rights Bill, HR 166, which will amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. This would apply to the whole nation, and it would be helpful if you would write to your senators or your representative asking them to support this kind of legislation which would guarantee the civil rights of all persons.

Allen Kroehler

### Additional Scholarships

Each year the First Congregational Church (UCC) of Lorain, Ohio, invites LTS students to apply for a scholarship. Application forms are available in the ODC office. Last year, the Scholarship Committee at the church received 13 applications from UCC seminarians. Three grants were made from available funds totaling \$1750.00.

Lyman G. Farrar