

# Table Talk

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## BEST GREETING AT THIS DATE

After a very good summer in Columbus, Ohio with my time divided between the Columbus State Hospital and my fiancée, it's nice to return to the Seminary for another year's work. I kind of missed the ole place this summer, not to say that I don't miss my fiancée now that I'm here in Gettysburg and she's in Washington, D.C. But the friendships made last year made the return to the academic life worthwhile.

As President of the Student Association I'm supposed to welcome everyone back to school through this article. That little assignment seems rather redundant since I've already welcomed the Juniors during orientation week, and have chaired the briefest class meeting on record with the Seniors.

The best greeting at this date will probably be to tell you my hopes for the year. I hope that the friendships I talked about earlier will have a healthy climate for growth. I hope that the interaction, friendships, and sharing between the classes will improve. Of course, I also hope that the Committee Chairman will receive your support and participation in the activities of the Student Association. I don't think that these are vain hopes, but their realization can only be accomplished through our efforts to make this community what I know it can be. Let's grow together spiritually and intellectually and work at being participants in the life of our seminary.

Finally, please come to me or any Committee Chairman if you have some suggestions how we can make the Student Association better meet your needs.

As Dr. Heikkinen has said, and as I relay on to you his message; "happy new year."

Dale Garman

## NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations are in order to Phil Howard and his wife on the birth of their son, Stefan Olaf, on September 14.

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- statement was originated and approved during the 1964-65 academic year.
- Specific Content Ideas for "Table Talk"
1. Regular editorials
  2. Regular columns of some sort
  3. Chapel meditations when worthy and available.
  4. Thesis abstracts from previous year
  5. Republication of material from other Seminaries' papers.
  6. Current events in the Seminary community.
  7. Articles by returning interns and those in Clinical Training
  8. News of general interest to the community
  9. Humor
  10. Promotional material for community events and activities

Harvey Weitzel  
Managing Editor

JUNIORS VISIT INNER-CITY

"... an actual participation in a concrete exposure experience in an urban center" was the goal of the Junior class as we left Gettysburg for Philadelphia last Thursday afternoon at 4:30. During the next three days we hustled around the city trying to see, hear, and digest as much as possible.

Our base of operations was the Center City Lutheran Parish. At Holy Cross Church, Thursday night, the entire group gathered for an orientation of the program and some of the problems facing the inner city. The class was not to get together again until Saturday afternoon when we traveled to Tabernacle Church for a final session with the Parish director, Pastor Robert Neumeyer, and the other parish pastors.

One of the most interesting parts of the trip for many was the chance to spend both nights in the homes of Negro families in North Philadelphia. There was also a wide range in the kind of houses chosen. From the reactions of some of the Juniors, they were either delighted or depressed. The opportunity to talk and live with a family in the inner city ghetto was certainly one of  
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LIBRARY DISPLAY

Eight pamphlets from the Reformation era are on exhibit in the A.R. Wentz Library (Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Penna.). Five pamphlets contain sermons, letters and tracts written by Martin Luther. These pieces of literature were printed and widely distributed in 16th century Germany. The other three pamphlets contain a summons directing Luther to appear at a council of the Roman Church, the sermon preached by Melanchthon at Luther's funeral and an account of Luther's death written by some of his friends who were present.

Among the Luther items is an early printing of the sermon, "about indulgences and grace," delivered on October 31, 1517. It was on that same day that Luther sent a copy of his ninety-five theses for debate to the Archbishop of Mainz and, according to tradition, posted the theses on the church door at Wittenburg. Since the first account of the posting was written after Luther's death, its historicity has been questioned by scholars. At any rate, this sermon played a part in calling public attention to Luther's attack on the indulgence system.

These pamphlets were selected from the rare book collection by Pastor Frederick Weiser, Archivist and will remain on exhibit through October 15, 1967.

AWAY WE GO

With the seminary in full swing again, the time has come for droves of cars to leave the Gettysburg area on Sunday mornings, driven by half-  
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LUTHERAN LABOR DAY CONFERENCE  
ON WAR AND RACE

Ed. Note: this news release in no way represents the opinions of this paper or the seminary itself.

Chicago - A national conference of young adult Lutherans, deploring "disastrous trends" in American foreign policy and race relations, challenged the Lutheran church "to a new openness to radical change for greater justice, equality, and dignity." Meeting at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, the Lutheran Labor Day Conference on War and Race attacked "Lutheran quietism in social, economic and political matters," because "sound theology and common intelligence call for an end to the silence."

The group formed a permanent organization known as the Lutheran Action Committee. A "We Won't Go!" statement was signed by 28 conferences participants in which they stated that "under no circumstances" would they fight in Viet Nam or participate in the U.S. military "so long as the present war continues."

