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THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

by Jim Ellison

On this coming Monday, April 8, at 3:00 o'clock, the Student Association will meet in room 206 of Valentine to conduct the election for the coming year, 1974-1975. Every student as a member of one of the three resident classes, is eligible to vote. The election will be for next year's President and Vice President.

In addition, on that day we will vote on several proposed amendments to the Student Association constitution and by-laws. Since I will be out of town on that day I would like to explain the reasoning for this action.

First, as anyone knows, the constitution needs a general up-dating. There is a need to change the section that makes the agenda due to be posted for a meeting only two days before the Association. Dues are voted on in the fall (after the Business Office bills you). That needs to be changed to the Spring term. Also the section dealing with the Social Action Committee requires a member of the Women of the Seminary to be a representative to that committee. Since we don't have a W.O.T.S. group and surely this should be changed to a member of the Washington House of Studies.

Another amendment proposed would require a member of each class and a Washington House of Studies person on the Lecture Publications, and Social Committee (Social Action and the proposed Consortium Relations Committee is dealt with elsewhere in the by-laws).

Perhaps the largest bulk of the amendments deal with the Consortium Relations Committee, which would replace the Eccumenics Committee. This new committee as an attempt to deal with the problems of having a seminary in two different locations (there is another way of doing this by simply saying "to Hell with the other site"). This committee would facilitate relations between Washington and Gettysburg and would make each site aware of what is going on at the other one. It would consist of eight members-one student each of the resident classes at Gettysburg and three elected by and from the House of Studies, plus the director of the House and a Gettysburg faculty member. The chairman would come from the L.H.S.

This, briefly, is what we have in mind by proposing

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these amendments. We are open to amendments from the floor for these proposals and encourage any debate about them. Needless to say we recommend their passage.

At this time, I would like to thank the committee chairmen and officers for their outstanding contribution this year and Dr. Heiges for his suggestions and insights about the student program. Also, to be thanked are the student and faculty representatives of the various committees.

I would hope future student governments could work on relations with the Board. I really do not think, however, that the board will seriously listen to the students until there are voting students on the Board. I would hope that we could see this in the near future.

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CONFIRMATION QUOTES

The following were taken from seventh and eighth grade confirmation tests:

Explanations to commandments-

- Thou shall have no other God before me.
- Do not covet your neighbors ass, ox, or mule.
- You should take no stuff from anybody.
- You should not go around with others belongings unless you're not married.
- You should love and fear God so much that you don't fool around with your neighbor's wife.

Q-Why would one still want to follow what God commands even with grace given?

A-Because my mom wants me to be like and follow God. Because it's gone on for generations.

The following was taken from a previous issue of Table Talk in 1965, but it is felt that it deserves repeating.

Q-How do you know that Jesus rose from the dead?

A-Because Martin Luther said so when he wrote the Apostles' Creed.

ATTENTION MR. GRITSCH: A future Luther scholar in the making.

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"No, I haven't been faithful at prayer lately, Pastor. I haven't needed anything."

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ATTENTION CHUCK POIM: The cat that chewed your new shoe was seen running from the Martin Luther statue with a hunk of concrete in his mouth. A concerned student.

OLGA WORRALL

- CHANNEL OF HEALING

On Wednesday, April 10, 1974, Mrs. Olga Worrall, nationally and internationally known for her work in the Christian ministry of healing, will visit Gettysburg. She will speak on the question of spiritual healing at a meeting open to the public at the Seminary, in the Aberly Room, Valentine Hall, beginning at 1:30 P.M. on the 10th. After her address there will be a question and answer period.

She will also lead an intercessory prayer service around the theme of healing in the St. James Lutheran Church at 8:00 P.M. the same day. The service is open to the public. It follows the 7 o'clock Communion Service in the same church.

