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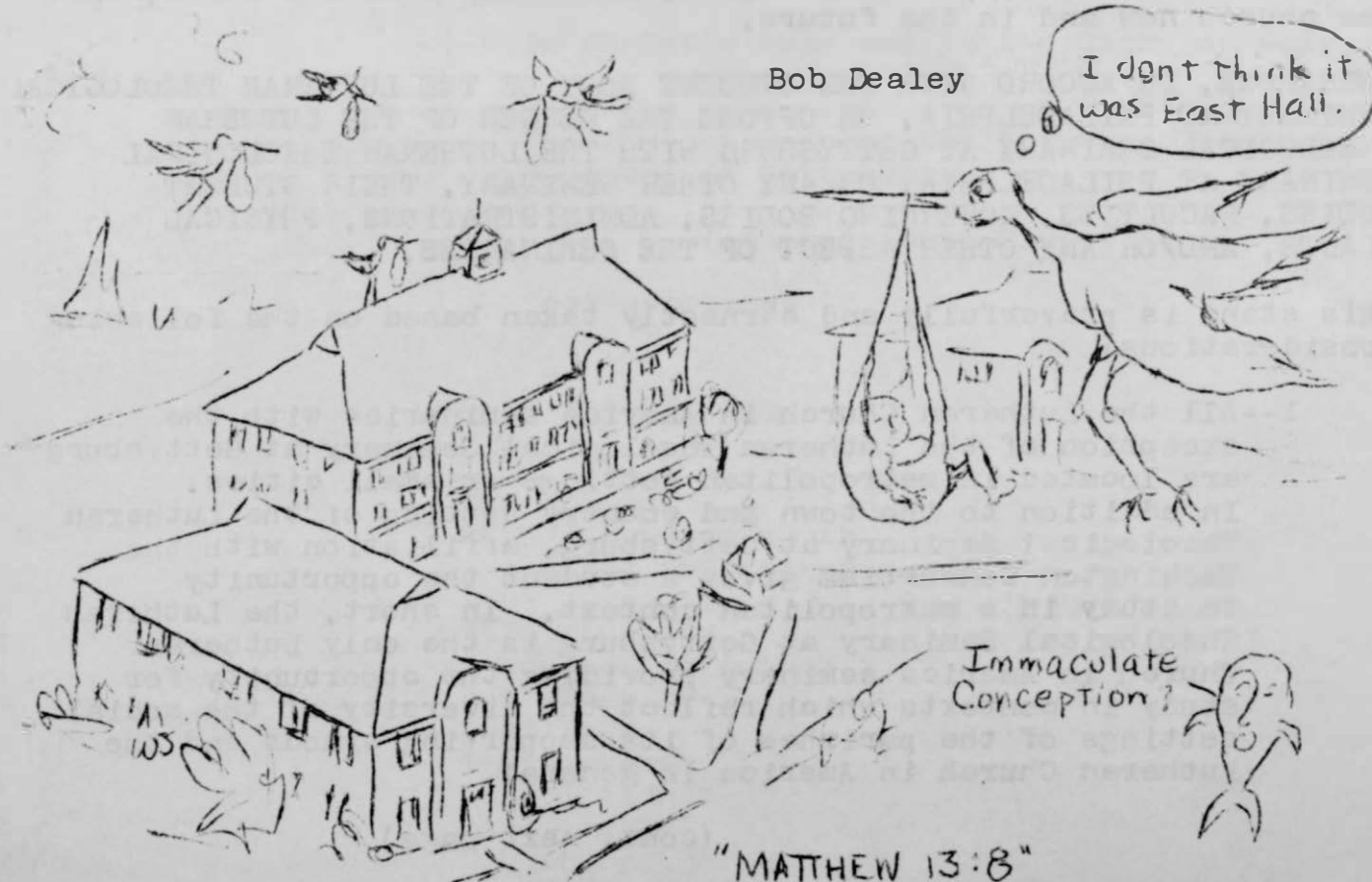
I would like to express my appreciation to all those individuals who contributed in making this a successful year for Table Talk. Special thanks should go to Kathy Reed and Steve Patrick for their many written articles; to Bob Mitchell for making sure that it was distributed outside the campus; to Rod Burr and Bob Gago for patiently publishing it; and to Rae Bloomquist for her typing.

