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WRITERS OF LTSP UNITE !!!

The Publications Committee of the LTSP Student Body announces the publication of a special literary journal for the Advent season. The journal will be composed of prayers, litanies, poetry, drawings, stories, etc. to be submitted by the members and friends of the seminary community.

Specifications for contributions are as follows:

- There will be a limit of one typed page for all prayers, litanies, poems, etc.
- Stories may be one and one-half pages long.
- All drawings must be no larger than one-half of a page and be done in black and white to facilitate publication.
- All contributions should be of a more religious nature and revolve around the Advent and Christmas seasons.
- Contributions must be signed.

Deadline for the submitting of materials is Monday, November 21st at 3pm. (That's the Monday of Thanksgiving week...) The journal will be published the following week and distributed to seminary community members at that time. No mailing of this journal will be made unless specifically requested.

In case of the lack of contributions, the journal will be published as the Reading Week issue of The Seminarian. In case of an over abundance of contributions, final decisions regarding publication of materials will rest in the hands of the Publications Committee.

It is hoped that all of us will try our hands at this type of writing. It's really not as hard as it seems. Any questions should be directed to any member of the Publications Committee, whose names can be found on the second page of this issue.



Here it is... That long awaited list of who's who in the Student Body Committee jungle...

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SMALL GROUPS REMINDER

Please remember to let Gerry Sanders know whether or not your group is interested in helping with The Seminarian this year. You don't need that little form - just write him a note.

FROM A CONVERSATION WITH DR. RICHARD JESKE
by Teresa Bailey

- Q: What are some of your impressions in coming to Mt. Airy and the LCA from the Missouri Synod?
- A: I suppose the overriding problem in the Missouri Synod environment is the attitude of the church crisis which pervades every aspect of church life. If there is anyone who says they can avoid the conflict, they're mistaken. It's a very tragic and personally strength-and energy-consuming, spirit-absorbing type of issue, and it's a pleasant, pleasant thing to be out of it now.
- There's a seriousness that I see here about church life, about parish life in the LCA, that I notice that this seminary is committed to an education for pastoral ministry. Another thing appealing about this seminary is its commitment not only to parish ministry but also to the theological task. You can't have genuine commitment to pastoral ministry without also commitment to theological thinking.
- Q: How do you see yourself fitting into this task?
- A: Certainly no one has to make excuses for keeping one eye on the parish in preparing lectures, and always at the same time to do the hard work of interpreting the traditions which are part of our heritage.
- Q: You said earlier that you do not have the problems of the LC-MS constantly in front of you. What does that free you up to do now?
- A: Ministry in general. It frees a person from constantly looking over his shoulder at people who may or may not disapprove of this statement or that statement which he makes, or that thing which he writes. Here if there is a problem to be dealt with, it is dealt with in the right spirit. People will ask for clarity in a statement they don't understand, rather than becoming destructive. Specifically in my field we're extremely vulnerable. The LCA's tradition and Mt. Airy's tradition is committed toward historical-critical methodology in New Testament and biblical studies. There's no other way that one can do biblical studies today. It's a very difficult thing when we insist that our clergy be family people and then expect them at the risk of their job to toe the mark-- a mark which may not be set by professional or scholarly standards. In this environment there is more freedom to do our work and also more opportunity to learn from colleagues in our fields who are also engaged in ministry, as well as from the students.
- Q: How do you spend your time when you're not teaching or preparing lectures?
- A: I enjoy just about every sport there is. I play baseball, football, basketball; I enjoy tennis. I enjoy my family, children; the ages of eight and six are a delight--everyday something new happens. I appreciate music, and I like theatre, especially opera.

We find living in the East quite different from the Midwest. We're overwhelmed by the friendliness of the neighborhood. The close proximity of other theological institutions and the seminars between the faculty members are another plus of this area. I'm originally from Los Angeles, so even getting used to the Midwest was an interesting time, and it's good to be back in a major metropolitan area again. And I think also that's where a seminary can learn from its environment. The diversity of culture in a metropolitan area reminds us that there are people to talk to out there and not just to ourselves.

