

# Table Talk

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COME ALL

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(YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING)

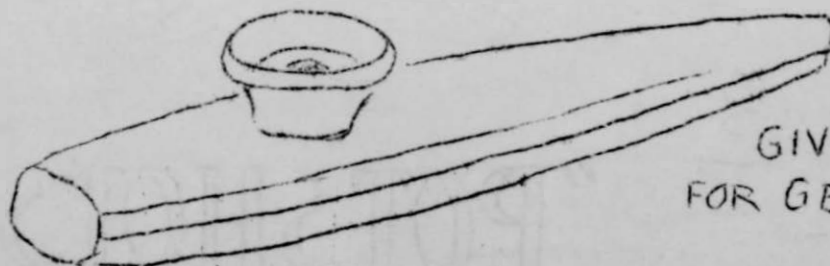
HOMECOMING!!

The Executive Committee of your student Government invites you to join us in a crazy way to spend an afternoon. As you all know, no doubt, this very Saturday is the Luther Classic. Virginia Theological Seminary is sending up a football team to take on our undefeated squad and a passel of fans to take on our cheering section. All this grand excitement will begin at 2:00 p.m. on our football field. There will, of course, be the traditional keg of beer. But! This year there will actually be half-time activities too. There will be a "parade" complete with 2 (count 'em) floats, a marching kazoo band, and our esteemed President as Grand Marshal. With any luck, we'll even have a Homecomin' Monarch.

After all this excitement we will get together for a community meal at 5:00 p.m. in the Refectory. Our visitors will be joining us.

So come out and have some fun & some beer & some fellowship-- and watch a little football!

Kathy Burkey  
Chief-in-charge of  
Half-time activities



GIVE A TOOT  
FOR GETTYSBURG!

THE HOMECOMING PRAYER

Look down upon us,  
 Oh Widest Receiver in the sky  
 And know that as we face third and long  
 In Your game plan of life,  
 We are grateful for your generosity.  
 And as we walk into the valley of sudden death  
 Protect us from pulled hamstrings  
 Knee injuries, bad calls and the blitz.

AMEN

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"POTSHOTS" '75

SPORTS MENU

--Harold Hand

The regular football season ended last week with the Middlers and Seniors in a tie for first place. The possibility of a play-off exists for the championship. This week practice is being held for the game against Virginia on Saturday. Come and support the team and enjoy the festivities.

Middlers 12, Juniors 6

The Middlers ended their season with a win against a much improved Junior team, 12-6. Harold Hand opened the scoring when he returned an interception all the way for a touchdown. The extra-point was no good. On the ensuing kick-off, Bob Williams went the distance to tie the score. The extra point was no good. Then, with just a short time left in the game, Roy Christell made a diving catch of a Ted Hummel pass for the winning points.

Seniors 12, Juniors 6

The seniors gained a tie for first place with a come-from-behind victory, 12-6. It looked as though the Juniors would win after they scored early and didn't allow the Seniors any chances. That score came when Cliff Suehr hit Phil Huber for the TD. The extra point was not successful. Late in the game, Stef Zehrfuhs passed to Jerry Yarnell to tie the score. Then, with just a short time remaining, Zehrfuhs pitched to Rich Bigelow who hit Zehrfuhs with a pass for the score that proved the winning margin.

Final Standings:

	W	L	PCT.	PF	PA
1. Middlers	4	2	.667	58	36
2. Seniors	4	2	.667	57	51
3. Juniors	1	5	.167	49	77

SCORING	TD	EXTRA POINTS	TOTAL
1. Yarnell	5	2	32
2. Williams	5	0	30
3. Abraham	3	0	18
4. Reed	2	3	15
5. H. Hand	2	1	13
6. Zehrfuhs	2	1	13
7. Christell	2	0	12
8. P. Huber	1	1	7
9. Bigelow	1	0	6
10. Bruch	1	0	6
11. Plontkowski	1	0	6
12. Shields	1	0	6

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Hundley and Teasdale in the Garden

"Denial of life is my goal!" Hundley said,  
"I fast and I pray and I wait for the end.  
But frightened am I of the grain and the vines  
That wildly are growing while I am consumed.

"Had you only worn glasses that day in the square,  
You'd have seen the Pope's toe was rotting with gout.  
You drink in tradition as though it were sweet,  
But our history has made us diabetics, you know."

"Oh, Hundley, please bear up!" young Teasdale exclaimed,  
"The nights are now shorter and summer is here.  
Our history is poured into goblets of gold  
And offered as nectar to heaven above."