Mrs. Worrall, 67, comes from an Eastern Orthodox background. Her father was a professor of theology. From early years she showed signs of extraordinary psychic sensitivity. She soon became aware that she could be used as a channel for healing in the name of Christ. She married an Englishman, Ambrose Worrall, who later became a construction engineer at Martin's Aircraft Company. Mr. Worrall, too had become aware of a gift as a meditator of healing. For several decades the Worralls carried out a healing ministry in Baltimore. When Mr. Worrall died 1st year his wife continued her laying-of-hands ministry at the Thursday services in the New Life Clinic in Baltimore's North Washington Methodist Church. These services, led by the Reverend Robert Kirkley, the host congregation's pastor, have become known all over America, especially after publication of two books by the Worralls, The Gift of Healing and Explore Your Psychic World.

The Worralls have maintained close contact with numerous members of the medical profession. A sympathetic lead article on Mrs. Worrall's work and the mystery of healing miracles recently appeared in the journal Medical Economics. Mr. and Mrs. Worrall have placed themselves at the disposal of parapsychological research workers, for instance at U.C.L.A.

The Worralls have always served as healers without charge: "Whatever we do with these spiritual powers", wrote engineer Ambrose Worrall, "it must be done freely, given without charge, to those who need our help." Concerning Christ's commission to heal and the many remarkable signs of its power evidenced through the ministry of the Worralls, the book The Gift of Healing has this to say: "No one can promise a healing. We can all join Forces in trying to create the right atmosphere for holding communion with God through Christ . . . in the hope that a healing may take place in God's time and not man's time." And in order to avert the impression that the "non-specialist" can sit back and watch, Mrs. Worrall says: "We can all be channels."

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Alleluia! The King of
Rejoice - Rejoice! Kings' lives!

Letter to the Editor

By Stephen Patrick

I have patiently awaited a statement from the Worship Committee concerning "conduct" of worshippers. Apparently the problem has been discussed, but no act taken. What I am speaking of is a specific offense, having nothing to do with what happens in the liturgy itself. It seems to me that it is just plain gross disrespect and unconcern for those in attendance to talk and laugh out loud during the musical prelude and postlude. Obviously, the musician has prepared the music and is not there to play mood music or "travelling music." This is part of the worship service and should be given proper recognition as such. It might even be appropriate to sit and listen to the postlude. I am not trying to put a damper upon any type of fellowship that occurs in the chapel, but please try to acknowledge the fact there are those, including the musician, who are engaged in devotions.

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The following is an unpaid political announcement:

We would like to announce that several students requested that Bernie Carl run for Student Association President on Monday. As a result there will be an organized write-in campaign for him. There is space on your ballots for write-in votes if you choose this. The others running are Fred Neiderhiser, James Jewart and Jerry Cobb.

Thank you.

The Bernie For President Supporters.

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The following was taken from the ~~Lutheran~~ Seminary Paper: CURRENT AFFAIRS-title

I'm not much on current affairs
don't ask me what's going on
out there
or what will happen or what has
passed
or if the current peace will last

Some call it illiteracy
I know not Nixon's policys
on money, the gas or meat marts;

How can we mend a broken heart?

I'm not much on current events

Did you know that the season's
Lent?

-Jeff Martinson

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or

"You know the score. So where's the
game?"

Prima

There once was a man named Jesus
who probably never would please us.
Back then he was sent.
Now Word and Sacrament
he gives which at once binds and frees
us.

Secunda

There once was a young seminarian
Who felt he must be quite "his own
man."

"Ne'er to chapel I'll go!
Tis not my kind of show!
B-ball and TV are more American!"

Ultima

Now he's roosting on his first
parish perch
and beginning a parishoner search.
Oh! How sad he can be
for it's them now, not he,
that "simply cannot" be at church.

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"Three things have been difficult
to tame: the oceans, fools and
women. We may soon be able to
tame the ocean; fools and women
will take a little longer."

Spiro Agnew

"LOI, LEMA SABACHTANI?"

"And whoever welcomes in my name one such child as this, welcomes me."

Dr. Myers often said in class that he learned alot from his students through their comments and additions. I think we too who, even though still students, often find ourselves in the role of teachers, and can have our minds opened by a seventh or eighth grader. The following is an essay in response to the question "Would you choose your lifestyle or God's lifestyle?"



