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BIBLE STUDY

Then Jesus said to his host: "When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends, or your brothers, or your relatives, or your rich neighbors--for they will invite you back and in this way you will be paid for what you did. When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind, and you will be blessed; for they are not able to pay you back. You will be paid by God when the good people are raised from death." (Lk.14:12-14)

Each of us have special skills which we can share in our own time and way; let us seek to serve those who have need of us, in whatever capacity, even if the task is demanding and punishing. It is far better to serve others who cannot use our skills. Rewards will perhaps seem few at times, but God will recompense us in His own mysterious, wonderful way.

Bob Doner

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MONDAY MORNING

The guest for our Monday morning "Preaching" Service for February 25, will be the Rev. Paul R. Ritter. Rev. Ritter is from Kennett Square, Pa.

DON'T FORGET, chapel services start at 9:05a.m., so don't be late!

The Chapel Committee

LOW REGISTRATIONS?

On December 11, 1973, the Office of the Dean issued a "Special Announcement" on spring term registration. As you may recall, this gave the tentative registration for the Spring Term. Also included was a list of courses which were to be dropped because of low registrations.

Obviously there is a definition of low registration, but is there such a thing as high registration? Apparently not!

At press time, a complete and official compilation of total number of seminarians registered for each course is not available. However, a fairly accurate count can be found. This count shows a total of 293 registrations for 18 courses! This is an average of 16.3 per course. There are 15 instructors for an average of 19.5 registrants per instructor, and only 1.2 courses per instructor!

If anyone thought that by coming to LTS they would have small classes obviously are mistaken! The seminarian-faculty ratio is as high or higher than many colleges! Why?

Why is it that there are so many classes which have a large number of seminarians?

Of course the reasons could be many, after all three courses were cancelled because of the low number of registrations. Also, at least one professor is on sabbatical which decreases the number of instructors available.

But these arguments just don't seem to adequately answer the problem of large class size.

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LOW REGISTRATIONS

A RESPONSE TO JOHN SPECHT

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Just what can be done to alleviate what most seminarians and instructors greatly dislike

One thing which could be done obviously is to limit the number of registrations. But to what number, 10-15-or how many And what about those who need the course for graduation or as a prerequisite of another needed course Maybe class ranking could help; or maybe offering the more "popular" courses twice each year.

Another possible solution would be to offer more courses. But, you may say, three courses were canceled and you want to offer more courses Yes! One of the reasons for the problems is due to conflict of time. Maybe the most "popular" courses could be scheduled so as not to interfere with some of the courses so many are screaming to take.

Maybe more participation by seminarians in the planning of what courses are to be offered could be helpful. It would seem that a survey of the kind of courses which the seminarians would like could help determine before hand which courses are going to be packed and should therefore be offered twice or accommodated in some other way.

Of course scheduling is a very difficult job! And this writer is not saying that he could do better, but he would like to see the seminarian-faculty ratio in the classroom decrease. That would seem to help not only with recruitment and academic quality, but, more importantly, the emotional and mental atmosphere!

Dennis A. Moritz, Editor

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ARTS FESTIVAL

A very important meeting for planning the Third Annual LTS Arts Festival will be held in the HUB on Tuesday, February 26 at 8:00a.m. All those who would like to help in any way are urged to attend. If you can't, see Jim Fatzinger or Brad Lutz for further details.

"A few thoughts in response to John Specht's violent attack on the role of military chaplains."

1. There is a difference between name-calling and mature discussion of issues.
2. There is a difference between mercenaries in the time of Hippolytus and men conscripted since about 1939 until recently.
3. Christian denominations have been struggling with the admitted problems of the military chaplaincy. It is not so simple as Mr. Specht assumes to provide "pastoral" care to servicemen without entanglements with the military. The problems are complex. One thing is clear: all chaplains are not necessarily insincere as they seek to perform a faithful ministry in spite of military involvements anymore than parish clergymen are insincere when they seek to minister to people in spite of the social, economic, and political involvements of life in middle class America.
4. The Chapel of the Four Chaplains is in memory of a Jewish, a Roman Catholic, and two Protestant chaplains who put their own life jackets on four young men, knelt on the deck with their arms about each other, and were last seen praying and singing hymns as the Dorchester sank. I find it offensive to put the blanket label of pseudo-holy men on these military chaplains.
5. It is difficult to live, however imperfectly, in pursuit of an ideal such as that of turning the other cheek without being used by the unscrupulous. Who is more guilty: the magistrate of Mr. Specht's reference or an establishment attacker who nevertheless enjoys the utility of the establishment's clerical collar on a picket line

Fran E. Ringer

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There will be a display of clerical apparel, vestments and accessories on Tuesday, Feb. 26 in the bookstore.

