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A LESSON TO BE LEARNED

The most accepted member of our community is no longer with us. As of Thursday, March 1, the member who is almost universally accepted, and probably the one who is the best known and most widely loved, will never be seen again by all but a very few of this community. Although he is not officially part of the student body, faculty, or staff, he definitely is a member of our community. Who is he, who does everyone (or almost everyone) adore--he is Charlie, alias Dick's brother, alias new student Charles Peebles.

Although Charlie is only(?) a dog, all of us who actually make up this community--students, faculty, and staff alike-- have a great deal to learn from him. Who else brought a smile, laugh, and response of joy so automatically and heartfelt? Who else did people go out of their way just to see or say a few words to? Who else never brought the thought of "oh no, look who's coming my way" or "maybe if I ignore him, he will go away"? Why is it that this black Poodle could do something no human in the community can do? Why is it that this dog who's ability to perceive or think in no way begins to approach our ability could do something we so often can't, even when we try (which isn't often)? Why is it an animal who probably cannot talk or truly make decisions on his course of action, is able to naturally and instinctively do something we usually cannot when we try? Why is it that Charlie almost seems more Christian than we who call ourselves Christians and are supposedly

studying to learn to be better Christians and help others too? How I truly wish, hope, and pray that our community can somehow become more like Charlie in a positive way. That somehow we too will someday be able to elicit heartfelt smiles and joy, happiness and fun, so automatically and without effort. It's almost a shame that Charlie will not be with us any longer that we could learn and grow from his example. Hopefully Charlie's spirit will always remain as a reminder that we all are to try to be more Christ-like in our living together.

--Dennis A. Moritz
Student Body Editor

P.S. Maybe our byword should be STROLL.

PARDON OUR PRINTING

If the printing on this issue of THE SEMINARIAN seems a little smudged or light in places, it is because this is our first run on our better-printing Gestetner mimeo machine. Thanks for bearing with us!

--The Staff

NOTICE OF INTEREST

Mr. Anthony Stuckert, a representative of J. Theodore Cuthbertson will display clergy apparel and accessories on Monday, March 12th in the HUB.

BIBLE STUDY

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus must have been a busy fellow going here and there healing the sick, teaching and being questioned by lawyers. It must have seemed to Him that everyone had a disease, question or demon.

In our story who comes crying to Him for help but a Gentile, a Canaanite woman, no less. She cries out for pity to the Son of David. Her daughter is tormented by a devil she says. What call she has coming to the Son of David -- a Gentile woman! Jesus' disciples of course wanted her to stay away. She had no right to be there because of who she was; she was a nobody. She was not worth the attention of our Master.

But before they could send her away Jesus responded that He was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel. Yet the woman was persistent. The dogs do eat the scraps that fell from the master's table. She acknowledged the fact that she was unworthy to sit at the master's table. As man, sinners and gentiles we must do the same.

Jesus saw this one's faith and rewarded her. The humble will be exalted. That is when we are lifted up, when we have lowered ourselves at the feet of the Lord in faith in the Son of David.

-- Larry Canfield.

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SYMPATHY GREETINGS

The staff of THE SEMINARIAN extends its deepest sympathies to Dr. Lee J. Gable and to Mr. Guy Mehl, Career Center, on the deaths of their fathers this week.

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COMMUNITY THANKS

Sincere thanks from LTS community to the PMF for a fine night this past Tuesday! Thanks!!!

WAS THERE A MULE ON NOAH'S ARK?:

A REACTION

I have been asked to respond to the article of THE SEMINARIAN concerning the absence of the mule from the passenger list of Noah's Ark.

I think our proper procedure in such a matter of Biblical data is to use the time-honored method of the great German scholars, Herman Bunkel and Rudolph Gultmann, namely Source Analysis.

First of all you will observe that the source of the story was a San Angelo, Texas, newspaper. This in itself is suspect. As someone famous once said, "Can any good come out of Texas?" If they were Britishers instead of Texans one would suspect them of trying to pull our leg.

Notice also the date of the article -- October 3, 1885. My father was born on November 18th of that year and he does not recall reading the article at that time. I grant you that this is an argument from silence but one could raise the questions, "Was there a Texas in 1885?" and if so, did they have newspapers?

I think the reason for the mule's absence from the passenger list of the Ark is quite simple (but not easy, as Dr. Brille likes to say): the mule, as almost everyone knows, is sterile. Therefore, when Noah thought with what famous words he should dispatch the animals from the Ark after the Flood and hit on the saying, "Go forth and multiply", he knew he couldn't include the sterile mule in his cargo.

--Dr. Donald M. G. Englert
(Any reaction, Dr. Vieth???)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAILY -- Morning Prayer & Vespers

TUESDAY -- 6:30pm, Choir

WEDNESDAY -- 7pm, Liturgy of the
Ashes, Fr. Charles Mullen,
officiating

The following letter has been sent by the Lancaster chapter of Clergy and Laity Concerned to every member of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. A similar letter will be sent to Dr. Robert Ross, President of the United Church of Christ, asking him to do all in his power to influence the policy of our government. Any member of the seminary community wishing to sign such a letter, please see Mike Clark in Richards 208.

