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## SECOND ARTS FESTIVAL PLANNED

Lancaster Seminary's Second Annual Festival of the Arts has been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, May 1 and 2, 1973. The format will be basically the same as last year's with some new changes.

The Festival will once again feature a two day display of arts and crafts in the HUB. Last year's displays included driftwood sculpture, woodworking, clothing, painting, and photography, to mention only a few categories. All members of the Seminary community, including staff, husbands and wives, students, Faculty and wives are invited to present their creations for display.

A special sideshow of art works and cathedrals on slides from the past two seminars abroad is also planned in the HUB conference room.

In addition, there will be two special evening programs. On Tuesday evening there will be an organ and choir recital in the chapel featuring (hopefully) the new organ with Mr. Frank McConnell presiding and accompanying the LTS choir. On Wednesday evening, the chapel will be the setting for a multimedia worship-celebration of our talents and gifts. Following both of these events there will be a reception in the HUB featuring "international flavors". Drama will be included in the Festival through readers theatre presentations during the two morning prayer services.

You are urged to respond to the call for participation in the Festival through the forms placed in your mailboxes earlier today. People are needed for co-ordination of events as well as displaying items! (If there are significant entries early enough in the literary genre, a booklet will be published as a souvenir of the Festival!) Plan to share your talents with the rest of the community during these exciting days of LTS second annual celebration of the arts.

## HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES SET

A special series of Holy Week services are planned again for this year. Monday, April 16 at 9:55am will be an observance of the Triumphal Entry, including the distribution of palms. Vespers will be held the same day at 5pm. Monday evening, 9pm, will be the time for the Office of Tenebrae: Stations of the Cross. This will be a service of darkness following the steps of Christ to Calvary. The service will be marked by scripture readings, prayers, hymns and the extinguishing of candles.

Tuesday, 9:55am, will be the service of the stripping of the altar. Immediately following this will begin a 24 hour prayer vigil in Santee Chapel. Members of the seminary community are asked to sign for a ½ hour time slot on the sheet posted on the chapel bulletin board. It is hoped that someone will be in the chapel continuously for the 24 hours.

Wednesday morning's service will be a special service of penitence in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection.

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## NEW ADDITION

Beginning with this issue of THE SEMINARIAN there is a new addition. Attached to the paper is the official weekly announcement sheet of the Seminary. It is our feeling that this will be of value to students who leave campus before the announcements are out; will cut down on duplication of effort and waste of paper and space. The announcements will continue to be prepared by Mrs. Hafer and the deadline is Thursday, 8:30am. We hope that you find this an improvement in campus communication; it is done with your interests and convenience in mind.

BIBLE STUDY:

Luke 11:14-23, especially v. 20, cf. Romans 1:18 & 2:5.

Paul seems at first glance to be somewhat confused; what with his talking about the wrath of God which is revealed and the judgement of God which will be revealed. Which does he mean? And then there is the Carpenter, who defies those who pride themselves on their self-ascribed piety; the religious men who tried constantly to trap him into giving them grounds for his execution. He responds to their ridiculous charges and absurd allegations by affirming that if his healing work is done by the finger of God, then indeed God's Kingdom has come upon those self-righteous men at the turn of the ages. Such a proclamation might well have caused Paul, some decades later, to view the new age in the ambiguous manner recorded in the first two chapters of Romans. What Paul is saying is that the time when the meek shall inherit the earth, when the peacemakers will be called the Sons of God, when the merciful will obtain mercy; that the new age has already begun to break into man's secular, God-denying society in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

