

# Table Talk

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



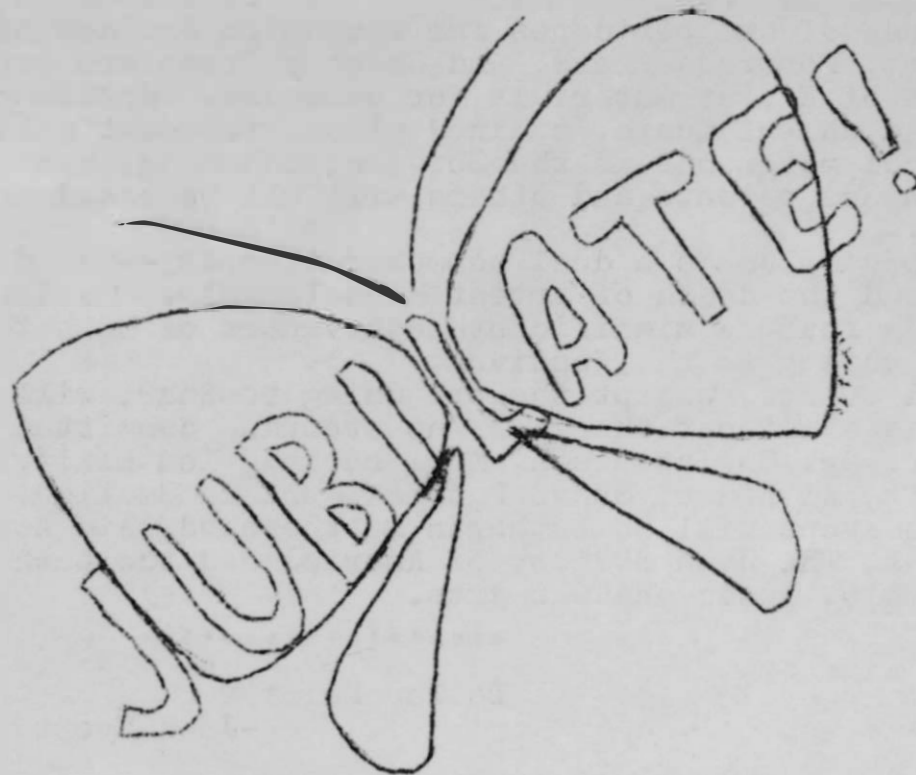
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--by Steve Patrick

A three day festival of worship, preaching, and art has been scheduled for February 17, 18 and 19 here at the Seminary. All of the events are being planned around the theme of proclaiming the Easter cycle of the lectionary.

With the cooperation of the Lecture, Worship, Community Meals, Continuing Education Committees, and the Admissions, Development and President's Offices, as well as the Chaplain's Office of Gettysburg College, the festival is shaping into a major campus event. The Rev. John Gengel, a 1943 graduate, and composer Eddie Bonnemere

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will present a jazzy Eucharist, followed by a workshop to be held in Christ Chapel. Paul Manz, noted organist and composer, is tentatively scheduled to present a hymn festival, utilizing his unique introductions and accompaniments, also to be at Christ Chapel; Chaplain Ed Brown of Susquehanna University is scheduled to provide comments on the hymns.

The arts festival and all other events and workshops will be held here on the Seminary campus. Dr. Folkemer is arranging a continuing education seminar on preaching which will feature The Rev. Dr. Alvin Rogness, author and recently retired president of Luther Seminary (ALC) in Minneapolis. This seminar will concentrate on the use of the pericopes for the seven Sundays of Easter.

Almy, Fortress Press, and Chantry Press are expected to provide displays of Easter materials for purchase. Workshops featuring organ and choral music, stained glass, vestment making, banners, liturgical movements in the Service, chanting, hymnody, art for children and parents and others will all be based on the resurrection message.

February 18 is a dual commemoration day--the death of Martin Luther and the death of artist Michelangelo. Matins and Vespers will each feature significant observances of both theologian and artist, adding to the festival.

