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ECUMENICAL EVENT

Tonight at 8:00 P.M., our seminary will host an ecumenical worship involving students from P.D.S., St. Charles, and Eastern Baptist. The service will be held in the chapel, and will center around a mixed media presentation created especially for this event. Following worship, there will be refreshments and a fellowship hour in the basement of the chapel. The emphasis of this event is in worship and fellowship, please plan to remain after the service.

This service is the second attempt made by the Philadelphia area seminaries in getting together an ecumenical event. The first attempt was in December when an Advent service was presented at P.D.S. Those who were able to attend found it to be very worthwhile. We hope that tonight's service will be as meaningful as the first service was.

Please make an effort to attend this service of worship and this occasion of ecumenical fellowship. We think you will find it interesting and well worth your time.

The Inter-Seminary Committee

Ordination!

The service of ordination and installation for Bob Rodriguez will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2801 West 8th St., Brooklyn, New York (Coney Island) on Saturday, April 29, at 4:00 P.M.

The student body and the faculty of the seminary are invited to take this incredible event in with their own eyes. If one is travelling in a car, he or she should get to and cross the Verrazano Narrows Bridge. Go east on the Belt Parkway, exit at Cropsey Avenue, go right on Cropsey to Neptune Avenue, turn left at Neptune and follow it to West 8th Street. These are Bob's instructions, be prepared for some surprises.

COURSES NEXT SEMESTER:

Dr. White: 602 Ministry in Church and Community

This course is required for M. Div. students as a part of the sequence of courses in pastoral theology. First semester, second year, four units of credit. MAR students may elect to take this.

The parish, understood as a voluntary association, is used to focus the social ministry of the church. The course gives assistance in the development and in the testing through field assignments of a style of pastoral ministry which attends to the variety of structures which comprise the complex society of urban man and to the issues which demand the church's social concern.

Using the field placement setting each student will develop a case analysis of the ministry in that church and community. A strategy for social ministry within that social context will be developed.

Readings will include: Berger, The Sacred Canopy; Schaller, The Change Agent; Hadden, The Gathering Storm in the Churches; Gustafson, Treasure in Earthen Vessels.

Dr. Lazareth: 560 Sex, Love and Life

Prerequisites: Christian Ethics 503, evening sessions, wives welcome

A comparison of Protestant and Roman Catholic approaches to the moral issues involved in current borderline cases in biomedical ethics: abortion, artificial insemination, birth control, euthanasia, homosexuality, organ transplants, sterilization, suicide. Readings, reports, discussions.

Drs. Lazareth and Aden: Pastoral Counseling in Ethical Dilemmas

Limited to senior students. Ways of enabling persons to make responsible decisions as Christians in facing crisis situations, employing actual experiences encountered in the internship year. Readings, reports, verbatims, role play, discussions.

Dr. Iappert: 421 History of American Christianity

Prerequisites: Successful completion of orientation course #401, Perspectives in Church History.

Christianity in America, and how it has come to be what it is today, will be studied by a variety of methods: reading, lectures, reports, discussion.

Dr. Bornemann: The Book of Genesis

Prerequisites: Hebrew 352 (or its equivalent).

A study of the thought of Genesis on the basis of the Hebrew text. Reading of key passages with special attention to the exegetical method.

Depending on background and facility in Hebrew, the class may be sectioned.

bookstore news board

This Thursday, April 27, will be the last day that books can be charged in the bookstore. All sales during the last two weeks of classes will be on a cash basis only. The final bookstore bills should be out sometime next week. Any pub house bills that come in after this Thursday, will not be on the final bill we send out, and will be sent to you individually. All bookstore bills must be paid by the end of the semester

Dwight Shellaway,
Bookstore manager!

of pensions

The Board of Pensions, LCA, will mail packets to all seniors during the week of May 8--12. Included in each packet will be a questionnaire, application, financial statement, and constitutions of the various plans administered by the Board.

Mr. Joseph Gould, representative, will be on campus on May 11. Persons wishing to see him should sign the appointment sheet on the Hagan Hall bulletin board.

GAME PLAN

As the editors of the Seminarian, we propose the following policy for selecting and editing submitted material: Our primary effort will be to keep the Seminarian an important means of communication for the seminary community. This communication has a two-fold purpose: First, the Seminarian will provide an opportunity for intra-seminary dialogue. Secondly, this paper shall be a means for others outside the community to become aware of the happenings around the Seminary. The methods for attempting this goal are as follows:

- a. This paper will be a sounding board for student and faculty opinions regarding subjects of mutual concern. However, attacks on individuals of a personal nature shall not be permitted.
- b. Regular progress reports from the president of the student body, the faculty, the administration, organizations and standing committees dealing with items of interest to this community will continue to be encouraged and asked for.
- c. Other articles having literary value, humor or entertainment within the limits of good taste will be gladly accepted.
- d. Regular columns will be established at the discretion of the editorial staff.
- e. The Seminarian will refrain from being totally nonsense or totally boring. This paper shall be somewhere between these two extremes, while trying to remain an accurate reflexion of the seminary community.
- f. All articles appearing in this paper must have the name of the author accompanying it. The name may be withheld, however, if sufficient reason is presented to the editorial staff to do so.
- g. The editorial staff reserves the right to reject or edit any material submitted.