We, too, live in this ambiguity of time. The Way has been shown to us; and that should make a difference in our lives. We do not live in a void, as much as contemporary society would have us believe that. We do not have to submit to the repititious quality of life proposed by the Preacher in Ecclesiastes 1. Life, even in times as these, is full of meaning because God, in Christ, has already accepted us, loved us, and died for us so that we might recognize and follow him as Lord. And our response to this type of love is shown in faith and love toward our brothers.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer came to terms with what it meant to live in the penultimate time in light of what one believed to be ultimate. Instead of saving his own life, he shared the destiny of his homeland by returning to Germany, by becoming a "contemporary Christian", and by dying on the Nazi's gallows. Now, we well might ask what would have happened to the last twenty years of theology had Bonhoeffer decided otherwise. We well might ask what might have happened had Paul not written his letters from Roman prisons. We well might ask what might have happened had Jesus not set his face toward Jerusalem and the criminal's cross awaiting him. But these questions are quite hypothetical since we cannot rewrite history. One might justifiably ask, though, "What will happen if I don't do all I can to exhibit my confidence

in the lordship of the Carpenter?" The one answer that will not do is, "Nothing."

Ultimately, His will shall be done. His Kingdom shall come. He will judge and pardon in the ultimate; but that does not let us off the hook today, in these penultimate times! God waits to see if men shall speak boldly or if our confession of faith will be a meek excuse for the faith Jesus wanted shouted from the rooftops. God waits to see if the Church will be loyal to her task or if she will degenerate into some sort of club where concern for furnishings outweighs concern for people. God waits to see how we shall respond individually; whether we shall follow him or if we shall protest saying, "Yes, Lord,...but..." Christ's life was the beginning of the manifestation of the Kingdom's design. We live today, hoping and praying "Thy Kingdom come..." and we are asked to live our lives as though we meant that simple prayer. **This is at the very same time the simplicity and the difficulty of Christianity.** It remains to us the most crucial element of a simple, yet richly blessed life.

--Jim Fatzinger

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SPRING FEVER STRIKES AGAIN!

For the second time in three weeks, spring fever has struck LTS. Actually the first attack was of epidemic proportion which struck down students, faculty, and staff alike. Unfortunately there was not enough time to recover, when ZAP, we were again struck down. This time I fear it is for good! The only cure known to man, or at least me, is to simply stop work and take it easy. Our only problem here is that the semester does not end for another five weeks. If only we could somehow rearrange the schedule to get rid of a few weeks. Do you suppose you could manage to rearrange the semester and discard the entire month of April for us-- Dean Bricker?

-- Dr. Moritz

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## CHURCH AND MINISTRY REFLECTIONS 1:

### • THE UNASKED QUESTION

The Church & Ministry meeting which was held at LTS several weeks ago has stimulated a great deal of thought in my mind. The meeting was called to deal with the important area of church-student relations in the years of professional preparation. It would be possible to reflect in several different directions, but it seemed to me that there was one area that was almost entirely neglected. I would like to make that the subject of this and the next two editorials; while admitting they are not thorough and complete, I do hope that they will stimulate your thoughts on this important question, which is both theological and existential.

The sessions dealt with the identification of roles and responsibilities and there was a lot of political verbiage being thrown around. During this time, Mr. Harold Wilke, Executive Director of the Council for Church and Ministry (UCC), said: "The shift in financial aid is due to a shift in priorities. There remains the need to hear the word of God in the world. Many programs do good and should be given a change (money, in other words!) since theological education is just not doing the job. These are the facts of life." These are pretty strong words coming from a national executive. But it seems that in these words is the unasked question of all church matters: What is our concept of the church?

There was a day when education, medicine, and government were in the hands of the church. The church was man's total life. But today our circumstances are different and the church is not responsible for the varied areas of life in which it was once involved. The church, however, has continued to be actively interested and involved in many areas of social welfare and has, on occasion, been influential in determining changes in society's thinking. But all too often these social programs and even theology keep man's mind away from considering what the church really is.

