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Celebrate Luther's 495th birthday on Friday . . . SIN BOLDLY!

### IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE DEAN!

- 1.) Registration for January Intersession and Second Semester courses will begin on December 4th.
- 2.) The subject matter of course #953: Black Theology and History, has been changed to a course concentrating on the topic of racism. It will be taught by Professor Marcella Sawyer of Temple. I will have a course description next week for those of you who wish to know more about what she plans to cover.
- 3.) Requests for Course #941 (Independent Study Project) are to be made through the Dean's Office. Independent study projects are usually limited to qualified students in their final year of study. The request should include the subject, scope and methodology of the project. The requests for both January intersession and for the second semester must be in the Dean's office no later than November 30th, 1978. Decisions about Independent Study Projects, including faculty member assignments, will be made on the basis of faculty work loads.

Faith E. Burgess

### HOW I KNOW GOD ISN'T A LUTHERAN

Were God exclusively allied with the Lutheran Church the book of Genesis would read something like this:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void; so God created a small committee. God carefully balanced the committee vis-avis race, sex, ethnic origin, and economic well being in order to interface pluralism with the holistic concept of self determinism integrated by linkages through judicatory guidelines. Even God was impressed. And so ended the first day.

And God said, "Let the committee determine the goals and objectives

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

"Anonymity" is a word I can hardly spell, let alone pronounce! It means (according to my co-editor, Webster's New World Dictionary) "being anonymous." This week you will notice two articles, "Brothers Bob" and "The Johannine Literature," that are anonymous. For me as an editor and for us as a fellowship of believers this raises the question of anonymity. We have a responsibility to ourselves and to our sisters and brothers in Christ to be accountable for our actions and if necessary, to sin boldly; taking a risk! That is what I believe; but I don't practice what I preach (which is my sin.) Since the Student Body By-Laws state; "The editor shall be responsible for the publication and editorial policy of the Seminarian" I wish to go on the record saying that: "I think it is no longer wise that we print articles anonymously and following this week's publication, this will become the policy of this paper for the rest of the semester and the future." I hope that no harm has been done to this point, for that has in no way been the intention of anything printed so far this year.

There are two other matters I wish to bring to everyone's attention. First of all the SEMINARIAN will go to press 3 more times this semester; Nov. 15th, Nov. 29th, and Dec. 6th. So plan accordingly. Secondly, I wish to thank all those people who have contributed their time, energy, and skills to this semester's paper.

In His service,  
Scott Larson, editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express thanks to everyone who made "Reflection Day" possible. I know that the faculty has been struggling for some time over what should become of this "institution" but having the unique position of experiencing the various attempts three years running I think that we can joyously express that "We've Found It." I think that I can speak for the participants of the Middler Class Reflection Day in saying that it was a great day of retreat, fellowship, worship and relaxation.

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Having experienced some last minute changes in plans some very special thanks are in order for Heidi Neumark, Scott Larson, Bob Stott, Bill Shafer, Ed Dufresne and Faith Burgess. Their willingness to jump in helped in making our experience very meaningful.

I'm sure those who participated join me in thanking the committee: Bobb Bolz, Bob Ashburn, Galen Tinder, Chris Nelson and Devie Rippel for their continued effort and support.

Beyond this I would like to say a special thanks to each and every one of the participants. The joy, spontaneity, love, and expressions of the "Spirit Alive" that day make our class the fellowship that I am very, very happy to be a part of.

In His Spirit,  
Mary Wien

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IT HAPPENED ON HAWK MOUNTAIN

by Joanne Kernitz

The junior class spent Reflection Day at the Hawk Mountain Boy Scout Reservation in Schuylkill County. Class president Kent Smith knows the place well--he was chaplain there for the past two summers. The rest of us had to go on faith, and were greatly relieved when we found that our building had indoor plumbing.

Our time was spent in reflecting, reviewing, renewing, roaming and rambling in looking, listening, learning, laughing and lazing...in cooking, card playing, conversation, conviviality, canoeing (and drying out after canoeing...in solitary times and socializing...in prayers and praises.

Dr. McCurley was with us, being himself, stretching our minds, and touching our souls. We thank him for roughing it with us, and for helping smooth our way. We thank the administration for giving us the chance to get away from it all and to get to know one another better.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

from Faith Burgess

"We've come to realize that many of our students come from state institutions."

WORST JOKE OF THE WEEK

Did you hear that Rudolf Bultmann died? We're sure going to 'myth' him.

