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ASCENSION CELEBRATES 90 YEARS

Ascension Church is extending a special invitation to the students, faculty, and staff of the Seminary to join the congregation in worship this Sunday and to meet our neighbors in the Mt. Airy community.

The 11:00 a.m. service is a celebration of the Ninety Years of the congregation's partnership with the wider community. Gordon Simmons, Director of Northwest Lutheran Parish and lecturer in community ministry for the seminary, will preach. Local political, civic, and church leaders will participate & reception will follow.

The occasion is an opportunity for the seminary community to mark its own interest in the life of our Mt. Airy neighbors.

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS!

There will be an important Senior Class Meeting next Wed., Oct. 3 at 9:40 in the Amphitheatre. One of the topics we will be discussing will be the format of our Reflection Day on Oct. 23. This will be a day set aside that we can have the opportunity to gather as a class, away from academia, to reflect on any needs, concerns, joys and growth in whatever area we decide. There are some limited funds available for expenses if we need them. It is important that we each begin thinking about the direction we'd like our day to go so that we can brainstorm and come up with some concrete ideas next Wed. at the class meeting. Reflection Day is not designed to be a marathon of boring seminars, but it is hoped that it will be an enjoyable day where a community spirit can be fostered. Next Wed. we will need to discover what we would like to experience together. It will be at this time that a committee will be selected to do the nuts and bolts details needed for planning this Reflection Day.

Senior pictures will be taken in the near future. Come to the class meeting to find out more details! We hope you can all come out and take the opportunity to share your ideas with the rest of the class—your ideas count!

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Rowan, VP

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors:

Reading through this past week's installment of the Johannine Literature, I came across a sentence contrasting "...H.M. Muhlenberg's infamous scenario" with "...the radical pacifism of Friends' politics". This reference to H.M.M. has both Henry and Pete spinning in their graves with indignation. Believe me, you can hear the noise from the parsonage!

If I am correct, the "infamous scenario" to which Johann is referring happened in Woodstock, VA, at the start of the Revolution, when a preacher stated in his sermon that, "There is a time to preach and a time to fight, and this is the time to fight!" So saying, he tore off his preaching gown to reveal the uniform of a colonial Colonel. This sermon illustration (write it down for later use, Middlers!) was by neither Harold Albert nor Henry Muhlenberg, but by Henry's son Peter, who was a distinguished soldier, much to his father's disgust.

Henry was just not the type to do anything so flamboyant. Besides, he was none too pleased about the Revolution to begin with! Legend has it that he even walked out of the church (in Trappe) once rather than hold a service while there were Hessian soldiers encamped by the church. So much for the historical-critical method. Greetings from the church at Trappe to the exile on Patmos. Remember, Johann, Henry's watching!

D. McConomy

Dear Editors,

We feel last week's letter concerning a joke about a woman's call to the ministry may be too hasty a judgment on the men of this campus. We have felt in the past and continue to feel concern and support from the men of this community.

First of all, we have a committee on Women's Concerns. Furthermore, two men are actively involved in this committee's work and many more have volunteered to serve in varied capacities for the Women's Convention in February.

In the past, our professors have given special presentations concerning a Biblical understanding of the positive role of women. In daily lectures, our professors make a conscientious effort to avoid sexist language and thereby encourage students to do likewise.

Both student and faculty women hold key leadership positions in this community. These are only a few examples of support and concern for women in the ministry.

Communication is the core of any community. Look around! In the dorm, in the library, in the classroom, in faculty offices, and on the way to and from--people are communicating. Men to Men. Men to women. Women to women. Women to men. People are communicating seriously with one another and enjoying each other's presence.

Communication is crucial to co-operation. YES! We are called! But we are called to a CO-OPERATIVE ministry.

Joyce A. Hathaway

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Proposed Student Body Budget for 1979-1980

as of Sept. 25, 1979.

Savings account : \$561.31

Checking account : \$32.15

Total -----\$593.46.

expected income based on 125 students at \$16.00 per student = \$2000.00

Committee

Proposed Budget

Athletics	\$160.00
Contingency.....	\$100.00
Publications.....	\$550.00
Sherry Hour.....	\$80.00
Social Activities.....	\$700.00
Social Ministry.....	\$250.00
Student Administration.....	\$100.00
Union 7301.....	\$60.00

Total ..2000.00

Submitted by Beth Johnson, Tres.