All events, except the preaching seminar, will be open to all seminarians without charge. The steering committee includes Dr. Folkemer, Dr. Christianson, Mr. Braband, Ken Elkin, Steve Folkemer, Liz Scuft, Al Rider, Steve Patrick, and Bo Smaligo. Also involved with the event will be Lutheran Brotherhood, Aid Association for Lutherans, The Hymn Society of America and the Lutheran Society for Worship, Music and the Arts.

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To The Point

--Jack Evert

As we approach the ping-pong tournament and basketball tournament we need to examine the structure of our intramural program. We put too much emphasis on winning. What do you have to do to continue to play? Why should this be so?

We can start by removing our plaque of "champions" from the coffee shop. We need to put the emphasis on participation and not on winning. This is not a "man's" game; this is a community intramural program.

In basketball our focus needs to be on equal time for players and not an emphasis on winning or our "best" team.

Very often this competitiveness affects us in strange ways. We will choose partners who will help us "win" instead of wives and women of our community. They would be a "burden" for us and after all then we would only get to play in one game. To suggest an alternative tournament of "mixed" couples is to avoid the problem. We can't put up with other's disabilities.

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The burden shouldn't rest on women to put up with our "competitiveness" but rather we should show our willingness to expand as individuals. Competition divides us and doesn't bring us together as a total community.

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Reflections

--Bob Dealey

It is reported in The Comfortable Pew (a book by Pierre Berton) that a study by Dr. C.R. Feilding (former Dean of Trinity College, University of Toronto) shows that "the model (or average) personality of these (that is, seminary) students is what is known in the jargon as 'passive-dependent.' It has been discovered that theological students of a markedly aggressive type are unlikely to succeed." Dr. Feilding cites three reasons for this, but two are particularly worth noting.

1. There are the theological schools themselves, whose system of teaching by lecture appeals to the passive-dependent personality..

2. The system is such that the minister's life is composed entirely of response. "The job is such that the passive-dependent type of personality is needed. The local minister is required to respond instantly to phone calls and other requests, dropping everything if necessary. If he doesn't, he's in trouble with the laymen who run the church. The lay people want a 'dependent' minister. The man who proposes to run his own life will probably clash with this kind of set-up."

(from the Comfortable Pew, pp. 62-63)

What kind of minister are you? Are you aggressive/passive, or active/reactive? In light of the Gospel message, what kind of ministers are we called to be?

Theolog, Revisited

--Tim Bingham

The Publications Committee decided at its last meeting that, given enough student interest, a seminary magazine, similar to the Theolog of 2 years ago, will be published in early February to coincide with the Jubilate Arts Festival of February 17-19. The success of this project depends upon contributions of poetry, short fiction, essays, art work, etc. from student body and faculty. Those contributions dealing in some way with the theme of the Arts Festival (the celebration of the coming of the Easter season) will be given first consideration, although if enough interest is shown in the first issue, a second issue embracing broader horizons of expression may be published in the spring.

Please assist the committee in making this a successful project. If anyone is interested in contributing or in working on the magazine staff (editing, design, lay-out), contact me as soon as possible so that we can begin to give some shape to this venture.

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Think Snow

When you go home for Thanksgiving or Christmas, don't forget to bring back your ski equipment with you, because Table Talk will be sponsoring a SKI NIGHT sometime in January. Group rates for skiing have never been lower, so if you've always wanted to ski, but you thought the cost was prohibitive, now's your chance!

For further details, watch the next issue of TT, or contact Bob Dealey, H-108, 334-4674. Think Snow!  
(P.S. For group rates, we need a minimum of 20 people.)

The Hill's you Say  
A Column for Letters to the  
Editor: Editorial Comments  
by Jeff Otto

To the Editor:

Exactly what point is Mr. Evert trying to make in his articles entitled "To the Point?" Because of his highly generalized and unorganized writing style--including a sudden transition from racism to the Refectory--the reader is at a loss in determining what motivates Mr. Evert to write.

