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## Chaplain Jenson to Visit on Guest Night

Navy Chaplain Andrew Jenson knew what it meant to preach against sin in a permissive environment. Wife-swapping and husband-swapping seemed to be the order of the day at the station to which he was assigned, and Jenson's denunciation of such activities brought upon him the wrath of several officers' wives, who claimed that he had had sexual relations with them. Not content to leave the service quietly, Chaplain Jenson was brought before a full court-martial on charges of adultery, and eventually acquitted on all charges.

Presently, Chaplain Jenson is the District Chaplain of the Fourth Naval District, which comprises most of the Middle Atlantic states and New England. He has written a book on his experiences, entitled The Trial of Chaplain Jenson, and has also been the subject of the recent tele-movie, The Court-Martial of Chaplain Jenson, which starred James Franciscus.

Chaplain Jenson will be with us for dinner on Guest Night, Thursday, December 2, and will be available for questions and discussion on the chaplaincy and the highly-charged ethical considerations of his court-martial. He has also graciously consented to bring a print of his motion picture for showing. Plan now to set aside this evening to meet a very interesting, controversial and informative individual.

Carl Filer

### ADVENT VESPERS

Each year our community holds a special Advent Vespers Service which is considered by many to be the high point of our worship together. This year's service will be held on Wednesday, December 15, in the Chapel. As has been the custom in the past, the evening will feature a special buffet in the refectory before the service and a reception afterwards, in Hagan Hall.

The service will once again include the ministry of music offered by the Seminary Choir, under the direction of Dr. Robert Bornemann, with the accompaniment of a number of instrumentalists. The schedule for this year's activities is given below, with the hope that many of our community, both here and away from campus, will be able to share in this service, as they have in past years.

- 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. - Buffet Dinner
- 8:00 - 9:15 P.M. - Vespers
- 9:30 P.M. - Noel Festivities, Hagan Hall All-Purpose Room

Glenn Zorb



THE NEW INTERNS

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Old Swede Road and Morlatton Road  
Douglassville, Pennsylvania 19518

Well,

I guess it's about time for me to write a few words, so here goes.

To the seminary and all those who share the unusual title and responsibilities of an intern:

Hello, from the suburban farm lands of Reading and Pottstown. There isn't any cheap booze here, though there is some homemade wine. The sunshine is scattered with clouds and the weather is claimed to be colder than usual but I'm still driving my two-wheeled vehicle on nice days.

My usual day begins at around 8:00 AM and I get to church by 8:45. I read my mail, chew the fat with the pastor, and play with my paperwork (administrative duties, lesson plans, sermons, newsletters, etc.). My afternoons are spent visiting, running errands (only my share of course), quilting and rolling pie dough with the ladies, making center pieces out of pine cones, putting lime on the church lawn, and once I even helped one of the members get a spooked steer back into its pen, after I spooked it. My evenings are filled with meetings and my weekends are dedicated to Cathy (my fiance). What I do on Sunday mornings, I'm sure you could figure out in less than three guesses.

For those interested, "St. Paul's" is to be complemented; they've accepted me just as I came to them, hair and all. These "country folks" are treating me beautifully.

Peace, my Brothers (and Sisters)  
and love be yours, God's Love

RON (Wesemann)

P.S. Lyle---Jannene, Congradulations

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The Student Body invites you to:

A CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 17, 1976  
8:00 PM

"The Pit"

\$1.00 admission

\$1.50 for non-Student Body

"Cocktails--Midnight Goodies  
-- Semi-formal"

Sponsored by the Social Activities Committee

## HELP FOR THE LIBRARY

Since November 1 Jo Ann Reeser has been helping us in the Library on a part-time basis as Archival Assistant. She is thus continuing the archival work formerly done by Linda Beck.

A graduate of Cheltenham High School and Kutztown State College, Jo Ann has certification for Library and Elementary Education. While at Cheltenham and at Kutztown she gained practical experience in library technical services, cataloging and circulation procedures.

We welcome Jo Ann to our staff and we trust she will enjoy working with us in the Library.

Helmut T. Lehmann

EDITORS' NOTE: Jo Ann Reeser is also a highly talented artist. She did the watercolor which appears on the cover of our Student Handbook 1976-1977.

## USE A CARREL

If you want to reserve for your use books for study in the Library, stop at the circulation desk to inquire about reserving a carrel. We cannot allow books to be set aside in a particular area for individual study when these have not been processed at the circulation desk for use.

Helmut T. Lehmann

## SWINE FLU SHOTS

Swine Flu shots for members of the Seminary community are available at the District #9 Health Center at 131 East Cheltenham Avenue.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

	Budgeted	Expended as of 11/30	Balance
Athletics	\$100.00	\$ 5.30	\$ 94.70
Contingency	75.00	7.70	67.30
Publications	600.00	252.30	347.70
Social Activities	750.00	193.12	556.88
Social Ministry	150.00	0	150.00
Spouses Club	50.00	0	50.00
Student Administration	50.00	44.13	5.87
Women & Men in Dialogue	75.00	0	75.00
Guest Night	100.00	0	100.00
TOTAL	1,950.00	502.55	

Operating Principle: \$579.47

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul F. Scheitlin

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## THE SEMINARIAN STAFF

Editors: Bill Damrow and Ray Miller

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Assemblers: Paul Scheitlin

And maybe John Zoppi will drop over later, I don't know... Sarah Davison left her radio here three months ago... she may show ... I don't know... getting late here... they turned out the lights

CONFESIONS OF THE MASKED HOUSEHUSBAND

Jarroed Nathaniel-Philosopher

Here are more gems from the family philosopher.