Please bring this proposed budget with you to the student body meeting on Monday, Oct. 1 at 3:30.

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TIRED OF PREACHING THE GOSPEL?

Try waiting tables! -- Sherry hour needs two (2) people, preferably juniors, (so that you can pass on the tradition to those who will follow after us) to co-ordinate the Tuesday Sherry Hour and keep track of the finances for this non-profit organization. You need not do all the work yourselves - part of the work is getting those who participate to keep setting up and cleaning up. If you are interested in keeping this tradition alive at Mt. Airy speak with Teresa Bailey, or leave a note in Box 503.

Dear Editors;

Tonight we were supposed to have students and spouses at our apartment for "dessert night." I baked two cakes (it was also our son's first birthday) and Bob cranked homemade ice cream. The punch bowl was ready. One person came. We waited... and waited. The other people never showed up.

We found the time (and money) on our son's birthday to prepare for this event. I realize there were other things scheduled for the evening, but how long would it have taken for these people to write a note and put it in our mailbox, or give us a call? Several other people let us know they couldn't make it.

People, be considerate. For future events, PLEASE let your host know if you can't attend or are bringing a guest.

Thanks,
Alice Breon

THE JOHANNINE LITERATURE

Although I am assigned to teach only one course, and there are but seventeen lads in the class, this year is my first fling at teaching on a regular basis, with all the attendant responsibilities. Allow me now to bore you about this noble profession.

First, I worry about my appearance. I am blessed with a "baby face" which will most likely serve me well in middle age, but for now it does little to distinguish me from those in the senior class. Especially at 5'10" and with acne. Coat and tie are necessary at all times, to impress upon my fourteen year-old charges the authority which my obvious command of the subject matter will reinforce. Smart attire would be no problem were it not for two factors: one, a wardrobe straight out of hospital thrift shops, and two, taste which mother once said was "all in my mouth." So far, the only ones who have not assumed I belong on the faculty were a few parents, who saw me without a tie; I therefore must be doing something right.

I found out that the first text with which I must work bears little resemblance to the discipline. What is Shakespeare's The Tragedy of Richard III doing in Introduction to Social Studies? The premise is that, along with Josephine Tey's Daughter of Time, we will explore diversity in historical method, with the events in royal London of 1483-85 as focal points. Most of my boys have never read the Bard before, and social studies is not the place to begin. But with the aid of some excellent tapes, we are getting through a story with more turns of plot than a dog has fleas. Have you ever tried telling seventeen ninth-graders to be patient and wait until the end of the story, when all they want to know is who killed whom and why and when and who is married to whom and how is he related and who is York and who is Lancaster and...?

The first week, all I gave were reading assignments. Then it dawned on me that the boys were missing the greatest evening activity since television: homework! I assigned a quiz, and almost all earned As. Bright class? They wrote scenarios of a few scenes before class review and the bell-shaped curve came out of hiding. Now I have to keep in mind the social studies objective of historiography, so I must not become too wrapped up in the play that I miss the broader concept. The big exam is coming up, and they will have a chance to think about Shakespeare's role as a Tudor mouthpiece: only they don't know it yet.

Of course, the hardest thing for me to do is to speak on their level, which is not quite that of most adults. In the play, Richard III schemes to spread lies about his brother, the then late Edward IV, concerning ribaldry, licentiousness, and bastardy. I can only reinterpret the Elizabethan dialect either eloquently or vulgarly with little effort, but am sometimes at a loss for the middle ground appropriate for my students. So I try to let them brainstorm on their own about what is happening. You would be amazed at how the vocabulary has changed since our own adolescence!

So I begin on what I hope is a long career. I am amazed at how many of Dr. Krych's helpful hints and prophecies have come true. I hope I never reach the point where grading papers becomes a drudgery and not the fascinating challenge and thrill that I now experience. For me, this is the best of all calls.

Auf Wiederschrieben,

Johann

next week: "wide receiver"

Having sent Ruth out to chase an alleged squirrel poacher, and given Peter yet another can of beer, I am ready to continue another week in the role of the columnist par excellence!

