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WORDS FROM HOSPITALIZED SEMINARIAN: by Paul F. Scheitlin

M*A*S*H*:

(M asquerading As a Seminarian in a Hospital . . .)

From the start, I knew my stay in the hospital was going to be a barrel of laughs. After all, put a Lutheran Seminarian in a Catholic Hospital, with a Jewish Doctor and it all spells trouble.

Admission went smoothly. All I did was present my Board of Pensions Insurance Card at the admitting Desk, and I immediately received the V.I.P. (or is that R.I.P.?) treatment.

To start, I was driven to my tomb, I mean room, by my own personal driver (in a wheel chair). Then I was given a private room, without even asking for it. (That's because I was in isolation). The room was so isolated, that it took a ½ hour before I received my gown & pillow. Either nobody wanted to be contaminated, even though they didn't know what I had, or maybe they were afraid I would start a reformation. By the way, the penthouse suite had the most breath-taking view of Newark Airport and the New York skyline.

Getting over the initial shock, the staff finally came to my aid. Within the next 10 minutes, I had three tubes of blood taken, a chest x-ray, my blood pressure taken, which was probably rising, a pillow, a hospital gown, (naturally tailor made), and plenty of fatigue. The greatest part was that all the nurses wanted my body, even though I may not be the Student BODY. (Apparently they didn't know that.) They kept coming back for more . . . blood that is. Being that it was around Halloween, I was beginning to believe in vampires, (especially since the staff nicknamed the Doctor 'Dracula').

That night, I asked one of the nurses if she could get me a Bible as it was clear that Gideon's hadn't had the pleasure of this room. Strangely enough she couldn't find one: What she did bring me though was a copy of Spiritual Canticles, a Mystical view of existentialism. Two pages of this and I got one of the best nights sleeps that I've had since I first felt the illness coming on.

The meals also were fantastic. You would think I really was in some MASH unit in never-never land living on C-rations and I was amused by the game that came with it. Since it was Halloween, I had to guess whether each meal was a trick or a treat. It certainly wasn't the latter! For example, when I asked for O.J., I got apple and grapefruit juice instead. (cont. pg. 6)



To the readers of the Seminarian:
 It is not generally recognized that the position of the editor of this newspaper is one of the most difficult and trying jobs on campus. Scott Larson has taken upon himself the burdens and obligations of this position and has managed to maintain high standards of quality and journalistic excellence. It's a tough job organizing a term paper once a semester, but organizing a newspaper once a week is a superhuman effort. As the pressures of this effort are enough in and of themselves, the pressures of being responsible for everything printed is more than enough to bear. We support Scott in his right to decide that all articles must be signed and that the authors be held accountable.

Again, we commend Scott on the great job that he is doing and hope that we are not out of line in thanking Scott from all of the readers.

Sincerely,
 Bobb Bolz
 Bob Ashburn

Announcements

**Attention All Interns **

Do you check your mailbox longingly each day to see if you might have gotten a letter from a friend? Well, you can hear from lots of people if you contribute to The Intern Page. Lets make the December edition a real special one. I'm sure we can come up with some good Advent and Christmas articles. Also, I don't know about you, but my ears are just itching to hear what you've all been up to. How about it Akron? Allentown? Wilkes Barre? Buffalo? Philadelphia? Get the message? New deadline Nov. 29.

Hope to see many of you at Advent Vespers, Dec. 14.
 Your intern rep.
 Jeannie.

Community Welcome!
 2 Red Cross Representatives will tell of needs for year-round volunteering and show film. Thurs., Nov. 30., 8 p.m. in the Tappert Room in the Library.

All seminarians and interns are invited to attend the PASTORS' DAY FOR PLANNING LENT, to be held January 10, 1979 (snow date: January 17) at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Norristown. The day will focus on practical ideas for Lenten worship in midweek. The presenter will be the Rev. Dr. Philip H. Pfatteicher, chairman of the ILCW Calendar Subcommittee, and author of the Manual on the Liturgy of the Lutheran Book of worship (the official guide to LBW, to be released in December by Augsburg).

The tentative agenda for the day is:

- 9:00 Registration, Coffee, and Book-Browsing
- 9:30 Responsive Prayer I
- 9:45 THE NATURE OF LENT, AND THE LBW- Presentation and Discussion.
- 10:45 Break (coffee, tea, and goodies provided)
- 11:00 ASH WEDNESDAY AND HOLY WEEK- Presentation and Discussion.
- 12:00 Brown-Bag Lunch (beverages provided)
- 12:45 EVENING SERVICES - Presentation and Discussion.
- 2:00 Model Service of Evening Prayer
- 2:30 Discussion
- 3:00 ENCOURAGING HOME DEVOTIONS IN LENT- Presentation and Discussion.
- 3:30 Responsive Prayer II

For more information or answers to questions, contact the Rev. S. Anita Stauffer, committee chairperson. (438-5600).