The Seminarian will remain a student publication, YOUR support is therefore needed and expected to keep this paper an effective means of communication for our community. YOUR response and suggestions during the upcoming year is encouraged.

Bruce W. Pottsiger
Rich Davis
The Editors

THESPIANIA

The plays scheduled for this weekend have been cancelled due to a variety of circumstances beyond our control. However, a play will be presented to the Ladies Auxiliary Saturday afternoon at 2:00, at the Ascension Sunday School Room. All are invited. Hopefully all three plays will be presented sometime next week.

Presented by Jan Newpher, Acting Director, Mt. Airy Players.

CONVOCAATION 11:20 a.m.

During Convocation today, Drs. Krodel and Lazareth will be presenting critiques sponsored by the Urban Church Institute.

WELCOME

This Saturday, April 29, it is our pleasure to welcome to our campus, the 33rd Anniversary Celebration of the Women's Auxiliary of the Seminary. One of the guest speakers will be Mrs. Robert J. Marshall, wife of the president of the Lutheran Church in America. The Women's Auxiliary supported the Seminary by providing \$16,852.80 in scholarships and gifts last year. We thank the women for their generous gifts over the years, and we hope the student body will welcome them warmly.

last picture show

Wednesday, May 3rd, is the last film showing. There shall be two films: "Omega" and "The Parable". The latter is being brought back by request. If you still haven't seen it, don't miss it this time. You won't regret having shelved another activity to see it.

Thanks again to everyone who supported and helped us present our film showings. "Last picture show" on the third of May, 8:00 P.M., Hagan Hall.

Bob Boyer

RING? RING?

This week, April 24-30, is the last for the "Free Phone". The phone will be disconnected on Monday, May 1 in order to provide time for Bell Tel to compute and mail the final bill and for the phone director to collect the mojeq.

In that we did not use all of the budget line of \$150, we might consider the phone system a success. It is regrettable that we were unable to allow local calls to be made without charge because of the costly charge on local calling units.

The present phone director, Dave Allen,

speaking also for Carl Shankweiler, extends a "thank you" to all users of the phone for their cooperation and support.

The phone bills for the period of March 11 to April 10 are posted on the bulletin boards in Hagan Hall and Main Dorm. Deadline for payment is Friday, April 28.

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STRASSENBAHN SPALTE

Last week we left you more or less stranded in the swamps of Eastwick, trying to figure out why a streetcar line (route 36) would end in the middle of a swamp. The only explanation we can offer is: at one time this line ran to Chester, Pa. When the Chester line was abandoned, it was decided to keep the line as far as Eastwick. The loop for this reduced-length line was then located in the swamp, since there was no place for it in the streets of Eastwick. The fact that almost noone lives in Eastwick is immaterial, because: a) The line may someday be extended to the airport, which is nearby; and b) With current plans to locate the Bicentennial in these swamps, the line may become a vital link between the rest of Phila. and the Bicentennial. Be that as it may, it is time to move on to better things. Take the 36 back to city center. Walk several blocks to 5th Str., where a route 50 car will be waiting to take you to North Phila. Option: visit Independence Hall at 5 & Chestnut, local tourist attraction, which nevertheless cannot hope to compete with route 50 so far as drawing crowds is concerned. (It is significant that every schoolchild who visits Ind. Hall also gets to see a trolley, sort of a donum superadditum.) Take the 50 to Girard Ave. and transfer to route 15 eastbound. Enjoy a ride over 1/2 mile of new track (1969) at the Del. Expy. exit, past the headquarters of the Standard Feather Co. Have fun riding through Port Richmond, notice how at this point the line serves absolutely no one, since there are no houses in sight. Stay on the car to the end of the line, and transfer to route 60, which shares the loop with route 15. It is here that the old Richmond Depot was once located, (see SEMINARIAN, Str. Spl. vol. 33, nos. 7 & 16), but this august edifice, which in its latest capacity housed a tire warehouse, has since been torn down, and an insignificant filling station stands on its erstwhile sight. Take the 60 and enjoy the ride through the Polish splendor of Richmond. Note the three Catholic churches right next to each other (we can't figure out how it happened either!) Option: Visit the Ave Maria room at St. Lavislowrski's. Stay on the 60 until you reach Kensington Ave. Now prepare to bail out, but this will have to wait until NEXT WEEK.