

Table Talk


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



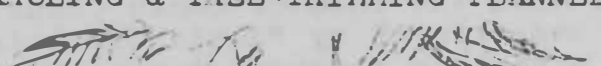
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CAROLING & TREE-TRIMMING PLANNED




Come over for some holiday fun and fellowship!

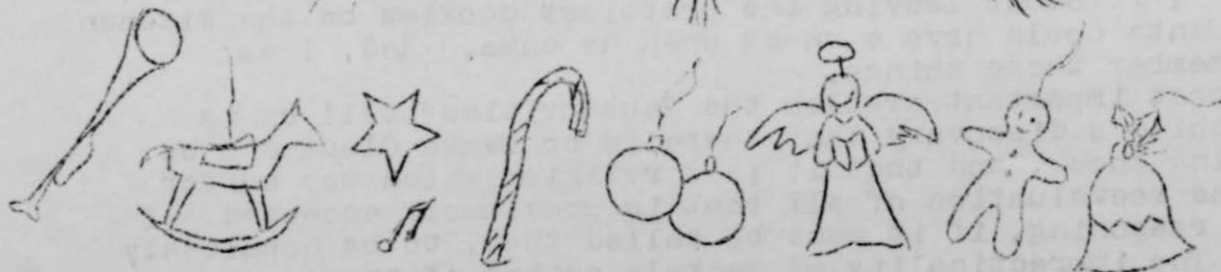
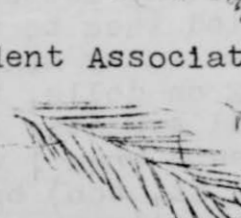


On December 10th the Student Association is planning the Annual Christmas Caroling Evening and would like to invite the faculty, staff, and students to Heiges Recreation Room at 7 pm. Bring with you a homemade Christmas tree ornament and some goodies to share (cookies, bars, etc.) and a hymnal (SBH). First we will all trim the Christmas Tree in the Rec Room and get our voices warmed up. Then we will visit and sing to our fellow students & faculty who can't join us (hopefully, not many) and proceed to the town square to share some joyful Christmas songs with the townspeople. We will return to Heiges Hall for the goodies and some hot cider to warm our bodies.



So, bring your families and friends, fellow students and faculty members and join in decking the halls and caroling through the town.



The Student Association



GALA CHRISTMAS ISSUE '75!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SANTA CLAUS--YES OR NO?

In the last few years there has been much talk and "genuine worry" about the little people of our society--the great question is: "Should they be taught to believe in Santa Claus, and if so, why? As we approach Christmas 1975, once again the great intellectuals of psychology tell concerned parents that it serves no good purpose (and may indeed be harmful) to bring up their children to believe in Jolly Old Saint Nick. In an attempt to supersophisticate young children before they can enjoy the world of fantasy which may leave them "dangerously warped" in ideals and desires, parents are being warned that the image of Santa Claus must be destroyed. I disagree with the idea of Santa Claus retiring, because I cherish the memories of my "Santa Claus days" and am not selfish enough to wish this pleasure denied to future generations.

Among the reasons given to justify the removal of Santa from childhood has been the one that a child does not really like this Christmastime myth, along with the feeling that it adds very little, if anything, to the average child's enjoyment of Christmas. It takes effort on the part of the adult world to maintain the Santa Claus tradition. I think this is one of the main (however unadmitted) reasons that Santa's retirement is being urged. In a lazy society in which perhaps more people may be content to vegetate in front of television sets, watching life rather than living it, the happy innocence of a child's mind and imagination is often either ignored or destroyed before it can reach out to the glorious fairyland that belongs only to the fleeting hours of childhood. It is not until children get older and are saddled with some pressures and tensions, that they realize the priceless carefreeness of a time which can never come back. I do not call it weakness, but rather a certain appreciation of that time, that makes me believe that they should at least have memories onto which they can fall from time to time.

