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A LETTER TO THE STUDENT BODY

To the Student Body:

At lunch on Friday, March 4, 1977, I informed the Student Body that Dr. Gerhard Krodel has accepted the call as Dean at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. I am sure I speak for the Student Body in expressing regret over the pending loss of Dr. Krodel from our Seminary faculty and community. But I would like to congratulate Dr. Krodel on his call and pray for the Lord's blessing as he prepares to take on new responsibilities. Dr. Krodel has been an asset to the faculty here at the Seminary, not only in his scholarship and teaching style, but also as a concerned member of this community in helping students. Again, I would like to reiterate our sincere regret, but we are grateful that Dr. Krodel has been a member of our community and the opportunity to learn from him. Dr. Krodel, we pray for you and your family as you make this transition.

In Christ,

Bruce T. Ewen

President of the Student Body

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS BY CANDIDATES FOR FACULTY POSITIONS

The following public lectures are scheduled by candidates for positions on the faculty of this Seminary:

Wed., March 16, 9:40 am, Chapel: The Rev. Dr. Helmut T. Lehmann, Librarian at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, candidate for appointment in Church History.

Thurs., March 17, 6:30 pm, Amphitheater: The Rev. Dr. David George Truemper, Associate Professor of Theology at Valparaiso University, candidate for appointment in Systematic Theology.

Mon., March 28, 6:30 pm, Amphitheater: The Rev. Mr. Timothy F. Lull, Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Needham, Mass., candidate for appointment in Systematic Theology.

Further biographical information is posted on the bulletin board in Hagan Hall.



THOUGHTS FOR YOUR REFLECTION

In my studies I recently came across a passage and commentary which seem to be timely for all of us to ponder and consider. The passage was Hosea 5:8 - 7:16, and the commentary is from Hosea, by Hans W. Wolff (Fortress Press, 1974), p. 130.

Thus God's pilgrims of the New Covenant harm only themselves if they do not listen carefully to the words of this passage. For they, too, must endure trials similar to those suffered by God's people of the Old Testament; they, too, are capable of misunderstanding the purpose of political catastrophes. Even as they keep Jesus' cross and resurrection before their eyes, their roots lie--no less than in the Old Testament--in God's healing love and saving power. Yet as God's people march through history, they can misunderstand the purpose of the judgments which come upon the church of Jesus Christ also in the midst of political upheavals. The church seeks new points of orientation through changes in political alliances and through religious formalities, instead of confessing the guilt involved in all her political unions, instead of recognizing the deception that grows out of her customs and innate confidence, instead of being liberated by and for the Lord, who alone is the Lord of all powers and the physician of all who are ill, instead of trusting in his deeds and obeying his words. The message of Hosea can also help Christendom return to its first and only love.

These thoughts seemed to be particularly relevant to the situation in which we presently find ourselves. My prayer is that through these words, God's Word is shared.

Lyle Sass

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"Bill and Ray - How's life at Philly? Is Krodel really leaving? Sorry to see Ollie go too." Gary Eichhorn says "hey" to all the kids and adds that this sunny Southern weather is fine.

HOW SHALL WE CELEBRATE EASTER THIS YEAR?

Easter morning is the high point of the Christian year. More than on any other Sunday the community of the faithful should be gathered for a real celebration - a festival. But it is not appropriate to welcome Easter morning with a new suit of clothes, especially if the purpose of the new outfit is "to see and be seen." Moreover, in view of the enormous seriousness of world hunger and in view of a new understanding of what it means to be good stewards of the earth, more and more people are giving up the practice of buying new clothes for Easter. As you are probably aware, the encouragement to dress "finely" has always come from commercial clothing stores and not theologians or priests. To symbolize the new life that Jesus makes possible, wear old; comfortable and brightly colored clothing. Easter is a celebration of life, and bright cheerful festive clothes are both appropriate and fun.

Neither is it appropriate to celebrate the Resurrection with a highly competitive Easter egg hunt whose purpose is to collect more eggs than anyone else and win the prize: a huge chocolate-covered candy rabbit. Nutritionists and dentists agree that sugar is harmful to teeth and general health. The competition doesn't help foster cooperative spirit either. However, if you do want to have a hunt, emphasize "discovery" rather than collection for a prize. As an alternative, hide packages of seeds instead of eggs - the symbol is a bit more apparent. If you do use eggs, by all means plan to eat them rather than throw them away. You can make a family project of dying the eggs with natural dyes.

