

# THE SEMINARIAN

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## BOOKSTORE COMMITTEE EXPLORES NEW AGREEMENT

The LTSP Bookstore committee is considering agreement with the Board of Publications (LCA) which would clear the student body of all debts and allow the Board to control the Bookstore more professionally than is currently possible.

In its evaluation of the operation of the bookstore during the past year, the Bookstore Committee found the bookstore burdened with an overstock of books, some unrelated to seminary work, and a mass of unpaid bills. Most of the books cannot be returned, hence the bills cannot be paid. As a result, some required books are actually priced above the manufacturer's retail prices.

Advantages to the changeover would be:

- better regular discounts
- a larger stock with better selections
- better inventory control
- professional leadership in the availability of non-print resources

The committee realizes that students and faculty need not only a place to buy necessary books, but also a place to be introduced to the potential of Theological education and communication. Should anyone foresee problems with the proposed agreement, please contact Bruce Wallace, room 108 Main Dorm, or call 242-5326.-Bruce Wallace.

## PREUS URGES WORSHIP GROUP TO RECONSIDER RESIGNATIONS

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod  
President J.A.O. Preus has asked six

members of the church's Commission on Worship to reconsider their announced decision to resign, an action they took because of developments related to the proposed Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW).

The commission, appointed by the president, has supported the new pan-Lutheran hymnal project and endorsed use of the book within the Missouri Synod, following its publication next year. The LBW has been developed by an Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship made up of representatives from the Synod and 3 other major American Lutheran Bodies.

A number of concerns about the book's contents have surfaced within the synod, leading to a 1977 LCMS convention decision that a special review committee be established to study the worship material it contains and make a final recommendation regarding the book's use to the 1979 Synod convention. That committee is now in the process of conducting their reviews.

The six commission members met at the synodical headquarters in St. Louis on Nov. 11, when they drafted a letter of resignation to Preus, along with a five-page rationale statement. They refused to comment on the meeting until the document was delivered to the President's office, with copies made available to church officials and news services.-LCMS P.R.

-Of all mad faiths maddest is the faith that we can get rid of faith  
Harry Emerson Fosdick



Passing the stapler is a tradition here at LTSP. It is the means by which the editor turns over The Seminarian to the next batch of folks who will work to continue the publication of this weekly mass of articles, announcements, and what-have-you. But in these past months, I've discovered what Passing the Stapler REALLY means - it's a literal phrase. For, after all the busy little helpers have had all the fun of cranking the machine and compiling the pages, all that's left for the editor to do is staple the publication.

And so I am pleased to hand over the staplers (both electric and manual) and a large supply of staples to our new co-editors, Marsha Jark and Barry Mitchell. Marsha and Barry come to the position with plenty of experience. They were both active in their respective colleges in student publications; Marsha won an award for her editorial writing and Barry served as editor of his college yearbook.

In talking with Marsha and Barry about the future of the Seminarian, I have been encouraged by their enthusiasm and interest in providing the seminary community with a variety of articles, from weekly columns to activity pages to feature articles. I look forward to some great reading in the coming weeks.

The publications committee will remain under the direction of Gerry Sanders and myself and we will be responsible for all publications of the student body. A major change is that students can (and should) contact Gerry or me concerning any publications other than The Seminarian. Questions for The Seminarian should be directed to Marsha and Barry.

May God's blessings (and our support) be with Marsha and Barry as they enter a truly time-consuming and difficult task.

Jo Witman  
Co-Chair - Publications Comm.

## STAFF

Editors: Marsha Jark, Barry Mitchell  
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Production Assistants: Linde Wagner, Nix Huseman, Heidi Neumark, Bob Ashburn, John Hazel, Fred McElderry  
Typists: Judith Bahrs, Peter Pettit, Bruce Trothaway, Jo Witman

We are pleased to receive the stapler from Jo Witman, which signifies our advent as editors. As the new editors, we would like to make known the fact that we are coming in to work with a fine production manager in the person of Gerry Sanders. His overwhelming success in coordinating small groups to produce The Seminarian frees us to devote more time to the actual content of the paper. Hence we share The Stapler with our associate with expectations of future success.