John Becker will be presenting a workshop on Advent Hymnody on November 22nd. He will include LBW Setting III. This will be his last appearance.

THE EXAMINATION of all Students of
LTSP

by Bruce Ewen

Who said we will be examined "enmasse"? The "committee" says it will happen, as it has these past several years, on March 11, 12, 13 1979. Are you ready for this "Big Event"?

Now that I have your undivided attention, I am talking about Pre-Seminary Weekend. This is the specific time when we will be examined by potential students. It is the hope of the committee that you will be a voice to those you know who are thinking of Seminary or would like to attend or will be attending LTSP. Two holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas are already upon us which will provide you with a good opportunity to be our personal instrument by inviting interested, prospective students to enjoy a couple of days on campus.

Pre-Seminary Weekend has always proved to be a good experience providing an orientation to campus life and academics. However; personally speaking, it has also given us a good opportunity to do some pre-spring cleaning or finally trying to make an impression on someone. But, it has been enjoyable for those of us involved (which usually meant the entire seminary community) because the fellowship gives us the opportunity to share and discuss with one another.

If you have not experienced this unique weekend, ask any junior who has attended, or middler or senior. So we are properly notifying you of this significant time. We hope you will take an active part in advertising this event and also speak with any of the members of the committee about your ideas, questions, or comments. The members of the committee are: Curt Wolff, Chairperson, Ruth Snyder, Larry Stiles, Carey Miller, Mary Wien, Thelma Cobbler, Craig Herrick, Bruce Ewen and Don Myrom.

We hope you will help us by supporting this fine opportunity of making contact and "being examined" by potential students.

More information will follow as we head into the second semester. Remember "PRE-SEMINARY WEEKEND" will be from Sunday evening, March 11'th through Tuesday lunch, March 13'th, 1979.

Norts Spews

by Bob Ashburn and Dave Brant

A new exercise group has been formed on campus and it will meet regularly Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. in the multi-purpose room. Wear clothes that you can move in. All welcome with the exception of observers.

Table tennis is a new offering, starting this week. The table will be kept in the hall outside the multi-purpose room and you can move it inside the multi-purpose room in order to play. Ping-pong balls and paddles are available for those who don't have their own, see Bob Ashburn, Room 100 of Main Dorm, in order to borrow them.

In the meantime, the athletics committee is working on repairing the pool cues and setting up tournaments in table tennis and billiards. Get ready for the upcoming basketball tournament by playing every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and for the volleyball tournament by playing every other Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., next chance for volleyball is November 28.

A successful bowling night, co-sponsored by the social activities committee, was held on November 10 as thirteen people attended. The best average was turned in by Ed Fernandez and there were impressive scores by Jim and Mary Brown, Lou Forney, Cheryl Meinschein, and Curt Wolff, who had the honor of buying the beer afterwards. Watch the bulletin board in Hagan Center for announcements on upcoming bowling nights and sign-up sheets for the various tournaments.

Father John's Confessions (and
traveling road show)

PARENT APTITUDE TEST (part 2)

1. You give your son the following message; "Tell your brother to stop it!". When it is delivered what will it sound like?

- A) Dad said, "Stop it!"
- B) Dad said, "You better stop it or else!"
- C) Dad said, "You better stop it or you're in trouble!"
- D) Dad said, "Stop it or I'll pound you!"

2. Match each child with his favorite Bible story:

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|---------------|---|
| A) John (7) | 1) Noah and Whale |
| B) Jarrod (5) | 2) Easter (Jesus died and he recovered. |
| C) Rachel | 3) Jacob and Esau |
| | 4) Cain and Abel |

3. Your daughter is eating a communion card during church. Her brothers:

- A) eat one too
- B) Bite each other
- C) Do nothing
- D) Complain because she gets something to eat they don't.

4. Still sitting in church: your son falls off the pew; your daughter falls off the pew; your other son falls off the pew. What should you do?

- A) Disavow any knowledge of their actions;
- B) Eat a communion card yourself
- C) Apologize to your neighbors (Who is my neighbor?)
- D) Fall off the pew?
- E) All of the above

5. The service has lasted 40 seconds. What is it that your son wants to know?

- A) May I go to the bathroom?
- B) Is it over yet?
- C) Can I have another quarter? Rachel ate mine.
- D) All of the above.

