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JANUARY INTERSESSION IN ISRAEL

After chapel on Tuesday, April 20, Dr. Reumann announced that the study trip to Israel, initiated and planned by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod and scheduled for next January, will be open to students from the seminary. I am taking this opportunity to provide whatever other information I have at this point.

First, by some preparatory work before the week of January 9th and by follow-up sessions and assignments, students may use the study trip to satisfy an inter-session requirement.

Second, the trip will last ten days beginning on January 10, 11, or 12. Each day will consist of tours of various kinds in mornings and afternoons, and each evening 1½ hours will be given to lecture and discussion.

Third, the cost of the trip, including travel, room, board, tours, and lectures is set at \$699. While no one can guarantee that the airlines will not increase their fares before next January, The planners of the trip are quite hopeful that the price will remain intact.

Fourth, as soon as the registrations are sufficient to fill the plane, the registration period will close. It is therefore important to register as soon as possible. You can register by giving to me a note to that effect along with a check for \$50 to be made out to Rev. Bernard Thorpe. By the end of July registrants will pay 50% of \$649 and in November the remaining 50%.

Our tentative itinerary for the ten days is being checked over by the travel experts. If any one desires to know how the days are to be spent in this period, please see me in the near future.

Foster McCurley

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SPRING CONCERT

The Choir of the
Lutheran Theological Seminary
at Philadelphia

Monday April 26, 1976

8:00 P.M.

Seminary Chapel



EDITOR WANTED

The position of Editor of The Seminarian is open for the academic year '76-'77. If you are interested in this challenge or would like further information please see me by Wed., April 28.
Bruce Ewen

NEEDED:

Guides are needed Tuesday April 27 at 4 pm to give visiting alumni tours of the reconstructed campus. If you would be able to act as a guide. please see Ginny Biniek (rm 101-Main Dorm) before Monday noon for details. Tours would probably take 45 minutes.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Sunday, April 25, 7 pm. Followed by refreshments at Dr. Bornemann's for choir members. Don't forget the concert on Monday April 26, 8 pm.

YOUR LAST CHANCE!

Final date for reservations for the Spring Banquet is April 24. The Spring Banquet will be held at the Golden Chariot on April 30, from 6:30-1:00. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. To get your tickets see Jim Jerge, John Hugus, or Glen Zorb. Faculty and staff should see Paul Nye for tickets.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Chapel Service Thursday will be the office of Prime.
The last issue of The Seminarian will be April 30, 1976.
Deadline is Wed., April 28, 5pm

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"I'm in love with Father Hulahan, But he makes me cross.
I'm in love with Father Hulahan, But he's in love with his boss!"

If Billy Graham had been chosen to give the 10 Commandments there would only have been nine-his agent would take 10%.

1st Minister: "I've got goodnews ans badnews."
2nd Minister: "What's the goodnews?"
1st Minister: "God is on the phone."
2nd Minister: "What's the badnews?"
1st Minister: "He's calling from Salt Lake City."

JIM ECHOLS' PIGEON-HOLES

Some very good writing has relieved the early morning gloom for me this year, trapped alone with Blue examination books. And I have a good mental list of students with graceful style and something to say. Jim Echols' name was already on my writers-list before he joined the Seminarian discussion of Muhlenberg. This time I found his style provocative, and he has provoked a comment from me.

Jim discusses the "Slave Master" position and the "Martin-Luther-James-Cone" position, and says that in choosing the former during the crisis of the 1525 Peasants' War, Luther was opting for the "exact basis on which slavery could be perpetuated in a 'Christian nation'". Must we believe that there were only two options--either a slave-master/fascist or liberationist? Herman Dorries doesn't think so:

The fundamental bases of Luther's position in the Peasants' War-- as it turned out-- were not determined by that (immediate) situation. They were rooted deep in his total outlook and have a greater significance than a mere choice between rival powers. Ecclesia und Res publica Gottingen, p. 123.

Luther correctly sensed that the Peasants' movement at the time would result in a lawless government, based on class ideology. Modern Marxist historians back him up in identifying the basic notions of the Peasant cause with modern Marxism-Leninism. Luther's choice, then, was not between slave-masters and liberators, but between a mediocre government which at least outwardly recognized an authority in God outside itself and sedition rooted in a dangerous force driven by shared outrage and little else.