Many people have been asking this question on campus lately: "Who are the Brothers Bob?" Our exact identities are, of course, a secret (even we don't know who the Brothers Bob are), but we will pass on what little information that we've been able to find out. . . The Brothers Bob are identical twins, except for the fact that they don't have blue eyes, except for one, and brown hair, except for the other. Both are very intelligent and extremely attractive to persons of the opposite sex. Neither have ever been arrested on felony charges or dug holes for Rick Reeser. Both are from New York and yet have never met Ed Perry. The Brothers Bob are very, very close, in fact they are closer than Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale. The Brothers Bob never argue or have any disagreement whatsoever. They respect and love each other (that's Christian love!) so much that there is no need to fight. If ever there was a good example of the true meaning of friendship, it's between the Brothers Bob.

Hot dogs: Congratulations to Bob Lull on his appointment to the faculty. . . We understand that for reflection days the unclassified students covered the walls of the amphitheatre with mirrors instead of going to a retreat center. . . Overheard on campus: "I'll trade you two personal stories for one media experience." Don't you think something should be done about Mark Oldenburg? . . . Ed Dufresne gets very upset when you kick his can. . . A careful chemical analysis of the substance found on doorknobs has shown that it is not "petroleum" jelly. . . We wonder if Arlene Stofflet has any ulterior motives in leaving her keys in the pit. . . Does anybody really believe that Glenn Zorb goes to his intern church every other weekend? . . . Joanne Kernitz thinks that Jean Barge is the Brothers Bob; it seems that Jean's car is from Brothers Buick, and she has a "Bob's Surplus Store" sticker on her car. So, Jean must be the Brothers Bob. Wrong. But good logic. Does anybody else have any other logically creative deductions?

This column will appear (by the Editor's grace) on an infrequent basis, to counter the outlandishly irresponsible pseudo-journalistic "Brothers Bob." Unlike said trash, this work will strive for brevity, class (albeit third), and standards indicative of a Lutheran educational institution. Inspiration will be biblical, historical, and contemporary, to wit: The prophet John, shepherd of Toledo, who predicted Ninevah in 4, 612 BC, and Los Angeles in 5, AD 1978. Johann S. Bach, supposed father of that patriarch of debauchery, PDQ Bach. And our very own President Hans Bost and Dean Juanita "Joan" Burgess, who have recanted and declared that Timothy "John Boy" Lull is indeed systematic, after all. Dedication of this virgin issue is to John Kaufmann, patron saint of order and reason in spite of and amid the LCA. Theological standing of this column rests on absolute refutation of the pagan dirge "In Heaven there is no Beer, that's why we drink it here." The Wedding at Cana (found in John, of course) is concrete evidence that Jesus knew what it was like for the "keg" to kick at 10 o'clock. First "Order of the Patmos Partiers" award to Foster "Jack" McCurley, for braving reflection days with the junior class--especially after that midterm. The only thing this column will have in common with the "Brothers Bob" is anonymity; no one is really sure of Johannine authorship.

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BROS. BOB (cont) A rumor is going around campus about Bill Damrow, but since everybody knows it, we won't repeat it here (besides, it's unprintable). . . Guess who has given up meat loaf for warm buns. . . Confidential to Earl Knauss: Yes, but don't let your examining committee find out. . . If you're interested, "contact" Mark Wimmer or Edith Roberts. Amen. (Sung in key of G, please).

Treasurer's Report--11/1/78

Balance--9/25/73	\$300.00	Savings
	<u>167.73</u>	Checking
	467.63	Total

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Beginning Balance

Expenditures

Athletics	\$ 1.45
Contingency	22.65
Publications	42.24
Sherry Hour	0.00
Social Activities	209.29
Social Ministry	0.00
Student Adm.	8.57
Union 7301	<u>12.96</u>
	297.16

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Income

Dues	\$ 928.00
Interest	9.69
Sherry Hour	34.63
Publications	<u>1.00</u>
	973.32

+ \$973.32

Ending Balance

\$1,143.79

Balance--11/1/73	\$900.00	Savings
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Submitted by,

Gerry Sanders, Treasurer

POET'S CORNER

by Keith Hardy

Broad Street and Chestnut,  
Soft and sweet, sultry, sexy saxophone  
Wails its be-bop beatnik jazz  
To the Indian Summer Sun.  
Tall and tan, foxy and fine  
The salesgirls and secretaries stalk  
the streets  
Like Panthers on the prowl  
While the three-piece suits, their  
legal prey,  
Devour with their eyes.  
And the last of "Phillies Phever"  
The blood-drop, red/white pennants  
Are cherry-picked from the lampposts,  
and flutter down,  
Like rubies over-ripe  
Like diamonds shining bright in a  
jeweler's street-front window

Wellington's, "almost real", saxophone  
squeal,

A soul moan...And I laugh; They stare,  
Then walk on by the saxophone and I  
Broad Street and Chestnut, Tuesday  
at noon.