The scouts from large corporations are still lurking about campus, this week it's food companies. They continue to prey upon the beaten victims of abject student poverty with offers too good to refuse. Nestle's wants Jeri Brown to be the new Swiss Miss. ****Hoosekerdoo!*****Likewise Pillsbury has made a lucrative offer to Mark Rieger to star as Hungry Jack. Anyone who has ever sat at his table in refectory will drink to that!

The word is that the cleaning staff has been having its problems in the dorm. Seems all the playdough just won't come out of Larry Hand's carpet. Is he the real Mr. Hand??? Let's just say if I were Mr. Bill Vanderslice I'd be mighty careful pushing those dishes thru that window....

Why is there such an acute shortage of toilet paper on the second and third floors of the dorm, and how does it relate to other LCA social statements???

.....anaweigh.....what is Pat Wirik's clerical shirt doing in Ruth S.'s closet?... I hear Jody was shopping for a new guitar string, a G string no less!.....Who's been grabbing Philo in the library stax. Whoever it is, Philo says he put Mr. Whipple to shame. OUCH! Can someone explain how polygamy fits into the bonds of covenant fidelity? Wanna try Jim Heckman? And ahh Art, let's keep that one off the meta-PHYSICAL level, O.K.?

By the way, good to see Mary Wien down from the Royersford area, but could you scrape your feet first, next time "Mar"?! (No letters please from you members of the Bovine Anti-Defamation Committee, yes, I know where we would be at breakfast time without cows)

Certain faculty members are under suspicion of owning stock in the Evelyn Woods Reading Program and allegedly are plotting to increase its enrollment by assignments made on this very campus.

Things to look for at Friday's party in the Pit (Yes it is important to be there, anyone who is anyone will be there boogie-ing)

People who dance on top of chairs (most probably from the seniors' ranks).....
.....John Travolta look-alikes, eh Craig?and Juniors who speak better Greek after prolonged visits to the keg.....

Your assignment for next week - Who is more Brown - Sarah or Jeri?

You are all invited to attend the Installation of

MIKE COBLER

as pastor of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Crmtwn.

Sunday, September 30 at 4 PM

6671 Germantown Ave. at Phil-Ellena St.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

John Hazel's Intern address is:

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"When all else fails, we can whip the horses' eyes, and make them sleep and cry...

Jim Morrison (1968)

SEMINARIAN MAILBOX

The following appeared in the mailbox of the Seminarian. It was submitted by Nancy Anderson. She requested that permission be granted by the author of POOH'S CORNER, and after much consultation and deliberation we agreed to print this poem/song.

THE HOUSE AT POOH CORNER

By Kenny Loggins

Christopher Robin and I walk alone
under branches lit up by moon
posing our question to Owl and Eeorye
as our days disappear all too soon.
But I wandered much further today than I should,
and I can't seem to find my way back to the wood -

So help me if you can, I've got to get back
to the House at Pooh Corner by one -
You'd be surprised there's so much to be done -
Count all the bees in the hive
chase all the clouds from the sky,
Back to the ways of Christopher Robin and Pooh.

Winnie the Pooh doesn't know what to do,
got a honey jar stuck on his nose
He came to me asking help and advice,
and from here where he goes, no one knows,
So I sent him to ask of the Owl, if he's there,
how to loosen a jar from the nose of a bear.

So help me if you can, I've got to get
back to the House at Pooh Corner by one -
You'd be surprised, there's so much to be done -
count all the bees in the hive,
chase all the clouds from the sky -
Back to the days of Christopher Robin and Pooh...

Editors note: Along with this poem/song was included a picture of Winnie the Pooh. The author of the column refused to let us print the picture because it has remarkable resemblance to the author.

DELAWARE RIVER CANOE TRIP

sponsored by Pocono Area Lutheran Ministry

Date: October 12

Leaving from Main Dorm parking lot at 7 AM

Arriving back at seminary at approx. 7:30 PM

Cost: \$12.00 per person (Covers canoe rental, insurance, and evening meal)

What to wear: Old clothes, sneakers, swimsuit (if you dare!)

What to bring: Change of clothes, bag lunch, plastic garbage bag (to keep the bag lunch and change of clothes dry), rope (to tie the plastic bag to the canoe) sunscreen or lotion.

