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CHRISTMAS  
ISSUE



Thursday  
December 8  
6:30 P.M.

in the  
Refectory

Guests-\$1.00

Bring a  
gift for  
Bethany

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BEGINNING THE LAST WEEK OF THE FALL TERM! Christmas Recess begins at 12:15 Friday, December 9, and continues through Monday, January 2. The Winter Term classes begin at 8 o'clock Tuesday, January 3.

All Fall Term work should be in the hands of the respective professors by Saturday midnight, December 10.

Our Christmas Communion service will be held Wednesday night, December 7, at 7:30. Dr. Sayres will preach the sermon, and Dr. Moss will be the liturgist.

Dr. O. Walter Wagner, Executive Secretary of the St. Louis Council of Churches, has accepted our invitation to be the McCauley lecturer next year at the Annual Convocation.

Dr. Miller and Rev. Mr. Nishimoto, our recent visiting lecturers, have expressed in writing their deep appreciation of the spirit of our school and of the way in which they were received here.

The Winter Term schedule, as now posted, may be considered as in its final form. Consult the Dean as well as the professors involved in any conflicts that may remain. Professor Bartholomew will teach Course P.T. 57. Dr. Elias Phillips, of the college faculty, will continue the class in Remedial English, beginning Tuesday, January 10. This class will be open to students who were not included during the Fall Term.

All students who may have reserve shelf books in their rooms are urged to return them before they leave for the Christmas vacation!

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#### NOTICE FROM CARL KREPS

There will be no linen change over the Christmas vacation. Students who remain in the dormitory are expected to care for their linens themselves. Ronald Whitebred will have keys for fuse boxes and other supplies if they are needed.

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#### BLESS US ST. NICK!

While leafing through my dictionary, I ran across a startling piece of information! Not only was St. Nicholas the bishop of Myra in Asia Minor about 345 A.D., and has now become bearer of presents to children on Christmas Eve, but lo and behold he is also the Patron Saint of Russia!

Perhaps a man named Joseph had just grounds for suspecting members of the American clergy. We all should have noticed it before - even the uniform of St. Nick is red! What infiltration have we here, can we the American people allow such an atrocity to exist? Perhaps we should change Santa's uniform from red to blue, or better still, to red, white, and blue, just to let the people know where we stand, and keep our heritage pure. After all, in this land of the free, and the home of the brave, we ought to be able to create our own Christmas symbols.

Let's have a try at it -

T'was the night before "Xmas"  
And all through the house  
Not a creature was sleeping  
Not even the mouse.  
The kids were all watching  
The shows on T.V.  
All the time thinking 'bout  
The gifts 'neath the tree.  
Mama in her furs  
And I in my tux  
Had just phoned the sitter  
And offered five bucks.  
When out on the patio  
There arose such a clatter  
I sprang from my posture chair

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BLESS US ST. NICK! (continued)

To see what was the matter.  
To the picture window  
I flew like a jet  
Flicked on the search light  
Was it our sitter yet?  
When what did my wondering  
Eyes now gaze on  
But a luminous saucer  
And eight American Bison.  
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He sprang to his saucer  
To his team gave a call  
And away they all flew  
Like a well-hit baseball.  
And I heard him exclaim  
Ere he drove out of sight  
"Wealth's blessed America,  
Blessed her with might."

And so we could go on with our story, just to keep on the safe side of things, and begin with the people in their situations. Well, I may be old fashioned, (I pray that I am), but I kinda' like the first poem and the red Santa better. I know I'm going out on a pine limb, but somebody has to take a stand for the good, old stable things.  
Maybe I'm just an old fogie who can't keep up with progress, but I'll still take my tastes just the same. You see, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Here Come's Santa Claus," and some of these other Christmas songs just don't send me. The only thing they send for me is the real Christmas spirit - away.  
There's something about Dicken's "Christmas Carol" and the stories of Matthew and Luke that just seem to mean a little more to me than even St. Nick.  
There's just one more thing I'd like to say, and that might best be said in a closing verse we could tack on to that modern poem of ours. It might be expressed something like this:

Silence fell - as these words went flat  
And slowly I turned but when I looked back,  
There in the skies shone the Christ child's star  
And the whole world could see it,  
Yes all near and far.  
And as I watched it seemed to say  
"Christ came for the world,  
Let's keep it that way."