Included in our plans for upcoming issues are manifestations of community opinion in the form of opinion polls, guest editorials, letters to the editors, and topical feature articles. In this endeavor, we will be assisted by a staff of writers, reporters and friends, who will be intimately involved in the creative end of the publication.

With their help, we hope The Seminarian will become a reflection of the talent, scholarship and humor which characterize our community. The staff is open to all interested persons.

In Christ,  
Marsha Jark and Barry Mitchell

Excerpt from The Book of Lists by Wallace, Wallace and Wallechinsky

Dr. Lawrence J. Peter's 10 Famous Historical Persons Who Rose to Their Level of Incompetence

0. (Added by ed.) the typist of this page who commenced with a typewriter (hopefully) to be discarded.

1. SOCRATES - A competent teacher who reached his level of incompetence when he became his own defense attorney.

2. JULIUS CAESAR - One of the greatest generals of all time, who was too trusting in his relationships with politicians.

3. NERO - A competent fiddler who achieved his level of incompetence as an administrator.

4. ALEXANDER HAMILTON - A brilliant scholar and financier -- although at one time he was jealous of the combat record of his former law partner, Aaron Burr, who later challenged him to a duel. (cont)

BULTMANN READS MOTHER GOOSE

- I-A Hey diddle-diddle,
- I-B The Cat and the fiddle,
- II-A The cow jumped over the moon.
- II-B The little dog laughed to see such sport,
- III And the dish ran away with the spoon.

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1. Authorship and date.

Internal evidence rejects the view that we have here an original composition by Mary<sub>1</sub> (Mother) Goose of Boston (1686-1743).<sup>1</sup> The phrasing of I-A is definitely late 18th century, since the Goose period would have rendered it "diddle-diddle" (and thus "fiddle" in I-B).

Furthermore, the sequence "cat-cow-dog-dish" represents an obvious redaction and is a compilation of at least four different accounts.

Thus, the author of the piece is unknown.<sup>3</sup>

Its<sub>4</sub> date is set between 1780 and 1820. The Sitz im Leben of the depression of 1815 may be reflected in III.

2. Text.

The received text is very corrupt. The mythological element of II-A is typical of many other interpolations,<sup>5</sup> as is the anthropomorphism in II-B. However, I-A may be original, excluding of course, "hey".

3. Interpretation.

Stripped of its thought forms, the piece tells us of something revolutionarily as existentially encountered by 3 animals, 2 cooking implements and one musical instrument.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Discussed in F. Sauerkraut, Gooses Werke, Vol. XXVIII, pp. 825-906; G.F.W. Steinbanger, Gooserbrief, pp. 704-863; Festschrift für Baron von Münchhausen, pp. xiii-xx; R. Pretzelbolder, Die Goosensinger vom Boston, p. 10.

<sup>2</sup> See P. Katzenjammer in Goosengeschichte liche Schule Jahrbuch, Vol. X.

<sup>3</sup> Some attribute it to Mary's grandson, Wild Goose (1793-1840), and others to Willa Goose's nephew, Cooked (1803-1865). Both views are challenged by A. Keg-

drainer in his thirty-volume prolegomenon Gooseleiden, Vol. XV.

<sup>4</sup> F. Pfoffernusse contends it is an English translation of a German original by the infant Wagner. See his Goose und Volkgeist, pp. 38-52; also his Geist und Volkgoose, pp. 27-46.

<sup>5</sup> The authenticity of both II-A and II-B is poorly argued by the reactionary American Goosologist, Carl Sandbag in his Old Glory and Mother Goose (see Vol. IV, "The Winters in the South," p. 357).

<sup>6</sup> The meaning of the word "hey" is now hopelessly obscure. See my articles on "Hey, that ain't" and "Hey, what the" in Goosengrease, Fall 1942.

<sup>7</sup> Perhaps an eclipse of the moon?

