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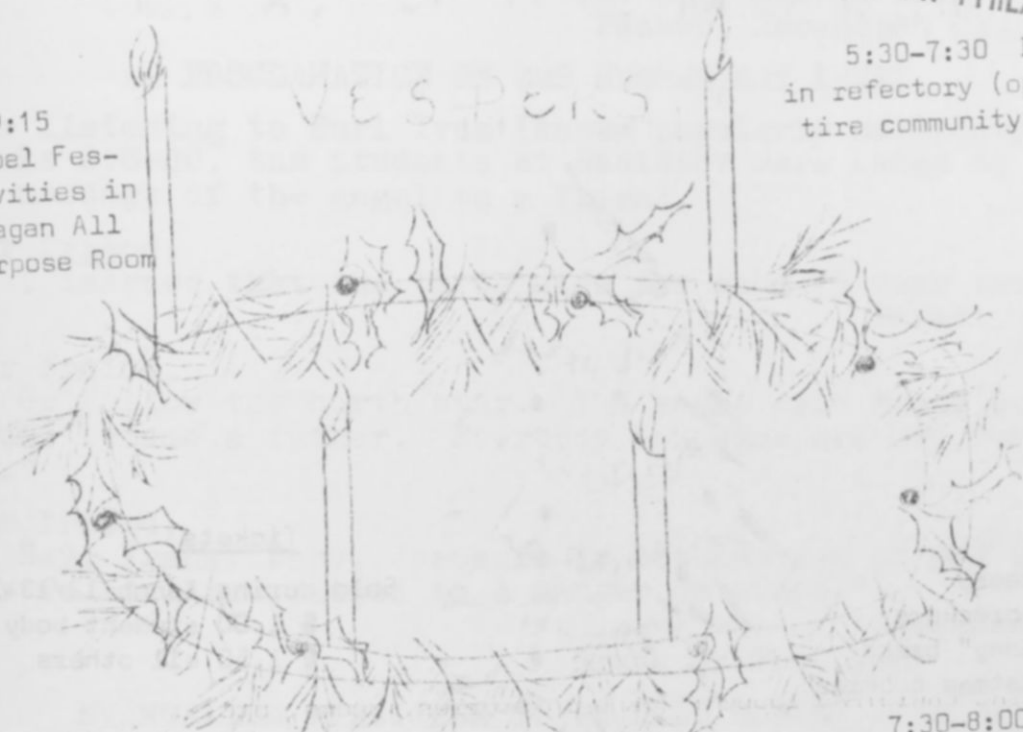
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LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY AT PHILADELPHIA

5:30-7:30 Dinner Buffet
in refectory (open to the entire community)

VESPERS

9:15
Noel Festivities in
Hagan All Purpose Room



8:00-9:15
The Service

7:30-8:00 Recital in the
Chapel featuring "Savior of the
Nations, Come" by J.S. Bach a
trio of Choral Preludes:
organ, harpichord, and recorders



Advent Vespers approaches quickly. Part of the evenings activities include the Noel Festivities which traditionally includes refreshments, a time for sharing, and a time for singing. Everyone is invited to bring any and all musical instruments to the Festivities to help in the Christmas caroling. Hope to see one, and all on November 15th!

WARRIOR

A CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 10:30 A.M.

"THE TREE"



Please bring:

- Single men: cheese
- Single women: crackers
- Couples: "holiday" bread
- Married: "Christmas cookies"

Tickets

- Sold during lunch 12/13-12/16
- \$ 1.00 student body
- \$ 1.50 all others

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Next week: SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ISSUE ! Send in stories, poems, etc. !

HEAR SPEAKER ON NAMIBIA

Members of the Seminary community are invited to hear Mr. Noah Niyoma discuss the current ecclesiastical and political developments in Namibia this Sunday, December 12, 9:45 A. M. at the Adult Forum of Ascension Church.

Mr. Niyoma is a student at the University of Pennsylvania and the brother of the president of the Southwest Africa People's Organization (S. W. A. P. O.).

The struggle of the people of Namibia to achieve independence from the Republic of South Africa is currently the major political effort of international Lutheran bodies.

The Rev. George Freeman
Pastor, Ascension Church

PROCLAMATION ON THE ELEMENTARY LEVEL

After listening to Burl Ives (known popularly as Frosty the Snowman) narrate Luke 2:8-20, the students at Mediator were asked to relate this important message of the angel to a friend.

"Dear friend,

I learned that the three wise men came 15 days late."
Darryl

"Dear Freind,

Go follow the north star. The angle said Brais God he just became a father. Everbody can come see new born baby."

