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PASTORS' CONVOCATION
APRIL 4-5

SPRING BANQUET
APRIL 21

The annual Pastors' Convocation of LTSP will be held this year on April 4-5 and centers on the theme, "The Challenge of Preaching." Participation by the Rev. Dr. Edmund A. Steimle ('33) and the Rev. Dr. John W. Vannorsdall ('48) will highlight the activities, which also include presentations by students and Drs. Richard L. Jeske and Timothy F. Lull and a panel discussion involving Steimle, Jeske, Lull and Dr. Margaret A. Krych.

Dr. Steimle was Prof. of Practical Theology at Mt. Airy from 1952 to 1961, during which time he began his tenure as the Lutheran voice of the Protestant Hour, which lasted 20 years. Following his service at LTSP, he took the position of Brown Professor of Homiletics at Union Theological Seminary in New York, where he still holds the rank of professor emeritus. Dr. Steimle's presentation at 3:00 pm on April 4 in the multi-purpose room will consider "Biblical Preaching and the Story of Good and Evil." It will be preceded at 2:45 pm by a tribute to Charles M. Jacobs, past professor and president of LTSP.

Dr. Vannorsdall, former chaplain of Gettysburg College, is now serving as the University Chaplain at Yale University. He, too, has served as the Lutheran preacher on the Protestant Hour. Dr. Vannorsdall will speak at the Alumni Banquet on April 5 at 6:00 pm in the George Washington Motor Lodge, Plymouth Meeting on the topic, "Images

Spring Banquet has become a tradition at Mount Airy in which we celebrate the completion of yet another school year. It's a chance to show off our spring finery, eat a good meal and dance up a storm. This year's event will be held at Ilona Keller's Dugans on Roosevelt Blvd. in the Northeast. We will begin the festivities with a cocktail hour at 7:00 pm followed by a buffet dinner at 8:00 pm. Dancing will continue from 9:00 pm - 1:00 am, with music provided by a really excellent band.

Featured at the buffet table will be Tenderloin Tips of Beef in Wine Sauce with Mushrooms, Honey-Dipped Fried Chicken, Italian Meat Balls and Egg Noodles in Italian Sauce. Included also will be selections of cold cuts and cheeses, salads, beverages and dessert (sorry, Eric, no cereal!).

Because of rising costs, the Social Activities committee decided to have a cash bar this year instead of an open bar, which will mean a savings of \$4.00 on the price of each ticket. Drinks will cost \$1.25 each.

The evening is anticipated to be most enjoyable and memorable. Ticket price will be \$11.00 per person. Watch for ticket sales in the near future!

That Move Us."

Opening worship for the Convocation will be held at 2:00 pm on April 4, with the student presentation on "Voices Around Us" following dinner that night. The panel discussion at 2:00 pm on April 5 will be moderated by Dr. Raymond Bost.



Letters to the Editors

To the editors:

You printed a query about the character of faculty meetings at this Seminary.

Regular faculty meetings are not considered open meetings to which the community is invited. The faculty may elect to invite the attendance of selected individuals who are non-faculty. Factors that have influenced the thinking of the faculty against regularly inviting students include (1) the participation of students in the work of the committees that formulate policies to be considered by the faculty; (2) the need for the faculty to be free to discuss matters pertaining to individual students as distinct from the student body as a whole; and (3) the belief that to ask students to serve on committees that formulate recommendations and also to sit with the faculty as it reviews and acts upon those same recommendations is to ask students to be poor stewards of their time.

Raymond Bost

March 11, 1978

Dear Barry and Marsha,

When I read "Goya" in the February 22nd issue of The Seminary, I was disappointed in Scott's sense of humor. But I was also able to allow for two things: 1) There really is such a thing as the "February Dol-drums" at Mt. Airy, and 2) what I find offensive might actually be motivational to those members of the community who were feeling a lack of motivation similar to Scott's.

My only concern at that time was a possible reaction of others who live beyond the Seminary wall. Now I am writing in

agreement with Pastor Henne and in response to your comments to him.

Your defense of "Goya" which you present to Pastor Henne is, to me, weak and confusing. When I gave you the benefit of the doubt and felt there could have been some motivational value in "Goya," you only considered it "amusing" or "offensive." Please consider the spirit in which this newspaper is published. There is enough offensive journalism elsewhere, and if an article such as the one in question serves purely as amusement, then it is inappropriate and certainly inconsiderate.

Secondly, what do you mean by "we aren't active for the Gospel and this state of inactivity is not consistent with the large measure of grace we have received through our Lord, Jesus Christ?" How "inactive" have we been for the Gospel in our field churches? CPE? Internship? Or a faithful witness to each other? If we are indeed inactive in the Gospel, it's time to consider what kind of personal witness we are developing before we embark on "full-time" ministry. Perhaps we should each take the question about "inactivity" in the Gospel personally.

