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## CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL NEWS

The festival is moving along. Tonight we will be going caroling (Thurs. at 7:00). We will meet in the Hub and come back to the Hub afterwards for Hot Chocolate. Friday morning chapel will be a special Chrisman Service. Please try to join in our worship celebrating the birth, life, and love of Christ.

The morning workshop for the children has been canceled. However, we will have an afternoon workshop. We will be going to Little People and Lancaster Day Nurseries to pick up the children (with parental permission). If you would like your child to participate please bring them or contact us to pick them up.

Tomorrow evening at 5:30 we will have a community covered dish supper. There are 80 people coming. After supper will we have a puppet show, decorating of the community Christmas tree, and a visit by Santa Claus. Please, come and join in the festivities. See you there.

Joyce Rupp

## MY FAMILY ALBUM

During this holiday season, thoughts turn to our families and the joys we have experienced all during our lives. I want to share with you a brief history of some of my own family members; hoping that you too will begin to recall with pleasure, members of your own family.

Doctor Frank (shorty) Jessup:  
Former gang leader who later became

## LY FAMILY ALBUM (cont.)

involved with the Kennedy Family.  
Roscoe Jessup: invented the digital clock by mistake. He was searching for the small pox vaccine at the time.  
Dudley R. Jessup: Once said: "How do you feel about that," to Tom Schreck and lived.

Betsy R. Jessup: former call girl to H.R. Waldeman.

Arnold (Juice) Jessup: credited with saving the entire 101st Airborne Div in WWII. He once single-handedly destroyed an airbase controlled by Rumanian midgets.

Bronko Jessup: instrumental in the discovery of New Jersey in 1937.

William (Snake Man) Jessup: introduced a tribe in Africa to brillo-pads (1960's).

D.C.A. Jessup: first ambulance attendant to use the Masters & Johnson technique of burning children.

Hugh (Pinko) Jessup: former spiritual advisor to Joe McCarthy. Later became president of General Motors.

Ralph (Fool) Jessup: first person to attempt entrance into a seminary using the excuse, "I'm God."

Senator James Jessup: once argued that President Ford was indeed living in Washington. Later sold his wife & children to a pawn broker in Buffalo, NY for campaign expense money.

Clyde (Killer) Jessup: once stood at the entrance to his car wash to bar any car with foreign license plates.

Fond remembrances from,

D. Lee Jessup

## OPEN HOUSE

The Seminary community is invited to an "Open House" at the Farrars (519 W. James) following the Christmas service in Santee Chapel on Dec. 16.

The Farrars

Christmas Candlelight Service - Tues. Dec. 16th - Santee Chapel - 8:00pm

## HERETIC IN THE HUB

Dr. Anthony F.C. Wallace, in his remarkable book Religion, AN Anthropological View (1966), lists "Exhortation: Addressing Another Human Being" as one of the thirteen minimal categories of religious behavior. Wallace writes: "The shaman, the priest, the minister, the prophet, all occupy their special status by virtue of a unique contract between themselves and the divine to which others are not privy," (p. 56).

This is a most unpopular view of the station of the preacher/pastor in liberal Protestantism, but I am convinced it is still the dominant image in both the minds of our parishoners and our own unconscious assumptions. We may talk in glowing terms of the priesthood of all believers, but it is the paid professional preacher who gets up there and gives 'em hell every Sunday. We may disdain, dispute, and disavow our "special status," but we love it, too, don't we? What a great feeling--to be a representative of the Truth (i.e., God), to bring the Word to the people! Yet our special status, in the best Tillichian terms, must be affirmed and denied at the same time, lest the congregation in their search for spiritual leadership or we in our hunger for the Divine Mandate confuse the messenger with the Message he proclaims. A judicious mixture of humility and chutzpah would seem to be the optimum for a preacher in carrying out his vital task.

Preaching is not central in Protestant worship--preaching IS Protestant worship. What's the difference between a Wednesday night prayer meeting and a mid-week church service? There won't be a sermon at the prayer meeting. Even those times in which we substitute audio-visual, multi-media messages for the spoken word--and I believe we should do much more of this--such a substitution is to meet the need of the congregation to hear "the Word," whatever that means to them.

