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RANDOM NOTES FROM THE DEAN

We are moving toward the mid-point in the semester. It is hard to believe that time has gone that fast. And once we are into November, time will really fly. A few items to share with you.

1. Reflection Day will be on Tuesday, October 23, and class committees have been working hard to come up with good programs. The Seniors plan to discuss spirituality; the Middlers, community; and the Juniors, on being a seminarian. It is expected that all students will take part in Reflection Day. Unclassified students are invited to share with the class with whom they relate most closely.
2. October 23 is also the mid-point in the semester and therefore the last day to withdraw from a course without prejudice to your grade. Should you be planning to drop a course, please see the Registrar before October 23. See your student handbook should you have any questions about the policy.
3. Seniors wishing to be considered for an independent study for either the January term or for second semester should have their proposals into the Dean's office by November 1 for consideration at the November faculty meeting.
4. Some of the community, both faculty and students, are finding the schedule this year a bit harried with every day's class times being different. The class schedule this year was worked out to fit the new worship schedule proposed by last year's Worship and Community Life Committee. There is no question that attendance at chapel this year is greatly improved over last. To consider changing the schedule again for next year, however, means one must begin by considering the chapel schedule. If you have cares, concerns, suggestions, share them with your representatives on the Worship and Community Life Committee.
5. This coming weekend there will be a special event in Philadelphia: the Conference of Black Lutherans at the University City Holiday Inn. Ten members of our student body will be attending the conference. Any other students who would like to go down for one of the days may do so by paying the daily registration fee of \$5.00. Top black Lutheran leaders from across the country will be speaking. It should be an excellent event.
6. 60 SAINTS!!!

*** SENIOR CLASS REFLECTION DAY UPDATE ***

Important Please Read

Hey, all you seniors out there! Tired of studying? Tired of looking up those books in the library? Need a break? Well, if you like getting together with your classmates for some fellowship, fun and food for the soul, then Reflection Day 1979 is for you!

The date is next Tuesday, Oct. 23 - The place will be Calvary Lutheran Church in Bustleton. (Mark English is pastor there). See below for directions. We will begin at 9:00 A.M. The theme for the day will be "Spirituality". The reason this theme was chosen is because it had been a high priority of concern among many pastors and seminarians. On this day we will try to come to grips with the need for, the object of and the tools with which to maintain a growing faith in order to be an effective minister of the Gospel. We will be dealing with issues such as, Spirituality as a way of life, the power of prayer and meditation and how to do family devotions. We have invited three speakers to participate in this event - The Rev. Robert Cholke, chaplain at Haverford State Hospital, The Rev. Tom Chittick, pastor at University Lutheran Church, Phila., and The Rev. Margaret Krych from our own L.T.S.P.

Also scheduled in the day are ample times for recreation, (on Calvary Lutheran's scenic four acres - pray for sun!) (Have you ever seen an Earth Ball?? If not, you will next Tues.!) for quiet reflection, for eating and for worship. ALL SENIORS ARE ASKED TO BRING ALONG 2 OF YOUR FAVORITE DEVOTIONAL BOOKS TO BE PLACED ON A DISPLAY TABLE, so that we can share our resources with others.

Remember, we will begin at 9:00 A.M. with coffee, and we will conclude the day at 8:00 P.M.. The spouses of students and faculty are invited to join us at Libation Hour at 4:30 P.M., and for dinner at 5:00, and for the session on family devotions to be held right after dinner. We will conclude the day with a community worship service. We will need to know how many to expect for dinner, so be sure to check your mailboxes for these information sheets to be handed in.

DIRECTIONS to Calvary Lutheran -- 9620 Krewstown Rd. Take Rt. 73 east, turn left at Meetinghouse Rd. Take this 'til deadends at Huntington Pike, turn left. Turn right at 1st light Go couple of miles and turn a quick right onto Pine Rd. and an immediate left onto Bloomfield. Next light, turn left at Verree Rd. 2nd light, turn right at Alburger, 2nd light is Krewstown Rd., turn left -- Church is on the left up the street a couple of blocks. It will take approximately 30 min. from Seminary.