"Dear Friend,

Hey, Frank, baby, Jesus is in bethlam son of god was today we saw him wrapped in a manger come see."

Clarence

Bruce G. Trethaway

EVANGELISM PRACTICUM TO BE HELD DURING JANUARY

The evangelism practicum to be held during the January Intersession will be an opportunity to engage in face-to-face evangelism. Most of the 100 hours of the course will be used by the participants in calling on prospective church members, lapsed members, or specialized persons. The churches in which students are currently working will provide the setting for the calling.

There will be three days of classroom activity (Jan. 3,4,5) conducted by Professor White, Dr. Edward K. Perry, and The Rev. P. Richard Grove. Thereafter the participants will meet each week for a short time to compare insights and experiences. Participants will keep a diary of their experiences and will prepare some sort of useful product (e.g. a short detailed syllabus for a pastor's class for membership, a brochure for the congregation, an action plan for evangelism in the congregation, etc.) A final evaluation and wrap-up will occur at the end of the last week of the term.

Students who wish to experience or who have never before experienced this kind of direct witnessing activity will be welcome. A few lay persons will be recruited to participate in the course as well. For further information contact Dr. White.

CLASS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

JUNIOR CLASS: The Junior Class has 2 upcoming events scheduled:

1. The "Hymning" on Dec. 11
2. A dramatic reading of The Iceman Cometh scheduled for early February. Joe Irvin is director.

--Judith Bahrs

SEMINARY WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY LIFE COMMITTEE: Our committee increasingly functions as an enabler of communication, trying to meet the needs of on and off-campus persons that will help us to become a worshipping and living community. To this end we have dealt with some very concrete projects this semester. Results? There will be a bulletin board carefully designed by Mr. Carver in the mailroom; this will be for posting current events. There will be a contest to design a clever kiosk, bids for the construction of which will later be received (we hope) from students. This will be an outside "bulletin board" to grab the attention of everyone.

We have garnered reactions and suggestions concerning this semester's chapel program and are working to implement many of the ideas in a more creative program-planning beginning in the spring. Our concerns in chapel matters for events like the Ecumenical Thanksgiving and Advent Vespers we have begun to systematically delegate to other committees and oversee--an extension of our desire to be enablers.

The committee has begun, once again, to look into the question of an in-dorm meditation room, with the strong feeling that the question of informal, regular personal devotions has not been adequately answered for a large number of students.

--Sarah Davison

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: The library committee has had some difficulty in finding meeting times, but after two meetings we have dealt largely with the question of hours and of salary. The real concern of this committee and one which we hope to address in the second half of the year is the limitation placed on the library as a formulator of its own policy by seminary budget procedures. There has been little room for creative development or use of the library's resources. This "heart of the campus" will be seeking ways to make that designation meaningful.

--Sarah Davison

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE: Following a perfect football season the Athletic Committee has set its sights on both an intramural volleyball and basketball league starting in January. Six member basketball squads are now being formed so if you haven't formed a team already and would like to play, please know that all members of the community are invited to participate. A separate season will start in February following the January term. A co-ed volleyball league also will start in January with more details on it to be posted when we return after New Years.

Several inter-seminary games are on the agenda for February including a special return invitation to Gettysburg after the fine hospitality they showed us for the annual Luther-Bowl. Currently, basketball games are played frequently throughout the week but especially on Wednesday nights at 9 p.m.

Volleyball games are scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday nights for all interested.

The gym is open all day (9-5) and the key may be obtained from Bob Hopkins (202) or Glenn Zorb (219) for use of the gym after 5 p.m. till closing at 11 p.m. Be sure to stop by the student lounge and try out the new pool table. Also, weights (and a bench) are available for everyone's use in the basement of the dorm.

--Bob Hopkins & Glenn Zorb

REFECTORY COMMITTEE: The Refectory Committee is happy to note the improvement of food quality of the past several weeks. This improvement has reduced the number of complaints as well as student pressure on the committee. We have instituted a suggestion box, which has been well used, and carried on our normal function of intermediary.

--Mark Oldenburg

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: We deeply appreciate the concern and the constructive response of both our Student Body President and the Executive Committee in regard to the problems concerning The Seminarian that we spoke of in our last report to you. We, the editors of The Seminarian, have discussed your response and are beginning to take affirmative action. Most important of all, it gives us something to keep in mind for our planning for next semester.

