

# THE SEMINARIAN



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## RETREAT

On February 11 and 12, there will be a retreat here on campus for the entire seminary community. Activities will begin with dinner on Friday and will conclude on Saturday evening with a dance. The theme will center on the question, "What is the Minister Up Against as a Person?" Discussed will be the minister's private life, i.e. John Doe of the Reverend John Doe. What is his relationship to his family, peers, and other significant persons? How does he live productively? The primary resource people for the retreat will be the Reverends Daniel DeArment and Robert Hughes. Further details including cost, what you need to bring, and reservation forms will be mailed out during the January break. Please reserve these dates so all can have an opportunity to better begin the second term with a communal start.

The Retreat Committee  
(Rick Sebastian)

## SENIORS

The first session of the Senior Class' Nuts and Bolts Course will be on Tuesday evening, January 11 at 7:30 P.M. Place-Graduate Hall; Subject- First calls and contracts. Wives welcome- bring all of your questions from the January 6 meeting. On the panel: Dr. White, Dr. Streich, Rev. Larry Hand of S.E. Penna. Synod, and a recent graduate of Mt. Airy. You won't want to miss this session.

Larry Smoose

## A NOTE FROM THE LADIES

A deep curtsey to all seminarians and staff members for so graciously hosting campus day for committee members of the Women's Auxiliary, Thursday, November 18! The contemporary worship, brilliant lectures- engaging student discussions and the friendly verbal exchange over lunch made the event a most enriching experience. It was, in the opinion of all who attended, a happening that should make the scene annually!

Mrs. Arnold P. Spohn  
President, Women's  
Auxiliary

## CHAPEL

There will be a chapel service next week, the week of finals. The service will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 1971 at 12.00 noon. This service will come in between the finals and the service might provide some sort of motive for you to enjoy the Christmas season more. It would be good to see everyone who will be around the campus then in chapel.

## ACHTUNG

Also on Tuesday, December 21, there will be a meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church in Malrose Park of students from that congregation and community who are in college and would like to get together with other students for talk. Question? Ask Dennis Kohl.



To my beloved master, Charlie Brown,

I want to slip these brief thoughts into your mind while you are busily preparing for Christmas. I know that you are now struggling with trying to figure out what I want for Christmas. This same problem has been troubling me also. Added to this is the problem of trying to figure out how to give you a Christmas gift. It is in response to these two problems that I am now slipping these next thoughts into your mind and pray that you will remember them as my Christmas gift to you.

There is a saying that Christmas dreams are those which you share with others, especially with those that you love. From this saying I draw the courage to let you know my Christmas dream. Last night I was laying on top of my doghouse and wondering what I, as Joe Cool on the college campus, was going to do. If you remember, on Thanksgiving Joe Cool had to go to Gino's to get some lunch because no one invited me to his home for that day. Slowly I began to dream a dream about Christmas Day.

I found myself coming into a home brightly decorated for the Christmas holidays. The family consisted of a mother and a father and two children, a boy and a girl and a dog, a beagle to be exact. We awoke early on Christmas morning to go to church and enjoy the service. Once we got back to their house, we exchanged presents before preparing to eat our Christmas meal. During this period of time the dog was running around everywhere, going from one person to another. At one point, the dog was looking at us standing still. But since he was under the tree, his tail was knocking over the manger and knocked out the light that was in it. The family was upset that this had happened. Upon my asking why they were so upset, I was given an interesting answer. It seems that the light in the manger reminded them of the Light which came into the world. This light was the Pre-existent Word which came into the world in the form of the baby Jesus. God had sent the gift of his Son into the world. The first gift of love at Christmas had been given. It was for this reason that the family had the light in the manger.

When I awoke from the dream, I thought about it for a few minutes. Suddenly I realized that it was your family and the dog was me. As a result of this dream, I realize that my gift to you this Christmas would be to not knock over the manger. This is the only thing which I can give you, but you will realize that it is done through my love for you. The gift that I would like to get is to be invited into the house to be able to share the joy of being together with loved ones at Christmas.

Merry Christmas,  
Snoopy

## ANOTHER BABY

We want to take this opportunity to announce to the community that Mrs. Lynn Langkamer gave birth to a baby girl. We're almost sure that it was a girl, but we're taking a chance that the baby was a girl. Congratulations Lynn and Mrs. Langkamer.

