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AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL SEMINARIANS!!!

Speaking anonymously for the F&M students who reside in Richards Hall, (I speak in such a way as I fear for my life knowing the strong-arm tactics of you 'Christian soldiers') I want to respond to the clandestine activities which you insist on conducting. First, why do you see a need to hold 'closed door' meetings in the basement instead of confronting us directly? Secondly, why do you insist on taking pot shots at us in your own version of the 'Intelligencer Journal'? (I resent that...ed.) We are available for conversation regarding the alleged noise problem. But, is there in fact a noise problem? Do we play our 'stereos' that loud? If there are occasional or even frequent outbursts, why do you blame all of us? Before you 'Christians' persecute any further let us see some evidence of the problem. It is so easy to complain; especially behind someone's back!

Even though it is our policy not to print anonymous letters, the above letter is being printed as an example of some of the tensions which have existed between the F&M students residing in Richards Hall and the Seminary community as a whole. I suppose it was prompted mainly by the article which appeared in last week's SEMINARIAN which was written, I admit, in a spirit of animosity. Fortunately, a meeting was held last night which showed significant progress in resolving the dilemma. Representatives from both sides met on the 'battlefield' and voiced numerous feelings concerning each other. The main complaint the Seminarrians had, as you know, was noise, while the F&M students

presented a resentment for being left out in the cold, sort of speak, in regards to many of the facilities on campus. I'm happy to report that both sides seem to feel much better in that we now share the problems rather than hold them against each other.

In terms of noise, 'Quiet Hours' have been designated between the hours of 11 pm and 9 am Sunday through Thursday. Weekends will be more/less open to the discretion of the individuals involved, but if you have a problem, don't be afraid to go to the source.

In the past there has been a separation (a very visible one at that) between Seminarrians and F&M students. Not only in what facilities are open for use, but even in the manner in which the dining hall is segregated. Most of the parties present attributed alot of the problems to this segregation, which has been the fault of both parties. In the future it is hoped that everyone can become more acquainted so that the entire atmosphere can be one of cooperativeness instead of back-stabing.

There were many other problems voiced including library hours, meal service, lounge area, parking, to name a few, all of which will come out more the next few weeks after a dorm council of some sort can be set up in order to have a proper channel to go through in dealing with issues.

I would just like to say at this time that I am very excited over the new possibilities this exchange has opened up and hope that continued progress can be made in providing comfortable living arrangements for both sides.

Bruce R. Druckenmiller

NORT'S SPEWS

Covering the sports beat here at LTS becomes very exciting this time of year as athletics blossom alongside the oaks and elms of the LTS and F&M campuses.

Opening the volleyball season Monday night, the spikers and setters (no, not Irish) from the Sem took two out of three from the opposition, scoring a key first victory. The undefeated netters are in action next on March 30th (Friday night) as they attempt a new season's record for consecutive matches won...2.

Softball has seen the opening workouts of spring training cause soreness of limb and sluggishness of stride, but those dedicated souls still are hard at work. We still have some holdouts, but it is club policy to withhold half of each player's salary for every practice missed. Notices concerning future practices and games will be posted in the mailbox area.

Soccer may be the most promising team this spring. Mainly because a lot of people have promised to play. (we'll see how things go when it comes time to run around) Notices for these practices will also be posted.

The NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) basketball tourneys extend through this week and this reporter would like to publicly support his favorites: The University of Toledo in Division I and Franklin & Marshall College in Division II. Why? You may ask. Well, U of Toledo is a team with a lot of heart and a solid defense, and they've been underrated all year, (Not to mention the fact that Nort graduated from that school...Ed..) and F&M had the potential to go "all the way in the NCAA". Good Luck to both teams.

Bowlers Results from March 14.....
Bruce 530, Mike 471, Nort 464, Todd 395,
Tony 393, Mark 356. Betsy 346, Vicki 311.

