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EDITORS BOUNCE ON ROADBED

Saturday, the 30th. of October, 1971 dawned bright and clear, a perfect day for streetcar chasing. Hundreds of cars were on the lines as record crowds turned out to treat themselves to that 35¢ thrill ride known as the trolley. Thus, there was nothing on the surface unusual about the two would-be riders waiting on the corner of Germantown Ave. and Allen's Lane--except for the fact that they were obviously on some kind of excursion, since one of them carried a camera and the other a clipboard. But the day was to prove to be a far cry from the run-of-the-mill, and both excursionists realized this fact from the very onset. For they were setting out to establish as true some theories which had been kicked around and fooled around with in various streetcar journals, but which were still more or less in dispute. Thus, aware that they were about to provide a great service to the city, and pages of useful information for theology students, information which students need to know in order to get ahead in life; blissfully aware of all this, their pockets full of exact change, the two SEMENARIAN employees took cognizance of the fact that the wires were beginning to sing, thus indicating that a streetcar was picking its way up the line. But--as was mentioned above, this afternoon was to be noted for its departure from the usual. For, no less than five (5) trolleys rolled past us in rapid succession; three of which were not engaged in picking up passengers. In fact, the lead car was obviously in some kind of distress, as it was not moving any faster than ten miles per hour. This slowness, combined with the fact that there were four other trolleys behind said injured car, helped to make driving less than a pleasure on Germantown Avenue that afternoon. Be that as it may, we finally managed to board car #2729. Our transfers, which we received upon payment of a five (5) cent (¢) surcharge, were numbered 037193 and 037194. They were, of course, stamped for route 23, but could also be used by routes 6, 22, 55, 74, H, L, X, and XH. Things began to look up a bit after we reached Gorgas Lane, where the lead car graciously bowed out of revenue service for the day and headed for the car barn.

However, the afternoon was by no means given over to frivolity. We had some serious researching to do, as outlined in the last issue of the SEMENARIAN. Lack of space prevents us from reprinting the list of problems which we were to investigate, but we do take great pleasure in presenting our conclusions:

(a. Since none of the outward signs of a streetcar line were observed (such as old power poles or rail showing through the macadam) it can safely be assumed that there was not, at least within the past (cont'd page 6)

COURSES

PROFESSOR: T.G.Tappert

TITLE OF COURSE: #461. Church and State in the United States

PREREQUISITES: Perspectives in Church History (#401) or its equivalent. Ability to read and inwardly digest various kinds of literature. Concern about contemporary problems, interest in the light shed on these by history, and awareness that theology has something to do with all this.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The treatment will be topical as well as chronological. The effects of "minority groups" on state-church relations: Indians, Negroes, Jews, Roman Catholics, women. Special problems: tax exemption, Sunday laws, prohibition, faith healing, service chaplaincies, lobbies. More than a hundred pages of reading a week will provide a basis for informed participation in discussion and criticism.

PROFESSOR: Dr. Clarence L. Lee

TITLE OF COURSE: Early Christian Piety

PREREQUISITES: Church History 401

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The basic purpose of this course will be to examine the beliefs and life-styles of the "average" christian during the first four centuries of the church's history. Special attention will be given to such things as sexual ethics, attitudes toward war and business, etc. The course will consist of a series of introductory lectures followed by reports on assigned topics by members of the class. Since there will be no required textbook, a reserve shelf of recommended readings will be set up in the library. There will be no final examination.

NOTICE TO PROFESSORS: KEEP THOSE LISTS OF COURSE OFFERINGS COMING! OTHERWISE, WE WILL HAVE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE BUT TO DISCONTINUE THIS FEATURE, MUCH TO THE GENERAL DISGUST OF THE STUDENT BODY. BUT IF YOU DO KEEP SENDING IN COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND OBEY OUR COMMANDMENT TO INFORM US AS TO WHAT YOU ARE OFFERING NEXT SEMESTER, THEN YOU WILL BE BLESSED BY MANY STUDENTS IN YOUR CLASSES, AND IT WILL BE WELL WITH YOU IN THE HALL WHICH HAGAN FURNISHED FOR YOU AND WHICH IS CALLED BY HIS NAME, A HALL WHICH YOU DID NOT BUILD, ABOUNDING IN STAIRWAYS AND CLASSROOMS.