I found this and many other insightful articles in the Alternate Celebrations Catalogue (3rd edition).

Zan Rinehart

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Dr. Oliver K. Olson, who is coordinator for the U. S. of a program of language scholarships to the Goethe-Institut in West Germany, has awarded scholarships for language study in Europe this summer to two LTSP students, Judith Bahrs and Dale Irvin. Michael Fonner of Harvard Divinity School, who is enrolled in some LTSP courses this year, is also a scholarship recipient.

POOL TOURNAMENT

The committee has finally organized a pool tournament for students, faculty, staff, spouses, etc. It is hoped that all will participate. Sign up deadline is Monday, March 14. See Glenn Zorb or Earl Knaus to sign up. A nominal contribution of 25¢ is being accepted for a permanent wall plaque to be hung in the lounge. It will be a double-elimination tournament so that everyone gets at least two chances, just as in the tennis tournament. Sign up now and start practicing.

VISITATION RETREAT

I would like to express my personal thanks to all the committee members, secretaries, hosts, faculty, students and others who made this retreat an enjoyable success. All we are able to plan are various opportunities. "Success" depends on the people who express loving care and concern.

Thanks,

Jeff Hedin

Letter To The Seminary Community

In my first few weeks at LTSP I have noticed some trends that need to be brought to light.

I find the thought behind Lutheran doctrine agreeable to my thinking and lifestyle. It is by chance that I am a Lutheran. If I had had Parents who attended Roman Catholic mass, Roman Catholicism would be in my head and heart. We live in a Lutheran ghetto in northwest Philadelphia and from that ghetto I hear derogatory comments on the world around us. We worship the Lutheran faith and not God in Jesus Christ. This I term Lutheran elitism. We take potshots at all denominations disagreeing with our interpretation of Scripture. Indeed, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Baptist, Congregationalist, and even Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod explanations are invalid for there is only one true light-- Lutheranism. To me that attitude is despicable. Discrepancies among systems of thought need only be brought to the fore. It is for the individual to choose in which system she/he wishes to operate.

Secondly, we relish the distinction between the ordained and the lay in the Church. We somehow think that because we have an M. Div. title, we are on a higher plane than the laity. M.A.R. students are treated as second class citizens even though they also wish positions as professionals in the church. We forget that the laity are the people we will be serving as clergy; the laity does not serve us. Our office is created for the good order of the church, not for the establishment of a hierarchy. We cannot use our knowledge of Biblical and theological doctrine to negate the experience of a person who has given much of her/his life and time to the parish. We must not meet our parishioners not as superiors in the faith, but rather as equals eager to serve with them to further the Kingdom of God.

Finally, where is our enthusiasm for worship? I have heard many complaints about the services here. We cannot put blame on those in charge of worship life. When we say phrases such as "Rejoice in the Lord" or "Thanks be to God," let's express energy in our voices! Remember what you were taught in Speech and use it! If we do not have enthusiasm and energy for our worship life here, what will happen when we enter the parish? Will not our attitude toward worship effect others? From the seminary catalog, "keystone of our community life is common worship." Let's work together creatively to bring life to the center of our worship lives here. Each of us need to put energy into worship if worship is a vital part of our seminary community.

Peace be to you all.

Yours in Christ, Craig S. Staller

BOOKSTORE NEWS : NOTICE

The Bookstore will not be able to make any orders for "special order" books after April 1, either at the Bookstore or Fortress Press. Also, as of May 1, the Bookstore will not be able to accept "charges" to any accounts.

Ed Fernandez

MINUTES FROM THE DORMITORY MEETING - FEBRUARY 24, 1977

The meeting was basically concerned with the problem of Dormitory Security. Suggestions were asked for from the Dorm Population for ways of controlling unauthorized entries to prevent theft. It was suggested that all outside doors to the Dorm be locked from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M. weeknights and from 5:00 P.M. Friday to 8:00 A.M. Monday for the weekends and that those without a key to the Dormitory can use the doorbell at the Parking Lot entrance. A request was made that the locks of the type found on the Chapel door be put on the outside doors to the Dorm. It was also suggested that Dorm residents keep their room doors locked when they leave them for any length of time.