COUNCIL OF THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

On January 12, 1974, the Council of Theological Students held their second meeting. The meeting was held at the First Congregational Church in Des Plaines, Illinois.

The council consists of one representative from each of the 13 U.C.C.-related seminaries and a UCBW staff liaison. The purpose of the council is basically to promote a better understanding of the U.C.C.'s relation to mission. The council also serves as a link between the seminary and the national structure. The council members also are to serve as resource persons at their respective seminaries, as well as their conferences and associations. Each council member is associated with the national structure of the BW as if they were a corporate member of the Board. They, at present, carry only a representative function, with a voice but no vote. There are possibilities for a meaningful relationship to develop between the corporate members of the council and the seminary representatives.

There is much that the Board is concerned with and is actively doing, as well as investigating. I dare say, too much to go in to detail here. If anyone would be interested in any further information, please feel free to contact me for that information. As your seminary representative, I would like ideas and reactions to the mission of the church in the world, so that I may convey your ideas to the national structure through the council.

A fall and more detailed report of the council's activities is being filed with the S.C.C.

Michael Iski
Lancaster Representative

HUMPTY DUMPTY?

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall;
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

We need not stop to discuss the critical questions which surround this classical text. It is generally understood by modern scholars to be a conflation of H and D. The Humptyist (H) may well have written, "Humpty sat on a wall." The original Deutero-Dumptyist (D²) probably had the reading, "Dumpty had a fall." A later redactor, acquainted with both traditions, and struck by the rhyming possibilities (Humpty/Dumpty; wall/fall) joined the conflicting accounts in a couplet. The

adjective "great" is almost certainly a later gloss, which may be traced to lapsarian circles in Great Falls, Minnesota. The form-geschichtlich school traces the term to a sitz im kindergarten which favored exaggeration and legendary embellishment.

Our primary interest, however, is not in the vicissitudes of history which led to the challenging statement of the text. The fascinating speculations of Glowinski linking our couplet with the festival of the Easter Egg roll cannot be commented on here. We pass over the moralizing and allegorizing that many have found in C. Dodson, Through The Looking-Glass (ch. VI, "Humpty Dumpty").

Instead we turn to the simple declaration of the text. To be sure, the literal picture of an animate egg in a sitting posture on a stone wall is absurd from the scientific standpoint, but it escapes scientific categories. This fall did not occur in calendar time, but in the egg's act time, primal history. It gives mythological expression to the human predicament. As the Monarchist observes in those existential lines which he has added in conclusion:

All the king's horses
and all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty
together again.

Fred Barker
(from Eutychius, Nov. 25, 1957)

NOTICE: It has been announced that the UCBW is making available 3 fellowships for seminarians to study overseas. This information has been released to only 5 seminaries - this is of the Essence. For further information, contact Mike Iski, A.S.A.P.

THE MAY DAY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES...

May Day will be in April this year! Rollo May will speak at Millersville State College, April 22 at 8:30 pm. In preparation, we are organizing a study group to discuss Rollo May and his works on Tuesdays at 12:15 in the faculty lounge, second floor library. The group will have the opportunity to take part in a special invitational seminar with Rollo May on Tuesday, April 23.

Anyone interested in joining us for May Day, some next Tuesday at 12:15.

Alice Zimmerman

Once upon a time there was a land in which every four years a man was chosen by his fellows to be the Tallest of Them All. And lo, a dwarf aspired to this high honor, even though, by great stretching, he was barely half a foot tall. The reason for this great desire is that back in his college days he had tried valiantly but failed to make the team of warriors who fought Saturday afternoon in the autumn of the year. This rejection rankled deeply and made a traumatic impression on his psyche.

