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AN EXPRESSION OF THANKSGIVING

I figured since one year ago I spent Thanksgiving in a hospital I will share it with you all.

During Thanksgiving was the first time I was able to eat solid food. I had my family bring in slices of turkey and a piece of pumpkin pie. Some of the other stuff would have been requested, but I didn't know a way to keep them at the correct temperature.

It was a quiet day for me with my wife staying the afternoon and some of the evening. After she left I had the solitude of my room which was very comforting. Later that evening the nurses, when they were giving me medication and before I went to sleep for the following day, some of them expressed their good-byes. I didn't know what they were talking about. All I knew was that I was in bad shape and I needed their help. Later I found out that I was to be transferred.

I didn't have any therapy that weekend because of the holiday and I was supposed to rest and take it easy. I did in my own way. But I clearly remember one of my visitors and who it was who said, "this year is truly a time of thanks." I reflected on that and I still do. Maybe this Thanksgiving many of us will.

This Thanksgiving I am here living at Mt. Airy and going to school. I am truly thankful for all the people who helped with my growth in a year and my God who was behind me 100%. At this Thanksgiving I plan to go to church, study and eat dinner with my family. Many of us will have a new experience this Thanksgiving. We will be doing our professional work and devotional life within the church. A lot has happened in a year to many of us and its a far cry from the pilgrims. It's also a time that we give of our talents and of ourselves to others and that in itself is a beautiful thing. I wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving.

Keith Wilbur

(Written for Keith by Nancy Anderson)



FROM THE EDITOR

The following is the major part of a letter to the Executive Committee of the LTSP Student Body:

It is with great sorrow that I hereby resign from my position as Co-Editor of Student Body Publications. After several weeks of thoughtful and prayerful consideration, I have concluded that for several reasons I should no longer hold this position.

When I accepted this post last year from Ray Miller and Bill Damrow it was with the acknowledgement that it would be the first activity to be removed from my priority list if things should get tight for me. This term I have found that my course work is suffering terribly from the added load of the paper. I am not keeping up my grades in the way that I should. Also, my health has not been up to par with the additional nervous exhaustion.

I have learned much from being the Co-Editor. I have discovered abilities that I did not know that I had. Coming into the position with no experience whatsoever at editing anything except for term papers, I found that sorting through articles and putting them together in some logical order was possible. I also developed more of a prayer life in working with people and time limitations. A lesson that has been difficult for me to learn has been that I evidently do not have the sensitivity and skills necessary to deal with many of the people and situations that I come into contact with in the job.

In resigning from Co-Editorship, I am not saying that I am leaving Publications completely. I plan to continue to help out with The Seminarian and other publications as my time will permit.

I thank you for your continued support in these past months.

In Christ,

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The group that has agreed to put The Seminarian to mimeo on Nov. 29th is Group #3 - Streich. Meet Gerry at 5:30 on the 3rd floor of the Refectory.

A JUNIOR LOOKS AT LTSP

Something touched upon in Marie Jergé's fine sermon last week has put a cap on something that has been rolling around inside this burnt cinder I call a brain. She mentioned the fellowship we have here amidst the trials and tribulations of academia. The parties, the birthday cakes and the general craziness that we share together in Christ do help us survive the drekarbeit (thank you Dr. B.) we must sometimes endure to become misisters for our Lord.

Being new to this environment I can not help but feel a sense of love on this campus. The day I moved in, or should I say was moved in by helpful upper-classpersons, I began to feel it. Since then, that sense of comradery has grown by leaps and bounds. Be it rapping with a fellow student, chatting with a prof, or making mayhem at the Shanaman-Hazel memorial dinner table, a sense of caring has manifested itself to me in a way that has almost bowled me over, and that a pretty good trick as I'm 200 plus!

Yes, it's a lot of work, a lot of drekarbeit, but the support I've seen and felt in the past few months, genuine Agape, has made the cramming, the Hebrew quizzes and the Williston Walker text quite bearable. My only regret is that next year my class will lose those wacky wonderful Middler to Internship and the seniors to the "real world," what ever that is! But I hope (if I'm still here) we who are juniors will be able to show the same agape to the next class. Thank you and God Bless You.

