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LTS CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN

Rumor has reached us that, instead of the usual angels and other beings associated with a theological community, the refectory was overrun with ghosts, goblins, and one sheep in wolf's (KKK) clothing last Thursday evening. We have heard that one who conjured up the rites and rituals, disguised as children's games, was also ringleader of the witchy sabbat. This person, alias Ellen Sautter, shall be rewarded for her misdeeds -- they have been noted well!

Apparently, Igor Durst and Family got loose from the chains in which they were securely (I thought) bound. The quality of chains is decreasing, while the quality of house-haunters is increasing. If this keeps up, we will have to call in our resident exorcist (Attn: Fr. Walsh). They are to be thanked for a haunting experience.

Special thanks is due to two individuals -- Mitzi Carr and Sharyle Marcy -- who were responsible for the goblins' gobblings. They were a bit light on the arsenic, but the ground glass added the perfect texture.

A certain Old Testament professor, who shall remain nameless, (after all, how many Old Testament professors do we have at LTS?) overstepped his bounds and actually assumed a biblical role. No one has discovered whether he was pretending to be Samson or Deborah, and he is not talking. Moses would say that he kept faithful to the heritage, and thanks for a job well done.

This Old Testament judge had the assistance of his private g-nome (straight from Switzerland, via Rome and points north) in his courtly activity.. This gargoyle had the courage to

assume two roles during the evening. Most people only had the stamina to accept the blame for one job, but special thanks to "Martyr Moritz" for his g-nomesmanship in distributing the prizes and restoring the castle to its proper condition.

The manager of the refectory is under special citation for her part in this demonic happening. She forgot to lock the doors, and then granted access to the thundering horde. Without her assistance, there would have been no place for the coven-ant community to assemble.

All kidding aside, grateful thanks to all who helped to make the Halloween (All Hallow's Eve to Fr. Walsh) party a great success. We certainly appreciate it.

--Association of Seminary
Women

etc...

No SEMINARIAN next week, due to reading days. The next issue will be published 21 November.

Wanted: a second-hand concordance. Please contact Deni Bechard.

The Gestetner Machine, on which this wondrous paper is printed, has been repaired!

Thanks to all those who have been contributing to THE SEMINARIAN. Your time, your effort, and your willingness to express your thoughts. Keep it up!

BRAZIL IS NO JOKE

It is my sincere belief that the attempt at humor in last week's issue of THE SEMINARIAN, i.e., "Alice's Doll," was extremely ill-advised. I would be less than candid if I didn't say that I found it positively repulsive. I hasten to point out, however, that I have nothing personal against the author of the piece. My objection is directed toward the issue which is involved: the inhuman suffering which is inflicted upon the Brazilian people by the fascist regime which rules the country. To speak lightly of a doll "leading a national uprising" in Brazil is a cruel joke, considering the political repression to which all movements for social change are subjected in Brazil. Political repression in Brazil means death at the hands of torturers trained in the United States at the International Police Academy at Georgetown University. This is not idle speculation on my part. The role which torture plays in Brazil is fully documented in IDOC International- North American Edition (June 13, 1970 - no. 5).

The following are three forms of torture mentioned in the IDOC article entitled "Torture in Brazil:"

(1) Pau de arara, literally, "the parrot's roost:" the prisoner, naked, hangs from a bar to which his hands and feet are tied; he is beaten and given electric shocks. The electrical discharges are administered with the crudest of mechanisms or simply by touching the victim with a live wire (110 volts in Sao Paulo, 220 volts elsewhere). The parts of the body usually used for the shock are the fingers, tongue, breasts, anus and sexual organs. Sometimes the victim is sprayed with water, to increase the effect of the electricity.

(2) Latinha (tin can) The prisoner, naked, is made to stand upright, each foot resting on an open tin can. If the victim is a woman, the torturers take advantage of the situation to fondle her.

(3) Police dogs: at the Ilha das Flores concentration camp in Rio de Janeiro, and at Sao Paulo (DEOPS- federal police), prisoners have been interrogated, naked, before police dogs held back by a leash; the dogs have been provoked in advance and from time to time are allowed to get near the prisoner and tear at her/him.

What is more, when Devi Prasad, General Secretary of the War Resisters International, spoke here at LTS last month, he had just returned from a visit with Dom Helder Camara, Archbishop of Recife. Dom Helder informed Prasad that he had lost six members of his staff in one week to the semi-offical "Death Squads" which are part of the Brazilian police apparatus.

In the face of this evidence, I do not think it is unreasonable to suggest that there are far more appropriate subjects to exploit for their comic value.

--Paul E. Clark

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THE JOURNEY

Life is but a path
through the mire of time
Each must make his choice
which mountain will he climb.

Every challenge thrown our way
we must face anew
We can't rely on others
to do what we must do.

What have we to offer
as we walk this path
We must be open to others
this is all we ask.

We each can find our path
as the journey ahead we face
But what's to be our purpose
as we maintain our pace.

--Philip Bogosh

OVERPOPULATION AND HUNGER:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

On Thanksgiving Day, most of us will sit down to a large dinner. In contrast, most of the world will face overpopulation and hunger on that day and on everyday. These themes have become important parts of the search for world peace and development.

