

Table Talk

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PROPOSED REVISION of STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Student Association should be, most appropriately, an organization for facilitating the expression of the student committees' interests. It should provide for the widest possible sharing of authority and responsibility, have representative input from all 3 resident classes in the decision making process, and encourage individuals in our community to develop and promote special interest projects that will benefit all. To this end, I am proposing the following amendment to the Student Association Constitution:

Proposed revision of Student Association:

1. Eliminate the office of SA president, and institute a 9 member Student Council (chairperson, secretary, treasurer, and 6 class officers).
 - a. The Council members will be elected in the same manner as the present president and other officers, with the exception that those elected fall semester be in office by the end of the third week.
 - b. The chairperson may act with the authority the title implies, but is subject to decisions of its council. If any act of the chairperson is deemed unacceptable or inappropriate, a request to discuss and vote on the matter signed by 4 council members will require such a meeting. The council may reverse or rescinding a chairperson's action with a 2/3 vote.
 - c. The council will establish a regular bi-monthly meeting; and member missing 2 consecutive meetings, unexcused, may be subject to removal by the council upon 2/3 vote.
2. Student Committee Chairperson
 - a. All student association committee chairpersons will be elected by the council.
 - b. Nominations and volunteers for the positions will be submitted to the council secretary in writing.
 - c. Council members cannot be committee chairpersons.
3. Student Initiative
 - a. Any student wishing to initiate a project may approach a committee chairperson with the idea. If the

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chairperson doesn't accept the proposal, the student may present it to the Council to decide on its merits and to approve the project by a majority vote.

b. If approved, funds may be allotted from the general fund or pro-rated from each committee budget. The council may assign the project to a particular committee for funding with the approval of 8 council members.

4. Necessary revisions will be made in the wording of the SA Constitution to make it consistent with this amendment.

I would like to emphasize that the above amendment will not require the election of any additional officers, but will make better use of the time and talents of class officers. It will also allow students who do not want to commit themselves to a student government office the opportunity to use their special interests and talents to benefit the community. There are points of this recommendation that need to be refined, and I realize that no Constitution can guarantee an effective organization, but I think these changes will be a step in the right direction. I will post a notice for an informal meeting to discuss this proposal, and it will be up for a vote at the SA meeting, Monday, April 18, at 2:00.

Student Association Elections

Because no election procedure is provided for by the SA Constitution, I'd like to indicate the format I plan to use for election of the SA president (or council chairperson) and treasurer, and recommend its amendment to the Constitution for future use.

1. The names of volunteers and nominees should be submitted in writing to Jeff Otto by April 10.

2. The list will be posted for 1 week.

3. Last minute nominations will be received at the SA meeting Monday, April 18, and all but 3 candidates for each will be eliminated.

4. Final voting will be by ballot on April 19-20. If none of the candidates receives a majority of the ballots cast, the lowest candidate will be removed from the ballot and there will be 2 more days of voting.

I'd like to encourage all students to attend the April 18 meeting so we can get the strongest measure of community consensus possible.

--Darryl L. Kiehl, SA President

Seminary Spouses' Meetings

This semester there is a series of informal talks being presented. My Myers has spoken on the Old Testament giving listeners a greater background to it and answering our many questions. Mr. Burgess will be speaking about the New Testament on April 5, 12, and 19. The meetings are in Heiges Lounge at 7:30pm.

¹If you find yourself "related by marriage" to the seminary community and are interested in learning more, but don't have the time

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to enroll in classes--these informal presentations have a lot to offer.

While these meetings are primarily aimed at seminary spouses, they are now open to the whole seminary community. Those who have attended these meetings have been pleased with the knowledge they have gained. However, if attendance doesn't improve they feel that they can hardly ask the professors to give up their free time for so few people. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

The Hill you Say

(A column for letters to the Editor: Editorial Comments by Jeff Otto. Policy: we will print signed letters only. Names will be withheld on request.)

Editor:

I would like to thank all my fellow students and others who sent me cards and letters during my stay in the hospital. It was a great help in lifting my spirits.

--Don Swanson

Dear Mr. Editor,

Fall semester was a struggle for me. I had a tough time handling some of the things required of me, and often was not resonating to life around me. However, I struggled or perhaps, muddled my way through.

Now, in the spring semester, I feel an ever increasing call to produce, but my quality is lacking. I have been pounded on, stomped on, sworn at, and generally brutalized for my lack of high achievement. Seminary life surrounds me, but neglects me. In silence I cry out for attention, for the kind of 1 to 1 encounter that can restore my soul to its brilliance and get me, once more, in tune.

I want to bring a pleasant moment into someone's life. I want to be made whole once again. The off-key, tin-like quality of my response to those who sit with me can be overcome, but only with your care and help.

