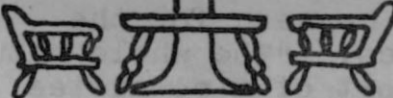


# Table Talk



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## LUTHERAN SEMINARIANS ASK MORE SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

The following article was contained in the news bulletin of February 1st of the Lutheran Council in the USA. Gettysburg representatives to this conference were Leigh D. Jordahl, Gerald Christianson, and Scott S. Ickert. The article is published here as an item of general interest.

Zion, Ill. - Seminary programs should include more instruction aimed at developing the spiritual lives of future pastors, concluded student and faculty representatives from 14 Lutheran seminaries after a three-day meeting here.

Participants in the Conference on Worship and Spiritual Life, Jan. 28-30, also asked that seminary faculties be "re-tooled" so that professors would be equipped to provide spiritual as well as academic leadership to their students.

"The education of a pastor is the education of the whole person," the seminary delegates stated, requesting curricular changes that would encourage "spiritual formation" through corporate worship, private meditation and prayer.

The conference, sponsored by the Commissions on Worship and the Board of Theological Education of the ALC, LCA, and the IC-MS, declared that no single "style" of worship or devotional life should prevail on seminary campuses.

Instead, they agreed that a variety of styles should be developed and accepted within the churches, and issued a firm call for seminaries to take the initiative in cultivating the spiritual life of their students. Both students and faculty members should be concerned for each others "spiritual formation," said the 70 persons attending the conference.

Dr. Eugene Brand, director of the Commission on Worship of the LCA, chaired the meetings, assisted by the Rev. Mandus A. Egge, executive director of the ALC's Commission on Worship, and the Rev. E. Theo. DeLaney, executive secretary for the IC-MS Commission on Worship.

The conferees expressed their approval of worship materials prepared by the Inter Lutheran Commission on Worship, an agency related to all three Lutheran bodies, and urged seminaries to instruct students in the use of new worship materials. They also suggested that seminary curriculums should include instruction in music and the arts, and training in the skills needed to conduct worship services.

Father Gerald Sigler of the Woodstock Center for worship and Religion, in New York City, led one evening session of the conference to discuss "The Problem of Ritual in our Society." The Jesuit priest noted the difficulties involved in translating the rituals of religion into forms appropriate for contemporary society.

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Students and faculty members alike expressed concern for the quality of devotional life at Lutheran seminaries. "The whole nature of the ministry is involved here," said the report of a committee appointed to draw together the conference conclusions. "We do not yet see the seminaries as communities that minister adequately to their members." Although individual types of devotional activities will vary, they should be allowed to interact and enrich each other, the committee stated.

Participants agreed that worship becomes difficult in a society that is more secular than religious. "But there are all sorts of 'shrines' around today," said one participant in the conference. "The problem is how do we 'occupy' those shrines in order to point out how God's grace has come to man?"

Forms of piety have too often been based upon the methods of past centuries, concluded a conference committee. "Worship and prayer should reflect what man experiences here and now."

The conference marked the first time that representatives of all North American Lutheran seminaries had come together for such a meeting, noted Dr. Brand. "The issues raised here, and the suggestions drawn up by this meeting indicate the honest concern that future pastors have about the nature of spiritual life," the ICA director said.

A report from the conference is being prepared and will be distributed to the participating seminaries. Conference participants expressed the hope that similar inter-Lutheran conferences on worship could be held at various levels, in the churches.

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#### EVALUATION OF COURSE WORK

A number of questions have been raised with respect to evaluation of course work beyond the normal Pass/Fail grades. The faculty, at its December 9, 1971, meeting, passed the following action:

"Any student at the point of applying for graduate school may request through the office of the dean a faculty evaluation of his total seminary performance to supplement his seminary transcript."

Some implications of this policy are as follows:

- (1) Requests for evaluation should not be made of individual instructors for specific courses.
- (2) Evaluation requests would normally come from seniors at the point of application for graduate study.
- (3) Requests should be channeled through the dean's office, where, in consultation with the student the best way of obtaining an evaluation of total seminary performance will be determined.