GERMANTOWN AVENUE GETS NEW STREETCAR RAIL AT GORGAS LANE

It gives us great pleasure to report that new track has been laid on the northbound side of route 23, right before the turnout at Gorgas Lane. Work on the project was begun on Monday, November 1, and completed late Tuesday night. The project was personally inspected and approved by your streetcar editor.

NEVER DIES THE ROSE

Time....great brooding mirror
 Spanning all the aeons
 Remote, unknown, unknowing
 Reflecting in obscurant depths
 All was

all is
 all is to be

And never dies the rose
 The seed, the bud, the bursting bloom
 The fallen petals turning once again to earth
 Are one
 And at the instant when that rose
 Is at its glorious peak
 The dew of morning dappling the velvet bloom
 Each perfect drop reflects
 Time's mirror
 All that was

that is
 that is to come

I loved, I love, I'll love
 And never dies the rose

Bill Berglund.

WEBER'S CORNER

Wednesday, October 27, saw powerhouse Assyria fall at the hands of previously punchless Rome. Led by Gary Langensiepen's 485 series, the last place team took 3 out of 4 games from the league leaders. For once, Dave Wartluft proved himself to be mortal by bowling a mere 478 series instead of his usual 500. This, and the absence of some of Assyria's players, laid the basis for the faculty's defeat.

In other action, Jim Daley's 473 series led previously third rank Persia to a swoop over Egypt who had occupied second place. By taking all four games, Persia moved into second place and gained the dubious honor of facing the faculty on position night (Nov. 3). Egypt, an all senior team, was heard to moan, "They shouldn't allow this to happen to seniors!" as they headed for Burba's.

- 450 Club- G. Langensiepen (485)
 D. Wertluft (478)
 J. Daley (473)

There will be no bowling on Nov. 24--
 Thanksgiving recess!

WANT ADDS

Wanted: Used alto saxophone in reasonably good condition. Please see Mr. Rabonold in the business office.

Wanted: Used classical or folk guitar in good condition for a beginner. Preferably with nylon strings. See Dennis Kohl or Dwight Shelleway on third floor of "F" Hall or put a response in either the "S" or "K" mailbox.

BOOK SAIL

The semi-annual library booksale will be held the week of November 8th, beginning Monday at 9 a.m.

Many valuable books (not to mention others) will be sold by Dutch auction, i.e. unsold items from any day will be available at a reduced price the following day.

Proceeds are in turn used to purchase additional resources for the collection.

Dave Wartluft

HELIP

The Social Ministry Committee wishes to announce that there is a great need for volunteer tutors for the Community Education Project sponsored by The Church of The Brethren in Germantown. This tutoring would involve a mere two hours a week on your part. You are needed mostly to work in the areas of math and reading. The children you would work with span the ages of elementary school to high school. For details, speak to Ed Larson.

Other opportunities for involvement in community affairs will become available shortly. Mt. Airy desperately needs you!!

Social Ministry Committee

STAFF

The Seminerian is a student publication of the Lutheran Theological Seminary. Our office is located on the third floor of "F" Hall. The paper is published on Wednesday nights, but the deadline for material to be published is Tuesday at 5 p.m. Your contributions will be appreciated. Stop by and give us a hand if you get a chance. The staff this week is:

Editor: Dennis Kohl

Ass't Editor: Bob Young

Typists: Pete Fauerbach, John Schweitzer

Contributors: Gary Langensiepen, Bob Young, Fred Heitzenroder, Ed Larson, Bill Berglund, Dave Wartluft, Paul Rabenold.

