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S.A.C. SACKS "COMMON CUP"!

(FOR THIS WEEK)

ATTENTION! The Coffee-house - "The Common Cup" will not be open tonight. However, it will be open November 15 (next Thursday) and will incorporate a "TOWN - MEETING" that evening concerning construction.

This Friday, November 9th - The ALL SEMINARY POT - LUCK DINNER will "HOPEFULLY" be held in the Refectory at 7 P.M. sharp. The sign-up sheet has been posted in Hagan Hall for over a week and a half and responses have so far been very poor. This affair is open to all students, (including single students living on campus), their spouses or dates, ALL faculty and administrative staff and their families. The WHOLE seminary family is invited! So, sign up already! Please!

Next Wednesday, November 14th, at 7:30 P.M. there will be a meeting for planning the social events for Advent Vespers at my home -121 West Mount Pleasant Avenue. All interested students and faculty members and spouses please attend this meeting. If you can't make this meeting but are still interested in helping, drop a note to me in the "C" mail box in Hagan.

As Chairman and a member of the Social Activities Committee I am interested in any ideas you may have for social events which we could implement either this semester or next semester. I am also interested in help in running the coffee-house, "The Common Cup". So far just two of us have run it every time and we desperately need more help! Keep the ideas and help coming!

Gary Carrier

ANNUARY TERM

The January term this year will be taking seriously the commitment to flexibility and experimentation which is stated in our catalog description of the term. We have gone so far as to call it a "theological laboratory" in which diverse attempts to relate theology and experience will be carried out.

As it stands now the offerings, exclusive of Greek, will take shape as follows:

- J4-1 A study of Sects and Cults in Contemporary America which attempts to account for the popularity of selected sects and cults through reading of relevant literature and observation at their meetings. Dr. Tappert.
- J4-2 A study of selected novels and their theological implications with Dr. Newpher.
- J4-3 Tailor-made learning contracts negotiated with Dr. Lundeen and/or Dr. Olson. An attempt will be made to put together some common interests and experiences as a basis for theological reflection. Instead of a single course the students will be able to put together a combination of experiences, workshops, etc. Some of the possible areas of exploration may be: a workshop on confirmation teaching, sections focusing on personal convictions, vocation and theology, field visits with pastors and laymen as a basis for theological reflection, encounters with other church leaders such as synod presidents, etc.
- J4-4 If a student wishes to develop his own January Term program utilizing any resources available through or in addition to the above, he should confer with the Acting Dean.

Registration for both the January term and the second semester will occur after the Thanksgiving recess, probably during the first week in December. Students are requested to give thought to the above so that they will be ready to register at the announced time. Further information and instructions will be issued by the Registrar, including a list of names of those students who have January requirements to meet.

Gerhard Krodel
Acting Dean

LIGHT GALLERY

Every now and then I'm by myself, usually at home in the apartment sitting at my desk with a persistent little clock and the distant traffic as background for my thoughts. In the sketch this week we find our subject in the midst of such an unaccompanied moment. It's one of those stock taking instances you and I participate in on occasion. The sketch this week is entitled, "Love Lace."

The faint murmur of a dozen active people downstairs reminded Karen of thoughts she had often experienced when she had spent time alone in her room. In such younger days the house always did seem to be alive. Each noise had a vital meaning for the dwelling's existence. And the activity below, which she more sensed than heard, had always symbolized the blood of the organism.

It didn't seem unusual to her that the house's pulse was quicker, because she was keenly aware that this old house was giving birth, kicking her out of the safer confines of the womb. She was ready to go. There was no mistake about that but the quiet omniscience of the house unnerved her a little.

The house was a solid point of reference around which the uncertainties of the not-so-distant future whirled. Neither Fred nor she were really happily secure in their jobs at the moment. The apartment they could afford was only marginally livable and it looked like it would be a long while before these and other peculiar worries would be solved.

Karen looked past herself in the mirror at the whole room and saw her dress draped across the bed. She turned and looked at it directly as it rested there waiting for her to suit herself. What was it about this dress that calmed her so strangely? What was it about these seams and ruffles that put aside momentarily her swirling future?

The phone rang abruptly and Karen answered it.
It was Fred.

Now Read Ephesians 6: 10-17.

Robert Young, Jr.

RESOLUTION

NUTS/BOLTS

The following are the resolutions which were made during the special student body meeting on Monday, Oct. 29. They are:

- 1.) "Be it resolved that the position of the student body concerning "interface", is that if "interface" is not financially possible, then it could be an expendable part of the building program."
- 2.) "Be it resolved that the student body expresses its concern about the progress of building especially affirms the need for meeting the deadlines for the main dormitory and married student housing."

Just a reminder to the members of the Executive Committee of the Student Body that the next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 19, at 6:15 P.M. in the basement of The Lutheran Church of the Ascension.

Mark E. Brophy
Student Body Secretary

Don't forget Nuts and Bolts!!!
Wednesday, 8:00 P.M., November 14, 1973
Where: 1st floor Graduate Hall
Who: All seniors and their spouses

Subject: Call committees and prospective pastor

There will be a three member panel (professor, intern supervisor who was called in last year, and a '72 graduate from here - to discuss negotiations between calling committee and council and the prospect. How to get information and what information we should consider and how to get what you want before the formal call. Come with questions to ask after the panel discussion.

Refreshment hopefully will be available.

Next Nuts and Bolts: 11/28, 8PM - Dr. Newpher and Rev. Larry Snoose

Our Role

"Sartre, expressed a view in his writings as well as in his life, that to categorize a person is to constrain him....he also believed that the role is an essential limitation of personal freedom." (Ideology and Insanity by T.S. Szasz, M.D.)

What is our role as seminarians? I have thought about it, but I can not really define it as yet. I do know that I like the role, in fact, I enjoy what it has created for me. At times I feel cast in a role that confines me as a white Anglo-Saxon seminarian. Other times, I feel quite comfortable in a role that can justify my "rightest" attitudes. Sometimes the role hides me from reality or sinks me into apathy. Most times it gives me assurance that I can relate to others and they relate in return to me.

However, despite all the worries and doubts, I feel this role contradicts Sartre's idea of limiting personal freedom. The seminarian role seems to give me more personal freedom, allows me to choose and search for the truth. It also assumes I am on that search. I don't really feel that being categorized, a seminarian, constrains me, or the role limits my freedom. It does the opposite. It allows me to open-up more - to myself, to peers, and others. This role creates for me a new freedom in Christ, who certainly has no limits.

I don't feel we should be hung-up on our role, but I do feel we should think about it. Recently, with the trauma of October-November exams, many Juniors are asking, "What am I doing here?" I think we know what we are doing or not doing here. We just have to think a little more about why we are here!

Peace!
Al Debron

NOTES:

Seminarians or wives:

Are you interested in teaching in a nursery school program for 3 & 4 year olds?

If so, for more information, contact Rev. or Mrs. Paul Andel at 831 - 1483

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