The first step of the dwarf's climb up the ladder came when he returned from the wars and sought to represent his people in Washington. His competitor was a knight in shining armor, but by sly innuendoes and the judicious use of much mazuma, provided by his supporters, both rich and poor, but mostly rich, the dwarf won the contest and went to Washington.

His next competitor was a lady of irreproachable reputation, but the time the contest was over, her escutcheon was stained with mud, and he represented the state of El Dorado in Washington.

Then came the time to choose a Crown Prince in the land and the dwarf was chosen, mainly because of his slogan, "There's a Red under every bed, and I'm the one to find it.". That summer, during the campaign, it was learned that while representing all the people of El Dorado in Washington, there was, at his disposal, a slush fund provided by his supporters, who also happened to be busy in gas and oil, and steel. This led the candidate to go on the National Voice Box and let tears roll down his cheeks as he solemnly announced that all his wife had was a cloth coat and all he owned was a dog named Chess.

In 1960, he competed for the Tallest of Them All but lost. He tried again in 1968, and won, as well as in 1972, when 49 of the 50 polling places in the land said, "Yes". Afterwards, there was a great parade in Washington, and all the crowds cried out, "Hail to the Tallest of Them All". But a little boy, holding his father's hand and watching the parade, looked up and said, "Daddy, why is the Tallest of Them All so small?"

Donald M. C. Englert

In early December, the Seminary received an invitation to participate in discussions with other theological students - Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish - to be sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews of the Greater Philadelphia-Southern New Jersey Region. On February 1, three students from LTS attended the first meeting. They were Karl Jones, Tony Szilagyi, and John Fureman.

The primary purpose of this first meeting was to identify the significant areas for discussion. Although there was no conclusive decision about the direction of the discussions, we did decide to explore the "Pennsylvania Blue Laws" as a source of discrimination, at the next meeting to be held on March 1, at 10:00 a.m.

Those of us who attended the first session feel that such a forum is significant. We encourage the participation of LTS in the dialogue. We are concerned to find middlers and juniors to participate, if our participation is to continue in the future. We are also concerned about reporting the content of the discussions to the student body, in the hope that it will encourage dialogue on our own campus to feed back to the group in Philadelphia.

If anyone is interested in participating in this discussion, or if there are any suggestions for future discussions, please contact Karl, Tony, or John.

John Fureman

THANK YOU, CHAPLAIN BROWN

I would like to thank Chaplain Delbert Brown for his visit to LTS. His presence was a reminder of the needs and spiritual concerns of the more than 2.5 million men and women of the armed services and their families.

William Park

IMPORTANT!

There will be an important meeting of the Senior class concerning Baccalaureate, Friday, February 22, at 12:30, in the HUB.

PRIZES TO BE AWARDED, COMMENCEMENT, May 10, 1974

The Schaff Prize in Church History, \$100, awarded to the student who writes the best paper in the field of Church History during the academic year.

The Jacob Y. Dietz Prizes, one of \$60 and the other of \$40, awarded to the two students who write the best papers in courses NT113 and/or NT224.

The Spessard Prizes in Christology, one of \$75 and the other of \$50, awarded to the two students who write the best paper in Course PR231.

Prize for the Best Written Sermon, \$25, awarded to a Senior. Sermon manuscripts on 8-1/2 x 11" sheets are to be submitted to Mr. Duke by April 16th.

Prizes in Rural and Urban Church, \$25, each, awarded to two students chosen by the faculty who demonstrate in class work, field education and involvement the clearest understanding of the role of the church in town and country, and in urban communities.

The Frederick Schaeffer Prize in Church and Community, \$50, awarded to a student chosen by the faculty who demonstrates excellence in the field of Religion and Society during the academic year.

The Paul Reid Pontius Memorial Award, \$50, given to a first or second year student chosen by the faculty who demonstrates excellence in the field of worship during the academic year.

Note: Prizes are awarded only when performance merits recognition.