"Now God vomits new life all over the earth,  
Sending summer as mockery to hope," Hundley said,  
"We rise to the warm heights of summer, and then  
We sink in the frosty abyss of the fall."

"Is innocence no longer ours!" Teasdale cried,  
And wept onion tears from the core of his soul.  
Then, stroking his chin, Teasdale found with dismay  
Harsh whiskers of manhood now cropped on his face.

"As a matter of course you must shave," Hundley said,  
"Be careful of knicks and the razorblade burns.  
Those are the drawbacks of being a man."  
Teasdale held his mirror to nature and sighed.

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Oh, weep for poor Teasdale, who cut his fair chin  
And bled to death as he was shaving. Said Hundley,  
"His children rejoice that he never begot them,"  
And sat in the rose garden praying for snow.

--Tim Bingman

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ADIPHORA

- November 14 Narciso Yepes, Guitar (8:30 p.m. in Hensel Hall, F&M College)
- "Congress' Response to the Energy Crisis" with Congressman Bob Eckhardt (11 a.m. in 231 CUB, Gettysburg College).
- 15 Football Game with Virginia Theological Seminary (on campus)
- 18 "The Master Psychoanalyst," performed by the New York Touring Company (8 p.m. in CUB, Gettysburg College).
- 19 Fortenbaugh Memorial Lecture: Herbert Mitgang of the New York Times editorial staff discusses Abraham Lincoln as a war-time President (8 p.m. in 231 CUB, Gettysburg College).
- Nikki Giovanni, Black poet (8 p.m. in Laird Hall, Wilson College).
- Foreign Film Series: "Destroy She Said" (7:30 p.m. in Bowen Auditorium, Gettysburg College).
- 21 Gettysburg Handcrafters Holiday Sale (12-9) at Adams County National Bank, Harrisburg Road).
- 22 Gettysburg Handcrafters Holiday sale Continues (10-5)
- Cal Smith and Johnny Russel (6 and 9 p.m. at Southwestern High School, Hanover).
- "Ondine," performed by the Mermaid Players 8 p.m. in Mathers Theatre, Dickinson College).
- North Museum Planetarium Show: "Comets and Asteroids" (3 p.m. on the 22nd, 23rd, 29th, and 30th).
- 23 Planetarium Show: "Around the Zodiac-- Astrology and the Sky" (2:30 and 4:00 p.m. in Hatter Planetarium in Mathers Hall, Gettysburg College).

Current Movies: Majestic Theatre (coming soon):

"The Drowning Pool"  
"The Hiding Place"  
"Chinatown"

SESQUICENTENIAL MINUTES

Following the impetus provided by the conference at Martinsburg (reported in the last issue) the Synod of Maryland and appointed Messrs. S. S. Schmucker, B. Kurtz and C. P. Krauth to draft a plan for the immediate establishment of a theological seminary.

The Maryland - Virginia plan was taken to the meeting of the General Synod at Frederick two weeks later. There, on November 7, 1825, a new committee composed of Schmucker, Kurtz, and several other men appointed by the General Synod were given the same commission--to draw up a plan for the establishment of a theological seminary. That night the committee revised the Maryland - Virginia plan, adding several articles, and the following morning the revised plan was adopted by the convention. In addition to this plan, which set down the rules for the establishment for the governance of a seminary, the convention chose a Board of Directors and a number of prominent men to solicit funds.

It was a very busy, businesslike session, but Dr. J. G. Morris later added a very human footnote. He wrote:

"According to Art. 6 of the plan which was adopted, the first Professor was to be elected by the General Synod, after which the Board of Directors shall forever have the exclusive right of electing additional professors and filling up vacancies. Agreeably to this, the Synod went into an election, when the Rev. Samuel S. Schmucker, of New Market, Va., was chosen Professor of Didactic Theology. A committee appointed to wait upon the Professor elect and inform him of the office entrusted to him. The low salary of \$500 for the current year was voted the professor, but this was owing to the fact that there were as yet no funds in the treasury, and the whole scheme was only a doubtful experiment. Before the funds collectable were available, the several Synods in connection with the General Synod, contributed out of their own treasuries towards the support of the professor; the Synod of West Pennsylvania contributing \$150, and the Synod of Maryland and Virginia an equal sum. So small, so inauspicious was the commencement of our Seminary. But the hand of an overruling and merciful Providence has conducted us hitherto, and smiled upon the efforts of his servants to rear a theological school for his own glory and the welfare of men."

And that's the way it was...

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

" W-w-w-w-who's down there????!"

