

Table Talk



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SCHMUCKER PHYSICAL FITNESS CLUB

HO! HO! HO!

In memory of our slim and trim Grand Patriarch, some members of the seminary community have founded the Samuel Simon Schmucker Physical Fitness Club this past week. The germ of the idea sprang to life one night as a group of the seniors were sitting around partaking of some liquid refreshment and contemplating the development of their rather unsightly pot-bellies. In a flash of rash enthusiasm, perhaps heightened by the nature of the refreshments that night, three among the group made a pact to begin to do something about the state of their gut.

From this humble beginning came the Samuel Simon Schmucker Physical Fitness Club. Growth of the movement has been slow (at the writing of this article we still have three members), but already we have expanded our program to include a morning and an evening chapter--something to fit everyone's needs. Morning and evening activities are identical, so no member need participate in both sessions. What we have instituted for a starter is the invigorating six-tenth of a mile run from Baughman Hall through the seminary campus to Rt. #30 and back again; as our endurance begins to develop, this negligible distance will undoubtedly become insufficiently stimulating for us, so our eventual plans are to extend the jaunt to a full mile.

For those with mildly protruding pots, we recommend the evening chapter, which meets in Baughman Hall, Rm. C-3, and whose current members are Dick Graefe and Charlie Pohlhaus. For those whose pot-bellies are more progressed and of longer standing, we recommend the more radical therapy of the morning chapter, which substitutes its activities for the usual breakfast hour, thereby attacking (Cont'd on page 4)

Would you believe that Christmas is two months away? It's the time of year when the Women of the Seminary begin to prepare for their annual Christmas Party. As in the past, this party is for the underprivileged children of our community and its surrounding areas. Married seminary students and faculty are invited to "adopt" an underprivileged child for the evening. They will bring the child to the party, see that he has a big time and at the conclusion return him to his own home. They will also see that Santa Claus has a present in his pack for the child. Santa will also have gifts for children of the seminary community too, however parents should check with Santa concerning this.

Pertinent information:

1. Time: 2:00 p.m.
2. Date: Saturday, December 10
(Contrary to the date of Dec. 3 on the flyer that went out this week.)
3. Place: Social Room
4. Dress: Casual-Dressy (men-tie and sweater, women-flats.)

A religious narration will begin our program followed by games, refreshments, singing, and story-telling. The afternoon will be highlighted with a visit from that jolly old man himself--Santa Claus!

Last week, you received two notices concerning the WCTS party. The first form should be filled out and returned by Wednesday, October 26.

This party will be fun and enjoyable for everyone. Many people have already volunteered their help. There is still much to be done in the planning stage, so if you're asked to contribute a "minute" of your time--please accept. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Nancy Myers

GETTYSBURG, PA.

FROM THE SPORT'S WORLD
(again)

As any good politician will, I must say at this time that it was only unexpected circumstances which kept us from moving into the proposed schedule of fall activities. I have been severely criticized the last few weeks for not spending my share of the Student Association's annual budget to have the clouds over the Seminary seeded so that we could have our water events; I think that this charge is quite unfair--besides that, I had to use the best part of the budget to get enough men to field three football teams. By the way, the report that the faculty is having their hospitalization bills taken care of by the Association for their participation on the gridiron is erroneous. The only concession that we had to make was the promise to support them when it was their turn in Chapel.

The football season went quite as it had been expected this year (I can say that since I'm not with the losers shouting, "Shut up and deal!"). One of the surprises of this greatest of all games came when the veteran senior quarterback, Bob Camac, announced that he would come out of retirement for one last go at it. I would at this time like to thank Bob for his participation; he is a great competitor and an outstanding credit to the Seminary. Thanks also to the senior team who put out their best and never quit. Be of good cheer men, the middlers will be back in two years to renew that grand old tradition of the senior class.

It has been noted by this reporter that one professor has announced that the fourth floor weight-dropping team has started practicing again. A quick glance at this year's team indicates that they have put a new "twist" in the event. Anyone interested in joining the team is asked to report directly above any of the classes on the third floor. It is required that participants be able to give evidence of producing an honest face in tight situations.

In closing I would like to call your
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PICTURE FROM OVERSEAS

In case you want to know and don't, the plaque in last week's picture displayed the Lord's Prayer in Esperanto.

Nowhere do the divisions among Christians show more dismayingly than in Jerusalem, where they are marked out in real estate. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, for instance, originally built under Constantine in the early fourth century, has become a collection of churches, or chapels, each owned and jealously guarded by one of the many branches of the Christian Church, eg. the Latin, Greek, Coptic, Armenian and Ethiopian. The visitor finds to his bewilderment under the same roof an array of altars and paraphernalia tended by functionaries in a variety of styles of dress.

The Mount of Olives has also suffered from partition. In particular, Gethsemane has been split. Of course no one knows the exact spot where Christ knelt in prayer among the olive trees. However, there are some ancient groves in a likely area. One Garden of Gethsemane is enclosed within the bounds of the Church of All Nations, which gives it an ecumenical air. The picture for this week, significantly showing a closed door, demonstrates the competitive spirit which might be called "Unecuminism on Olivet."