I remember writing letters to Santa Claus and believing my father had mailed them to the North Pole. I distinctly remember the image I had in my mind of Santa's industrious elves, cheerfully working on dolls, trains, and toy soldiers. I remember I had a special sympathy (and pride) for Rudolph. I know I was scared to death when I was photographed on Santa's lap (the picture shows it, too) but still there was something exciting about it. I remember leaving the prettiest cookies on the kitchen table so Santa could have a snack when he came. And, I am glad I remember these things.

The most important problem the "authorities" tell us is that the child's discovery that there is no Santa Claus can be a terrifying shock, and that it is religion which may suffer most in the reevaluation of all that is previously accepted. I find this reasoning, if it must be called that, to be hopelessly twisted. The impracticality of Santa's method of transportation, for instance, is realized more gradually than traumatically.

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Hopefully, as the child grows in years and understanding, his values and ideals deepen in meaning and widen in scope. His world enlarges, and if he has had a half-way decent upbringing, he will not make the feared analogy between God and Santa Claus; he will realize the difference.

Among the sophisticated adults who want to make miniature intellectuals out of young children, are there any who are truly sorry for having believed in Santa Claus themselves? For these people I have little animosity or bitterness. Instead I have much pity, for they must look at life as a series of graduations--and when a more advanced level is attained, the former stage merely becomes a symbol of stupidity. How sad that everyone cannot look at life as one unit made up of many, each wonderful and precious, especially when related to the others. For then childhood could be looked upon with an appreciation the child never had to realize. Santa Claus is only a part of a whole world of fantasy whose memory we should cherish long after its reality has slipped from our grasp.

Lovise Klaven

Can you hang on while I
get a drink of water?



NEW PLAN FROM FRAN & DAN

To the Seminary Community,

Lately, we've been having trouble getting the hymn boards up in time for chapel because assignment cards have been turned in late. Because of this, we would like your help in facilitating chapel services. If, for any reason, you plan not to lead chapel on your assigned day, please let us know at least 24 hours in advance. We ask this so that we don't find out the day of the service and then have to hastily plan a service.

Aslo to any chapel leader, faculty or student, please return your cards at least 24 hours before your service. This request will facilitate getting the boards up and organizing any supplemental materials that you request.

We ask your help so that chapel services may be carried off with a minimum of confusion and last minute rushing.

Also, beginning in January (or the last 2 weeks of the semester) there will be a notebook in the narthex for prayer concerns. You may write in people or concerns you wish to be included in the prayer of the day. This will be given to the chapel leader for the day.

Thank you,

Fran Lantz & Dan Strobel
Sacristans

BOOKSTORE BACK-UP

Students who have place orders with the Seminary Bookstore this fall have noticed a serious back-up in filling those orders. A notice from Mr. Jordahl, current faculty manager of the Bookstore, dated November 20, alerted the Seminary community to this situation, advising all students to verify their outstanding orders or to cancel them. Clerical mismanagement of Bookstore orders was cited by Mr. Benson as the cause of the delay in orders, and several steps are being taken to set things right. There has been a shake-up in Bookstore personnel; Kathy Brown is currently working as cashier and Mr. Jordahl is reviewing all outstanding accounts. A general audit of all Bookstore accounts for the year was completed earlier than its scheduled time by the private accounting firm which annually completes the Seminary audit; its results show a temporary debt which should balance by the end of the academic year. The situation has also resulted in overstocking of general titles not specifically ordered for class use. As a result, there will be a severe cutback in general orders until stock levels even out.

The Bookstore is owned and operated on a non-profit basis by the Seminary as a service to students and the Church community. All students with outstanding book orders are urged to contact the Bookstore at once.

STUDENT-FACULTY RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Minutes of Nov. 17, 1975

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

Class Remarks:

There was considerable discussion centering around attitudes of members of the Junior Class and the faculty. Representatives of the Junior Class suggested the need that there be some kind of dialogue session in the middle of the term similar to orientation where students and faculty could express their concerns. The two Juniors were called upon to work out a proposal for such a modular meeting time.

