

Table Talk

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MOPPING-UP PROPOSALS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON CURRICULUM REVISION

- I. Moved: that we continue the present calendar indefinitely.
- II. At a later meeting, we will move the following changes of curricula, for board approval is not needed, and which represent principles already approved by the faculty. In the meantime, individuals and groups may wish to deliberate them.
 1. Requirements for option A are as in the present catalogue, pp. 14ff., except that--

Stipulated courses in the first year and first term of the second year, are:

First Year, Fall Term

Introduction to Biblical Interpretation
Introduction to Systematic Theology
Religion and Human Behavior*
Enduring Problems of Church History
Field Education I

Spring Term

Pentateuch & Hist. Books (Hebrew) or
Gospels (Greek)
Introduction to Preaching
The Lutheran Confessions
The Church's Liturgy
Field Education II

January Term

Hebrew or
Greek, for those
entering without
Greek.

Hebrew or
a project for those
with Greek.

Second Year, Fall Term

Pentateuch & Hist.
Books (English)
Gospels (English)

* This is the only course differing from present offerings or those previously proposed.

Additional Requirements are:

- 1 course in the prophetic lit. of the Old Testament.
- 1 course in the epistolary lit. of the New Testament.
- 1 course in the history of the Reformation or of American Christianity.
- 1 of "Selected Theological Loci."

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"Foundations of Christian Ethics."
1 course in pastoral theology.
1 course in education.
1 course in church and community.
"Interpretation and Proclamation."

There are no divisional requirements.

- 2. The core readings program, as described in the last curriculum report, is an additional graduation requirement.
- 3. Requirements for option B are as in the current catalogue, pp. 16ff., except that--

Enrollment in option B is subject to faculty approval. "Lutheran Confessions," "The Church's Liturgy," and "Interpretation and Proclamation" are required.

III. Proposals for a two-track M.A.R. degree, and for revision of field-work requirements, are referred to the previous sub-committee, for submission at the meeting when "II" above is submitted.

IV. Proposals from the A.P.C. about grading, block scheduling and class size, will be submitted at the meeting when "II" above is submitted.

TALENT NIGHT

On Friday, March 14th, there will be the annual Community Meal/Talent Night. The meal begins at 5:45 p.m., and will be followed by entertainment from all over the country. The cost of the meal for non-members of the refectory is \$1.50, and reservations can be turned in to Bernie Carl. Ken Phelps is in charge of entertainment. There is a sign-up sheet in the basement of Valentine Hall. If you have any questions, please contact either Bernie Carl or Ken Phelps.

The Seminary basketball team has two games remaining in the Community league. The games are on Monday, March 10th, and on Thursday, March 29th. Let's get out there and support our team!

GYM FACILITIES

The National Guard Armory, located on Confederate Ave., has given the Seminary permission to use their gym, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. It is the intention of the Athletic Committee that this relationship with the National Guard be a prosperous one. Those of you who do not respect this government institution, please keep your prophetic mouth shut, if you wish to use their facility. This privilege has been extended to the Seminary community only! If any outsiders or college students are taken into the gym by members of the Seminary, this privilege will be revoked.

D. Moore

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Please engage brain, before putting mouth in gear."

--Anonymous

Baughman Hall:

I read your letter in Table Talk with great interest and readily admit I would be one "To Whom it May Concern". I assume you had to dictate this letter to someone who chose not to sign the letter but I will gladly acknowledge writing this because the "buck" has to stop somewhere and that is part of my responsibility.

I believe your letter should be acknowledged because if you are this concerned it does become a problem and we certainly don't wish to have you go on feeling so neglected. I'm not sure what "Christian oversight" is, but perhaps this is learned in the classroom and we have no doubt been guilty of this because you have been around longer than most of us and have been able to pick up some of these theological terms and know how to apply them.

You know that we work on a rather strict budget for operation and maintenance and due to emergencies had to exceed our budget by several thousand dollars in 1974. We were real busy last year getting your colleagues ready for occupancy in record time but this did not affect your financial status because your neighbors were built with capital funds and much of it was borrowed. You did suffer during the past summer, I will admit, because you were occupied all summer long by our hundreds of guests that were here attending our various summer events. This full occupancy did not allow us to do the painting we had planned as you so well know, and limited the work to cleaning and spending a considerable sum on replacing all the blinds in the building. Then too, you certainly must remember the great cost we had in replacing the sewer pipe in your front yard, and although it was not a planned project, it had to be done to remedy a situation that arose from original poor planning and construction.

You know that you have always had a problem with your heat that traces back to when you were built and has been a source of irritation to you for years. But you also know, I assumed, that we have been gathering quotes on placing combination storm windows on all your windows to help the situation somewhat. We hope we can afford it soon. Remember the last time we painted your halls and other areas during the school year and the howl of protest that came from the occupants? "Why don't you wait until we are gone," they all screamed and so perhaps we can plan to place many of our summer guests in your colleagues this summer and get some of this done.