John Hazel

THE TENNIS COMMANDMENTS OR

YOU CAN'T SEE THE FOREST HILLS FOR THE TREES

1. God is love.
2. Ministry is not everybody's racket.
3. We are called to serve.
4. We may not know this beforehand, we may get it backhand or be smashed with it.
5. God is for Evert.
6. God wasn't Bjorn yesterday.
7. God is The King for singles and doubles.
8. The net result of our sinful state is that we are at fault, sometimes double fault.
9. God has scored a service ace in Christ.
10. Sometimes in the match of life, all you need is lob.

By, Pun State Grad

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT

There have been several questions posed concerning Emergency Medical Treatment and what is the best avenue of receiving any such treatment should it be necessary. I would like to pass along the information I have received through the Business Office and by contacting the Chestnut Hill Hospital Family Practice Unit.

The best procedure to follow if at all possible is to call ahead to the Unit explaining what the emergency is and they will tell you one of the following:

- 1) they can take care of it in their office.
- 2) you can be taken care of only in the emergency room.
- 3) they will meet you in the emergency room to assist you.

By making this one call it is possible to avoid additional emergency room costs when they are not necessary. And if it is necessary to use Emergency facilities, physician costs can perhaps be lessened by having the Family Practice physician meet you.

24 Hour services are provided by the Family Practice Unit, so it is only necessary that you call first. Cost for visits to the office itself, will be taken care of by the seminary. Any additional services provided are at the expense of the student (further information provided on page 15 of the Handbook).

For no reason should medical attention be avoided because of expense. If it is impossible to call ahead, or, after calling ahead, emergency treatment is necessary, and causes financial hardship to the student, appropriate people should be notified to request financial aid from the seminary.

If there are any further questions, please feel free to ask me.

Mary Wien

ADVENT VESPERS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1977

The Advent Vespers Service is one of THE events that the seminary holds annually. Advent Vespers is a long standing tradition and for all to have an enjoyable time, we need your help!

We are now forming three committees that will need to make preparations for this festive event. The three committees are:

- 1) Decorations and Decorating
- 2) Refreshments
- 3) Physical Arrangements.

You can sign up for one of these committees at the Bulletin Board or contact Chaplain Tim Lull, Tholma McGill, or Scott Larson if you are interested.

THANKSGIVING AT ST. CHARLES

This is a little plug for the Interseminary Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 22. Once again Mt. Airy will be involved in this tradition begun several years ago. Last year, as some of you might recall, the service was held at Eastern Baptist Seminary. This year's worship and fellowship event will be held in the remarkably beautiful chapel at St. Charles Seminary in Overbrook--only a short drive from here. I would like to encourage as many students and faculty as possible, to join in the service next Tuesday evening.

Jan Baumann

P.S. I believe St. Charles Seminary would like to know how many guests to anticipate--traditionally, there are refreshments served following the service. If you're planning to go Tuesday evening, please sign up on the bulletin board in Hagan, or see Tim Lull.

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FROM THE PRES

TO: Committee Chairpersons
FROM: Mark Wimmer
SUBJECT: Committee Reports

By the last Friday of every month, each committee is expected to submit a report to the student body secretary. Also, there will be a semester report of each committee to be published in the Seminarian's final issue. Co-chairpersons are, of course, expected to collaborate on the committee's statement.

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ADVENT LUTHERAN CELEBRATES 100th

Advent Lutheran Church of North Philadelphia invites the seminary community to its 100th anniversary celebration on Sunday, November 27, at 4:00pm. Dr. Edmund Steimle of the Lutheran Hour will be the guest speaker. Throughout its 100 years serving the community at 5th and Cumberland, Advent has had the help of a number of seminarians on internship or field assignments. The church is located on 5th Street two blocks south of Lehigh Avenue at Cumberland Street.

Linda Beck

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VESPERS CONTINUED (from p.9)

We encourage any and all of you who ever have the opportunity to visit there and talk to the Sisters. Some of you may be approached to volunteer to lead Vespers there through the coming year. The Seminary community has been asked to lead these services about every two weeks. We urge you to try it (you also get a free dinner). It's most definitely worth the time and we're sure you won't be disappointed.

Marie Jerge

The Last Supper and Other Refectory Notes

The last meal served before Thanksgiving Vacation will be supper on Wednesday, November 23. Meals will be served again beginning with breakfast on Monday, November 28.