Was there perhaps some precipitating event that triggered Mr. Evert's polemics? If so, I request that Table Talk inform the readers on the subject. Otherwise, I would encourage Mr. Evert to actually speak "to the point" offering a concise and specific account of what he's talking about without couching his arguments in his usual lofty, evasive, and unorganized language.

Respectfully,  
A. Riethmiller

Ed. Comment: I apologize. We should have published an editorial statement as to the purpose of Jack's articles. "To the Point" is trying to raise interest in issues involving us before we become too emotionally involved in them. For instance, this issue's "To the Point" is looking ahead to the concerns which will probably be raised during the different sporting events. Isn't it better to talk them over now? A letter to us now, and conversation with others now is much more likely to be positive.

To the Editor:

In one issue of Table Talk, there was mention of energy conservation. I would like to make a suggestion to the Seminary to aid in conserving energy. I have noticed in our building, West Hall, and I suppose it to be true in the other apartment buildings as well, that the hot water temperature is extremely high.

I know the water for the heating system should be between 175F. and 180F. for maximum efficiency, without wasting fuel. I do not know the temperature of the water used for heating our buildings, but if the tap water is an independent system, 165F. to 170F. should be hot enough for anyone. If the two systems are inter-connected and dependent on each other, I suggest the water temperature be lowered to the 175F. to 180F. range mentioned above. I feel sure the tap water is far above this; even a little above this temperature is a waste of energy.

Donald Schwartz

Ed. Comment: Thank you for your letter. As everyone can see we aren't limiting letters to one special area. If you're concerned enough to write us we will try to publish your letter and answer it.

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To the Editors and Readers of Table Talk:

I must admit being more than a little frustrated by Table Talk's last "Pot Shot" depicting student leadership as "keeping a low profile." I say I am frustrated because it was truly a "pot shot: a shot at...a person within easy range, as from ambush; a casual or aimless shot; a random or incident criticism." (Random House) I searched Table Talk in vain for the constructive substance behind "Pot Shot," but aside from Jack Evert's fortnight article I could find nothing that was even close to the mark. I don't know if Pot Shot was aimed at apathetic and inactive student leadership across the country, our Student Association leadership in general, or me as president in particular, but I think Table Talk as one part of this community's student leadership has a responsibility to come out from the bush and make clear the dissatisfaction of the community. Few actions require a lower profile than a "pot shot."

If student leadership is to become anything other than a nominal social conscience, pot defender, and beer distributor, the force for that leadership must come up from its source of power, the community at large. It is a judgment against all students that student leadership across the country has declined to its present state, and it is a judgment on our community as a whole if student leadership does not exist as an entity apart from the students. If there are criticisms to be brought out, then, for the sake of us all, come out of the bushes and present them! We can only gain by it. Whether it takes the form of articles or letters to the editors in Table Talk, letters to or confrontation with me personally, or petitions for special meetings of the student body, it has the potential to be one of the most constructive and creative things this student community as a whole can do.

The only greater frustration I could experience now would be an outstanding failure of student response (which would not be entirely out of character), and a continuation of Table Talk's low profile on this issue.

Sincerely,  
Darryl Kiehl, fellow  
student and Student Assoc.  
Pres.

Ed. Comments: Darryl, thank you for your letter. The time requirement for getting this issue to press does not leave me with enough time to explore the different viewpoints of Student Association this staff may have. Personally I say Amen, Amen to your comments! Perhaps the staff can have a dialogue on this topic in the next issue.