H.G. Stuempfle

New Students

Several new students have been enrolled and have begun attendance at Gettysburg this semester. We hope that all students will become acquainted with them. Listed below, thanks to the registrar, is a list of their names and addresses. We wish to extend a warm welcome to all of them.

Donald P. Edwards B.A., Bethany College, 1971 First Year M.Div.	16 E. Ring St. Littlestown, Pa. 17340 Central Penn Synod
Sarah A. Heintzelman B.A., Lebanon Valley, 1966 MAR, Philadelphia Lutheran, 1968 Third Year M.Div.	R.D. No. 4, Box 157 Lebanon, Pa. 17042 Central Penn Synod
Thomas M. Johnson B.S., U. of Maryland, 1962 Special Student	808 16th St. New Cumberland, Pa 17070 Central Penn Synod
Ann P. Miller B.A., U. of Pittsburgh, 1970 First Year M.Div.	Richard House #1 Seminary Western Penn - West Va. Synod
Elizabeth E. Regnier B.A., The American Univ., 1971 Special Student	101 Springs Ave. Gettysburg, Penn. 17325 Maryland Synod
Alfred H. Speers, Jr. B.S., Penn State U., 1952 M.Ed., U. of Delaware, 1966 First Year M.Div.	R.D. No. 5 Carlisle, Pa. 17013 Presbyterian
Fred Wilkens transfer from Evangelical Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, O. Third Year M.Div.	R.D. No. 2 Fairfield, Penn. ALC

In addition to these new students, several student wives have enrolled in courses for the spring semester, adding a bright note to our classrooms. These include Linda Gleason, Sue Recla, Janet Lehr, and Cheryl Smith.

Finally, Randall L. Hyvonen is registered for "Dialectical Theology." Mr. Hyvonen is a student at Vanderbilt, serving his internship in Hanover.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE:  
Friday, February 25th

The Sports Scene

The first half of the season is over for the Seminary's Industrial League team. It proved to be a successful one. They finished with a fine 4-2 record. The team is coached by Middler Randy Neubauer and has responded well to his leadership. Ed Smith and Dwayne Michael handle things under the boards, while Greg Pile, Rick Brunzell, Bill Scholl, and Larry Douthwaite provide the scoring punch. Tom Swears, John Carlson, Frank Terhune, Glen Keidel, Fred Faust, and Randy Neubauer provide the strength in reserve.

The second half of the season began on Thursday, Jan 27, against the undefeated team of the initial portion of the season, Charlie's Texas Lunch. Although both teams were "up" for the game, the re-match ended in a Gettysburg loss.

The Seminary Intramural League has also gotten off to a fine start. This idea came about as a result of the work largely of Middler Bob McEllroy. It has provided a chance for more people to get out and enjoy themselves and have some exercise. Anyone interested in playing on or entering a team should contact Bob through the student mail. All games are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00 PM at St. Francis School.

In addition to seminary basketball, there is a chance for everyone to see a pro game at Hershey Arena. Tickets are \$3, \$4, and \$6, and can be reserved by contacting the ticket office at the arena at no extra charge. There are no poles or obstructions; every seat is a good one. The next game is on Feb. 25th, with the Philadelphia 76ers facing the Atlanta Hawks. In March, the Boston Celtics come to the arena. These are fine opportunities.

Frank Terhune

College Student's Poetry Anthology

"The National Poetry Press announces its Spring Competition. The closing date for submission of manuscripts by College Students is April 10th. Any student attending either junior or senior college is eligible to submit his verse. There is no limitation as to form or theme. Shorter works are preferred by the Board of Judges, because of space limitations.

"Each poem must be Typed or Printed on a separate sheet, and must bear the Name and Home Address of the student, and the College Address as well.

"Manuscripts should be sent to the:

Office of the Press  
National Poetry Press  
3210 Selby Avenue  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
90034

The above advertisement was specifically sent to the seminary newspaper, so it is assumed that seminary students are also eligible to compete.