Jeanne Rowan

MIDDLER CLASS REFLECTION DAY(s) - OCTOBER 22 and 23, 1979

"Called to a Community" is the theme on which the middler class will be reflecting. Dr. Aden, Dr. Bornemeann and Mr. Hughes are the faculty members who will be helping us focus on our theme. Plans include a pizza supper Monday evening, three theme presentations on Tues. with plenty of time interspersed for beacgcombing and other activities. After dinner on Tues. Holy Communion will be celebrated using the Chicago Folk Service. All of this will take place at the Brant Beach shore home of Larry Hand's parents, on Long Beach Island, New Jersey..

There are many Rs associated with this Reflection Day... rest, relaxation, refreshment, recreation, (rowdiness will no doubt break out), ruminaton, reverence, reading..(but no 'riting and 'rithmetic).

Unclassified students are most welcome to take this journey with us. If you can come, please contact Larry Hand, or put a note in his mail box (# 109).

The committee that planned this is : Larry Hand, Frank Anderson, Joyce Hathaway, Joanne Kernits, Deb McConomy, Wanda Snyder, Ruth Snyder, Jean Barge and Sarah Brown.

Joanne S. Kernitz.

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Your SOCIAL MINISTRY Committee has met twice and is destined to be an active group. We plan to do some co-operative ministry with Ascension Lutheran. YOUR committee members are:

ELECTED:	Don Hake	Box 517	Senior
	Larry Wetzel	Box 413	Middler (316)
	Jeff Lausten	Box 413	Junior
VOLUNTEERS	Linda Peachey	Box 410	
	Marvin Mionor	Box 715	
	John Maguisha	Box 905	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR in advance. Eat your liver! We'll be "asking for your blood" on February 28'th for the Red Cross. NOW we're seeking your support for the Philadelphia CROP Walk for the Hungry. You received a flyer in your box. See notice below!

The peoples of CAMBODIA are starving; YOU CAN DO SOMETHING about that tragic situation. Write a letter TODAY to one or both of our Pennsylvania senators asking them to use all available channels including the U.S. Food for Peace Commodities and Disaster Assistance Funds:

Senator John Heinz OR Senator Richard Schweiker
Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510

YOU are invited to join our committee. Next meeting is Monday, October 29'th at 3:20 p.m. on the second floor of refectory.

Wanda K. Snyder, Chr., Box 808

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS needed by the family of Sibabi Charles Ndhlovu, Box 713! Please check the list below and let him know if you can be of assistance to him and his family. THANKS!

Cereal/Soup bowls	Blankets
Serving tray	Sheets (twin, bunk, crib)
6 BEDS: 1 set bunk	Chest of drawers
3 singles	Writing desk
1 crib	Rugs

YOUR Social Ministry Committee Supports the
Philadelphia CRCP Walk for the Hungry

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28'th
Begin and end at ART MUSEUM

TEN MILES of scenic walking
along the River Drives

REGISTRATION begins at noon; begin when you can! ***

SPONSOR FORMS available in ROOM 218
All monies must be returned by Nov. 13
25% of all monies collected will remain in the
five county Philadelphia Area.

***Try to get there at least by 2:00! BE INFORMED about HUNGER. READ the World Hunger/Global Justice Supplement to the Sept./Oct. 1979 issue of The Congregation - big stck on table by mailboxes! Eye-opener!!!

THE JOHANNINE LITERATURE

This is directed in response to last week's Editorial, appropriately entitled "On this Rock". There is a significant dearth of quality and quantity in the year's Seminarian. To the extent to which I contributed to this malaise, I offer heartfelt apologies, especially to Ruth and Peter. I hope I haven't let you down. My anonymity stems more from shame at having to admit responsibility for some of my drivel than a fear of standing by my big mouth (or typewriter). The Editors have the authority to at any time divulge the author of this column; it sure as hell can't hurt my standing on this campus. But there are a few things that we all can do to make this publication worthy of the institution which supports (or tolerates) it.