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ADIAPHORA

- Nov. 15--Jubilate! Coordinating Committee (Room 202, 2:30PM)  
 --Student-Faculty Relations Committee (President's Office, 3:30 PM)
- Nov. 17--CPE Day (Interviews begin at 10:15 AM)  
 --The Impact of Seminary Life on Marriage--Seminar with Dr. Streup and Ms. Wood (Valentine Lounge, 7:30 PM)  
 --Film: Uncle Vanya (Russian ) (GC Bowen Auditorium 7:30 PM)
- Nov. 18: Student Lecture Committee Meeting (Coffee Shop, 4:30 PM)
- Nov. 21--Planetarium Shows: King George's Planet and the Discovery of Uranus (GC Hetter Planetarium--Masters Hall, 2:30 PM)  
 --College Orchestra Concert (Christ Chapel, 3:00 PM)
- Nov. 22--Student Association Executive Committee (Room 302, 5:30 PM)
- Nov. 23--VA Representative on Campus (Room 309, 10:00 AM)
- Nov. 30--Phyllis Lamhut Dance Company(GC Union, 8:00 PM)
- Nov. 18-24--Registration for Spring Semester
- Nov. 25-28--Thanksgiving Recess

LEADERSHIP SELF-EVALUATION FORM

Please put a check next to those areas in which you plan to exhibit leadership qualities in the parish.

WORSHIP & MUSIC:

Liturgist-\_\_\_\_\_  
 Preacher \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lecter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Choir \_\_\_\_\_  
 Altar Guild \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ushers \_\_\_\_\_  
 Processional \_\_\_\_\_

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Teaching \_\_\_\_\_  
 Program Development \_\_\_\_\_

SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

Bible Study Groups \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personal Bible Study/Devotions \_\_\_\_\_

ADMINISTRATION:

Program Development \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organizations \_\_\_\_\_  
 Committees \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stewardship \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNITY/CHURCH RELATIONS:

Evangelism \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Ministry \_\_\_\_\_  
 LCA Programs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Synodical Programs \_\_\_\_\_

PASTORAL CARE:

Visitation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Counseling \_\_\_\_\_

If the seminary is, indeed, a "training ground for the future leadership of the church," is it not possible that you might be able to share some of your leadership abilities with the community now? The opportunities to serve both the seminary community and the Gettysburg community are pregnant with possibilities. Whadda ya say?

Quotes of the Week:

"I know at times I'm a little vague, but then on the other hand, when I forget something, I'm definite!"

--Lovise Klaven

"It'll be a hard winter--White man buy more snowmobiles."

--from Revelation Class

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Thought for the Day:

"...The racial crisis has become world-wide, and no Christian can ignore it. We look back today through history's telescope and wonder how it was ever possible for the aristocrats of a past age to live their privileged lives of comfortable isolation without a twinge of conscience, while the faces of the poor were pressing vainly against their windows. Yet some future age will certainly recognize the parallel with our own century, in which the Western white man is the aristocrat, living in the privileged isolation of his own continental mansion, while the faces of the dark-skinned press in upon him, vainly pleading for admission. Sooner or later the poor will have to be allowed entrance to the chateau, or they will tear it down. In this struggle between the privileged and the poor--the white and the dark--the Church must make its position clear..."

\_\_\_Pierre Berton, The Comfortable Pew

Table Talk's Church Issue Priority Poll

--compiled by Bob Mitchell

Ballots submitted: 10

- Top Priority--Evangelism (inactive members)
- 2nd--Evangelism (unchurched)
- 3rd--Marital Breakdowns
- 4th--Family Dissolution
- 5th--Abortion
- 6th--Divorce
- 7th--World Hunger
- 8th--Natural Resource Conservation
- 9th--Euthanasia
- 10th--Zero Population Growth,  
Gerontology

STUDENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD --next meeting--Nov. 22--  
6:30 PM, room 302, Valentine Hall

It's your board and it needs your input. The meetings are open and your attendance is welcome.

## SISTER SEMINARIES:

As they see it

This article is from the Nov. 5 issue of Southern Sounda, the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

## Ramblings

--Scott Olbert

As a seminarian, it is easy to be overwhelmed by a theologian of Dr. Moltmann's stature. Somehow you suspend your critical faculties when you come face to face with Dr. Jurgen Moltmann.