EDITOR'S WORKSHOP TO BE HELD ON CAMPUS

On November 17 and 18, several editors of synodical publications of the Lutheran Church in America will be attending a workshop at the Seminary. Arrangements for the workshop are being coordinated by Dr. Donald B. Myrom, Director of Development.

Following a tour of the campus on Thursday afternoon, the editors will meet with some of the newly appointed faculty members. That evening the editors will have an open-ended discussion with several of the students. On Friday morning they will have a one hour discussion with Dr. Raymond Bost.

Among those attending the workshop will be the Rev. Steven McKinley, editor of The New England Lutheran; the Rev. Phares Reitz, editor of The Northeaster; and Mr. Steve Hirt, the editor of Contact, the publication of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod. The workshop is designed to give the editors a better understanding of the Seminary and its program.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Christmas Bakers!

Anyone wishing to form a co-op for baking supplies, flours, dried fruit or nuts, please call Nancy Moyer, Ch2-9232 (or box 609). Price lists available

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The Spouses Club Progressive Dinner is this Friday beginning at 6:15. Everyone should come to Reed Apts. for appetizers. As things might be crowded for a few courses, please dress casually.

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On November 13 Professor Robert Hughes spoke to council persons and lay leaders of Kensington Lutheran churches on the theme, "Worship and Mission."

On November 22 he will be leading a retreat program with the Eastern Cluster pastors on Funeral Preaching at the Wernersville Retreat Center.

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SUNDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

November 20, at 7:30 in the Amphitheater:

Mutations of a Fruitfly (short)

Mr. Hulot's Holiday (1953) with Jacques Tati.

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FROM THE BOOKSTORE

Hours for the remainder of the Fall Term are as follows:

MON 2:30-5:00

TUES 11:00-12:30, 1:45-2:45

WED 11:00-12:30

THUR 10:00-11:00, 3:30-5:00, 6:30-7:30

FRI 11:00-12:30, 1:45-2:45

Rich Sauer has been named by the Bookstore Committee as the new assistant manager of the store for the '77-'78 year. He will be working with Frank Nelson, the Bookstore Manager. Congratulations, Rich!

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The Rev. Jeffrey and Mrs. Ruth Hedin announce their new addition: Stephen Alan, born October 26, at 2:17am; weight, 9'3", length, 22in. Jeff is a '77 graduate of Mr. Airy.

MORE COMMUNITY NOTES

TO THE INTERNS.....

Where are you?????!!!!!! We'd love to hear from you, too this year. Drop us a line addressed to The Seminarian and let us all know what's happening out there. We'll print anything that's printable.

TO THE DORM RESIDENTS.....

Now that we all know how to unlock the main doors to the Dorm, let's have a short lesson on how to lock them as well... As you know, you turn the key to the left to unlock the door. Now, while holding the door open (so that you don't lock yourself out) turn the key to the right until it clicks. That's all there is to it! After entering the dorm, please make sure that the door has closed completely. The side doors have a habit of stopping before they have closed all the way, thus allowing entrance to any Tom, Dick or Jane.

Thanks a lot. Let's all try it next time we enter the Dorm after the doors have been locked for the night.

TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY...

When you submit articles to The Seminarian please remember that you must sign your name to the material. We will accept requests for not printing names or for printing substitute names (see article in this issue - The Tennis Commandments). But !! We must know your real name in order to fulfill our responsibility in publication. Thanks for your co-operation.

Remember the continuing book sale in the Library basement. Prices range from almost nothing to hardly anything!!

The Library will be closed Nov. 24-27th for Thanksgiving vacation.

THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE SPONSORS A MIXER PARTY ON FRIDAY NIGHT, NOV. 18th!!!!!! THE EVENT WILL BE HELD IN THE PIT AT 8:30 AND WILL FEATURE MUSIC, BEER, SODA AND MUNCHIES ALL AT NO COST TO THE PARTICIPANTS!!!

LET'S HEAR A CHEER FOR THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES CREW!!!

From the NATIONAL CATHOLIC REPORTER:

"The Catholic Theological Union in Chicago showed an increase in students from 168 to 189. But don't cheer. Among the students are 22 women, subtract them and the total showed a loss."

CHANTING CHERUBIM
(or is it CHAPEL CHA-CHA-CHA-?!)