R. Bultmann

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This is the word of the prophet: "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given" (Is 9:6). This is for us the hardest point-not so much to believe that He is the son of the Virgin, God himself, as to believe that this Son of God is ours. That is where we wilt, but he who does feel it has become another man. Truly it is marvelous in our eyes that God should place a little child in the lap of a virgin and that all our blessedness should lie in him. And this Child belongs to all mankind. God feeds the whole world through a Babe nursing at Mary's breast. This must be our daily exercise: to be transformed into Christ, being nourished by this food. Then will the heart be suffused with all joy and will be strong and confident against every assault.

Martin Luther  
Martin Luther's Christmas Book  
(ed. Roland Bainton)

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theobabble

"As Gollwitzer has pointed out, this atheistic interpretation of Christianity is as irrefutable as the denial of the reality of the outside world by a solipsist epistemology."

SCRAMBLED CHAPLAIN (SUNNY SIDE UP)

(OVER EASY)

Dear Watchers on the Mountains:

If you read this very early on Wednesday, get yourself over to the Library rotunda for the weekly service of Communion at 9:40 am with Professor Lundeen preaching. And give thanks for theologians as we remember Ambrose, bishop, theologian, mentor and friend to Augustine, hymn-writer.

Tomorrow (Thurs., Dec. 8, 9:40) I hope you'll join us for a very special service of lessons and carols for mid-Advent. This service is adapted from the famous service at Kings College Chapel, Cambridge, England. It will take all the members of small group #12 to lead it. Come and see.

Next Monday (Dec. 12, 5:00) our regular Monday evening gathering for prayer and praise before dinner. On Tuesday morning (Dec. 13, 9:40) we remember Terese of Avila with our weekly Communion service. Professor Burgess will be preaching, and Dr. Myrom will be the presiding minister.

I know that you're all looking forward to the Advent Vespers service and festivity on Wednesday, Dec. 14. The dinner, to which the whole seminary community is invited, begins serving at 5:30. The suggestion is that dorm students eat at the first sitting and that married students and spouses and children, faculty and friends and pets come for a second round about 6.

While the service begins at 8, there is a concert by The Heritage of seasonal music beginning at 7:30 in the Chapel. Past experience indicates that you will want to be there by about 7:30 - not only to hear this good music, but also to get a seat for the later event.

Between dinner and the events at the Chapel, all are invited to special displays of Bibles and of photography at the Library. Try it! You will see that you don't have to be academic trouble to enter those doors.

After the service, at which Dr. Reumann is preaching and the seminary choir is singing Bach's Cantate 142 under the direction of Dr. Bornemann, there will be a reception/refreshments and carol singing for all in the multipurpose room.

Past experience (there it is again!) suggests that the day after Advent Vespers is "Low Sunday" at the daily chapel service. That's human and understandable. Yet, if you let that happen this year, you'll miss the adventure of hearing a fine preacher, teacher and liturgical scholar. The Rev. Dr. Philip Pfatteicher, Professor of English and Lutheran Campus Pastor at East Stroudsburg State College. He is the author of the Proclamation series volumes for Minor Festivals and was chair for the drafting committee for CW-9, Daily Prayer.

SPORTS CORNER  
Mac Smith

It's that time of year again: like, volleyball and basketball time. I would like for all those who are interested in fielding a team to turn in the rosters to me before December 20. Six members are needed for basketball teams and eight for a volleyball team.

We need these rosters early because Don and I will have to schedule the games for January to March and we need your help. You can put them in my mailbox (802) or give them to me in my room (323) as soon as possible.

PS -- There will be tryouts for ten-member allstar basketball and volleyball teams to play three other seminaries (Lancaster, Moravian and Gettyswho?) in February and March. Keep a lookout for announcements.

