

Table Talk

News and Views of the
Student Body of The Lutheran
Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.



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SEMINARY BEGINS 150th YEAR

On September 8th the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg opened its doors on a new academic year, celebrating its 150th year of operation. "Everything points to an excellent year," says seminary President, Dr. Donald Heiges. "We have the largest enrollment by far in the history of the school. The faculty is up to full strength again. Of special importance is the celebration of our sesquicentennial year."

Plans for the celebration of the sesquicentennial have been underway since the spring of 1973. A general planning committee was appointed and has been working under the direction of Mr. R Hart Beaver, a past Chairman of the seminary board for three years and a current member of the board. The theme they have decided on will be "The Gospel and Dimensions of Human Freedom". Under this theme, eight separate events have been planned for the coming months. The first event will happen during the January term, and in February there will be an alumni colloquium on the topic of the history of the Seminary. The third event takes place in Washington in April; it will be a colloquium on the freedom of the civil order. Special events are also planned for Seminary week in May under the topic of freedom and the parish pastor. An event in the first week of July will examine preaching and

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STUDENTS AND FACULTY

HAVE RELATIONS

Student-Faculty Relations Committee
Sept. 15, 1975

Present: Jerry Yarnall
Phil Bendle
Marty Sheaffer
Lee Penvose
Darryl Kiehl
Jeff Vayda
John Ranney
Dr. Heiges
Mr. Stroup
Mr. Stuempfle

The first action of the committee was to unanimously elect Jerry Yarnall as chairman and John Ranney as recording secretary.

Dr. Heiges then proceeded to outline the responsibilities of the Student-Faculty Relations Committee which fall into three basic areas. The first area outlined was the responsibility for the course evaluation both during the course of the semester, as outlined in the student handbook, and at the close.

The Student-Faculty Relations Committee is responsible for the governing of the Supply Preaching program and appoints a steering committee. The supply preaching coordinator is Mark Radecke, who was appointed by the Committee last spring. The Steering Committee was approved and consists of Steven Caber representing

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IN MEMORIUM

The seminary community wishes to extend sincere condolences to David Root, pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Newton Falls, Ohio, and last year's Senior class President, on the sudden death of his wife, Bonnie May. The funeral will be Friday, September 19, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bucyrus, Ohio.

MEMO FROM STUD. ASSOC. PRES.

The 1975-1976 academic year is now in full swing and so it is time to complete the process by electing students to the faculty committees, Student Association Committees, etc. On Monday Sept. 22, the Student Association will meet at 2:30 in Valentine 206 at which time the following positions need to be filled:

- 1) Secretary for the Student Association, from the junior class.
- 2) 3 students for the Consortium Relations Comm., one from each class in residence.
- 3) 3 students for the Social Action Comm., one from each class in residence.
- 4) Chairman for the Ad Hoc Committee for Community Meals.
- 5) 6 students, two from each class in residence, for the Worship Committee.
- 6) Student representatives to the Faculty Committees as follows:
 - a. Academic Policies (2 students at large)
 - b. Admissions and Scholarship (1 student at large)
 - c. Continuing Education (1 student at large)
 - d. Field Education (2 students at large)
 - e. House of Studies (1 student, preferably a junior)

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CALL FOR COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Letter to the Editor:

Once again, through the grace of God, students, faculty and administrative personnel gather to begin another academic year at the seminary. This year we are blessed to participate in the 150th anniversary year of our community; plans for the celebration have been underway for a long time, and it promises to be quite a memorable experience for us all. With many guests and visitors, special lectures, and anniversary programs, it should be an eventful year. The student body looks anxiously forward to the part it will play in the months to come.

But, things are not quite so rosy as they might seem. Despite the celebrations, life as usual goes on for the students, and, as usual, it has many difficulties. The seminary still exists with the sword of impending merger poised over its head. This question, not quite finalized at the end of last term, remains a problem to many minds. Perhaps a statement on this situation from the administration could facilitate understanding on all sides.

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HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION

(Part I in a series)

Those of us who have had CPE, and perhaps especially those of us who have just completed it, know what a special kind of experience it is. Intensive always, it can be frustrating, scary, and sometimes a real drag, but more often it is an exciting, exhilarating experience and ultimately a rewarding one. Upon return we compare notes using the new verbal shorthand we picked up. We speak of verbatims, IPR's and ask each other "How does that make you feel?", and we know it is not a summer we will soon forget.