Sorry about the bugs and mosquitoes and perhaps the addition of the new combination windows will include new screen doors to help this. Air conditioning was never even considered when you were built because when you were built you were considered a "gem" compared to other seminary facilities and people then just did not know much about air conditioning and suffered in the heat and with the mosquitoes.

I am sure that it hurts your pride a great deal to realize that we don't charge as much rent to live in you as we charge in your new neighbors. Please don't be offended, they really deserve to receive more because they are a bit more costly to operate, have new furnishings and more space. You may be interested to know that the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors seriously considered raising the rent schedule for all housing; but the administration requested that they please hold off any raise in spite of the increased cost of operations. Income from rents is not considered to be a profit making venture but we hope to at least have enough income to cover the operating costs and still provide comfortable, low cost housing for

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students at Gettysburg. As you know, the tuition paid by students covers about 15% of the actual per-capita cost of each student here and we could certainly use some profit from some source but we don't intend to do it by reasing rents.

It appears that you have a legitimate gripe and deserve sympathy. I guess you may have been treated somewhat like an old car when someone buys a new one. The new one gets washed and polished a bit more than the old one. However, all the property of the seminary is considered important and it would be poor stewardship to neglect any part. This is not the intention of the present administration, I assure you.

Thanks for the letter, it is always good to get mail and messages even from unknown sources if they contain good news and helpful suggestions. Your letter contained some good suggestions and I know you will be happy to know that none of it was a complete revelation or surprise and also you should be happy to know that plans have been made for some time to help your situation.

Please stay together. We need you.

Mr. "B"

LETTER:

To "Baughman Hall"(or the person who refused to sign his/her name):

In all fairness, I must say I do not know all of the facts about your needs, but neither do you give many facts.

The inside of Baughman Hall might need painting, but with the limited amount of people on maintenance, priorities must be set. Certainly, if you consider the situation this past summer rationally, you would realize that the most pressing priority was to get all the new units ready, since they house more people and would have been completely useless. Baughman Hall, on the other hand, could be used this year without much overtime work.

Also, most of the people who presently reside in Baughman Hall would probably not appreciate the inconvenience it would be if it were painted during the school year. This would necessitate moving out of their room for two days and I don't blame them for not wanting to move out. I wouldn't want to do it. And some students wouldn't want any workers in the room if they weren't there personally (remember the petition sent around by some student this year, saying just this thing).

You also create the impression that the new dorms receive immediate attention and you get whatever time is left over. I know this is wrong and so would you if you stopped to realize you are not the only building on campus. There are, at least, fifteen other buildings and many other people, so slow down. Dr. Heiges has been having trouble with a ceiling "caving in" on his third floor since before December, and I haven't seen him write a letter for this more serious problem.

Much of the problem with the heating system in Baughman is that most of the residents are not used to this type of system, and therefore do not know how to get it to work. But you are right, every once in a while there may have been a slight problem which was mechanical in nature.

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In summary, I would like to say that there are only two people work full-time on maintainance. The rest of the help comes from plow students, and we too like to study, and have time off. But while most people had a vacation at Christmas, we had to work; scraping and painting the Richard House so Dr. and Mrs. Arden could move in. Then we had to paint a room in the library. On top of all this, when it snows, people expect the walks and parking lots plowed. To do this, Bill and Blackie have to start at 6:00 a.m. to plow it before everyone packs it down by walking and driving on it. If you think it's fun, try it, and see what the temperature is.

I think you owe bothe of them and Mr. Benson an apology.

Sincerely,

Neal Halloran

(Editor's Note: All material submitted to "Table Talk" MUST be typed, and contain the author's name and/or initial's in order to be printed. Thank you!)

ADIAPHORA

Friday, Feb. 28	AAL Dinner for seniors. Speaker: Dr. William Lazareth.
Sunday, March 2 - Wednesday, March 5	Interpretation of Philippians--Continuing Education Seminar.
Monday, March 3	Special Faculty Meeting--faculty lounge, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, March 7	Seminary night at the movies.
Friday, March 14	Community Meal--Talent Night.
Saturday, March 22 - Monday, March 31	Spring Recess!!!!!!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WONDERING...

by Jerry Cobb

Of the Student Directory that was published at the beginning of the year, the picture portion will not be published because its cost was higher than anticipated. Originally, the plans for funding the picture publication called for equal cost-sharing between the Student Association and the Seminary. However, the picture-taking project began with an unrealistic estimate of the publication cost. This estimate was based on the previous year's business with the "Gettysburg Times." The new revised estimate of the publication cost was in excess of \$500. On the basis of this information, the decision was made to forego the publication of the pictures. Students who would like the individual pictures that were taken of them and their families may pick them up at the main desk in the library.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ALIVE AND WELL...

by John Palko

Have you ever felt as if you were doing what the Holy Spirit moved you to do, yet wondered if anyone else experienced the same thing? Have you tried to live a freer life in Christ but got stomped on for it? Do you feel frustrated and guilty for not doing what you believe you should as a Christian?