Slide Show

...I would like to invite you to a slide show about the trip taken to Shuth Dakota by six seminarians. The presentation will be on Wednesday evening, March 21, at 7:30. It will be in Faith UCC Church S. Duke and North Streets.

John Binkley

PASTORS' SALARIES

In the year 1807, a subscription list was circulated by the First Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati for the support of the Rev. Joshua L. Wilson for that year. 84 subscribers pledged:

40 bushels of wheat, 100 lbs. of beef, 21 yds. of linen, 1420 lbs. of pork, 700 lbs. of flour, Money - 13 pounds, 8 shillings, and 222 gallons of whiskey.

How things have changed!!!

THE LITANY OF THE APATHETIC

Min. Our Church has stood on the same spot for over 200 years.

Cong. Isn't that nice.

Min. I preach sermons that the people like and never disturb anybody.

Cong. We enjoy your sermons so much.

Min. Our ladies aid has more money in the bank than any other ladies aid in the association.

Cong. Isn't that nice.

Min. We don't believe the church should mix in politics, social issues or economics.

Cong. It is so nice to have a churchy church.

Min. Our Sunday School teaches the Bible from cover to cover.

Cong. Little children are so sweet.

Min. We believe charity begins at home.

Cong. And ends there.

Min. We don't like anyone to tell us how much we should give to missions.

Cong. God helps those who help themselves.

Min. We believe theology just mixes people up.

Cong. It is so nice to have our religion make us feel good.

Min. Our deacons are the oldest men in the parish.

Cong. It is so nice to have such spiritual looking men.

Min. Our Board of Trustees never wastes any money on new fangled ideas.

Cong. Isn't that nice.

Min. Our people are sound New England stock

Cong. We are thankful we are not as other people are.

Min. Our church is free to do as it pleases in all matters.

Cong. Nobody can tell us what to do.

Min. Our church had to close because nobody was as good as we are to continue it.

Cong. Isn't it a shame.

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A Visit With Representative Walker

On March 9, a group of us visited Representative Walker in his home on North Duke St. in Lancaster. Since each of us had a specific issue we wanted to bring before Mr. Walker, we decided to speak our minds, but to assure him we were visiting him as students of Christ.

Being concerned about the U.S. budgetary expenditures for war or preparation for war (either offensive or defensive), we expressed our disapproval of a 53 percentage figure in tax dollars going to human and physical resources. We felt that we should continue our discussions on this particular issue over the next few years.

Other concerns were reintroduction of the draft for both men and women, world power politics, peace studies curriculum, unilateral disarmament, and the Nestle Boycott. We felt the meeting was productive and allowed all of us an opportunity to know Mr. Walker better. We are looking forward to our future talks with him. Hopefully, other members of LTS will want to join us if they can spare the time.

Those of us who met with Mr. Walker were Allen Kroehler, Norma Ritterspach, Marc Weissels, and Sandy Fluck.

Sandy Fluck

Announcement

On Wednesday, March 21, a lunch time communion meal will be celebrated at noon in the Refectory. The entire Seminary community; students, faculty, staff families and friends are invited to partake of the simple meal and Holy Communion. An offering will be taken to cover the cost of the meal. There will not be a regular 9:30 to 10:30 AM chapel service on this day.

Tim Dykstra

Noah's Problems

And the Lord said unto Noah, "Where is the ark which I have commanded thee to build?" And Noah said unto the Lord, "Verily, I have had three carpenters off ill. The gopher wood supplier hath letth me down- yeah even though the wood hath been on order for nigh unto 12 months. What can I do, Lord?" And God said unto Noah, "I want that ark finished even after seven days and nights." And Noah said, "It will be so."

And it was not so. And the Lord said unto Noah, "What seems to be the problem this time?" And Noah said unto the Lord, "Mine contractors hath gone bankrupt. The pitch which thou hast commanded me to put on the outside of the ark hath not arrived. The plumber hath gone on strike. Shem, my son who helpeth me hath formed a pop group with his brothers Ham and Japheth. Lord, I am undone. Bring on the rains."

