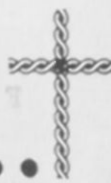


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STUDENT BODY ELECTION TOMORROW NIGHT

Election for officers of the Student Body for 1963-64 will be held tomorrow evening, April 4, at 7 p.m. in Room 1 of Hagan Hall. This will be the last regular Student Body meeting of the school year.

A motion will be introduced at the beginning of the meeting to suspend the rules so that business might be conducted and reports read simultaneously with the election of officers.

All students are urged to attend this meeting. In addition to the election, final reports from all committees will be presented.

HEYER DRIVE FALLS SHORT OF \$500 GOAL

Henry Ireland reports that \$277.06 has been turned in for the Heyer Commission Drive as of Tuesday morning. He stated that tomorrow, April 4, is the absolute deadline for turning in contributions.

The amount so far collected has come mainly from the faculty members. The goal for this year's drive is \$500; and barely over half of that figure has been reached. The Student Body is asked to respond to this appeal and submit their contributions to either Henry Ireland, Henry Johnson, or Dick Sieling.

DEADLINE SET FOR BANQUET RESERVATIONS

April 10, next Wednesday, is the deadline for making reservations for the Senior Banquet, to be held on Apr. 26, according to Wesley Hamlin, chairman. Though tickets need not be paid for by April 10, the reservations must be made by then.

The Senior Banquet will be held at St. John's Church in Mayfair.

NEW YORK SYNOD LEASES OFFICE SPACE; PLANS TO MOVE FROM CHURCH HOUSE

(PRT)--The New York Synod of the LCA has leased new office space in the tower of a midtown office building at 275 Madison Avenue, New York City, President Alfred L. Beck announced Monday.

Synodical offices will be transferred from the Lutheran Church House at 231 Madison Avenue to the new quarters about May 15, Dr. Beck said. The synod's office will occupy the entire 25th. floor of the modern office building, at 40th. and Madison Avenue. The synod will have 2400 square feet of floor space.

Dr. Beck said that the synod had complied with a request of the Executive Council of the LCA to seek new quarters because of the heavy demand for office space in the Church headquarters building to provide for the expanded staff of the LCA.

Offices of the LCA's Commission on Evangelism will move into the fourth floor quarters presently occupied by the LCA's New York Synod.

The synod, with 380 congregations in New York state, has nearly 235,000 baptized members.

The new synod headquarters will have offices for President Beck; Dr. Paul C. White, synod secretary; John W. Wagner, treasurer; and for Dr. Beck's four assistants and the office staff.

STOUGHTON ON 'CHURCH OF THE AIR'

(PRT)--Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, president of Wittenberg University, will be the speaker on the April 28 broadcast of CBS's "Church of the Air." This is Christian College Sunday.

FOOTNOTES

That window on the back wall of the Chapel must bother me more than it does you--when I am playing Vespers on a sunny day it beams in at me with all its blinding, glorious color like a desert mirage. But what a scene it tries to show! The Gospels are full of dramatic confrontation but this is one of the most pertinent for a school.

Certainly the lesson for the faculty is obvious: Have the courage to be dumbfounded when the mouths of babes spout their heavenly father's business in marvelous ways! Listen to questions, for they are the very vehicle of education not just spark plugs for lectures! Take this God seriously who puts down the mighty from their seats and exalts them of low degree.

One can, without much strain, see in Jesus here the image of inspiration confounding as it confronts pedantry. History knows many, like Joan of Arc, who heralded an inner conviction which the "establishment" could not abide. What else was Luther at Worms or in his whole life but the manifestation of an insight that told the scribes and pharisees of that day to go to hell.

That temple scene is deceptive, as is all scripture, without its relationship to the cross--the teachers could marvel at a boy but they had to kill the man. Teacher and pupil are like lovers, it would seem; they either love or hate, discipleship or death.

But there is another side to the story: the pupil. Jesus went to intelligence and scholarship of his day to learn, yet the world is still plagued with myth of the diamond in the rough, the primitive genius. Or if scholarly training and discipline are recognized, the cry still goes up for the unfettered "spirit" in things spiritual or personal. This is another one of those mules Luther mentions, where man is always falling off on one side or the other.

Here we are "in the temple" and some are about to leave it. Were we

here getting the stuff and the fibre for the Lord's business or a license to squat in a parsonage? Have we really listened to those gray-beards? Take a look at that window sometime.

---George Weckman.

WEDDING BELLS RING FOR JUNIORS

The ranks of the bachelors in this year's Junior class will be diminished greatly this coming summer as eight men give up their carefree dorm life. They will all be exchanging the rigors of communal living for the togetherness of married life. In summary below, you will find the pertinent facts as to: Who, When, and Where.

May 18 -- Ronald Cassel to Pauline Mook at Bethany Lutheran Church, Central Bridge, N.Y.

May 25 -- William Wittcopp to Joan Possehl at Zion Lutheran Church, Athens, N.Y.