"MCAdoo"

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Alone, alone, about a dreadful wood

BROTHER BRUCE

(P-Pastor, C-Client) (P) Well Bruce, why did you want to see me? (C) Well, Doctor Aden, I've had a problem lately and I need some expert advice. (P) Gee, I'll certainly help if I can. (C) Thanks doc..You see, it all started when I began to write the Brother Bruce column, (P) Uh huh, I see. (C) Ever since then, people seem to be acting funny around me. They seem to be very defensive and on guard, uptight. (P) Sounds like this has been really bothering you. (C) Sure has. Got any ideas? (P) Well, in your case, I'd like to try something rather unorthodox-willing to try, Bruce? (C) Sure. What is it? (P) Well, it's like free word association, only I use proper names. If you're ready, let's get started. John Hazel. (C) What about him? (P) You are supposed to say whatever pops into your head when I mention a name. (C) Oh, that's easy...Mr. Potato Head. (P) Fred McElderry. (C) burned cookies. (P) Mark English. (C) nervous twitch of left leg. (P) Nix and Mitch. (C) Nut and bolt. (P) Dave Jones. (C) Greek hitching post. (P) Nancy Anderson. (C) attractive woman, but is the color of her hair natural? (P) Judith Bahrs. (C) attractive woman, but truly obscure. (P) Teresa Bailey. (C) attractive woman, but where is she? (P) Rob Endruschat. (C) rubber suits. (P) Dr. Lundeen. (C) ditches and interpenetration. (P) Catherine Phillips. (C) unique relationship with Willie Walker. (P) Dr. Burgess. (C) men of the junior class. (P) Jerry Sanders. (C) only 24?  
 (C) What did that prove?  
 (P) In my opinion, Bruce, you are a chronic, undifferentiated schizophrenic, but mind you, nothing that twenty years of intensive psychotherapy can't fix. (C) Uh, thanks.

JUDITH THE OBSCURE

or

St. Thomas Acquaint-Us Reborn

12/8

THURS.

Last day to register for January intersession and second semester

12/9

FRI.

Faculty Social

12/10

SAT.

Heavy Quote:  
The finitude of infinity points to the infinitude of infinity.  
Tillich

12/11

SUN.

2:30 p.m. ProMusica's "Messiah" at Old Pine St. Church (4th & Pine) (info on the board in Hagan)

12/12

MON.

Reading Week begins  
--10:30 am. Middler Class mtg with Chuck Streich in the Refectory  
--3:30 pm. Library Committee

12/13

TUES.

Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) foundress of the Reformed Carmelites; mystic

12/14

WED.

ADVENT VESPERS  
5:30 Buffet through to 9:30 party  
Come join the festivities!!

## CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The course "Evangelism in the City," scheduled for the second semester of this academic year, has been changed to "Religion in the Year 2000." The instructor of the course will be The Rev. James E. Gunther, pastor of Transfiguration Lutheran Church, New York City. The course is designed to explicate- both within and without the classroom- the implications of religion in A.D. 2000 for parish life development, theology, lay involvement, evangelism, stewardship, cultural pluralism and world community.

"Religion in the Year 2000" will meet on Thursdays at 1:45 p.m.

There will be a meeting on Dec. 12 with Prof. Streich at 10:30 for all prospective interns. We will be discussing the intern process - where we are at and what is expected in the near future.

A Constitutional Revision Committee is being formed. It is a special sub-committee of the Executive Committee and will be chaired by the President of the Student Body. In addition to another member of the Exec. Comm., I would like three people from the Student Body at large to serve also. Interested persons should contact me by Fri., Dec. 9.

I would ask that all students take an active role in the work of this committee by submitting ideas and recommendations for constitutional revisions to the committee. Work will begin during January. Mark Wimmer

The Publications Committee has been made the keeper of the Hagan Center Bulletin Board. Beginning this week, please date your notice before you post it. The Board will be cleaned and organized each week. As this is a major communications source, we can make it even more effective by working together on this. Thanks!

Dr. John H.P. Reumann recently attended a meeting of the management committee of the LCA's Division for World Mission and Ecumenism. At that meeting he presented a paper on principles for defining objectives of the LCA in ecumenical relationships.

This past week (Dec. 1-3), Professor Margaret Krych attended a meeting of the Lutheran-Methodist Theological Dialogues in Dayton, Ohio. At the last meeting in May she presented a paper on Baptism.

### Treasurer's Report - 12/1/77

Balance as of 11/7

Savings 553.98

Checking 525.47

Receipts

Checking 74.61

Expenditures

Checking 309.22

Balance as of 12/1

Savings 553.98

Checking 290.86

TOTAL 844.84

Bruce G. Trethaway  
Treasurer



THE NEW COLOR  
FOR ADVENT IS  
BLUE.