Dr. Clyde Reid, in his book The Empty Pulpit, put his finger on a real weakness in our preaching format when he identified our lack of inter-action with the congregation, the absence of feedback, as the main fault of modern sermonizing. Perhaps we prospective clergypersons should note this important point: If ministers can risk talking with people who may challenge their right to claim that special status, if preachers can take dialogue and disagreement without their egos suffering too badly, if they can earn the respect of the people through demonstrating that they have, indeed, merited their special

## GOODBYE TO SEMINARY COMRADE

Faculty and Friends:

I am very grateful to LTS for giving me the privilege of studying here. Time has come for me to say good-bye to you all.

I remember the 1st day (Sept. 19th 1974) when I saw all you as "strangers" and now you can imagine how much pain it is for me to leave the Seminary.

Well, when I look back on my year and a half of life at the Seminary I am grateful about all that happened to me because I took my experience as "Life Learning." It was good and helpful for my future ministry. I have a deep sense of respect and gratitude to all my "Teachers." What you taught me I will take back with me and hope to use in my work.

Many of you who helped me in many ways I thank you, especially Allen, Don and "The Traceys". I want to say a sentence we used in my place, "You helped me so much so the last word appreciation, we say friend, now I am ready to wash your feet and drink that water." Well, I am very, very grateful to you all.

I will be leaving the Seminary on 20th of December. Spending my last Christmas with the Shatzers in Camp Hill. Then I will be leaving from Harrisburg to New York the first of January. On my way I am stoping in London. I will convey your greetings to The Hebbers. Then I will spend one week in England with the sisters (Church of South India) in England. Then on Jan. 9th I will be going to Arabia and so on. I will reach my home 16th of January.

I would appreciate hearing from you once in a while. If any of you are able to visit India, my family and I would be happy to have you stay with us. I will be remembering you.

Wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. With Love,

Thankamma Varkey

## HERETIC...

status because they know what they're talking about--then, perhaps, preaching will become an exciting medium for God's everyday revelation to be made manifest unto men. And women.

--Tom Schreck

ADVENT COMMUNION REV. JOHN ESENSMADE CELEBRANT MONDAY 9:00 am Santee Chapel

# LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

SEMINARY COMMUNICATOR - 151:12

DECEMBER 11, 1975

\*Open to Seminary Community

\*\*Open to General Public

Numbers in parentheses refer to announcements which follow.

## CALENDAR

Monday, December 15

*9:00 - 9:45 A.M.	- Service of Worship	Chapel
10:00 A.M.	- APC Planning Session for Convocation	L204
10:00 - 4:00 P.M.	- Budget Council Meeting	L214

Tuesday, December 16

*9:30 - 9:50 A.M.	- Morning Prayers	Chapel
1:00 - 4:00 P.M.	- PTP	L216
**8:00 P.M.	- Christmas Service	Chapel
*	- Open House at the Farrar's	(1)

Wednesday, December 17

*9:30 - 9:50 A.M.	- Morning Prayers	Chapel
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.	- Senior Placement Seminar	L200 (2)
3:00 P.M.	- Educational Development Meeting	L214
*3:00 - 4:00 P.M.	- Seminary Choir Rehearsal	Chapel

Thursday, December 18

*9:30 - 9:50 A.M.	- Morning Prayers	Chapel
10:30 A.M.	- Executive Cabinet Meeting	Lounge
4:30 P.M.	- PR 224, Religion and The Arts Meeting of participants	(3)
*7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	- Christmas Drop-In	(8)

Friday, December 19

*9:30 - 9:50 A.M.	- Morning Prayers	Chapel
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FALL TERM CLOSSES AT 5:00 P.M.

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## REGISTER

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### SCC Meeting

The SCC met on December 4, 1975. What follows is a capsuled account of some major topics discussed:

1. Voted to invite Joe Peacock to the January SCC Meeting.
2. Lee Jessup and another person will begin interviewing those persons who have expressed interest in the Council of Theological Students.
3. Voted to pay registration for as many as three persons who might want to attend the Woman's Seminarian Conference, March 19-21 in Louisville, Kentucky.
4. Appointed Claude Dencler as seminarian representative to the Budget Council.
5. Began working on the task of getting 32 seminarians for January Cluster Meetings.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

The dormitory will have heat cut back and doors locked on Monday Morning, December 22, 1975.

