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A Bad Taste in the Mouth by Martin E. Marty

(Editor's note: Dr. Paul Manz, organist, composer, & churchman, will be appearing here at Gettysburg during the Seminary's JUBILATE Festival, Feb. 17-19, in a concert of Easter hymnody. He recently lost his position as professor of music at the LC-MS's Concordia College in St. Paul, Minnesota, because of his "moderate" theological stance. This article by Martin E. Marty originally appeared in Missouri in Perspective, Nov. 8, 1976, p. 4).

They whisked us from the airport to the dinner engagement. I had that awful taste in the mouth that one carries late in a hectic day. My bags were in the trunk. I then did what (my wife) Elsa tells me will keep me from getting invited to anyone's home: in desperation--since guests were coming soon--I sneaked a peek into a medicine drawer in search of toothpaste or mouthwash. What I saw was a child's note: "Welcome back, Dad, we sure missed you. Love..."

"Dad" was Paul Manz, organist-composer-teacher extraordinaire, then of Concordia, St. Paul. We were the Manz's guests that evening. Oft we had heard of this remarkable family's ways. How the Manz's adopted nephews and nieces and made them sons and daughters. That note was one of those many spontaneous marks of love that makes a Christian home and family 'zing.' You can tell.

Well, there may be more Christian homes and maybe somewhere someone makes better Christian sounds than Paul, and there may be better teachers and more devoted servants in the vineyard. But if there are, I don't want to be told about them. I need some sense of anticipation of mansions above, and that sense could be dulled if there are too many models and satisfactions here below.

...All this was before the barbarian invasion. This summer, Professor Manz was reduced to having to witness on other people's terms to the validity of his teaching ministry, to pleading that not all his years be repudiated, his students insulted, his intentions impugned. He approached Concordia's Board of Control with documents

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that asked questions, that showed the great heaviness of heart that sensitive people cannot hide, that spoke of hopes beyond the present moment.

No hearing. The end. Paul is out. I do not feel sorry for Paul Manz. Mount Olive Lutheran Church called him to a liberating ministry that releases his talents to an ever larger international congregation. I feel sorry for the blind, the heartless, the unheeding trampers who know that they have power as the world counts power, and that his weakness--the kind of weakness we see in the cross--counts for nothing in such a world...We have...a new kind of victor, the people whose ministry and witness stay on keel and find hope beyond hope, expression beyond confinement. Still, it hurts. The whole musical world knows Man'z greatness. His church despises him and it.

Did I read an official saying something to the effect that Paul and his peers who had no future at Concordia were a statistic, that a "turnover of four or five every year is normal?" The way things are, yes, that is normal, and whirl is king and up is down and dark is light.

Now I should reach into that drawer again to remove the bad taste this leaves in the mouth. And to find another note of affirmation and love. Perhaps from a child. Children know. They really know.

(Dr. Marty, one of America's best known Christian writers, is Professor of Church History at the University of Chicago, an editor of "The Christian Century," and writer of the "Context" newsletter.)

The preceding and the editor's note were submitted by Al Rider.

Competitive, Empathetic, Gentle, Non-Intellectual, Sexy? Any role you ever wanted, plus a couple extras!

--Panola Armstrong

In a recent first year field ed. practicum, the topics of women in general, professional women, and then women in the ministry were explored. Some very interesting and enlightening comments came out during this discussion, which could be profitable for all of us to consider.

For a basic background of the discussion, the group was asked to say what came to their minds when they heard the three topics mentioned above. It basically was a free association period, but there were also times of explaining more fully what one meant when he said a word or phrase to describe one of the three categories. As is typical with most free associations, the phrases ranged from very closely related to completely opposite meanings. Not being Freudian in nature, I won't attempt to analyze what this means.

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Rather I would like for us all to do some analysis; and I do mean all, both men and women. What comes to your mind when you hear the term "women?" or "women professionals/" or "women in the ministry/" It might be a good idea to write down these phrases, taking each topic separately. Now take a look at what you came up with and how consistent your thoughts were. If you came up with opposite qualities, is it possible for any personality to have these oppositions? And if it is, how or when do these qualities manifest themselves in real life situations? Obviously a person cannot be manipulative and passive at the same time, or so it would seem, but at different times we all are manipulative and all passive.

