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COUNCIL OF THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

As some of you know, for the past year I have been the seminary's representative to the Council of Theological Students that is sponsored by the United Church Board for World Ministries. During this time I participated in one C.T.S. weekend session, and two U.C.B.W.M. annual meetings. Doug Dandridge, a second year seminarian is now the LTS representative to the Council of Theological Students - at its last meeting, the SCC appointed Doug to the CTS, and is planning to encourage and support Doug, Tom Webster and Linda Lalas and perhaps some others who might wish to attend the Boards 1976 annual meeting which will be held in Salem, Mass. Next week, Doug and others will have a chapel service that focuses on some of the work done by our UCBWM.

Lee Jessup

SPECIAL CHAPEL SERVICE FOR GUATEMALA

On Monday, the morning worship will be centered on the catastrophe in Guatemala. Dr. Albert Bartholomew will speak on how the church meets tragedies like Guatemala. A special offering will be taken for Guatemala.

Alice Zimmerman

LTS ARTS FESTIVAL

Circle your calendar and don't forget the following dates. March 31-April 1 and 2. LTS will be presenting its very own arts festival.

CHAPEL SERVICE MEDITATION ON GIFTS

During the service of meditation of gifts, we the congregation presented our gifts in written form. The Seminarian would now like to share these gifts with you.

WHAT ARE MY GIFTS

Joy
love
friendliness
singing
working with people/especially youth
creativity -intelligence-writing
mechanical ability
caring for others
speech, knowledge, concern, ego, reading
negotiator
a feeling of openness and acceptance
to people.
me
music
dramatics
Understanding of feminism
quick mind-manipulative hands-observant eyes.
forgiveness
being a brother and a father
art

HOW ARE MY GIFTS BEING USED

SINGING IN THE CHOIR AND WORKING WITH A YOUTH GROUP
CHRIST CHURCH
ABUSED ? ? ?
IN THIS COMMUNITY NOT TO THEIR FULLEST
PREACHING *BIBLE STUDY* FAMILY
THROUGH THE FRIENDS I HAVE MADE AT LTS-
AS A GROWING EXPERIENCE
LISTENING
SHARING IN CHAPEL SERVICES * SUNDAY
MORNING WORSHIP * DECORATIONS TO
SANCTUARIES AND HOMES ETC.
SERVICE ** TEACHING **IN GOOD WAYS

INTRODUCTION TO THE UNICORN ODES

"Do not pursue," has taught the sage,
"The unicorn," and thus from age to age
Gave warning fair for men to keep
From plunging into "peril deep."
For, as the unicorn can steal one's thoughts,
Concentration did I keep, as I'd been taught.
And so, with brush, and pen, and ink, and
book,

I occupied my mind; no look
Did I afford, until by chance,
Some wayward thought occurred. My glance
was raised, and caught in rampart stance
The unicorn! Poor I, for in a trance,
Did see him come (and helpless with alarm)
Did see him rip the symbol from my arm!

Regaining wits (and hoping to retrieve
That, which til now I'd worn upon my sleeve)
I rose and ran, attempting to pursue
The horned specter vanishing from view.
But, though I ran and ran with all my strength
No closer did I come, for still the length
between us greater distance yet did gain.
Tenaciously he held as I did deign
To capture. Some constant ear-sung small
refrain

Repeated, "Yes! Tenacious I remain,
For tenacious have I ever been;
And no one can be happy once he's seen
Me, save engaged he is in my pursuit."

I his song's truth could not thus refute.

So, happily I run through dusk & dawn.
Still I pursue, and still he's running on;
And joyously I sing noon, night, and morn
The songs inspired by the unicorn.

Armen Dichter/J.M.

ARTS NIGHT

Don't forget arts night is Thursday at
7:00 P.M. It would be a good time to make
things for the auction which will take place
on Friday, April 2 as part of the Arts Fes-
tival. For more information, see Alice
Zimmerman. Everyone is welcome to come and
create.

RUMOR CENTRAL

Rumor has it that Jessupini & Martinini
& Company are alive and shooting.

MSC SERVICE COMING

The United Campus Ministry at MSC will
lead a communion service on Wednesday,
March 24, 1976, at 7:30 P.M. in Santee Chapel.
"Search for Significance," a multi-media
production will be part of the service.

MEDITATION ON GIFTS (cont.)

WHAT IS BLOCKING THE SHARING OF MY GIFTS?

my lack of faith
my lack of prayer
time
me
selfishness
people not hearing back
people not caring of others
unChristian action
my own weakness
my own self doubt of my abilities
my own ego and overconfidence that I can
make it, at times, and can't, at others
letting the temporal get in the way
nothing is really stopping me from sharing
my gifts
communication and sometimes the initiative
a great weariness that leaves me only di-
minished strength
temptation to have gifts used rather than
shared

WHAT WOULD I LIKE FROM THIS COMMUN- ITY TO HELP ME SHARE MY GIFTS?

a continued reminder that I am a valuable,
worth-while person
seeing the real person in me
nothing
help celebrate both in grief and in joy the
gifts I can offer
general response to me as both teacher and
person
feedback
truth and honesty and openness and life!
by providing me with the discipline of study
involvement does equal invasion of privacy
open to hear each other
affirmation of Christian living
understanding and concern
criticism shows my faults, shows my weak-
ness, but also shows my strengths that
I may grow to serve the Lord, empowered
by His Holy Spirit.
help
understanding, acceptance, and love of who
I am as a person; a gift!

