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THE SEMINAR

FUNCTION OF BLACK RELIGION
OPENS DISCUSSION
AT U OF PENN

The first black mayor-elect of New Orleans will open "The Function of Black Religion in Public Policy," a three-day conference, March 21-23, at the University of Pennsylvania.

Ernest N. Morial's Tuesday lecture will discuss "The Function of Black Religion in Civil Rights." The sessions, open to the public, will meet in Rainey Auditorium, University Museum, 33rd and Spruce Streets.

The symposium will feature a number of public figures such as: Shirley A. Chisholm, U.S. Representative from New York; Walter E. Fauntroy, District of Columbia congressman; James A. Joseph, under secretary of the interior; and Leon H. Sullivan, founder of Opportunities Industrialization Center and minister of Zion Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. will begin with a 90-minute lecture-panel discussion on Civil Rights. Public policy will be discussed at noon on Wednesday.

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LCA CONSIDERS HUMAN RIGHTS STATEMENT AT CONVENTION

A human rights statement to take "our stand with all who work and suffer to advance freedom, equality and

justice in ways that more truly reflect God's intention for humanity" has been approved for submission to the LCA convention in Chicago, July 12-19.

A proposed social statement on aging and the older adult was also approved for submission to the LCA convention by the management committee of the LCA's Division for Mission in North America.

The statement advocates a number of rights, which are felt to be facets of human relationships that undergird the Ten Commandments. Included are such things as the right to worship or not to worship, the right to free self-expression, entitlement to the protection of life and physical well-being, children's rights to "parental care and affection" and to "protection against abuse and neglect," and entitlement of older adults to "respect, affection and care from their children" and the opportunity to continue as participating members of society.

Basic rights of persons are such things as equal access to the opportunities and resources of society and to a "healthful environment," the right to a good name and reputation, the right of all to participate in the determination of how, by whom and to what ends they will be governed and the right to equality before the law and to protection from arbitrary use of power.

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THE CRUCIAL IMAGE

A display of paintings in oils by the Rev. Richard D. Bergman, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, 18th and Wolf Streets, South Philadelphia, with the theme "The Crucial Image" has been hung in the library's rotunda.

To commemorate the Lenten season the varying forms of the cross speak to the eye of the beholder in a similar way that Handel's "Messiah" or Bach's various "Passions" speak to the ear.

The paintings were created for use in Trinity church. The display consists of three units. A series of Recognitions of the Holy Cross was inaugurated on Holy Cross Day, September 15, 1975. Following this a series of eleven "recognitions" were executed using variations of the cross in the liturgical colors of the church year. In their original setting they were hung individually over the credence table in the chancel as a natural focus of attention.

Another unit is a rendition of the Stations of the Cross. Pilgrims to Jerusalem have always followed the footsteps of Jesus from the Roman Praetorium (or court), along the Via Dolorosa, to the place of crucifixion. Beginning in the fifth century churches in the West began to recreate the "Way of the Cross" along the church walls for the devotions of the faithful unable to go to the Holy Land. The number of "stations," or events commemorated have varied from five to more than thirty. Tradition stratified the number at fourteen and recently a fifteenth has been added for the Resurrection to bring to a joyful completion the sorrowful story enacted as the "Way of the Cross." This depiction endeavors to recreate emotionally the events through the use of line and color. The horizontal and vertical bands of color, in their major divisions, give an impression of the death sentence, Jesus' loving involvement with others along the Way, the dark events of the crucifixion, and culminating in the bright light of hope and the Resurrection. The stations were designed to hang as two panels in the side walls of Trinity's chapel.

The final unit is a series of three paintings for Lent and Good Friday. "Beyond: a Lenten Meditation" is a figure with its arms raised in prayer assuming the form of a cross. The second "Crucifixion" is a stark black and white with splashes of red. And "Eli, Eli" is a more subtle rendering of the second.

