

THE SEMINARIAN

CLASSES ELECT !! 40:3

Class of 1981 (Juniors)

- President - Mary Wien
- 1st Professional Degree - Scott Larson
- Worship & Community Life - Paul Myers
- Athletics - Jim Bowers
- Social Activities - Bob LaRiviere
- Bookstore - Bruce Todd

Class of 1980 (Middlers)

- President - Steve Moyer
- 1st Professional Degree - Margie Weiss
- Worship & Community Life - Thelma Megill
- Athletics - Scott Davis
- Social Activities - Jeanne Rowan
- Bookstore - Eric Dawson

Class of 1978 (Seniors)

- President - Mark English
- 1st Professional Degree - Marie Jerge
Donna Welton (MAR Rep.)
- Worship & Community Life - Dave Jones
- Athletics - Newell Embley
- Social Activities - John Hugus
- Bookstore - Jim Shelly
- Continuing Education - Jim Werley & Chris Matthy

STUDENT BODY NOMINATIONS

- Secretary - Devie Rippel
Marsha Jark
- Vice-President - Paul Shoop
Dave Searing
Marie Jerge



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I am pleased to announce that something has been worked out, for the present at least, in the finding of a Co-editor. Though I wasn't snowed under by the number of applicants, I am grateful to know that there are some folks really interested and willing to physically put out the Student Body publications in a supervisory manner.

Gerry Sanders, a member of the Junior class, will be coming onto the Student Publications Committee as LTSP's very own Publications Production Manager. Gerry will be responsible for the printing and compiling of the printed material each week. This includes the gathering of a work force to do the job.

At the same time, I will remain responsible for the gathering and editing of your stories, comments, etc. for publication.

Our deadline will remain at Monday 3 pm. for the rest of this semester. Contributions are welcome from any LTSP community members and friends.

STAFF

- Editor: jo witman
- Production Manager: Gerry Sanders
- Typists: Nancy Anderson, Audrey Foley, Judith Bahrs, Craig Staller, jw
- FWPIAT: Small Group #11
Tim Lull, Jim Bowers, Linda Feairheller, Marsha Jark, Scott Larson, Bob Stott, Sally Palcovich and G.S.

Many thanks to Small Group #11 for working to put together this week's edition. If your Small Group would like to do the same sometime in the future, then contact Gerry Sanders via The Seminarian mailbox.



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Vice-President -
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FRAGMENTS OF A CONVERSATION WITH DR. TIMOTHY LULL
BY Judith Bahrs

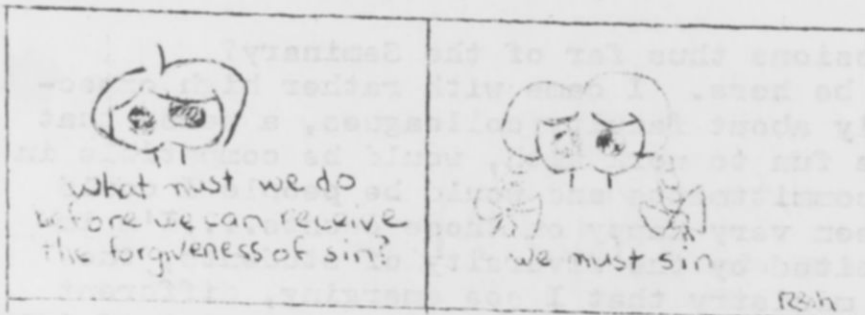
- Q: Who were the people who were most influential in your Seminary experience at Yale Divinity School?
- A: A range of people. I had an Old Testament professor, Brenard Childs, who I would pick out from the three years in Seminary as being especially influential: good scholarship, strong faith, love of and service for the church. We used to feel that the prayers with which he opened his OT course were among the finest that we heard, and he was able to make the OT biblical and theological material come alive so well. He was a Presbyterian who was a great lover of Luther, as well as Calvin,...and from (him) I got some of my strongest encouragement to take my own tradition seriously. There were a number of other fine teachers, too,: Paul Minear, who is a very fine scholar of NT interpretation; David Kelsey, a young man in theology whose reputation has been rising ever since, and (who was) one of the reasons I stayed at Yale (after receiving the 1st professional degree) to do some more work with him; Jim Dittis, in the field of psychology of religion and pastoral counseling...who became my dissertation advisor; and, of course, some people like Sydney Ahlstrom, George Linbeck....Jerry Pelikan and others.
- Q: What are your impressions thus far of the Seminary?
- A: I'm very excited to be here. I came with rather high expectations, particularly about faculty colleagues, a sense that others here would be fun to work with, would be compatible in terms of style and commitments and would be people I could learn from. I've been very happy on those counts....I'm impressed with and excited by the diversity of students, the different styles of ministry that I see emerging, different sorts of things that contribute academically, the sort of interplay between men and women....
- Q: You've been out of the parish now for two months. Do you miss it?
- A: You can tell that particularly on Saturday nights...I have a hard time going to sleep before one o'clock; I know there's something I should be doing and I can't remember what it is!!
- Q: What do you think that you and Mary Carlton bring to the community?
- A: Most simply, a desire to share where we've been, what we've seen and been enthusiastic about...We both enjoyed Seminary..., enjoyed the theological issues and are happy to be back in a community where those things can be pursued very actively. We both enjoyed our years of parish experience very much, and can in some ways say that it is not as bad out there as you might think!! There are many friends and allies and delightful surprises, in addition to all the problems that one does encounter. We're excited...to be in a more urban area, with all of Philadelphia to know, to play some part in this neighborhood and to have some of the off-hand and accidental kinds of contacts with students and faculty members...here on campus.
- Q: How do you see students changing since you've been in Seminary?
- A: I think more and more students are diverse and we have to adjust our patterns and expectations of theological education to take account of that. Some people continue to come as white males who have recently graduated from college,...but we're

