

Table Talk

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DEMONSTRATION SEDAR HELD

A demonstration Passover seder was conducted for the first time at the Lutheran Theological Seminary here, the oldest Lutheran seminary in the Western Hemisphere.

Dr. Donald R. Heiges, president of the Lutheran Church in America institution, described the event as "an important aspect of building bridges with the Jewish community."

The seder was conducted by Rabbi Solomon S. Bernards, director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith's department of inter-religious cooperation. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Golant, one of several Jewish families residing in Gettysburg, participated in the ritual, together with their three children.

"The purpose of the seder presentation was twofold," Rabbi Bernards told the more than 110 students and faculty who attended the demonstration:

"First, to shed light on the linkage between the Passover seder and the rites associated with the Last Supper and, secondly, to illustrate the living spiritual heritage of Passover for the Jews of today.

"The liberation of the ancient Hebrew slaves and God's providence," he continued, "remain continuously relevant and inspiring. The interest of Christians in the Jewish background of their faith has in recent years created a basis for a deeper understanding of the common ground and differences of Judaism and Christianity."

Rabbi Bernards pointed out that this interest is a "sign of a willingness to develop new forms of inter-faith cooperation."

The demonstration seder was sponsored by the Seminary Student Ecumenics Committee in cooperation with the ADL. Dr. Heiges announced that through the cooperation of Rabbi Bernards and the ADL, the seminary would institute a course (Cont'd next column)

MEMORIAL TO A CONTEMPORARY MARTYR

In remembrance of Martin Luther King, we submit the following quotation from his beliefs:

"I am convinced that the universe is under the control of a loving purpose, and that in the struggle for righteousness man has cosmic companionship. Behind the harsh appearances of the world there is a benign power. To say that this God is personal is not to make him a finite object besides other objects or attribute to him the limitations of human personality; it is to take what is finest and noblest in our consciousness and affirm its perfect existence in him.

We must never feel that God will, through some breathtaking miracle or a wave of the hand, cast evil out of the world. As long as we believe this we will pray unanswerable prayers and ask God to do things that he will never do.

This would be an unbearable world were God to have only a single light, but we may be consoled that God has two lights: a light to guide us in the brightness of the day when hopes are fulfilled and circumstances are favorable, and a light to guide us in the darkness of the midnight when we are thwarted and the slumbering giants of gloom and hopelessness rise in our souls.

I am convinced of the reality of a personal God ... In the past the idea of a personal God was little more than a metaphysical category that I found theologically and philosophically satisfying. Now it is a living reality that has been validated in the experiences of everyday life. God has been profoundly real to me in recent years."

in Judaism in the 1968-69 academic year.

- Andy Werzer

FIRST HALF OF SOFTBALL SEASON TO END IN TWO-WAY DEADLOCK

HAPPENINGS

The first half of the exciting Sominary Softball League was doomed to end in a two-way tie for first between the Aces and either the Sons of the Prophets or the Devils who were to square off against each other Wednesday in the final game of the first round.

The Aces started off slowly as they dropped the League opener to the Sons, 12-10, but came on strong to win their next three contests. A come-from-behind triumph over the Devils last Thursday, 10-3, insured the Aces a tie for first. The Sons were upset by the Great Balls o' Fire, 16-15, in the third game of the year but then clobbered the All-Stars, 33-6, to give them a 2-1 record.

The Devils jumped off to an early lead downing both the GBoF's and the All-Stars. After losing to the Aces, the Devils also sported a 2-1 log. The Great Balls o' Fire are only a game out of first place at 2-2 going into the second half of the season, but they will be tied with the loser of the Sons-Devils contest. The All-Stars dropped their first two contests by an identical 12-11 count to the Aces and the Devils and were within striking distance most of the way against the GBoF's only to suffer a 13-7 setback.

Probably the most exciting game of the spring was the extra-inning affair between the Devils and the All-Stars. Ed Kopp of the Devils and Herm Stuempfle of the All-Stars went nine innings on the mound in a real nip-and-tuck contest which saw the lead change hands no fewer than seven times. However, with two out in the bottom of the ninth Paul Jones drilled a single to right to score Gus Fridenvalds with the winning run.

Another cliffhanger saw Gene Ketterer of the GBoF's stave off a seventh inning Sons' rally to preserve his 16-15 win. The Great Balls o' Fire jumped off to a 7-4 lead in the first frame and kept on building up their lead off the Sons' Paul Gerschwitz and 13 fielding miscues. Going into the bottom
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There's just no end to the Happenings aboard the good ship L.T.S. G-BURG, and another one was staged last Friday night. I am talking about THE social event of the season, the Spring Dance,

The Social Committee took upon itself the challenging task of planning for the dance. In financing the affair "the sky was the limit" - \$5.98! Several places were considered as the site for the dance, but since the battlefield closes at 10:00 and the square at 5:00, the Refectory was the next logical and desirable spot. The Refectory was cheaply, but tastefully decorated.

The services of none other than the "FOUR SPEAKERS" were acquired to provide the music. Unfortunately since finances did not permit the committee to supply the "FOUR SPEAKERS" with police protection, only two were able to survive and escape the mob of fans, and show up. Local D.J. Lenny Larson was on hand to select the musical numbers that the "FOUR SPEAKERS - two" played.