First, take it seriously. This does not preclude humor, but it does require more than non sense. I have a distinct and concrete purpose in mind when I write, namely practice, and I must discipline myself to differentiate between frivolity and worth. So must we all.

Second, typing is a volunteer effort, but I have winced at seeing mine and other columns reduced to latinized gibberish by hasty types. This is treated as a chore, like penance and a remedy would be to give any one who has an article or an idea for such a stencil to fill. It may insure competent and readable copy. And I volunteer to type my own contributions.

Third, let's stop thinking that topics discussed in the classrooms are not for discourse in other settings, like Seminarian. Why not air unanswered questions, or try to resolve a confusing lecture? Many students here have the undergraduate mentality that when the classroom is left behind, so is the subject matter. I don't advocate total immersion, but encourage a little more openness, less competition.

Finally, see the Seminarian as an opportunity to share. Last year, we enjoyed some excellent poetry; where is it now? Are our poets too busy? Faculty contributed last year, but are silent so far. AHEN. Where art thou hiding? I've caught hell before for suggesting that the third use of the law be applied strictly to the clergy, and this is a minor but precarious way to re-~~late~~ that stand. If there is an 'ought' involved in Christian behavior, let it begin with us. We ought to share; here is one medium. Use It.

I had a great story idea about ancient Saint Simian, with loads of monkey puns to make it just putrid enough. But in light of the guilt trip laid on us by Cephas, such a column would have been out of order. If Peter and Ruth don't have a paper to put out every week, all they'll do is waste their time partying. So for the sake of our Editors' livers, let us kick in some good, stimulating, funny, thoughtful, and/or informative articles. See what happens when I vent my spleen? No one has any fun. (OK Breitsch, I wrote it. Now where's my \$5.)

Auf Wiederschreiben,

Johann

HALLOWEEM HAPPENINGS

The young members of the seminary community, their parents, and any friends will meet in costume in the basement of Ascension church at 4:00 PM on Wed. October 31st. We will walk to the Germantown Home for a Halloween parade for the residents and to give them each a decoration. Upon our return to the Church, we will eat our bag suppers and then go trick or treating around the campus. Anyone who would like to join us is more than welcome. Remember your bag supper!

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Nancy Moyer

Memorandum: To the Community
Subject: U.S. Council on Energy: Ruling 1011-R- Odd/Even restroom use.
Date: October 1979.

Effective immediately, those members of the Community who have social security numbers ending with even numbers will be allowed to use the restrooms on even number days. Those with social security numbers ending with odd numbers will be allowed to use the restrooms of odd number days. The 31st of any month is a free day and everyone will be allowed to use the restroom.

Visitors, heavy beer drinkers and those with bladder or other medical problems may apply at Hagen for a "P" sticker which will exempt them from these procedures.

Finally, please note that members of the community must be able to prove that they have at least half a tank to be allowed to use the restrooms.

Mr. Bill

POET'S CORNER

TO ETHER

by Ramona Carroll

It's not good for you to be
alone.
Divided from the flock.
Criticized for your special gifts.
Oppressed because of your inability to
play highly sophisticated games.
So God added to your numbers,
slow by slow,
those who were like you.
Individual people with varying
strengths and weaknesses.
Coming from the same direction.
Exercising together self-determination.
So God caused you to:
break bread with each other,
bear one another's troubles,
rejoice over the victory of another,
pray and stand tight together.
And God said "It is good."

