



Table Talk

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SOCIAL ACTION

All of us in the seminary community are concerned about putting our faith into action by doing something to help others. Recognizing this, the Student Association has created a Social Action Committee to assist the seminary community in getting involved in helping others. The committee realizes that many of us are already involved in things such as tutoring, providing transportation for Hoffman Home, visiting The County Home for the Aged, etc. The committee is attempting to find out what things are already being done and to do this you will soon be receiving a form on which you are asked to indicate the kinds of social action you are now involved in. With this information and with suggestions for social action which the committee can discover elsewhere, we will be able to guide those seeking ways of getting involved.

We hope that the seminary community will make use of the Social Action Committee. If you would like to get involved, see us. If you know of something people can get involved in, let us know.

Working on a somewhat experimental basis, we are seeking the best and most effective ways of serving the Seminary in the area of social involvement and would appreciate any help or suggestions. The following is the "job description" which the Student Association has given us to work with:

1. To discover and to become acquainted with the organizations and programs in the Gettysburg community involved in community and social concerns.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The recital Tuesday evening, featuring Joan Aceto Wittman and Robert Clippinger, was most enjoyable. Those who attended were treated to a delectable assortment of twelve composers presented most confidently and most ably by Mrs. Wittman. Mr. Clippinger, as usual, did an excellent job accompanying on the piano. The whole recital made for a pleasurable evening.

I make no pretence of being an expert in the musical arts. All I know is that the concert was an enjoyable experience in which I felt many different emotions. The real critic and expert is Bob Woodside, who made the whole experience possible. The Seminary has greatly benefited from the exhibits and the recital that Bob has brought to our campus this year. It cannot be said that Gettysburg is totally culturally deprived when such art can be experienced here. It should also be pointed out that bringing such art to the Seminary and subsequently sharing it with the whole of Gettysburg is one type of social involvement in the community. Bob Woodside is to be thanked for bringing such art to us and appreciation expressed to Mrs. Wittman and Mr. Clippinger for their delightful performance.

Robert A. Martin

SOCIAL ACTION (con't.)

2. To seek ways for constructive involvement of the Seminary community with such organizations and programs.
3. To implement ways for participation in such organizations and programs.
4. To stimulate the participation of the Seminary community by imaginative and vivid means.
5. To engage in a continuous review and evaluation of projects undertaken and seek new directions of involvement.
6. To initiate and implement social action in programs other than those developed in cooperation with the Gettysburg community.
7. To seek, by written record or other means, to maintain the maximum possible continuity of knowledge and concern from year to year.

Dave Bailey, Chairman
 Carol Dingman, Secretary
 Roger Barnes
 Chuck Lisse
 Mr. Gobbel

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For two years before coming here, I lived under the impression that a lack of concern about the war in Vietnam is tantamount to atheism. We seem to be a school of atheists. True, we talk about the need for social concern, and we make fun of the irrelevant Christianity of the past; we talk a lot about many things.

Juniors should be using every opportunity (even JFS) to proclaim their concern. Those who supply should preach peace, or the coming wrath of God if our country continues to kill his children for such ridiculous reasons.
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LCA SEMINARIANS CADRE TO BE CONVENED AT G-BURG

On March 12, T. Myers and C. Voit met for 45 minutes with the BTE. Check the LCA "News Bureau" release posted on the board. During the meeting an idea was spawned. The following statement was given to the press:

Cadre of Lutheran seminarians from LCA and non-denominational seminaries to form a power base from which they can dialogue with the structure of the Church: i.e., the Executive Council, Council of Synodical Presidents, Board of Theological Education, etc. Thereby the resources of the students can be organized and articulated in such a way to be most beneficial to the church-at-large. Time and place for the first strategy session to be determined.

Tuesday morning, March 18, the Student Association held a special meeting to plan for the Cadre session. Dr. Heiges has committed the seminary to pay for room and board for the delegates. The BTE has been requested to pay travel expenses. The Student Association set aside \$25 to be used. Hopefully, a two day strategy session can be held here early in May. We anticipate three official delegates from each of the nine LCA seminaries and a proportional representation from the non-denominational schools of theology. The purpose of the two day session is to list the issues and to determine courses of action. Much ground work remains. C. Voit, T. Myers, M. Schevey, P. Yander, D. Hanford, S. Beckhardt, J. Ludwig, B. Janson, B. Sassaman are planning. Want to help? Any ideas? See Tom or Charlie.

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No prayers should be without petitions for an end to the killing. Interns should be organizing draft education groups. Our faculty, that intellectual elite, should be a prophetic voice in the community. If the seminary does not take the social statements of the Church seriously, what can we expect of congregations.

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