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MATRICULATION SERVICE

This evening, Monday, January 25, in the context of Vespers, forty-five students will pledge themselves to the serious continuation of their theological studies as they make their Declaration of Matriculation at the annual Matriculation Service. With Dr. Stuempfle presiding and Dean Stroup preaching, forty-one candidates for the M.Div. degree and four candidates for the MAR degree will be presented to Dr. Heiges for Matriculation.

Accompanying the service will be an academic procession by the faculty and special music by the seminary choir under the direction of Mr. Clippinger. Parents of the matriculants have been invited to the service and it is hoped many of them will be able to attend.

An explanation of Matriculation can be found on page 2 and a list of Matriculants can be found on page 4.

Students are reminded of the WGET radio broadcast of "The Seminary Explores" each Tuesday evening at 5:30.

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

Next issue of Table Talk--Feb. 9
Deadline for articles--Feb. 4

Second quarter issue of Kethovim--
March 9
Deadline for articles--March 4

BOARD TO MEET

There will be a special meeting of the Seminary Board of Directors on Wednesday, February 10 beginning at 10:00 am. The agenda of the meeting will include the following four items:

1. Discussion of the issues bearing on the future of the Seminary.
2. Evaluation of the Lutheran House of Studies program in 1970-71, and action regarding the continuation of the program in 1971-72.
3. Consideration of faculty recommendations regarding a new academic calendar in 1971-72 and consequent adjustments to the curriculum.
4. Consideration of a proposal to inaugurate a development program.

Additional items might be brought to the Board by the Executive Committee or the Finance Committee both of which will be meeting a day earlier.

NATIONAL PARK MINISTRY

Mr. Paul Christ, Assistant to the Director of A Christian Ministry in the National Parks will be on campus Thursday and Friday, January 28-29. Thursday evening at 7:30 he will present a slide show dealing with the National Parks and A Christian Ministry in action. The presentation will take place in the lounge of Milton Valentine Hall. Following the presentation and Friday morning, Mr. Christ would like to talk with and interview students who might be interested in spending a summer in a park as a worker-priest in Christian ministry.

MATRICULATION

Perhaps the best way to get at the matter of the meaning of the Matriculation Service on January 25 is by attempting to answer some questions that are inevitably asked about it.

First, What is Matriculation? Webster's New International Dictionary says: "to enroll, to enter in a register; specifically, to enter or admit to membership in a body or society, particularly in a college or university, by enrolling the name in a register." If you want to get a bit more involved you will discover that its root is the Latin "metricula," meaning "a public roll or register," and that it has relationship to "Matrix," which means a mother in the sense of propagation thus on the flip side related to "alma mater."

That's what the book says. Now, what does it mean at Gettysburg Seminary? Gettysburg follows the traditional graduate school usage of matriculation as being "admitted to degree candidacy." You may or may not know that students are admitted to Gettysburg Seminary in varying classifications running from full admission to a limited probationary entrance status. Students from non-accredited colleges and universities are not admitted to Gettysburg Seminary and therefore we have no limited classification of entrance for such students, even though the American Association of Theological Schools allows such admissions up to ten percent of the total student body without affecting accreditation of the seminary. The decision on status of admission is based mainly on college grade point average and type of undergraduate preparation.

So, when a student is admitted to Gettysburg Seminary, he or she is admitted to a degree program. At the end of the first quarter's work, all new students--first year and transfer--are individually considered and if their academic

work is above the grade point average required for graduation, the faculty then declares them to be eligible for matriculation, i.e., to be admitted to candidacy for the Master of Divinity or Master of Arts in Religion degree. The change in status is from admission to a program without reference to a degree, limited or otherwise, to full candidacy for the degree. Students who are not eligible for matriculation go on probationary status and, if successful in clearing probation in a later quarter, are admitted to matriculation the following year.

The final question: Is a service necessary? Of course not. The whole process could be handled by a secretary typing on a student's permanent record card the notation of faculty approval--plus a "canned" note from the Dean's office saying: "Congratulations. You have just been academically baptized, in absentia."

We have chosen as faculty and students to continue to make a good deal more of this step at Gettysburg by holding a service in which public recognition of degree candidacy is given to students and at which time students pledge to take their theological studies seriously. Following the service, matriculants are requested to sign their names in the matriculation book, a custom of some longstanding here at Gettysburg which follows the proper definition of matriculation.