And the Lord grew angry and said, "What about the animals, the male and female of every sort that I ordered to come unto thee to keep their seed alive upon the face of the earth?" And Noah said, "They have been delivered unto the wrong address, but should arrive Friday." And the Lord said, "How about the Unicorns and the fowls of the air by sevens?"

And Noah wrung his hands and wept, saying, "Lord, unicorns are a discontinued line: Thou canst not get them for love nor money. And the fowls of the air are sold only in Half-dozenx lots, Lord, Thou knowest ~~me~~ how it is."

Having spoken thus, Noah wept and the Lord went forth and did likewise.

anonymus

Staff for this Issue

Bruce "slave driver" Druckenmiller
Timothy "Dynamite" Dykstra
Don "the Menace" Mason
and the poet who shall remain
modest and humble

The Stranger

In the star clad night he came
lantern lighting the way,
a stranger to my eyes
though I knew his name.
And as he drew nearth
my heart over come by fear
locked the door to the darkest room
to leav him knocking outside.

In the silence
of a lifeless still-
I hid from his loving will,
ever alone
nobody home,
A prisoner in an endless sea
to one who thought he was free,
echoing knock-
haunting me still.

Till finally in surrender's thrill
threw open the door to fill
my heart with his brilliant light
a stranger no more.

R. Michael Vaughan

The Waitress at the End of the Bar

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A lispy lazy evening-
with the moon a wishful smile.
The lady in black desire
comes to pass away the while.
Auburn hair and eyes so deep-
a brown, I'd lose my soul,
dare they meet mine a moment;
and take their fateful toll.
She passes off my heart
with a round to the man in the back,
a dimpled smile gift wrapped with the
glow-
of one who toys with the knack,
of turning heads and frowns
if one dare to look her way,
as she captures moonglow radiance
till the stars feel betrayed.
Had I not come here tonight-
I would not have left my heart
as a tip to the waitress who-
stood at the end of the bar.

Surely everyone knows that Mese!"
good servant A. Ritterspach could not
have been caught in the elevator. No
doubt the good members of collegium were
under the influence of too much water
and manna. The story is definitely
apocryphal if not apocalyptic. As every-
one knows the good doctor would never be
found with just one cup of coffee!

Balaam's Ass

Father Ed reminds us all not to
give up collatio for lent. To serve as
a reminder, he throws one (collatio)
every Wednesday night. And gang, its
not even a BYOB collatio (bring your own
bible). Now hwo can you refuse that???
See you there!!!! Room L216 at 7:00pm.

Anyone going to Wernersville this
weekend (Mar. 16-17-18)? If so, please
contact Jim Korpik or Father Ed.

Thanks!!!



WHAT ABOUT COMMUNITY HOUR?

We have reserved 9:30 - 10:30 each morning for community hour this academic year : for chapel worship and conversation/"coffee" times on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (with an extended service, often including the Eucharist, on Wednesdays); for on-campus concerns, town meetings, convocations and the like on Tuesdays and for wider community concerns on Thursdays.

A suggestion has come (from a discussion at the last town meeting) to change the community hour to 11:00 a.m.

Should it be changed/? Should it stay the way it is?

If you are interested in influencing the future of the community hour, will you tell us what you think in one of these ways: talk to one of us, put a note in any of our mailboxes, discuss it in your collegium and give us a report or respond to the following opinionnaire and put it in one of our mailboxes? Thank you.

Jeff Dick (394-7877) Allen Kroehler (393-7005) Don Mason (392-9439)

I regularly attend community hour on MON TU WED THU FRI

I never attend community hour on MON TU WED THU FRI

I sometimes attend community hour on MON TU WED THU FRI

I find the hour is good for my schedule YES NO

I would prefer another time of the day YES NO

I would prefere 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.

Things I like about community hour are

Things I don't like about community hour are

Other suggestions: