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LTSP ANNOUNCES STUDENT ENROLLMENT FIGURES

Registrar John A. Kaufmann has announced that there are a total of 229 students currently enrolled in the undergraduate and graduate programs at LTSP.

Of the 229 students,

- 162 are in the Master of Divinity program;
- 12 are enrolled in the Master of Arts in Religion program;

- 55 students are enrolled in the Graduate School: 32 working toward a Master of Sacred Theology degree and 23 enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry program.

Among the 174 students enrolled as undergraduates, 74 are married. Women now represent 32 percent of the undergraduate student body. The present classes include 5 black students, and 1 Hispanic. Thirty of the students are presently serving as interns.

Of the 174 students in the undergraduate program, 48 of them attended a Lutheran college, with the remainder of the student body coming from 86 other colleges. Muhlenberg College has the largest representation with 14 students; Temple University is second with 9 students.

Of the present undergraduates, 145 of the students are enrolled in one of the eight synods that provide financial support for the Lutheran Seminary. The largest group of students (52) is from the Southeastern Penna. Synod. There are eight students enrolled who belong to a denomination other than the Lutheran Church in America.

The teaching faculty at the Seminary now number 16, with six persons serving in major staff positions.



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LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY AT PHILADELPHIA

Dear Friends,

As you may have read recently in The Seminarian, I am interested in having small groups help to put out The Seminarian on Tuesdays. This could be done in several ways:

1. If some people in your group were willing to type stencils, you could start at 1:15 and be done printing and stapling by 2:45 at the latest. Your group could do the work in shifts - some at 1:15 to type, others at 1:45 to print and staple. If you have commuting/married students in your group, this way might be best.
2. Your group could come at the regular time, 6:00, and be done by 7:00 so you could go to a room, apartment, or faculty house of one of your group members for an hour of relaxing and rapping. You could even cancel your Monday session and let this be your two hour session or you could keep your Monday session and just come for the hour after supper Tuesday to put the paper together.
3. If you have commuting/married students in your group, you may wish to come later Tuesday evening, say around 8-9 pm.
4. If your group would like to help out, but none of the above times are satisfactory, let me know and I'll get together with you.

If your group would simply like to talk to me before you make a decision yes or no, please let me know and I'll get in touch with you at one of your Monday meetings.

The reaction from the first small group was generally favorable and I'm sure you would like the change of setting for your group, too.

Whether your answer is Yes or No, please answer the "tear-off" found elsewhere in this issue and return it to me by 5pm. on Tues, October 25th. You can return it to The Seminarian mailbox in Hagan Center or my mailbox #118. My phone number is 242-8355.

Peace,
Gerry Sanders, P.M.

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SEMINARIAN AT YOUTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

KEITH'S PRESENT STATUS

So you all know my present condition, I would like to share it with all of you so you can keep abreast of it.

My left side is very weak and in the different therapies, we work towards reviving it to a more normal status. I've only been making sounds since the end of February and now I'm able to talk in complete sentences. I go to therapy three times a week and take medication. I do exercises for my legs in bed and I have someone who volunteers to do them for me. This helps me in my strength and co-ordination and eventually in my balance. I keep my left arm and hand loose because all my joints need to be kept loose.

In physical therapy, which I call P.T., I work on the muscles and have learned how to use a wheel chair to get around. In Occupational Therapy, which I call O.T., I work on my co-ordination in my right arm and the strength of the upper extremities. In there I have done wood working and writing, typing, baking, etc. In speech therapy I work on making sounds, breathing, swallowing, reading and memory (mine is very good!).

I cannot see small print and it's very difficult for me to read and do mechanical things like walking, talking, writing and typing. I favor my left side. I also have most of my things on my right so I keep my head straight. That's why I might sit on the right side of the church so I look towards the preacher.

