

Table Talk

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A record swap? When? Where? Lot's take these one at a time. Because of the number of physically sound 78 rpm records of limited appeal to my taste are silently collecting dust at our house, it occurred to me that others too might have items they would rather trade than hear. For instance, the disc with the Mormon Tabernacle choir that, though like new, doesn't send me, might make someone else light up with a desire to play or spin the platter. It's a chance, yes, but as the saying goes, man does not live by dread alone, so why not try hope?

If enough members of the seminary community are swap minded, our audio white elephants would take on value at least as temporary conversation pieces. (Of course, if you feel that you really don't mono swap, that's your choice). The rules of the game could be simple: first come, first served, caveat emptor, no deposit no return.

Should the response to this suggestion make it feasible (answering the first question with "yes") the time becomes crucial. Also where, Since Thursday at 9:30 A.M. has been declared free time for committee meetings, I propose March 21, at 9:30 in room 202 of the Ad building.

Please let the undersigned know if you want to participate, or what modifications you may think advisable in the format for the happening. When seven affirmations have been received, an announcement eschatologizing the plan will be posted.

WOTS WHAT?

Hello! Let me bring those of you who have not attended our meetings up to date.

On of the highlights of the fall term was the lecture by Professor Jordahl on October 19. He summarized for us what he feels are the most important elements in the church service. The essential elements are those which bring across the message of the Word and Sacrament with directness, simplicity, and relevance for our time.

On November 8, members of the Seminary Auxiliary spoke to us of the Auxiliary's program and its importance to the Seminary. The Auxiliary has completed a number of worthwhile projects since its beginning in the 1940's -- among them, providing the climate control system for the library and furnishings for the men's dormitories. Since 1964-65 a scholarship fund has also been set up. It was strongly emphasized that unless a pastor's wife was aware of the Auxiliary and its program, the Auxiliary could not hope for much support from that particular congregation.

On January 17, Chuck Kindsvatter presented his slide program from his intern year in Dallas, Texas. Through two current songs with social messages and slides of the people with whom he worked, Chuck brought home the point that a ministry of presence and acceptance is what many people, especially the poor, need. The urban poor, in particular, need acceptance by someone who cares, not condemnation for their inability to fulfill the work and success ideal of the middle class.

Pastor Hans Goebel, from St. Augustine's Lutheran Church in Baltimore, spoke to us on February 7 about his BAM mission church and his experiences (Cont'd Page 3)

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THE POTTY-MOUTH AND THE 16-FOOT FAGOTT

Izzy is a potty-mouth. More precisely, a garbage mouth. He has diarrhea of the oral cavity. It's really bad, Ecccch!

Brad is different. He's no potty-mouth. No sir! He's really holy. Holy. Holy. Holy. Lord God Almighty. At least he thinks he is. That's some hang-up.

Gordon likewise is in trouble. If it rains, his nose fills with water and he nearly drowns. That's how high it is - his nose, I mean. He's a little weak on the amenities, too. Like saying hello and things.

But Claude is a real gaper! He's just dense. Asks dumb questions and all. Even looks a little weird. Talk about being hung up - he's hung up more than a telephone.

Bert looks weird, too. Like he was looking down the 16-foot Fagott and somebody tromped on the pedal. Really different!

Then there's Glenn. He's up higher than a kite. (Or at least that's what everyone thinks.) Almost the exact opposite of Dirk; he's lower than double-bass.

Guess I could go on for quite a while, but what's the use? Why get sick over it? It's a real bunch of losers here. The whole place is rank with hang-ups. Everybody's flaky. Not one normal one in the bunch.

But to top it off, this Clown comes along and tries to tell me that I shouldn't be so rough on them. He says Izzy just needs to be understood - maybe even friendship. Same with Brad. And Gordon and Claude and Bert.

"Glenn might turn out to be a heckuva great guy if you just give him a chance," the Clown says. And ditto for Dirk. "After all," the idiot Clown says, "You've gotta look past the hangups to see the real people."

Flirp! Talk about weird! That's gotta be the most unreal I've ever heard. Just too much. I'd be a fool if I paid those guys any attention. Understanding? Friendship? Not me! That could cost me my reputation -- imagine! -- me mingling with all those kooks.
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THESES ON THE DOOR

These theses are about the main outer doors of the library. You could extend them to the other doors plagued by the demon of opacity in that building, though. They arise from painful experience. One occasion in particular remains vivid in memory. As I reached for the handle of the door from the outside, it shot open and smote my thumb with vigor. In this day and age you could print my mental remarks, but I'd rather not. The innocent cause of the accident, a fellow in a hurry to get out, was soothingly apologetic about it. But the system, not he, was at fault. So, in the hope that others will unload their traumas and vent their opinions, I nail down several propositions in these here theses.