If a squirrel gets run over: he gets mushed and just his germs are left.

If your boat sinks: you glub down the drain.

Do you have dandruff? ; No, I'm sitting down.

On T.V. dancers: they're jogging during the song

On the Bible: Adam and Steve lived in the garden.

On astrology: stars are attached to the moon. If they get loose they go boom.

On footwear: cowboys wear sneakers.

When a cookie falls to the floor and breaks: that's John's.

SHORT STORY

I told Jarrod to leave me and go to the living room. Instead he lifted the bed spread and crawled under the bed. Moments later Raechel arrived and I said "Raechel, go into the living room - GO WITH JARROD!"(el mistake) Being an obedient child and knowing what I did not (her brother's location) she went to the bed, lifted up the spread and joined her brother under the bed. (I just hope that someday I don't have to explain to her why I wanted her under the bed.

Father John

1st bystander: Who was that masked man?

2nd bystander: I don't know but he left this silver tongued orator.

HI HO Plato

CHANGE IN BOOKSTORE ACCOUNTS EFFECTIVE  
SECOND SEMESTER

In order to offset an increase in the cost of books, a mandatory partial payment plan has been passed by the Bookstore Committee. The initial payment of \$50.00 will still be in effect. However, during the course of the semester, the remaining portion of the bill will be paid at set intervals, beginning February 1, 1977; second semester of this academic year, as follows:

(example) Feb.     \$50.00 deposit AND \$100.00 in additional charges  
                  \$150.00 total purchase  
                  \$100.00 outstanding

March 15:	1/3 of the total remaining balance will be payable.
April 15:	1/2 of the remaining balance will be payable.
May 15:	the remaining balance will be payable.

Bills payable on the above stated dates which are not met will incur a carrying charge of one dollar per month which will be added to the outstanding bill.

REPEAT: THIS PROCESS OF PAYMENT IS EFFECTIVE BEGINNING THIS SECOND SEMESTER.

Please follow this payment plan so that prices are not unduly raised. This plan represents a savings to each seminarian.

The Bookstore Committee

GREASE RETURNING TO SHUBERT THEATRE

Grease, the ebullient international musical hit that satirizes the 1950s rock-n'-roll era, will spread its nostalgia-with-big-beat over the stage of the Shubert Theatre for four weeks beginning Tuesday, December 7 and remaining through Saturday evening January 1.

This is the laugh-loaded, exuberantly-danced musical that had its birth in 1971 in a little playhouse in Chicago, where it grew up into such an emphatic hit that it was transported to New York a year later to become one of the biggest successes in recent stage annals. By mid-November 1976 it had played to almost 2000 performances there and is still drawing capacity audiences as it heads into it's sixth year on Broadway and still doing sell-out business at the Royale Theatre on West 45th Street in New York City.

Written by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, one of whom in the late 1950s had been a teacher and the other a duck-billed-wearing student in a high school like the one they've authentically portrayed in Grease, the musical is a cheerful kaleidoscope depicting in song and dance the life-style of an energetic group of high school youngsters in the heyday of Elvis Presley, Bill Haley, and Fat Boone.

The Shubert Theatre is located at 250 South Broad Street in Philadelphia.

Edited by Ray Miller

Witness

Ever since I've been a student here at Mt. Airy I have been informed of the great importance of serious and diligent study. Indeed, I have found this to be true. I have learned that an effective minister of The Word should be able to employ the good gifts given to him by his Creator (that includes the ability to use his mind!).

All this can be said only because I have been given the chance to understand my shortcomings and capabilities as a student. I know of no other type of graduate institution in which I would be given that chance. Call it what you want - Baptism by fire, freedom to fail, Grace, a second chance - it's been an experience in which I have learned the value of being educated. After all, that's what we're here for! As a good friend of mine has said, "I finally got my head screwed on right!".

In the same way that I learned that I have a value as an individual on an academic level I developed a very personal sense of value in my relationship to God.

As I watched everyone around me "make the grade" I felt as though I was not a whole person. It's a very lonely place at the bottom. I'd say to myself, "If I could only get good grades, then my life would be so much simpler!".

My prayers were my own - different, unique to my own very real problems, nothing vague or "beaten around the bush" - real pains, complaints, concerns that were my own went to The Lord from my own shaking, sweating folded hands.

Many people here at seminary have not been as fortunate as I. A lot of our number have been able to handle the book work from the start. Yes, it's tough but it's not insurmountable. Most will not fail as I did. But today I feel as they, that I will pass the most important test and survive the endless evaluations during my stay here. Things will get rough and the feeling of desperation will abound. But it will be nothing a little "nose to the grindstone" can't handle.