The wind twirls and swirls the
autumn leaves around.
They dance as if fairies
celebrating the fall.
And at this time it feels as if
the wind is twirling and swirling
the emotions of my heart.
Around they dance
with the fairies on the ground.
Together they weave
the dreams seen from within.
Together they tempt the feelings
held secure,
loosen and set free the desires
held within.
Yet as the leaves settle on the ground
the emotions settle within my heart
and the dreams but memories,
till the wind comes blowing,
twirling, swirling once again
and emotions are freed.

ft. lauderdale - august 28, 1979
by j. hathaway

J. Brown

palm trees inked against a faint pink sky
melon colored clouds mushrooming softly above.
tiny black v's moving sharply across the nebulous swirls
giving rise to feelings of awe within me.
surfacing a childish thought of bygone times
when i would look up at rays of light
escaped from sundrenched clouds.
and explain it matter-of-factly as
god's glory leaking thru.

Dr. Joyce's Brother

As you may have noticed last week, the front page was not the only thing cancelled due to lack of interest! This campus was downright boring. There were absolutely no juicy tidbits available none whatsoever- in the whole general area. But things are looking up, although not necessarily for the whole population..... Take my roomie, please! But really folks, I swear she's been reincarnated from a former life as a hamster! She's been sleeping days and spending her nights running around in circles on the library floor.....something about exejeske.

What about that wild and crazy crew who travelled to a pizza dinner via Joy's friendly stationwagon..... Did Mr. Bill really ask "What's this knob for?"..... and what does Jeri have in common with Jacob after his wrestling match with God?????????

Did my eyes deceive me or was there an ordained parsonage visiting in the room of a Jr. seminarian? Did I huh, Cath'?? And by the way Cathy, why did you prefer Jeff to stand on the right of you at Chapel?

The juniors have survived their first Greek exam so I guess it would be appropriate to ask is Rick a moveable V or a removable Neu??? And what ever happened to the good ole days when after 5 days you had your first Greek exam on Chapters 1-11 inclusive?????????

I must bring it to your attention that I did receive a complaint from the author of "Seminary Lifestyles" once again (You remember the Senior Loga Party?) well this time it involves a certain Junior who seems to think she can get away with possessing reading material of questionable Moral content. It was discovered even tho it was being kept in a plain brown bag. Upon being discovered, she claimed it was a gift! C'mon Joy. I mean do you think I was born yesterday (Well Folks what do you think?)----- come to think of it, given the boring week last week turned out to be, I guess you could say it was a gift!

I hear Lou Forney is interested in getting a branch of the Polar Bear club going on campus. To direct the communities attention to his endeavor, he was seen running around campus in shorts and no shoes during last weeks cold spell. Brrrrrrrrr*****
Larry Stiles, did you really think you were going to a religious production of an OT theme the other week?????? What did you get in OT annaweight???????

Since Karl K. doesn't feel he must justify himself in life by " the amount of fuzzy stuff on my chest" the competition has been moved to the legs----- what Senior has the hairiest legs? (sorry men only).

Jean Barge, you said that was purchased in a bakery? The Big Apple sure do have the some unique shops doesn't it Sarah????????? Shame on you for sending your husband Joe to do the shopping!!!!!!!

Congrats to our esteemed editor Peter Breitsch for answering the meaning of revelation. I didn't disqualify him even if he isn't a Jr. Peter found his answer on P.99 of Tillich's Dynamics of Faith. I quote " And being grasped implies that he who is grasped and that by which he is grasped are so to speak, at the same place." Profound so profound. Peter I'm sorry I didn't realize earlier what a profound man you truly are. I will try to keep in mind at all times in the future.

Assignment for next week; Discuss the implications and ramifications involved if Kim Guiser were to change his name to Kim Volcano.

With this issue of the Seminarian, I would like to begin a column dedicated to unjustly neglected, insufficiently translated, new, and/or seasonally appropriate hymns. Since my knowledge in the area is limited (with luck I should make it through next week) I count on the advice and resources of my friends in the community.

For today, however, I present without any modesty at all, a new translation of "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" (SBH 7, LBW 31). Traditionally the hymn of the day for the Last Sunday after Pentecost (Christ the King), and the source of Bach's Cantata for the 27th Sunday after Trinity, it is now appointed for Pentecost 24 (November 18th this year).

