

# Table Talk

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Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.



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NOV 5 WORLD HUNGER

The Social Action Committee of the seminary has given priority to the battle against world hunger as its primary activity for the 1975-1976 academic year. We believe that this challenge demands affirmative action by all Christians to respond out of their faith.

What are the facts? Every minute an estimated 70 people die of starvation and malnutrition, or about 35 million people a year. On the other hand, we should review our situation as a society whose diet is largely meat that one pound of a proper grain mixture would supply us with as much protein as 20 pounds fed to cattle and which is eaten as beef (statistics from "Our World is Hungry" by Robert J. Marshall, The Lutheran, November 6, 1974, vol. 12, No. 19, p. 4-8).

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OKTOBERFEST--A SUCCESS ?

Everyone who attended the Oktoberfest party on Friday, October 24 will probably tell you what a great time they had drinking, dancing, and socializing. This is true. Many people gave much time and energy into getting this party off the ground and I am thankful to them all. At one point everyone was asked to pay \$1 for guests and to give freely if they wished. If fifty people would have each given one dollar, the party would have paid for itself and many more like it could be enjoyed as often as possible. Since this was not the case, we will be forced to charge everyone at all future events, and they will not be as frequent. Your Student Association dues can only pay for so much--not everything.

Debbie Slifer  
Social Committee Chairman

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ATTENTION :

There will be an OPEN HOUSE for the ENTIRE seminary community on Friday, November 14, beginning at 8 p.m. at the Gable's, Shields' and Neubauer's. Everyone is invited; faculty, students, spouses, and children.

Directions: Cross Seminary Ridge to first intersection. Turn RIGHT. Pass Eisenhower farm. At first intersection (Red Rock Road) turn LEFT. Go about 500 feet and go over old iron bridge to your right (Water Works Road). First Driveway.

It's B.Y.O.B.

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Married Couple

He stood beside her, statuesque;  
She wept, a broken woman:  
The mirror forms and turns this image  
Round the axis of the room.

Vain concerns, a year in building,  
Voided their bond, their vows,  
Like facing mirrors, their infinite promises  
turned to accusing glares.

Wiping her eye, she repaired her make-up,  
Repeating "Til death do us part"  
Before the altar of a peripheral God,  
The awful mirror her priest.

--Tim Bingman

DR. PHELRADITCH'S THEOLOGY OF SATIRE

Quite obviously, any theology of satire worth its salt has as its starting point the concept of Told Sinning. Briefly stated, it is the concept that since everybody screws up, you're better off making fun of the way the other guy screwed up. For instance, if a person ("the wittness") sees Mr. Jenson fall off the stage during a lecture ("the Good News") and tells someone else, then that someone else (by what Luther called the acousting phenomenon) becomes a Told Sinner. The Told Sinner laughs himself silly and then dashes off to his typewriter to spread the Good News (evangelize).

Of course, were it not for Pauline's doctrine of Justification by Face, this would not be possible. Pauline's doctrine holds that since all men and women screw up, they are justified (note the conditionality of the "just if..." in justified) by any work which keeps other screw ups from saving face. For example, I am justified just if I plaster it all over the place that Dean Stuenpfle gets most of his sermon material from Rex Humbard and Oral Roberts, that Mr. Burgess subscribes to Readers' Digest, that Mr. Ridenhour simply cannot bathe without his rubber duck and that Dr. Myers got one of his doctorates by answering an ad in the back of True Confessions magazine. The whole thing is a concept of the atonement which I call "Quirks Righteousness." It's a sort of fun interpretation of Pauline's enjoinder to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling," (Philistines 2:12) and of her observation that "we are fools for Christ's sake." (I Cartesians 4:10) As satirists, we save souls through the folly of what we preach (I Cartesians--a deep book--1:21). Are you saved, brothers and sisters? For the answer to this and other pressing questions of the minute, send your name, address, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Phelraditch Foundation for Further Consideration or call any time of the day or night 334-6701.

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SPORTS MENU

by Harold Hand

A very costly week for the Middlers has thrown the football race into a two-way tie for first place, with possibilities for a three-way tie still open. Meanwhile, practice was held this week for Friday's annual clash with Philadelphia. Check the bulletin board in Valentine for the time that the bus will leave. Will the Gettysburg team do it again this year? Come see the Martin Luther Classic and find out.