In terms of the recent rash of thefts of food and drink it was suggested that all Dorm residents label their food and drink and that we develop a sense of trust and honesty for each other. Hopefully with the increase in Dorm security these thefts will stop.

Another topic that was discussed was keeping the kitchen and bathrooms clean. Sam Zeiser said he would follow up with Ken Garver for equipment to do the job.

The large bathroom on the first floor was discussed. It is a problem because the pipes are rusting due to lack of use. It was recommended for all to make use of those particular facilities whenever possible. A couple of suggestions for the room included converting the room into a ping pong (table tennis) room or some other activity room.

A consensus was asked concerning approval of converting Room 325 (a storage closet) into a "Meditation Room." Although approval was not overwhelming there was no opposition to its creation.

An inquiry was made about when the Dormitory would have a Fire Drill. Details are still pending. Remember - do not use the elevators during a Drill.

The newspaper recycling group is still interested in your old newspapers (THEY'RE NOT ON STRIKE). See Woody.

Respectfully Submitted,
Philip Gustafson

TREASURER'S REPORT

(Feb. 28, 1977)

	Savings	Checking	Transfer	Total
Beginning Balance	\$356.70	307.77		664.47
Receipts: Deposits & Interest	<u>429.71</u>	<u>2030.20</u>	415.46	<u>2044.45</u>
SE	786.41	2337.97		2708.92
Expenditures: Withdrawal & Checks	<u>365.46</u>	<u>1277.66</u>	415.46	<u>1227.66</u>
Balance 2-28-77	420.95	1060.31		1481.26

Balance as Budgeted:

Athletics	\$ 100.00	66.63
Contingency	75.00	35.71
Publications	600.00	284.40
Social Activities	750.00	383.72
Social Ministry	150.00	150.00
Spouses Club	50.00	46.84
Student Administration	50.00	5.37
W/M in Dialogue	75.00	75.00
Guest Night	00.00	75.00

Respectfully Submitted

Paul F Scheitlin
Treasurer

GYM CONTROVERSY CONTINUES

To the Editors:

2/22/77

It is with some reservation that I decided to reply to Glenn Zorb's response to my letter. If the issue of the use of our gym were not so serious, I would not want to engage in such an argument.

First, I would like to clarify what damage that was done. One basic complaint was the shoe and ball marks and cigarette butts on the floor. These are legitimate reasons to be upset about, but certainly not enough to warrant expulsion since these certainly could have been rectified if given at least a second chance. As to the pool table, it is common sense that the room should have been locked before the arrival of any team. during my 1½ hour stay at the gym I never encountered 90 people. If there were, it could only have been during the hourly period when two teams were on the floor, while the next two teams waited. Also we were forced to bring additional teams earlier than their scheduled playing time due to the lack of transportation. It is true, that we do not have the same standards of supervision since we have long ago learned that a middle class standard of maturity is an unreal goal so early in the season. In fact, one of the goals of this league is to help develop maturity, but that is difficult to accomplish when you live in an environment full of disorder and decay. Besides, as Lutherans, these youth deserve access to the best facilities and not just second-rate buildings. It is also remarkable that the league was billed for the services of a proctor who was not there.

However, these are really minor details that can only serve to show how fragile, Glenn's case really is. The real issue is the sanctity of seminary property versus community use by those who need it. It is in the seminary's own self interest, under the 1st use of the law, to show tolerance and a commitment to change in the world, if it is going to protect itself. You are so concerned about interior damage but fail to see that if you do not gain the respect of the surrounding community, you will someday have to install an electric fence to protect our lovely campus from exterior vandalism.

I have to admit that we really do have different expectations. My team is composed of several players who were just released from jail and several others who are potential candidates for jail. It would be absurd for me to expect model behavior from them. Since we are short of leadership, we could certainly use the aid of seminarians in guiding these youth. Already several serve as coaches and are willing to take time from their studies to help in disciplining our youth.

Finally as a member of the student body for almost three years, I believe that we cannot escape from the racism that persists in all of us. Lack of tolerance or patience can be construed as racism when we fail to risk trying to change the unjust world in which we live. Your lack of understanding only serves to demonstrate your apathy. The world is not an esoteric entity about which the gospel speaks, but a present reality that must be dealt with whenever we have the opportunity to proclaim the Word in speech and action.