Addressing the church and the nation, in an adopted document, the participants stated: "Let us no longer be the primary source of reaction and despotism in the world. Let us remember our own revolutionary tradition and truly recognize, in word and action, the genuine right of oppressed people to overcome the sources of their oppression. The revolutionary imperatives found in the Gospel and the prophets of Israel compel us to act for the poor and the oppressed."

Significant actions taken by the conference, which included members from the three major Lutheran bodies (LCA, ALC, LC-MD), included: -- Strong condemnation of American involvement in Viet Nam and other parts of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

--Resolutions that urge church bodies to remove the military chaplaincy from military structures and urge churches to affirm and support selective conscientious objection against particular wars as being "in the best Lutheran tradition of freedom of the conscience."

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WOTS NEW?

President and Mrs. Heiges entertained at their home on Wednesday evening, September 13. This was WOTS' first meeting for the year. Two installations were held: Kathy Bricker, Secretary; Dolores Garrett, Treasurer. Both wives were away on internship last year, so they could not be installed in the spring. President Heiges then welcomed us, bringing out some points and problems concerning theological education today. He also told us something about sharing with our husbands and supporting them.

Judy Persiko

JUNIORS VISIT (Cont'd)

the greatest experiences of the trip.

Friday was a very busy day, being spent with different authorities of the city government. It was here that we learned the complexity of many of the issues, especially those related to housing and employment. If the illusion of a simple answer was lurking in anyone's mind, it was soon destroyed. Friday afternoon was spent in community tours and the social welfare agencies. (By this time most of us had listened to so many discussions, questions and answers, that we were generally unresponsive.)

Friday night was spent in police cars and magistrates court (only observers, though). Here we saw only a few of the many problems facing both the police and the citizens of the inner city. A taste of the flavor of the city came unexpectedly when Gary Gorman's car was broken into and ransacked.

Saturday morning was spent at non-Lutheran organizations which were carrying on similar ministries.

After the discussion at Tabernacle Church Saturday afternoon, we returned to Gettysburg to take a good long shower, rest our feet, and think about what we had seen in Philadelphia.

Jerry Weeks

SPORTS

The Seminary Football League got underway this past Tuesday after the Athletic Department had to overcome its first administrative roadblock. The difficulty occurred on Sunday when the Junior class discovered that half of its team would be away both Tuesday (the scheduled opening day) and Friday (the alternative rainout date).

The Middler-Senior game originally scheduled for Thursday of this week was moved up to Tuesday, while the Junior-Middler game will be played on a date to be decided by the Athletic Director.

This past Tuesday the Seniors were overcome by sheer numbers as the Middlers walloped their older brothers, 24-0. A one-yard pass from quarterback Jack Ferra to left half Don Lindman put the second-year students on the scoreboard early in the first half. Lindman's TD was the first six-pointer which the team had scored in two years since last year's squad scored only a safety in six games.

The Middler defensive squad (composed of completely different six men than the offensive squad) set up the first touchdown as Mark Peterson pounced on a Senior fumble on the 1 yard stripe. Paul Jones attempted to set up another touchdown when he intercepted a Jim Bricker aerial on the Senior 35. However, three aeriels misfired and the Middlers were forced to kick. The defensive battle continued until halftime.

After each squad had a crack at offence, Ferra got hot. Dick Little ran a punt back to his own 26 to start the offensive drive. Ferra spotted Eric Wogen for a 14 yarder to midfield. After a long toss to Little went incomplete, the Middler signal-caller hit Charlie Stetler for a 20-yard completion. Rod Shearer brought the large crowd of spectators to their feet as he hauled in his first of two TD catches on the 1 yard line and waltzed into the end zone.

The Seniors again failed to get across midfield and the Middlers took over on their own 25 after the punt. Ferra threw incomplete to Lindman but on second down found Stetler at midfield for 15 yards. On the next play Ferra rolled  
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asleep seminarians on their way to fill various vacant pulpits in the Central Penn, Maryland, and Virginia Synods. Unfortunately things aren't in as full swing as we would like at this time since there are more men to fill supply pulpits than there are pulpits to fill. One of my first duties as Preaching Co-ordinator is to be in contact with the various Synod offices and hopefully this situation will be remedied in the near future.

I want to impress the importance to supply men of submitting in writing, dates you are available and want to preach. This should be done on the forms periodically handed out for this purpose. It is rather difficult to remember some fifty names to fill 16 vacancies (subject to change) and having requests in writing helps considerably in fair and accurate placements.

Many questions have been asked me concerning travel time, size of church, honorarium, etc. Having assumed the responsibility of Preaching Co-ordinator at the beginning of this school year, I cannot say about many of the churches for sure. However, I hope to visit all of the parishes at least once in this capacity. I do know that travel time varies from half an hour to Keysville, Md. to almost three hours at Shanksville and Berwick, Pa. and the Mountain View Charge in Pa. Honorarium varies, but the farther one goes from Gettysburg, the larger the amount will be.

At any rate, as stated in my form letter, if there are any questions at all, don't hesitate to ask me in person or to call me.

