

Table Talk

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



APRIL 1, 1976

NEW PRESIDENT SELECTED BY COMMITTEE

At last the wait is ended; beaming proudly, Dean Stuempfle announced at a press conference Thursday, April 1, that the search for a replacement for Dr. Heiges has successfully ended. Students, faculty, administration, and supporting synods all combined in a world-wide talent hunt that spanned the ranks of Lutherans to find the most adequately qualified person for the job. In his preliminary remarks, the Dean recounted the agonizing steps followed in the hunt: first, students were asked to submit their suggestions in a small box placed on the PN 800's shelf in the library for several minutes on last July 15th, so that student input would be adequately gauged. After weeks of pouring over both suggestions, it became obvious that the search would have to reach further to find qualified candidates; Dr. Jenson refused to serve, calling the post "works righteous in flagrante dilecto", and Mickey Mouse was rejected for previous commitments.

Immediately an informed but impartial panel of interested persons was formed; members included: Dr. Soren Tickedoff, president of the reformed Lutheran River-wideners club; Dr. L. Folkemer, largely ignored faculty member; Jane Shields, interested but uninformed; Skip Cornett, informed but uninterested; a small four-legged mammal who didn't say much, but agreed with the group; and the omnipresent Dean himself. Mike Brown volunteered to beat up anyone who didn't agree with the final choice or who asked too many questions with big words. With this crack team assembled, the search stepped up immediately.

They began by placing want-ads in both the Gettysburg Times and the Hanover Sun, confident of results:

Wanted: President for sm.grd.int. Should be bright, have initiative, own car. No b/d, s/m. Must understand hermeneutics, have winning smile, and be able to pump large sums of money out of unwilling donors. For personal interview, call 334-4607 after 5; ask for Herb. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

After two months without a reply, the Dean landed on a stroke of genius: there are many deposed and unemployed leaders

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in the world who would welcome the chance to regain their position. The committee immediately wrote letters to several of these, and received several favorable responses. Mr. A. Hilton phoned from Argentina where he had retired for "health reasons", but would accept the position if he could use his own "kampf" (Bible)". Mrs. I. Peron declined in a note scribbled on the back of a summons, saying, "I've got troubles of my own." D. H. Payola, ex-head of Lockheed Int'l., declined because of the low salary. No response came from S. Schmucker, and from Germany, M. Luther returned the letter marked, "Who do you think you're kidding?" However, the Dean said, our new president was selected out of the responses sent in this fashion; due to final negotiations, his name could not be released for a few weeks.

In its efforts to keep the seminary community informed, we have secured an interview with the newly-tapped successor:

Table Talk: Are you looking forward to coming to Gettysburg?

Candidate: Yes, it's a change from the coast. My boss used to live there; I'm trying to sub-let his place.

T.T.: What is your view on merger?

C.: There should be no merger. I believe in detente.

T.T.: Do you think your past experiences will be a help or a hindrance to you in the new position?

C.: I beg your pardon?

T.T.: How will your experience serve you in the president's chair?

C.: Please, don't say "chair." I think my talents will be an asset to the community, let me make that perfectly clear.

T.T.: What are your thoughts on gospel versus law?

C.: I have always believed in the law; I have been very close to it for years.

T.T.: Will you be candid and open with the press?

C.: Zeigler handles all that; you're lucky I'm talking to you at all, you muckraking twerp. Of course, being a Quaker myself, I don't talk all that much anyway.

T.T.: One final question. How soon will you be coming to the seminary?

C.: Soon as Pat gets Checkers to the kennel. Say, are there any Chinese restaurants in town?

T.T. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

STUDENT-FACULTY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 29, 1976

(note--these have been posted for some time but are being printed here for the benefit of those on internship and those who did not get a chance to ignore them before.)

Present:	Jerry Yarnell	Jeff Vayda
	John Ranney	Mr. Stuempfle
	Lee Penrose	Mr. Stroup
	Marty Sheaffer	Mr. Benson--ex officio
	Darryl Keihl	Mr. Valentine--ex

Old Business:

Due to mounting pressures from members of the student body and their legal representatives, the SFRC has decided to scrap its previously adopted statement on Student Housing Selection. This decision also came in the wake of threats of violence, vandalism, and wide-spread boycotts of chapel by large segments of the student body. After considerable discussion, the following proposal was drafted for presentation to the student body:

1) That on April 2, the due date for housing application, all student making application will be invited to the seminary campus--provided they are not there already.

