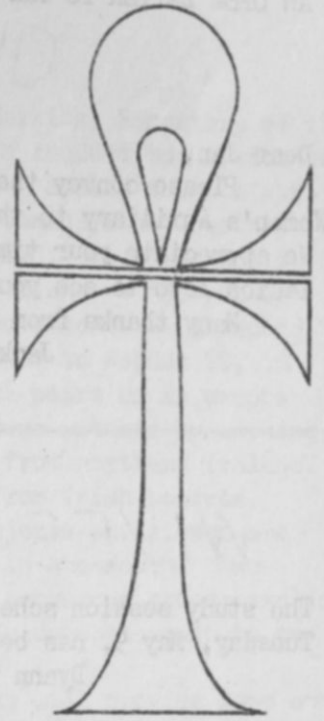


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communion

The last communion service of this academic year will be celebrated a week from today, May 10, at 7:30 P.M. Please note that the time has been changed from the original scheduled hour at convocation. Dr. Newpher will be preaching and an opportunity for social intercourse, i.e. fellowship, will be offered after the service. Everyone is urged to make a special effort to be there since this is our last opportunity to worship as a community.

Rich Sebastian

important meeting

Next Wednesday, May 10th at convocation, Mr. Glenn Appleby, the director of development, will conduct a very important meeting for the benefit of the seminary community. The meeting will be concerned with describing and commenting on the recent plans adopted by the Board of Directors. These include plans for developing the facilities on the campus and ideas about the educational approach and program of the school. If you attended the last student body meeting, you might remember that we discussed some of these plans. However, these things have now been adopted officially, and somewhat expanded, so that we can now discuss them in some detail.

The purpose of the meeting is specifically To Inform the student body about these developments and to entertain questions or comments. It is really important that we all know what is planned for the seminary, for our own information and also so that we might be able to do a little "public relations" as students. In order for anything to happen here at all, the synods at their conventions will have to agree to release the money in the development fund. This may not be as easy as it sounds, since right now there is a good bit of bad feeling among the congregations in our supporting synods. There has been a serious communication problem between these congregations and the seminary,

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MT. AIRY PLAYERS:

May 1, 1972

Dear Jan,

Please convey the thanks of the Women's Auxiliary to the Mt. Airy Players. We appreciate your time and effort. The ladies love to see you students in action! Many thanks from us all.

Jackie Lazareth

WIVES CLUB

The study session scheduled for next Tuesday, May 9, has been cancelled.

Dyann Taylor

GONE BUT NOT

FORGOTTEN! STAFF

John and Gail Morrill are pleased to announce the birth of four kittens to Trish Morrill and Martin J. Heinekatt. The kittens were born on April 11. Two of the kittens are gray and white and the other two have tiger markings with an "M" (for Martin?) on their foreheads. The mother and kittens are healthy and strong.

the plague

One can not quite describe the excruciating embarrassment which accompanies the "kissing disease". Oh, the humiliation of lying flat on one's back with one's movements being limited to going from bed to couch then from the couch to the bed with periodically sitting up to swallow victuals brought in by one's favorite slave. Alas the plague creeps away as it crept up. No longer must I rely on inadequate help, but can indeed travel to the ever-loving refectory to much needed nourishment. Indeed, health is on the way.

(These thoughts have been expressed by David A. Rhone while still in convalescence.)

Definition:

higgledy-piggledy = in disorder; in jumbled confusion.

higgler = (hig'ler)n. a person who higgles

MEETING cont.

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especially in regard to the development and merger plans of the past. People in our area would really like to know what is going on here, especially since it's their money we hope to use. Informed students can help clear up the problems by being able to convey information and answer questions concerning the seminary to people in their home, intern, and field education congregations. These people have a right to know about the seminary's plans, and if we as students don't take advantage of opportunities to learn about the plans ourselves then we only serve to preserve the current state of affairs.

I urge everyone to attend this meeting. Convocation hour is a time convenient to everyone. Please take an interest and come to this meeting.

Bruce H. Davidson

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Our staff this week consisted of:

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Ray Ursin, Dave Rhone, Dr. Newpher,

Jan Newpher, Mrs. Lazereth

Visitors: Jan Newpher, Tommy Richards,

Dave Rhone.

Brief Visitors: Paul Bartlett, Rock Hudson.