Next year while on Internship, I hope the fine tradition of "Dealey's Daily" will be continued.

Thank you,

Bob Dealey

I dont think it was East Hall.



STUDENT ASSOCIATION MERGER RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the Student Association Monday April 21, the group unanimously adopted "A Statement by the Student Body of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg Concerning Merger of Seminaries," drafted by a committee of John Siegmund, Senior Class; Fred Niederhiser, Middler Class; and Tom Hope, Junior Class.

In other business it was also resolved to donate any surplus funds of the Student Association budget to the Office of Development for the development fund; this amount not to exceed \$1,000.

A STATEMENT BY THE STUDENT BODY OF THE
LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT GETTYSBURG
CONCERNING THE MERGER OF SEMINARIES

In that God loves all mankind in their richly diverse settings of life and desires that the Gospel of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord become incarnate among them in their various life settings, we believe that the maintenance of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, in their individual and separate locations fostering their respective approaches to theological education and the preparation of pastors and lay workers for their supporting synods, to be the best response in obedience to this divine call to extend and nurture the church now and in the future.

THEREFORE, IN ACCORD WITH THE STUDENT BODY OF THE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT PHILADELPHIA, WE OPPOSE THE MERGER OF THE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT GETTYSBURG WITH THE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT PHILADELPHIA, OR ANY OTHER SEMINARY, THEIR STUDENT BODIES, FACULTIES, GOVERNING BODIES, ADMINISTRATIONS, PHYSICAL PLANTS, AND/OR ANY OTHER ASPECT OF THE SEMINARIES.

This stand is prayerfully and earnestly taken based on the following considerations:

- 1--All the Lutheran Church in America seminaries with the exception of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg are located in metropolitan settings or small cities. In addition to the town and country setting of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, affiliation with the Washington Consortium gives a student the opportunity to study in a metropolitan context. In short, the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg is the only Lutheran Church in America seminary providing the opportunity for study in contexts which reflect the diversity of the social settings of the parishes of its supporting synods and the Lutheran Church in America in general.

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2--Southern Seminary is supported by 8.65% of the membership of the Lutheran Church in America and Pacific Seminary is supported by 6.00% of the Lutheran Church in America membership. Furthermore, the midwest representing 35.72% of the Lutheran Church in America membership supports two seminaries. On purely statistical grounds, the northeast with a base of support of 40.53% of the membership of the Lutheran Church in America can justifiably maintain two seminaries. (Source of figures, 1975 LCA Yearbook)

3--Neither the student enrollment nor the present financial condition of either of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg or the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia indicate a need for merger.

4--The Lutheran Theological Seminaries at Gettysburg and Philadelphia have diverse and complimentary traditions which balance theory and practice. The existence of the two seminaries inspires continual self-examination and evaluation by each school insuring fidelity to the Gospel and the Lutheran Confessions.

Whereas, the diverse and complimentary character of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia serves to strengthen the two schools as well as God's church on earth, we pray that the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia remain as separate institutions.

In Christ's name and to the Glory of God,

The Student Body of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg

(Adopted April 21, 1975)

The Old Man

The old man
with a sundown mouth
creaked and sighed

"I'd sing you
a song of sixpence;
but after my
furlings
I discovered
that I didn't
have the
change."

--Mike Brown

Sondra Diamond to Speak on

Pastoral Counseling and the Handicapped

Sondra Diamond, counseling psychologist from Philadelphia, will speak here on Monday, April 28 at 2:45 (or as soon as SGA elections are concluded) in Room 206 in Valentine on the topic "Pastoral Counseling and the Handicapped."

Ms. Diamond, who has twice been a guest of Tom Snyder on the NBC "Tomorrow Show," will explore such questions as: How to deal with one's own feelings about the handicapped, how to counsel the handicapped and how to counsel the parents of a handicapped person. Her expertise extends beyond the theoretical and academic; Ms. Diamond is herself multiply handicapped and in a wheel chair (the usual expression "confined" to a wheel chair definitely does not apply here!).

A question and answer period will follow the lecture. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. Bring a friend!

(Ms. Diamond will also record a "Seminary Explores" program for WGET.)

"Writing Congregational History"

Congregations looking for a worthy bicentennial project will find welcome a new color filmstrip, "Writing Congregational History."