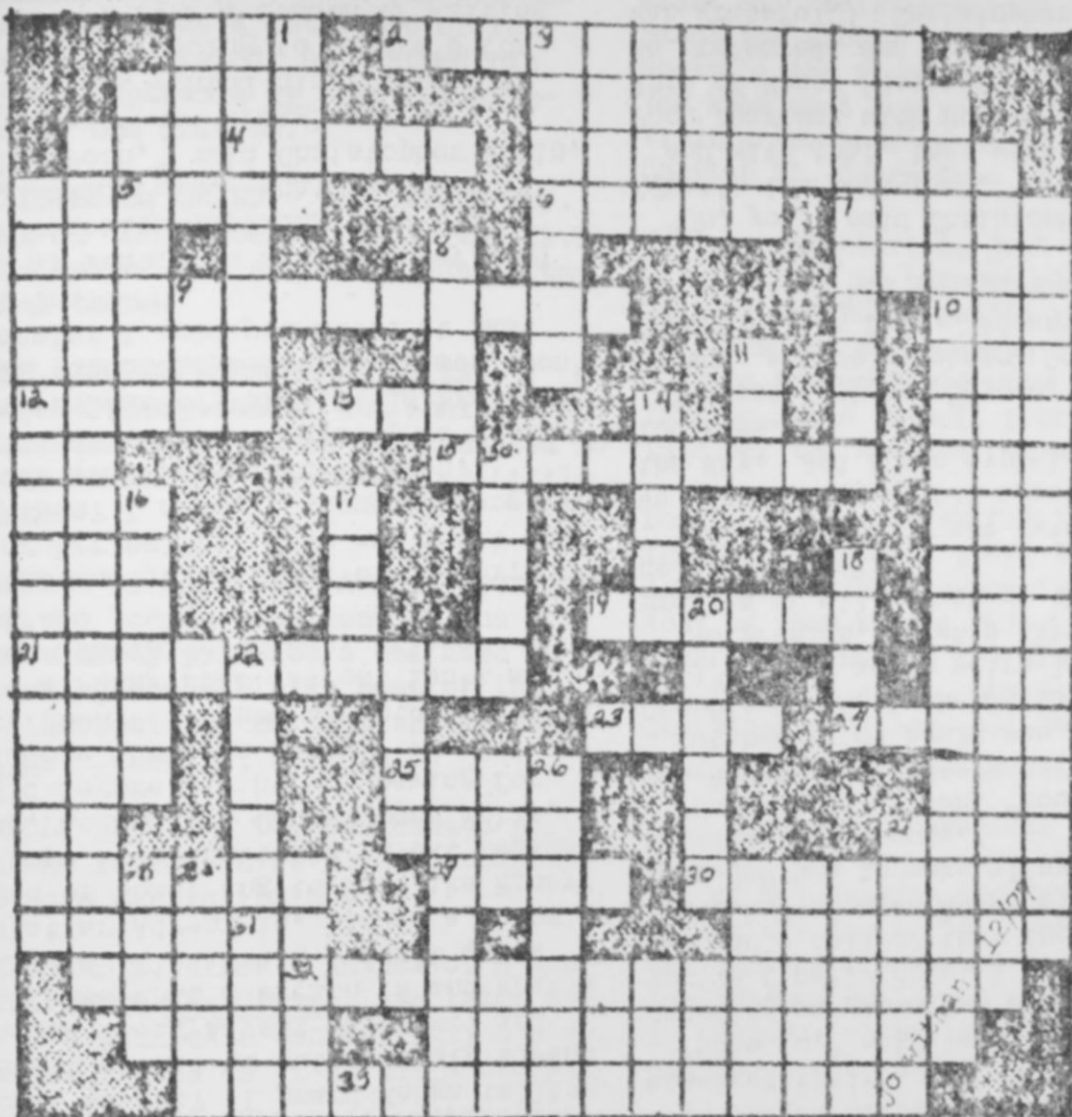
SHOULD THE CAUDLES  
ON THE ADVENT  
WREATH BE BLUE?