On Tuesday, November 19, LTS will join in a nation-wide pre-Thanksgiving day of concern. The SCC has formed an ad hoc committee, headed by Fred Barker, to coordinate this.

We ask members of the community to fast for the noon meal on that day. We ask people to donate an amount of money equivalent to what they might spend for a noon meal.

The funds we collect will be channeled by the World University Service to needy areas of the world, such as the drought-afflicted area in the Sahelian region of Africa. The World University Service is already helping to organize these programs.

Please channel all contributions through Fred Barker.

THANK YOU, "SDS"

The appearance of the Sacred Dance Choir from Center Church, in Manchester, Connecticut, was very worthwhile for a number of reasons. I want to thank those persons from the seminary community who were able to find time to participate in the experience. The Choir's appearance was an important outreach by LTS into the community, too. For those interested in this kind of expression in worship, you will soon hear about a meeting called to see "where we go from here".

--Lyman G. Farrar

Editor's Note: THE SEMINARIAN wishes to add its thanks to those of Mr. Farrar -- both to the Dance Choir for giving so much of themselves to us and to the Lord, and to the seminary community for receiving them and their gifts in such a wonderful way.

I CAN FLY

oh how my spirit soars
across the meadow in mid-air
can't you see me soar
across the mountains and the sea
to the prairie and the lea
to the stars in the sky
and the village drifting by
through the valleys green with corn
to the coming of the morn
and if my spirit soars awhile
come and join my chorus, child

--Robert Morse

a fool

i was listening to a man along the road
and i
laughed at what he said. i said he was
ignorant
and i called him a fool. when he was
finished,
he smiled at me and went on his way. i
walked away
thinking of this fool man, and suddenly
i wondered
whether or not i had really listened to
him. was
he ignorant or was i? what he was saying
was
true, i just didn't want to believe it.
so i
walked on, i was now in search of the
truth, for
i had been touched by a fool.

--doug turner

FREE WILL DONATIONS

Ever wonder what that small box on the wall in the back of the chapel is? It is now a free will donation box, the proceeds of which are to be used for the upkeep of the chapel. Although we do receive funds from SCC, those funds are not enough to supply the needs of the services throughout the year. (Ever wonder who buys the candles, bread, wine, altar flowers, etc.)

So, if you have some loose change that could help to support our chapel (Don't we have a responsibility to chapel as well as the administration?), please feel free to drop it in the small box at the rear of the chapel. SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

ANOTHER ALICE'S DOLL STORY

El Capo
Polícia De Brazilia
Brazilia, Brazil

November 6, 1974

Dear Alice,

We regret to inform you that your doll was seriously injured in a raid on the terrorist camp last night. Unfortunately (for us), we expect her to be up and about in just a few weeks. We're deporting her post haste.

We were somewhat surprised that we recieved so little resistance in the raid, but soon discovered that they were all spaced-out by smoking a particularly obnoxious weed which grows here in abundance. We think it's a habit she picked up and brought with her from her forays in St. Louis. We all deeply and secretly admire her as a warrior, but we don't want the morals of our youth undermined by her innocuous habits.

Sincerely yours,

El Signor Predicadore Capo
Polícia de Brazilia

CHAPEL NEWS

There will be chapel services during the reading days (11-13 Nov.), but Monday's chapel will not be a preaching service. A few quiet moments with the Lord and some fellow Christians might be a good way to begin your study days. Think about it.

Monday, 18 November- Mr. Francis Ringer will deliver the sermon at next Monday's chapel service.

LOST FILE FOLDER!

Mr Farrar has lost his file folder containing correspondence, etc. relating to the Sacred Dance Choir appearance at LHS. It is a brown folder with label: Sacred Dance Choir. Please return to his office if you find it.

I'm looking for an economical dependable; second-hand car. Until I find one, I'm grounded! If you have any information on one that is for sale, please call me at home after 5:30 PM (393-7669) or you can leave a message at 397-8181, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Thanks!

Mary Ruth Allis

PHARMACEUTICAL CO. NEEDS SEMINARIANS

Techni-Med Consultants, a testing firm, is looking for 8 male seminarians to participate in a program involving a new brand of aspirin. They will pay \$125 for participation in the six-week program, tentatively scheduled to begin in February, 1975. If you are interested, please check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside Mr. Irion's office. Thank you.

Mike Clark

"JOY" "MAINT"

DR. GLASSE ABROAD

Dr. James D. Glasse, president of the Lancaster Theological Seminary of the United Church of Christ left last Saturday for Wiesbaden, Germany. Dr. Glasse will be leading Career Development Institutes, case study workshops, and pastoral problem clinics for air force chaplains stationed in Germany, England, Italy, Holland, Turkey, Greece, Spain, and Iceland. On Sunday, November 10, Dr. Glasse will be the guest preacher for the General Protestant Worship Service at the Berlin-Templehof Air Force Chapel.

This is one of several seminars that Dr. Glasse is conducting this year with military chaplains. Others have included the reserve chaplains for the First Army, Fort Meade, Md., the Command Chaplains of the Air Force at Laury Air Force Base, Col., and the Advanced Naval Chaplains School at Newport, Rhode Island.