--applicants will then engage in theological debate; the topic for the debate to be selected by a special faculty committee, which will also serve as the special "Student Housing Judgment and Award Panel". The top qualifiers will be awarded student housing for the following year. "Why should we waste space on heretics?"--(the author of that remark wished to remain anonymous, so I will respect D. K.'s wishes.)

--Realizing that this method of allocation would present some difficulties for those who had not yet read Story and Promise, entering students (and lazy juniors and interns) would compete in another way. On April 2, they too would be invited to the seminary to take part in a battle-to-the-death for the remaining apartments. The SFRC believes that this would not only be an equitable way of allocating these units, but would also control the spiraling class sizes at the Seminary.

It was also suggested that juniors and interns who wanted to compete for a specific apartment or room,

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(such as one with a view, or two bedroom windows), could compete in this way).

2) That a 1/3 senior, 1/3 middler, 1/3 junior apartment ration be maintained unless not enough entering juniors remain after their April 2nd meeting.

3) That two-bedroom apartments be assigned to students with children or pets.

Time Line: March 1--send out housing applications from the seminary.
April 1--housing applications are due back to the seminary.
April 2--Debates and duels to be held (entering students who fail to show forfeit their application right for the duration of their seminary careers).
April 5--notification of debate qualifiers and memorial services for unsuccessful junior applicants.

Note: This allocation system does not apply to single students, however, it now applies to faculty and staff living in seminary structures.

New Business:

--Dean was sorry to announce that three of the members of the Honor Code Committee were asked to leave the seminary for prophesying answers to the Prophets exam. They were Lee Penvose, Dwight Penas, and Howard Bream.

--Dean was also sorry to announce that he had received word that the Seminary athletic Committee was under investigation for recruitment violations. Charges had been brought before the NCAA by the Virginia Seminary and the Carpetbraggers Basketball Team, Inc.

--The SFRC also announced that it intended to find out why humor in articles such as this one has tended to take a turn for the worse. That, and why the name Charles Porterfield Krauth is being used all of the time. He hasn't been funny for years. (This quest was spearheaded by Mr. Valentine.)

None of your Business:

Everything else that happened of major import.

Next meeting of the SFRC--April 12, 1976 (I think)

Respectfully submitted,

By someone other than John D. Ranney

ADIAPHORA

- April 1 Lecture Committee Presents: L. Folkemer,
"The Advantage of Apple Wine for Communion"
(8:00--206).
- 2 Film Series--"From Here to Obscurity,"
(Auditorium, Gettysburg College, 8:00).
- 5 Chancel Players Present: "A Salute to
6 German Scholasticism--A Musical Revue"
7 (8:00--206).
- 5 Faculty Gripe Session (7:00--Faculty Lounge).
- 6 Baseball--Seminary plays Sisters of Charity.
- 7 Film Series--"From here to Absurdity"
Student Gripe Session (7:00--Coffee Shop).
- 8 Bored Directors meeting.
- 9 Baseball--Seminary plays Evergreen Cemetery.
- 10 Film Series--"From Here to Eschatology"
- 12 Student-Faculty Gripe Committee Meeting
(7:00--DMZ).
- 13 Donald Duck on campus to discuss new pos-
sibilities in ministry.

NOW PLAYING AT THE MAJESTIC:

"From Here to Biglerville"

COMING SOON:

"Godzilla Meets From Here to Biglerville"

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "A penny saved is a penny earned."

--B. Franklin

QUOTA THE WEEK: More than enough Charles Porterfield Krauth
jokes.