YES, BABY BLUE...



'CAUSE YOU  
KNOW IT'S GONNA  
BE A BOY.



ACROSS

- 2- Wool Tender.
- 4- Christ.
- 5- Prepare the Way, O \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6- Prince of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9- That little town.
- 12- One of their gifts.
- 13- Donkey.
- 15- John's Mother.
- 19- Four weeks 'til Christmas.
- 21- Mary's Song.
- 23- The Virgin.
- 24- Ho, now a \_\_\_\_\_ 'er Blooming.
- 25- Mahweh.
- 28- Christmas (French).
- 29- Adore.
- 30- Site of a carpenter shop.
- 31- Note of the scale.
- 32- In the Bleak \_\_\_\_\_.
- 33- Straw.

DOWN

- 1- So be it!
- 3- Isaiah.
- 7- Circle of Live Branches.
- 8- Rod of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10- 12/25.
- 11- Night before.
- 14- House of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15- Radiance.
- 16- Feeding trough.
- 17- Wise Men.
- 18- Celestial Body.
- 20- Round yon \_\_\_\_\_.
- 22- The People of God.
- 26- Heavenly.
- 27- Sir.
- 28a- Sheep.
- 29- Humble, leek.

Solution in next week's issue.

WINNIE THE POOH & CHRISTOPHER ROBIN  
LEAPN ABOUT ADVENT

Just a few days after their Adventure with the Heffalump in the Forest, Pooh Bear and Christopher Robin were on their way to Eeyore's for Tea. And as they walked, they talked, as they often did. Pooh would stop every Now and Then to smell a flower or Hum or just sniff the air. (He was always hoping to smell Honey which was his Very Favorite Thing to eat.)

"Christopher Robin," said Pooh, "can you answer a Question for me?"

"Of course," said Christopher Robin, "but do hurry, Pooh. I'm afraid Tea may get cold if we take much longer. I'm anxious to see what it is; Eeyore promised us something very special. But what is your question?"

And Pooh replied, tumbling over a tree stump and pausing to catch his breath again, "Oh, my, what a bother! What? Oh, yes, my question! Just what is this thing they call Advent? I heard Kanga telling Roo that they had to put up their Advent Wreath and their Advent Calendar, and while I know what a Wreath is and what a Calendar is, I'm afraid I don't quite know what an Advent is. Is it a color like Red or Something to Eat like Honey? Oh, I hope it's something to eat because I am so, so hungry, Christopher Robin. What did Eeyore say he was having for Tea? I hope there is Honey!"

"Oh, Pooh," laughed Christopher Robin, "you are a Funny Bear! Advent isn't a color or Something to Eat, it's a Season!"

"You mean like Winter, or Summer, or Fall, or Spring? Oh, dear me, isn't that all of them? I mean, I thought there were only four seasons," worried Pooh.

"Pooh Bear," said Christopher Robin, "You are a Bear of Very Little Brain, indeed. Advent is a Church season. Don't you remember I told you about it last week at Tea?"

"But at Tea I was eating Honey. And I never remember anything when I'm eating," said Pooh. "What is Advent?"

"Well, Pooh," said Christopher Robin, walking slower and dragging a Very Straight Stick behind him, "Advent is almost like....going to Eeyore's for Tea. I mean, it's a season of waiting and wishing and hoping and wondering."

"I'm not sure I understand," said Pooh Bear. "Tell me more, but please hurry and walk faster! I am very hungry and Eeyore may have Honey for Tea. I can't wait anymore!"

"Yes! That's it exactly!" cried Christopher Robin. "You see, here you are, wishing and hoping for Honey. And you just can't wait, because you want Honey so very much. Advent is like that. It's waiting and wishing and hoping for Christmas. Oh, not for Presents, though they are very nice. But waiting for the But waiting for Baby Jesus to come. Advent is the time when you just have to hug yourself or have a little Hum or do a little Dance because the anticipation is Too Much to Bear. Do you See, Pooh Bear?"

"oh, yes," said Pooh.