Nine (9) issues of The Seminarian have appeared since the beginning of this semester. We plan one more for this semester and possibly a special Christmas issue devoted entirely to poetry. Tom Irwin is doing a great job in terms of providing better publicity of events of interest to the Seminary community through his "Thomas Acquaint Us" column. As editors of The Seminarian we are proud of the great variety of informative and thought-provoking contributions. We hope to continue in this line. (We are especially proud that The Seminarian was actively involved in the faculty events of early October. We feel that this was a service to the entire community and that the Student Body supported our participation.)

We are encouraged at this time with the amount of student help with the newspaper. The amount of help seems to be adequate and steady. Time has helped us improve our skills as editors and managers. Your suggestions have been most helpful and we seek to work with them. We ask you support and concern continue.

--Ray M. Miller

MEN AND WOMEN IN DIALOGUE: Men and Women in Dialogue is pleased to announce that a steering committee of enthusiastic individuals has been formed, suggestions are veritably flowing in to our headquarters, and the potential for some discussions on issues facing us all may be actualized in the beginning of 1977.

--Craig J. Herrick

GUEST NIGHT: Guest night was initiated on Oct. 28th by LTSP's president, Dr. Bost and his wife. Approximately 15 people remained for an informal chat with the Bosts after the meal. Since then there have been four other Guest Nights throughout the semester:

- Nov. 4 - A discussion and presentation on transcendental meditation by Shawn O'Sullivan, sponsored by Craig Herrick.
- Nov. 11 - A slide presentation and discussion on the Martin Luther School, Silver Spring, by the director of placement, Mrs. Ritter. Sponsored by Corrie Miller.
- Nov. 18 - A presentation by Chester A. Myrom, the director of the ICA foundation in New York City, on the last will and testament and the role of a church professional in encouraging the making of wills.
- Dec. 2 - Captain Andrew Jensen, a Navy chaplain, discussed his court martial and later acquittal on the charge of adultery, an accusation made by two Navy wives who were angered by his condemnation of the wife swapping in which they were involved. A movie of the incident was made starring James Franciscus which Captain Jensen has sent to the seminary for our viewing. Sponsored by Carl Filer.

Guest Night will resume during the second semester. Students are encouraged to invite individuals to be our guests who may be of interest to the community. Plans are being made for various LTSP professors with special hobbies to be our guests to discuss their particular interests.

--Marhorie Weiss

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE: Social ministry has concerned itself this semester with facilitating services between the Seminary community and various community concerns such as Martin Luther School and Group Home. A one to one program has been initiated between the Seminary community and Martin Luther School which will continue through out the year.

Plans for the next semester consist of a retreat during the month of March or April, speaker, and a blood drive which will take place during February.

--Arlene Stofflet

INTERSEMINARY COMMITTEE: Based on the apparent positive response to the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, of students from St. Charles, Eastern Baptist and Mt. Airy, the Inter-Seminary committee, in conjunction with the Student/Body Executive Committee has invited students and faculty of the St. Charles and Eastern Baptist seminaries to an informal get-together. The tentative date for the party has been set for sometime in early February. Representatives from all three seminaries are hoping to encourage and further that spirit of fellowship which was clearly evident the evening of Nov. 23.

--Jan Baumann

FIRST PROFESSIONAL DEGREE COMMITTEE: The most recent meeting of the First Professional Degree Committee was held Monday, November 29, 1976 at 3:45 p.m. All four student body representatives were present. Following is a brief review of issues and/or actions. Please remember that most actions of the committee are subject to faculty approval so that decisions made by the committee are tentative.

1. It was reported that KOSI (Keep Off Campus Students Informed) has been functioning well. Those students involved are to be commended for their participation.
2. The committee discussed and approved a policy statement on Equivalency Internship Programs for "Student preparing for part-seminary graduate study." Essentially, this provision would allow a student interested in part-seminary academic doctoral study to complete seminary in three years rather than four, subject to approval by synodical and seminary officials. Should this policy statement be approved by the faculty, more specific details will be share by the appropriate persons.
3. Professor Hughes was asked to report to the faculty the status of daily devotions being held in the Chapel.
4. The sub-committee on Internship has been asked to consider the possibility and/or feasibility of providing field work, CPE opportunities and internship in geriatric institutions. This action was taken as a result of a letter received from Germatown Home urging training of students in ministry to the elderly.
5. Dr. Lee has done a study on faculty course evaluation instruments and was asked to report to the faculty. It is hoped that instruments for course evaluation can be developed that will more precisely indicate whether professors have achieved course objectives.

In addition to the above, there were a number of personal petitions, recommendations, and items of information shared.