...many students with many different weaknesses and strengths that they bring and the school is greatly challenged, I think, to make its program centered enough that everyone gets the basics that they need, but flexible enough to meet the very different needs of diverse groups....It can be really exciting.

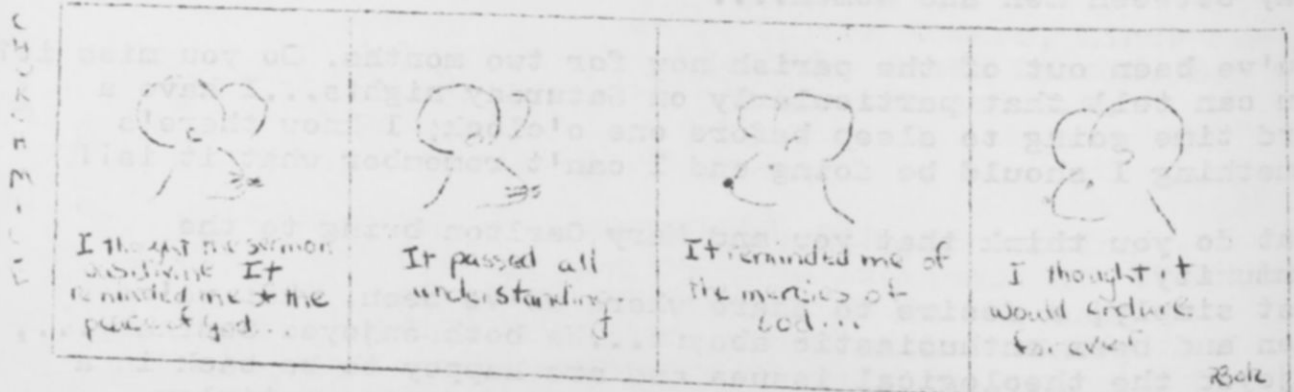
Q: What do you see in your role as Chaplain beyond the "nuts and bolts" kinds of leadership needed, if anything?

A: (With a lighter course load because I am Chaplain, I have)...some time to spend with other people. That would depend very much on whether students needed that, wanted it, wanted to take advantage of it. I have had some contacts already and have found them very good....I'm open to that and look forward to meeting people and sharing with them.....

(Editorial Note: This is the first in a series of interviews with new faculty and staff members.)



Comics !!!
by
Bob Bolz



NEXT WEEK !!!!!!!!

PASTOR DIEFENQUINAS RETURNS TO THE SEMINARIAN

This past weekend the Middlers participated in a retreat sponsored by the SE Pa Synod's Task Force on Justice and Social Change. The Saturday morning session was dominated by a discussion of the workload put on students at LTSP and the effects of such. The following are two student opinions:

I wish to comment upon some of the concerns raised on Saturday morning at the Middler Retreat. I was not present for that discussion, but have heard in detail what was said from those involved. I wish to express my opinion, since I was not there.