David J. Wartluft

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OPINIONS WANTED

The Refectory Committee would like to receive student opinion prior to action at its next meeting on the following two proposals:

(1) Change the time of regular breakfast on Saturday from the present 8 to 8:30, to a new time of 8:30 to 9.

(2) Begin Sunday morning regular breakfast at 7:15 instead of 7:30 as at present.

Your comments are welcome by any committee member prior to Friday, Feb. 10.

Dave Ellis

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A NOTE TO THE COMMUNITY

Many thanks to the students and friends who assisted in removing the unusual snowfalls of January and February from the parking lot.

Especial thanks to Bud Gustafson who led the crusade with spirit (Spirit?) and a vary large snow shovel.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CALLING ALL AUTHORS!
ARTISTS, AND POETS!

Spring Banquet, Friday, April 21. Banquet facilities have not yet been chosen. Suggestions are being taken by The Social Activities Committee.

Bob Bolz is the new co-chairperson for the Social Activities Committee; Fred Cook is new co-chairperson for Social Ministry.

Plans for the Pre-Seminary weekend, March 12-14, are going well. There are places for 30 visitors to stay. Any suggestions or questions should be directed to Marie Jerge.

The Worship and Community Life Committee want to write a statement on the policy of confidentiality. The Seminary has too many unwritten policies and problems which this committee would like to work through.

The committee on up-dating the constitution is going well. The purpose of the committee is to up-date the language, re-ramp the by-laws, and make the standing committees a permanent part of the constitution. A statement on the "Honor System" will be included in the next revision.

The professors at the Seminary did not take into account the "market" for Middlers in their syllabuses. The professors were aware of this event which is held every year, but this same oversight occurred during the Middler Retreat this past fall.

Committee chairpersons should submit reports to Mark Wimmer by Feb. 10, 1978, on their program activities for the rest of the semester.

Student Body meetings - Wednesday, Feb. 15 and April 3 at 9:40am in the amphitheater.

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ADVENT VESPERS TAPES

The library has cassette tapes of Advent Vespers including the sermon and the music for sale at \$2.50 per tape. Please ask Chris Swisher for your tape, and please pay by check.

Chris Swisher

The Publications Committee of the Student Body takes pleasure in announcing its spring term attempt to produce a community literary publication.

Let your imagination run wild! This work is intended to be free and open-ended. There are no set categories for contributions, although the concepts of spring, Lent, and Easter are suggested. Any type of work will be accepted--poems, thoughts, essays, litanies, etc. We can even make arrangements to print black-and-white drawings!

Interested? We hope so! Get in touch with Jo Witman (Box 808; Main Dorm 202) in the next week to discuss your ideas and deadlines. It's that easy!

Jo Witman

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D*V*A*W*M

A regional organization of the International Association of Women Ministers has been formed here at Mt. Airy, called the Delaware Valley Association of Women Ministers. This group is open to all seminarians, clergy, and friends in the Philadelphia area who are sympathetic and interested in the problems and concerns of women clergy and women seminarians. Judith Bahrs was elected convener, and Audrey Foley is the recorder.

At the January meeting, Teresa Bailey reported to the group on policies of the LCA which affect women particularly. In the future such topics as the pregnant pastor, team ministry, new areas of ministry for women pastors, etc. will be discussed.

The next meeting of DVAWM will be held in the Tappert Room on Tuesday, Feb. 14, immediately after dinner.

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BOOK SALE

Remember the continuous sale of books in the Library. Several hundred new titles were added during January. Ask for information at the Circulation Desk.

1. We see temples and slaves and gifts.
2. Having heard this, he wrote our names in a book, saying, "When did you first see these things?"
3. Who has believed our testimony?
4. For when we said these things, we did not know what we were saying.
5. A certain man was sent to us, John with respect to name.
6. He who was teaching us manifested many letters and words, on account of which we wondered.
True is the parable, "Blessed is he who eats and drinks in his own house."
8. You know what you ought to hear being said about these things if you ever eat with us.
Let none come from the mountain go out into the city.
11. And lo, a multitude, having gathered together with one voice, was saying, "We shall be loosed."
11. We are alpha, beta, and gamma, neither the first nor the last.
12. By day we are taught and by night we teach ourselves.
14. Let us thank our Father in heaven for we have not yet been persecuted unto blood.
14. The disciples of John judge our writings.
15. If we prepare, we will speak the right words.
16. And after these days, we will glorify God forever.
17. A disciple is not greater than the having taught him one.
18. We wrote to you what we have seen with our own eyes.
19. Therefore we say to you: Be loosed.
(Reprinted by request from the Seminarian 2-9-77)

It's late one evening in the church office. A typical, lengthy, somewhat boring committee meeting has everyone in deep sleep, (or is that deep thought?) The chairman has run out of ideas and is in a pickle. Nobody knows what to do about the growing number of inactives and shut-in members of the congregation.

Many ideas have been suggested and exhausted (so has the committee). All angles have been attacked, but to no avail.

Meek, humble, mild-mannered, wet-behind-the-ears, young intern, Clark Trent is becoming uneasy. After all, he is the pastoral adviser. What should he say? What can he say or do to solve this problem? He, too, is bored and would really rather be watching Monday Night Football.

So, while no one is looking, he sneaks out of the meeting, into the sacristy and changes into--YES! It's Super-intern! Willing to tackle those programs that no one else can or wants to be bothered with!--Smarter than the average intern!--Always wondering how Clark Trent gets him into these messes!--Yes, it's Super-intern!

Super-intern quickly assesses the situation. He deciphers the goals and objectives of the committee, as he learned in seminary, and from his vast (ho-hum) and amazing multitude of knowledge (actually something he stumbled upon in his reading the day before!) he suggests a Zone program where the parish is divided into geographic zones. Various members would volunteer to be part of the widely advertised program of the church.

WOW! How does he do it? What an excellent idea!

The committee nods with approval.
(cont.)

Greetings! As we resume publication for second semester, I'm taking over the chapel news and will try to keep the community informed about upcoming worship services.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 is Ash Wednesday, which we will celebrate with a service of Holy Communion at 9:40 am. Dr. Donald Myrom is preacher and celebrant. There will also be a brief service of the imposition of ashes for those who wish to participate. Later that evening will be a joint service for the Seminary and Ascension Church at 8pm. This is a chance for the whole community to worship together (though many may have responsibilities elsewhere.) These combined services will continue every Wednesday throughout Lent, and, will occasionally be our only Wednesday service on campus. Check this column or the date board for details weekly.

On Thursday, Feb. 9, at 9:40am, the Rev. Edgar Trexler will be our guest preacher. Rev. Trexler is associate editor of The Lutheran magazine.

We will worship together at the office of Vespers on Monday, Feb. 13, at 5pm. As usual, there will be no sermon. On Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 9:40am, we will commemorate Cyril and Methodius, missionaries to the Slavs, in a service of Matins. Mark Wimmer, president of the Student Body, will preach. Wednesday, Feb. 15, there is an 8pm joint service with Ascension Church at the Chapel, the only service for the day. Students, spouses, faculty and friends are invited. Holy Communion will be celebrated on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 9:40am using the "Mt. Airy Rite," Dr. Bornemann's spoken service. Dr. Harold Albert will be the preacher and celebrant. (This is your chance, middleers, to critique!)

Pax et Gaudium,

Judith Bahrs

P.S. A reminder and a request to the community. Please help the sacristans and organists by making sure that they receive information early on the services for which you are responsible. They are also available for any help you may need with planning. Just ask! Our chaplain, Margaret Krych, is also willing to help out in any way she can.

Three simple things could make our community dateboard in Hagan Center more useful in communicating news to faculty and students:

(1) Check with Devie Rippel, Student Body secretary (Rm. 219, Dorm; 242-2307) before scheduling Student Body events to avoid schedule conflicts

(2) Check with Mrs. Irene Maiden, in the main office to reserve rooms and to get dates on the master calendar. (Just drop by. . she's very accommodating!)