A second area of concern centers around misconceptions of the Washington program. It is hoped that an informal meeting can be arranged with the students currently studying in Washington.

Committee on Housing Selection:

The last minutes of the SFRC contained a proposal calling for apartment assignments made by a lottery system. Due to the fact that there was very little response to the proposal it was tabled until the January 19th meeting. The committee is reprinting the proposal and urges that students respond to the sub-committee members, Phil Bendle, Lee Penvose, and Darryl Keihl.

The 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 students 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.

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- 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 served basis after notification on April 5.
- 6) Because of the benefits, in terms of cost and community involvement, that go with residence in Seminary housing, married students who have not been able to live in Seminary housing during their first two years should be given priority for housing in their fourth year. Married students who have spent either or both of their first two resident years in Seminary apartments would be put on a secondary list for fourth year housing.

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

The Evaluation Committee will hold course evaluations the first week of December under the direction of Marty Sheaffer.

The next meeting of SFRC will be January 19th at 3:30.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John D. Ranney

STAFF

Tim Bingman--Adiaphora & Poetry
Rae Bloomquist--Typist
Bob Gago--Printing
Harold Hand--Sports
Tome Hope--Feature Reporter

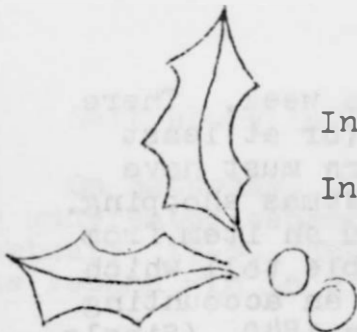
Lovise Klaven--Art
Ken Phelps--Humor
George Post--Editor
Mark Radecke--Humor
Bill Stomski--Art

ADIAPHORA

- December 3 WW II film: "The Battle for France"
 (7:30 pm in Maters Auditorium, Gettysburg
 College)
- Pops Concert (8:00 in College Union,
 Gettysburg College)
- Foreign Film Series: "The Blue Angel"
 (7:30 in Bowen Auditorium, Gettysburg Col-
 lege)
- 5 Film Series: "Anne of a Thousand Days"
 (8:00 pm in College Union, Gettysburg
 College)
- 6-7 Christmas Music Festival (8:00 pm
 in Christ Chapel, Gettysburg College)
- 8 Basketball game (8:00 pm--Seminary vs.
 Gettysburg National Bank)
- 9 Lutheran Brotherhood Display (Coffee
 Shop)
- 10 WW II Film: "Victory in Europe" (7:30 pm
 in Masters Auditorium, Gettysburg College)
- Foreign Film Series: "Revolutionists"
 (7:30 pm in Bowen Auditorium, Gettysburg
 College)
- 15 Basketball Game (7:00 pm--Seminary vs.
 Carpetbraggers)

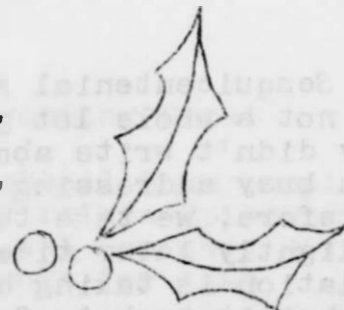
Current Movies: Majestic Theatre: "Grizzly Adams"

Coming Soon: "Chinatown"
 "The Drowning Pool"



In the beauty of His message,
May you find hope...
In the beauty of this season,
May you find joy.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



--T.T. Staff

BIBLI-TRIV

- 1) Mary was told that she would bear Jesus by the angel _____.
(Luke 1:26)
 - a) Raphael
 - b) Gabriel
 - c) Michael
 - d) Maroni

- 2) As he spoke, the angel _____. (Luke 1: 28-38)
 - a) Told of Jesus' future ministry.
 - b) Told of Jesus' future reign.
 - c) Said what is commonly known today as the "Hail Mary."
 - d) Failed to completely convince Marry of what would happen.