This brings us back to the importance of this analysis for us all. We are all in the business of ministry, whether ordained or lay, whether male or female. And being in the business, we all must deal with other people, both male and female. And whether the men among us like to admit it or not, we will all be dealing with women in all three categories mentioned. For the men, it seems important that you be aware of how you feel about women, and also the reality that in our society women are ordained and professionals. How are you going to deal with them? Do you want to change them to fit your ideas, or rather should you possibly consider changing your ideas to fit reality? Can you face whatever it is that may cause you to be against women in the ministry or even in professional positions? Possibly it's time for a bit of humility and pride shattering.

But why do I say it is also important for the women to analyze their attitudes? Women are constantly confronted with the question of why they are pursuing whatever they are, especially women in the ministry, especially here. But are they aware of who they are and how they perceive not only themselves but also other women? I feel that many of the women will come up with just as many inconsistencies as the men. Maybe there is a tinge of truth in what some of the men say of women that they are out to prove something--and the women have rationalized so much that they can't see this possibility.

What it all seems to boil down to is seeing ourselves and others as persons. We must know who we are, what we feel, and much more. But we must also realize that the others we deal with are also persons, who need to know who they are and how they feel. As I said before, we are all in the business of ministry, and so should be the people of our congregations. This calls for us to love, as we are loved, and as we would like to be loved, and as we love ourselves. The love God and Christ showed and show us does not bind others to our ideas, but rather frees them with a trust that God is their guide.

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To the Editor:

The philosophy of education at this school is one which in part concerns itself with helping students to develop "proficiency in the use of tools (worship, preaching, teaching, counseling, etc.) with which the church seeks to minister to this culture." (Catalog, 1976-1977, p. 5) This letter intends to focus on one specific area of the Seminary's teaching of parish skills: worship. While students tend to be continually caring and creative in the services which they conduct, the faculty does not. Can professors properly fill their role as exemplars when they choose the Service Book and Hymnal liturgy almost exclusively for Wednesday Eucharists? Although the beauty of the SBH liturgy cannot be denied, its repeated use does not expand our liturgical horizons. It seems that but a few exciting exceptions our eucharists are as liturgically constricted as are those in most parishes.

Correlatively, the choice of hymns seems to be taken in a very tight manner. Is the community served when the same musically impoverished hymnody with which most of us were raised is continually used? Might a better practice be a systematic exploration of the wealth of resources in the SBH? It also seems only prudent that each worship leader should speak to the director of music about both liturgies and hymns to be used. Professional training and experience are certainly high values in the realm of pastoral skills. No one on this campus will refute this fact. It follows that professional musical training and experience should be used as a resource and as a reference point. My impression is that the pride of the faculty is involved. But the facts remain that few of our faculty are musically skilled and that they should therefore acquiesce to the superior talents of our paid musician.

This letter is an attempt to call attention to a part of the educational process which seems to be in a confused state of decline. In any sort of instruction, learning by example is a powerful form. I call for liturgical creativity and musical sensitivity as a boon to parish-centered preparation and as a pledge to give to God our Father the highest and most eloquent praise of which we are capable.

Sincerely,

Bill Heisley

Editor's Note

Effective Jan 1, 1977, Jeff Otto and Bob Dealey will switch their positions on the staff of Table Talk. Jeff will become the Editor and Bob will become the Associate Editor. The reason for this change is two-fold. (1) Jeff will gain valuable leadership experience, which will serve the best future interests of the Seminary tabloid; and (2) Bob will be freed to spend more time doing whatever it is second semester seniors do.

Many thanks to the many fine people who have assisted with the production of Table Talk this past semester. I hope you will be as cooperative and willing for Jeff as you were for me.

Sincerely,

Bob Dealey

REFLECTIONS

--Bob Dealey

The feature article in the December issue of "Sport" magazine is about the use of drugs in the world of sports. The article does not confine its statements solely to the use of "uppers" by professional football players, or to what college basketball players use to get "high" before and during a game. The real concern of the article is the fact that two coaches in Bethesda, Md. have been suspended from a Boys Club junior high football program because they had given pills--diuretics--to at least two 14-yr. old kids. The article continues with a summary of the use of drugs in sports on the high school, college, and professional level. Some of the drugs include: amphetamines, Benzadrine, cocaine, Dexedrine, diet pills, and marijuana.

Here is a small portion of the article:

"Truck drivers use speed to stay awake as they cross the country. Business executives use pills to make them sleep at night, pills to make them alert in the morning, pills to keep their blood pressure down in the afternoon...."