I simply hope and pray that as I come to a point where I am able to deal with the work, know my worth as an individual in this institution, I will not forget my call as a servant in His Kingdom. The personal, very private devotional life I know for myself is the kind of thing I pray for in the lives of all those who profess a faith in Him, especially we, who are about to shepherd that flock of saints and sinners.

In His Service,

Tom Irwin, Jr.

DRAMA GROUP TO DO BRAND

The Drama Group wishes to present Henrik Ibsen's play Brand this spring for the Emphasis Week Focus on Literature. To accomplish this we wish to ask all aspiring and confirmed dramatists to participate in the production. The play will be presented in March and actual work for it will begin in early February. We however would like casting and other preliminary work done beforehand. (This will in no way interfere with anyone's January term.) All interested or wanting more information, contact Phil Gustafson, Dale Walck, or Joe Irvin. Thank you.

## THOMAS AQUAINT US

Well, it's getting near Christmas and John Wanamaker Store is into the spirit once again. The 1976 Grand Court Christmas Show is ready to entertain kids of all ages. This fantastic display of light and sound in the holiday spirit takes place throughout the day right in the center of the main John Wanamaker store (13th & Market Sts. next to City Hall). Times for the show are: 10:30, 11:00, 11:30 in the morning; 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 in the afternoon; and 6:30 and 8:00 at night.

Although Christmas always brings shoppers into the Grand Court to see and hear this spectacle, all year round the sounds of the Wanamaker Organ can be heard ringing through the court every day at 10:00am, 12:00 noon, and 5:30pm. At these times Wanamaker organist Keith Chapman plays short mini-concerts on this noted instrument.

Luther D. Reed, in his book, Worship, writes:

"We should also mention the Grand Court Organ in the Wanamaker store, Philadelphia. Originally built for the St. Louis Exhibition of 1904, and consisting of 140 speaking stops, it was brought to Philadelphia in thirteen freight cars. In the Wanamaker shops it was entirely rebuilt in accordance with specifications prepared by Charles M. Courboin. Ninety-two new speaking stops were added. This instrument now contains more than eighteen thousand pipes in eight swell boxes and it is one of the largest organs in the world. The smallest pipe is three-quarters of an inch long, and largest thirty-eight feet. The longest pipe and the console weigh nearly one ton each. There are no less than fifty-three reed stops of one kind or another. In richness and mellowness of tone and in brilliance, this instrument in its best years was unexcelled  
("The Ministry of Music, pp. 265f)

Since Reed wrote in 1959 the organ has been expanded to 30,000 pipes and is now the largest in the world.

Aquaint yourself with the Wanamaker Organ and enjoy the Christmas Show. It's something you'll long remember.

HERE'S GOOD NEWS . . . . . Keith Wilbur has been moved to  
Moss Rehabilitaion Hospital, 12th & Tabor  
visiting hours are: M-F 4:30 to 8:30pm  
Sa-Su 11:30am to

8:30pm

THOMAS AQUAINT US

Here goes . . . . .

THURSDAY\*, December 2 - Guest Night with Chaplain Andrew Jenson film and discussion (see related article in this issue of the SEMINARIAN) 6:00pm Ref.  
- Volleyball Hagan Center, 7:00pm

FRIDAY\*, December 3 - T. G. I. F. !!!!!

SATURDAY, December 4 - Seminary choir to sing at Fortress Press Supply Store, 2900 Queen Lane.

SUNDAY, December 5 - Rinda Rogers will be received as a member of Saint Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church, Devon.  
- Chuck Krimmel will be ordained into the Ministry of Our Lord. Advocate Lutheran Church  
65th & Wyncote Sts. 4:00pm

Please keep both Rinda and Chuck in your thoughts and prayers on these joyous occasions for them.

MONDAY; December 6 - Junior Class (only) Convocation on "The Lutheran Seminary Project" 11:00am Apthr.

TUESDAY; December 7 - Bible Study on the pericopes for the third sunday in Advent. Tappert Room, 9:30p  
- deadline for "Aquiant Us", end of the day

WEDNESDAY; December 8 - Sherry Hour upper rotunda 4:15-5:15pm  
- Drama Meeting 7:00pm Room "A" Library.

THURSDAY; December 9 - Prepared Childbirth movie and discussion Lamaze, Bradley and Midwifery with Kathy Jennings (The Sass' instructor)  
Library rotunda 8:00pm  
ALL INTERESTED INVITED -- Sponsored by PhT's

FRIDAY; December 10 - First Semester Classes End

SATURDAY, December 11 - Junior Class Hysterical, Heretical, Harmonious Hymning - 8:00pm  
meet in The Student Lounge of Hagan Center  
SUNDAY, December 12 - Thirteen days until Christmas!

\* Weekday Chapel, M - F, 7:15am and 5:00pm

Well, that's about it for this week.  
Take care, have a good one!

THOMAS

P.S. Did I hear someone come up with a radical notion of sitting up front in chapel services?!

REGISTRATION for January and second semester. Mon. thru Thurs.