The new students, however, may find all this confusing and may become anxious over the "Ghost stories" that circulate about CPE each year. But new students should not jump to any hasty conclusions; history has shown that virtually all complete the course successfully and the great majority consider it a positive experience. It is not "easy" by any means. You will work in a general hospital or a mental institution, or perhaps in a prison or counseling center situation dealing with the very real problems of very real people. At the same time you examine your own emotions and motivations in both group and private sessions with your supervisor. Add to that a fair amount of paperwork and you cannot avoid an intensive experience. It is at times difficult, but the end result is almost always positive. Following are excerpts of shared impressions of members of the seminary community of their CPE experiences. They speak for themselves.

--George Post

CPE in Hartford

--Greg Lake

The eleven weeks that I spent in CPE were the most painful but

rewarding ones in my life. My experiences at the general hospital in West Hartford, Connecticut, will be remembered for a long time to come. Only now, as I look back upon the summer's experience, do I clearly see the meaning of CPE and how much it has helped me to grow.

Before going to Hartford in June, I knew that there were a lot of things bothering me. At that time, knowing that CPE was required after the first year of seminary, I thought that I would make the most of the summer to deal with those problems. Having never been away from home for that length of time before, I knew it was going to be hard.

The first week was filled with much loneliness...Once the program got underway, things began to look a little brighter... Two verbatims and an impressions report, or, in place of a verbatim, a critical incident or process notes, were required... All reading assignments were voluntary... Our small group sessions were many times very boring. During open seminars we would often remain silent for the first half-hour or so. And then conversation was forced sometimes. It was the small groups that I hated the most and was least impressed with.

One of the most helpful areas for my personal growth were personal conferences with my supervisor... Through his feedback I gained a clearer picture of who I was and what my relationship was to others. The relationship I had with my supervisor will be a memorable one for a long time to come.

CPE not only helped me to get in touch with my "self", but enabled me to develop skills in working with patients as counselor and pastor... Whoever the patient was, his problems were always unique.

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To ALL Women of the Seminary Community:

We feel that there is a strong need for women in the community to get together because we have a great deal more to share with each other than meatloaf recipes and fantasies about the singular role of pastor's wife.

Therefore we would like to invite the women (only) to a wine and cheese get together immediately following chapel service Wednesday night (Sept. 24) at Heiges Hall in the basement lounge.

We hope to gather ideas on how as women in this community, we can work together to grow together.

--Kathy Reed and Cathy Kiehl

P.S. This is not a move to compete with S.E.M. As we understand that organization's purpose, we see no conflict. And also please note we are calling to all women--students, wives of students and faculty and staff women and wives.

K.R.

Seminary Begins...

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the contemporary world, and in August, the annual Lay school of Theology will return to campus. The premier event of the celebration will be scheduled for Sept. 6, 1976, opening the 151st academic year, and the final event will be the Martin Luther colloquium in October.

A new student class of over 70 brings current enrollment to an all-time high of 225 students, representing 125 colleges, 20 synods, and 18 states, and 5 other churches. Of special note is the fact of 38 women as full-time student, another record. In preparation of this mass of students, the fourth floor of Valentine Hall has been re-opened, housing 14

1st year students. Other housing changes have seen placing of women students in Krauth Hall and men in Richards House, and the total refinishing, much appreciated, of Baughman Hall. On all sides, a good year is expected; the Editor and staff of Table Talk extend a cordial welcome to all.

Memo...

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- f. Lay Program (1 Student).
- g. Library (1 student at large).

I strongly urge that you, the members of the Student Association, take these positions seriously and attend the meeting on the 22nd at 2:30. The Faculty Committee positions are very important for the well being of the students and the constant improvement of our seminary education.

At this time I also wish to stress the importance of familiarizing yourself with the Student Handbook; both the new students and those returning particularly in regards to the Student Faculty Relations Committee and its procedures.

If we all take an active part in the life of our community we will certainly all share in the benefits of our activity.

S.E.M. MEETING

S.E.M. a group for everyone, especially spouses. First meeting in Valentine 206, Thursday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Sports Menu

OVERVIEW OF SPORTS AT GETTYSBURG

--Harold Hand

As this academic year begins at the Burg, it's time to take a look at another important aspect of seminary life besides the all-night study sessions and writing papers. Sports play an important role in the student's year at seminary. In this, my first column, I would venture a look at athletic activities for the coming year.

