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LCA SEMINARIANS CADRE

Plans continue for the LCA Seminar-ians CADRE. The date is set for May 14 and 15. Pacific Lutheran at Berkely, Saskatoon, Waterloo, Chicago, Hamma, Southern, Mt. Airy, Union and Gettysburg will be represented. Northwestern is mailing their list of issues for the CADRE's consideration and will be waiting by the phone in case the CADRE wants unanimous approval of position papers and particular courses of action. All signs point to unlimited and exciting possibilities. Want to help? See Tom Myers.

CADRE REPRESENTATIVES

Gettysburg Student Association has elected three representatives to the LCA Seminar-ians CADRE. They are John Kindsvatter, Daun McKee and Paul Xander. It is their task to present to the CADRE those issues to which the group would direct its reflection, brainstorming and action. If you have any suggestions, please see them.

ART EXHIBIT

Currently on display in the library is The City. Sculptured of steel, hydrostone and blazed steel, it depicts various aspects of the city. It was done by Carol Renninger (Mrs. Thomas Renninger) from North Carolina who is a former student. This display is the courtesy of Tom Myers.

A REACTION TO THE COLLOQUY ON CONFIRMATION

A few months ago, I sat amazed, shocked, startled and bewildered in a Junior Seminar Practicum after Mr. Hale mentioned that some congregations were experimenting with giving Holy Communion prior to confirmation. Now, after attending the Colloquy on Confirmation, I am exuberant at the thought that by removing admission to the Lord's Supper as a club with which we force young people to attend confirmation classes or a carrot we dangle before young people as a means of enticing them to seek to be confirmed, confirmation may be realized as an intrinsically meaningful rite and process for the whole Christian Community.

I am extremely happy that the Joint Commission on the Theology and Practice of Confirmation has defined confirmation "as a pastoral and educational ministry of the church that is designed to help baptized children identify with the life and mission of the adult Christian community and that is celebrated in a public rite." I am especially happy that the definition has inherent in it an understanding of confirmation as a puberty rite which may be a means of grace.

Granted that a rite within the Church is not going to solve all the problems adolescents face, it is at least refreshing to ponder its implications for the young people who are confirmed and the congregations who "recognize the confirmand as capable of identifying with the life and mission of the adult Christian Community." (Dr. Evenson "the purpose" (continued page 2)

A REACTION (con't.)

of Confirmation", Confirmation and Education.) At least, the church will be supplying one place in our society where young people can say, "Yesterday, I was a child, today I am a man." Obviously, the rite will be useless if the confirmands' role within the church remains the same after confirmation as it was prior to it, but if they are given an active role in adopting the life and mission of the church to the present time, both the parish and the confirmands stand to profit immensely.

Myron Schevey

A SECOND ROUND OF the record barter and bargain session that went so well earlier in the school year is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29.

Anyone who wants to trade long-playing mono or stereo records is welcome to participate. There is no set number of records, no obligation to buy or trade. Any style of record is eligible: vocal, instrumental, classical, pop, bop, oriental, occidental, electronic, symphonic, country, documentary, white elephant, good, bad or different.

There will be a planning session during coffee break a week before the sale, on Tuesday, April 22. Decisions about the ground rules will be made then.

MERGE - A NEW SEMINARY

The questionnaires concerning seminary merger with Mt. Airy have been tabulated. What follows is a brief summary of the results. 70% were returned making the survey a valid indicator of student opinion. (74 from the juniors, 62% from the middlers and 72% from both the interns and seniors.)

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MERGE - A NEW SEMINARY (con't.)

Concerning merger, 46% said YES while 54% said NO.

If a new merged seminary results:

Location in order of preference:

- Gettysburg
- Washington, D.C.
- Baltimore
- Philadelphia

(perhaps too few students knew about possibilities with St. Mary's.)

Proximity to a university:

- very important 11%
- somewhat important 50%
- not important 39%

Co-location with other seminaries:

- very important 34%
- somewhat important 46%
- not important 20%

Co-location with Roman Catholic seminary:

- very important 30%
- somewhat important 46%
- not important 14%

Location in the inner-city:

- very important 8%
- somewhat important 40%
- not important 53%

A clear majority of the students thank that a seminary cluster including protestants and Roman Catholics located near a university is important. Location in the inner-city is rejected by more than 50%. It might be helpful if the JC and the AATS stated specifically what they mean by the inner-city.

Should the faculty live on or near the campus:

- very desirable 69%
- somewhat desirable 23%
- not necessarily des. 9%

Faculty and Board, take notice!

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Married student apartments: how many should the seminary provide? (their own opinion)

all	17%
majority	65%
some	17%
none	1%

Location of married student apartments on campus:

very important	61%
somewhat important	27%
not important	12%

Single student dorms: how many should the seminary provide? (their own opinion)

all	47%
majority	38%
some	13%
none	2%

Location of single student dorms on campus:

very important	67%
somewhat important	23%
not important	10%

Both married and single students think that a majority of their living facilities should be provided on campus by the seminary.

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If the seminary had to be built in phases:

first phase: library
single dorms
classrooms

second phase: Married apartments
refectory
faculty offices
admin. offices
chapel

third phase: faculty apartments
auditorium
lounges
recreational
facilities

Priority you as a parish pastor would give a request for funds to build a new seminary:

high priority	28%
average priority	55%
low priority	17%