Juniors 12, Middlers 0

With visions of the title and an undefeated season in their heads, the Middlers took to the field against the Juniors last Tuesday.

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However, the field was in no condition to co-operate after having been drenched with rain for several days and very early, it was obvious that the team that could make the breaks work for them in all that mud would be the winner. The Juniors did just that as, in the middle of the second half, Mike Bruch took a tied pass from Cliff Suehr and went in for the score. The extra point failed. Then with just a few minutes left, Bob Williams returned an interception for a TD. Again the extra point failed, but the damage had been done as the Juniors handed the Middlers their first defeat.

Seniors 12, Middlers 6

Playing on the same muddy field last Wednesday, the Middlers could have won the title by defeating the Seniors, but this was not their week and again they were handed a defeat. Stef Zehrhuhs opened the scoring with a sensational punt return for a TD, but the extra point was no good. Then Ken Phelps hit Jerry Abraham to tie the score (conversion no good), and it appeared that the first over-time game of the season was here. But with just one second on the clock, Zehrhuhs hit Tom Shields in the end zone and the game was over. The Middlers' second loss now placed them in a tie with the Seniors.

NOTES:

Jerry Yarnell still leads the scoring race with 26 points, but Bob Williams is catching up. He has 24. Jerry Abraham and Steve Reed follow with 18 and 15 respectively.....The middlers have intercepted 21 passes in just 5 games.....The showdown for the title will be next week.....See you at Philadelphia!

Standings:

	W	L	PCT.	PF	PA
1 Middlers	3	2	.600	46	30
2 Seniors	3	2	.600	45	45
3 Juniors	1	3	.250	37	53

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Tim Bingman--Adiaphora & poetry	Lovise Klaven--Art
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Harold Hand--Sports	Mark Bodecke--Humor
Tom Hope--Feature Reporter	Kathy Reed--Co-editor
Bill Stomski--Art	

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Current Movies: Majestic Theatre--"Funny Lady"  
Coming Soon: "Chinatown," "Once is Not Enough," "The Hiding Place."

ADIAPHORA

- October 31 Mt. Airy Football Game (3:30 p.m. at Philadelphia);  
Halloween Dance (8:00 p.m. at College Union Ballroom, Gettysburg College).
- November 1 Pork and Sauerkraut Supper for Easter Seal Society (4-8 p.m. at James Gettys Elementary School Cafeteria, Gettysburg)  
Film Series: "Nicholas and Alexandria" (8 p.m. in College Union Ballroom).
- 3 Academic Policies Committee Meeting (3:30 p.m. in Faculty Lounge).
- 5 Civilisation Film (4:00 and 7:30 p.m. in College Union 231, Gettysburg College).
- 7 The Tamburitzans (8 p.m. at Laird Hall, Wilson College, Chambersburg).
- 8 Sigma Nu Fraternity Recycling Drive (9-1 at King's and Giant Parking Lots).  
Tower of Power (7:30 p.m. at Mayser Gymnasium, F and M College, Lancaster).  
Beaux Arts Trio (8:30 p.m. at Shriner Hall, Johns Hopkins University).  
Rummage Sale and Flea market (8-11 a.m. at the American Legion Building, Baltimore Street).
- 9 Beaux Arts Trio (7:30 p.m. at Shriver Hall, Johns Hopkins University).
- 10 Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m. in Faculty Lounge).
- 11 President William A. Janson, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, will be on campus to meet with all synod students.
- 12 Foreign Film Series: "Mumu" (7:30 p.m. in Bowen Auditorium, Gettysburg College).
- 13 President Edwin L Ehlers and Pastor Howard M. Morris, New Jersey Synod, will be on Campus to meet with all Synod students.
- 16 Beaux Arts Trio (7:30 p.m. at Shriver Hall, Johns Hopkins University).