First of all, Ted Hummel assumes full duties as athletic director this year. It is Ted's job to organize the various leagues, set up the schedules, call practices, and set up games with outside opponents such as the annual game with Philadelphia. Ted would appreciate the co-operation of all students.

Football opens the school year with practices being held several times each week. So far this year, a good turnout has made opening practices both fun and promising as all classes have shown good participation. Because of this, it is hoped that games can be played between the various classes to add a dimension to football which was lacking last season.

All of this takes a back seat, however, to the annual clash when G-burg meets the team from our daughter seminary, Philadelphia. The promises to be the highlight of the season as a traditional rivalry continues (it's not the Army-Navy game, but a good time is had by all). Last year, Gettysburg defeated Philadelphia at home, 7-6. This year we travel to enemy territory in the hope of winning again. A return encounter with the Episcopal Seminary from Alexandria, Va. is also expected. Last season we fell to a strong Virginia team, 12-0 at Alexandria.

As winter approaches, basketball enters the picture. The seminary plays in a community league with very strong competition. It

is rumored that Mr. Benson may become the coach of the team this season. An avid supporter of the team in the past, Mr. B will get to try his hand at turning around the fortunes of the "dribblers". A league of teams from the student body will play its games at the Armory, only a hundred yards from the seminary grounds.

Softball appears in the spring with mostly pick-up games played behind the refectory. A league can possibly be formed this year if enough interest is shown.

Tennis fanatics find the fall and spring tournaments particularly enjoyable because they have the chance to go up against stiff competition from the faculty and staff. Other sports take place throughout the year, ranging from chess and ping-pong to street hockey. There is a wide range of activities for everyone.

So if you are athletically inclined or just interested in having fun, enjoy the sport of your choice. Spectators are always welcome, too.

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FACULTY QUOTE

"I don't exactly call doin' what I'm doin' 'Havin' it made,' and don't print that."

name withheld on request

DR. FRANKENMARK PHELRADITCH PRESENTS HIS

"DO-IT-YOURSELF CPE FINAL EVALUATION KIT"

Displeased with your CPE final evaluation? Don't want to do CPE at all? Think you can do without it? God! Then Dr. Phelraditch's Do-It-Yourself CPE Final Evaluation Kit is what you need. Just go along, filling in the blanks with one of the three carefully chosen CPE words, and your finished product will be your very own CPE final evaluation. Take the completed evaluation to Mary Miller, Director of Field Education, and send me your \$30 for the Phelraditch Foundation for Further Consideration.

FINAL EVALUATION

name is a (1) (2) student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa. N strikes me as a very (3) individual who is (4) with his feelings. My initial impression of him/her was one of (5). However (s)he did (not) live up to this initial impression.

(6), N's Clinical setting, is a (7) (8). As Intern Chaplain, (s)he spent most of his/her time (9). The student's overall pastoral functioning could best be evaluated (10).

As his/her supervisor, my relationship with the student (11). At times, N impressed me as being (12), while at other times I was aware of the dynamic of (13) operating in him. His emerging concept of the ministry is a beautiful and workable integration of (14) and (15). In the beginning, N related to his group by (16), but as the quarter progressed he was better able to (17).

In summary, it would be (18) to envision N functioning as a (19). It is my informed opinion that N is now (20) who could make excellent use of (21). With continued growth, N will be a good pastor (22).

Dr. F. Phelraditch
Supervisor

WORD CHOICES

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|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| (1) Married | (2) male | (3) short | (4) in touch |
| Single | female | deceased | out of touch |
| Deceased | undecided | foreign | out to lunch |

- (5) total disgust
awe and splendor
pity
- (6) Holy Mackerel Mem. Hospital
St. Goliath's State Hospital
Jack Daniel's Alcoholic Rehabilitation
Clinic
- (7) 2 bed
4 quart
1700 cell
- (8) Vetreinary hospital
aviary
motel/truck stop
- (9) putting clothes back
on old ladies
explaining what he
was doing
typing verbatims
- (10) at a public auction
by someone who likes him/her
in a foreign language
- (11) was just a pssing thing
involved blackmail
allowed me to catch up on
my sleep
- (12) overly aggressive
The Holy Ghost
deceased
- (13) diarrhea
manic depression
abject stupidity
- (14) Pelagianism
Manicheanism
Gnosticism
- (15) bisexuality
mortuary science
botany
- (16) breaking wind
laughing hysterically
picking his nose
- (17) evade all ques-
tions
speak in tongues
tie his own
shoes
- (18) obscene
exciting
impossible
- (19) middle linebacker
marine biologist
Welcome Wagon Host(ess)
- (20) a whole person
1½ people
the hind quarter
of a horse
- (21) immediate burial
parole
a truss
- (22) over my dead body
in a pig's eye
when hell freezes over