In a time when the talk of national history and heritage is great, this sound filmstrip and script challenges church groups and individual members to discover the role they have played in the building of a Christian nation. The presentation covers all steps in history tracing from motivation to publication.

The first of three parts, "Why Write It Now?" explains the motivation for writing as a responsibility of Christians who share the history of the first church found in the Bible.

The second part, "Research and Writing," directs budding historians through a sound but simple data gathering system which will test the accuracy of previous works and assist the coordination of old and new data.

"Publishing," the final section of the presentation, provides first-hand knowledge of publication requirements, including practical tips in budgeting and art/copy preparation.

Luther A. Gotwald, Jr., Davidsville, chairman of the Central Pennsylvania Synod Bicentennial Committee, produced the filmstrip to assist that synod's upcoming celebration. His seventy original watercolors illustrate the story effectively.

"Writing Congregational History" provides creative practical ideas to help congregations examine their heritage--their role in building America.

Purchase of the Filmstrip is \$15 and rental is \$5. For more information, write Luther A. Gotwald, Jr.

Davidsville, Pa. 15928.

Lutherans listen to sermons with great interest, except when they are thinking about something else.

Strike Two --

One More and You're Out

Vietnam is almost over. President Thieu has resigned, years too late, and with fewer than two thousand Americans left in Saigon, our half-assed attempt to save South Vietnam from Communism is nigh well ended. I will give a great sigh of relief when it is all over, and inside I will cynically think, "Good, let the Communists have that little country and all it's problems."

Where did we go wrong? Why did we fail to halt the spread of the Red? I think our approach was wrong. In one sense we have corrupted warfare. Think of Atilla the Hun and other such barbaric greats. When they went to battle; they went to win, not just to arrive at a stalemate. They fought, raped pillaged, and destroyed their enemy wherever possible. True warfare, uncorrupted by ethics or moral concerns. One of our problems in Vietnam was that we fought a defensive battle, one doomed to defeat from the start. The best we could do was a draw, and that would not eliminate the problem. We lost though, maybe that eliminates the problem.

The error of our way does not lie in our battle plan, though that is what is on the surface; but rather on the fact that we went to battle at all. Our government and it's foreign policy seem to follow the old "Might makes Right" axiom. We are still run by a "military consciousness" that dictates to us that Communism can be stopped only through military strength and force. Wrong again. Now of course we cannot sit idly back and allow our military to deteriorate, for the Communists themselves seek to conquer through force. Force and a "military consciousness" are what the Communists use to spread their ideology. The Communists have lured us into playing their game with their rules; the deck is stacked against us.

We must not look at a Soviet, Communist threat as solely a military one, solvable only through military means. We seek to balance out the Communists threat militarily, which subordinates the rest of our foreign affair approaches. While we may gain a military advantage, our political advantage and effectiveness may be lost. Look at what happened and probably will continue to happen in Vietnam. The south Vietnamese feel that we have forsaken them, abandoned them to the invaders from the north. Not only did we lose a military advantage, but in the eyes of some, we have compromised our integrity and our ability to be a savior.

George F. Kennan so aptly reflects the present situation in a series of lectures at Princeton University that were given way back in 1954.

If there is any great lesson we Americans need to learn with regard to the methodology of foreign policy, it is that we must be gardeners and not mechanics in our approach to world affairs. We must come to think of the development of international life as an organic process and not a mechanical process.

Patience is a key word here; patience to nurture foreign policy and let it grow naturally. We must not see change coming only through mechanized violence and force, which is what our communists friends do.

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As Americans we should be able to allow ourselves the luxury of believing and having faith in our human nature. As Christians the same luxury should be applied to our human nature as fulfilled in Christ. Our foreign policy should reflect this. This is not to lessen the need of military power as a show of strength, but rather to be a call to realize what destruction has been wrought by violence and that in the long run we will be destroying ourselves (mankind).

Our "Peace through War" policy has not been effective since World War II, and no where near "honorable." This reflects the general state of our existence today, as summed up in the word-- abuse. Our environment has been attacked. As if on a seek and destroy mission, we have raped and pillaged the environment given to us by God. The earth we are supposed to have charge over and make flourish.