--Dan Strobel



BIBLI-TRIV

This week: "Travels With My Ark"

1. While at Sinai the Ark of the Covenant was constructed by \_\_\_\_\_ and placed in a tabernacle constructed by \_\_\_\_\_. (Exodus 37:1, 40: 18-21)
2. After the sojourn in the wilderness, the Ark was carried across the Jordan to \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_. (Joshua 4: 15-19)
3. At the time of the war between Israel and the Benjaminites the Ark was at \_\_\_\_\_. (Judges 20:27)
4. At the time of the war with the Philistines, Israel brought the Ark up from \_\_\_\_\_ to their camp. (I Samuel 4:4)
5. The Philistines captured the Ark at \_\_\_\_\_, kept it for seven months; and then returned it to the Israelites at \_\_\_\_\_. (I Samuel 5: 1 - 6:14)
6. After it was returned by the Philistines, the Ark was kept at \_\_\_\_\_ for twenty years at the house of Abinidab. (I Samuel 7: 1-2)
7. While \_\_\_\_\_ was bringing the Ark from the house of Abinidab to Jerusalem, \_\_\_\_\_ touched it and was struck down. (II Samuel 6: 1-7)
8. Once the Ark arrived in Jerusalem it was placed in a tent constructed by \_\_\_\_\_. (II Samuel 6:17)
9. During the reign of \_\_\_\_\_ the Ark was carried from the tent to the inner sanctuary of the Temple by \_\_\_\_\_. (II Chronicles 5)

Bethel  
 Beth-shemesh  
 Bezalel  
 David

Ebenezer  
 Gilgal  
 Kiriath-jearim  
 The Levites

Moses  
 The Priests  
 Shiloh  
 Solomon  
 Uzzah

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Because Thanksgiving falls on our regular publishing date, the next issue of T.T. will be delayed. The deadline for that issue will be Dec. 2.

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### LAYMEN-SEMINARIAN DIALOGUES

Over the past several days the seminary community has been participating in a dialogue with a number of visiting laymen. This proved to be a fruitful undertaking for all concerned, as those who participated in the dialogue will attest. Before departing, the laymen wrote:

"Most of us were apprehensive about venturing into the seminary,  
--but,  
--we found a very open community and were freely welcomed.

We felt that our being here was evidence of our interest and concern in your development as effective ministers, and  
--we were pleased to find that you were interested in our opinions,  
--we struggled up and down the hill attempting to clarify your role as pastor and ours as laymen  
--in the seminary setting we saw the pastor as a real human being with many of the same hang-ups as others; easy to relate to on a one-to-one basis,

But  
--in the congregation, he is often perceived as one having all of the answers, possessing no problems, and not needing the warmth of personal relationships.

We concluded that we must minister to our pastors as we expect them to minister to us.

We believe that the communication gap was narrowed considerably, but additional dialogue is a necessity.

This was a rewarding and revealing experience for us and we feel that we received much more than we were able to give.

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Dialogue, cont.

The seminary community was equally grateful for the opportunity to meet and talk. Gregg Harbaugh summed up the feeling of those of us here on the hill:

"When I first entered this dialogue I had no idea what to expect. I had, of course, entertained my own perceptions of laity and lay ministry which had grown out of my own limited experience. I had, I confess, determined that the discussions would most probably be superficial, shallow, even irrelevant. Happily, I can now say I was wrong. This was truly a learning experience. Of all that I discovered, the greatest revelations were that these people are just as concerned about the direction and future of the Christian faith and the Church as we are, and that they, too, are human with all that that entails.

Our discussions covered a variety of topics: administration, clergy-lay relations, education of both laity and clergy, the function of clergy and laity in the ministry of the church, stewardship, preaching and much more. Feelings and perceptions were shared throughout the seminars and, although no earth-shaking solutions were found, we did discover a great deal of common concern with much fertile ground being laid and many seeds being planted for further dialogue. It became quite evident that the Lutheran Laymen's Movement has a valid and valuable ministry for the Church and that this kind of dialogue can only be of benefit to us all. My only regret is that more of us did not participate in this fruitful venture.

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#### WORLD HUNGER

The Social Action Committee, in its meeting of November 10, decided to withdraw the proposed motion (which was to be discussed at the upcoming Nov. 19 meeting) concerning what portion of the refectory membership wanted to participate in the Hunger Appeal. It was felt by the committee that such a proposal would put undue pressure on the refectory board and its members. The current unsure financial status of the refectory was also a factor.

The committee intends to wait until the refectory's financial situation improves before re-submitting the proposal for their consideration. This decision was made so as not to create a conflict between these two concerns.

In Good Faith,

THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE,  
John J. Palko, Chairman

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Hey, don't forget THE BIG GAME!! We want all of our athletic supporters to be there.