I have someone to pick me up for class and bring me back. For my classes I tape them exclusively, and now I have my textbook reading on tape. I take an exam by getting the questions from the professor and dictate my answers to the questions into my tape recorder. I usually have someone transcribe them into handwriting and they read it back to me. I have them type it and read it back to me and then I give the finished product to my professor. I haven't had an exam yet, but by the time of this reading I will have had one.

To get into the chapel or "The Pit" I have people lift my wheelchair up the steps to it and I simply listen. I have a lot of things against me at the present, but through God's will and my determination, I plan to go forward. I've been very fortunate in my recovery and re-entry into seminary. I've been welcomed by all and many people take me as I am. That makes it easier for me, and I thank God for all that love.

Keith

REFECTORY NOTES

Now that we've all had a month to get used to the chow line routine it's time to go over some of the basic refectory practices as a refresher (or informer, whatever the case may be).

1. Non-boarding students et. al.: please pay for your meal when at all possible on the day you eat it. (Math is not the forte of the head waiter.)
2. Please notify the head waiter or Mrs. Findlater at least a day in advance if you plan to bring 3 or more guests to a meal. We don't want the food to run out...
3. As corny as the bell may be, it is a necessity which many people insist on ignoring. The waiters need to clear and re-set the tables as quickly as possible after a meal so we can go about our scholarly (ahem!) business. Your presence at a table after the bell sounds impedes our movement and slows us down. Please be considerate. We hate to have to ask people to leave. All are welcome to take their coffee to the back tables after a meal in order to finish a conversation.
4. Complaints and suggestions should be directed to the refectory suggestion box, located at the desert table, not to the waiters. We have no control over the quality of the food. Unfortunately, special requests for food not present at a meal can not be handled - in the interests of fairness for others and sanity for the waiters.
5. Lastly, the refectory does not run a rate-a-prayer service. We direct our prayers to God in thanksgiving, not to the people in the room. If one is apprehensive about praying before groups, what better place to start than the refectory?

Thanks. Your loving, happy waiters,
Nix, Jeannie, Paul,
Mary, Fred, & Margie

OH GOD!

a review by John Hazel

Last Saturday night, a group of us went to see the aforementioned flick at the Keswick-Glenside theater (Easton Road and Keswick Avenue). This picture is a must for seminarians and for any Joe Average Layman who might ever have asked the question, "What's this God stuff all about?"

George Burns and John Denver made a good team. Burns with his down to earth (no pun intended) style made the movie for me and blew a lot of mystical conceptions of El Shaddai right out the window!

Denver played the bewildered supermarket assistant manager turned prophet quite convincingly and revealed an acting side of Rocky Mountain High never seen previously by this writer. All in all, he was quite convincing.

Confronted by God, our blond hero, turned Moses, has to tell the world that You know who is still around and kicking about what we're doing to this world he's given us. I also liked his attack aimed at a TV preacher. This vendetta raises to my mind the timeless question, "If Jesus saves and Moses invests, does Dr. Moon collect the interest?"

As a Christian I must take exception to Burns' statement which puts Christ, Mohammed, and Buddha on the same strata, but reading the novel you particularly see how Avery Cormann draws on his Jewish background for many ideas.

As Dennis Cunningham has his "bell" system, I'd like to start an LTSP tradition and give this extremely enjoyable movie "Seven Seals" (of approval, that is!).

COMMUNITY NOTES

Dear Friends,

You made of the recent laymen's visit (sponsored by Mt. Airy and the Lutheran laymen's Movement) a most memorable occasion for us, enabling a warm sharing with you of the preparations for the ministry as well as your awareness of the body of the laity who will be your partners in the total ministry of the Gospel.

May God crown you efforts now and in the ensuing years as you strive to lighten the burdens of the cross for all of us.

All praise and prayers for you !

Anne and Emil Weltz
for the group.

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What's Happening Now by Brother Mark, a modern English paraphrase of the Gospel According to Mark by junior John Hazel is now available at the Bookstore and at Fortress Church Supply Stores. This is the first "vernacular" attempt since Clarence Jordan's "Cotton Patch" versions and makes interesting reading for young and old alike.

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Lost and Found:

Please see Mrs. McKelvey about the following items (if you lost them...):

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| 1 set of keys | 1 cufflink | 1 glove |
| 1 pair of glasses | 1 lighter | 1 sarring |

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Address of former professor, Dr. Oliver K. Olson

Herzog-August Bibliothek
3340 Wolfenbuettel
Postfuch 227
West Germany

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Robert Hughes is a member of the Speakers Bureau for the Southeastern Pa. Synod. This means that he will be delivering a series of sermons on behalf of Strength for Mission during the next several months.

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Jack White led a Lay Ministry Retreat for Ascension Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Md. at Glen Foerd on October 14 and 15.

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Bill Alberts will be offering a workshop on fingerpicking on Friday at 8pm. at The George Britton Folk Studio, 616 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill. In this workshop basic fingerpicking styles will be taught. Admission is \$1.50 and instruments will be provided free of charge. For more information and directions call CH7-7802.

REV. LAVONNE ALTHOUSE VISITS LTSP

On October 6, a group of seminarians met in the Tappert Room with the Rev. LaVonne Althouse, pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, to discuss topics of interest pertaining to ordained women. The group decided to meet monthly with Pastor Althouse to enjoy an on-going discussion of theological issues, the position of women clergy in our own and other denominations, and such areas of concern which surface at these meetings.

Pastor Althouse talked about her experiences as a pastor, the joys and the problems. She stressed the importance of loving your congregation and allowing them to minister to you. It is important to develop a support group among members of your congregation as well as finding support and understanding from other clergywomen. Pastor Althouse is interested in starting a chapter of the International Association of Women Ministers to function as such a support group. She distributed copies of the news bulletin which she edits and suggested that we consider forming such a group. The organization is open to both men and women; student dues are \$5.

The question of acceptance was one which concerned the seminarians present. Pastor Althouse pointed out that all of us need time to change our ideas, and that congregations need time to get used to seeing a woman at the altar and in the pulpit. Exposure will be the catalyst which will ultimately ease tensions and reduce apprehension.

She cautioned all present to keep current with developments in the Missouri-Synod and Episcopal churches in reference to the ordination of women. We cannot sit back and relax, for a change in perspective in other churches affects us as well.

One area of ministry highlighted in the discussion was that needed by women in the 40 to 60 age bracket who were most affected by the back-to-the-kitchen movement of the late 1940's, the period discussed in Betty Friedan's book, The Feminine Mystique. These are the women who worked during World War II and then were brain-washed by every woman's magazine into thinking that women who had careers were unfeminine and not attractive to their husbands. At this point in life, they are frustrated and unhappy and need help in considering ways in which they may still develop their talents and live rewarding lives.

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HALLOWEEN PARTY

When? - Friday, October 28

Where? - The Pit (in Main Dorm)

Wear a costume and boogie shoes!

(Note: Look for ad in next week's issue!)

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As I noted last week, on Wednesday, October 19, you have your choice of two brief services of worship. Those who are free to attend the convocation on "Mary in Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue" with Professors Fitzmyer and Reumann are invited to join in a brief worship in the all-purpose room before that event begins--i.e. at 9:40am. Those who are not free at that hour are invited to the scheduled service for that day, Evening Prayer at 5pm. Contrary to popular belief, it is almost impossible to worship too much, and you may be sure that you are welcome at both services.

On Thursday, October 20, we'll hear our first student preacher of the semester. Scott Larson, a member of the junior class, is from Omaha where he attended (and graduated from) the University of Nebraska. He comes to the seminary having served, most recently, as a Youth Staffer with the Division for Parish Services. That service will be at the regular Thursday time of 9:40am/

Announcing the first student preacher gives me a chance to say that there will be at least seven students preaching this semester. We project perhaps double that number for next semester. A number of you have indicated that you would prefer more students and fewer guests; that proved to be very difficult to schedule as we were planning for the first weeks of school. Most students approached were reluctant to commit themselves for an early date. We hope that for the year as a whole there will be a good balance between faculty student, and outside guest preachers.

Next Monday and Tuesday, our services continue at the regular times of 5pm (Monday) and 9:40am (Tuesday). On Tuesday we look forward to hearing our librarian, Pastor David J. Wartluft. On Wednesday Professor Bornemann will be preaching for the weekly service of Holy Communion at 9:40am. That day is set aside in our new calendar to remember Nicolai, Herrman, and Gerhardt, persons who have contributed to our rich Lutheran heritage of making a joyful (and musical) noise unto the Lord.

One procedural matter deserves your attention. If you are leading a service of worship at which we have a guest preacher, please be sure to introduce that person briefly, either before the service or before the sermon. If you need information about the individual, please talk to me in advance. And to give the community a chance to greet all preachers--students, faculty, and guests--will the liturgists please see that the preacher is escorted at the end of the service to the door of the church where he or she can easily greet those who are leaving?

We've been working hard to plan appropriate services for the festivals of Reformation and All Saints, which are coming on Monday, October 31 and November 1. There will be more details announced next week. But please note that the Reformation Day service (with Professor Lehmann preaching) will be held at 3:30pm on Monday, and that the All Saints Day service will be the contemporary service of Holy Communion on Tuesday at 7pm. We hope that the wider community will have an opportunity to attend that evening service, and some social event will be held afterwards. I am going to be the preacher on that day.

Tim Lull

THE INTRODUCTION AND THE BEGINNING

I would like to do some sharing of my experience of my internship from the other side of the fence. I will do a series of articles based on my knowledge that I accumulated over the last year. The knowledge is from my wife, friend, visitors, other patients, doctors, nurses, therapists, psychologist, and social worker. I plan to give it to all of you based on this knowledge I've learned from all of these people.

I was only married a little over a month, and one night on the 22nd of Sept., 1976, it happened. I had a stroke that will effect the rest of my physical life. I did not feel very weell and later that night I complained about my head hurting. I felt like my head was going to explode. Later that night I started to feel no feeling in my left arm. Later I could not stand because I did not feel anything in my left leg. By 6:00 I could not talk which will be my state for the next three months. I could not write with my right arm because my coordination was gone. I did not wake up for about a month and did not regain consciousness. I lost it on the first night and when I finally did awake, it was like waking from a night's sleep. I learned that the first two days were touch and go and I almost died. I soon realized the full extent of my injuries. I had trouble swallowing, breathing, coordination, and strength. That's why they worked on for my stay at a rehabilitation hospital. My next article will be on "what is a stroke."

Keith Wilbur

LECTURE ON BLACK HISTORY

Social Ministry is pleased to announce the second guest night speaker. William C. Green is director of Black Studies for the Philadelphia Board of Education. He will be on campus for dinner at the refectory, Tuesday, Oct. 25. Following the meal, at 6:15, Mr. Green will present a lecture entitled Black Experience: A Reassessment of the history. We who are preparing for ministry to all God's people ought not to miss this educational opportunity.

Thelma Megill

NEW DISPLAY IN LIBRARY

No single individual in all history has had so many commemorative medals and coins struck in his honor than Dr. Martin Luther. The library, in honor of Reformation Day, is currently displaying a portion of the Schrieber Collection of Numismatic Art. The display highlights coins from the Reformation Era as well as those struck at each centennial of the Reformation from 1617 to 1917.

MORE DANCE INFORMATION

Information re Carla DeSola's Dance Workshop, at F&M College, Lancaster, Pa. is posted in Hagan Center. Dates are:

Fri., Nov. 4 - afternoon: Master class

Sat., Nov. 5 - 9:30-5:00 : evening: Omega Liturgical Dance Group presentation
Dance Prayers, Dance in Liturgy,
Scripture and Movement

Cost is \$7.00 (Sorry about that); \$5.00 for SDG members

BOARD TO MEET

Beginning at 9:30 am. on Thursday, October 20th, the 28 members of the Board of Directors of the Seminary will be meeting on the campus. Included on the Board are the Presidents of the eight synods supporting the Seminary, as well as 20 lay persons and clergy who have been elected by their constituencies. The current President of the Board is Mr. Robert F. Blanck, Esq., a member of the SE Pa. Synod. The members of the Board will be having lunch at the refectory on Thursday.