Dormitory guests who are not returning to Seminary facilities for the January studies program or the second semester are required to have rooms completely vacated by Noon, Monday, December 22, 1975.

The Seminary cannot be responsible for any personal belongings left on the Seminary Campus.

### HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

Offices will be closed Wednesday, December 24, 1975 through Sunday, January 4, 1976. Heat will be cut back in the Academic Building, Schaff Library and Richards Hall. In the event of emergency and Mr. Scheetz or others cannot be contacted on campus, call:

Charles Hull, Residence -- 392-8270  
Charles Scheetz, Residence -- 393-1146  
Myron Wolf, Residence -- 392-8263

Myron Wolf  
Business Manager

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Continued)

### OPEN HOUSE

(1) The Seminary community is invited to an "Open House" at the Farrars (519 W. James Street) following the Christmas Service in Santee Chapel on December 16, 1975.

Betty & Lyman Farrar.

### SENIOR PLACEMENT SEMINAR

(2) Seniors who missed the last Senior Placement Seminar are reminded of the meeting on December 17 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Profile preparation forms for United Church of Christ seniors were passed out at the meeting on December 3. Those who were absent should come in to CPDM to pick up a copy. Also, the group agreed to extend the Seminar to include the following dates: January 9 & 23, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon; February 18 and March 10, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. All United Church of Christ seniors are asked to keep as much time free during the week of February 9-13 for interviews with conference representatives, who have been invited to campus during that week. More about this will be announced later.

Tom Brown

### RELIGION AND THE ARTS

(3) Those of you who have signed up for RELIGION AND THE ARTS, PR 224, are invited to participate in a meeting designed to develop the course offerings for that course. The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18, at 4:30 p.m. in my office. If you cannot be present, but would like to make a contribution to the general discussion, please either drop me a note, or send your wishes and concerns with another seminarian who can be present. We will try to meet as many expectations as possible within the general framework and over-all design of the course.

Robert W. Duke

### LIBRARY

(4) The following audio visual equipment is missing from the library:

The "old" 16 mm movie projector  
One film slide projector  
The Sony reel to reel tape recorder

The last borrowers who had this equipment claim that they returned them. If any one knows of the whereabouts of this equipment, please let me know.

George H. Bricker

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEADERS WORKSHOP

(5) The following persons will be on campus December 15-19 for a Professional Development Leaders Workshop, led by Tom Brown: Dr. Charles Wissink, Dr. Harold Scott, Fr. Hugh MacDougall, The Rev. Claude Fulks, The Rev. Leland Pease,

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEADERS WORKSHOP CON'T.

The Rev. William M. Childs, and the Rev. Warren Mehl. They will be staying in the Wagner Continuing Education Facilities.

Barbara Ober, CPDM

### HELP WANTED

(6) A local businessman is seeking a clean-living (no smoking nor drinking) married couple without children for domestic work, yard work, and chauffeuring. The couple is expected to live in an apartment on the grounds which is completely furnished (second floor, private entrance, livingroom, kitchenette, large bedroom, air-conditioned). The husband must have a car for chauffeuring purposes and will be responsible for yard work, etc. The wife is expected to prepare the meals and clean. References must be provided. If interested, please contact Mary Ruth Allis in the ODC Office for more details.

Lyman G. Farrar

### SPEND A YEAR IN FLORIDA

(7) The Pass-a-grille Beach Community Church (United Church of Christ) in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, is looking for a student minister for the next academic year and is interested in having people apply for the job as soon as possible. A job description which will answer some of your questions about the kind of a job it is, can be seen in Mr. Kroehler's office. It offers negotiable salary in the range of \$350.00 to \$450.00 per month along with provision for housing and other appropriate needs. If you prefer to contact the pastor directly, please write to or call the Reverend Donald H. Eckert, 107 Sixteenth Avenue, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida 33706; telephones; area code 813-363-5411 and 363-5421.

Allen Kroehler  
Director of Field Education

### COME TO OUR CHRISTMAS DROP-IN

(8) Lulu and Mark Ruth invite you to their drop-in for carols, cookies, and Christmas cheer next Thursday evening, December 18 from 7-9 p.m. in Nevin Hall. Please feel free to bring families and friends. Hope to see you!

Lulu Kellogg and  
Mary Ruth Allis