(3) Use the board! Post your dates and read them! This tool can be a real help to us all if we keep up with it. A brief glance at "mail call" can fill us in on all that's happening. Simple, no?

YES, ANCHORAGE, THERE IS A LENT

Nor rain, nor sleet, nor snow, nor Field ed. will daunt efforts to provide Lenten worship opportunities on campus. A joint Ascension Lutheran Church/Seminary committee has developed a schedule of weekly Wednesday evening worship services for the combined community. The new Service of the Word for Lent (CW-9) is the liturgical format; readings will be drawn from the Passion of St. Matthew and Luther's Small Catechism. The services will begin at 7:30 and be followed at about 8:15 with "Crossfires," a five-week program co-ordinated by Ascension's Social Ministry Committee.

Three persons are needed to lead liturgy and read each week. A sign-up sheet hangs on the Hagan bulletin board to satisfy your craving to step forward immediately. Any questions may be directed to Peter Pettit or Bill Shafer.

All members of the seminary community are encouraged to attend whenever possible. This opportunity to celebrate our community with those who worship at Ascension Church is not one to be missed.

Peter Pettit

(Super-intern cont.)

al, while the secretary frantically writes the idea down, (so nobody forgets it!).

"Super-intern has done it again! Thanks Super-intern for volunteering to get the program started and to do all the preparations and advertising! Meeting adjourned!"

Clark Trent: "Yes, Super-intern, you've done it again! Where will I ever find time to do all that?"

Will the work never end? Is there anything Super-intern can't do? (or get stuck, I mean volunteer, to do?). What amazing adventure will he face next time!????????????? Be sure to look for the next thrill-packed, amazing adventure of
. . . Super-intern!!!!

This story is based on an actual incident but it is grossly exaggerated and fabricated, as Super-intern wouldn't have it any other way! They are not meant to reflect on any body or group personally. They are simply meant to take a whimsical and hopefully humorous look at the life of a future pastor. Clark Trent couldn't possibly mean any harm to anyone; why he couldn't even hurt a fly!!

Comments would be appreciated.

THREE STREICHS, YOU'RE OUT
Brother Bruce

(The following statements were actually made by prospective intern supervisors and condensed into one interview.) S-supervisor, B-Bruce

S: Hello Bruce. Come on in and have a seat. B: Thanks, Dave. Y'know, after seven interviews, it's getting hard to keep my eyes open. S: You have a problem with your eyes? B: No. Good teeth, eyes, so-

lid bone structure and I can bench press a couple hundred pounds. Any other questions? S: That's good to hear. Now let me tell you about St. Mary's by the Incinerator. First thing I do is to take you to an X-rated movie. B: Huh? S: Yep, to test your reality. Once a month I like to take my intern out and wine and dine him and then we go to the theatre. B: I can get into that but I bet that the Bob squad or Baumann or the Breons or Endruschat and especially McElderry would enjoy that more. S: Now as far as worship service is concerned, once a month we have a structured worship service and the rest of the weeks, we let the spirit move us. B: I think you'd prefer Dani D'Aunay myself. S: Now don't worry son. Do you intone the service? B: Well, I try. S: I hope you are good because that's one of the reasons that my assistant and I don't get along - he's being terminated shortly. B: Sounds like a friendly church. S: Oh, it is. Do you have prejudices against transsexuals? We got one in the congregation. B: Can't say that I ever met one. S: Yes sir, I'm glad you're a man. Too many women destroy the church. B: I really think you ought to talk with Judith or Marge or Nancy or Teresa and especially Ruth. Uh, what is a typical day like in your parish, Dave? S: Well, we just sit in the office and wait for the phone to ring. B: Sounds exciting. S: Say, would you like to make a deal? B: A deal? S: Yea. We'll list each other as our first choice on the preference sheet. B: But that doesn't mean it's a match. Chuck has a say in this. S: I can get around him. B: Chuck, HELP!!!!