Pill-popping pro football players are just good achievement orientated Americans." (From "Sport". Dec. issue, p. 31)

What is your theology of drugs? What does the Gospel proclamation have to say to the drug user? As a minister, do you treat the drug user the same as a problem drinker?--he/she must recognize that they have a problem first? Suppose a "good achievement orientated American" coach gave some pills to your children, without your consent--what would you do?

Drug usage may or may not be as prevalent as it was during the 60's, but one day, one of your parishioners may need help. You might want to think through your theology of drugs.

To the Point

About two months ago, the Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butz, was forced to resign because of a racist joke he told to a small group at the Republican National Convention. When this charge was made public, a great outcry arose among our people asking for his resignation. People feel that individuals in leadership positions should be held responsible for their conduct and comments, even if they were "off the record." The comments were held to represent a lack of understanding of the situation of Black Americans. This is not an acceptable characteristic for a leader of this country.

We here at the Seminary also expect certain characteristics of our leadership and the church's future leadership--the students. We are faced with the same dilemma here in our student body. Sexist remarks and actions are rampant on campus, but we are paralyzed to act. We hear no outcry, we don't even understand the dept of its harm. Standing up for women in the church is a "given", but are we so uncertain about leadership qualities that sexism is fostered!

Signed,
Jack Evert

SKI NIGHT

On Friday, January 21, Table Talk will be sponsoring a SKI NIGHT at Ski Liberty in Fairfield, Pa. We will meet in Room 206 Valentine Hall at 5:30p.m. for a brief meeting, and caravan to Ski Liberty. We can ski until 11p.m.

If you've always wanted to go skiing, but thought that it was too expensive, now is the time to go. Rates will probably never be lower. The cost of the evening is phenomenally low.

- Lift ticket (good for all lifts) \$4.50
- Equipment rental (skis, boots, & poles) \$4.50
- Group lesson (recommended for beginners) \$4.50

For further information, please contact Bob Dealey, 108 Heiges Hall (334-4674).

If you wish to join us for the thrill of a lifetime, please fill out the registration form below, and return it to Bob Dealey by NOON, Wednesday, January 19!!!

P.S. in order to get group rates, we need a minimum of 20 people.

SKI NIGHT REGISTRATION FORM

All skiing will be done at your own risk. The Seminary and Table Talk will not assume responsibility for any personal injury.

NAME _____ NUMBER IN PARTY _____

NUMBER OF LIFT TICKETS _____ NUMBER OF RENTALS _____

NUMBER OF LESSONS _____

THINK SNOW!! (Upstate NY has already gotten 36inches!

ADIAPHORA

- Dec. 3--Thank-mas Party--8:30 Valentine Hall
- Dec. 4 & 5--Christmas Music Festival--Christ Chapel, 8:00p.m.
- Dec. 6--Chancel Players--Valentine Lounge, 4:00p.m.
- Dec. 7--VA Representative on Campus--Valentine 309, 10:00a.m.
--Student Association Meeting--Valentine 206, 3:00p.m.
--Community Concert, New York Vocal Arts Ensemble, Christ Chapel
8:00p.m.
- Dec. 13-17--Final Week of Classes (1st Semester)
- Dec. 18-Jan. 2--Christmas Vacation
- Jan. 3--January Term classes begin
- Jan 3-7--Film Festival at Gettysburg College
- Jan. 21--Table Talk's SKI NIGHT

AWARD-WINNING FILMS TO BE SHOWN

The Gettysburg College Library will be sponsoring a marathon showing of the American Film Festival's 1976 Blue Ribbon Winners on January 3-7, 1977. The films will be shown in the Library's Fortenbaugh Faculty Lounge (8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5:00pm) and in Bowen Auditorium (6:30pm-10:30pm).

The American Film Festival grants recognition and awards across the full range of nontheatrical 16mm film categories: social documentaries, cultural films, children's films, curriculum films, industrial and business films, and experimental films. A Blue Ribbon is awarded to the highest rated film in each of these categories on the basis of ratings by two separate juries.

The highlight of the Festival should be The Gentleman Tramp, the "Emily" award winner. The "Emily" is presented to the production that achieves the highest score of all Blue Ribbon winners. The Gentleman Tramp, a 78 minute feature, depicts the life of Charlie Chaplin as told through scenes from his greatest films, newsreel footage and home movies. It will be shown during "prime time" at 9:00pm on Monday, January 3 in Bowen Auditorium, and it will be re-run on Wednesday, January 5 at 11:00 am in the Library.