Special Effects: Jim Nasium

Music: Dr. Bornemann

Crank: Jeff Bortz, Harry McDowell.

Notice!! The girls in the choir sound good we hear, but we could still stand having a few more around! Thanks for your attention

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TONGUE TWISTER

RUSH THE WASHING RUSSELL

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(Think it's easy? Try saying it fast three times. We have trouble saying it once around here on a Wednesday night, especially around 9:00.)

Bon Chance!!

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY WANTED HELP TO DIG UP ENGLAND'S PAST

Students are urgently invited to help in archaeological excavations in England next summer. Deadline for applications is February 1.

City center redevelopment, new road-building programs and rapidly changing land use are threatening the disappearance of prehistoric graves, Iron-age settlements, Roman villas, fascinating relics of mediaeval towns, all over Britain.

American students free from mid-May, and with previous archaeological experience, are invited to join an international team on a dig of the important Roman and Mediaeval city of Exeter in Devon where the 1972 excavation hopes to find a Roman temple under the site of an Anglo-Saxon Church. Experienced helpers will receive free board for helping in this important work.

Other students without experience are invited to join the British Archaeology Seminar at Lincoln College, Oxford, organised by the Association for Cultural Exchange. Six academic credits can be earned from participating in this low-cost program which ends by three weeks' participation on digs in different parts of England and Scotland.

These include the Association's own mesolithic dig on the island of Oronsay in the Hebrides which this summer was visited by Queen Elizabeth, Prince Charles and Princess Anne. Cost, inclusive of Trans-Atlantic travel by scheduled jet, is \$750.

Write now for further details to Ian Lowson, 539 West 112 Street, New York, New York 10025.

OPEN HOUSES

The Student Wives' Club is sponsoring an Open House on Tuesday, November 9th. This Open House will be held at the homes of twelve married students. All students and faculty have received invitations telling them to whose home they have been invited. We ask that you let your host or hostess know whether you plan to attend by Sunday, November 7th. This is another step in our continuing efforts to further relationships within our community. We hope you'll make every effort to attend.

THE PUNCHBOWL AGAIN

The Mt. Airy Saints traveled to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania as our Lutheran brothers played football host to a bevy of Philadelphians. In the sunny pre-game warmth the tenor of the contest was set by the respective warm-ups of each team. To the rhythmic cadence of the Gettysburg callisthenics, the Philadelphians quietly worked out the crampy tiredness that accompanied the long ride.

The bretheren from Central Pennsylvania won the toss and elected to receive the booming kick of L. Berry. As they would continue to mishandle several kicks during the game, the maroon and white fumbled the ball upon receiving the opening kick-off.

Mt. Airy stopped the opening offense offered by Gettysburg and turned around to take the ball up the field for a score but not without being penalized. The gentlemen from Philadelphia were destined to see little red flags throughout the day and only this first drive managed to move without many infractions. The defense, featuring the sparkling play of J. Harding and D. Rhone, kept the opposition at bay except for one score in the first half. The blocking of Rhone for one of Harding's interceptions ended in a score for the Saints. In the second half the scoring was reversed as Gettysburg scored twice. It was only in the last few moments of the game that A. Holtberg engineered or tigered his offense to a touchdown with the aid of L. Berry's crisp pass patterns. Thus, the fervor of the men from Gettysburg was dampened as they settled for a tie on their own field.

The atmosphere at the games the last two years has not brought the men at Gettysburg and Philadelphia any closer. I enjoyed joining the worship life of Gettysburg and visiting friends, there, more than I enjoyed the game of football in which I played. I recommend more visits between the two schools rather than one football event that only ends in ill feeling. George Treutle and "Jan" Newpher did their best as referees to keep tempers and the game under control. We extend to both of them our special thanks.

Bob Young, Jr.