Next semester the Seminarian will be published on Tuesday nights and the papers will hit the streets on Wednesday mornings. Hopefully this will help to improve the attendance at convocations and Communion Services in the coming semester.

# THANKS

I'd like to thank Carl Shankweiler for his service as telephone regulator this semester. As you might know, Carl will be leaving school at the end of the semester, having finished his academic work, and will be taking a quarter of C.P.E. (which he well needs---wait'll they get a hold of him.) Seriously though, Carl has done a very good job, and a real service to the student body by getting the free phone service operating. He put a lot of time and effort into devising and enforcing the phone regulations. This is hardly an easy job for anyone, and without his efforts, the free phone service wouldn't have lasted as long as it did. He pretty much single-handedly devised a system which made it possible for many of us to have a much used and appreciated service (which even saved us some money.) Thanks, Carl, for all you did, it was appreciated by many.

Dave Allen has agreed to take over the job of Telephone Regulator for next semester. He and Carl are already hard at work to find a way to restore free phone service for local calls, and if there is a way, they'll find it. Dave's room is No. 35-36 on the third floor of C Hall. Starting next semester, he will be the keeper of the key, collector of charges, and enforcer of fines for the phone.

By the way, I don't hold anything against Carl for being the "pathetic and inept" part of my administration.

Bruce Davidson

# THE CASSIQUET CALLS

Despite the gathering of the Holy Ones of Mt. Airy, a white dove will not soar over their heads during the Advent Vespers.

(condt. in next column)

The Exodus of yet another righteous one reduces the faithful remnant in the North Dorm critically. The faithful will not be forsaken. The coming of Elijah will usher in a new age in the North.

I predict a plague of leprosy in Calif. this will be a result of the employment of illegal immigrants from Mexico in the Calif. fruit harvest. Many of the "wet-backs" have the disease and since they enter illegally there is no way to keep the lepers out.

The wrath of Elijah will be invoked if the student sanctuary is abominably desecrated in the manner of an English pub.

I predict that there shall come to prominence a new form of outer raiment at Mt. Airy. Flannel shirts shall first appear in great numbers during the new year.

The creature of Fairmount Park will not appear during the Week of Days, that is the Days of Final Reckoning.

BE FOREWARNED: the consumption of the unclean drink BA-AL-EN-TINE shall not go unpunished.

I predict a series of man-eating tigers in India. The tiger, ordinarily, attacks humans when it has become too old to catch deer and other animals that are its natural food. The scarcity of wildlife will cause the tigers to turn to humans for food. Some villages will be abandoned after several inhabitants have been killed by the marauding tigers. The Indian army will be too busy guarding the Pakistan borders to be of much help. The long range result will be the extinction of all tigers, except those in zoos, because people will arm themselves and exterminate the animals.



# ADVENT VESPERS

TONIGHT 6 PM - DINNER  
VESPERS - 8 PM



The preparations for Advent Vespers have been moving along and a few people have been working hard on them. We hope to see everyone there.

A concert by Dr. Bornemann will begin at 7.30 p.m. The choir has prepared an excellent concert and is looking forward to performing this concert for the students and faculty and friends of the seminary.

Dinner, buffet style, will be served at 6.00 p.m. in the refectory. The meal is free and you are welcome to attend this meal.

After the office of vespers, there will be a party in the Main Dorm centering on the cloister walk which will also be decorated.

Some people have been working hard to give us all a good time. Hopefully everyone can turn out. This should be an excellent opportunity to get in the ol' Christmas spirit. See you there!

## WEDDING BELLS

On Monday, December 27, 1971 Richard Overcash is getting married. The bride is Robin Raine. The wedding will take place in North Carolina. We extend best wishes and congratulations for the marriage and the future to both Rich and Robin.

We at the Seminarian want to take this opportunity to extend the wishes for a happy Christmas Season and a peaceful New Year to all the members of our community. We hope that with this celebration of Christ's coming into the world that we might all be able to display the joy of the Christian life in the coming year ahead. Have a good vacation and an exciting New Year.

-Editorial Staff.

The Seminarian is a student publication of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. This is our last issue for the year, but have no fear, we shall return. Our office is on the third floor of "F" Hall in Main Dorm, facing the tennis courts. We appreciate any criticisms, articles, cartoons or newsworthy items for publication. It is your newspaper. Our staff varied from week to week and is for the most part a jolly good group. The staff this week is:

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