Participants must be able to swim.

If interested, contact Craig Staller, Main Dorm 318, Ch7-9843, by Oct. 5.

- I. Opening Prayer and call to Order
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Minutes of April 1979 Meeting
- IV. Treasures Report
 - A. Presentation of 1979-80 budget
- V. Report of President
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Nominating
 - B. Judicial
 - C. Athletic
 - D. Bookstore
 - E. Social Ministry
 - F. Other
- VII. Class Reports
 - AA. Junior
 - B. Middler
 - C. Senior
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. Due process Statement
 - B. Other
- IX. New Business
 - A. Proposed by-law changes
 - 1. Social Ministry Committee - Art. IV, Sec. 8
 - 2. Orientation Committee - Art. IV, Sec. 12
 - B. Other
- X. Announcements
 - A. Elections will be held from Wed. Oct. 3, to Thurs Oct. 4, at 5 P.M.
 - B. Other
- XI. Adjournment

***** Proposed Amendments to LTSP By-Laws *****
1. Art. IV, Sec. 8

Social Ministry Committee: The Social Ministry Committee shall be composed of a chair (or 2 chairpersons) and one member elected from and each of the first, second, and fourth year classes within the student body. Its purpose shall be to bring before the Student Body issues which are relevant to the community around it. The committee should take an active role in meeting the needs raised by those concerns.

2. Art. IV, Sec. 12

Orientation/Re-entry Committee: The orientation/Re-entry committee shall be composed of a chairperson appointed by the President of the Student Body with the approval of the Executive Committee. This appointment shall be made by the third Student Body Meeting. This Chairperson shall enlist members from the rising second year class. Its purpose is to plan and implement the orientation/re-entry program in conjunction with the seminary administration for the following year.

***** All successive sections will be renumbered accordingly *****

Please bring the proposed agenda and the proposed amendments to the Student Body meeting at 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 1, 1979 in the Ampitheater.

POOH'S CORNER

As far as this week is concerned, things have been going rather well considering I am a Bear of Very Little Brain. The honey production is up, and things are looking real well for the upcoming winter. If honey was all that I ever had to worry about things would be real sweet around here.

One day last week I was walking around the forest somewhere up near Kanga's house and happened to run into Rabbit and some of his family. He had been showing his family the site where Piglet and I first met the giant Heffalump (but that's another story which I'll have to tell some other time). As we got closer, Rabbit said to me, "Oh, hallo Pooh. What brings you to this part of the forest on such a nice day?"

Boy did I think that was a dumb question. "My feet, of course," I answered. Rabbit was a bit stunned and said nothing for about two minutes.

When he did regain his composure he started telling me all about Eeorye. Now Eeorye and I are good friends and he had never said anything to me about the way he was feeling. I would have never imagined that Eeorye could get so gloomy just because his thistles had been a little dry this week. This little bit of information really bothered me and I guess I let it get the better of me, because when I got to Kanga's house she asked me why I was feeling so glum.

Well, since I didn't know what glum meant I told her I was just tired. Then I asked, "Have you heard about Eeoyre?"

Kanga answered quickly, "Yes, but what can we do about it. I don't know anything about boggy and sand. If he continues to get his long tail all messed up, Christopher Robin is going to have to cut it shorter."

Now I really didn't know what Kanga was talking about so I went straight to Owl, who is a very wise animal. But all he talked about was Eeorye and feelings and some turkey named Schleiermacher (Thanksgiving here we come).

That was the last straw. I decided that I had better have a long talk with Christopher Robin. So I did. Christopher Robin is a really great friend and he told me that he hadn't heard anything about Eeorye. He suggested that I walk over to the river where Eeorye lives and see exactly what has been bothering him. After all, Eeorye and I are special friends and we should be able to talk about things together.

Well when I got to Eeorye's place I saw him standing by the river gazing into the river at his reflection. When he looked up and saw me, he smiled and called me over. We sat down and talked. And you know what, nothing was bothering him at all. It's really weird how two friends can be so close and yet seem so far apart if they don't communicate. A special word of thanks is due Christopher Robin for His message.

Winnie

THE SEMINARIAN

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FIRST CLASS