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## Charismatic Cooking

One of the goals of this column from its inception has been to assist the seminary in the formation of the complete minister, which of course entails the use of one's charismatic talents in the preparation of delicacies for the table, nourishing simultaneously both body and soul. Thus it was with great joy that we discovered the following recipe. There may be a few of you who will find their mouths watering even as they read the ingredients; a few others may develop an appreciation for it after their first taste. To most of you, however, it may hold little appeal, but since this is such an important recipe, we offer the following recommendations: (1) that administrative steps be taken to ensure the preparation and consumption of this delicacy as a requirement for graduation; (2) that wives be required to quit their jobs for one semester in order to prepare the dish daily for their husbands (and of course for the children--they'll love it!); and (3) that the refectory be instructed to regard it as a necessary part of the balanced diet for a seminarian, serving it accordingly. We insist upon these things because who could ever hope to become a complete minister, exercising his talents at charismatic cooking (regardless of individual tastes) without the enriching experience of:

### Washington Pie

1 tablespoonful of butter  
1 cup of sugar  
1 egg  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of milk  
2 cups of flour  
1 tablespoonful of ginger  
1 teaspoonful of cinnamon

(continued above)

Beat the egg, sugar, and butter together until light, then add the milk, ginger, cinnamon, flour, and a half-teaspoonful of baking powder; beat thoroughly until smooth. Line two Washington pie plates with plain paste, put the mixture into them, and bake in a moderately quick oven for thirty minutes. When done, ice with a clear icing, and stand away to cool.

Paul Xander  
Larry L. McDaniel

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### wanted: Basketball Fans

We have about twelve students on the "varsity" basketball team and they very ably represent the seminary in the local Gettysburg Recreation Department League. On Thursday night, January 20th, they won a well played and exciting game against a top rated team-- if you were not there you missed a good game and another chance to support your team.

Other than some of the player's wives we had about three or four "supporting fans" out to cheer on our team. Some of us can remember when we used to have forty and fifty fans out to some of these games and the spirit was very evident-- what has happened to this spirit and support? With over forty faculty and staff and over one hundred students around the campus it seems we should be able to display greater support for our team.

Check the schedule on the bulletin board and try to get out to cheer our team on at some of these games-- it will do you and the team a lot of good.

Clarence Benson

"all the world's a stage,  
and all the men and women merely players:  
they have their exits and their entrances;  
and one man in his time plays many parts. . . ."

shakespeare

tom sawyer walks barefooted down the streets of hannibal  
whistling . . . a fishin' pole slung across his shoulder  
thinking of last summer

living on an island . . . pirate days  
being lost in a cave  
and finding the treasure

but now huck's gone . . .  
becky's a memory

oaths written in blood  
and shattered dreams

in the solitude of my room  
it all seems so far away  
except for the inkwell  
and frozen pen

there were some who drank wine with me  
climbing a mountain

but i had to leave in borrowed bell bottoms  
buttoned in front

wooden marionette dangling from strings  
through the looking glass  
and the angry cries of the puppeteers  
stagefright . . .

and the minstrel goes to the mountain people  
to win their applause  
and read verse by candlelight

while in barnum and bailey world  
a magician skilled at sleight-of-hand  
casts his spell on others

and the crystal lady  
wipes the mask from a clown

under a pepper tree  
mirroring the grave  
shroud by the judgements of others  
the onion people dance

denny k.

## Up Against the Hill

by G.S. Lenihan

I'm beginning with an open-letter apology to co-editor Bob vonFrisch. Not because I plan to back-stab him later (I have other victims in mind this issue), but because of the overload he has shouldered since December. For all intents and purposes, vonFrisch has been sole editor since December, when I dropped out into such scenes as Newly Wed, Playwright, Etc.

So:

Dear Bob: Being co-editor of Table Talk means always having to say you're sorry.

Sorry,  
Lenihan

The rest of the article I'd like to divide into 3 parts.

I. "Option" B. II. The Washington Program. III. The Literary Magazine.

I. One of the carrots that tempted me to Gettysburg was its "Option" B program. I was somewhat surprised to find how few of my fellow students were excited, however. Only ONE upperclassman was involved that I knew of -- why?

So I tried to get into the program this semester, was refused, and patted on the back with this reasoning: "We want ALL our students to take the FUNDAMENTAL courses offered the first year -- NO EXEPTIONS." "But aren't the Area tests set up for the very purpose of making certain a student has learned and internalized this material?" I questioned. "We want to evaluate a student's first year of work," I was told, "to make sure he is SUITED to work in "Option" B.