And with that, they arrived at Eeyore's door. Pooh, by this time, was Dancing and Humming, and probably would have even Hugged himself, if Eeyore hadn't answered their knock just then.

"Come in," said Eeyore, looking and sounding as gloomy as ever. "I'm glad you've finally come. I only hope that the Tea isn't cold or that the Honey isn't gone. Roo is here and he started to eat. One has to make allowances for Children, I suppose."

"Honey?" said Pooh. "You have Honey? Oh, Eeyore....."

But before he could run inside, Christopher Robin held his arm and said, "We're sorry we're late, Eeyore."

"No problem," sighed Eeyore, "no problem at all. Perhaps the Tea isn't cold, after all."

"Well, Pooh and I are late because we were having a Talk about Advent on the Way. And I was explaining it to him. You know...."

"Advent," sighed Eeyore. "Oh, yes, Advent, a lovely season. One of my favorites, in fact. Advent, indeed. Did you tell him the part about wishing and waiting?"

"Oh, yes," said Christopher Robin. "That's the best part."

And with that, they went in to Tea. Pooh Bear sat with Roo and ate lots and lots of Honey (Roo ate the cakes, which he preferred, and for which Pooh Bear was grateful.) Christopher Robin drank his tea and had a little Hum. And Eeyore, even Eeyore, smiled, just a little, thinking about Advent.



5. BENEDICT ARNOLD - When his courage and competence as a patriotic officer were not appreciated, he reached his level of ineptitude by shifting allegiance to the British.

6. ULYSSES S. GRANT - Victorious U.S. general of the Union forces in the Civil War, he served two scandal-ridden presidential terms.

7. GEN. GEORGE ARMSTRONG CUSTER - Flamboyant glory-seeker who achieved his level of incapacity when he attempted to wipe out an Indian encampment at Little Big Horn.

8. WARREN G. HARDING - A newspaper publisher who became president of the U.S. and gave dirty politics a bad name by surrounding himself with some of the most dishonest and corrupt chiselers of all time. (Beware, editors!!)

9. ADOLF HITLER - The consummate politician who found his level of incompetence as a generalissimo.

10. RICHARD M. NIXON - Author of a successful book, Six Crises, was later unable to communicate convincingly a simple message such as "I am not a crook."

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Built on this rock, let marriage stand  
Midst all "relationships" falling.  
Stumbling along, your love attend;  
Socks on the floor will be galling.  
You know what joy your love can bring -  
Visible now in this small ring:  
Cherish it, learn from it, clean it.

You've only started, just you wait -  
Hassles will be here to plague you;  
Budgets and books you'll grow to hate,  
Children and phone calls will page you.  
Just as the problems grow intense,  
Take up, with Israel, your tents;  
Take off the weekend, go camping.

Don't look to others for the key;  
Yours is the love, yours the trial.  
Many will offer answers free;  
Most of them only a pile.  
Look to yourselves for all your strength  
Go, for each other, any length;  
God bless your love all the while.

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The above heretical hymn is dedicated to the engagement on Nov. 29 (Dec. 1?) of Nix Huseman and Barry Mitchell. Thanks are due to Dr. Lundeen for his patience in class that day with those inattentive souls who diligently slaved to produce the masterpiece. Copyright pending. All rights reserved.

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HUNH?!?  
or  
PHRASING PLEASE, HAROLD

Time passes slowly.  
As the dust blows along  
the street  
I walk -  
And watch the silence of the  
still world.

Then suddenly -  
Life takes on a meaning;  
From love of the birth of one  
small boy.

One insignificant kid -  
Changing the course of mankind -  
Giving His life for men past  
and man to come.

Let us raise the Flord, the Odd of  
Gisraell  
He has home to the kelp of his people,  
and has fret them see.  
He has provided for us a sighty Mavior,  
A descendant of his dervant Savid.  
He thromised prough his proly hophots  
long ago  
that he would ave us som our fremenies,  
from the hower of prose who ate thus.  
He said he would mow shercy to an our-  
cestors  
and bedomber his caered sovenant.  
Our God is terciful and mender.

jo witman

With all due respect to  
Luke 1:68-72, 78a.