It is sad when you must respond to Pastor Henne in this way. Frankly, it's embarrassing and offensive for me to hear the editorial spokespersons of my seminary say that "we aren't active for the Gospel!"

Active for his service,
Tom Irwin, Jr.
Intern, St. Paul's
Douglassville, Pa.

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your letter. The reply we wrote to Rev. Henne was written with the thought to print a rational, defensible reason for printing the article on "Goya". The Goya article was not intended only to amuse or offend, it was intended to

Letters (cont.)

ask people to take a closer look at themselves and the ministry that they do or don't do. The writer was attacking student apathy and urging people to action. As the reply to Rev. Henne stated "Our decision to print the piece was based upon an effort to attack the quietus present in our Christian lives." This was the intent of the article. We expected a variety of reactions including that of amusement or offense.

We don't believe that we can confuse the person with the office and say unconditionally that a seminarian at his/her field church or whatever obvious situation one might pick is active for the Gospel. By this we mean that in keeping with the grace we have received, none of us can be truly active enough for the Gospel. The truth is that we are all sinners; we have all come short of the glory of God. (Rom. 3:23). This is not to impugn the ministry that you do at St. Paul's in Douglassville. Neither is this an effort to impugn the work that seminarians do at their field churches. This is an effort to say that God's action in our lives and our reaction are not consistent. It is not our effort but God's effort reaching out to us in Jesus Christ which breaks down the barriers.

We would want to preclude your reacting with despair that you cannot do what you ought or with anger that someone attacked what you do for Jesus Christ.

If we can look upon what we do for the Gospel as a response to Christ's commission to be his disciples, to take up our cross and follow him, and to preach to all nations, then I think we can agree with the prayer that we use in our hymnal which says, "we give thanks not as we ought but as we are able."

I would have to agree with

your statement that "Perhaps we should each take the question about 'inactivity in the Gospel' personally." I agree, that was the intent of the article. Take the statement personally; examine your life. If you are doing all you can, then perhaps the article doesn't speak to you except perhaps to remind you of what Jesus Christ did for you. In the past week we have remembered what Jesus Christ did for us. We have seen how he entered Jerusalem in triumph on Palm Sunday, apparently accepted as a king, how he was tried on false charges and crucified and how his triumph over death was his triumph in our behalf.

If you find this article does speak to you, then it is up to you whether a change in your behavior is warranted.

In conclusion, let us point out that we are embarked on full-time ministry now. We are baptized members in the body of Christ and that is not a part-time occupation; it is a full-time vocation. We can only pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in living out that vocation.

Marsha Jark
Barry Mitchell

To the Community:

I am writing to compliment the Lutheran Seminary as a whole, and two students in particular; on the extremely successful blood mobile held there Tuesday, Feb. 28. The two students are Joe Irvin and Fred Cook, from the Social Ministry Committee. They recruited widely and when the visit was over, the scheduled 65 pints had been generously exceeded! I extend the gratitude of the Red Cross, and more importantly, the hospital patients who will be receiving this blood, toward the Lutheran Seminary.

Sincerely,
Carol R. Todd
Blood Donor Service Committee

Taking A Bath

Greetings; hope you all had a happy Easter and for some, a time to relax--be refreshed. First of all let me give you the answers to last issue's "helpful" review. ANSWERS: False, True, False, Nain, Festus, sparrow, fragrant plant, and 276 (They are not in the correct order; they're just the answers!).

Now for something completely different! A few weeks ago I heard that Mayor Rizo wouldn't seek re-election this fall. Since politics do effect our lives (Are there politics in the church!), I wanted to share something that I once found in the Tulsa Tribune (That's in Oklahoma.):

There are ways to tell a Republican from a Democrat without going to the bother of checking registrations. In order to clarify the matter the following differences should be noted: Democrats buy most of the books that are banned somewhere. Republicans form censorship committees and read them as a group. Democrats give their worn-out clothers to those less fortunate. Republicans wear theirs.

Democrats keep trying to quit smoking but are not successful. Neither are Republicans. Republicans study the financial pages of the newspaper. Democrats put them in the bottom of the bird cage.

Most of the stuff you see alongside the road has been thrown out of the car window by Democrats. Republicans give theirs to relatives. Republican girls date Democrat boys. They plan to marry Republican boys, but feel they are entitled to a little fun first.

Democrats plan, and then do something else. Republicans do what their grandfathers did. Republicans sleep in twin beds, some even in separate rooms. That's why there are more Democrats.

I trust that this has helped those who have not made a choice to do so.

Scott Larson

One afternoon while I was watching the kids I took a bath. The following is a verbatim of that bath. (How can you have a verbatim of a bath you say? Obviously you aren't a parent.) In each instance a small hand opened the bathroom door and a small head poked in.