In every community where there is a church, there is most likely a better counselling agency, a better recreational facility, a better auditorium featuring better speakers, and better social clubs fostering fellowship and service. What then is left for the church? I would like to suggest that there is no better interpreter and/or representative of the Word of God, theology in its purest sense. This is the business of the church and this must be the beginning of our understanding of what the

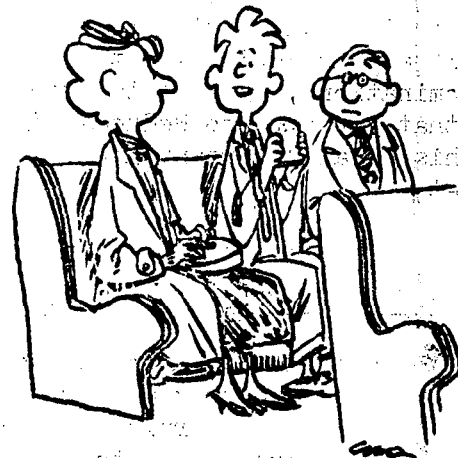
the church is. When we go to church or participate in any of its activities, it is for the purpose of being taught, strengthened and prepared to witness to God's Word in our world.

We've come a long way from the simple fishermen who followed and believed in the Carpenter. And if our association with the church and our own ministry within it (and, therefore, our own spiritual development) are to be reflective of the love shown by God for his people -- then it is necessary that we know what it is we are serving. If it is a glorified YMCA, then our attitude cannot help but to say words like those quoted above. But if we are to understand ourselves involved in the business of theology -- of speaking God's Word and interpreting his actions -- then our whole concept of the whole church must be developed. This is, I believe, the unasked question of the Church & Ministry meeting, and it is the neglected question in too many of our national offices and synods.

Next week I would like to suggest some possible words that give definition to the word church: What it is and where it comes from.

--Brad S. Lutz

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"I'm proud to be able to say that I've never been late for a Sunday morning service. . . . Would you care for a piece of toast?"

## ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE

A conference on Christian-Jewish relations was held this past weekend in Philadelphia. Its purpose was to explore in depth and in its complexities the implications for the curricula of seminaries and schools of religion of a religiously pluralistic society. Pastors, scholars, and students, both Christian and Jewish, came together in an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding.

Dr. Lee J. Gable, Professor of Christian Education here at Lancaster, took part in planning the conference, and he presided over one of the discussion groups searching for concrete means to advance ecumenism in schools.

Among the proposals was that greater curricular emphasis be placed on the history of other faiths as a means to become a better representative of one's own. It was noted, for example, that few Christian seminarians are aware of the extent of Christian persecution of Jews, and that few Jewish seminarians are aware of the real lights in Christian history.

The many proposals will be sent to seminaries and schools of religion.

This program is part of the continuing work of The National Conference of Christians and Jews and The North American Academy of Ecumenists.

--Frederick Barker

### IMPORTANT MEETING

There will be an important student body meeting next Wednesday, April 4, at 3 pm in the HUB. This meeting will be for the upcoming elections which will be on the 11th of April. If anyone would like to make additional nominations, then it is extremely important that you come to Wednesday's meeting. This is an important meeting so don't forget it.

### SIGN UP NOW!!

A new sign up sheet has been posted for Chapel. Students and faculty are urged to sign up now for both the morning services and the evening vespers. Also, there is a sign up sheet for the prayer vigil which is mentioned on the front page of this issue. Hurry now and get the choice dates!!

## MESSAGE FROM AL REID

"How are things at Lancaster? Tell everyone that I send my regards, and that things are beginning to look up somewhat for me. The job is a great help. I'm working for Monsieur Henri Wines. The pay isn't very much, but the surroundings are very pleasant. I'm doing general office work there.

I've been attending services at my home church. It's good to be able to renew old acquaintances. So things are looking up. I'll close for now. Tell all hello for me."

Sincerely yours,  
Algynon  
131 Belmont Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York

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Please return the S.C.C. evaluation form to Barry Lohman by Monday, April 9. Thanks.

### NACE BURNS SEVILLE!!

Ted Nace accepted a challenge by Jack Seville and promptly blew him off the alley! Truly in the groove, Ted set a new series record Tuesday of 590 which raised his average to a whopping average of 175, this moves him 12 points ahead of Jack. The remaining top five are Dick Peebles, Mike McDowell, and Randy Leisey. Besides Ted's series high, a second high game of 207 was rolled by "Fast Eddie" Graf.