A VISIT WITH DR. REED NOTED

Last Saturday night I had the pleasant opportunity to visit with Dr. Luther Dotterer Reed, professor emeritus and president emeritus of this seminary. The conversation while there ranged from the "virtues" of marriage (the three ring theory--engagement ring, wedding ring and suffer-ring) to the organ works of Johann Sebastian Bach. Dr. Reed is quite an interesting man to talk with, his sense of humor has not been dulled by his ninety-eight years of experience. As a

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matter of fact, many of his enticing anecdotes come from his travels and years as president of the seminary.

Dr. Reed enjoys visitors his house-keeper told us and would probably appreciate visitors if they call ahead and make sure they are expected.

The evening was really quite pleasant, and I consider the evening to have been well-spent, even though no "Halloweeners" came around.

Dennis Kohl.

STREETCARS (cont'd from pg. 1)

ten years. (b. Yes, you can still transfer between route 23 and 56 for only 5¢! (c. We did not observe any female operators on route 60. However, we have recently been informed by Wally Taylor that he observed one late one night. Since he cannot authenticate his find in any way e.g. through pictures, it cannot for the present be used to decide this important issue one way or another. (d. The little-understood semi-automatic switches on route 66 are not semi-automatic at all, but rather fully automatic. (e. Route 59 is indeed part of the canon, although it in its present trackless-trolley form is in reality a shortened version of a much longer rail line. More information is forthcoming. (f. Joachim Stromabnehmer is off his trolley, for we both saw the third pair of wires on route 66 with our own eyes, and heard stories about a route 66 express which runs over them during peak periods Monday through Friday, and consequently PHOTOGRAPHED a sign providing information about said express service, thus establishing our theory as cold fact. (g. The 2600 series car which we rode on Erie Avenue, a 30 year old veteran covered with graffiti and in poor mechanical condition, (#2574--actually a 2500 series car, but few scholars recognize the 2500 cars as belonging to a separate series) still had the conductor's booth intact--but the controls had been removed. (h. So far as an afternoon of thrills, chills, crowding, etc. is concerned, one interesting incident did take place which merits sharing with the readership of the SEMINARIAN. Namely, during our trip on route 56 (see above), right around the "Donut Joy" stand on Torresdale Avenue several youths ran up to the slow-moving trolley and jumped onto the side of it, pulling themselves up by the guard rails on the side of the window. Thus attached to the car, these human barnacles rode free for about two blocks, and then dismounted in much the same manner that they had mounted, with the exception that everything was in reverse. Your editor approves of such actions, so long as there is not danger of injuries to the passengers hitching a ride. After all, the streetcar is so wonderful, why restrict its enjoyment to those who happen to have 35¢ in exact change in their pocket at the time.

In conclusion, it is interesting and enlightening to note the comments of the participants: Dennis Kohl, editor-in-chief of the SEMINARIAN, said in retrospect, "What a grueling trip!" John Schweitzer, streetcar editor, summed up his feelings thusly: "We haven't settled anything, but we sure had a heck of a lot of fun collecting the information."

Students desiring more information concerning the above-described expedition are respectfully referred to the above-under-signed persons.

DID YOU KNOW? YOU KNOW DID? KNOW DID YOU? DID YOU KNOW? KNOW DID YOU?

The world is full of amazing facts, you have but to look around and you will fall over them. For the sake of those persons who may not be aware of the amazing facts surrounding them, we present the following bits of information for your pleasure and enjoyment:
A rapier is a slender, two-edged sword with a large cup hilt, used chiefly for thrusting.

A hack is a kick on the shins in Rugby football.

A turbot is, erroneously, a flatfish or flounder.

Hokeypokey is cheap ice cream sold by street vendors.

The vowel (e) is not raised and diphthongized before g as it is in Southern Mountain speech.

Andirons are also called firedogs

The coelacanth has archaic gill flaps and lower jaw, bony scales covered with enamel, limblike fins, a double tail divided by spinal projection.