Dear Worshipers in Spirit and Truth:
As previously announced, good services all this week (and every week) are before us:

Wednesday 9:40am. November 16 Lee Diefenderfer, preaching
Thursday 9:40am. November 17 The Rev. Edward R. Dufresne,
Associate Pastor, St. Matthew's Lutheran, Moorestown, NJ
Author of Partnership: Marriage and the Committed Life

Next Monday, Thanksgiving week, is the end of the church year--the days between Christ the King and the beginning of Advent. As usual on Monday, we gather at 5pm for Evening Prayer.

Next Tuesday, November 22, we have our weekly service of Holy Communion with Middler Fred McElderry preaching, and Professor Albert presiding at the Lord's Table. (Will anyone walk out because a middler is preaching? Come and see.) Then on Wednesday, November 23, to give Professor Albert a good workout (and thus earning a big serving of turkey the next day), he'll be our preacher for a 9:40am service for those still on campus.

Do give thanks to God--at all times and in all places, and especially on Thanksgiving. But be back soon on Monday, November 28, to begin our community observance of Advent at 5pm. Readings from Genesis give way to continuous readings from Philippians throughout the season.

On Tuesday, November 29, our first dialogue sermon of the year (barring surprises in the next few days) will feature seniors Mark English and Joan Pope. Rejoice in the Lord always, and especially in Daily Chapel.

The Church Festival for November 30 is St. Andrew's Day. Professor Reumann will preach at the 9:40am service on that morning. Why is Hymn 553 appointed for that day? Can you answer this without looking it up in your hymnal? Can you answer it even if you do look it up?

Tim Lull

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VESPERS AT GLADWYNE

Sunday evening, Mark Wimmer, Bruce Trethaway and I led the Vespers service for the Deaconess Community in Gladwyne. We wanted to share our experience with you because it was pure delight.

The House there, as some of you know, is beautiful. Rich carpets and wood paneling are set against the stone exterior (it looks like a castle). Many original works of art are there including one Della Robia ceramic. But it is not just the house itself which attracted us. The warmth and love generated by the Sisters themselves was marvelous. One woman in particular, Sister Helene, quickly worked her way into our hearts over dinner when she informed us that she was "not retired, just retread." To begin a list of the involvement of these servants of our Lord would be mind-boggling. They have led varied and interesting lives and are more than willing to share them with us.

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ST. THOMAS ACQUAINT-US

- November 16 (Wed.) 9:40 am. Chapel Preacher: Lee Diefenderfer
-4:45 pm. Sherry Hour in the Refectory
- November 17 (Thurs.) 9:40 am. Chapel
Preacher: the Rev. Edward Dufresne, St. Matthew's Lutheran
Church, Moorestown, NJ
-2:00 pm. Exec. Committee, CLTEN
-2:30 pm. Senior M.Div.s with George Garver
- November 18 (Fri.) 9:30 am. Board of Directors, CLTEN
-8:30 pm. MIXER IN THE PIT.....come for beer, dancing and
some good times. Sponsored by the Soc. Act. Comm.
- November 20 (Sun.) Evening Film Series continues in the Ampitheater
-Penn Pro Musica presents Handel's setting of Drydon's poem,
Alexander's Feast. Concert at 2:30 pm. at Old Pine St.
Church, 4th and Pine Sts. Student tickets \$3, others
at \$6. See Teresa Bailey for info or tickets.
- November 21 (Mon.) 5:00 pm. Chapel
- November 22 (Tues.) 9:40 am. Service of Holy Communion
Preacher: Dr. Harold Albert
-7:30 pm. InterSeminary Thanksgiving Service at St. Charles
Seminary. (Sign up on the board in Hagan to arrange
for rides.)
- November 23 (Wed.) CLEMENT OF ROME
-9:40 am. Chapel
- November 24 (Thurs.) Thanksgiving Day
- November 25 (Fri.) No Classes

SPECIAL NOTICES:

- Remember that there is a World Hunger Fast going on at UPenn on
Nov. 16/17 (Evening to evening). If you can, fast for the day
and donate the money for food to this cause. Teresa Bailey will
collect it and bring it to UPenn. See T.B. or the bulletin boards
for information.
- Dec. 14 is set for Advent Vespers. There will be a buffet dinner
and a concert in the chapel before the service. After is a song-
fest and reception in the Multipurpose Room. It's a dressy affair,
so you may want to plan your "outfit" now. And if you can help
out on one of the Committees working on this, please sign up on the
board in Hagan. All hands are welcome!

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