### COME TO THE GAME

Saturday is LTS's wonder boys first game. The marvius magicians of the diamond will go north to defeat Roger Snyder's current parish in Sommit Station. The team of fantastic batters and slick ball handlers will depart on Saturday about noon. Come out and wish them well--they'll need it!!!

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- \* Open to Seminary Community
  - \*\* Open to General Public
- Numbers in parentheses refer to announcements which follow

CALENDAR

Monday, April 2

- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Seminar Abroad participants will meet in L200
- \* 9:55 a.m. - Morning Prayers - Santee Chapel
- \* 5:00 p.m. - Vespers
- 7:00 p.m. - Night Ministry Training Program

Tuesday, April 3

- \* 9:55 a.m. - Morning Prayers - Santee Chapel
- 1:00 p.m. - Experimental Program Committee L 204
- \* 5:00 p.m. - Vespers - Santee Chapel
- \* 6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal - Santee Chapel
- \*\* 7:30 p.m. - Clergy & Laity Meeting L 200 (1)
- \* 9:00 p.m. - Bowling

Wednesday, April 4

- 8:00 a.m. - Executive Cabinet Meeting L 204
- \* 9:55 a.m. - Morning Prayers
- \* 3:00 p.m. - SCC Meeting in the Hub
- 3:00 p.m. - Faculty Meeting L 204
- \* 5:00 p.m. - Vespers - Santee Chapel

Thursday, April 5

- \* 9:55 a.m. - Morning Prayers - Santee Chapel
- \* 5:00 p.m. - Vespers - Santee Chapel
- \* 7:30 p.m. - Volley Ball

Friday, April 6

- \* 9:55 a.m. - Morning Prayers - Santee Chapel
- \* 5:00 p.m. - Vespers - Santee Chapel
- \* Bowling - Saturday, March 30 at 1:30 p.m.

DATES AHEAD

April 9 - 6:30 p.m. A.S.W. Progressive Dinner (2)

CONVOCATION - April 24 - 26

COMMENCEMENT - May 24-25

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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On Tuesday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m., the Lancaster Chapter of CALC will present Alex Knopp in the Hafer Center. Mr. Knopp, on th staff of the Indochina Peace Campaign and Medical Aid for Indochina, has just returned from a three-week visit to North Vietnam. He brings with him slides and eyewitness testimony concerning the extent of damage in North Vietnam and suggestions for the re-building of this nation. Although bombing of the North has ceased, the effects of years of bombing remain and necessitate a response from us. We urge all members of the Seminary community to be present.

Mike Clark

The May Bulletin will go to press Friday, April 6. Copy deadline for news from faculty, staff, and students will be Monday, April 2. If you have news or any suggestions for the May Bulletin, please see me or put them in my mailbox or office (Room 213, library) by April 2. Thanks.

Nancy Payne

The Class in Church Administration (CA 120) will meet at 3:00 p.m. on April 9 in Room A 203. This change is to accommodate the Progressive Dinner which is being planned by the A.S.W. that evening.

Horace Sills

Father Charles Mullen, chaplain at St. Joseph's Academy in Mountville, who conducted our Ash Wednesday Service will enter St. Joseph's Hospital on Sunday. He will be a patient there for about two weeks. We ask that you remember Father Mullen in your prayers and if you have the time why not stop in to visit him. Thank you.

Spiritual Life Committee

Seniors: Please return your selected proof personally to Shelley Studios within two days of receipt of proofs. This is essential to meet the L.T.S. Bulletin deadline. Thank you.

Randy Leisey

Softball will be starting one of these days so look for an announcement on the Bulletin Board.

Donald M.C. Englert

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A.S.W. Progressive Dinner, Monday, April 9 at 6:30. Main course to be covered dish. Families, single students, everyone welcome! Please make reservations by March 30 with the Robertsons, the Marcys, the Walthours, or the Szilagyi.

Pat Robertson