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PLAYERS PRESENT TWO ONE ACT PLAYS TONIGHT, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8PM

The Mt. Airy Players present their second effort of the season this weekend when they will offer two one-act plays. Under the direction of senior George Brunjes, a combined cast of nine students will perform The Last Word by James Broughton and The Figure on the Cross by R.H. Ward. Performances will begin each evening at 8 PM in the chapel of Ascension Church.

Broughton's play, The Last Word (or "What To Say About It") is a story which concerns itself with the last judgment that provokes an examination of life and

conscience. In the remaining minutes before extermination by nuclear bombs, Rusty Augenblick (played by Dave Shaheen) and his wife Dusty (played by Barbara Grudin) confront the end of their existence and thus for the first time in their lives confront each other as persons

The second play, R.H. Ward's The Figure on the Cross, is based on Jesus' seven last words. The play is a "lenten liturgy" and has a chorus of seven people. The cast is composed of Bob Busch, Jean Oesch, Marty Roth, John and Kathy Shaughnesy, George Summers, and George Brunjes, who take on various characterizations during the play.

A reception will follow each evening's performances in the social hall of Ascension Church sponsored by the Faculty and Student Wives.

The Players have added a Thursday evening performance for the first time with this production to offer the student body, faculty, staff, and friends of the seminary a better selection of dates for attending.

DID YOU KNOW...

The Women's Auxiliary of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia is 29 years old this year. It was organized in 1939 under the guidance of Mrs. Reed, wife of Dr. Luther D. Reed.

Mrs. Wilbur E. Zieger, president of the auxiliary, heads the organization of 15,000 women, most of whom live in Buffalo, N.Y., Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Metropolitan New York.

The Auxiliary has two projects for the years 1966-1969, pledging their support of \$6,000 a year for books for the library and \$4,000 a year for Clinical Pastoral Education. This year they have gone over that amount by contributing \$6,000 for Clinical Pastoral Education.

In addition they continue their annual contribution of \$4,000 a year to the seminary for maintenance purposes.

The auxiliary has six types of membership, regular \$1 per year; contributing \$5; Sustaining \$10; Patron \$25; Life \$100 and In Memoriam Tribute \$100.

The annual meeting will be held May 11th, 1968 in the University City area.

STONE, ZIMMERMAN RECEIVE B.T.E. GRANTS

On nomination by the seminary faculty, Edward Stone and Richard Zimmerman have each been granted a \$1500. fellowship award for graduate studies by the LCA's Board of Theological Education. Mr. Stone will work in the field of pastoral counseling and Mr. Zimmerman will pursue studies in systematic theology. They deserve the hearty congratulations of the entire seminary community.

The mother of Dr. Henry Scherer died Feb. 5. Mrs. Peter M. Scherer entered the Church Triumphant at the age of 91. She was born Nov. 7, 1876 in Huntington, Pa. Dr. Scherer will be attending her funeral in Neb.

LCA TO CONSIDER SPECIAL GIFT DRIVE

The fourth biennial convention of the Lutheran Church in America will be asked to consider a church-wide "Special Gifts Appeal" for the year 1972. The Executive Council, at its January quarterly meeting voted to ask the convention to consider a major campaign for funds "to equip the church to minister to the urgent needs of the Seventies."

The LCA council, which acts for the 3,279,000-member denomination between conventions, also will ask the convention to instruct the council to conduct a feasibility study of such a campaign and make appropriation recommendations at the 1970 convention.

The fourth convention will be held in Atlanta, June 19-27, while the 1970 convention has been set for Minneapolis.

Lively and extended discussion was touched off as to what focus the major fund appeal might have. No dollar figures were mentioned but the other two major Lutheran bodies in North America currently are involved in campaigns with goals of \$20 million each.

The debate centered over whether objectives should be cited by the council. The need for expanded efforts in church related problems in the urban crisis and the ministry to campuses were cited, but specifics including those were stricken from the resolution that will go to the convention.

The Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the church, noted that "life of the Church requires special financial underpinnings."

At the meeting at which the action was voted to seek convention consideration, it was reported 1967 apportioned benevolence had reached a high of 84.98 of the quota (with monies totaling \$21,544,795), but it was emphasized that the LCA has never made its full goal and also has wiped out a \$3,500,000 "emergency and advance" fund since it resulted from the merger of four Lutheran bodies in 1962.

It also was announced at the meeting the special New Life Offering last Oct. marking the 450th Reformation anniversary, had resulted in collection of \$690,570. Currently, the Lutheran Church in America, which has 6,238 congregations in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean, has an operating budget exceeding \$29 million.