The occasion was graced by the presence of the two anchor men of the Faculty ALL-STAR team and their wives. While youthful "BAT'EM BALL FAR" Christiansom (affectinately known in some circles as "HE WHO CARRY PAPOOSE ON BACK") was busy running his wife Carol around the dancefloor, star pitcher "LIGHTENING LARRY FOLKEMER" sat in the corner reassuring everyone that though his team seemed to be having a "run of bad luck", they would manage to TIE at least one game before the end of the baseball season.

Part of the intermission entertainment was provided by Finland's answer to Liberace, Professor Heikkinen. Professor Heikkinen propounded the keyboard with his famous theology in B[#] and B^b.

The concluding part of the intermission was provided by the Schmucker Singers. Their performance also bridged on the theological. Via the medita of parody, satire, and tongue in
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half of the seventh, Ketterer held a 16-10 lead and looked unbeatable for he had already accounted for none of the 18 putouts made.

With one away, Jack Keeler unloaded with a double and scored on Lance Braun's single. Ketterer accounted for the second out on a chop to the mound. Win Devomshire slashed a single to left to score Braun and went to second on an error. Charlie Voit doubled him home and then scored on Ken Schott's single. Bob Goehrig send a hard grounder to short and was out on an extremely close play at first to end the game.

The Sons came back to have a field day against the All-Stars in one of the most one-sided contests of the season. Led by Roger Barnes and Barley, the Sons pounded out five homeruns and a double in a 31-hit attack. Barnes set a record with two four-baggers in a single contest while Barley hit his second homer of the season and went 5-7 at the plate. Devomshire ended a nine-run sixth inning with a grand slam placed nicely in right-center. The slam is the only one of the year so far.

The Aces spotted the Devils a 3-0 lead in the first three innings of their contest, but then began to peck away at Kopp for two runs in the third and another in the fourth to tie the score. The roof waved in in the fifth when the Aces put together five singles and a sacrifice fly to account for four runs. They added three more in the sixth to give hurler Al Towberman his second win without a loss. Ron Reed accounted for four RBI's and scored two runs as he went 3-4 at the plate with a double. The loss was Kopp's first in three decisions.

Ed Keyser of the AllStars led the batting race with one game left in the first round at .647. Barnes (Sons) at .588 and Jack Ferra (Aces) at .571 are his nearest threats. Barley and Barnes lead in the home run category with two each; Ferra and Fridenvalds in triples, two each; and six men tied with two doubles a piece. Reed and Barley lead with nine RBI's each while Barnes and Bill Sanders (All-Stars) have eight.
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HAPPENING (Cont'd)

cheek the musical prophets really "SOCKED IT TO" their audience and "TOLD IT LIKE IT WAS"!

Although everyone probably - could have danced all night, the festivities promptly ended at 11:30. The Refectory has not seen such action since the big "BUTTER vs. OLEO CON# TRAVERSY" of '68.

-Sharon Beckhardt

SPORTS (Cont'd)

Approximately 60 people have participated in the Softball League, and as Athletic Chairman I would like to thank everyone for their enthusiasm whether it be in playing or just as a spectator. It is hoped that the second half of the season will be as enjoyable as the first and as interesting.

The tennis tournament has fallen behind schedule as only four singles matches and no doubles have been played. Mark Peterson who defeated Clarence Benson, (6-1, 6-3) will face Jack Ferra who topped Dave Nelson (6-1, 6-4) in the second round of the double eliminations. Benson will play Nelson in the olimination match. In the other two matches, Dale Garman topped Dick Little (6-1, 6-3) and Paul Gerschwitz defeated Lorenz Nieting (6-1, 6-0).

-Charlie Stetler

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENT BODY

Last Wednesday, our seminary participated in the National Collegiate Presidential Primary. This national test primary was the first of its kind, Colleges and graduate schools across the nation were involved in the testing of student political thinking. Congratulations must go to you the student body for the fact that 95.3% of our campus voted in the election! That's an excellent showing in any election.

Immediately following the election,
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ANGST:

Walking with loneliness
Hand in hand with blank despair
I walked a planned itinerary to hell
A long journey to nothingness.

Holding in my heart
No hate or malice
No love or regret
Simply emptiness - a void
Which can never be filled
A vast pit of space, like that beyond
the stars
Which knows no bounds,
Only the pangs of loneliness and de-
spair.

My thoughts are turned inward by
The centripetal force of the world
around me, and
I move as a shadow
No destination to attain
No love to meet
Loneliness and despair are my constant
companions.

Oh, I seem to be happy and carefree
My life is but a vain show
I hide my torment from probing eyes
For I am a man of many friends.

* Frank A. Kantz

ELECTION (Cont'd)

The ballots were packed and sent to
Washington, D.C. where Time-Life,
Inc. and Univac were to tabulate the
final results. It was predicted that
over 3,000,000 students would be
participating in the primary election.
We should be getting the tabulated
results of our own seminary as well
as how we compare to the other
schools within the week. We will be
posting the results as soon as we
get them. Also in next week's
TIME magazine, a feature article
will be devoted to the results of
the national primary. Be on the look-
out for that article.

Again, congratulations to you.
Thank you for your cooperation!
- The Election Review Board
