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Caroling on Monday!

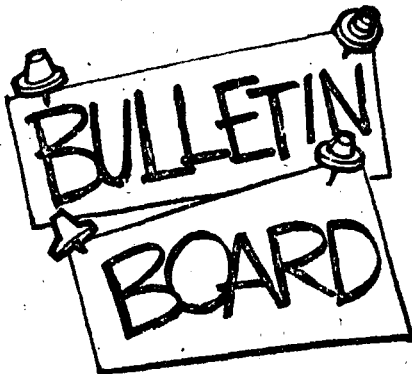
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The mayor's office has asked the seminary community to be one of the groups that sings carols in the city square over the holidays. Our date and time are Monday evening, December 12 from 7:00 - 8:00. This is a good chance to share with the broader community some of the joy we experience, and we hope for a large group of singers and some instrumentalists.

Charlotte Whiting, Community Affairs Comm.

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There will be a meeting to ratify the SCC's proposed constitution on Wednesday, December 7th at 3:15 PM in the lounge in the basement of Richard's Hall. Each person has equal voice and vote at this meeting
Lee Zortman



The LTS community will decorate a Christmas tree very shortly. The decorations for the tree need to be contributed. Constructions of any sort would be acceptable I guess. Contact Lois Fritz or Tom Kennedy.

Town Meeting Results

Anyone interested in going to Philadelphia to see a Seventy-Sixers game on March 10th against the Boston Celtics please sign the signup sheet located in the library in the mailbox area or talk to me.

Bruce Druckenmiller

Basketball report:

Well, we lost again...but it was closer. The standout for the game was Allen Heckman and the spastic award is my honor for the fine act of dribbling the ball off my foot! This Thursday we play the Salvation Army at their gym at 8:15 p.m. Come on out and play.

Al Mann

Ball and pins flew everywhere last week in the bowling league. Bruce Druckenmiller set a seminary history record for a single series with a 591 (195, 197, 199). Doctor Englert held the previous high series for the year with 528. Doctor Englert also holds the record for the single high game in LTS history - 264 - I think.

The month's town meeting was held this morning to discuss the campus worship and spiritual life. Many ideas offered much help to the worship committee's efforts to make the life of this community better. If you have further suggestions contact one of the members of the committee...of whom a few are: Craig, Ben, Pam, Ike, and P. Duke.



The following is the introduction to Ian Dixon's sermon presented at the ordination of David Turner. It spoke very much to David as he asked me to publish it. As I read it, it meant very much to me. It has so much to offer as we think of the church and ministry. Below is just the introductory illustration which leads Ian into his private thoughts on ministry. The rest of the sermon will appear in the next two issues so save them and put them together.

"It gives me a feeling of very deep pleasure tonight to be able to address words at an occasion as important as this. And I really want to begin with a story that comes from Boccaccio's 'Decamerone', a strange little story about a French Jew who was wanting to become a Christian and was under instruction by his priest in Paris and was really ready to be baptized into the Catholic Church. This was in prereformation and renaissance days and the Jew has some little misgivings just at the last moment and said, Before I commit myself to the church, I want to go to the fountainhead of it all. I want to go to Rome and see how the church operates at its headquarters. (It's a very dangerous thing to go and see how any church operates at its headquarters!) And it was a peculiarly dangerous thing for this French Jew to do. The priest was in despair. He said to himself that if the Jew went to Rome and saw the profligacy of the Papal Court and the worldliness of the Cardinals, he most certainly would come away with such a bad impression that he would not be baptized, so the priest was disappointed at this decision. Many months went by while the Jew made his journey to Rome and finally returned and went to the priest and said he was ready for baptism. The priest was amazed at the decision and asked him why. And he said he went to Rome and he saw the profligacy of the Papal Court and the worldliness of the Cardinals. He was sure that an institution that could survive all that must be founded upon the rock of truth and therefore he was ready to become a Christian."

Part Two next week.

Submitted by David Turner
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Dixon.

Beheld
I Bring
You Tidings
of Great Joy...
You are Loved