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SURPRISE A FRIEND !!!

November 5th, 1977 will be the 75th anniversary of the birth of Professor Emeritus Dr. Martin J. Heinecken. Let's inundate him with greetings and birthday cards to celebrate this occasion. Next week's issue will contain a special tribute to this man and his years of service to the church and LTSP.

come... if you dare...
to the

HALLOWEEN PARTY

FREE!

Beer Chips

PRETZELS

Wear a
Costume
and your
Boogie Shoes

When? Oct. 28
Fri.
in the PIT
Time: 8:30 PM

COMMUNITY NOTES

The Rev. Warren A. and Janet E. Reichert have become the parents of a boy, according to the Reading, Pa. Times. The baby was born in the Toledo, Ohio, Hospital - the city where Warren is presently serving as an assistant pastor. Warren is a 1977 grad. of LTSP.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Margaret Krych reports that her new address is:
3851 Jeffrey Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
Tel.: WI 7-7757

Please change your Handbook accordingly.

The Seminary has recently inherited the materials and chemicals necessary to develop color slide film by the Kodak E-6 process. As the chemicals have already been mixed, they must be used within the next few weeks or be thrown away. Anyone interested in developing their own slides contact Chris Swisher at the Library.

The Rev. David Gracie, vicar of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Phila. and a student in our STM program has recently written an article for The Witness, a magazine published by the Episcopal Church and devoted to social issues. In the Sept. issue, Gracie writes on police brutality in Phila. Rev. Gracie brings a keen awareness of the problems of violence to the urban ministry. The entire Sept. issue of The Witness makes interesting reading for anyone interested in ministry to urban or underprivileged groups.

The secretary of the Student Body has a calendar on which all events of the Student Body should be recorded as soon as activities are known. We would like committee meetings, retreats, parties, and any social events recorded just so we do not have conflicting dates or times of activities. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Devie Rippel, Student Body Secretary

The Phil Bonahue Show will be coming to Valley Forge in November. This show is a talk show known for its interesting guests and audience participation. For tickets write to the following address and enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Channel 6, P.O. Box 4564, Phila., Pa. 19131

The exact dates of this event are not known, so take your chances...

NEEDED: Could you lead an amateur singing group? No exp. nec. - just enjoy people and play an instrument. Once or twice a month volunteer sought. Call 848-3306, ext. 155 for more info.

BE A LEADER? OF CHORDS, YOU CAN.

I forgot to tell you... Dr. Heinecken's address is:
RD#1, Greensboro, VT 05841

SPORTS CORNER

From the week-end, our sporting news is both good and bad...

The Bad News - Moravian Seminary beat our Saints by the score of 18-7 in Saturdays football game. The team was ready but our offense was limited to one score; (our first touchdown in two years...) that coming on a fifty yard pass play from Curt Wolff to Mack Smith. The extra point was also good - on a repeat play. When asked about the team's effort, Coach Smith greatly praised the defense (and Neil Bond's interception). It was only by a few fluke plays that gave Moravian the two scores in the 1st half. Coach Smith promised much more excitement this week when the Saints take on Lancaster Seminary. Don't miss it - it promises to be just as exciting (and hopefully even more...).

The Good News - Our Mt. Airy all-star basketball team took on a team of adult and college players from Salem Lutheran this week and really put it to them by the score of 126-100. Some of the high scorers in that contest were:

Mack Smith - 28

Bob Miner - 20

Jim Bowers - 12

Curt Wolff - 28

Joe Irvin - 16

Keep a look-out for some more victories as we prepare for Gettysburg, Moravian, Lancaster, and who ever ask is brave enough to face the "Saints."

Special Thanks - to the spectators and that great cheerleading section...

CHOOSE YOUR OWN TITLE FOR THIS COLUMN (PUT YOUR SELECTION IN THE SEM BOX)

A. FINSTER MCCURDEY MEMORIAL COLUMN

B. BLEPO PANTA

C. MT. AIRY SOAP

D. I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

E. ALL OR NONE OF THE ABOVE

"To lose sight of one's humanness is to lose one's sense of laughter, with the restoration of the human comes the capacity to laugh. In this connotation we laugh with our human frailty not at it." Carlo Weber

In our last episode we saw Foster McCurley making a solemn vow never to eat lobster again; however, it wasn't because of the cost factor... We observed Bruce W. and Jan receiving recognition... We interrupted a relevant party celebrated with Boone's Farm in honor of the publication of John Hazel's work and we peeked in on Margie Weiss making an equipment check before going into homiletics class.

Tonight's show will reveal why Saturday nite has been especially live for Thelma McGill, why Tim Lull spent two hours in a bathroom at last week's bachelor party, and who left a certain ladies undergarment in Room 200? (Tryouts to be held at a later date... Eat your heart out, Rinderella.) While on the topic of Room 200, it may prove beneficial to inquire about the red phone and red light prominently displayed at the entrance. If we have the time, we could drop over to Frank and Judy's and find out how two grown people could have so much fun in a "playpen" (film at eleven o'clock). We might see if Mary Wien is willing to talk with us about her new-found compulsion for showers.

Items to be checked out for next week: the "hat party" on the second floor of the dorm and how Fred Mc. won the beard contest; the unusual look of contentment in Marie J; the rumor that Joe C. and Scott S. have been offered positions in liturgy at St. Charles; why Peter Pettit did not make the cheerleader's squad and why Henry Muhlenberg never made it to the shower Wednesday morning. These and lots more, next week. Oh, by the way, don't forget the Halloween Party in the Pit this Friday nite ... And, yes, Jim Heckman, you can bring your fiancee.

Brother Bruce

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER
(or is it CHAPLAIN CORNERED?)

On Wednesday morning October 26, join us at 9:40am for the weekly celebration of Holy Communion. Professor Bornemann will be preachin on a day set aside to remember three great hymn writers--Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heerman, and Paul Gerhardt.

On Thursday morning we have as our guest preacher the Rev. Clair B. Hoifjeld, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Devon, Pennsylvania. That promises to be a good morning, both because of the vitality that Pastor Hoifjeld brings to preaching, and because Small Group #2 is going to present a chancel drama as part of the morning service.

Then get set for three days of good services at unexpected times. On Monday, Reformation Day, October 31, our community will gather for worship at 2:30pm. We look forward to hearing the good word for our own time from Professor Helmut Lehmann. On Tuesday evening, All Saints Day, we gather at 7:00pm for the weekly service of Holy Communion, and for a festive bit of remembering of the diverse men and women God has loved and used and put up with in the history of the people of God. For that occasion the chaplain himself will mount the pulpit.

On Wednesday, November 2, when you'd expect things to be getting back to normal, we have our daily service at 5:00pm. This time it won't be evening prayer, but rather a brief liturgy in the context of a sermon by senior Paul Nye. Paul is a graduate of Wagner College, a member of Zion Lutheran in Flourtown, and one helpful man to know if your bathtub drain is blocked. We look forward to hearing him, and to all these good occasions to worship together.

Tem Lull

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CONCERNED MEMBERS OF THE HELPING PROFESSIONS: chaplains, ministers, nurses, social workers, doctors, dentists, therapists, etc, ESPECIALLY students in these areas.

Would you like a chance to get to know other people in your field and related areas?

Would you benefit from discussing problems and concerns in the areas of health care and helping professions from a Christian perspective?

IF SO: Come Thursday night, October 27 to the lounge of University Lutheran Church, 37th and Chestnut Sts. (rides available from Teresa Bailey from main dorm) at 7:30pm.

Wine and cheese get-acquainted session, plus brainstorming on the form and direction of the group.

TEAR OFF HERE

In order to aid the Spouses Club in their production of a Seminary Directory, all students please fill out the form here and return it to mailbox 307 (George Koch) by Friday.

YOUR NAME _____
YOUR ADDRESS _____

YOUR PHONE NUMBER!!! _____

THANKS MUCH