6. Your child brings you a picture of a hairy circle. What is it?

- A) You in the morning before shaving;
- B) The sun
- C) A spider
- D) None of the above

7. What has four legs and flies?

- A) An anteater
- B) A butterfly
- C) A picnic table
- D) All of the above

8. How did the elephant leave school?

- A) He got fired!
- B) All of the above
- C) None of the above

Pastor John

ANSWERS TO PART I

- 1. Route 1 is the shortcut
Route 2 is the long cut
Route 3 is the "reglar" way
- 2. A is an adult trying to walk four mph.
B is a child walking two mph slightly in front of adult.
- 3. All eight directions. Some of them twice.
- 4. A1. (wishful thinking a dad with no mouth)
B5. (sweet tempered Rachel)
C4. (the nice brother)
D2. (Mom - who yells a lot)
E3. (the rotten brother)

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by Bob Ashburn and Bobb Bolz

Surely, the sophisticated readers of the Brothers Bob column do not believe that Bobb Bolz and Bob Ashburn are the Brothers Bob! The editor of this newspaper, that poor excuse for a brillo pad, has been trying to get us to reveal our secret identities and has come up with this boring new policy of having a byline for each article. Naturally, we do not want to let the world know who we really are (aside from the fact that we aren't quite sure ourselves), and so we have stolen, without their permission, the names of Bob Ashburn and Bobb Bolz for our byline. These turkeys haven't a clue as to what we are doing to them- if you disagree with anything in this column go take out your vilence on them and leave the real Brothers Bob alone. Naturally, if you kill them, we will have to change our byline, but Bob Bornemann and Bob Hughes are still available, and they don't suspect anything either.

Hot dogs: Why does Mark Oldenburg wear suspenders?... Real type-casting: Phil Gustafson's role in Advent Vespers ... The rumor about Arlene Stofflet is not true, at least we hope that she wouldn't have sunk that low... We will not demean ourselves to even mention other anonymous columns in this newspaper which mock our own creative journalistic effort. You hear that, John? ... What did Jean Barge say about Bill Henderson the other night while she was in the pit?... Why does Gerry Sanders bowl right-handed?... Reports of John Houck's (KSC) death have been greatly exaggerated, he was just whipped a lot!... Why was Joyce Hathaway locked in a basement all weekend long?... Does anybody know if the rumor about Larry Stiles, Larry Hand, and Kevin Olgilvie is true?... Will the following people do something so that we can print their names in this column: Julius Carroll, Richard Lorenz, Gladys Newpher, Edna Steelman, Margaret Bost, and Faith Burgess.... And what about Art Beck and his electric potato?.... Does anyone have a prerogative to give to Ruth Hankins? How about you, Ann? Amen.

Poet's Corner

DEATH OF LIFE

by Ramona Carroll

descending
in
multichromatic array
a leaf
expires
in living color.
And an Adamic
grain
willfully
plunges
into the soil,
dying,
to live completely.

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To Beth Johnson

Next Tuesday, November 21st, we will be hosting the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 7:30 p.m. to be followed by refreshments. Students will be attending from Westminster and St. Charles Seminaries. Please take the time to come and share.

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is it true that all poets have a small case?

ask beth johnson for further details.

Finally, the day before I expected to go home, I got a roommate. Something must have showed the staff that I was a worldly, cultured person, because he spoke no English. This became really interesting when his family were there speaking Portuguese, the maids came in speaking Spanish, and the intern came in who was Cuban but spoke Italian and English. I thought I was in the United Nations or that maybe they were all speaking in tongues.

So for those 10½ days I was M*A*S*H*, and as you can see I had a great time. One thing for certain though, M*A*S*H* or not, being in the hospital is a trying experience. It most definitely is a comfort to know that so many wonderful people are thinking enough about you to include you in their prayers and thoughts. Thanks so much to both the faculty and friends who were and are with me as I go through my illness. I really do appreciate it. I'm looking forward to being in the community once again, so I can come out from "undercover" (pardon the poor pun). I've got lots of specific war stories to share. Again, thanks to all!

STORIES FROM THE BIBLE
NBC-TV Prime Time Special
National Bible Week Nov. 19-25

Each evening three or four familiar narratives will be dramatized. The cast of hundreds includes Lew Ayers as Noah, David Carradine as King David, Robert Culp as Joshua, Ann Turkel as Delilah, Ted Cassidy as Goliath, Roger Kern as young David, Vic Morrow as Pharaoh, and Jeff Corey as King Saul. With no opportunity to preview this series we can make no recommendation; however, it should be interesting to see just how NBC interprets the stories for today's television generation.

ADVANTAGES OF COMMUTING

by Wanda K. Snyder

Taking into account the lack of parking spaces and not looking forward to blustery, icy winter, I still would like to share with you some advantages of being a commuter. This October stretched her azure skies and ruby-golden foliage far into November, so that my turnpike time was a twice daily landscape painting.

If your devotional schedule is like mine it gets put aside too frequently for other concerns. Of course, I can't read Scripture in the car, but I've found I can read a passage while my car warms up and reflect upon it while driving. I find this time excellent for intercessory prayer. It is one way of keeping in touch with dear friends and relatives with whom I lost the frequency of contact due to my busy schedule. And, I really belt out some of those old Sunday School songs, as well as devotional hymns.

With the advent of mid-term examinations I discovered a good use for that Lutheran Brotherhood gift. My travel time need not be devoid of academic advantages. I taped outlines of text portions and class notes. Then, I played them on the road. I feel that final hour of reviewing class notes was especially helpful. This use of the cassette sent me scurrying to the audio library for Thesis Theological Cassettes, Lutheran Hour sermons, and other terrific tapes - a parallel free education.

Often I hear dorm students lament lack of privacy. I have two hours a day to use to just shut off the rest of the world if I so choose, or I can relax with classical music or beat my left foot to the latest pop tunes. My contact with the outside world can be maintained with the news station.

In short, my traveling time, unlike that of a worship service, is not just for getting on one
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Definitely,
God Bless You in Your Work!
The

NEW BIBLICAL SOURCE DISCOVERED ! ---

COMMUTING (from page 6.)

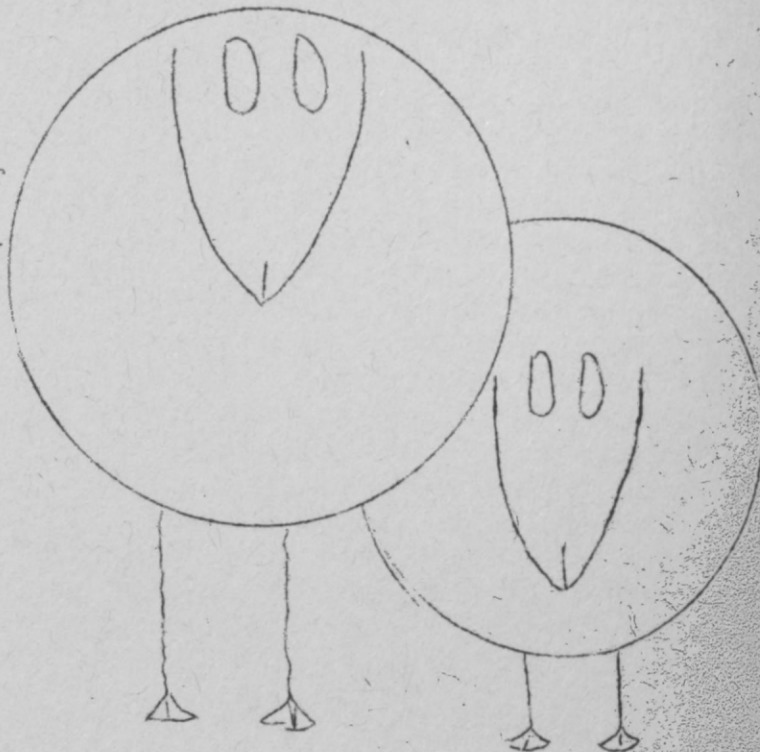
Contrary to previous thought, it has been discovered that the Bible was written by only one source. This source has been called the "O" source for original. The name of "O" was originally proposed, but this was rejected out of fear that uninformed people might think that "O" was the redactor of an "I" and a "T" source.

place to another. It provides time for devotions, intercessory prayer, thought of loved ones, study time, education, solitude, music, news and nature. Definately, there are advantages to being a commuter. The greatest advantage is that I am with my family each evening. Will someone remind me of these commuter advantages after our first major winter storm?

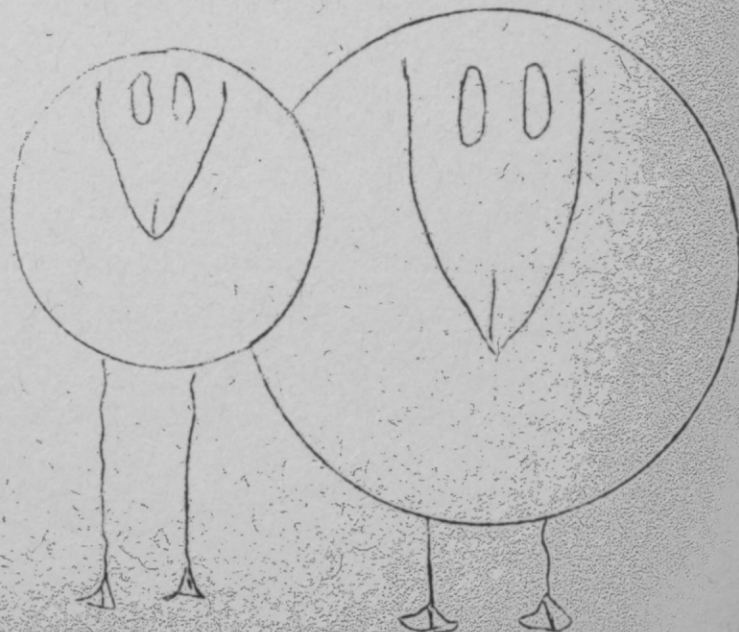
The O source is dated around the middle of the third century B.C. by means of the myth associated with the Septuagint. This myth is an attempt by O to give his work authority by claiming that his book was actually a translation of an older book and not the result of him pulling an all-nighter. (Daniel was written last when O was tired and this accounts for some of the bizzare language.)

We'll be glad to, Wanda.

This means that the original language of the O source was Greek. But the work rapidly became a best seller and so was quickly translated into various languages, especially into Hebrew. Some of these translations were actually discovered at Qumran!



The desire to lend authority to the book and the influence of Jewish nationalism around this same time, led to the claim that the Bible was written centuries prior to this and by the people that the O source mentions as being authors (Moses, Solomon, etc.). This latter claim has been long rejected by modern scholars, who have nevertheless refused to see that the first claim is also invalid.



There are some who will say that one person couldn't possibly have written the whole Bible in one night and will claim that part of the Bible was ghost written (the G1 and G2 sources, perhaps?) However, by use of Occam's razor, we can quickly cut this argument to shreds. The simplest theory explaining the fact is the one that should be used, and it is obviously simplest to say that the whole Old Testament was written by one source. Q.E.D.

This discovery has the added advantage of rendering first semester Hebrew unnecessary.

by Gail Parker

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360° Terns

by Delacorte + Wittic

This is a plug for
a nice place

If you think the
oath of poverty is
keeping you away

from good food and nice atmosphere --
stop kidding yourself.

Last friday night my lass and I were
about due to "dine out" (not to be con-
fused with "eat out" which can be done
at "Gino's", "Mc Donald's", and the like).
So we gathered all our cash and went to
eat up our profits.

My date, having never been to this
particular establishment before, was a
little skeptical as we followed Spring-
field Avenue out of Chestnut Hill and
down into the wooded Wissahickon Valley.
Finally, we came to the stable where those
who arrived on horseback had left their
steeds to wait. Then she knew there
really was someplace to have dinner be-
cause the small two story Inn, surrounded
by a "rocking chair porch" was in sight.

Inside, the dining rooms were loaded
with antiques and friendly staff. The
menu prices seemed to be about normal,
but when I was ordering the waitress
reminded me that with each Entree price
is included 1) choice of one appetizer,
2) choice of two vegetables, 3) a salad,
4) rolls and butter, 5) one beverage,
and (get this!) 6) desert!

Both of our dinners were prepared
just as we ordered and we will certainly
return soon to The Valley Green Inn.

The following is taken from the menu:

The Story of Valley Green Inn

"The original hostelry was in existence
in 1683, frequented by Pastorius and by
millers and farmers. Catfish from the creek
and waffles were the specialty. In 1778
Washington and Lafayette were reputed to
have dined here on their way from Barren
Hill Camp to Germantown.

Valley Green Inn is best reached (by
motor car or afoot) by Springfield Avenue,
from Chestnut Hill, or Wise's Mill Road
from Roxborough. An ample porch of the Inn
is attractive to wayfarers seeking refresh-
ments, while the entire area is particularly
inviting to nature lovers. Wooded slopes
on either side of the valley form a thick
forest of trees of great age with evergreen
predominating.

Valley Green has held the popularity
title for years. In May it is the scene of
the annual Horse Show and Parade. During
the winter when skating can be enjoyed,
this wider part of the creek is the mecca;
when the snow is deep enough for sleighing,
the Inn is the goal of the sleighing parties
as contestants for an annual prize of a
bottle of champagne. The first sleigh to
arrive at the first heavy snow
is the winner."

Take a break and treat yourself to
dinner at this beautiful place - -
you deserve it!

Thomas

THE STOBLUEFREUDIANS LIPS FOR THE LETTER AND COMMENT SON PAPER AND LBW: EDI TOR & FRIENDS!

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