

# Table Talk

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## CONCERNED?

Ted Risingsun is an American Indian. Ted Risingsun is an ex-alcoholic who knows the sorrows of his people. Ted Risingsun is also a Mennonite pastor who is convinced that the Christian faith has something specific to say to the American Indian and modern man.

The Student Association Lecture Committee will host Ted Risingsun on (Wednesday, May 8th). He will have dinner in the refectory and will speak in the Coffee Shop, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Risingsun, as a tribal leader, is a social-political activist. He believes that the Indian spiritual needs cannot be met without ministering to their social-political situation. At this time the Northern Cheyenne are deeply involved in an extensive and expensive legal battle. Peabody Coal Company has coal leases which will strip their reservation and leave no adequate provision for reclaiming land and mineral rights.

All who are concerned with the rights and discontent of today's American Indian, all who are interested in the tribal life situation of this populace, all who wondered what the church might have said to Wounded Knee should plan to attend this lecture--to listen to and dialogue with Ted Risingsun.

## NEW FACULTY FOR FALL

Currently, the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg has filled one of three vacant positions for the 1974-75 academic year. Beginning September, 1974, Dr. Thomas E. Ridenhour, Sr. will be the new assistant professor of homiletics at Gettysburg.

Dr. Ridenhour received an A.B. degree with honors in History from Davidson College in 1960. He attended Yale Divinity School, 1960-1961, under the auspices of a Rockefeller Brothers Theological  
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Fellowship. He received his B.D. (Cum Laude) from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in 1965. Dr. Ridenhour received his Ph.D. in Religion from Duke University. The title of his dissertation was The Old Testament and the Patriarchal Traditions. Dr. Ridenhour has also been Pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection from August 1, 1969 to the present.

The two remaining posts are: a Black Professor for the Washington House of Studies, and a person to teach Church History. At the present time, there is no one being considered for the Washington post, but the vacancy in Church is being filled temporary by Dr. Everett Arden and Dr. Olson. Dr. Arden comes to us from L.S.T.C., while Dr. Olson comes from Mt. Airy. Dr. Arden will be helping with Enduring Problems, while Dr. Olson will be teaching Themes in Classical Lutheranism.

## COMMUNITY IMAGE DEAD?

by Robert Dealey

In the past, there has been some controversy over the concept of "community" at Gettysburg. I believe that the community image is dead, and propose that a family image be fostered in its stead. I would like to use Nathan Ackerman's principles on the dynamics of family functioning (from Psychodynamics of Family Life) for a model, and raise some issues presented by this new image.

The first principle is psychological identity. This identity subsumes strivings, expectations, and values. As with any identity it also includes roles, etc. Possible issues are: What is my identity at Gettysburg? The town's perception of the Seminary vs. the Seminary's perception of its own image. How does a single student acquire his identity?

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The second principle is stability of behavior, and it is expressed in three ways. (A) The continuity of identity in time-- once a student has an identity, how is it maintained? (B) The control of conflict (I personally am opposed to the term "control", because of its perjorative connotations. However, I cannot think of a better term). Are the guiding principles of "Love of God, and love of Man" enough, or do we need something else? (C) The capacity to change, learn, and achieve further development; adaptability and complementarity in new role relationships-- If any community did exist on campus, it was stagnant.

The family is a closely-knit unit whose structure should be free enough to allow growth and change, but stable enough to foster identity. A family is less anonymous than a community, and there is much more "core" person-to-person interaction within a family. For these reasons, I propose a new family image for Gettysburg.

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Response to this article is invited. NO TABLE TALK

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BIMINI by Beverley Kautz

You gripped my hand in fear as we raced down the runway and lifted off but I fairly hung out the window in anticipation.

I squeezed my eyes shut and pressed my hands together as our plane screamed onto the runway, its engines reversed.

We are like that. You resist the adventure. I fear its ending.

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Attention Juniors: C.P.E. will take care of you! Or maybe you will take care of it?



As a Senior  
Thinketh!

SO MUCH TO GIVE  
SO MANY YEARS  
GIVEN

### ENGAGEMENTS, WEDDINGS OR BIRTHS

(we know of and have been confirmed\*)

- May 25th Beth Spitzner and Randy Neubauer will wed in the Seminary Chapel at 4:00. Mr. Christianson will officiate.
- May 25th Cindy Jones and Ralph Smith will be married at Gettysburg College Chapel with Rev. Knocke officiating.
- August 24th Dan Stonebeck and MARY Alice Leister will be married at the Gettysburg College Chapel with Rev. Knocke and Father Bennett of St. Francis officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fenten became parents on March 11th to a little girl, Julie Anne.

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The only way a column such as the above can succeed is with your help. When you know of or are part of a wedding, engagement, or birth please let us know. Or if there is some other kind of announcement you would like to make please inform us. We would like to improve and it is only possible with your help.

#### ADIAPHORA:

- \* Wed. May 15, Senior Picnic
- \* Saturday May 4th- Student Assoc. Picnic and Athletic Day
- \* Wed. May 8th- Ted Risingsun
- \* Wed. May 15th- Synoptics test
- \* Friday May 17th- Senior Graduation.
- \* Wed. May 8th- Unofficially organized: Roller Skate Party. Gettysburg Rink in Town.

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For Sale in Krauth Lounge:  
Books and other things.  
(Susan Noble)

May 3rd and 4th- Manor House Rt. 30, on the way to Caledonia. Bob Dealey's last night this year.

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WHEREVER YOU MAY BE

