

Table Talk

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NOTICE !

On Tuesday, February 4, 1975, the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Directors recommended that the faculty take back their curriculum proposals for further investigation. Please note that they did not veto the proposals! They recommended that they be investigated more fully.



Indulgence ?

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An Exercise in Civil Religion
by Steve Patrick

On January 30 of this year I was given the "unique" opportunity of serving as an usher at the 23rd annual National Prayer Breakfast in Washington. This small intimate gathering of three thousand persons is the outgrowth of numerous small groups of government people and politicians who meet on Capitol Hill for prayer each week. Among the notable public and private leaders from all parts of the world, the guest list included President and Mrs. Ford, Nelson Rockefeller, Henry Kissinger, Mayor Walter Washington, Senator Harold Huges and Colonel Sanders.

Nearly every one of the scheduled speakers seemed to be very conscientious in avoiding some of the issues that civil religion usually brings to light. The "Call to Fellowship," it seems to me, was the only unfortunate inclusion in an otherwise "decent" program; considering what could have happened at such an affair. Dr. Billy Graham, in his best evangelistic style, pronounced that if this nation, the United States of America, would only "turn from its wicked ways" and turn back to the Lord, we could become "not only an economic power, not only a military power, but a spiritual power to the rest of the world!" Come on, Billy, I think you ought to read the prophet Amos once again.

The main address at the convocation was delivered by a Minnesota Representative, Albert Quie. In his remarks he reminded those present that "our trust should not be in the government, but we should trust in the love of God. The government is not Christian, the people are Christian. The government does not love, people love. And this love demonstrated through Christ is not a moral or philosophical concept--our God is a living God who acts." This was the substance of what was a larger address, but something in it made me feel a little easier to

know that all of government does not think of itself as the ultimate concern of the tribute of the people. It turns out that Mr. Quie is a Lutheran, a pious one at that, but the fact that this nation nor its leaders are in any way Christian came through loud and clear. For Mr. Quie, God is in charge.

In fact, the whole background leadership of the Prayer Breakfast seemed to be quite convinced that if this nation does not turn out to be Number One in all that it does, it is proof that God is in charge and will act where and when He wills. Mr. Graham's observations were completely out of harmony with these thoughts.

One encouraging feature of this year's breakfast was the menu. The usual fare at the Washington Hilton's International Ballroom is somewhat less than a King's ransom. For this meal however, one glass of orange juice, one hard roll, and a bowl of oatmeal were the featured items. The President appeared to enjoy his meal, but somehow the ladies in their furs and chandelier earrings appeared to be a little less than pleased. This was a symbolic gesture in recognition of World Hunger. Perhaps all is not lost!

Today, Feb. 14th, is the last day to sign up for the Co-ed Ping-Pong Tournament. See the Student Association Bulletin Board. Thank you!

DEADLINE FOR "THEOLOG"
IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21,
1975

SEEK 'N FIND: Below are hidden the cities in which LCA Seminaries are located. They may be hidden horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. The cities are;

Berkeley	Chicago	Columbia
Gettysburg	Philadelphia	St. Paul
Saskatoon	Springfield	Waterloo

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If you were not able to find "Gettysburg" or "Philadelphia" in the above "Seek 'n Find", please bear with us, until we find out where the LCA is going to locate them. Thank you!

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V A L E N T I N E ' S
D A Y ! ! !



OPEN LETTER

To Whom it May Concern:

"Well, either you're closing your eyes to a situation you do not wish to acknowledge, or you are not aware of the caliber of disaster indicated by the attitude of this community." (My apologies to David Merrick.) This is not an article calling for more community, so please read on.

I have been a member of this community for quite some time and have enjoyed a position of respect and admiration for most of that time. Recently, however, I am finding myself to be a very much neglected portion of the seminary life. The reason is that my workload has been lightened this year with the addition of three colleagues in my area. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to give off some of the work, but must I give off my respect and upkeep as well?

These younger associates were groomed to match me. They were dressed to blend into the surroundings, most of which are governed by my appearance. I, at first, was honored that they were fashioned after me but now they have taken over most everybody's attention, and I am hurt. I am, of course, talking about the East Hall-West Hall-Heiges Hall partnership. Allow me to give you some examples of the sort of thing that is bothering me.

My insides need painting desperately. I understand that it was suppose to be done this past summer. However, the entire work force was busy with my neighbors and, as a result, I was not painted.

My co-workers are air conditioned and therefore are able to keep their doors closed and have no need for screen doors. I am not and must keep my heavy doors open in order to stay cool in the summer. My screen doors were removed so that I would look more like my colleagues. As a result, my insides were eaten up by mosquitoes for a while this past summer.

If these youngsters have a rough time keeping their temperature normal, they get immediate attention. If I find it difficult to keep my temperature consistent, it is because my system is just that way and nothing can be done about it. BRICK MORTAR!!!

The list goes on and on. Hopefully these few examples will convey the cause of my anxiety. I have put off airing my opinion for quite some time now thinking that I might be over sensitive. But I am convinced now more than ever, that what I have been perceiving is real and not just a part of my imagination. You may call it jealousy if you want, but I think it is more a case of Christian oversight. You may also think that I am making too much out of too little but the following, true incident should justify my alarm. A certain inhabitant of one of the new additions, having never seen my interior, extended their sympathies to one of my inhabitants for having to reside in me, even though they were with me by their own choice. It seems to me that we can do without that kind of attitude.

Please, give me a little more respect and attention. I think I deserve it.