Announcing class officers elected last week:

Senior Class

Pres. -Jerry Yarnell
Sec. -Phil Bendle

Middler Class

Pres. -Marty Sheaffer
Sec. -Lee Penvose

Junior Class

Pres. -Jeff Veyda
Sec. -Darryl Kiehl

ADIAPHORA

--Tim Bingman, Ed.

- September 19 Kirk Edwards (9:00 p.m. in The Bullethole, Gettysburg College)
- 20 Sidewalk sale and Flea Market (all day along the streets of Gettysburg)
- Football: Shippensburg at Gettysburg High (1:30 p.m. at College Field)
- Rock Concert featuring Mutant Sons and Freebird (7:30 p.m. at Bendersville Fire Hall)
- 22 Photographer to take ID Card Photos (9:00 a.m. room 309)
- 24 Fortress Press Display (all day in Coffee Shop)
- 26 Blood, Swear, and Tears (8:00 at the Union Ballroom, Gettysburg College)
- 27 Washington Theological Consortium Faculty Convocation and Washington Field Experience Orientation Tour
- 29 First Practicum for First Year Field Education Students
- October 2 Almy Display (all day in coffee shop)
- 2&3 Visit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Committee on Church Vocations

Current Movies:

Majestic Theater--Jaws coming soon: The Return of the Pink Panther

Roth's Village Theatres--At Long Last Love and Once Is Not Enough

Cross Keys, New Oxford--Billy Jack and Trial of Billy Jack

WASHINGTON CALENDAR

--K. Reed, ed.

A sample of entertainment events in Washington: At the Kennedy Center in the Eisenhower Theater for the next three weeks, a comedy (cont. next page)

called Summer Brave w/ Alexis Smith (for info call 202, 254-3670)... also at the K.C. in the Opera House this weekend only, Scott Joplin's Treemonisha (202, 254-3770)...more at the L.C. in the Concert Hall, the last weekend of John Raitt in Sing America Sing (202, 254-3776)... coming to the Concert Hall Monday, Sept. 22 to Oct. 11, Haydnfest... opening on Tuesday, Sept. 23, for five performances only, Hal Holbrook in Mark Twain Tonight!

At Ford's Theatre, until Oct. 26, "a chilling study of men and women under the gun before the House UnAmerican Activities Committee" (according to the ad in the Washington Post) called Are You Now Or Have You Ever Been.

Also, at the Capital Center, Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus, from Wed. Oct. 8 through Sun. Oct. 19.

Music upcoming at the Cellar Door, 34th and M Sts., this weekend, the Roger McGuinn Band.

Anyone interested in spending a weekend in C.C. should take advantage of lodgings offered at the Paulist House, offered at non-existent cost.

Hartford...
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We also had our fun moments during the summer. When there was any free time I tried to go to different places throughout New England. There were also parties given by fellow chaplains at their homes.

All in all, it was a painful summer for growth. But it was a summer most appreciated for what it has done for me. I recommend CPE for anyone who plans to enter the parish ministry.

Meanwhile, in Omaha

--Sharon McLaughlin

Last year we were told that if we were single and had no particular ties, CPE was a time to see a new part of the country. I chose to do just that. "But why on earth would anyone want to go to Omaha?" "Because it's there" is the first thing that comes to my mind. Secondly, to me, Omaha was way out west, as I had

never been as far west as Illinois...I felt free, independent. I felt scared, alone.

I was alone in the dormitory for about a day. Then the two single guys in the program moved in. We really had to struggle to get a relationship going. Later, they told me that they were a bit upset about having a woman in the program.

Being the only woman among five guys had both advantages and disadvantages. After I got to know them, I really liked everyone in the group. They could all be warm, loving people. All of them seemed to feel much more free to comfort me when I was down than to comfort any of the others...

The main disadvantage was that they began to see me as "just one of the guys"... I guess that says that I had my own identity crisis.