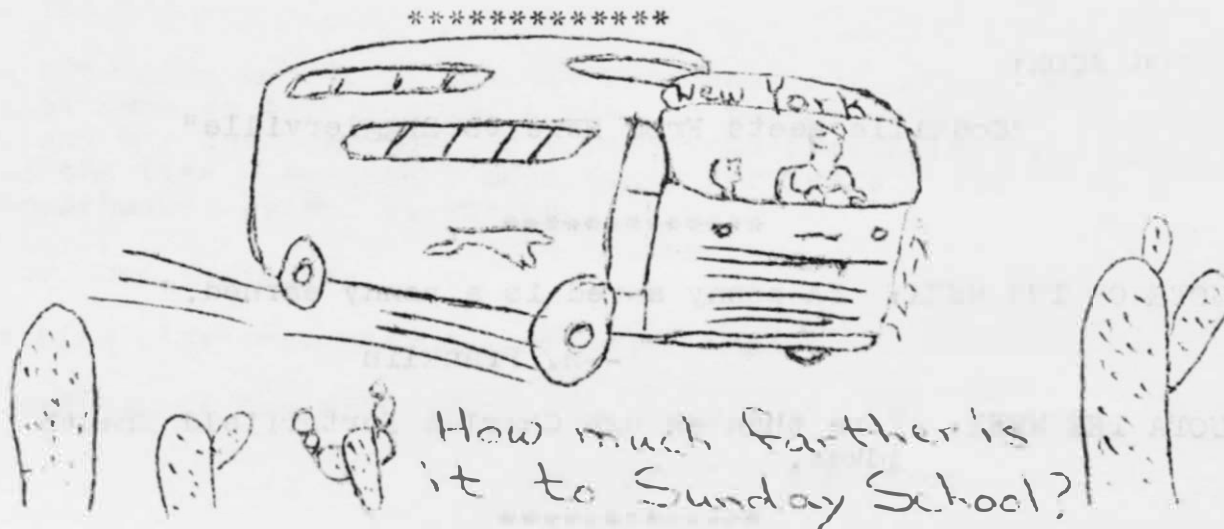
GETTYSBURG GAZETTE, APRIL 1, 1826

Residents of the borough were witnesses Monday last to a most extraordinary event involving two prominent gentlemen. Although details are sketchy and the principals have declined comment, it seems that Mr. Thaddeus Stevens, the attorney, and Dr. S. S. Schmucker, head of the theological school soon to be established here, were having a few after dinner drinks at the Gettysburg Hotel when Stevens loudly challenged Schmucker to a footrace to resolve some disputed point. Schmucker refused, reports say, and began quoting scripture regarding temptation, notably I Corinthians 10:13. Stevens then began quoting law and delved into what sounded like a courtroom summation centering on Schmucker's alleged canine ancestry. Schmucker, now quoting scripture at random, hit upon II Timothy 4:7 ("Run the good race") just as Stevens completed his summation and the competition was instantly agreed upon. With one more for the road, the two agreed on the distance, stepped outside and were off.

Witnesses say that Stevens was slightly ahead and just entering Chambersburg Street when the two encountered a large white pig with a rope around its neck directly in their path, followed closely by Theodore Bosst, the butcher, shouting in German. Stevens jumped over the pig only to land squarely on the already irate Bosst and fall with him into the nearby mud. Schmucker failed to completely clear the animal and fell. Getting a leg entangled in the rope, Schmucker was then dragged by the beast down Chambersburg Street and through the center of town before the rope finally came undone.

As Bosst continued after the pig, Stevens and Schmucker retreated back to their lodgings, arguing once more and vowing to have a rematch.

A most extraordinary event indeed.



SPORTS MENU

--Harold Hand

The Seminary basketball team was awarded the community league championship last night as all five other teams were disqualified for recruiting violations. It was discovered that the Foursquare Gospel church had used four third string players from Oral Roberts University and the four remaining teams, T&s Outlet, Gettysburg National Bank, Lincoln Estates, and the Carpetbraggers used a total of 17 cast-offs from the American Basketball Association. In addition to awarding the Seminary the league title, the league directors have suspended the five offending teams for a period of two years. This means that the Seminary will retain the title through the 1977-78 season. No games will be played for the next two years.

Rumor has it that scouts from seven major league baseball teams are hiding out in the second floor of the refectory in order to view the games that are held each Monday and Thursday. No one has any solid information as to who the scouts are interested in, but word has it that the person they are looking at is Jim Slater, known as "The Toy Canon." What J. A. O. will say about that remains to be seen.

BIBLI-TRIV

1. The Bible was written by _____.
 - a. King James
 - b. R. C. Vulgate
 - c. the Gideons
 - d. the Moody Bible Institute

2. God speaks _____.
 - a. Aramaic, Hebrew and Greek
 - b. Latin
 - c. Elizabethian English
 - d. modern English

3. The End will not come until _____.
 - a. Billy Graham retires
 - b. Charlie Brown Kicks a football
 - c. "I Love Lucy" goes off the air
 - d. Gettysburg and Philadelphia merge

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