SESQUICENTENIAL MINUTES

By 1825, after several years of prodding by S. S. Schmucker, sentiment for the establishment of a Lutheran Theological Seminary had finally grown past the stage of mere discussion and men began to take action. In February of that year four local pastors, C. P. Krauth, B. Kurtz, J. Winter, and F. Ruthrauff, met in Martinsburg, Va., to take the first steps. One of the first questions which had to be decided was where to locate the proposed seminary. Dr. J. G. Morris, then a student with the Schmucker in New Market, Va., later wrote: "rev. B. Kurtz informed Mr. Schmucker that Professor McClelland of Dickenson College had told him that the trustees of the college were anxious that the Lutheran Church should establish a seminary at Carlisle... Mr. Kurtz proposed another plan which had been laid (by him) before the conference at Martinsburg...which was that the seminary should be located at Hagerstown, that the church school house would be offered as a lecture room, that the professor should serve several country churches, and that the 'pastor loci' (Kurtz) should be one of the professors." There was apparently no mention of Gettysburg at that time.

The men at the Martinsburg conference reached no definite conclusions but they did set the official wheels in motion. Finally, as a sign of their good faith, they took up a collection for the proposed seminary. This first fund-raiser netted the institution the awesome sum of five dollars.

And that's the way it was.....

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BIBLI-TRIV

This is International Women's Year and this week Bibli-Triv recognizes some of the women in the Bible who more than held their own with their male contemporaries.

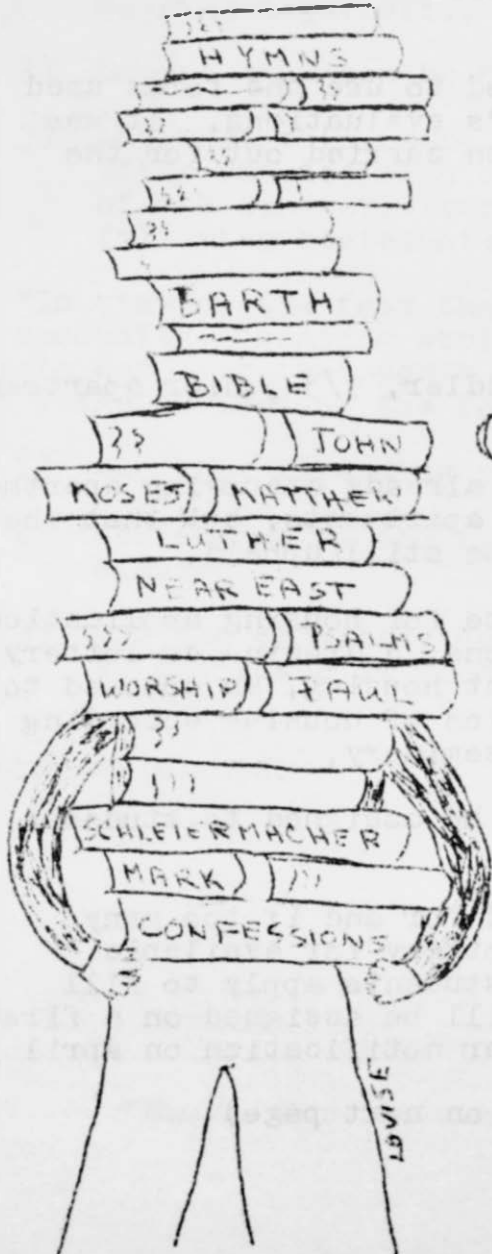
1. Upon the death of their father Zelophehad without a son, these women set precedent by going before Moses, demanding and getting their father's inheritance. They were \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Num. 27:1 ff.)
  - a. Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, & Tirzah
  - b. Tamar, Iscah, Hodesh, & Shua
  - c. Mara, Phah, & Vashti
  - d. Lucy & Ethel
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ was one of the Judges in early Israel. (Judges 4:4)
  - a. Miriam
  - b. Naomi
  - c. Deborah
  - d. Hannah

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ sat on the throne of David and ruled Judah for six years. (II Chron. 22:12)
  - a. Aholah
  - b. Aholibah
  - c. Atarah
  - d. Athaliah
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ was the first recorded Christian convert in Europe. (Acts 16:14)
  - a. Phebe
  - b. Lydia
  - c. Dorcas
  - d. Tabitha
  
5. Paul repeatedly gives \_\_\_\_\_ equal billing with her husband as leader of a Christian congregation first in Corinth and then in Rome (a team ministry, no doubt). (Rom. 16:3, I Cor. 16:19, II Tim. 4:19).
  - a. Priscilla
  - b. Drusilla
  - c. Bernice
  - d. Eunice

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Seminary...

need I say more?

