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For three years, now, LTS has sponsored an "Arts Festival," to take time from the routine to give special recognition to the place of the Arts in our lives, both individually and as a community.

During this festival, we recognize as the "Arts" the many expressions of the various talents with which we find ourselves equipped. Whether it be through music, clay, needlework, ceramics, puppets, photography, games, herbs, or even a newspaper (!), we celebrate! Each of us has his own "thing" to celebrate through his own kind of expression. We each have our own level of competency and commitment to our various mediums, be it as a dabbler, an amateur, an expert, or somewhere in between.

The willingness to share our talents and expressions with each other has been an important part of our Arts Festivals. Many of us have found that by sharing our talents and our experiences, we have grown in them. The arts thrive on honest response.

But after this evening's worship, where the Caravan Players will be sharing with us, and after we take home our displays tomorrow morning, where will the arts go? Will you put away your puppets, your clay, your music, your drama until this time next year? Probably not. You will probably continue to paint, sing, pot, and photograph. Why not continue to share with us? The HUB is a good place to display the expressions of our talents, and could surely use some brightening up!

Give it some thought - how could you continue to share your talents with the rest of us?

- J. Deni Bechard, editor

Spring Is On Its Way. I have it on authority that it got hung up on the Jefferson Davis monument, but will be arriving soon.

Just wanted to express my thanks to all the artists, craftsmen/craftswomen, performers, and organizers of the Arts Festival. The members and officers of the ASW deserve a special thanks for the delicious dinner they served. Even Josh cleaned his plate! After the Gay Nineties Review, I have some questions: Was that the real Dr. Payne? Where is Ed Sullivan now that we need him? Does Paul Marmon preach like that?

Thanks to all!

- Dan Hamlin

Editor's note: As one of the "organizers," thanks to you all for your participation, including those of you who did no more than look at our displays, eat dinner with us, and watch our variety show. Where would we have been without an audience?

LOOKING AHEAD TO...

Book Sale in the Book Store (where else?) from now till graduation. 20% off!

Tennis Matches will be posted on the SEMINARIAN office door. Due to time, the singles will be single elimination.

A Volleyball and Net are to be had, thanks to Dave Kirk. Anyone interested in playing some (outside of the scheduled games) should contact Rob Doner.

Celebration Road Show will be at Centerville Jr. High, 7:30, Saturday. Tickets are \$1.00 in the Book Store.

Norman and Sandra Deitz will be here at 8:00 Wednesday, 23 April.

My oldest and best friend invited my wife and me to be godparents to his daughter, who was born last December. We enjoyed the ceremony and were greatly honored at being asked to "stand up for" the little girl. But one point in the service seemed to be completely out of context: the part where the pastor, having given the baby its name and a few drops of holy water, announced, "Thy sins are forgiven."

What sins? Crying in church? Chewing on her blanket? Can anyone look at a newborn child and truly assert that this child is a sinner? Apparently so, because this absurd doctrine has soiled the ethical teachings of Christianity unto the present day. Original sin represents a

world view in which man is viewed as a depraved, corrupt, flawed creature and therefore worthy of the utter destruction (or fiery torment, depending on your text)

a righteous God will visit upon him, unless he be made righteous by mystical union with a divine savior. This poppycock has caused Christians to burn each other at the stake, slaughter each other in bloody religious conflicts, and generally view nonbelievers with condescension at best. And why not? If one's mortal soul is at stake--why not pursue infidelity with sword in hand, wiping out heresy and insuring salvation for all?

The whole liberal tradition in religion cries out against the notion of original sin as a symptom of man's childhood diseases. Certainly, humans are not perfect. Certainly, men and women do commit grievous "inhumanities to man." But this capacity for error is also a capacity for good. If we were not free to sin with impunity, we would not have the freedom to choose good over evil. Make of man an original sinner and you end up in Calvinistic automation, double predestination, and hopelessness (unless you happen to be one of the Elect, of course). Make of man a free agent, responsible for his actions, capable of evil AND good, and you end up in reality. Babies are not born in sin, but with the God-given capacity for sin, without which they could not choose to reject evil in favor of good. Anything less than allowing radical freedom for his creatures would be unworthy of the God who created us all. Original sin would be poor planning on His part. I'm not ready to

Joyce Rupp, who is presently a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, has asked me to relay to the seminary community a request for books for the patients. The patients need enjoyable fiction books that portray real life situations and don't require a lot of concentration. She suggested such books as Please Don't Eat the Daisies, etc. If you have any books you would like to donate to the hospital, you could leave them off at t. Joe's with Joyce's name on them, or else give them to me. Thanks!

- Alice Zimmerman

ORDER OF ST. LUKE

Seminarians are invited to meet informally, April 23, with the Rev. Roy Hendricks, Associate Warden of the International Order of St. Luke the Physician, and rector of St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Philadelphia. Father Hendricks will be with us to answer questions and provide guidance for all who have interest in the healing ministry within the Christian church.

The exact time(s) and place(s) for meeting Father Hendricks will be posted later, when the jammed calendar for the 23rd has been carefully studied!

- Francis Ringer

WHO KILLED JOHN F. KENNEDY?

In the last 2 months, there has been more renewed interest in the assassination of President Kennedy than at any time in the nearly 12 years since his murder. Much of this interest has been sparked by the televised showings of a film - the Zapruder film - which demonstrates conclusively that the President was hit by more than one gunman. I have a copy of this film. I would like to share it with the seminary community on April 24, at 7:30 pm, in the Hafer Center. I urge everyone (seminarians, faculty, staff and administration) to attend.

- Mike Clark

ascribe such faults to God, and thus I must reject man's "sinful nature" and all the perverse notions it generates.

- Tom Schreck