American foreign policy can best be served when a change in thought is affected. By starting at home and recognizing the value and limitations of our environment and its resources, and then applying this to the betterment of all; we can again become a stronger nation with one will to help all mankind. When we again show to ourselves and the rest of the world our determination of helping mankind through "peaceful" means, developing nations can again turn to us for help and guidance of a humanitarian nature not only a military nature.

Communism can be a serious threat to the free world. Our best weapon against Communism is our own ideology of freedom and equality. Gaining an understanding of this for ourselves will reaffirm our understanding of human nature and our ability to fulfill that nature. When we are human and learn to share in the giving of life instead of in the taking of life, then our foreign policy will reflect love and peace, not violence and war. Who would not rather be loved than hated?

STUDENT ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee of the Student Association has met and submitted the following list of candidates to the Student Body for their consideration in the election of officers.

For President: Bob Lescallete
Lee Penvose
John Ranney

For Treasurer: Mike Brown
Kathy Burkey
Ted Hummel

Elections will take place on Monday, April, 28, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 202 of Valentine Hall. I hope all students will attend to vote for the candidates.

--Jerry Cobb

Lutherans sing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" better than anyone else.

Chiang Kai-Shek died on Saturday, April 5th, 1975.

"16 people flunked the Confessions mid-term exam."

Phnom Penh and Cambodia fall to Communist rebels.

"I got 3 out of 10 on my Hermeneutics sermon."

Guerillas and Lebanese Militia agree to a truce.

"Obviously, anyone who gets 18 out of 100 on an Epistles exam doesn't belong in Seminary."

More fighting erupts in Belfast, Ireland.

"I was rejected by my first C.P.E. choice."

Moral: Isn't it amazing how unreal the "real" world seems?

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The/Gap Bridged

"How did the Phillies do today?"

Robert T. Dealey

'75 - 76 S. P. COORDINATOR

Mark Radecke, a junior, has been elected supply preaching program director for the next academic year, beginning in June. Good luck!

Lutherans believe in the importance of confession and frequently confess their sins, particularly when confronted with the evidence.

Lutherans believe in change when it is for the better; they oppose it unflinchingly when it is for the worse.

And, this is what they were singing ca. 1965. . .

Mount Airy (Maria, West Side Story)

Mt. Airy
We just merged today with Mt. Airy.
And suddenly we found
How relevant a town
can be.

Mt. Airy,
In Philly we're here at Mt. Airy
In close proximity
To the Good Old U of P
Oh Gee!

Mt. Airy;
Say it soft and you'd swear they were praying.
Say it loud and it's asses braying
Mt. Airy
We're finally merged with Mt. Airy.

Mt. Airy
Things aren't quite so good at Mt. Airy
For suddenly we found
We got the run around
to be

Mt. Airy
There's noise, dirt, and knives at Mt. Airy
A dream of fantasy
Fry's folly it will be
you'll see

Mt. Airy
Look around and you'll see fires burning
Seems like there's just not time left for learning
Mt. Airy
Who wants this hole called
Mt. Airy?

Table Talk Staff

Bob Dealey, Managing Editor	Rae Bloomquist	Terry Robichaud
Kathy Reed, Associate Editor	Bob Mitchell	Glenn Schoenberger
	Steve Patrick	Bill Stomski

LAST ISSUE OF THE YEAR
(with present staff)

ADIAPHORA

Monday, April 28 Pre-registration for '75-76 Fall Semester (through May 2)

 CLTEN Executive Committee--Philadelphia, 10:00 a.m.

 Lecture--Sondra Diamond--Rm. 206, 2:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29 Board Committee Meetings

Wednesday, April 30 Board of Directors meeting

Friday, May 2 Beer and cartoon night

Wednesday, May 7 Auxilary Day

Saturday, May 10 Student Association Picnic

Monday, May 12 "The Master Builder" by the Seminary

Wednesday, May 14 Players--watch for announcement!

Thursday, May 15

Friday, May 16 Semester ends!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"You people want to play poker, but you aren't willing to ante."

--R. W. Jenson

"I'll tell you in a dark alley."

--J. W. Siegmund

"Sonora

A rolling chorale!
Billows of nimbus notes
profusing a brilliant aria.

Squat clumps
of sage, creosote and sugaro...
upstretched
arms in consonance.