I think the Middler class may be suffering initial-anxiety-at-the-start-of-the-school-year blues. Some of us have complained of too much work and too little time to comprehend it; indeed, to get it done at all, particularly with the Middler Retreat taking up so much time. I do not think we have been given too much work. In the first place, this is a graduate/professional school where we are expected to acquire professional skills. Hard work is required of us, quite simply. Not that I am a work-ethic maniac; but the disciplines which we are involved in are very broad, and just because we have a series of suggested or required readings does not mean that we have to stick with them slavishly and read everything lest we be left behind and lost. If one were to reflect, ponder, meditate upon and digest completely all that one reads, the average student would read a book or two a year. We are not expected to master every subject we study, but rather to make an effort to think within the confines of each discipline, be it Systematics, Pastoral Care, etc.

I do not find this school to be terribly demanding, academically speaking. Demanding, yes, but not overwhelming. I know from experience that most students here can handle the work without being driven to a nervous breakdown. I think we take ourselves too seriously as a class, in that we expect our education to be tailor made for us, according to our own fickle standards; too much of this, too little of that. We expect everyone to listen to our vociferous criticisms about too much work, when it seems to me that we are collectively anxious about a new school year. Can we handle it? Well, the answer is clearly yes.

No one is going to be able to bitch about too much work in not enough time in a parish. No one is going to tell a church council to defer the sermon until next week. I think we have to do what the job requires. While we all can and should complain when we have a lot to do (it's therapeutic), should we make a big deal out of it, talk to the dean, walk around with hands on our heads like some misbegotten Greek chorus? I think not.

I invite your reaction.

Joe Irvin, Rm. 100

News flash! A recent archeological project has unearthed a new gospel in Greece. Believed to have been redacted by the great ancient historian, Oros Aerios, the gospel differs from traditional Christian canon at one point. In the account of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness, it is reported that Jesus ignored the doggings of the devil, and instead went off on a high mountain and prayed to his Father to take the devil away, "for this cup is not of

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Middler Retreat Comments, Con't.

the world into which I go to do your will. Rather it will pass away when I leave this place of preparation and my days in your service will be free of conflicts and decisions."

Imagine the impact. Imagine what would have happened if Jesus had looked around himself in the wilderness and said, "This isn't the real world; why trouble myself with the problems of this place? C'mon, God, I've got serious work to do practicing miracles and telling parables and wrestling out decisions of how I'm going to minister. What's this devil doing here? Do I have to deal with him, too?"

Discussion on the Middler Retreat this weekend raised the issue of the heavy workload and conflicting priorities that are thrust on students at this institution by over-zealous faculty and over-ambitious curriculum. For all the silences and hesitations, the discussion was pretty open and, thanks to some welcome comments near the end in defense of scholarship, fairly balanced. But there was a topic and an attitude that runs under the whole issue that never got mentioned. It has to do with how we all view this place of preparation and the authority structures in it.

Because faculty members draw up syllabi, it appears that they know what is best to read and what can be ignored. Because they give out the grades, it is assumed that we should agree with their judgments. Both these conditions have some truth in them, but they are also deceptive and somewhat shallow. When students call for a lighter reading load, we are asking someone else to decide what can and cannot fit into our lives. We are asking someone else to decide what might be more or less important for us to read. We are asking someone else to make it easier for us to know what we have to do - not to learn a given field - to get a decent grade in a given course.

There's no doubt that we have to pass our courses to graduate from this place and to move into full-time ministry. But there's also no doubt that once we're "out there" the problems won't go away. They'll probably get worse. Instead of having to choose four books out of ten to read, we'll have to choose two out of all that are published. My fear is that we'll face that and react to it by reading less and less, because we never really learned how to pick out for ourselves what is worthwhile and what isn't. It isn't even us who will suffer most for that, either; it's the flock we care for.

This semester is mighty heavy. We need to use the faculty as a resource in helping to guide us in the most productive paths of study and reading. But let's be careful about placing more emphasis on meeting a professor's grade requirements than on learning, let's not pit students against professors and let's not look to outward authority to make decisions that ultimately are our own.