That left me wondering how I could prove myself. I concluded, of course, that the most impressive way would be to utterly fail in Option "A", though I rather doubt if this is what the POWERS THAT BE had in mind. And yet . . .

Now it seems to me (and correct me if I'm wrong), that the aim of the "Option" B program is to promote self-initiative on the student's part. I would question wheter such self-motivation is en-couraged by demanding incoming students to participate in the structured Option "A."

The argument from the other side of the fence seems to go that a student (and the administration) cannot know until AFTER the first year whether or not the student is suited for "Option" B. Make sense out of that one.

So my proposal, pure & simple, is to open "Option" B to juniors. The Administration still has the ultimate whip (Area Examinations) to assure the student's obedience. And the student (yes, we're BACK to the student) has the opportunity to pursue his education with HIS background and interests in mind, having available the guidelines of impending exams.

Isn't this something akin to the way Law and Gospel work?

II. The Junior Class was given the rare opportunity of a Presidential Address this Monday. The object of the address was somewhat obscured by the verbiage, so I will undertake to offer an explanation.

You see, the President wants to phase out the Washington Program. Not only is Washington taking away the inherent GLAMOUR of Gettysburg, it is also draining precious Seminary funds. NOW the Consortium is even demanding a FULL - TIME Seminary faculty member in D.C. This is too much.

## Up Against the Hill (cont.)

But the President, wisely noting the fact that no self-respecting student will do what he's told these days, chose to word his speech in such a way as to use REVERSE psychology. Hence, we were told our two options are: 1. Stay in Gettysburg, hug the Womb-Symbol, vegetate, rot, waste ourselves, or 2. Join the Pepsi generation, move to D.C., live, learn, grow. So of course everyone was turned-off, felt they'd been verbally manipulated, and determined NOT to go to D.C. to PROVE their independence.

But don't you see? You've played right into the President's hand.

So this calls for some serious consideration OF the Washington Program. Evidently it offers the ecumenical possibilities Gettysburg doesn't. The whole point is: the Consortium complements Gettysburg, which is not to say Gettysburg is a waste, a womb, or any of THAT rot. Gettysburg is Gettysburg, and the Consortium is the Consortium. It's that simple. There is a potential for growth in both places, though in different directions. It might be worthwhile to try both. I happen to think it would be.

Besides, do you want to be the organ stop Dostoyevsky speaks about? Do you want to be successfully REVERSE psychologized by the President?

All of which reminds me of a poem I just wrote:

"I protest this manipulation"  
Cried out the puppet.

Wherefore his strings  
were cut

establishing his freedom

but rendering him quite  
a helpless heap.

- III. It's about time that the Seminary put out a magazine of artistic endeavor. I am asking for submissions to the First Edition of "Apple Core," a collection of literature, art, and trash. Christopher Anderson will be Art editor, and I will handle the literature and trash. Submissions from faculty as well as from students are requested. This is YOUR chance for Fame and Fortune. Please have all submissions to me before March comes in like a lion (simile). I'd like to have an edition out before the month is lost like a black sheep (poetic license).



January is the ruthless month, two-timing us into thinking that a new beginning is within grasp, while memory reminds us its been like this before.

This is the two-faced month that laughs to see us start the race over again, when the gun goes off for the last time,...

but it cries to see such bad memory.

we forget that, for us, beginning doesn't start at the starting line.

(Start battle-tour here)

what better place for beginning than the field of battle!

"But did anyone hear the last shot? the one that signalled the fight's end?"

No, no! This is the time and place for new beginnings; reformation starts here; the turning-point begins now.

what else to expect from a battlefield in January?

January is the god of gates.

Long-distance marathons have a wide gate at the starting-line.

(All the running people, where do they all come from?)

But the finish-line's just wide enough for one to walk by at a time.

yet they still insist on marching three-abreast, while January continues to laugh...and cry.

There are others who run a different race, who enter at the finish-line, by the narrow gate.

These do no more (and no less) than hope that some of the runners see them

And get the idea that the race is over.

Jim Brucz  
St. Paul's