--J. Kenneth Echols

CONFESSIONS OF THE MASKED HOUSEHUSBAND

Dear Househusband

Dear Househusband:

My oldest son has been running around writing his brother's name on his sister's toys. He won't tell me why. Can you help?

signed

Frustrated

Dear Frustrated:

Find out if he knows how to spell his sister's name. I suspect he uses his brother's name because he knows how to write it.

Dear Househusband: _____

During communion in chapel I saw a cherub sitting near me singing in a strange tongue. Is this a sign from God?

signed

On the Road to Damascus

Dear On:

That was my daughter Raechel singing Yankoe Doodle in church. Ignore it. It is not a sign from heaven.

Dear Househusband: _____

My son is terrified of the dark. He is sure that monsters lurk in the dark waiting to grab him. What should I do?

signed

Frantic

Dear Frantic:

Of course monsters are there in the dark but as everyone knows they can't get you if you remain firmly under the covers.

To be continued.

Father John

1st perplexed bystander: Who was that masked man?

2nd equally perplexed bystander: I don't know but he left this silver mail box.

High Ho Postage.

JANUARY CHAPEL

All members of the Seminary Community are encouraged to volunteer in Chapel planning and leading in January. Chapel will be held every Tuesday and Thursday evening during the month with two services of Holy Communion. One will be on Thursday, January 6 The Epiphany of Our Lord, and the other on Tuesday, January 10, the Confession of St. Peter. There will be a list posted under Chapel News on the Bulletin board by the Mailboxes in Hagan Center. Sign up soon, please!

Thank you very much.

Phil Gustafson

SACRISTANS

The sacristans would like to thank the chapel committee for allowing us to serve them this semester and, as we wish to better serve next semester, we ask if anyone in the Seminary community has criticisms, suggestions, advise, or any other input for your friendly neighborhood sacristans please give it to them. Again we are: Judith Bahrs, Margie Weiss, Tom Cvemmin, Mark Oldenburg and Phil Gustafson.

Also a word of thanks to our fearless leader and friendly neighborhood Chaplain for the fall term Bob Hughes, who was patient enough to work with us.

P.S. The chapel bell is working again!

DRAMA NEWS

In last week's Seminarian I erroneously reported that Brand would be performed in March. This is not so; it will be performed as a dramatic reading (similar to "legman") on Tuesday, February 1. I again call for volunteers to take part in this production, since it will not be overly demanding time-wise. Please contact Phil Gustafson, Joe Irvin, or Dale Walck if you are interested - soon!

MY PRAYER

When skies are sometimes darkened,
All light hidden from my view,
I place my faith and hopes above;
His light comes shining through.
The purpose of His plan reveals
There is no need for fear.
My prayers are always answered;
I feel God's presence near.

by Corrie Miller.

MISCELLANEOUS

Definition: Santa's Helper-- A subordinate clause.

I have a friend who is part Japanese and part black and every December 7 he bombs Pearl Bailey.

The Philadelphia Phillies are moving to the Philippines to become the Manila Folders.

Name Withheld. (Thank God!)

WANT TO DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS?

Do you have a certain flair for Christmas (or Advent) decorating? Do you want a break during Reading Week? If so,... come to the Pit on Monday, Dec. 13th at 11:30 AM. There are two major decorating jobs to be done, which will go quickly with sufficient help. The Chapel and the All-Purpose Room must be prepared for Advent Vespers on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you can make one or both of these days (time will be flexible on Wednesday) come on over to the Pit on Monday for further information or see John Hansen - Apt. 8-B, 242-4241.

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET THROWN INTO THE SLAMMER.....

you might want to look at the copyright laws revised by Congress for the first time in 67 years.

A teacher may not: Make multiple copies of a work for classroom use if it has already been copied for another class in the same institution; Make multiple copies of a short poem, a rticle, story, or essay from the same author more than once in a class term, or make multiple copies from the same collective work or periodical issue more than three times a term; Make multiple copies of works more than nine times in the same class term; Make a copy of works to take the place of an anthology; Make a copy of "consumable" materials such as workbooks.

A teacher may: Make a single copy, for use in scholarly research, or in teaching, or in preparation for teaching a class, of the following:
A chapter from a book; An article from a periodical or newspaper; A short story, short essay, or short poem, whether or not from a collected work;

A chart, graph, diagram, drawing, cartoon or picture from a book, periodical, or newspaper.
Make multiple copies for classroom use only, and not to exceed one per student in a class, of the following:
A complete poem, if it is less than 250 words and printed on not more than two pages; An excerpt from a longer poem, if it is less than 250 words. There's more, but we have enough to throw a Prof...