Peter A. Pettit

STUDENT BODY MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 1977

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 by president Wimmer.
- II. It was moved, seconded and CARRIED to approve the minutes of the April 14, 1977 meeting of the Student Body as read.
- III. It was moved, seconded and CARRIED to adopt the agenda as printed.
- IV. Report of the President
 - A. The First Professional Degrees committee of the Council on Lutheran Theological Education in the Northeast (CLTEN) will meet on Friday, Oct. 7. President Wimmer explained the organization and purpose of that committee.
 - B. Mr. Leo Lackey from the Lutheran Laymen's Movement was introduced and spoke to us about the organization and purpose of LLM.
 - C. The following people served on the Nominating committee: Margie Weiss, chairperson; Scott Larson; and Jim Shelly.
 - D. Election for Vice President and Secretary will be held from Monday, Oct. 10 beginning at 9:00 a.m. until Tuesday, Oct. 11 ending at 5:00 p.m.
 - E. The following people have been appointed as chairpeople pending the approval of the Executive Committee:

Refectory.....	Dave Ellis
Social Ministry.....	Peter Swain, Joe Irvin
Athletics.....	Mack Smith, Don Hake
Social Activities.....	Barry Mitchell, Scott Davis
Bookstore.....	Bruce Wallace
Publications.....	Jo Witman
Dorm Council.....	Dave Gerber
Guest Night.....	Margie Weiss, Rich Sauer
Sheriff.....	Larry Conway
Spouse's Club.....	Alice Breon
Tour Guides.....	Marie Jerge, Larry Conway, Bill Henderson
 - F. Channels of communication should go as follows: 1) the bulletin boards in Hagan Center, 2) the Publications committee, and 3) announcements at meals. The secretary of the Student Body will keep a calendar.
- V. Report of the Treasurer
 - A. Operating principle as of 5/14/77.....\$565.95
 - Income.....93.04
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 - Expenses.....317.76
 - Current Operating principle.....\$341.23
 - B. The loan to Sherry Hour of \$270.38 has not been made yet as noted on the agenda.
 - C. It was moved, seconded and CARRIED to accept the 1977-78 budget as printed in the Sept. 27 issue of the Seminarian.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee put fort the following names:

Secretary: Devie Rippel
Marsha Jark

Vice President: Paul Shoop
Dave Searing

The following nomination was made from the floor:

Vice President: Marie Jerge
 - B. Publications

Jo Witman stated her intent to bring up under New Business the question of sending the Seminarian to the 8 other LCA seminaries.

STUDENT BODY MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

C. Guest Night

Joe Irvin announced that on Oct. 25 Mr. William Green, the director of black studies for the Philadelphia Board of Education will be with us.

D. Social Ministry

1. Volunteers are still needed to help out with Keith Wilbur.
2. The recycling center needs someone to take care of it. If no one is interested it will be discontinued.

E. Athletic

1. The fall football season has been scheduled as follows:

Oct. 22 at 2:00 we play Moravian, here.

Oct. 29 we play Lancaster, here.

Nov. 2 we play Gettysburg, here.

2. Some new equipment has also been purchased.

VII. Old Business

It was announced that the recycling center is in front of the boiler house and the trash bins are in the back. Please don't get them confused!

III. New Business

- A. It was moved, seconded and CARRIED to delete the following sentence from Article IV, Section 7: "Social Ministry Committee shall designate \$60 of its yearly funds to be donated to the Adopt-a-student program of Emmanuel Lutheran Church Parish School.

- B. It was moved, seconded and CARRIED that the publications committee set up a reciprocal plan with other seminaries for the distribution of The Seminarian.

- C. The status of the pool table was questioned. Mack Smith will pursue a charitable organization that might like the table.

- D. The coffee hour is still in the refectory from 10:30 to 11:00 everyday.

IX. Announcements

- A. Guest night this week is on Thurs at 5:30 with Rev. LaVonne Althouse. A discussion will follow in the Rotunda.
- B. Assistant manager applications are available for juniors from Frank Nelson in the Bookstore.
- C. It was reminded that we now have 2 medical services available to us; the Chestnut Hill Family Practice Unit and Dr. Joseph Price.
- D. All students are asked to consider potential changes for the future in our Constitution and By-Laws especially regarding the status of special students.

- X. The meeting was adjourned at 4:27.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Anderson
Acting Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT, ANNOUNCEMENT, ANNOUNCEMENT.....

FOOTBALL practice will be held at 1:30 on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7.

GET OUT THERE AND PRACTICE TEAM!!!

After our festive service for St. Michael and All Angels last Thursday, I felt like ringing the bell. And I did. I continue to appreciate the energy and enthusiasm which you bring to our daily worship, and the care which the small are showing in preparing the services.