It is incorrect to suggest that Acts 5.29 should have induced Luther to take the Peasants' side, since that verse insists that one should obey God rather than men--something that the Peasant ideologists (if I am correct), in identifying their source of authority in their own convictions rather than in objective, external law-- were denying.

The idiocies of the southern Americans, basing the ownership of slaves on the Bible derive from that kind of interpretation by laymen and uneducated which Augustana IV was designed to prevent, and it is worth noting that the Lutheran tradition has produced no apologetic for slavery.

The exciting discovery that Luther's behavior during the crisis of the Peasants' war points to something beyond a choice between the antagonists in the class warfare awaits those who venture beyond the facile alternatives of liberal/conservative or fascist/proletarian. In a world being torn apart by class warfare, we'd better get beyond two-pigeonhole positions!

This is a good chance to thank Chris Matthy and Bruce Ewen for brightening the year with their spritely sheet. If I am coaxed, I am willing to betray my mental writers-list to any Seminarian editor, especially if he'll egg Echols on to more provocations.

Oliver K. Olson

CONFESSIONS OF A HOUSEHUSBAND

"To Grandmother's house we go."

"Daddy, are we there yet?"

"Daddy, I'm thirsty."

"Daddy, make Raechel stop pulling
my hair."

"Daddy, can we buy some toys to
play with?"

"Daddy, I'm thirsty."

"Daddy, are we there yet?"

"Daddy, I'm hungry."

"Daddy, I have to go to the bath-
room"

"Mommy, why is daddy mad at us?"

"Mommy, Jarrod won't share."

"Mommy, John's hitting me."

"Mommy, are we there yet?"

"Mommy, I dropped my toy under
the seat."

"But mommy, that's my favorite toy."

"Daddy, why is mommy mad at us?"

"Daddy, are we there yet?"

"Mommy, Raechel spilled her cool-
aid on John's head."

"Mommy, I'm hungry."

"But mommy, I'll starve."

"Daddy, are we there yet?"

"Daddy, Raechel threw up."

"Mommy, are we there yet?"

"Daddy, my shoe has sand in it."

"Daddy, will you put my shoe back
on?"

"Daddy are we there yet?"

The preceding dialogue took place on April 20th, 1976. It encompasses the period of time required to go from the driveway, up the street to the corner and into the gas station. The names have been changed to protect the innocent.
Father John

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TRAIN TO APPLBACHSVILLE

Recently, while waiting for my train to Applebachsville, I had the following conversation:

"Being a railroad dispatcher for ANTRACK is not an easy job," explained Adrian Pflugge, dispatcher for the Subsidized, Inadequate and Northern Railroad. "Keeping the trains on time is quite difficult even though the S.I. and N. has only four passenger trains on its three-track mainline." Describing the operation of the line, Mr. pflugge said:

"First, whenever the Aardvark Express is three hours late and the Ape Special is not headed east on track 2, either the Eighteenth Century Limited is headed west on track 3 or the Bullock is going west on track 1.

"Second, when the Bullock is headed west on track 1, then if the Bullock is not going east on track 1, the Ape Special is going west on track 3.

"third, whenever the Aardvark Express is not three hours late, you can be sure that either the Ape Special is not going west on track 3 or else that the Eighteenth Century Limited is going east on track 2.

"Fourth, it is obvious that the Eighteenth Century Limited either goes west on track 2 or it doesn't.

"Fifth, if the Aardvark Express is not going west on track 2 and the Eighteenth Century Limited is going west on track 3, then it is also obvious that the Eighteenth Century Limited is not going east on track 2.

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REPORT ON THE STUDENT BODY MEETING

The second Student Body meeting of the semester was held in the refectory after chapel on Thursday, April 8. The following were the major items of business:

- The nominating committee submitted the following people as candidates for next year's Student Body officers: President: Bruce Ewen; Mark Oldenburg; Treasurer: Jan Baumann, Paul Scheitlin. No other nominations were received from the floor. Elections were held Mon. 9 a.m.--Tues. 5 p.m.
- Paul Nye reported on details of the Spring Banquet. Tickets are on sale at \$10 each.
- In regard to the faculty search process, the final recommendation submitted to the Area by the Student Body Executive Committee was read.
- The following two constitutional amendments were passed:

Article IV Sect. 10

There shall be a dorm council composed of a chairperson and one member elected from and by each class residing in LTSP dormitories. Representatives to this committee shall be elected from and by the dormitory population only. The committee shall address problems and activities which concern solely the residents of LTSP dormitories.