May ? (Date yet undecided) -- Philip Long to Genevieve Anderson at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Centre Hall, PA.

June 8 -- Kenneth Ofslager to Joyce Gillespie at Incarnate Word Lutheran Church, Rochester, N.Y.

June 9 -- Richard Hans to Anita Frank at Trinity Lutheran Church, Maspeth, Queens, N.Y.

June 22 -- Rudy Schneider to Carol Ferguson at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Pearl River, N.Y.

June 29 -- Ronald Meyer to Barbara Hovey at Community Presbyterian Church, Pleasant Hills (Pittsburgh), Pa.

July ? (Date undecided yet) -- Gilberto Graciani to Nilsa Dávila at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Puerto Nuevo, Puerto Rico.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Church, the largest of the Protestant denominations in the United States, has a confirmed membership of over ten million people. With the origin of the Methodist Church being grounded in the Church of England, Methodism has much in common with this communion. John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church, retained most of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Faith of the Anglican Church and relied heavily on this communion in matters of worship and polity.

There are three distinct nooks which play important roles in the Methodist Church. The Methodist Discipline is the basic source for the doctrine, government, and practice of the Church. Although the Discipline is revised every four years, certain elements in the book can never be changed. Another important book is The Book of Worship for Church and Home, which contains the Ritual, Devotional Aids, Prayers, Scripture, and other Acts of Worship. A third book is The Methodist Hymnal, which also contains the Ritual of the Church and other aids for Worship (all of which appear in the Discipline and the Book of Worship).

The polity of the Methodist Church is basically episcopal in nature, although the Church does not adhere to apostolic succession. The source of governmental authority does not lie in the local parish but in the general church. Like the founder of Methodism, the Methodist clergy look on "all the world as their parish." It is a well-known fact that even today Methodist pastors do not remain very long in one parish.

Regarding the two Sacraments of the Church, Methodism recognizes that Holy Baptism and Holy Communion are not merely symbolic remembrances but are means of grace. Although the "how" is not clearly defined, a basic belief of the Church is that Christ is present in the elements of bread and wine.

Similar to Lutheranism, Methodism holds to the doctrine of "justifica-

tion by grace." However, Methodists probably differ most from other Protestant denominations in their view of sanctification. After an individual is justified by God's grace, he then goes on to become sanctified. Thus, sanctification is a process to which the Christian devotes his entire life, constantly striving to be made perfect-in-love (a state when he no longer willfully sins against God or man). Terms such as "growing in grace" and "going on to perfection" are commonly used in Methodist circles. However, it should be understood that sanctification is the result of justification, made possible only through God's grace and not a means of achieving justification. Unlike many of the Protestant denominations, Methodism clearly rejects the doctrine of predestination and all beliefs associated with this doctrine. Methodists hold that God offers His grace freely to all men, but that each individual is free to accept or reject God's grace. Methodists have emphasized free-will as a basic gift of God to man, as opposed to a doctrine of predestination or the elect.

Liturgically, the Methodist Church has primarily been "middle-of-the-road." Although grounded in a liturgical tradition, the Church was greatly influenced by free church worship in America. The trend today is toward a more liturgical form of worship, clearly observed in the new Book of Worship for Church and Home and in the new Hymnal, both of which will be published in 1964. The liturgical revival is closely allied with an attempt on the part of Methodists to regain their historical faith as set forth by the founders of the Church.

 NISCHAN ACCEPTS INTERNSHIP TO MICHIGAN

Bodo Nischan has accepted a position with Michigan State University for one year as a student intern in campus ministry. Bodo will be under a Danforth Fellowship, working with the campus chaplain.

LUTHERAN COMMISSION DRAFTING STATEMENT ON SCHOOL PRAYER AND CHURCH--STATE RELATION

(PRT)--A nine-member commission of Lutheran theologians and educators is drafting a statement on bible-reading and prayer recitation in the public schools which will be presented to the 1964 convention of the LCA.

The commission is composed of members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the American Lutheran Church, as well as those affiliated with the LCA. It is the first time the nation's three largest Lutheran church bodies have cooperated in such a venture.

In addition to the bible-reading and prayer statement, the commission is engaged in a study of church and state relations in a pluralistic society. The commission hopes to have both the statements and the study completed by its next meeting in October. In November the LCA's Board of Social Ministry will review the commission's work.

Rev. Rufus Cornelson, board secretary for civil and economic affairs who directs the commission's work, said a background paper on church and state relations will probably be published early next year.

"There is hardly a question on which the church has been a lesser light to its members, not to speak of society at large," he noted.

At a recent meeting in New York, the commission reviewed four separate papers that eventually will be fused into the final statement on church-state relations. It also decided on a general approach to the bible-reading and prayer statement.

Rev. Cornelson said four commissioners were responsible for writing the church-state relations papers. The other five members of the commission were consultants to the writers.

Rev. Warren A. Quanbeck, prof. of systematic theology at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, and Dr. George W. Forell, prof. of religion at the University of Iowa, were writer and consultant respectively of the paper on evangelical methodology.