We have problems from time to time, and I believe that they will be sorted out within a few weeks. As I notice things, I may sometimes mention them in this column as some of my own suggestions for troublesome points which we need to watch carefully. So not as orders or a party-line, but as words from the chaplain, I offer the following news, advice, and reminders:

1) Services should always start on time--or at least within a minute of the hour announced. Those presiding for each day have a special responsibility to be in place so that the organist can know that it is time to begin.

2) A pattern is emerging for how long the services will last. Evening prayer is 20-25 minutes; here it is especially important to start on time so that people can get to supper at 5:30 pm. Morning prayer with a sermon seems to last about 35 minutes, leaving adequate time for brief meetings and for coffee afterwards. Our communion service will ordinarily last about one hour; it should not be much longer. Groups have some responsibility to plan with these rough expectations in mind.

3) When we have an evening service on the eve of a festival day, please announce the day that is coming and include the collect for the day among the prayers. The calendar can be found in CW-6: The Church Year, which most of you ought to own or know how to find by now. The various prayers for the special days and seasons, and prefaces for the contemporary communion services can be found there, too.

4) We're well along with our reading of Genesis--into the story of Noah. Please keep the continuity of this reading going by including the appointed Genesis lesson each day. Feel free to change the other lesson(s), especially according to the needs of preachers.

5) The revised, more up-to-date version of CW-2: Holy Communion has been mimeographed and will be available for our communion service this Wednesday. When your group is planning a communion service using this rite, be sure you have a copy of the revised version. You will note a number of options, including parts of the service which may be omitted according to your discretion. The service as we will begin to use it is almost identical with one setting as it will appear in the Lutheran Book of Worship.

6) In choosing hymns from the Service Book and Hymnal, please give preference to those which will continue to be used in the Lutheran Book of Worship. Your small group will receive a memo about this several weeks before your responsibilities come due. Other hymns, including contemporary ones, are quite welcome, and you may decide that you want an old favorite from SBH even though it is on its way out. But do check your choices against the memo you will receive at least for information.

7) A worship folder, with a number of resources, should reach your group at least a week before your time of responsibility. Pass it along to the next small group as soon as you are finished with it. We hope that groups do feel free either to make their worship services a major project, or, if their interests lie elsewhere, simply to fill the blanks and preside at the services as they have been pre-planned.

8) We hope to distribute a list of sacristans and a schedule of when they serve to the small groups next week.

9) Our preacher on Thursday, Oct. 6, will be the Rev. Frederick P. Auman, Jr., pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Clay. Next Tuesday, Oct. 11, our guest will be the Rev. Bertram Gilbert, who works in the area of ministry to military personnel under the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A.

Tim Lull

10) Please escort guest preachers to the door after the service so that they can greet the exiting community.

11) Any canticle or other response may be sung of said. You may especially want to consider this possibility in the new services of morning and evening prayer.

12) Perhaps we should ring the bell every week after communion? "Go in peace...."

Community Notes

To Our Friends in the Seminary Community, September 28, 1977

Since our arrival in St. Paris on Sunday we have had many thoughts of the grand "send-off" given to us by all of you. It was wonderful and, along with many happy experiences and events over the past years, will furnish us with pleasant memories for the rest of our lives. For the numerous acts of kindness, and most of all for your love and friendship, we are deeply grateful.

The trip to St. Paris went very well. Meschach behaved beautifully--much better than we expected! When we got here on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, there were a number of friends ready to help unload. So now we are getting settled in and ready to take over the hardware store next week.

Best wishes to all for a good year at LTSP.

Ken and Iggy Garver

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I would like to thank the South east Pennsylvania Synod, Dr. Charles Miller, and the seminary administration for events like the Middler Retreat. It was an enlightening experience for me and well worth the time and effort involved. I hope that there will be more opportunities like this planned into the seminary calendar in the future.

Donna Welton

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Guest Night
Women In Ministry

This Thursday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m. will be the first guest night of the year. The topic will be women in the ordained ministry, and the discussion will be introduced by Rev. LaVonne Althaus, pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, Phila. Rev. Althaus graduated from Penn State and Union Theological Seminary. Prior to her present call, she was editor of Lutheran Women, and currently edits Women's Pulpit, the publication of the International Association of Women Minister.

As it has been said, the topic is too large to be covered in one night, so Rev. Althaus will begin the evening with a brief presentation, and then open up discussion to all who attend, in order that what occurs not be someone coming in to point out what the problems are, what we should do to solve them, etc., but rather to deal with the concerns of this community and our ministries.

Please feel free to stop in if only for a little while. We hope to have some wine and crackers for those who feel like coming later in the evening.