A listing of the remaining Blue Ribbon Winners and the scheduled times for their showing is posted on the first floor of Valentine Hall. Additional copies of the list are available from Al Rider, Student Lecture Committee Chairman.

NOTICE--The A.R. Wentz Library will extend its evening hours on Monday through Thursday to 11:00pm for the remainder of the semester. It is hoped that the extra hour of PM library time will be of benefit to the students and faculty of the seminary. The Library Committee will evaluate the usefulness of this new policy at its Jan. meeting. If there is enough of a demand for it, the policy will be continued next semester. If you have any comments or suggestions on this or any other library policy, please refer them to Richard Schoenleber.

Quotes of the Week:

"Remember, only you can prevent total apathy."

--Graffiti seen in Harrisburg

Question: "Mr. Christianson, why do you have a flashlight in your briefcase?"

Answer: "I'm looking for an honest man."

--Steve Patrick

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

QUOTATION PUZZLE

Use Clues to find Words. Transfer Words to corresponding blanks in Quotation. The first letter of each Word, reading down, will spell out the name of the author quoted.

Words	Clues	Words	Clues
a. 16 37 6 85 48 20	Broad lane	k. 30 54 86 72	Spinning sound
b. 33 4 77 39 47 10	Remain	l. 40 8 24 56 38	Senseless
c. 59 27 70 81 1 89 29 78 19 62	Honest	m. 90 79 52 28 73 42 22	More reasonable
d. 31 5 44 67 55 14 36 57 91	Stubborn	n. 13 51 80 71 75 25	Attempt
e. 43 26 64 87 50	Snow (Spanish)		
f. 58 32 9 88 61 49 66 3 74	Take precedence		
g. 45 65 41 76 60 84 12	Apparent		
h. 15 83 23 18 63	"The children's _____ are set on edge"		
i. 35 2 46 53 11 68	Shakespearean tragedy		
j. 69 17 21 82 7 34	Wrote with acid		

Quotation

1c 2i 3f 4b 5d 6a 7j 8l 9f 10b 11i 12g 13n 14d 15h 16a 17j
 18h 19c 20a 21j 22m 23h 24l 25n 26e 27c 28m 29c
 30k 31d 32f 33b 34j 35i 36d 37a 38l 39b 40i 41g 42m 43e
 44d 45g 46i 47b 48a 49f 50e 51n 52m 53i 54k 55d 56l 57d 58f
 59c 60g 61f 62c 63h 64e 65g 66f 67d 68i 69j 70c 71n 72k
 73m 74f 75n 76g 77b 78c 79m 80n 81c 82j 83h 84g 85a 86k
 87e 88f 89c 90m 91d

POTTERY DEMONSTRATION

A pottery demonstration by Jack Evert will be held and discussed on Wednesday, December 8 at 7pm in the Coffee Shop. The whole community is invited; the presentation is geared to speak to all ages so bring the kids. The demonstration is part of a prophets project which Jack has been working on this semester. It consists of two parts. The first part is a visit to the "potter's house" and it centers around the experiences of a potter and his relationship to the clay. The second part is a reflection on the "visit" and a look at how the prophets use certain similarities between the craft of pottery and life to point out God's relationship to us.

Church was a little more crowded than usual this Thanksgiving, and before the service started, the Vicar came out to tell the congregation that Pastor would not be able to be at the service this morning, the planned service would not be conducted, and instead the service would consist of the saying of the Litany and prayer. The Rev. Dr. J. Shoenberg Setzer had been critically stabbed; Pastor was with the family; and the church would be open around the clock for prayer.

The story, as it can best be pieced together, goes something like this:

One of the members of the congregation was feeling a little depressed on Thanksgiving morning, and asked his wife to call Dr. Setzer, so that he could talk with him. Dr. Setzer said that it was alright for the man to come over, and they met in Dr. Setzer's study, shortly after 9am. After talking with the man for awhile, Dr. Setzer offered prayer, and in the midst of praying, the man accused him of being the Devil, took out a butcher knife and plunged it into Dr. Setzer's chest. Dr. Setzer managed to get free and went upstairs to warn his wife, while his 8 year old daughter, who had witnessed the stabbing, ran out of the house screaming for help. The man followed him upstairs, and slit his throat. The police and an ambulance were called, and Dr. Setzer died an hour later while in surgery. The man was arrested and charged with murder.

