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CAMPUS GESCHICHTE

Remember when the had waiter said: "When you put a hot cup on a hot saucer, when it cools, it sucks it." JNJerge 2/16/76

"The more you do it, the more you'll like it." * Foster McCurley

Heard recently from Tappert House; (Ed. note: three seniors regularly live there) "Gee with these new storm windows in, I really miss the cold wind that used to blow in by my bed... it used to make the shades unfurl like sails on a ship!!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Two rugs available gratis: 13x17, 13x12, dark green. Enough to wall-to wall most internship apartments. See Paul Beck. They must be picked up (vicinity Ambler) this week.

To ALL STUDENTS: Please report all visits to the Doctor and Prescriptions that are filled, to Mrs. Hansberry in th Business Office, as soon as possible after the visit. Do this after every visit.

BOOKSTORE HOURS: Monday 12:45 - 1:45 3:00-4:30
 Tuesday 8:30-9:30 1:00-2:00
 Wednesday 10:00-11:00 1:00-3:00 6:15-7:15
 Thursday After chapel - 11:00 1:00-2:00
 Friday 11:00-12:00

BASKETBALL: Results

Middlers 49 Hairy Hoopers 36

Exhibition: Househusbands 78 Juniors 28

Standings:	Househusbands	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
	Hustlers	1	0
	Middlers	1	1
	Hairy Hoopers	0	1
	Juniors	0	1

Scoring Leaders

Fisher	41
Cobbler	28
Roberts	22
May	17

* Referring to Hebrew, of course.

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(and then again, she mae not)

Our extinguished guests:

The Invisible Man (alias Scott S.)

T.H.E. Pit

Geneva

Passing Fancies: Glenn Zorb

NEW TIME-NEW CHANNEL - S.O.S.*

That's right friends!!!
 In a futile attempt by the pstaph led by the one and only, B.T. Ewen, the new editor, to involve more persons in the production of this paper, The Seminarian is now published in the pit of the Main Dorm.

In addition, the production day has been changed from Tues. to Thurs.

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY 5:00 P.M.

PRODUCTION: THURSDAY 1:00 P.M.-?

* same old Seminarian

PASTORS IN PARTNERSHIP
February 23-25

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

Here's an opportunity to dialogue with other members of the Seminary community as well as pastors and spouses outside our walls concerning our roles, expectations, and relationships in ministry. ALL STUDENTS, SPOUSES, FRIENDS, FACULTY, AND ANYONE ELSE INTERESTED are urged to join with us in this dialogue on ministry..

Monday, Feb. 23

6:15pm Dessert and Coffee, Upper Rotunda, Library

6:30-8:00 Opening presentation and discussion

WHAT IS TEAM MINISTRY? Leaders: Rev. and Mrs. Henry Horn, Cambridge, Mass. Let your mind wander. How many different kinds of teams can you think of? Co-pastors: male or male and female: Pastors and non-ordained staff... Are married couples with one spouse ordained the other not- are they necessarily a team? Can they be a team? How do we deal with those with whom we work in ministry? What are our expectations? What are the realities?

Tuesday, Feb. 24

9:40-10:30am Chapel: Faith Burgess is preaching.

7:30-9:30pm Discussion: PRIORITIES: FAMILY AND VOCATION

Leaders: Rev. and Mrs. Charles Miller, St. James Lutheran Church, Chalfont, Pa. Dealing with the struggles involved in maintaining an appropriate balance of commitment and concern for family and vocation... problems in achieving a private family life... time for spouse and children.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

9:40-10:30am Discussion: DEALING PROFESSIONALLY WITH MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX Leaders: Rev. Paul Sitler

What kinds of questions, threats, feelings does this bring out in us and how do we deal with them?

1:45-2:45pm SEX AND THE SINGLE PASTOR Leader: Rev. Thomas Kochenderfer

3:00-4:00pm INDIVIDUALITY AND THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY

4:15-5:15pm Seminary Sherry Hour

7:30-9:30pm JEALOUSY Dealing with how your spouse, fiancée, girl or boy friend feels about your professional relationship with members of the opposite sex... any concerns and/or tensions because of the close friendships and the great amount of time you spend with these persons?!?
Closing remarks: Dr. Faith Burgess

ALL DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE UPPER ROTUNDA OF THE LIBRARY

Confessions of a Househusband

Several weeks ago I answered our front door and found one of our neighbors standing there holding a box of Diaper Pure. "This is my Diaper Pure," she smiled, holding it up before my bewildered eyes.

"Yes... it sure is," I stammered, wondering what in the world it was she wanted me to say.

Then she continued to smilingly hold the box before my confused eyes, it finally dawned that she was giving it to me.

"He's trained!" she laughed as she skipped down the hall. "I'm free!"

This may sound a bit bizarre unless you have struggled to "train" a young child. There is nothing in the raising of a child which brings out wilder emotions than toilet training. Common sense tells you that each child is different and that he or she will train himself when ready, but invariably a beleaguered parent, tired of changing diapers and certain his or her child is old enough, will run into a parent of "potty prodigy."