I think I would choose my lifestyle over God's but I am glad that I don't have to make the choice. No human being would be able to follow God's lifestyle because He is perfect and we are sinful. Personally, I wouldn't like God's lifestyle because there would be too much work and not enough time for fun. Also, some activities would be restricted because of the amount of sin involved. However, there would be some advantages to living in God's manner or style. But my lifestyle is fine by me and I wouldn't want to change it in any way.

To make this choice demands a great deal of thought about what you want. You would have to study the two situations carefully and make a list of the assets and liabilities of each lifestyle. Only then would you be able to make the right choice for you.

Actually, it would be almost impossible to make the wisest choice, because you do not know what God's lifestyle is really like. You can only go by what you have learned which is all god but humans are not always good.

God's lifestyle would probably be acceptable to me because He can do many things that I can't. I can also do some things that God can't but He is still better than me.

In my life, I can gain forgiveness from God for my sins but God can gain no forgiveness if He com its any sins because there is no one over Him.

-Seventh grade catechuman

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The following is from a handwritten student publication found in the archives. Entitled "The Bosphonian" it dates February 23rd, 1832

"In entering upon our editorial career, it becomes our duty to state in a few words, the course we intend to pursue. Our design is not to meddle with religious or political (broils), but to promote the cause of truth and honesty.

1. Religious and moral essays of pro-questionable size will be recieved and inserted in our columns.
2. It is our object to communicate such news as immediately concerns the students of the Seminary.
3. We deign briefly to notice the most remarkable occurrences which take place in town.
4. All matter with a few exceptions will be original.
5. Our journal shall be issued weekly, upon half sheet of fool's cap.

Editor."

Here is a human interest story taken from Sports Illustrated, April 1, 1974 by Ralph Dunkin:

"The skiing pastor at Jack Frost Mountain in Pennsylvania's Pocono range realizes why his services are lightly attended. "I wish more would come in and talk, but I understand skiers," says 24-old Jon Heilner (Gettsburg intern), who has been installed as a ministerial intern by the Pocono Lutheran Recreation Ministry in an A-frame chapel at the top of the slopes. "They don't get that much time to ski." The picnic bench pews in the unpainted pine interior of the chapel can seat 40, but Heilner is happy if half that many park their skies outside. He bears no malice, believing that "the Lord works in mysterious ways." As proof, on his jacket he wears a patch that says PRAY FOR SNOW.

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The Lord's Prayer has 56 words. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address has 266 words. The Ten Commandments have 297. The Declaration of Independence has 300. A recent U.S. Government order setting the price of cabbages has 26,911 words.

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Christ is Risen!

Until the habil is broken by the word trust
And it becomes a nighttime dream in the middle of the day
So that it shakes your faith till you fade into nothingness.
Being hung-up is like being straight in a false atmospheree
And paying the price of a worthwhile cause,
Because while lying among a shelter of tall, green grass
You felt secure because all the hunters had passed by
Refusing to believe what your eyes reveal;
And being shot, by one too foolish to realize what's been done
Then seeing the red blood drip from your breast
Watching life wander off aimlessly....

Biff

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Also, I would like to propose as we close-out this year that every student contribute just one dollar to the Development Committee, so they can use the fact that students have contributed in assisting with their job of making sure that there continues to be a Seminary at Gettysburg.

Hope to see you Monday at 3:00!

Jim Ellison

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When skies ain' t sunny, I guess they're bleak.
Another type of bleakness is being hung up,
And so taking a very open view I toss these words to all in a hung up state.
Being hung-up is like an overdoes of harpsichord music.
A type of eeling that's born and can't be brought,
Like wanting to escape when you are already free.
Or knowing where you want to go, but not going.
It's sort of like finding out that you are one
Of those tiny invisible birds That are born to fly without any feet,
Knowing you can never stay to long in one place
For fear of the great white falcon, though he can't be seen
And realizing that if you touch the earth its final.
It's like the codein mixture of a new found love,
Drugging the sorrowful heart with unlimited joy - ~~sent below~~