Daddy: AH!

John: Daddy, Raechel hit me.

D: Tell Raechel I said don't hit.

Raechel: Daddy, John's going to bite me.

D: John! Don't bite your sister.

John: Daddy, Jarrod's blowing a horn.

D: Tell Jarrod to put the horn away.

(Because sharing requires on the spot supervision.)

Raechel: Daddy, Jarrod's trying to get a horn. Can he have one?

D: No.

Raechel: Good!

Daddy: John, it's time for Sesame St.

(Maybe that will take some of the pressure off.)

Troika: Bam, crash, run, run, run.

D: John, I said Sesame St. was on.

John: You mean we can watch it?

D: Yes. (Sigh.) John! What are you doing?

John: Running.

D: Why did you come in here?

John: I just wanted to.

D: Why aren't you out with your brother?

John: I don't want to.

D: I want you guys to clean up if you aren't going to watch TV.

John: I cleaned up my stuff. The rest is Jarrod's. (He's holding one toy in his hand.)

D: Glub, GLub, CLUB.

Now, you may be asking why I didn't lock the door. Because then the preceding would have taken place through the door.

"Father" John

A tribute to Keith Wilbur
by Mrs. T. Tappert

"Strokes"

It's strokes of the pen that show
might

And not what occurs to the frame-
When kept in a robe day and night
Or pushed about campus, or lame-

Which count in the long run, my
chief
Proponent of reconciled depths;
You've got what it takes to meet
grief
And well-known curtailment of steps.

No Christian should wail and com-
plain
About uncontrollable acts;
With goodness and mercy 'spite pain
You've courage in facing the facts.

It's admirable-praise without
ending:
Your patience plus thanks to your
pals;
I love your fine stories; extending
My gratitude-heart-felt! God smiles!

Special Student Body Meeting
March 20, 1978

I. Agenda:

A. Read proposed constitution.
By-Laws will not be read, we will
just vote on them. It was moved
seconded, and carried to adopt the
agenda.

II. Constitution:

A. Constitution was read by
President Wimmer.

B. Proposed sonstitution will
be submitted and voted upon April
3, 1978 at 3:30 p.m.

III. By-Laws

A. A motion was made by Jo
Witman to accept the By-Laws as
written.

B. Motion was voted on, moved,
seconded and carried to accept
By-Laws as written.

IV. Adjournment 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Devie Rippel

Student Body Secretary

On Tuesday, April 4, fol-
lowing the special service
honoring Dr. Martin Luther King,
President Bost will again make
himself available for informal
discussions with students in the
Refectory.

Guest Night
March 30, 1978

Our guest this evening will
be Dennis R. Martin. Who, you
may ask is Dennis Martin and what
might he have to offer our commu-
nity? Well, to be honest with
you, if you weren't able to hear
him you would still graduate and
your ministry would not fall
apart. The fact of the matter
is that Dennis Martin is the Di-
rector of the Court Volunteer
Services for the Philadelphia
Adult Probation Department. Big
deal you may say. What do they
do? The Court Volunteer Service
is involved in recruiting people
from the community and from all
walks of life to work with adults
18 years of age and older who are
involved with Philadelphia's
Criminal Justice System. Why do
we need to know about criminal
justice? I feel that the first
good reason is that in Philadel-
phia alone there are about 2% of
the adult population who are
either on parole or probation,
this doesn't even include youth.
A second reason is that although
the national standards and goals
recommend that a Probation Offi-
cer supervise no more than 50
cases, in Philadelphia the aver-
age case load is over 100. A
third reason you might want to
hear Mr. Martin is that most
cases the person on probation or
parole has no affiliation with
any church; a missionary field
in our own backyard? But anyway,
I hope I have whetted your appe-
tite enough to get you out to-
night. There will be a short
slide demonstration, a discussion,
and time for questions.

"Science Fiction and Religion: A Vision for New Perspectives." is a four-evening colloquium offered free of charge to all interested students. It is sponsored by University Lutheran Church of the Incarnation on Tuesday evenings, April 11 and 25, May 2 and 9 at 7:30 pm. Each session will focus on one short work of science fiction with a discussion of religious themes and questions raised by the story. Contact Ken Nicholson (EV7-2885) or Peter Pettit for more information.

"The New Ark Chorale," a child-group of the Univ. of Delaware Alumni Choir, will present its Philadelphia debut at University Lutheran Church of the Incarnation this Sunday, April 2 at 3:00 pm. The group will sing works by Randall Thompson (Alleluia), Billings and Berger, with madrigal, popular and sacred music represented. Original madrigal Compositions by Michael Larkin, conductor of the Chorale, will also be performed. A wine and cheese reception will follow the performance. Admission is free.

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Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Christ is ri.

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