--Mike Brown

Student-Faculty Relations Committee

Minutes of April 21, 1975

Present: Bill Halsey, chairman Dr. Heiges
 John Ranney Mr. Stroup
 Jim Drury Mr. Stuempfle
 Dan Ward
 Bernie Carl

Summary of minutes of the last meeting read and accepted.

Class Reporting:

Second year students:

Bernie Carl reported the content of and reaction to the meeting of the class with Dr. Heiges on the preceding Friday. It was reported that the problems that had arisen in a few of the classes were being taken care of in the form of positive reactions to discussions with the faculty members involved and positive reactions and improvements.

Some of the questions that were brought up at the meeting involved the content of a required class and if there was a guideline or if the content of such classes are strictly up to the professor.

Dean Stuempfle replied that the content of a course was the responsibility of the instructor. In a required course it is assumed that there is an area to be covered but the methodology and specifics are up to the professor.

Outlines for the SFRC in the Handbook:

The procedural guidelines governing the SFRC have been revised. The editing of this revision for the printing in the handbook is now being made and the changes will appear in the new handbook.

Course Evaluation:

The sub-committee of the SFRC presented their revised course evaluation form for approval. After discussion several questions on the form were altered and the amended form was approved by the entire committee.

The course evaluation will be conducted on the first week in May and the faculty will be so notified.

Supply Preacher Coordinator:

The Committee has elected first year student Mark Hadecke as Supply Preaching Coordinator for the 1975-76 academic year.

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Report of the Supply Preaching Steering Committee:

Chuck Lockwood reports:

Mr. Ridenhour is developing evaluation forms which will be used by several congregations to evaluate their supply preachers each week in agreement with the results of negotiations with the Central Penn Synod. The congregations picked to do this evaluation will evaluate all of the supply preachers they receive (seminary students, retired pastors, etc.). The evaluations will be returned to Mr. Ridenhour to be processed. Those not pertaining to seminary students will be forwarded to the Synod office.

Outside from these specifically chosen congregations which will do the weekly evaluations, all congregations will receive a general letter letting them know that the Seminary is open to feedback on its students, in both a positive and negative sense.

The congregational summary sheet which was developed earlier is still going to be used. Hopefully the congregations will cooperate in filling out these sheets and return them to the Seminary. The supply coordinator will have the data to pass on to students just before they supply at a particular church.

The proposed exegetical seminars, which were to be held on a weekly basis have been dropped for the time being due to a lack of response by the student body.

Nothing, however, is finalized. Mr. Ridenhour, the faculty representative on the steering committee is at the present coordinating things with the Seminary administration and the Central Penn Synod.

Old Business:

It is again urged by the SFRC and the faculty that the procedures for handling course problems be followed as specifically outlined in the Handbook.

Pastoral Council:

In the light of the petitions involving pastoral care on the campus, the SFRC affirms the statement on academic advisors in the Student Handbook.

New Business:

1. Recommendations for the SFRC for the next year will be put on file for the incoming committee.

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2. The chair wishes to express appreciation to those who have served so effectively this year in special capacities:

A. To the members of the supply preaching steering committee:

Church Lockwood, chair.
Ralph Smith
Dr. Tom Ridenour
Greg Pile

B. To the SFRC sub-committee on course evaluation:

Terry Robichaud, chair.
Dan Ward
Bernie Carl
Dave Root
Dean Stuempfle

C. To John Ranney for the excellent job of taking and publishing the minutes of our monthly meetings.

D. To Table Talk for the publication of the minutes of the monthly meetings.

E. To those who have done special typing for SFRC:

Mary Miller, for the announcement regarding
supply preacher coordinator
Nancy Black, for typing the monthly minutes

F. To Dr. Heiges for his guidance in interpreting various items and understanding precedents involved.

G. And to each committee member individually for faithful and devoted participation in this committee's functioning.

To all of you a sincere thank you for making the job of chairing the proceedings a rewarding and satisfying experience.

3. The committee extends its commendations which it feels with more than formality to Bill Halsey, Chairman SFRC, in appreciation for the excellent leadership during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Ranney

Lutherans who have never been on the church council claim they don't know what goes on at council meetings. Lutherans who have been on the council claim they don't either.

Dawn is breaking thru my window (I have decided, however, not to press charges).

--K. O. R.