- 3) Mary responded with _____. (Luke 1: 28-38)
 - a) Silent awe
 - b) Disbelieving laughter, then fear, then acceptance.
 - c) Fear, then questioning, then acceptance.
 - d) The Magnificat.

- 4) When the angel left, Mary _____. (Luke 1: 39-55)
 - a) Told no one.
 - b) Went to the Temple and told Simeon.
 - c) Went to the hill country and told Elizabeth.
 - d) Went to Joseph and told him.

- 5) When Joseph heard that Mary was "with child" by the Holy Spirit, he _____. (Matt. 1: 18-25)
 - a) Did not believe it.
 - b) Became despondent.
 - c) Resolved to divorce her.
 - d) Resolved to marry her.

MINUTES LATER

Sesquicentennial Minutes is out-to-lunch this week. There was not a whole lot going on in December, 1825 (or at least they didn't write about it); our founding fathers must have been busy addressing cards and doing their Christmas shopping. Therefore, we take this opportunity to bring you an item from a slightly later time which points up the terrible toll which inflation is taking on this seminary. First is an accounting of what it took to furnish a single room here in 1840. (Single

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rooms were all they had here then since students had no wives or children, or at least none that they admitted.) The second listing is what it took to furnish a single room in East Hall a mere 134 years later--compare for yourself:

<u>1840</u>	<u>1974</u>
1 Bedstead-----\$6.00	1 Single bed-----\$105.75
1 Bed cord----- .31 $\frac{1}{4}$	
10 yards Linen & 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards Ticking----- 2.25	
Making chaf bag----- .37 $\frac{1}{4}$	
3 lbs. Feathers----- 1.50	
1 Table----- 3.50	1 End table----- 34.20
	1 Desk----- 78.59
3 Chairs----- 3.00	1 Desk Chair----- 32.37
	1 Arm Chair----- 33.35
1 Wardrobe----- 1.80	1 Wardrobe----- 163.58
	1 Chest of drawers---- 104.08
	1 Bookcase----- 66.00
1 Washstand----- 3.50	
1 Ewer & basin----- .87 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1 Stove & fixtures-----13.29	
1 Shovel & tongs----- .75	
Porterage----- .50	
<u>\$37.65</u>	<u>\$512.17</u>

So what does this prove, you say? Just this: Think kindly of that old bed of yours, my friend; don't kick the desk or curse the chair for being hard. At the rate prices are going today, what you have now may have to last for the next 134 years all by themselves. (But look on the bright side--by that time maybe they'll be more comfortable.)

SPORTS MENU

--Harold Hand

Gettysburg Defeats Virginia, 13-6, in Homecoming Game!

On Saturday, November 15, the Seminary football team completed an undefeated season by downing the team from Virginia Episcopal Seminary, 13-6. The victory not only provided the Seminary with its second win in as many starts, but also revenge for last

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season's disappointing 12-0 loss at Alexandria. Tom Shields scored both touchdowns on long passes from Ted Hummel, and Jerry Abraham added the extra point on the first TD to give the host team a 13-0 half-time lead. A strong defense held Virginia scoreless most of the way with good pass coverage, and gave the Gettysburg offense good field possession, particularly on interceptions by Ken Phelps and Harold Hand. Not until the game had less than two minutes to go did Virginia finally score. The large crowd that gathered to watch the game, particularly the fired-up cheering section, certainly gave the home forces the enthusiasm that was needed to win.

Basketball season begins tonight (Dec. 4) with the Seminary team going up against Lincoln Estates at 8 o'clock at the Junior High School. Come out and watch the debut of Coach Benson and an exciting new team.

Future Games:

- Dec. 8--Gettysburg National Bank
- Dec. 15--The Carpetbraggers