M. Henry Pawluk

MYTHS AND FACTS ABOUT RAPE...

Myths about rape prevent many victims from reporting and seeking assistance in working through the trauma of the attack. We must work to discard and dispel these myths.

MYTH: Most sexual assaults are provoked by the victim.

FACT: The Federal Commission on Crimes of Violence reports that only four percent (4%) of reported rapes involve any precipitative (warranted) behavior on the woman's part.

MYTH: Rape occurs only among strangers.

FACT: In nearly 60% of rape cases the victim and offender know each other in some way.

MYTH: Rape is an impulsive, uncontrollable sex act.

FACT: Seventy-one percent (71%) of all rapes are planned in advance by the offender. The primary motive for rape is aggression, violence, and convenience rather than sex.

MYTH: A woman who does not resist has not really been raped.

FACT: Fear is often an immobilizing factor that can force a victim into non-resistance. Studies show that in seventy-five percent (75%) of rape cases the victim is faced with a weapon, threat of force, death or great bodily harm.

MYTH: Most rapes happen on the street.

FACT: Studies show that 1/3 to 1/2 of rapes are committed in the victim's home.

MYTH: Most rapists are Black. Most rape victims are white.

FACT: Rape tends to occur among people of the same racial group. Statistics prove this in ninety percent (90%) of the reported cases.

(WOAR OUTREACH PROGRAM)

MARCH 24

WOMEN AND MEN IN DIALOGUE
PRESENT

A TOPIC: RAPE CULTURE

... in our amphitheatre at 7...

Our speaker is Sara Bergstresser, from the speakers bureau of Woman Organized Against Rape, in Philadelphia. Sara and I shared some tense moments together as we served in the CPE program at Presbyterian Hospital, during the summer of '74. She is also the wife of Rev. Larry Bergstresser, a Methodist pastor in the Northeast.

Sara has been a hard worker in this organization which has brought about many changes in the treatment of rape victims. It is surely a viable support group in which victims of rape need and as clergy to those persons, we should definitely be aware of and support.

We welcome you to our presentation and the wine and cheese party which follows hoping you may see the great danger to woman on our campus and communities as we try to learn prevention and preservation in a rape culture!

A. Dobronz

Of all the evils for which man has made himself responsible, none is so degrading, so shocking or so brutal, as his abuse of the better half of humanity, to me, the female sex, not the weaker sex.

Mahatma Gandhi

LENT

Lent is
Forty days till Easter,
Not counting Sundays.

Lent is actually
Six and a half weeks
of very violet repentance
And very purple passion.

Lent is
Watching a man go to his death
And not being able to stop it.

Lent is
Helping send him
To the cross.

Lent is
Knowing this
And letting it sink in.

Lent is
Not getting off the hook.

Lent is
Taking sin seriously,
Taking Life seriously,
Taking death seriously,
Taking everything
More seriously
Than usual.

Lent is
Among other things,
Having to wait for spring.

Lent is
Six more weeks
Of shivering
In the cold.

Lent is
Not a very happy time.
But it is what
You have to go through
To get to Easter.

Wayne Saffen
The Second Season
Fortress Press,
1973

Spring is coming and it is time to think about gardening for the summer. If you plan to be on campus this summer and are interested in having a garden plot, please notify Nancy Moyer as soon as possible. We would ask that the money you save from raising your own crops be channelled to the World Hunger Appeal. This project is being sponsored by the Pht Special Projects Committee.

Draw Your Own Cartoon Here:

THOMAS ACQUAINT US

KEEPING ACQUAINTED:

Remember Jim and Patrice Hammar? Well, I've received word that God's been very good to them. They have received the gift of life in the birth of their son, John David Guston, on February 28, 1977(7 lb. 9 oz.). Jim is now employed with the U. S. Postal Service and is planning on further education. Their address is 2085 Dotte Drive, Apt. 108, St. Paul, Minn. 55110

It was good to hear about Jim and Patrice. When Jim was studying here we spent some memorable hours together. But I'm afraid I allowed that acquaintance, like so many others, to be forgotten. How many times do we say to ourselves, "I should really write a letter to _____."