FINAL WEEK	Opponent	Day	Time	Location
	Brucce Davis	33-13	32-14	MIN MIN
	Garry Meserole	30-16	30-16	MIN MIN
	Dr. Mc Curley	30-16	29-17	MIN MIN
	Steve Moyer	30-16	28-18	MIN MIN
	Glenn Zorb	29-17	28-18	MIN MIN
	Bob Hopkins	28-18	28-18	MIN MIN
	Mack Smith	28-18	28-18	MIN MIN
	Dr. White	28-18	27-19	MIN MIN
	Phil -tafson	27-19	27-19	MIN MIN
	Gus Elderry	27-19		MIN MIN

THOMAS AQUAINT US

Well, this will be the last "Aquaint Us" column of the year. The next time I will come to you via the SEMINARIAN will be in our first issue of next semester (February 3). Meanwhile, just a few reminders concerning the next month and a half:

- 1.) When you and your "heat mate" leave for vacation don't forget to turn off your heat.
- 2.) During this period when some of us will be here for January Term and others will be away it's important that we all help to keep the campus secure. Keep your doors locked.
- 3.) The Last meal at the refectory for this semester will be lunch on Thursday, December 23.
The first meal of next semester will be Breakfast on Monday, January 3.
NOTE: During January weekday breakfast will be 7:30 to 8:30 am; continental breakfast 8:30 to 9:00am.
Weekend meal times will be unchanged.

- 4.) From Monday, December 27 to Friday, January 28 the Library will be open Monday thru Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm.

NOTE: The Library will be closed:

- after 5:00pm Thursday December 23
- Christmas Eve Day, Friday, December 24
- New Year's Eve Day, Friday, December 31.

So here goes . . .

THURSDAY* December 9 - Last day of registration for January Term and second semester.

- Prepared Childbirth movie and discussion
Lamaze, Bradley, and Midwifery
with Kathy Jennings (the Sass' instructor)
Library Rotunda, 8:00pm sponsored by PhT's
** ALL INTERESTED INVITED **

FRIDAY* December 10 - First semester classes end

SATURDAY December 11 - Advent at the Fortress Church Supply Store
2900 Queen Lane
Advent Lutheran Church Handbell Choir from
West Lawn, Pa. - Robert P. Glick, director

- Junior Class Hysterical, Heretical,
Harmonious Hymning - 8:00pm
meet in student lounge of Hagan Center

"THOMAS" continued next page.

THOMAS AQUAINT US (continued)

- SUNDAY December 12 - Choir and Congregational Christmas Carol Sing
The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown
4:30pm Seth Lippard, song leader
Robert Carwithen, organist
just below Germantown Ave. on Chelton Ave.
(across from Bell Telephone)
- MONDAY* December 13 - Reading Week Begins (read! read!! read!!!)
- WEDNESDAY* December 15 - Library will be open in the evening
from 6:30 to 7:30pm ONLY. Day hours unchanged
- Advent Vespers in the chapel
 - 7:30 - 8:00pm Recital
 - 8:00 - 9:15pm Vespers Service
 - 9:30 - Noel Festivities in Hagan Center
- FRIDAY* December 17 - Seminary Choir to carol in local hospital
- SATURDAY December 18 - Advent at the Fortress Church Supply Store
2900 Queen Lane
The Medical Mission Sisters
Sister Miriam Theresa Winter, director
- SUNDAY December 19 - "The Messiah" - G. F. Handel
(Christmas and Advent sections)
at St. Michael's Lutheran Church 2:30pm
6671 Germantown Ave. (six blocks away!)
- MONDAY* December 20 - Exam Week Begins (Acts 14:22)
- Biblical Studies (101) Exam, 9:00am Amphr.
 - Church and Community (602) Exam, 2:00pm Amphr.
- TUESDAY* December 21 - Old Testament (202/4) Exam, 2:00pm Amphr.
- WEDNESDAY* December 22 - Christian Doctrine (502) 9:00am Amphr.
- Cults in America (470) 2:00pm Amphr.
- THURSDAY* December 23 - Church History(401) 9:00am Amphr.
- Go Home and have a very blessed Christmas!
- JANUARY Monday the 10th - Seniors from L.T.S. G-berg and Phila.
meet here with synod presidents
concerning call process.

Tuesday the 11th - L.T.S.P. Board meeting

* Weekday Chapel services - 7:15am and 5:00pm

That's about it, I hope you all have a GREAT vacation!
So until next year, Take care and God Bless.

Thomas

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