There are some 200,000 political prisoners being held in the prisons of the Thieu regime in South Vietnam, under conditions which are barbarous beyond description. These are civilian prisoners from every walk of life. They include prominent Buddhist and Catholic clergy, neutralists, and pacifists - indeed virtually anyone who might conceivably constitute a political opposition to the Thieu regime in the crucial months ahead.

Many prisoners are being subjected to inhuman forms of torture.

(1) Two young Frenchmen, Jean-Pierre Debris and Andres Menras, released from Chi Hoa prison in Saigon after 2½ years of imprisonment, have described beatings, torture, and deaths of prisoners which are commonplace. Messrs. Debris and Menras will be in Washington, D.C. on March 19-20, 1973.

(2) The New York Times of August 8, 1972 reported on the torture-deaths of Duu Chi and Nguyen Duy Hien at Con Son; and of Ta Xuan Thanh, Dinh Van Et and Bui Duong at Chi Hoa.

The plight of these South Vietnamese political prisoners is the responsibility of the United States. Ninety percent of the Saigon budget is financed through American aid. The South Vietnamese police and prison system is aided by funds from the CIA, the Office of Public Safety of USAID, and the Phoenix Operation of CORDA (Civil Operations and Rural Development Support). In terms of subsidizing South Vietnam police activities, through FY 1972, USAID had spent \$56,244,000 for this purpose, with \$6,129,000 earmarked for FY 1973.

Even more disastrous is the fact that two years after the exposure of the hideous tiger cages of Con Son, USAID has recently given a \$400,000 contract to KAC-SIJ, an American company, for the construction of 304 new tiger cages. Both in general terms and specific ones, we believe the United States bears a direct responsibility for the situation in which these prisoners find themselves.

Because the United States government is involved in such matters, we, the American Congress and people, are likewise made accomplices. We cannot allow imprisonment, torture, or liquidation of opponents of the Thieu regime to be carried out in our names and with our money.

We ask that you

- (1) join in establishing a subcommittee of the Congress on the question of the situation of these political prisoners and of American complicity with their treatment, and
- (2) work to end all aid, of every kind, to the government of Nguyen Van Thieu.

With each passing day, we understand the number of prisoners to be growing and the conditions worsening. Furthermore, the prospect of liquidation grows evermore ominous. We know we must act when a Saigon judge, Tran Thuc Linh, can state publically, as he did in November of 1972:

"I have seen with my own eyes persons fastened to benches into whose mouths and noses interrogators poured sewage water, soapy water and even latrine water until their stomachs swelled to the bursting point...."

The lives of 200,000 South Vietnamese persons are in our hands. We must not fail them.

WHERE'S MY BFOMO?

Tuesday night, Feb. 27, was the night of the annual overstuffed stomach epidemic. It was on this night that a large portion of our community suffered from the rare (usually only once a year) gastroenterological disease called gluttony. Approximately 84 of our community attended the annual Presbyterian Ministers' Fund dinner which was held at Meadow Hills Dining Room. PMF made no sales pitches for their program, they simply stuffed us with an excellent and huge T-bone steak, baked potato, green beans, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, buns, apple pie a-la-mode, plus coffee, tea, or milk (they wouldn't serve beer!). Everyone left overly fed with their stomachs packed--even Brad's! After everyone finally rolled back, much Alka Seltzer and "Bromo" was used to try to alleviate the gluttonous after effects. So remember to check your supply of Bromo before the next PMF feast.

--Dr. Moritz

NACE STILL LEADS

Ted Nace still holds a commanding lead in bowling competition with a 166 average. After Saturday's competition there was some change in the order of the remaining top five. Dick Peebles has moved into second with 155.2 followed closely by Jack Seville at 155.1, "Doc" Englert has slipped back to fourth at 154.8 with Larry Canfield rounding out the top five at 153.1.

--Denny Moritz
Sports Editor

SPORTS FLASH: "Doc" Englert has announced that now that the ballplayers and owners have settled their dispute, LTS's team will begin training for the upcoming season. Where do we go this year "Doc"--Bermuda or Costa Rica?

MONSTROUS SALE

Next week the Bookstore has announced that they will have a sale of 1/2-price off on selected titles. This sale will run Monday through Friday, but you better come early to get the best selections.

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DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES: WEDNESDAY NOON

NEXT WEEK: Detailed report on the Church and Ministry Conference which was held Feb. 28.

ALSO: The first of a series of three editorials on the Church.

EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE OF
THE SEMINARIAN

(Questionnaire prepared by Barry M. Lohman of the SEMINARIAN staff in consultation with Dr. Loyde H. Hartley of the Research Center in Religion and Society.)

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