Most of the committees of the Board will be meeting during the day on Wednesday, October 19th - Property, Faculty, Student Affairs, Educational Policies and Programs, and Development. The Executive and Nominating Committees will be meeting at 8am. on October 20th.

The Board meets twice each year, with the next meeting scheduled for April, 1978.

Don Myrom

RELIGIOUS CULTS: CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

The Presbytery of Philadelphia will be holding a special pastor's event on Monday, October 31st on the above topic. It will be held at the Krisheim Center, located at Mermaid Lane and McCallum St. in Chestnut Hill. The event will deal with - How do we minister to parents of teens attracted to religious cults? and How do we develop an evangelism approach to teens who need cult religion? The resource persons will be Dean Kelly, author of Why Conservative Churches are Growing, and staff person for the National Council of Churches, who will address the evangelistic and legal aspects of the challenge; and Ralph Weltge, staff person for the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, having a special interest in ministry to today's youth, who will address the sociological aspects of the challenge. The event will be from 9:30 am. to 4pm. and the cost is \$5.00 (includes lunch and tuition). Places can be reserved by sending \$2.00 to Hugh N. Blair, Director, c/o Krisheim Center, McCallum St. and Mermaid Lane, Chestnut Hill, Phila., Pa. 19118. Tel. # CH7-1611

TEAR OFF AND RETURN TO SEMINARIAN MAILBOX BY 5PM, TUESDAY, OCT. 25

SMALL GROUP # _____ WE USUALLY MEET AT _____

1. We want to help 1 time this term. ___ Yes ___ No
2. We want to help 1 time next term. ___ Yes ___ No
3. We're quite willing to help both terms. ___ Yes ___ No
4. We're interested in option # ___1 ___2 ___3 ___4
5. We would like to meet with you before we make a decision
 ___ Yes ___ No

Thanks for your cooperation

Gerry Sanders, P.M.

October 19 (Wed.)

--9:40 am. Opening Worship of the "Mary in Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue" convocation which will run all day. Everyone is invited to attend. For info on the convocation, see the bulletin board in Hagan. Presenters: The Rev. Dr. Joseph Fitzmeyer and the Rev. Dr. John Reumann.

--Board of Directors on Campus all day. See bulletin board for times and details

--4:45 pm. Sherry Hour

--5:00 pm. Chapel: Evening Prayer

October 20 (Thurs.)

--9:40 am. Chapel Preacher: Scott Larson

--Executive Committee and Board on Campus all day.

October 22 (Sat.)

--2:00 pm. Home Football Game "The Saints" vs. Moravian. Come support your team!! Rah-rah!!!

October 24 (Mon.)

--5:00 pm. Chapel: Evening Prayer

October 25 (Tues.)

--9:40 am. Chapel Preacher: the Rev. David Wartlust

--5:30 pm. Guest Night in the Refectory

William Green, Director of Black Studies for the Board of Education (Philadelphia) will join us for dinner, and at 6:15 pm. will meet with us in the amphitheater for a presentation and discussion of "Roots: A Reassessment of the Black Experience." Come and join in the dialogue on this vital continuing topic.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Oct. 28 2:30 pm. Halloween Costume Party in the Pit
- Oct. 29 Home Football Game at 2 pm. "Saints" vs. Lancaster
- Nov. 3 Rev. LaVonne Althouse here for continuing discussion
- Nov. 5 Home Football Game at 2 pm. "Saints" vs. our sister seminary, Gettysburg. Followed by Fellowship, refreshments and the Hymnsing. Original heretical/hysterical/harmonious hymns wanted for this event. See Judith or Teresa in Rm. 217 for samples, details, etc.

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