Your servant in Christ,

Baughman Hall

SEMINARY PROFESSOR RATING CHART

Circle the one in each category which best pertains to your Professor's performance.

- I. Adaptability
 - a) Leaps tall obstacles with a single bound
 - b) Must take a running start to leap over tall obstacles
 - c) Can leap over small obstacles only
 - d) Crashes into obstacles when attempting to jump over them
 - e) Cannot recognize obstacles at all

- II. Returns Papers
 - a) Faster than a speeding bullet
 - b) Is as fast as a speeding bullet
 - c) Not quite as fast as a speeding bullet
 - d) Would you believe a slow bullet
 - e) Usually wounds self with bullet

- III. Strength of Character
 - a) Is stronger than a herd of bulls
 - b) Is stronger than several bulls
 - c) Is stronger than one bull
 - d) Shoots the bull
 - e) Smells like a bull

- IV. Spiritual Maturity
 - a) Walks on water consistently
 - b) Walks on water in emergencies
 - c) Swims in water
 - d) Washes in water
 - e) Drinks water

- V. Communication
 - a) Talks with God
 - b) Talks with the angels
 - c) Talks with self
 - d) Argues with self
 - e) Loses argument with self

- VI. Ability to Lecture
 - a) Enthralls huge throngs
 - b) Enthralls the classes
 - c) Interests the class
 - d) Only his wife listens to him
 - e) Not even his wife listens to him

Quote of the Week

TABLE TALK STAFF

"This is a community of honesty."

--D. Strobel

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Nest Issue: Feb. 28th

The Exhibition of Archaeological Finds of The People's
Republic of China
by Kathy Reed

Six hundred thousand years before Christ, Lantian Man hunted and fished in China's Shensi province, using crudely sharpened peices of quartzite...

Around 113 B.C., the Princess Tou Wan was entomb3d with her husband, Liu Sheng, the Prince Ching of Chungsan, enshrouded in a burial suit made of 2,160 plates of jade held together with 700 grams of spun gold thread...

During the second century A.D., an unknown artist of Wuwei, Kansu province, created a bronze horse of such extraordinary speed, it outdistanced the birds in the sky. To prove it, the artist placed the horse's right hind hoof on the back of a swallow in flight. The bird could only look back in amazement...

In the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-five, Supersonic-Instant Technology-Post Watergate Man has the opportunity to experience for the first time the history of China, 600,000 B.C. to 14th century A.D., through her archeological treasures on display at the Washington National Gallery of Art.

All of the artifacts on display at the National Gallery have been discovered in China since 1949, archaeological excavation being part of "Chairman Mao's policy of 'making the past serve the present.'

The People's Republic of China Archaeological Exhibition, comprising nearly four hundred pieces, is on display now until March 30, Monday thru Saturday, 10:00a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the National Gallery, located on Constitution Avenue at 6th Street NW.

Need I say more? Washington is only a ninty minute drive... Kansas City, Mo. will be the only other American city where the exhibit will be shown.

ADIAPHORA

Friday, Feb. 14th	St. Valentine's Day
Monday, Feb. 17th	Lecture by James Glasse--2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 18th	Community Meal: Dr. Wallace Fisher (Refectory, 5:45 p.m.)
Monday, Feb. 24th	Refectory Meeting (Refectory, 6:00 p.m.) Student-Faculty Relations (President's Office--3:30 p.m.)
Friday, Feb. 28th	AAL Dinner for Seniors
Saturday, March 22 -	Spring Recess!!!!
Monday, March 31	

WANTED!

Anyone who is interested in becoming the Managing Editor of "Table Talk" for next year, please submit applications to the "Table Talk" mailbox. Thank you!

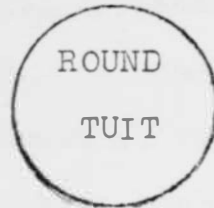
Memo From Your Worship Committee

The Worship Committee recommends to the community of worshippers that efforts should be made to fill the choir area first and then the front rows of pews. We also ask if you arrive late for worship please fill in the front pews from the side rather than stringing the congregation out further towards the rear of the chapel.

This proposal is made for several reasons. It is not the nature of corporate worship for two or three isolated persons to occupy one pew here and there so that worshippers are scattered throughout the nave. The practice of decent hymn-singing is also hindered by the scattered voices, frustrating the musical leadership of the organist. The practice of antiphonally reading the psalms is also hindered when the congregation is spread out in the nave.

Corporate worship implies a group of people joined together in a common effort. Morning prayers were instituted in the spirit of corporate worship. Please consider these thoughts of your fellow worshippers.

CUT OUT AND KEEP THIS!!



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AT LONG LAST WE HAVE THEM--ROUND TUIT!! And, we have sufficient quantity for each of you to have your very own.

Cut out and keep yours! Guard it with your life! Never lose it! And be sure you don't let anyone take it away from you. These "Tuits" have been hard to come by, especially the round ones! But now, by special arrangements, you can have yours.

Now, we rejoice! Now we have solved all of the problems for those of you who have been saying:

"I'm going to start going to church just as soon as I get a 'Round Tuit!'"

"I will call my church and volunteer as soon as I get a 'Round Tuit!'"

"I will increase my offerings and make them regular as soon as I get a 'Round Tuit!'"

"I will call all my friends, neighbors, and relatives and invite them as soon as I get a 'Round Tuit!'"

"I will begin going to Sunday Church School with my children as soon as I get a 'Round Tuit!'"

Won't your life be wonderful from now on! Now, everyone has their own Round Tuit. Now that you have it, wouldn't it be a shame to waste what you claim you've been looking for all these years?