Dr. Howard N. Bream

SPORT'S WORLD (Cont'd)

attention to the sign-up sheet on the first floor for the annual "pong" tournament. Drawings for positions in this double elimination event will take place in two weeks.

Farewell for now sports fans, and remember, put a little fun in your life--you'll soon be in the parish.

Art Patterson

ROAD RALLY

You say you're tired of studying, you'r exhausted from cramming, you need a break? Why not do as several students here on campus do? Why not road rally?

All that's required for an afternoon or evening's fun is an auto; two people, a driver and navigator; and a rally. You simpl have to follow a given course and after a few turns end up at the finish line. It's as easy as taking a drive around the battlefield.

What is a rally? It's a time, distance, speed event. You start at a given point (the starting line) follow the route instructions along the course and keep the given speeds as you travel along the roads. If everything goes well, there are no wrong turns made and you don't get lost, you should end up at the finish line ready to receive your trophy.

How are the trophies handed out? This is done on the car receiving the lowest score. You get a point for such things as wrong answers to questions along the way or arriving at a check point early or late. There is usually one trophy handed out for every eight cars entered. Although there is no guarantee that you'll win anything, when you do they look quite nice on your mantel.

Road rallying is a relaxing, exciting and sometimes quite rewarding way to spend your time. Contrary to popular opinion, it is not a road race. If a contestant receives a traffic violation he is immediately disqualified from the event. The privilege of using the public roads for a sport is to be held with great exteem and should not be abused.

If you get a chance, try it sometime. It ia fun and a wonderful way to work off some of the frustrations you have built up through studies. If you do, have fun but obey the road rules. Anyone who desires further information on this enjoyable sport please contact the undersigned.

Harvey Weitzel

WHAT'S WITH WOTS

The October 12th meeting of WOTS was held in the Social Room of the Administration building at 7:30 p.m. Following the business meeting the Faculty Wives presented a very enjoyable musical program. Featured in the program were four different types of music designed both to entertain and to provoke thought as to how these types of music could be incorporated into parish work.

Mrs. Stuempfle told us the history and present usage of the recorder after which she, Mrs. Jones and Marty Brendle played several selections. The trio was followed by an inspiring piano selection by Mrs. Jacob Heikkinen. A string trio consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clippinger and Mrs. King played Sonata Number One in G Major by Hayden. The last type of music, presented by Professor Herb, gave the WOTS members a chance to sing along in a guitar song fest.

Thanks so much to the Faculty Wives for such an enjoyable evening! A reminder to all WOTS members--our meetings begin at 7:30 P.M. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 26th, in the Social Room. Dr. Leigh Jordahl will speak on "The Nature and Function of Worship."

P.S. Remind your husbands to turn in your Christmas Party reply sheets. There are boxes outside the President's office and next to the mail boxes.

Lanie Nagle

PHYSICAL FITNESS (Cont'd)

the gut from two fronts. The morning chapter, by coincidence, also meets in C-3, and it has as its sole member at this time Bill Diamond.

The evening chapter meets at 11:00 and the morning chapter at (would you believe?) 6:45. Due to the limited treasury of the organization at this point, we request that those joining the evening group supply their own refreshments for the post-exercise social hour.

Membership is open to anyone in the seminary community, faculty, students, staff, husbands, wives, etc. The only requirements are 1) any degree of midriff bulge or muscle flabbiness and/or 2) a sincere desire to maintain the high standards of fitness as exemplified by our venerable patriarch, the Rev. Mr. Schmucker. Remember, acceptance into membership is not based on talent but on need. The bigger the need, the bigger the challenge; rest assured, we do not try to break any speed or endurance records in our activities.

Should our membership grow to sufficient size, we may petition for acceptance as a sub-committee of the existing Athletics Committee. This would give us a budget with which we could purchase a wider variety of refreshments and also further exercising and first aid supplies. Who knows, by year's end we may have a chinning bar over the doorway to each classroom, weight-lifting equipment in the coffee-shop, and official membership cards with space to record our weight loss and our athletic achievements.

Care to join us?

Dick Graefe

FRIEND, GO UP HIGHER (CLOSER)

Anybody who has lead chapel is aware of the great gulf which yawns between the chancel and the first occupied pew. Communication being the problem it is even under the best of circumstances, one can easily work up a nightmarish vision of the chasm slowly filling up with words and ideas which never make it across.

The "back pew syndrome"--the affliction of several hundred generations of worshipers--may represent a sub-conscious desire to identify with the rear-of-the-church publican (no breast-beating, please) of whom it was said that he "went down to his house justified." Or, we may be secretly hoping for a re-enactment of that other parable in which a properly modest wedding guest, having slipped into a back seat, could scarcely suppress a smug smile as he followed the instruction of his host to "go up higher."

In case you've been waiting for just such an invitation, the Worship Committee is now ready to extend it. There will be no muscular ushers to hand-wrestle you up the aisle. There will, however, be a discreetly worded sign which we hope will give you a polite prod in an easterly direction.

Pastor Steumpfle