STUDENT-FACULTY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of

October 20, 1975

Present: Jerry Yarnell, Pres.                    Marty Sheaffer  
          John Ranney, Sec.                     Jeff Vayda  
          Phil Bendle                            Dr. Heiges  
          Lee Penvose                            Mr. Stuempfle

Class Remarks:

The discussion centered around the selection of the two students for the Search Committee for the President. The students are John Ranney and Mike Brown the officers of the Student Association. It was questioned whether or not these students were elected by their class or by the entire student body. The officers of the Student Association are elected by the entire student body in the spring.

Evaluation Committee:

The evaluation committee has decided to use the forms used in the spring of '75 for this semester's evaluations. It was noted that evaluations have already been carried out for the modular class of the juniors.

Committee on Housing Selection:

Recommends:

- 1) That the 1/3 senior, 1/3 middler, 1/3 junior apartments be maintained.
- 2) That the first year student already occupying apartments be allowed to maintain said apartments, but that the 1/3 class allocation is to be still upheld.
- 3) That on April 1, the due date for housing applications, according to class allocations, a drawing or lottery be made yearly to fill vacant housing, as opposed to present practice of allocation of housing according to date of acceptance into seminary.
- 4) That two bedroom apartments be assigned to students with children.
- 5) Baughman Hall may be applied for and if too many applications for housing, lottery for available apartments. If not enough students apply to fill Baughman Hall, apartments will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis after notification on April 5.

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Recommended Time Line:

- March 1--Send out housing applications from Sem.
- April 1--Housing applications are due to Sem.
- April 2--Lottery for choosing room assignments
- April 5--Immediate notification to all students who applied as to whether they received an apartment or not.

Submitted by Phil Bendle,  
Chairman of sub-committee

New Business:

Pet Issue

After serious consideration of the issue surrounding the keeping of pets in Seminary housing, the committee had three basic considerations:

- 1) The welfare of those without pets, including hair and barking dogs, etc.,
- 2) Damage that can be caused by pets to the property,
- 3) and what this issue is doing to our committee, which, after the decision of the Building and Grounds Committee of the Seminary Board, led the committee to draft the following statement:

"In view of the fact that the pet issue has seriously affected the community, creating strife and ill-feelings, the subject of pets has been thoroughly reviewed and the committee has at this stage arrived at the following three positions:

- 1) the rule regarding pets should not be changed,
- 2) suspension of the rule at this time should not be considered,
- 3) and the committee has requested the President to respond to the issue as soon as possible."

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ranney

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Thanks for the great trip, Cubby!!!!"

--The Gang

GETTYSBURG DEFEATS PHILADELPHIA 14 - 7

by Harold Hand

Since the new deadline enables me to add this article, it gives me great pleasure to report our 14-7 victory over Philadelphia on Friday afternoon. A good turnout for the traveling squad and great fan support were the keys to the victory which was preceded by a long but enjoyable bus ride. The game itself was not as long as it had been expected to be, for the clock was run continuously with 25 minute halves. The condition of the field and the officiating were both questionable, but a fired-up squad from Gettysburg proved true to the test as they got on the scoreboard in the first-half when Ted Hummel hit Bob Williams with a bomb and Bob took it in for the score, 7-0. Early in the second half, they scored again when Ted hit Jerry Abraham in the end-zone to make it 14-0. Both the offense and defense played well as the offense moved the ball well and the defense kept all serious threats to a minimum. The defensive line put tremendous pressure on the Philadelphia quarterback, forcing two interceptions (both by Harold Hand) and containing the run well. The only Philadelphia score came on a questionable call. Being pressured by the defensive line, the Philadelphia quarterback apparently began to run past the line of scrimmage. The defensive secondary moved in to stop him, but he then let go of the ball and found a receiver all by himself who then scored. It was disappointing but did not hamper the victory.

We now look ahead to our meeting with Virginia here on Nov. 15th.

This week's games:

Mon.--Middlers vs. Juniors--3:45 p.m.

Wed.--Juniors vs. Seniors--4:15 p.m.

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We of the Social Action Committee wish to announce a change in the wording of our proposals regarding world hunger in Table Talk. We stress in our proposals that the seminary community, including faculty, married and commuting students, interns, refectory members, and students and faculty of the Washington Consortium, act as an united body on one of the following:

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