HERETIC IN THE HUB (and hospital)

Some of you may wonder why this usual column was not present in the last few issues of Seminarian. I can assure you, the editors have not finally come to their senses and refused to print my trash. In fact, I type the stencil so they are quite happy to have my weekly bit of theological ramblings and nit-picking at Christianity as presented at LTS. I have been involved with CPE and quite busy, so I missed the deadlines. Lest any of you indolent orthodox types out there lose any of your sleep, there will be, henceforth, an article in the corner of this page by me every week. (Don't tell me you don't read this page--Ross Reider asked me about the column. If he reads it, all you reactionaries read it.)

I wanted to share something about the theology of death with you this week. There is a new book out by Raymond A. Moody Jr (no relation to the Bible-belters) called Life After Life. It was just printed in December by Mockingbird Press, with a foreword by Elizabeth Kuebler-Ross. After reading this book, I now believe in life after death.

Hold on a minute! You say you thought I already believed in life after death? Yes, so did I. I thought I believed in it--but have discovered what I labeled a belief was a hope-against-fear. It was a head trip, not one of those good old gut-reactions mentioned in this column before. That blasted book changed me, and I don't know how I can tell you about it without sounding like a new convert to something, which I'm not. The book is an account of near-death and clinical-death experiences from the patient who has "died," and been revived. Sure, they weren't really dead. But why were there such incredible similarities, common threads, even a distinct pattern running through all these divergent experiences? Why have nonreligious people had out-of-the-body experiences and have encountered a "being of light" who is incredibly loving and nonjudgementally instructive to them? Why did those whose "death" lasted longest (with the most time in clinical death) have the deepest, most complex, and most profound experiences? Why did they want to stay there--even though they had friends or loved ones here? Why did they see dead relatives or friends? And why did they experience the greatest sense of peace and love they have ever encountered--so that their lives were changed dramatically by these experiences? I now believe it's because they were not dreaming, but actually tasted something

ATTENTION: SENIORS AND GRADUATING MARS

On Monday, March 1, at 4:30 PM in the HUB, there will be a Senior Class meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the coming Commencement exercises. Lee Jessup, Dave Wetmiller and Rob Doner will be going to the Commencement Planning Committee later in the week to discuss the formulation of Commencement. Please plan to attend the Senior Class meeting bringing all your questions or your feelings concerning the Commencement, so that these three representatives might be able to express our concerns. If you cannot attend, please get a note off to any of the people mentioned above--all information would be appreciated. For the present Middlers, Dave is your representative -- any questions for him would be quite helpful, especially for the planning that will go on next year.

Rob Doner

A STUDY IN HUMAN FALLIBILITY UNICORN ODE #1 CHANTRELLE

"It snapped!" And that was all I said
The broken string lay mute,
It's fractured sinews limp and dead
Upon the silent lute.
Perhaps it's peg too tight I'd wound
It's lack of strength denying.
But I'll ne'er retrieve the last,
sweet sound
It sang as it was dying.

Armen Dichter/ JM

CHOIR

The Seminary Choir meets Wednesday
afternoon at 3 PM in the Chapel.

HERETIC...

which we shall all one day know in its fullness--the eternal, nonjudgemental, all-encompassing love of God that awaits us beyond this physical life. That may be so many words to some of you--but to my feelings about the dying patients I see at the hospital, it is a healing touch of God's truth.

--Tom Schreck

ST. MARY'S DAY

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following persons who helped me with the recent St. Mary's Day: Mrs. Edna Hafer, for helping me with behind the scenes activities; Dean Bricker, for taking time out from his busy schedule to help show our visitors around the library, Dr. Glasse for his warm words of welcome and All Mann and Claude Dencler for their assistance in planning and carrying out the Tuesday evening worship service. My special thanks go to Rev. Will Rabert for the time he devoted with the values clarification session and Dorthy Book for her worthwhile message of unity delivered at the worship service.

Also those students from St. Mary's have asked me to thank all the seminarians here for the warmth and openness that was shown them. They enjoyed their visit as much as we enjoyed having them. Thanks again to all those that helped.

Thomas Webster
Jr. Class Representative.

Monday, March 8 -- Mrs. Madelen Thompson from the Presbyterian Ministers Life Insurance will be on campus located in the Hub. If you would like to have an appointment -please contact Doug Turner to set a time for your meeting.

Doug Turner