To us comes the sentry's shouting,
"Wake up!", from high on Zion's mountain,
"Jerusalem, at last arise."
Dark and midnight seems the hour,
But watchers' voices clear with power
Cry, "Show yourselves, O virgins wise.
"Awake! The Groom is here.
"Take lamps! Be of good cheer!
"Hallelujah!
"Wait not for day,
"Yourselves array,
"For you must meet Him on the way."

Zion hears the Watchers' singing.
Her heart and then her body springing,
In joy she wakes and rushes forth.
Her Friend comes, from Heav'n all-glorious,
In mercy strong, in truth victorious,
Her Light burns clear, her Star beams forth.
Now come, Beloved One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
•Hallelujah!
And with our Priest,
Greatest and Least,
We celebrate His marriage feast.

Gloria! Lift high the praises,
In human and in angel phrases,
With harp and cymbal's ringing tone!
From twelve pearls Your City's portals,
We, with the chorus of Immortals,
Sing "Sanctus" round Your lofty throne.
No eye indeed has traced,
No ear has yet encased
Such rejoicing.
In it we raise
Glad songs of praise
Forever, from the end of days.

Submitted by, Mark Oldenburg

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Eds. Note: I would like to thank the whole community for its overwhelming response to last week's editorial. Sorry I couldn't include everything this week. It's a good feeling to have to make important decisions. Thanx.

ON THE ROCKS

Well-said, Peter, well-said; your appraisal of the fourth issue of the Seminarian this year is honest. I commend the detachment with which you can honestly criticize an instrument for which you are (at least in part) responsible. Nevertheless, I fear your concerns may go unanswered, and I write to offer an alternative mythology by which you can understand the particular structure of the universe known as the Seminarian.

Back in the days when nothing was that we know to be, all the gods were at war with one another. Over in one corner, Baal was constantly at Yamm's throat, Anath was avenging Baal's repeated defeats, and over all stood El, who really didn't give a rip about who won between Baal and Yamm, as long as the fight was fair and each grew from the chastening experiences inflicted on him by the other. Time and again Baal would face Yamm, and there grew to exist between them quite an affectionate bond. One could see the bond between them during the battles, for their eyes would meet and a sparkle of forgiveness would pass between them, as much as to say, "Here we go again ol' buddy; nothing personal, but this joker El demands that we keep at each other's throats because he thinks we'll both be better gods for it." For eons this continued, until one fine spring day Anath realized the creativity that could come from these two great gods. So she brought them together, outside of El's eye- and ear-shot, of course, and the chemistry was superb! Gladly they set to work on great masterpieces of god-art, but midway through each one old El would summon them back to their "proper" tasks, tearing at each others vittles. Finally, after abandoning numerous such magni opi for the old man, Baal and Yamm decided to forget quality and simply produce something that would be a testimony to their friendship and affection. And, lest El get wind of this and try to incorporate their creative efforts, too, into his insane scheme, they carefully avoided all reference and similarity to their "proper" tasks, save when they could incorporate such material in a context of sufficient humor and satire that El couldn't possibly think they were trying to be serious with the stuff. Thus was created the gods' great "Ishbetseferel", or in loose English translation, Seminarian.

Thus I would submit that the Seminarian serves a largely cathartic purpose for a student body too busy with theology to be concerned about issues and too cowed by an atmosphere of competition and demands of academic accuracy (if not excellence), to give the kind of thoughtful consideration necessary to any piece that would honestly try to set forth in the public arena a theological consideration of a social concern.

So while I admire your sense of integrity and your determination to produce quality journalism, I don't think the editing can be other than "right down the proverbial toilet" when the tacit function of the Seminarian is to be a receptacle for the theological excreta of a community that can spare no more for extracurricular concerns. With such an understanding, the device of pseudonymity, however reprehensible it may be, becomes necessary in the face of potential accountability for things that would never be ventured in the classroom.

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