I never gets done. What's worse is we know down right well that, at the end of the semester when we say, "See ya later!" to many of our fellow students, as well as faculty, "later" may not ever come. And so it goes.

On a very practical side we can say, "Each year, as a student or in ministry, I'm meeting so many people that no reasonable person would even consider keeping in touch!" True. We can't keep in touch with everyone. But how about those few who have been close to us? That's a challenge in itself. And, all too often, the challenge defeats us.

The challenge to keep acquainted presents to us, as members of the Body of Christ, an opportunity to use an expression of concern unique to The Faith - Prayer. As forgetful, procrastinating, all too busy, sinful human beings, we will always come up short when challenged to keep in touch. But with the power of prayer, when we remember friends who are now distant we can at least pause in our "busyness" and know that a prayer will be heard on their behalf. Luther writes: "Remember that you are not kneeling or standing there alone, but that all Christendom, all devout Christians are standing there with you and you with them in one unanimous, united prayer." (A Simple Way To Pray)

This is not to say that we should simply stop at prayer. MAKE TIME and write that letter. And close with the words of the author of II John, who seemed to be as busy as we sometimes think we are - II John 12.

Jim and Patrice, May God continue to bless you with health and happiness in your family. AMEN.

THIS WEEK:

THURSDAY, March 10.

9:40am - Chapel service MATINS in Chapel
Preacher: Dr. Bornemann
Liturgist: Dennis Reppen

8:00pm - Holy Land "Pilgrimage" series Library PUBLIC INVITED
Masada: Israel's Alamo

Presented by: Bev Heidman and Jan Baumann

8:00pm - "Lenten Crusade - 1977" at St. Paul's Luth. Church, 5th & Nedro
Speaker - The REV. ANTHONY CAMPOLO

Well-known as pastor, author and educator. Host of WXPB's "Tony Talks" and regular guest on WCAU-TV 10 "Morningside" show. Dr. Campolo is Associate Pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Professor of Sociology at Eastern College, lecturer at the Franklin Institute and recent candidate for the U.S. Congress.

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FRIDAY, March 11

11:30am - S.E. Penn. Synod Middler Examination Committee RETREAT begins
Glen Foerd Retreat Center

SATURDAY, March 12

Commemoration of the life of GREGORY THE GREAT. Besides being Pope from 590 to 604AD, his contributions to the liturgical and musical development of the Roman Mass were many. (Ask anyone in "Liturgics 701")

SUNDAY, March 13

7:30pm - Organ Concert by HEINZ WUNDERLICH St. Paul's Lutheran Church
44 rank Moeller Organ 5th & Nedro Sts., Phila., Pa.
program will feature Bach, Reger and Buxtehude.

MONDAY, March 14

4:15-5:15pm - Liturgical Dance in The Chapel ALL INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

5:00pm - Sign up DEADLINE for Pool Tournament (see related article)

WEDNESDAY, March 16

4:30-5:15pm - Sherry Hour Upstairs Refectory
Donate a quarter or just drink the water.

THURSDAY, March 17 (The REAL) St. PATRICK'S DAY

7:30pm - The PhT's present: The Role of a Pastor's Wife Tappert Room
Featuring experienced guests Library
from our neighboring communities.
ALL INTERESTED, PLEASE JOIN US.

8:00pm - Holy Land "Pilgrimage" series Library PUBLIC INVITED
Qumran: The Old Familiar Caves
Presented by: Virginia Thomas

8:00pm - "Lenten Crusade - 1977" at St. Paul's Luth. Church, 5th & Nedro
Speaker - MR. FRED FRANK

Fred Frank is the featured soloist with "Hour of Power", the weekly nationally televised worship service watched by over 10 million persons each Sunday. He has appeared with Henry Mancini, Danny Kaye, Ray Coniff and Nat "King" Cole. He is considered one of the outstanding baritone soloists in sacred and spiritual music.

9:00pm - Coffee House Hagan Center
Come and celebrate the "wearing of the green".

SATURDAY, March 19

8:00pm - Movie Night Hagan Center Amphitheatre

SUNDAY, March 20

4:00pm - Installation of The REV. CHARLES KRIMMEL as Pastor
St. Mark's Lutheran Church Chelton Ave. & North Broad St.

Keep yourself busy(!) . . . but not too.

Thomas

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