One closing comment: the matriculation book is decrepit and obviously was rather cheap when purchased eons ago. Some caustic comments have been made concerning its unimpressive condition. But it is a refreshing academic change from the chrome-plated consolidated schools that dot our countryside. A bit of academic understatement, don't you know.

Dean Stroup

THE EDITOR:

REGARDING WOTS

The following is a population count from the last meeting of WOTS Wednesday, Jan. 20:

6 senior wives out of about 20 living in the area;

4 middler wives out of about 25 living in the area;

1 junior wife out of about 25 living in the area;

4 faculty wives out of who-knows-how-many.

What is wrong? Why aren't we turning out to at least support our husbands? Don't we have time? One night a month doesn't seem like too much of a burden. Heck, we should be glad for an excuse to get out of our tiny apartments. I seriously do not understand this lack of interest!

The programs this year have been exceptional. CPE night was successful--probably because our husbands drug us there--nevertheless, we came out saying that we were glad that we had gone. The next month, the University Women invited us to one of their meetings; it was about birth control and planned parenthood. It was a real eye opener, but unfortunately few from the Seminary attended. To help celebrate Christmas, the Heiges' invited us to their home for an evening. Dr. Heiges talked about our roles as wives of students and read us two humorous stories. Mrs. Heiges then gave us a tour of the house . . . did you know that all three floors are furnished? And finally, last week we went to the Sandstedt's to hear about intern year. No, Mr. Sandstedt didn't talk, six recently experienced senior wives talked and presented a very interesting program.

What? You think the meetings aren't relevant? I disagree. They have been relevant, enjoyable, enlightening, well organized, and just plain good!

You don't believe me, just ask anyone who has attended--that is if you can find someone.

Wake up girls. There are a lot of responsibilities that we are going to have to face a pastor's wives. Let's reconsider and finish the year by attending WOTS and see what you're missing.

Signed: Embarrassed--the only junior wife present. dn

RE: BAUGHMAN HALL OPEN HOUSE

During the month of December the Seminary community celebrated Advent with a chapel worship service. Tradition had it that after the service Baughman Hall residents would open their doors and host a "family celebration." But a few students chose to break with tradition, close their doors, and delve into the deep mystique of theology for an examination.

The question is are these the same students who are now criticizing the remainder of the Seminary Community for non-participation in a poorly publicized open house. These students are now chastizing professors for celebrating by spending "a nice quiet evening at home or enjoying themselves at other festive events." The same students who shut their doors and themselves away from the community now expect the remainder of the community to come to them with "seminary brotherly love."

It is evident that if these students would make some effort to become important contributions to the seminary, perhaps the seminary and its faculty would not seem so unfriendly, cold, and formidable.

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RE: BAUGHMAN HALL OPEN HOUSE

The only way in which I can answer the innane editorial by Mr. Wolpert in the last issue of Table Talk is to do so point by misguided point:

1. Perhaps only five professors were able to attend on such short notice as a sign hanging on the church door.

2. If Mr. Wolpert and some of the rest of our socially and "communally" minded first year students would care to spend a little more time talking to others around here they would have known that only one Washington student was in Baughman on the 6th, and this student admittedly didn't go to any other apartments--but neither was he invited or even spoken to. As far as anyone communicating with "new" students; again if they would get their noses out of their books once in a while they might find a few of us stuck up upperclassmen very willing to socialize.

I find Mr. Wolpert's attitude toward our professors totally disgusting. Had he and most of the other juniors not been so petrified of a certain systematic professor's exam, open house would have been where it used to be and where faculty and other students were planning on having it, thus making it the joyous occasion it usually is. If Mr. Wolpert and the "we" of Baughman Hall are impressed "With the love that our seminary has displayed through the active participation of the faculty"--just think how pleased the faculty members must be with those of us who show our love for them through such silly letters.

If Mr. Wolpert has any further complaints about people, be they student or faculty, on this campus, why doesn't he voice this complaint in a mature manner rather than writing a childish spur of the moment letter whose only purpose was to cut and cause rough feelings?

Ray Michener

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CONVENTION ARCHAEOLOGISTS

Students are urgently invited to help in archaeological excavations in England this summer. Deadline for applications is March 1.

City center redevelopment, new road-building programs and rapidly changing land use are threatening the disappearance of prehistoric graves, Iron-age settlements, Roman villa, fascinating relics of medieval towns all over Britain.

American students free from mid-May, and with previous archaeological experience, are invited to join an international team on the final season's dig of the important Anglo-Saxon site at North Elmham, Norfolk. The excavation is expected to throw important new light on how the Anglo-Saxon forefathers of the English lived. Experienced helpers will receive free board for helping in this important work.