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NORTS SPEWS

by Bob Ashburn and Dave Brant

The tennis tournament is now completed.  
The winners in the doubles matches were  
the team of Galen Tinder and Curt Wolff.  
Congratulations to them and to all of  
the other participants in the tournament  
who made it such a success. Supposedly,  
this is only the second time in about a  
dozen years that the tournament has been  
completed and we thank you all for your  
cooperation.

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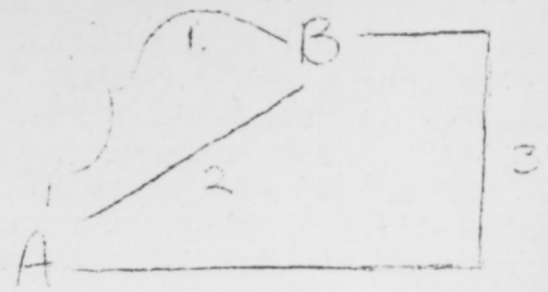
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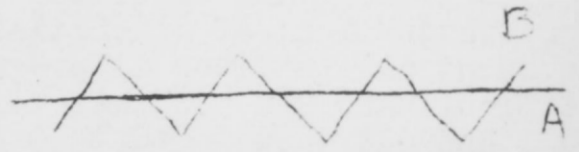
FATHER JOHN'S CONFESSIONS  
(and traveling road show)

PARENT APTITUDE TEST (Part I)

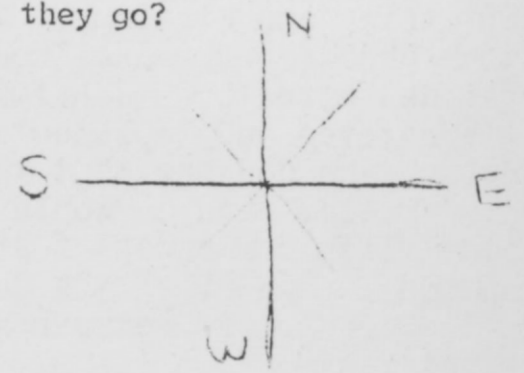
1. You must get from Point A to Point B.
2. Which route is "The Shortcut?"



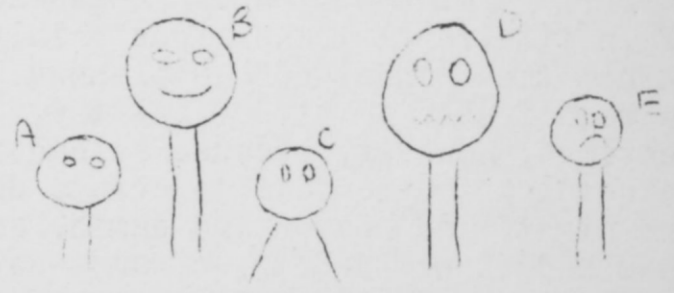
2. Which path is that of the child? Which is that of the adult and who is in front?



3. You are walking five 5 year olds home from school. How many directions will they go?



4. Label the family.



1. Dad
2. Mom
3. John
4. Jarrod
5. Rachel

of the imminent undertaking." And God caused the committee to prioritize and strategize. And God called the process empowerment. And God thought it sounded very good. And so ended the second day. And God said, "Let the committee determine functional organization and engage in long range planning." Unfortunately, a debate as to the semantic differences between goals and objectives preempted almost all of the third day. Although the question was never satisfactorily resolved, God thought the process was constructive. And so ended the third day. And God said, "Let there be a retreat in which the committee can wrestle with issues and engage in planning by objectives." The committee considered adjustment of priorities and consequent alternatives to program direction. And God saw that this was good. And God thought that it was even worth all the coffee and donuts he had to supply. And so ended the fourth day. And God said, "Let the programs be implemented consistent with long range planning and strategy." The committee considered guidelines and linkages and structural sensitivities and alternatives and implementation models. And God saw that this was very democratic. And so would have ended the fifth day except for the unintentional renewal of the debate about the differences between goals and objectives. On the sixth day the committee agreed on criteria for judicatory assessment of institutional transitions. This wasn't the agenda God had planned. He wasn't able to attend all the meetings, however, because he had to take the afternoon off to create day and night, and heaven and earth, and seas and plants and trees, and seasons and years, and sun and moon, and birds and fish and animals and man. On the seventh day God rested and the committee submitted its recommendations. It turned out that the recommended form for things was nearly identical to the way God had already created them. The committee expressed a sort of collective personal sa-

should have been created in committee's image.