Article VI Sect. 4

For the purpose of Student Body elections and representation, unclassified students shall be identified with the present class structures according to the following schedule:

successful completion of:	class
0-7 class units	1st yr.
8-15 class units	2nd yr.
16-23 class units	3rd yr.

- Paul Beck reported on the Beautification Committee's plans for landscaping of the seminary property.
- The following motion was presented by Cathy Carlson for Mark English who could not be present: I move that the Student Body contribute \$400 toward the landscaping of the Quad. After considerable discussion the motion was defeated (No-17; Yes-16). It was unclear as to exactly where the money was coming from. Mark English may rework the motion and present it again to the Student Body.
Cathy Carlson,
Student Body secretary

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THE WAYSIDE CHAPEL

An English lady, while visiting in Switzerland, was looking for a room. She asked the local schoolmaster if he could recommend a place to stay. He took her to see several rooms, and when everything was settled, the lady returned home to make final preparations to move.

When she got home, the thought suddenly occurred to her that she had not seen a W.C. around the place (Water Closet is an English name for toilet).

Immediately she wrote to the schoolmaster asking him if there was a W.C. around. The schoolmaster was a very poor English student, so he asked the parish priest if he could help him in the matter. Together

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Ascension Nursery School at Mt. Airy Day

The Nursery School Committee of Ascension Lutheran Church is sponsoring a booth at Mt. Airy Day, Saturday, May 1st. Items for sale will be white elephants and clean clothing in good repair. All the money realized will go to the Nursery School for scholarships and equipment.

If in your "spring cleaning" you find things you want to get rid of we would be happy to take them off your hands. Two boxes (one for white elephants, one for clothing - please tag clothing with size) will be located in the lounge in the lower Sunday School from Monday, April 19 thru Friday, April 30.

If you have any questions please call Janyce Olson (CH7-6558). Thanks for your support.

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They tried to discover the meaning of the letters W. C.. The only solution they could find for the letters was WAYSIDE CHAPEL. So the schoolmaster wrote the following note to the English lady....

Dear Madam;

I take great pleasure in informing you that the W. C. is situated nine miles from the house, in the center of a beautiful grove of trees, surrounded by lovely grounds.

It is capable of holding 200 people and it is open on Sundays and Thursdays only! As there are a great number of people expected during the summer months, I would suggest that you come early, although there is plenty of standing room. This is an unfortunate situation, especially if you are in the habit of going regularly and sitting.

You will no doubt be glad to hear that a good number of people bring their lunch and make a day of it! Others who can afford it go by car, and arrive just in time. I would especially recommend that your ladyship go on Thursday, when there is organ accompaniment. The acoustics are excellent and even the most delicate sounds can be heard everywhere.

It may interest you to know that my daughter was married in the W. C. and it was there that she met her husband. I can remember the rush for seats. There were ten people to a seat usually occupied by one. It was wonderful to see the expressions on their faces.

The newest attraction is the bell, donated by a wealthy resident of the district. It rings every time a person enters! A Bazaar is held to provide plush seats for all, since the people feel that it is a long felt need. My wife is rather delicate, so she can't attend regularly. It is almost a year since she went last. Naturally it pains her very much not to go more often.

Hoping I have been of some service to you,

I remain,
The Schoolmaster

headed west on track 1.
"And finally, when the Ape Special is headed east on track 2, ..

.....!!!!!!"
(Mr. Pflugge was killed instantly by a speeding passenger train

as he stood on the tracks peering east to see if the Ape Special due
on track 2 was in sight. The train did not stop, and there is still
some mystery about which train killed Mr. Pflugge. The FBI is looking
into the mystery now and important developments are expected soon).
Can you find the answer?!!

John J. Zoppi

Note: if you can't wait until next week to find out the answer, you
may be able to catch me headed south on track 4....

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In joyful anticipation of the marriage of our children
Marth Gail
and
John Earl
on Sunday, the sixteenth of May
Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Loadholt
and

The Rev. and Mrs. Howard S. Hugus
invite you to share with us in
this celebration of love, peace and joy
We ask your presence in thought
and prayer if you are unable to attend
Eight o'clock in the evening
A. G. D. Wiles Chapel
Newberry College
Newberry, South Carolina
Reception following in
Smeltzer Hall

sixth.
when the Bullock is going
East on track 1, then either
Ape is going east on 2 or the
HARDWARE is going west on 2.

Finally... etc.