Other students without experience are invited to join the British Archaeology Seminar at Lincoln College, Oxford, organized by the Association for Cultural Exchange. Six academic credits can be earned from participating in this low-cost program which ends by three weeks' participation on dig in different parts of England or Scotland. Cost, inclusive of Trans-Atlantic travel by scheduled jet, is \$750.

Any interested party can write for further details to Professor Ian Lawson, 539 West 112 St., New York, N.Y. 10025.

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PONG TOURNEY BEGINS

With the first round of the 1971 Ping Pong Tournament almost completed the standings look something like this: Jon Bomgren defeated Ed Neiderhiser; Dr. Hoffman over Ken Diable; Joel Springer over Denny Hall; Bill Gilroy over Mr. Benson; Paul Frank defeated Bill Scholl; Jack Keeler and Russ Vance drawing byes. The only game not completed yet was the Ray Foy-Mr. Matthews match.

The second round of the double elimination match saw Gilroy defeated by Frank and Vance defeated by Keeler. Keeler then defeated Frank. Yet to come are the matches between Bomgren and Hoffman and Gilroy vs. Vance. Springer will play the winner of the Foy-Matthews match, Scholl the winner of the Neiderhiser-Benson match. Hall will have a bye into the third round.

Thus far in the doubles tournament, Springer-Scholl beat Benson-Matthews; Barley-Keeler defeated Neiderhiser-Diable; Bomgren-Frank over Hoffman-Folkemer; and Gilroy-Cobb beat Hudson-Eastlack.

No doubles games have been completed in the second round.

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POLICY CHANGE

To date it has been the policy of Table Talk to publish the minutes of Student Association and Student Association committee meetings in the first issue of each month, covering all SA activities for the preceding month. However, beginning with this issue, all such minutes will be published in the issue immediately following their submission to the managing editor.

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SEMINARY BASKETBALL

Once again, the Seminary is represented in the community basketball league. The '71 seminary team, coached by Ken Diable, is made up of Randy Neubauer, Dwayne Michael, Bill Gilroy, Paul Frank, Tom Quickle, Ray Foy, Bill Scholl, Ed Weiderhiser, Joel Springer, Jon Bomgren, Jack Keeler, Fred Faust, and Frank Barth.

The team has been using the college gym for its daily practices which are usually held at 12:15. Thus far, however, in its first two outings, the team has not been able to come up with a victory, losing first to Charlie's Texas lunch and second to the Jaycees.

We wish the team better luck when they meet Sites Insurance at 7:00 on the 25th of this month.

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RICHARD'S OPEN HOUSE

On the cold, icy, snowy evening of Jan. 13, Richard's House opened its doors to the seminary for what turned out to be a rather enlightening period of communication between members of the seminary community.

This reporter along with many others were treated very sociably by the hosts who entertained their guests by showing their residence and by displaying a fine variety of refreshments. The girls did a commendable job in preparing the occasion and we would like to thank them for their efforts.

The open-house was a refreshing change from the daily seminary schedule, a fact that makes one think that maybe this type of fellowship should be enjoyed more often.

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STUDENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES, JANUARY 14, 1971

The third meeting of the Student Association for the academic year 1970-71 was called to order on January 14 by the president Bill Scholl.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bill Scholl announced that only \$400 of Student Association funds had been used thus far in the academic year. He suggested that perhaps the various committees were not making full use of the available funds for projects and activities.

Ray Foy reported that the Stall Fund and the Student Loan Fund had received a few outstanding loans, bolstering their financial position slightly, but only by a small amount.

The Ecumenics Committee announced details of the proposed trip to Washington, D.C. and suggested the possibility of later "conference calls" between Gettysburg and Washington.

The Social Action Committee urged participation by students in the trip to Olmstead Airport for a press conference with Senator George McGovern concerning Adams County's lack of a food stamp program. The trip was to be on Thursday afternoon, January 14.

Reports were also given by the Athletics Committee and the Student Health Fund Chairman.

Bill Scholl reported that he had attended the faculty meetings, held on December 12, where the proposed 4-1-4 calendar and the possibility of abolishing or revising the old comprehensive system were discussed. Because there were some questions raised as to whether the exams would be suspended, pending a faculty decision, for seniors, Bill Scholl promised to seek clarification of the issue at the next faculty meeting, scheduled for January 16.

It was moved and carried the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Stumpf, secretary