1. Blind doors are a threat to life and limb.
2. No traffic hazard such as they represent would be tolerated on modern streets or highways.
3. If you haven't been buffeted, the chances are two to one that if you spend two years here you jolly well will be.
4. Beautiful opaque doors seen through black eyes are an abomination.
5. Solid doors won't protect anything, not while there are doors with glass panes and windows all around the building ready and waiting to give access to a determined breaker in.
6. Wooden doors need periodic painting, which glass does not.
7. Advantages of see-thru doors are lost by blind doors.
8. Doors with glass admit more natural light.
9. The east doors to the circulation room, the doors to the reference room and the browsing room, as well as other doors in the library have glass panels; why not the front doors?
76. Doors with glass would be more ecumenical; Pope John XXIII wanted to open the windows to let some air in - glass doors would open the library to light and sight.
95. Other libraries, such as the Gettysburg College library, and, in case you are Republican, the Milton Eisenhower
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B-BALL TEAM FINISHES AT 3-11;
SPRING SPORTS TO BEGIN APRIL 1

As far as victories go, it was just one of those years for the Seminary basket ball squad who ended its season with a 3-11 log with the final victory coming as a result of a forfeit to St. John's. The Community Basketball League was composed of only four teams this year, and since the team had to play every Monday and Thursday this left little time to practice as a unit. Nevertheless, the fellows had some fun and a lot of exercise.

The 1968-69 squad ought to have a lot going for it barring any unforeseen developments since four of the top five scorers this year were from the Junior class in the personages of Jack Keeler (96 points), Darrell Layman (72), Kenny Schott (57) and Roger "Junior" Barnes (52). These four along with Rich Barley could provide the all-around scoring punch which the returning Interns need. Last year's scoring ace, Clayton "Rudy" Rudolph will be returning next fall along with Burl Latshaw, the second high scorer and a top man on the boards, Art Patterson, who'll provide the board strength which the team could have used this year, Charlie Miller, Bill Dreikorn, Hal Truax, and possibly Bill Quail.

Besides the Juniors, the Middlers added the following to the point total: Rod Shearer (66 and third highest scorer) Charlie Stetler (30), Jack Ferra (22), and Dick Little (20). The lone Senior Jim Bricker tallied 36 markers, while Barley had six and Paul Jones failed to score.

The forfeit game was probably the most fun all year since everybody scored (although the points were not added into the record books). Jones and Brickee played for St. John's who had to forfeit because they only had four men. Jones tallied a free throw and a field goal while Bricker poured through 12 markers, but the Seminary nine still managed to take a 47-40 triumph as Barley scored nine. If the points had been added to the seasonal total, Keeler would have easily gone over the 100 mark, and the final game of the season was can-
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in the community. The building housing St. Augustine's was vacated almost two years ago by the congregation whose members had all moved to the suburbs. The Board of American Missions and the Maryland Synod picked up the interests in the situation and about one year ago Pastor Goebel was called to the neighborhood of St. Augustine's. He and his staff visited us and explained something about their program to the neighborhood and how the presence of the church has made a difference there. A recreation center and a tutorial center have been organized, as well as a neighborhood action committee to deliver complaints to the city government and press for action on solutions. Pastor Goebel believes that the Church is called to have meaning in a restless world. If Christ did not come to serve the poor, for whom did he come?

- Judy Persiko

POTTY-MOUTH (Cont'd)

So I says, "Clown, shove it!" And he looks at me real hurt like, and gets on his donkey and rides down Spring Street toward the Square. Headinf for the Pub, I guess. Weird!

-F.K.

THESES (Cont'd)

library at Johns Hopkins, have doors with glass.
96. While esthetics has a place in the equation, function has a greater weight than design, and utility greater weight than tradition.

-Sesame

SPORTS (Cont'd)

celled also since St. John's was unable to get up a team -- it was just as well for us, too, that was the week of finals!! At least the team didn't finish in the basement - they tied for third!

Many thanks to the few loyal fans who followed the team despite the losses and who at least came out to the games. A special thanks to the staff and faculty members who often outnumbered the students particularly, Mr. Benson, Mr. Matthews, and Professors Hoffman and Bream.

Well, it's springtime again, the time of the year when a young man's mind turns to the thoughts of -- would you believe, softball? At any rate, a softball league is in the process of being formed on a slightly more formal basis than last year in order to provide a little more competition. It is hoped that some batting records and perhaps pitching performances will be kept along individual lines and team standings will be recorded.

The games will be played on Monday and Thursday afternoons and at this early date it looks like there will be four nine-man teams with possible substitutes for each team. Game time will be around 3:15 P.M. Again there will be no umpires this year in order to keep a degree of informality to the contests. The only problem will lie in close decisions on the bases since there will be no called balls and strikes.

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A tennis tournament will be set up no later than April 1 when all entries must be in. It will be a double elimination tournament involving both singles and doubles teams.

For anyone interested, volleyballs are available in the recreation room and no doubt some fellows will want to "choose up sides" on some warm spring afternoons.

Don't forget, Monday April 1 is opening day at Schmucker Field for the softball teams. The games will be seven innings long and only one game will be played each day at least until daylight savingtime rolls around. Anybody for a day-night double-header? Better see Mr. B about installing flood-lights!

-Charlie Stetler