Note to Chuck Streich: If you grant me my first choice, I'll

THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH
A movie review by
Barry Mitchell

While its virtual disappearance from the Phila. movie market may give a clue to the character of this fiasco, I thought it feasible to give some further notice to a movie which may infect the lives of many parishoners.

Hal Lindsay's multi-million selling book was designed to "scare the hell out of people" and the sensationalist movie tries to do the same with pictures.

This reviewer counted 22 scenes of nuclear test explosions, 12 scenes of volcanic eruptions, numerous earthquakes, floods, and even a swarm of killer bees among the footage of T.L.G.P.E.

Orson Welles probably had a much more credible script with the War of the Worlds and one grows tired of his relentless pacing along a deserted beach.

Hal Lindsay himself presents the image of a loose, 70's denim-suited Camel-filters smoker (w/o the cigarettes, of course) but loses any credibility he may have had when he begins to quote Biblical passages in support of disaster footage.

The plain of Megiddo, the number 666 and the temple in Jerusalem all enter into the story, as does a woefully acted flashback to "John the Beloved Disciple, on the Island of Patmos".

All in all, the movie is a waste of whatever it might cost. The book is cheaper-- I'll gladly lend you my complimentary copy-- and the images would be better acted, more realistic and more believable in the mind of any 4th grade level reader.

Too bad they don't rate trash 'X'.

ADVENT VESPERS FROM
A WHEELCHAIR
Article by Keith Wilbur
Written by Fred Cook

Both Nancy and I were looking forward to the Vespers Service, since it was the first one we attended physically since our marriage. Nancy took me in that foul weather and when I got to the bottom of the steps, she had two people lift me up the steps of the chapel. As soon as we entered the chapel, we could smell the decorations. We got a seat on the right side of the chapel. We sat with some friends, and were greeted by many. The foul weather seemed not so bad once the choir concert started. It was very comforting and relaxing for both of us. The Spirit was present in our fellowship, friendship, and the service. The service was one I could not see, nor could I sing the songs, but I just listened. I liked the sermon, the choir concert, the service, and all the songs that went with it. The word "UNTO" gives us a new meaning; it was talked about in the sermon, and it was carried on the banner that led the choir.

What I thought was great was the social hour afterwards. I got to greet new friends and say "hello" to old friends. All in all, the whole evening was exciting and comforting, not only because of what was mentioned above, but because it was one of our celebrations of the birth of our Lord.

Our congratulations to the Bosts' on the marriage of Penelope Bost to Alan Judd, on Saturday, February fourth at Ascension Lutheran Church. We wish them God's blessings in their years ahead.

(Black Religion cont.)

A lecture at 4 p.m. by C. Eric Lincoln, author of The Black Muslim in America, will discuss influences of black sects and cults on public policy.

Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. there will be a lecture on the relationship of black religion and community services.

Economics, politics and government will be the topics of lectures on Thursday at 9:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. respectively.

Former educator and presently serving as U.S. representative, Shirley Chisholm will end the seminar by speaking on the subject, "The Function of Black Religion in Education."

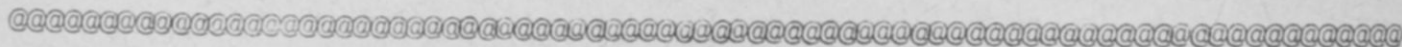
(cont. from Human Rights)

The statement also asserts that no one has the right "to control the mind, will or conscience of another person," "to deprive neighbors or future generations of life by selfish and profligate consumption" or

debase sexuality by abstracting it from personal relationship, making it a commodity for consumption or using it as a commercial inducement."

The statement notes that "'rights' is not a biblical category" but "historical and political expressions of the stewardship of God's gifts of reason and power for the sake of justice and community." It defines a right as "a statement of what justice requires in response to a particular human need."

In Christ we have been freed from a preoccupation with our own rights in order to give ourselves to the securing of justice for our neighbors in the world wide human community."



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