CONFIRMATION STUDY PUSHED BACK TILL '70

Noting that present practices of confirming youth within the major Lutheran churches is "diverse, inconsistent and even harmful," the Lutheran Church in America Executive Council has reluctantly agreed the matter is much too complex for unified action before 1970.

The Joint Commission on the Theology and Practice of Confirmation, after more than two years of intensive work, reported that, "contrary to earlier hopes, its report will not be ready for presentation to the churches this year." The commission, asking each of the three major Lutheran churches, to authorize "a program of study and action," said the plan now calls for presentation of a report to the American Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church in America conventions in 1970 and to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod convention in 1971.

The rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry said the confirmation study, expected to bring about notable changes in procedure, would "no doubt be as widespread a study as the current 'Manifesto' program being conducted by LCA congregations to help them evaluate their efforts and their role in the community." "And," he added, "since considerable change from present practices have been indicated, one can expect many churning to go along with the study."

The commission's report pointed out present confirmation practices are so diverse they "at times run contrary to the very theology which the Lutheran Church publicly confesses."

The commission also stated it expected any recommendations to have "far reaching implications" and that added time for study would help "prepare the constituencies for needed changes."

The council was told no report findings would be released until the program is actually started early in 1969.

FASTNACHT
IS COMING
FEB 27

3RD QTR ELECTIVES

- 160 - PROBLEMS IN LIFE-OF-JESUS STUDY, Dr. Reumann. Study of selected topics in the life and teaching of Jesus in light of the "New Quest" and the present state of gospel study.
- 253 - THE BOOK OF ISAIAH (Part II) Mr. Bornemann. Exegetical analysis of chapters 40-66.
- 337 - THE REVELATION OF JOHN, Mr. Sigel. Reading in the Greek text with attention to exegesis and critical use of the commentaries.
- 366 - READINGS IN POETRY, Mr. McCurley. Readings in Hebrew of selected psalm and poetic sections of the prophets.
- 585 - CONTEMPORARY ECUMENICAL THEOLOGY - a seminar, Dr. Heineken. A study of some of the influential contemporary Protestant and Catholic theologians.
- 586 - SOURCES OF VALUE - a seminar, Mr. Luck. A study of representative Christian and non-Christian thinkers of the 19th and 20th centuries.
- 646 - MINISTRY IN THE SLOVAK LANGUAGE
- 653 - PROTESTANT WORLD MISSIONS, Dr. Voehringer. History, principles, and methods of the world missionary enterprise of Protestantism, with special attention to the work of the LCA, and the ecumenical movement.
- 750 - STUDIES IN PRESENT-DAY CHURCH ARCHITECTURE, Dr. Seltzer. Studies in the building and maintenance of "The Temple of the Church of the Christians."
- 849 - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF CHILDREN, Dr. Voehringer. A general survey of characteristics, needs, and capacities of children: examination of curriculum, teaching-learning process, learning experiences, resources, equipment essential to Christian nurture of the child.

for crying out loud

Good evening Mr. & Mrs. America and all the ships at sea! The latest reports on the plight of the Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary Choir have just come in; it has been conclusively reported that they are somewhere between Vinceland, N.J. and Oshkosh, Wisconsin, frantically seeking an easy way to reach Hadden Heights. It has been reported that Warren is in the lead and knows the way but is setting up an intricate weave to throw the rest off; Newhart is flying, a few inches above the ground as usual (with Mrs. B. G. Jacobs in residence screaming "Respite, Respite, I Prithy". And so on they go persuing into the deep reaches of the night the elusive goal for which all us Christians and gentlemen have sworn themselves; some liquid refreshments in Ocean City, N.J. This was the way it went, the pace was furious, and the directions were something out of a Keystone Cops Movie, but the music was consistant and good. To the embattled boys in white and black the hearts of a grateful Seminary go out: We know that you have given and not thought about personal sacrafice, you have braved swamps, maps, niedemei-resque-locations, directors falling off their podiums (of course said same will remain unnamed to protect the innocent and shield the guilty), soggy drums, new rhythms, cramped quarters, too much food, and the indignity of getting lost incessantly. But you have withstood the crafts and assaults of this particular devil and with the pride and assurance of a true "simul justis et peccator" have held your head high and repeated these magnificently proud words: Out of the depths, I cry to thee, GET US OUT OF HERE!

BASKETBALL

FRIDAY

3PM

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at the presbyterian church
mt pleasant ave and
germantown

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