I am not one to become angry quickly. During the summer, I was often accused of rationalizing my anger. Of course I

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BIBLI-TRIV

(Noteto first-year students: Save your Old Testament Bibli-Triv-- they may be helpful in studying for Dr. Myer's final.)

- 1) How many midwives were there with the Hebrews in Goshen?
 - a) two for each of the tribes
 - b) two for all the Hebrews
 - c) seven for all the Hebrews Ex. 1:15
 - d) seven times seven

- 2) Melchizedek was King of _____?
 - a) Sheol
 - b) Shiloh
 - c) Siloam Gen. 14:18
 - d) Salem

- 3) The Nunc Dimittis ("Lord, now letttest thou thy servant depart in peace...") was spoken by _____.
 - a) Shime1
 - b) Shimon
 - c) Simon Luke 2:25
 - d) Simeon

- 4) Lazarus was from _____.
 - a) Bethany
 - b) Bethel
 - c) Beth-saida John 11:1
 - d) Bethesda

- 5) God struck down Herod because:
 - a) he violated the sabbath
 - b) he did not give honor to God Acts 12:23
 - c) he offered an unacceptable sacrifice
 - d) he stepped off the curb in from on God's taxi

COINCIDENCE??? YOU DECIDE

Jeremy Clark Smaligo

A firstborn male child whose father is a carpenter.

The infant's initials are J.C.

He doesn't cry very much.

Shortly before the child's birth, there was no room for mother or father anywhere, and now that the child is born ("For unto them a son is given...") the family is heading north.

id. Who wants to be angry at someone they like? Not I! But how long can you let the anger go until it begins eating away at the relationship? It helps to get it out in the open where it can be dealt with. (Is that a rationalization?)

My supervisor is a really great guy. He was able to find out where each of us was, and be able to accept us there.

As to the mechanics of the program, we worked five days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m... Each morning we met for either an interpersonal relationship group or a verbatim conference. (Speaking of verbatims, we had to write 15 of the nasty things. If your memory is no good, plan to sharpen it up this summer.)...

On Wednesdays, we went to the old fold's home. We were assigned people there on whom we were to call (but rarely ever did). In addition to these duties we had night and weekend duty. During this time, we were completely on our own in the hospital. These times were very important for me because it was here that I learned that I could function well under stress...

On the whole, I had a very good experience. Sometimes it hurt, but isn't that what they call "growing pains"?

SFRC...

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the middler class and Mr. Ridenhour as faculty representative.

The third responsibility is to act as a sounding board for students with problems dealing with faculty relations in a manner outlined also in the Student Handbook.

A subcommittee was selected to begin work on evaluation proceedings. The sub-committee will be chaired by Marty Sheaffer with

Darryl Kiehl, Phil Bendle and Mr. Stroup participating.

Mr. Stroup requested that in the course taught in a modular manner for the juniors, be evaluated following each of the four week teaching sessions. This request was approved by the committee.

A question of the housing assignment lead to the development of another subcommittee to evaluate the procedure now being used. Senior Phil Bendle will chair this subcommittee and Darryl Kiehl and Lee Penvose will assist.

The next meeting of the Student-Faculty Relations Committee will be on Oct 20th at 3:30 p.m. It is encouraged by the committee that students familiarize themselves with the Student Handbook particularly the part pertaining to SFRC.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Ranney

Celebration...

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Many simple problems of living in community continue to be a nuisance. The trash bins at Baughman and Heiges Hall fill quickly to overflowing, drawing hordes of gnats and wasps; hopefully, this problem will be shortly solved. Tempers flare over red parking spaces, especially when the lots and visitor spaces are full; simple consideration for others will prove to be the best remedy for this problem. Despite the review of the ordinance last year, many pets, large and small, keep appearing on campus. Perhaps the ordinance should be reviewed one more time.

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Major among these concerns, though, is the segmentation of social interaction. Single students rarely mix with married students, and those living off campus might as well be in Washington as far as social mixing is concerned. Of course we realize we are here for a purpose, studying for the ministry, not to party. However, most upperclassmen will agree that the advancement of ideas and the growth of the individual more in our lifestyles than in the classroom. Let us encourage each other, and the faculty as well, to extend the classroom into the community, get together and talk, party more often; each of us will profit from it. In this fashion we may be able to overcome these other problems and profit as individuals. Let's make our 150th anniversary celebration a community celebration as well.

--Tom Hope