To these and many similar situations Al Hider, Ardelle Singer, George Mason, and I, along with seventeen other seminarians and leaders, addressed ourselves on February 7-9, 1975, at the Marian Fathers Novitiate, Brookeville, Maryland. This was a Koinonia retreat, a Faith at Work program directed by the Reverend Stan Jones, Director of the Seminary Fellowship. The stated objective was to bring seminarians and laymen together "to discover a deep, personal, relational life-style of Christianity and.....be God's men: to catalyze the emergin church."

Many of the participants initially stated that they were there out of "Curiosity." This was a probably indication that each person had his defences up. We immediately began sharing our lives and working to build trust. Through various games, tests, and prayers, our tension, fear, and defenses gradually diminished. Once we ceased trying to justify ourselves to each other, trying to be what we are not, we then began to discover our true selves and to let everyone see these real selves instead of the fronts. We worked to remove the logs from our eyes while listening to each other describe the painful speck in his own eye.

It was truly surprising to find people who feel and hurt the same way, in the same experiences as I have--and to express it! Yet, more so, it is wonderful to feel the Holy Spirit working in me to help, share, and grow with these people, enabling me to do more.

Because of this retreat, I realize more fully my responsibility to God, to myself, and to others. I learned nothing new, but rather reaffirmed my covenant with God, as a Christian: to love to help; to be open and honest, bravely sharing myself and to trust more in prayer and the Word.

Note: Ardelle, George, and I are willing to discuss the events of this weekend in greater detail. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any one of us.

CHESS ANYONE ?

Two chess sets are now available. They are stored in the Coffee Shop, in the unlocked door behind the bar. These sets are for the use of the Seminary community and are not to be taken from the Coffee Shop. When you are done using them, please make sure that they are returned with all the pieces. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS to Jim Roth, winner of the 1975 Chess Tournament!!

'N FIND

Try to locate the names of the faculty hidden in the puzzle below. The names may be vertical, horizontal, or diagonal, as well as backwards and forwards. Good luck! The names are:

Arden	Gobbel	Hoffman	Nieting
Bream	Gritsch	Jenson	Ridenhour
Burgess	Hale	Jordahl	Sandstedt
Christianson	Heiges	Matthews	Stroup
Folkemer	Heikkinnen	Myers	Stuempfle

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Question: "What ever happened to the Social Action Committee?"

Answer: "They are probably out somewhere with the Consortium Relations Committee."

GET WELL SOON, BILL, WE MISS

YOUR POT-SHOTS!!!!

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LOOKING BACK

by Steve Patrick

It must indeed have appeared as a veritable cathedral when the Church of the Abiding Presence was dedicated as the seminary chapel. That room which we all fondly recognize as the Aberly Room was for many years the chapel. In the midst of one or two lengthy lectures in that hallowed place, my mind would wander into the past as I attempted to re-create what this chapel must have looked like. After some further research and interviewing, I was able to gain a clearer picture of its appearance.

The present arrangement and "focus" of the room is similar to the original plan. Where there is now what appears to be a stage, was a raised chancel area in which there stood in the center a huge pulpit. Four times a year a small table was placed behind this pulpit for the "administration of the Lord's Supper."

Coming forward, the communicants eyes beheld a huge painting of da Vinci's "Last Supper," rather faithfully reproduced. The actual dimensions of this canvas were 23 feet by 6½ feet in size. The effect must have been similar to that of Cinerama, as it curved around the rear wall of the chancel. According to a descriptive pamphlet, "What could be more helpful for the purposes of self-examination, than the silent challenge of that tragic moment...?" Heavy!

Suspended above the entire chancel area was a choir loft, complete with chairs for about eight people and a pipe organ. The pipes were visible in the alcoves above the two doors in the front of the room. The entrance to the loft was off the third floor, across from the present office faculty lounge.

According to reliable sources, the lighting was terrible. The
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windows were of stained, leaded glass, with at least the portraits of Luther and Melancthon in two of them. From the arched, dark wood ceiling hung two chandeliers, sporting a collection of bare light bulbs. For the further comfort of the worshippers, rows of wooden, theatre-type folding seats were provided, all neatly bolted to the floor.

The room remained in very nearly that condition and used as a classroom until about ten years ago when extensive remodeling was done. The mural was taken down and various options were considered, including placing it in the refectory or putting it up for sale. It now rests in the basement of the library, rolled up. The windows were going to be fixed, and at one time, had been considered by the new Saint James' Church. The organ apparently was purchased by a Reformed Church in Central Pennsylvania, its whereabouts unknown.

Mr. Benson tells of a preaching class taught by Dr. Heim in which notice was made that the subject of angels would be discussed. Before the class began, an enterprising student climbed up into the rafters of the old room and, at the appropriate time, angelically swooped down to the delight of all. Well, maybe Dr. Heim was not too thrilled. Other such events entertain students in that room today, but a lot of powerful memories must exist for a generation of seminarians who worshipped daily (well, at least four times a year) in that special room.