Norts Spews (continued from page 4)

A table tennis (ping-pong) tournament will be getting underway in a few weeks. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Hagan. The same is true concerning a pool tournament; now that the weather is changing we will concentrate on indoor sports. Another tournament that has been suggested is a chess tournament, if you are interested see Tom Taylor.

Basketball is a regular offering on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm (wherever there is no coffee house), the next one being November 14. See you there.

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DOODLE CREATIVELY:

This space provided is for doodling; make it worth your while.

SIX (continued)

November 2nd was a warm and nurturing experience. We enjoyed this good time and thanksgiving and prayer!

"In everything give thanks": For the hard work of the Retreat Committee: Phil Gustafson, Mark Livermore, Arlene Stofflet and Lyle Sass. For the audio work by Ed Fernandez. For the sermon by Keith Wilbur. For the trouble-shooting help of Bruce Davis. For our musicians: Mike Cobbler, Mark Oldenburg and Sue Zoppi. For bringing the VTR equipment, Rick Reeser. For the only stars of the Video Hour: Edith Roberts (et. al), Bob Meyers, John Kuschel and Lyle and some crazy Bookstore manager without senior credentials, Rich Sauer. For the Collection, Glenn Zorb. For the babysitting war zone: post factum senior, John Hugus.

Then there were the faculty who graced our day: thanks for Bob Hughes, Tim Lull, Faith Burgess and Lyman Lundeen.

It was a good day. Amen, O Lord!

Bill Damrow

President of the  
Senior Class

P.S. And it is time to give thanks for Bruce Ewen's work in arranging the class photographs, along with some help from John Zoppi. And it is time to give thanks for the AAL Gift Census Report by Ray Miller.

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DOODLE SPACE: (continued from pg. six)

The AAL Banquet will be held on Friday---April 6, 1979 around 6:30 p.m. at the "Holiday Inn" at Ft. Washington. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Martin Heinecken. Single-type people may bring one guest! Married-type people may bring one guest (hopefully, your spouse)! Invitations will "officially" be sent out after the first of January. IF YOU WANT ENTERTAINMENT, LET ME KNOW!

Commencement ("The most beautiful sound I ever heard....") will begin around 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 13, 1979 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale, Pa. The service/ commencement will be followed by a dinner for graduates and guests at the Refectory sometime after 5:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Harold Albert. Robes and hoods will be worn over "street clothes".

Stay tuned for further vague information.

---Bill Damrow ,PSC

P.S. Wanted immediately: box of hyphens for incompetent typist.

P.P.S Hang in there , Juniors!  
You'd be surprised how fast this senior year comes.

Vote No!

NEBRASKA

CHARTER

Change

Henneh Nah Tov In the spirit of my title,  
"Acquaint Us", I must  
commend whomever is responsible for chang-  
ing Junior Reflection Week into L.T.S.P.  
Reflection Days! From what I hear, every-  
one who participated has benefitted.  
Many of the Juniors, for the first time  
found out who each other were, beyond the  
climate of history, form, and redaction  
criticism. The middlers stopped to take  
a breath, took some time to meditate, and  
lived to tell the story. The seniors  
enjoyed a much needed opportunity to talk,  
dream, speculate, and pray together.

Whether you retreated or not, my guess  
is that we all had a chance to collect  
ourselves. It was a healthy break in the  
action and we can come away renewed and  
recharged.

I'm sure you've been asked many times  
to describe what Seminary is like. One  
of my answers is to say it's like a four  
year retreat. I explain that the community  
is ideal for growth, not only in the  
necessary academics, but personally,  
emotionally, and spiritually as well.

I believe these reflection days have  
reacquainted many of us with who we are  
as a community in Christ. Our job now  
is to maintain that attitude and keep  
that spirit.

God has called us to this place and  
He has given us the gift of Love - -  
not so we can be ready to love when we  
leave seminary, but because we need to  
now.

"How good and pleasant it is  
for brothers and sisters to live  
to gether in Peace!" (Ps. 133:1)

Thomas

HEHNEH NAHTOVU NAHNAIMSHEVETACHIL GAI YACHADV 'ALY' DYZEYOUSHPASHEFARAVINOTHERWORDSIT' SGOOD! AHEH

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