Gerald "Gerry" Vande Mark

LABOR DAY CONFERENCE (Cont'd)

--- Plans for "beg-ins" at Lutheran worship services for victims of the Viet Nam war.

--- Recommendations that churches set up agencies for draft counseling that should "provide instruction and advice  
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LABOR DAY CONFERENCE (Cont'd)

prior to registration as to the implications of an alternatives to cooperation with the Selective Service System."

---Support for the goals and most of the methods of the Black Revolution in the united States, even though "white Americans cannot understand that their rascism lies at the bottom of the black man's rebellion."

---Withdrawal of support to many financial programs of churches "because of their overwhelming percentage expenditures on building and institutional maintenance." In place of this increased support will be given to "selected church operations, ghetto community organizations and peace organizations."

---Plans for studies, speakers bureaus and direct action with regard to both war and race. Direct actions would include sit-ins at draft induction centers, support for the October 21 marches against the war in Viet Nam, and demonstrations during Lutheran observances of the 450th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

The Lutheran Labor Day Conference also called upon the Lutheran churches to form an alliance with the Black Revolution and to "recognize finally the validity of the Black Power movement." It called for "organizing efforts designed to bring our middle class churches, schools, and political institutions into line with the reality of the Black Revolution." Citing the existence of what it called "structural racism" within America and within the Church, the group also challenged the Church to "give loans not for church buildings but for the development of Black power." A lengthy analysis of the Black Revolution ended with the following words: "It is the goal of the Black Revolution to end the political, economic and psychological oppression, suppression, containment, and control of Black people by the white power structure in America. The Black Revolution is a determined effort and can be stopped or destroyed only by exterminating the Black people in America." To help further the ends of the revolution the conference called upon the church to "immediately release its Black pastors (Cont's next col.)

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left and hit Little in the end zone as the right end leaped high into the air to make the x score 18-0.

After the kickoff the Seniors made their deepest penetration of the afternoon. Two passes from Bricker to Denny Trout and Gary Brown put the ball on the Middler 20 with the fourth down coming. However, another pass to Brown fell incomplete as the Middler defense again did an outstanding job.

Don Derby set up the final tally of the afternoon when he intercepted another pass and ran it back to the Senior 18. Ferra called for a razzle-dazzle play handing off to Little who attempted a pass to Shearer, but the ball fell short of the end's outstretched hands. On second down Ferra caught Shearer in the end zone to complete the scoring.

All in all, it looks like an interesting football season is in store for the Seminary community.

Charlie Stetler

LABOR DAY CONFERENCE (Cont'd)

to pursue community work in whatever way the pastor wishes with financial security guaranteed."

The conference condemned American military, political, economic, and espionage involvements in "Third World" countries, especially South Africa, Angola, Thailand, Bolivia, Brazil and The Dominican Republic. It asked that the U.S. "change the nature of our foreign policy toward the "Third World" by demonstrating "Our commitment to the fulfillment of the legitimate aspirations of the peoples of the Third World as they seek to arise from their bitter legacies of racism, colonialism, and exploitation."

Participants in the conference included Lutheran seminary students, Lutheran graduate students, members of the Lutheran Prince of Peace Volunteers, and members of the Lutheran Human Relation Association. Speakers and resource personnel at the conference were Dr. Richard Luecke, Director of (Cont'd Page 6)

LABOR DAY CONFERENCE (Cont'd)

Studies, Urban Training Center for Christian Mission, Chicago; the Rev. John Fry of First Presbyterian Church, Chicago; Robert Avakian of Ramparts magazine; Curtis Foster, a Chicago Negro leader; and Elijah Turner, Oakland civil rights militant. Several professional and lay church leaders were observers at the conference. The conference participants, from every major region of the country, spent most of their time during the four day meeting in six "core groups" working on documents in the fields of war and race. Special emphasis was placed on questions of the draft, the "Third World," Viet Nam, racism, black power and white responsibility, and the role of churches in responding to social ills. The conference, inter-racial in nature, was convened by Ruth Porisch and Jerry Glaeve of Chicago and John Kretzmann of Valparaiso, Indiana. For further information, contact Ruth Porisch at 1445 North State Parkway, Apt. 21E, Chicago, phone WH 4-6441.

TREASURER'S REPORT

On Tuesday, September 14, 1967, the Student Association approved the following budget:

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>% of BUDGET</u>
Athletics	C. Stetler	5%
Social	D. Trout	15%
Ecumenics	T. Tatman	8%
Missions	R. Shearer	5%
Lecture	D. Nelson	28%
Table Talk	H. Weitzel	11%
Theolog	P. Howard	8%
		<u>80%</u>

The remaining 20% will be set aside for the surplus. This is used by the Student Association for incidental expenses, memoriams, congratulations on the birth of a child, and other items mentioned at the meeting.  
Jack Ferra