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CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - 149:19

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

CALENDAR

Monday, February 25

- * 9:05 A.M. - Morning Prayers
- 7:00 P.M. - Night Ministry L 200
- * 9:00 P.M. - Bowling

Tuesday, February 26

- * 9:05 A.M. - Morning Prayers
- * 6:30 P.M. - Choir Rehearsal Santee Chapel
- * 9:00 P.M. - Bowling

Wednesday, February 27

- * 9:05 A.M. - Morning Prayers
- * 9:30 P.M. - Ash Wednesday Service Santee Chapel (1)

Thursday, February 28

- * 9:05 A.M. - Morning Prayers
- 6:30 P.M. - Presbyterian Ministers' Fund Dinner
Meadow Hills Dining House

Sam Saylor, Ministers Life Ins., will be on campus

Friday, March 1

- * 9:05 A.M. - Morning Prayers
- WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

DATES AHEAD

April 16-19 - Rap-with-the-Faculty Week
May 9 - 10 - COMMENCEMENT
May 20-24 - ACTS Program

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THE REGISTER

Executive Cabinet

No report
Next meeting - March 6

Academic Affairs

No report

Campus Affairs

No report

Student Community Council

No report

Doctoral Studies

No report

Collegium Development

No report

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

I will be away from the Seminary campus on Monday and Tuesday, February 25-26. I will be leading a Seminar for U.C.C. pastors in South Dakota. Wednesday and Thursday, February 27-28, I will be on Seminary business in western Pennsylvania returning in time for the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund Dinner. In my absence Dean Bricker will be in charge.

James D. Glasse

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

The announcement of prizes to be awarded at Commencement, May 10, 1974 is attached to THE ANNOUNCEMENTS for this week.

A questionnaire of evaluation of the January Session will be put in all mail boxes next week. Please follow the directions carefully and return them by the date indicated on the questionnaire. Your attention to this matter will help us plan for the January Session next academic year.

George H. Bricker

Announcements continued

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Concerning student financial aid for 1974-75 academic year. During the month of March, Mr. Farrar will be holding consultations with the Campus Affairs Committee concerning policy regarding student financial aid and collecting data as to this area of responsibility. Information and financial aid applications will be made available to all seminarians in April.

Lyman Farrar

I commend the following announcement to your attention. Dr. Spotts was an alumnus of the Seminary, and Pastor Schellenberger is one of our Collegium Pastors.

James D. Glasse President

On Sunday afternoon, March 17, 4:00 P.M. in St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Duke and East Orange Streets, Lancaster, Pa., the Senior Choir of St. Paul's United Church of Christ will sing Faure's Requiem as a memorial to Dr. Charles D. Spotts. You, your faculty and student body are invited to attend. Please make the announcement to your colleagues and student body.

Nevin E. Schellenberger, Pastor
St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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Liturgy of Ashes - Monsignor McGovern of Sacred Heart Church in Lancaster will be with us to distribute the Ashes and to deliver a Homily.

Barry M. Lohman

Dr. and Mrs. Horace Underwood, members of the faculty of Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, will be on campus on Friday, Feb. 22. From 1:00 to 3:00 P.M., they will meet with the course on Planning and Evaluating Educational Programs. Beginning shortly after 2:00 P.M., they will speak about their work as missionaries and educators in Korea. Students and faculty are invited to join the group at about 2:00 to hear the Underwoods. The course meets in the Hafer Center (L 200).

Lee Gable
Allen Kroehler

To: Graduating Seniors
From: Thomas E. Brown, Director of Vocational Planning.

Dr. Glasse has asked me to assume responsibility for assisting graduating seniors in placement, for this term. We are beginning to collect information from various churches and other organizations interested in graduating seniors and this will be available for your review in my office. Just stop in and indicate that you would like to take a look at the book of placement opportunities for graduating seniors and you may sit down and review it at your leisure.

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We are also planning a meeting of those interested at which we can discuss various procedures for seeking placement. This meeting will be announced in the near future. In the meantime, any senior who is particularly concerned should make an individual appointment with me to discuss the matter. Our approach will be to enable you to take initiative with respect to your own placement rather than our sending out letters of recommendation, etc.

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATION

Next Friday, March 1, will be the deadline for the April Bulletin. Will all seminarians, faculty, and administrators please take a few moments to consider whether you have knowledge of or responsibility for any program, event, or other happening which should be publicized in the Bulletin? If so, please give such information and any personal news items to me by Friday, March 1. Thank you.

Nancy Payne