"My daughter was trained at 6 weeks," claims the proud parent, and your diaper meter hits rock bottom. Or your mother says, "I can't understand it; you were trained at 6 months." (Ever wonder why porcelain makes you break out in a cold sweat?) But the absolute worst is the parent whose child is younger than yours who trains himself.

Then just when you are about to flush yourself down the bowl in despair, your child magically trains himself, and you run to your nearest neighbor and say, "this is my Diaper Pure!"

Father John

BACH CONCERT

You are cordially invited to spend an afternoon with Johann Sebastian Bach on Sunday, February 22 at 4:30 P.M. in the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown. Cantatas 180 and 78 will be performed in German by the Oratorio Choir with soloists Joan Monasevitch, soprano; Harriet Karris, mezzo; Beth Lippard, baritone and Robert Bennett, tenor. Light orchestration will provide accompaniment and the performance will be conducted by Robert Garwithen.

The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown is located at the crossroads of Germantown and Chelton Avenues. Ample parking is available and admission is free to this 4:30 all Bach concert on February 22.

The 7th National Conference on Women and the Law, will be held in Phila. at the Temple Univ. Law School from March 12-14, hosted by the Law School's Women's Law Caucus. Some 50 workshops have been scheduled over the 3-day conference covering the many concerns of women working or studying in the legal system. Many of the workshops have been organized in "clusters" around related topics. (See Bulletin Board in Main Dorm for complete schedule.) Registration fee for the 3-day conference is \$15 for law students and \$25 for lawyers and non-lawyer advocates, if made prior to Feb. 25, 1976. After that date fees increase to \$25 and \$35, respectively. Additional information may be obtained from: Women's Law Caucus, Temple Univ. Law School, Phila., Pa., 19122, telephone (215) 767-8942.

THE MYTH OF PETER MUHLENBERG - PART III

The following is responsible historical work done by William Edward Eisenberg in his The Lutheran Church in Virginia.

"When it is remembered that Woodstock was but one point in Muhlenberg's extensive parish, albeit the important county seat where he lived, the determination of the place where he preached the famous sermon for which he is noted in American history becomes difficult. Earliest documentation of the story makes no reference to the place of delivery. James Thatcher's Military Journal, published in 1827, is first to make mention of the event. The information was obtained at a dinner party given by Muhlenberg for forty-one officers of his brigade at West Point, New York, on November 3, 1778. The original account is presented as follows:

General Muhlenberg was a minister of a parish in Virginia, but participating in the spirit of the times, exchanged his clerical profession for that of a soldier. Having in his pulpit inculcated the principles of liberty and the cause of his country, he found no difficulty in enlisting a regiment of soldiers, and he was appointed their commander. He entered his pulpit with sword and cockade, preached his farewell sermon, and the next day marched at the head of his regiment to join the army."

Twenty-two years later, Henry A. Muhlenberg, great-nephew of Peter, took up the story and gave posterity this account. (Here comes the "historical" account that we were treated with in January's bulletin.) "These two earliest accounts have not one word to say about where the sermon was preached." (pp. 66-67)

The earliest accounts were written fifty and seventy years after the reported event. The one used by the Bulletin Service, when read from Henry Muhlenberg's hand, shows us the extent to which Henry was carried away by his nepotism. After the sermon, "Old men were seen bringing forward their children, wives their husbands, and widowed mothers their sons, sending them under his paternal care to fight the battles of their country." (p.53, Major General Peter Muhlenberg of the Revolutionary Army, Henry A. Muhlenberg, 1849)

Peter Muhlenberg's farewell extravaganza ranks "historically" with George Washington's cherry tree and Ben Franklin's loaves of bread.

Greg Johnson

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

MARDI GRAS: March 2, in the Dorm lounge, 7pm. There will be beer and soda for all, along with class and individual skits. Each class is asked to put up a King and Queen candidate to be elected early in the evening. King and Queen candidates should be submitted to Lee Diefenderf by Feb. 24. Costumes are the attire for the evening.

SPRING BANQUET: Will be held on April 30, 1976. The date is definite so mark it down on your calendar. More details will be following in future issues of the SEMINARIAN.

Any other ideas for activities this Spring? See your class representative Social Activities Committee

MORE LAW?

The following article is translated from a small Norwegian student paper dedicated to a reform of the church. I think its focus applies to the United States as well as Norway, as the church in both countries seems very eager to proclaim the Gospel, but reluctant to preach the law. Here is how one Norwegian pastor, of suburban Trondhjem, sees it:

CHEAP GRACE

"Cheap grace is forgiveness without penance, baptism without church discipline, communion without the confession of sin, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without commitment, grace without the cross, grace without the living Christ; cheap grace-it is the justification of sin, but not justification of the penitent sinner turning away from his sins. Cheap grace is the grace we give to ourselves."