Dr. Setzer was a former faculty member at Hartwick College in New York after serving two congregations in North Carolina. He had been serving a tent-making ministry for the Metropolitan New York Synod. He was 42 years old. We ask for your prayers for his family, and for the members of Ascension Lutheran Church, Deer Park, New York.

Speak-Out

--Greg Harbaugh., Social Action
Committee

Last Monday evening (Nov. 22) a number of students got together very informally to discuss the questions concerning community/social involvement. Since no real agenda had been prepared for the session we were able to talk a variety of ideas. On a few topics there even seemed to be some consensus. Discussion included considerations of demands on time made by studies, jobs, field ed., assistantships, etc. but also the ease with which community members find time for athletics, car rallies, parties, and so on, in the interest of relaxation. A question was also raised in reference to the attitude prevalent on campus that seminary is solely or primarily an academic/spiritual interim between college or previous career and the ordained ministry or other church field. This attitude is often reinforced by the "headiness" of the education at the seminary. Although this may indeed be a contributing factor it would not seem to be the essential reason for the apathy that infects our community. Other concerns raised dealt with lack of familiarity with the opportunities & needs in the Gettysburg area especially incoming students; the lack of communication within the seminary was felt to be a major problem in many respects particularly in relation to both internal and external involvement. Such communication was at least part of the purpose for the speak-out. And I think we all found out some useful information & heard some concern & commitment. Joe Tursi is looking into the possibility of working with problem juveniles at Hoffman Home & the possibility of prison visitation at the Adams County Jail (he will be talking to a judge); Paul Wornke is also interested in the prison visitation; Jeff Otto suggested the possibility of setting up a tutoring program for adults who cannot read (this would require some experienced teachers); Curt Hoydt works with a Big Brother-type program through Catholic Social Services; Tina Kaltenbaugh works with the Family Planning Agency & Bob Kaltenbaugh is working with the Buying Club Co-op. This is the kind of input our community needs. If someone wants to become actively involved, the opportunities are there. Just take a walk around town or look in the phone book for service groups. And talk about what you are doing or considering. Maybe someone else will benefit.

As we prepare for final exams and papers before leaving for the Christmas break, time is more scarce than ever. But as we are fond of doing over Christmas and New Year's holiday, why not reflect on our priorities and commitments in light of the gospel of God's love. Maybe we can become a community wherein involvement is nurtured as a central concern, not a peripheral one. We might even find that our overall development is also improved as our fellowship becomes stronger and more intense. There are many needs within the seminary (do we have a solid investment policy that considers questions of social justice, ecology, etc?) and the community-at-large. There are also many excuses to avoid them. But, are there any good ones?

When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on.

--Louise Klaven

From Our of the Depts (of the A.R. Wentz Library)
--Elaine Matthews

With inflation rampant we keep a sharp watch on all prices including tuition, refectory and apartment expenses. It seem this was also a concern for our founder, Samuel Simon Schmucker, as he selected a seminary to attend. A check through his correspondence finds these replies to his inquiries:

"The price of board in commons \$2/week to those who are not charity students. No charge is made to anyone for room, tuition, or library bills."

E. Porter
Andover Theological Seminary
May 8, 1818

"The expenses of a residence here may be from the following particulars. Boarding is at the rate of \$2.50 per week. Wood \$5. per cord. Washing, \$15 per annum. Tuition and Library, nothing."

Arch. Alexander
Princeton Theological Seminary
July 26, 1818

Home remedies were more common than costly trips to the doctor back in the Seminary's early days. In the back pages of a hand-copied lecture book was the following recipe for the cure of Dropsy:

Cider, 1 gal. Elicampare, 1 handful
Salt petre, 1 oz. "orsceradish, 1 handful
Maidenhair, 1 handful (grows on rocks like fern)

Put all into the cider with some rusty irons, boil it down to 3 qts. Let it settle 5 hrs. A wine glass full morning & evening. The use of this must be continued some time, as it does not effect an immediate cure, but gradually.



Smile, and the
world smiles with
you!

... Crab, and you
break the
monotony!!

TABLE TALK'S TACK-UP OF THE WEEK



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A GREAT AMERICAN PROPHET