On the surface, Moltmann appears to be terribly relevant and fresh, but upon examination of the Moltmann experience, I am beginning to doubt his relevance and freshness.

I guess I began to wonder about Moltmann's political theology when Laura and I went out to dinner with my father and his female companion. Here was a woman with tons of money, cars and a huge house, but in the midst of a messy and involved divorce. As we talked, I was faced with the stark reality that, although this woman was not physically hungry, nor socially oppressed, nor behind bars, she was indeed in torment, pain and anguish. Is there anyone audacious enough to say that her pain was any less real than the starving person?

Let's face it, Moltmann's easy answers break down at this point. My own guilt and shame got much deeper and is more complex than Moltmann is willing to acknowledge.

Let's face it, many of us tried the political solution of the 60's. We decried middle class values, the racism and the war mentality of the country, but what we substituted were counter-culture values, that were just as expensive to maintain (\$15 blue jeans, stereos, vans, etc.). Age-ism instead of racism, dropping out instead of being involved. Hell, there were no sinless alternatives and we couldn't escape our guilt or our shame. Bob Dylan may lash out against American values and middle class morals, but he still invests in the stock market and is building a \$200,000 house--some messiah!

Let me continue my ramblings: Moltmann is trying to find an answer to evil. I guess I would too if I had been made to feel guilty over the death of six million Jews and the destruction of Europe. If you ask the question why does God allow this to happen, then I doubt you'll find a truly satisfying answer. Why do the innocent suffer? If you find anyone who is innocent, please send them to my door. When I think about evil, I have to start and stop with myself, and then the question becomes how does God, in his mercy and grace, use me? How does God use the evil around us for our own good? By the way, whatever happened to our understanding of sin in all of this?

I like Moltmann and he has some good things to say, but his approach is just too simple for me. (Did I say that?)

Whoever said that Moltmann is trying to figure out his own experience is probably right. I wish him well, but his experience is not mine. As a reformed radical, it is tempting to jump on Moltmann's bandwagon, but it would just be too easy. Anyway, it may turn out that holding the hand of a dying old man is more of a "political act" than feeding the poor.



Use CLUES to fill in Words. Then transfer letters from WORDS to the corresponding blanks in the QUOTATION. When all letters are filled in, you will have a quotation by a well-known person. The first letter of each WORD will spell out the name of the author and work quoted.

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From Out of the Depths  
Special Collections, A.R. Wentz Library  
---Elaine Matthews

Have you ever seen the chapel mouse? He is shyly peeping from the folds of St. Paul's robes on the chapel painting. As tradition has it the artist, Baron de Rosen, came from a large Polish family. The children affectionately referred to their mother as "mouse". This is commonly used as a term of endearment in the European countries. In honor of his mother he painted a mouse in each of his works. He is scarcely visible, but there if you hunt for him.

Student morality has always been a matter of concern to members of the faculty and board of the Seminary. An interesting vignette is this portion of a letter dated November 9, 1840 from J.G. Morris, sometime member of the Board, to Charles Philip Krauth, parttime faculty member. Morris writes:

"This pupil in whose judgment as a young man I have much confidence, complains of the employment of white, goodlooking, not overly modest girls as chambermaids in the Seminary. Depend on it, you'll have a scandalous story shortly. Oh, guard your school against the possibility of such offence. How impressively might not these young men come before the Board and say, Lead us not into temptation!..I know that this is the Steward's doings, but ought not you professors to interfere, before your ears are saluted with a thunder clap and the church shamed, and a young man ruined, and a virgin defiled!!"

The above is an extract from "On the Glorious Hill" by Dr. A.R. Gebbel.

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Next issue of Table Talk--December 3, 1976

Deadline for next issue--December 1, 1976

HAPPY TURKEY DAY!!!



# TABLE TALK'S TACK-UP OF THE WEEK



Now where's that  
recipe for cider?