Teresa Bailey

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Sports
Football Schedule

Oct. 22 Moravian Seminary 2 p.m. (Home)

Oct. 29 Lancaster Seminary 2 p.m. (Home)

Nov. 5 Gettysburg 2 p.m. (Home)
(Social Hour to Follow!!)

Don't Forget!!! Volleyball Tuesday 8 - 9 p.m.
Basketball Thursday 8 - 9 p.m.

CHECK OUT YOUR LIBRARY

The bicentennial of the Battle of Germantown is upon us. This Saturday past a reenactment of the march down Germantown Avenue from Chestnut Hill, through Mt. Airy to Cliveden House in Germantown, and the siege of Cliveden were reenacted. The first shot of the battle by an outpost sentry was fired from the ridge now occupied by this seminary. A marker on the front lawn near the wall by Germantown Avenue marks the occasion.

A display highlighting this seminary's locale is featured in a display in the main case as you enter the library. More extensive displays are currently featured at Cliveden and at LaSalle College in Germantown.

This Wednesday evening, October 5th, marks the last of the series of introductory bibliographic lectures by the Librarian. This evening's topic is general reference material for a theological student. The group will assemble in the Reference Room at 7 pm.

Dave Wartluft

CHESTNUT HILL'S BASICALLY BACH FESTIVAL

This year's Basically Bach Festival will be held Thurs., Oct 20 through Sat., Oct 22, at St. Paul's Church, 22 E. Chestnut Hill Ave. The Philadelphia Singers, Philadelphia's only professional choir, under the direction of Michael Korn will perform a variety of works from Purcell to Britten. Student tickets are available at most performances for standing room, and the open rehearsal of the St. John Passion. This is an excellent opportunity to hear some of the finest baroque and modern music in the country at reasonable prices - providing you have student status. (Otherwise, be prepared to skip a few lunches!)

For more information on this event, see the Hagan Bulletin Board.

POETRY EXHIBIT AT THE ROSENBACH MUSEUM

"Poetry in Manuscript, from medieval romance to Dylan Thomas," is the current exhibition at the Rosenbach Foundation Museum, running until November 1st.

The original hand-written manuscripts of 43 major English and American poets are featured in the exhibition, accompanied by a variety of portraits of the writers and a few of their personal possessions. The manuscript of Fitzgerald's The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam is on display, along with Keats' Lamia, Immortality from Walt Whitman's Leaves of Grass, Yeats' The Stolen Child, and Fern Hill by Dylan Thomas.

The exhibition and the Rosenbach collections are open to the public Tuesday through Sunday, 2 to 5 pm. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, and \$.50 for students and children. The Museum is located at 2010 Delancey Place, Philadelphia. For further information, call 732-1600.

ST. THOMAS ACQUAINT-US

- Oct. 5 (Wed.) 9:40 am. Holy Communion Preacher: Dr. A.J.White
4:45 pm. Sherry Hour in the Refectory
- Oct. 6 (Thurs.) 9:40 am. Chapel Preacher: The Rev. Frederick
Auman, St. Paul's Lutheran, Olney
5:30 pm. Guest Night with The Rev. La Vonne Althouse,
Salem Lutheran, Phila. Discussion and refreshments
after dinner in the Rotunda of the library.
- Oct. 10 (Mon.) 3:15 pm. Devotions in Dance in the Chapel Wear
clothes you can move in....All welcome!
5:00 pm. Evening Prayer
- Oct. 11 (Tues.) 9:40 am. Chapel Preacher: The Rev. Bertram Gilbert,
LCUSA.
- Oct. 12 (Wed.) 9:40 am. Holy Communion Preacher: Dr. Margret Krych
--after the service, a Senior Class meeting 2nd floor Refec-
tory
2:30 pm. lecture at Temple Univ: "Christ of the Church: NOT
Messiah of Israel" by Prof. Paul van Buren. Call T.U.
at 787-7707 for more info or check the bulletin board.
4:45 pm. Sherry Hour
- Oct. 13 (Thurs.) --during coffeebreak: Social Activities Comm.
meeting in the Refectory.

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

- 22 Oct. Football: LTSP vs. Moravian (Home)
--25 Oct. Guest Night with William Green
and watch for the dates of the upcoming Varsity Cheerleading
Squad who will help cheer our glorious team onto victory!
Rah-rah!!!
Goats to the left, sheep to the right!
Stand up, sit down, FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT!!!!

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