Would You Believe...

that there are 250 Jews in Tokyo

that a kangaroo once cleared a pile of timber 10' 6"

that Bruce Davidson weighs 90 pounds soaking wet

that Dr. McCurley plays golf

that a rasping snore can attain a loudness of 69 decibels

that the Phillies are tied for first place

that the record for chicken plucking is

three naked birds in 6 minutes and

31 seconds.

THE SHEPHERD

John 10:1-18

One Arabic joke says: "When you are lost, don't ask the dog that is running beside the road. But when you want to get lost, ask directions from the first shepherd you find."

In the Middle East the shepherd is regarded as the simplest of people. He has no knowledge of anything beyond where he has traveled. He has no culture that could be enjoyed by anything more advanced than a sheep. His already limited vocabulary shrinks even more as he spends extended lengths of time in no conversation but with sheep. And he smells terrible - like sheep. He is considered a simpleton. (Incidentally consider that the birth announcement of Christ was sent to such people.) There is no comparison between the shepherd and other men such as the Arab businessman or the Arab craftsman. There is even no comparison between the shepherd and the village farmer. But why should there be? The shepherd's job is his sheep. And when it comes to sheep, the shepherd is the best.

Those sheep know him and no-one else. They know him by his voice, by his presence and being, and by his years of living with and among them. Now consider: the Lord is our shepherd. Do we know him---by his voice by his presence, and by His years of living with us?

The shepherd, not the businessman or farmer, knows sheep. Others may consider him simple, but he does know sheep. And what's more important to the sheep?

We are the Lord's sheep. There's something great about that! What's great about it is how personal our God is. He comes to us on our level, where we are. We are so much like sheep: helpless, stupid. What good would it be if God came as a farmer or a business man? But He comes as a shepherd. A-a-a-ah! Now we can relax! He is here to live with us.

Often critics of the cinematique art pan modern attempts at entertainment; let me inform the members of the Mt. Airy community that there is one movie which rises above this criticism: Tales from the Crypt. Tales provides the opportunity for some good ole-fashioned fright--something we all need every now and then! Scenes do range from ludicrous to sickening, so be warned ye weak of stomach! Don't, don't read the book before you see the movie--it'll ruin it for you! See DAVE RHONE for more gory details. Hope you see it. D. Kohl

VISIT IRELAND

Dr. George F. Harkins, Secretary of the LCA, has forwarded a request to presidents of all LCA Seminaries, asking them to publicize the project "Seminarians Together--to Ireland this Summer". This project is seeking thirty seminarians -- half Roman Catholic and half Protestants -- to spend the summer from June 29 to August 15, in Ireland in ecumenical pairs or in groups of four to six, to bear witness by working with and for people from northern Ireland. This request comes from Irish sources.

Three other projects envisioned are in the north, three in the south. Two in the north are in dangerous areas; explicit parental or family consent would be desired.

All six projects will provide room and board; applicants must be prepared to make sacrifices in this regard for some of the facilities will demand good-humoured acceptance of simple fare and accomodations. Some will live with families; some will be in dorms.

Expenses, apart from room and board, will have to be born by the volunteers. Anyone interested in spending the summer in Ireland should see Dr. Newpher for full details.

STREETCARS

Due to academic commitments this evening, the Strassenbahn Spalta will be unusually short--as if a 23 car were to originate at Gtn and Gorgas and loop at Mermaid Lane. Last week we left the streetcar excursionist (and I assume there really are a few readers who try to take these trips!) at Kensington and Allegheny Aves. in the heart of an Eastern European ethnic community. We suggest that you get off the 60 car at this point and amuse yourself in this amazing neighborhood for a few hours. Enjoy the Polish atmosphere. Try to pronounce the names on the store signs. Eat a "slim Jim" sausage. Don't tell any Polish jokes!!! Also note the crossover connecting the eastbound with the westbound rails of route 60, a reminder of the days when this line was serviced with double-ended cars which could change direction at will wherever there was one of these crossovers. Ask yourself how you ever got along for so many years not knowing that this marvelous neighborhood even existed. CONTINUED AND CONCLUDED NEXT WEEK

THE SEMINARY COMMUNITY

INVITES YOU TO VIEW
THREE ONE-ACT PLAYS

PERFORMED BY

THE MT. AIRY



PLAYERS



ON MAY 3
AT 8:00 P.M.



IN THE CHAPEL