Church-state relations in history

was written by Dr. Theodore G. Tappert, prof. of church history at Mt. Airy. Dr. Arthur C. Piepkorn, prof. of systematic theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, was consultant.

A treatment of the problem in contemporary society was prepared by Dr. Paul G. Kauper, prof. of law at the University of Michigan. His consultants were Dr. J. Martin Klotsche, prof. of law at the University of Michigan, and Dr. William J. Villaume, president of Waterloo Lutheran University, Waterloo, Ont., Canada.

The final paper, on ethical guidelines, was written by Dr. William H. Lazareth, prof. of theology and ethics at Mt. Airy. Dr. Conrad Bergendoff, executive secretary of the LCA's Board of Theological Education, is the consultant on this subject.

Drs. Kauper and Quanbeck are members of the American Lutheran Church; Dr. Piepkorn of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The six other commissioners are affiliated with the LCA, the body that named the commission.

LETTERS RECEIVED FROM REED, SNYDER

Two letters were received by the Student Body last week--one from Dr. Luther D. Reed, and the other from Dr. Russell D. Snyder.

Dr. Reed, in his letter, wishes to properly acknowledge his appreciation for all that the Student Body as such did to make the observance of his birthday such a pleasant occasion. He writes: "I live in the shadows here;... you certainly brought me to stage center and switched on all the bright lights. I appreciate, as a treasure, the good will this expressed."

Dr. Snyder, the fourth assistant "Lid Sitter" writes to "acknowledge with much gratitude the donation from the Student Body in the amount of \$50, to be allocated to the Student Aid Fund." Dr. Snyder wishes to make clear to the members of the Student Body that "we deeply appreciate their generosity and thoughtfulness."

FIFTY STUDENTS FROM 13 COLLEGES ATTENDED "SEMINARY DAY" HELD SATURDAY

"Due to the efforts of many," Bob Joachim reports, "Seminary Day was indeed a meaningful and worthwhile experience; beneficial to the Seminary as well as to the 50 students from 13 different colleges who attended."

Although approximately one half of the guests came from Lutheran Colleges--Muhlenberg, Gettysburg, Susquehanna, and Wagner--various secular schools were also represented, such as Temple, Drexel, Univ. of Pen, Lehigh, Syracuse, N.Y. State Maritime College, John Hopkins, and Princeton University.

Highlight of the day was a most penetrating sermon by Dr. William H. Lazareth. The low point--in the sense of the most humorous--was a movie of Seminary life. This was a Hollywood Production by Lee Miller and Assoc.

Sandwiched in between these two were complete presentations by the faculty on both academic and practical aspects of the curriculum.

Bob Joachim notes that "the men at least caught a glimpse of what goes on at this Seminary: worship, academic, practical, and student life, its problems and its humor.

"I would like to express my heart-

SAVE YOUR MONEY BY RETURNING BOOKS

With Easter vacation approaching Dr. Scherer urges all students to return books to the library which they have finished. "Why pay library fines? Bring your books back when due. Especially before Easter vacation take a good look at your book shelves, and return the library books that you have finished."

In reference to vanishing books, Dr. Scherer stated Monday that "each year some books vanish from the library shelves. We suspect that some are taken along by mistake, confusing them with other personal library books which they may have brought with them, and the borrowers are ashamed to return these 'lost books' after a long lapse of time."

felt thanks to the following men without whose assistance it could not have been accomplished: Lee Miller, Tom Davidson, George Niedermeyer, Rudy Snyder, Gregory Shannon, Bodo Nischen, Tom Keener, Charles Scott, Dave Krewson, Bob Karlson, Tom Reinsel, Bob Danielson, and Carl Schneider."

FREE LIBRARY TO PRESENT PROGRAM

The Free Library of Philadelphia is sponsoring a program in its observance of National Library Week (April 21-27).

Brother Gervald Henry, director of Vocations, Laselle College, will speak on "Some Aspects of Censorship" in the Lecture Hall of the Central Library on Logan Square at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 21.

John Hopkins, chairman for National Library Week, states that Brother Henry is a brilliant speaker and the topic could hardly be more relevant to National Library Week. In this combination of speaker and topic, the Free Library has a first-rate attraction.

GUSTAVUS ADOPTS FOUR-PART COLLEGE YEAR

(PRT)--Gustavus Adolphus College will begin its fall term under a new curriculum and calendar.

The calendar revision divides the year into four parts: a fall semester of 15-weeks concluding at Christmas vacation; a three-week winter session in January; a week providing nine days for touring groups and major field trips (to follow the winter session), and a 15-week spring semester.

The important features of these calendar changes are elimination of the "lame duck" post-Christmas segment of the old semester system; relating the winter session to the two new semesters through meeting institutional requirements and providing a "classless" period of time for off-campus trips by various groups, said President Edgar M. Carlson.

Gustavus Adolphus College is related to the LCA.

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