These words by the German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer (who died in prison during the war) are just as relevant today. More and more people within the walls of the church seem to be willing to preach faith-without calling for a change of heart; to preach discipleship-without subjecting it to biblical ethics. In the first case human plight and misery is all but identified with the trusting faith which is pleasing to Jesus; in the second case discipleship becomes a life according to one's own heart, not to the teaching of Christ. A recent example for illustration:

A young minister tells the paper VK (an unorthodox church weekly): "Concerning the alcoholics, like everybody else (!), God is not so concerned with what they will and can become, as with what they are. Consider the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. The Sermon begins with radical grace: Blessed are the poor-stop working yourself to death to deserve something you already have been given." The intention may possibly have been right, but the words as they stand are nothing but cheap grace.

Human plight saves no-one. But grace saves. For him who receives it in faith. No human is by nature a child of God. Neither rich nor poor. Neither teetotaler nor alcoholic. But both may become so. If they receive Him that justify the ungodly; who is come to raise up the sinner. He who loves us calls unto discipleship. Discipleship leads us to his commandments, that are not burdensome. (I John 5:3)

The church of Christ offers what Bonhoeffer called "costly grace." He says: "It is costly because it calls for discipleship; it is grace because it calls into the discipleship of Jesus Christ. It is costly because it demands a man's life; it is grace because it grants him life. It is costly because it condemns sin; it is grace because it justifies the sinner. It is costly above all because it was costly for God, because it cost God the life of His Son - 'Ye are dearly bought' - and because nothing can be cheap for us that was costly for God. Costly grace contains the holiness of God."

(tr. by Rolf)

Thomas Bjerkholt

REPORT ON THE
STUDENT BODY MEETING

The first Student Body meeting of the second semester was held in the refectory after chapel on Thursday, February 19th. The following are the major items dealt with at the meeting:

- The First Professional Degree committee has already approved two courses for the 1977 January intercession: Evangelism; Church & State. Students are asked to bring any other course suggestions to Scott Schantzenbach so that he may propose them to the faculty.
- The Faculty Search process has been started by the faculty. Student will not be actively involved until later in the proceedings.
- In the near future a Faculty Evaluation Committee will be set up to review Dr. Richard Olson and Dr. Oliver Olson, both of whom come up for contract renewal at the fall Board meeting.
- Additional items were added to the committee reports published in last week's Seminarian:
 - Social Activities: March 2--Marti Gras--student skits and other involvement...a King and Queen from each class will be voted on.
 - April 30--Spring Banquet--at Bernie Shay's Golden Chariot--
 - First Professional Degree: A student can take more than one independent study at a time.
- A By-law Amendment was passed stating that Article V Sect. 4 be amended to read: The books shall be submitted annually for audit to some person designated by the President of the Student Body during the last 30 days of the semester and prior to the transfer of the books to the newly elected Student Body officers.
- A By-law Amendment to Article IV Sect. 10 dealing with the establishment of a dorm council as a permanent committee was discussed and then sent to the Executive Committee for further revision, to be presented again at the next Student Body meeting.
- It was voted that Chapel offerings for 1975-76 be appropriated to the victims of the Guatemalan earthquake through a designated gift to Love Compels Action.
- Two proposals drawn up by Scott Schantzenbach were submitted to the student body and it passed that they be sent on to Dr. Perry and the Board for action. These proposals come out of the Board's decision to review the seminary constitution. The proposals deal with: 1) opening up the Board's standing committees to non-Board members; and 2) the process and rationale behind the dismissal of any student (requiring a faculty statement for reason of dismissal if the student so desires, and the ability to appeal the dismissal to the Executive Committee of the Board).
- The President will look into getting bulletin boards for the married student apartments for seminary news and announcements.
- \$35 will be allocated to the Athletic Committee to purchase a permanent trophy, on which the names of the winning teams will be engraved (currently just basketball).
- The Executive Committee will handle a proposal that a married student apartments council be set up.
- March 21-23---An on-campus retreat for all prospective students. Students are asked to support the wine and cheese party and other activities to help make the retreat a success. Lists will be up in the near future to sign-up for having a guest in your room/apt.
- A new bulletin board will be placed in the dorm (probably by the first floor phone) to provide city transportation and restaurant information. (Courtesy of the hard work of Tom Irwin and Dave Jones)
- February 23-25---"Pastors in Partnership" Workshop--on campus-----
Cathy Carlson, Student Body Secretary

God be with you when you are weary and feel a little blue.
 God be with you when you are waiting for the sun to shine anew.
 God be with you when the hours seem slow in passing by.
 God be with you when you are happy so your joys will multiply.
 God be with you every moment granting blessings big and small.
 For to have him with you always is the greatest joy of all.
 May God Bless You Always.

Composed by the Late Mrs. Amanda F. Reid

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THE SEMINARY CHOIR WILL BE ON TOUR FEBRUARY 28 & 29 IN MIDDLE VILLAGE, FOREST HILLS, AND BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

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