R.H.

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The All American Seniors won the football title. I hope next year's Seniors follow the tradition. Deacon will have a winning club yet.

We lost a close practice basketball game to a scrappy Crispus Attucks five - 29-28 on November 22. In spite of the defeat and low score I predict a good season for both Seminary teams this year. The Seminary will have two teams in the twelve team Independent League. Deacon will coach the 1st team and Bill Barr will coach the 2nd team. The league begins December 6. The schedule will be posted soon.

The ping pong ladder challenge has begun. Check the bulletin board for the challenge rules - and then go play. The competition looks good this year.

Bowling begins in January. It appears as though we have made a pretty good deal at Rocky Springs. Chech the bulletin board for team lineup and schedule.

Dartball begins sometime in January. We hope many of the new students will share the same type of fellowship we enjoyed last year. Dart baseball is becoming a very popular game among chruch brotherhoods. Besides games with church groups we have games between Faculty and students. Give it a try - you too may get to the majors.

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CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Everyone is cordially invited to come to the Christmas Banquet, which will be held on December 8, at 6:30 P.M., in the Seminary Refectory.

Those who do not eat regularly in the Refectory are requested to pay \$1.00.

Everyone is requested to bring a gift package for the Bethany Orphanage. The gift should be marked according to sex and age of the child for whom it is intended.

The Christmas Banquet is one of the most important events in the Seminary year, therefore, no one will want to miss this outstanding Christmas Celebration.

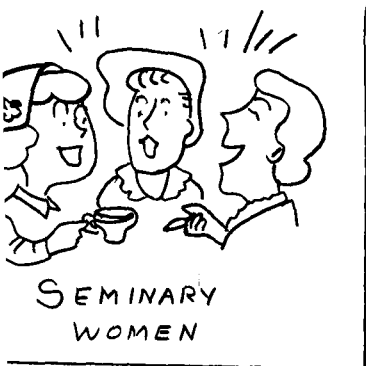
-Phil Thierolf

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REQUESTED RESOLUTION

The Facilities and Maintenance Commission has requested all students to make a resolution for the coming New Year. It is not a hard resolution, and one which would be appreciated by all concerned - help keep the lavatories clean. As we know, the lavatories on the first and third floors have been painted already, and the second floor lavatory will be painted as soon as the plaster dries sufficiently. The Commission does these things for our benefit, so let's show our appreciation for its efforts by caring for the improvements made.

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A carton has been placed at the mail desk in Richard's Hall for the purpose of collecting clothing to be given to the migrant workers. All clothing which is given should be cleaned and in fairly good condition. Worn out clothing should not be placed in the box for such items will not help anyone. Instead, go through your cloths and place in the box items which are now too small for you or those items which you just don't like and never wear anyway. Why not give these things to someone who will use and appreciate them rather than push in the back corner of your closet? The box will remain at the mail desk until the end of the week.

Christmas Meeting: The December meeting of the Association of Seminary Women will be held on Monday, December 12, at 7 P.M. This meeting will be devoted to the wrapping of Christmas gifts for the "Child Welfare Agency" in Lancaster. This is to be another family night at which time we are looking forward to an evening of fellowship as we perform a worthwhile service to one of the agencies of Lancaster which is trying to bring joy to others at Christmas time.

Each family is asked to bring a package of wrapping paper and ribbon as its contribution to the job which we will be doing. Others have donated the gifts we will be wrapping, another organization has donated a considerable amount of paper and ribbon for gift wrapping - the least we can do is give an evening to wrap the presents. Do come out and join the Christmas party on December 12. Place of the meeting will be announced later.

- Ann Schoup

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NO SANTA CLAUS

This year at our Christmas Banquet there will be no Santa Claus who will distribute gifts to those present. Instead the gifts will be placed under the tree and they will then be sent to Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf. The packages should be labeled telling the age and sex for which the gift is intended. There is no suggested price which one should pay for the gift. This is left to the discretion of the individual.

- Ron Krick

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SPORTS (continued)

Same old news to report about the Bridge tournament. Dr. Englert and Dick Bishop won the first round. But not all is lost - sign up now for the second round. Strange things may happen.

Don't forget, just because you think you are a flop as an athlete doesn't mean you can't cheer those non-athletes who are playing. Argue with me about it at the game. See you there.

-Jim (Goose Tatum) Bright