Signed,

A. Piano

rm. 205 Valentine Hall

Mr. Editor:

A parable recorded in Matthew 25:14-30 prompts me to write a letter to you. I wish to express my disappointment in the lack of active student leadership on campus this year. When one looks back over the activities which have occurred this year, there are, indeed, some highlights: a poorly attended Thank-mas Party (a lot of hard work done by Mr. Krieder), a well-attended Jubilate Festival (excellently coordinated by Mr. Rider and others), and a drawn-out basketball tournament (well organized by Mr. Scheu), but for the most part, the activities have fizzled. The following questions illustrate this point:

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1. Name 3 lecturers sponsored by the Lecture Committee.
 2. Name 3 activities sponsored by the Social Action Committee and/or the Social Committee.
 3. How many issues of Table Talk have come out since Dec., 1976?
 4. What happened to the Spring Tennis Tournament?
 5. When was the last Community Meal? (Aside: the last scheduled community meal was cancelled, because of a lack of student interest.)
- These illustrations lead me to ask several other questions.

1. Is there student leadership on campus? (I think there is. Maybe a better question would be: "Where is the student leadership on campus"?)
2. If such leadership does exist, how effective is it? (Judging from the lack of activities cited above, one would be inclined to say that it is not effective. However, judging it from the success of such enterprises as "Under the Table Talk" and the activities sponsored by Table Talk, one would say that it can be very effective.)
3. How can we make it, i.e. leadership, more effective?
 - a. Select, nominate, elect, and appoint candidates/officers who take their commissions seriously.
 - b. Better planning by committees and organizations.
 - c. Better publicity for events.

4. I would be remiss if I did not question the role of the whole student body in this letter. The best laid plans can go "down the drain" if there is no active participation on the part of the students themselves. (Mr. Krieder's Thank-mas Party will attest to that.)

% As persons-in-training for professional service in the Church, how can we be entrusted with the task of nurturing and caring for the seminary community seriously?

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

In Christ,
Bob Dealey

THE NEXT ISSUE OF TABLE TALK COMING OUT APRIL 15th--PRESENTING--

1. Beth Huwiler, on the Mission on Six Continents Conference.
2. Meredith Schwartz reviewing Intimate Enemy--How to Fight Fair by Dr. George Bach and Peter Wyden
3. Ralph Smith with a feature story on seniors and their calls.
4. TT's interviews with all candidates for Student Council that are declared by April 12.
5. Cathy Digges, reporting on the other half.
6. Jon Helner, on sports.

As you look at the mailboxes, Table Talk has one on the far right hand side. Please, if you have a suggestion for an article, stick it in the mailbox. It's your paper--tell us what you want to see in it.

Quote of the Week--

If you can keep your head while all about you are losing their's--then you probably don't understand the situation!

--Louise Klaven

ADIAPHORA

- Wed., April 6 Lecture: Professor Peter Brooks from England, "Luther and the Pastoral Dilemma," Refectory, 1:00-2:00pm.
- Fri., April 8 Good Friday Tennebrae, Christ Church, 7:30 pm.
- Sat., April 9 Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, St James Church, 11:30pm
- April 8-11 Easter Vacation
- April 11-12 "Mission on Six Continents" Conference
- Wed., April 13 Film: "The Seventh Year" (German), Bowen Auditorium, 7:30pm.
- Friday, April 15 Lecture: "The President of the United States," James D. Barber, Professor of Political Science at Duke University, College Union rm. 231, 3:00pm.
- Mon, April 18 Student Association Meeting Valentine 205, 2:00pm
Student Faculty Relations, President's office, 3:30pm
- Wed., April 20 Evening Eucharist, Church of the Abiding Presence, 7:30pm.
- Film: "Challenge in the Classroom," Stahley Hall Room 11, 7:30 pm.
- April 21-25 Black Arts Festival, College Union
- Thurs., April 21 Dick Gregory, satirist and humorist, College Union Ballroom, 8:00pm.
- Fri., April 22 Lecture: Culture in the Contemporary Arab World," Kanak Doulatia, Palestinian poet and artist, College Union Room 231, 4:00pm.
- Sun., April 24 Planetarium Show: "Eclipse of the Sun and the Moon," Masters Hall, 2:30 and 4:00pm.
- April 25-29 Preregistration for Fall Semester
- Wed., April 27 Film: "Shoot the Piano Player?" (French), Bowen Auditorium, 7:30pm.
Lecture: "Educating the Parish for Liturgy," Rev. David Gleason, Valentine Lounge 7:30pm.
- Sat., April 30 Band Concert, College Union, 8:30pm.
- May 3-4 Seminary Convocation with lectures by William B. Oglesby and Bishop James Armstrong
Play--"John Gabriel Borkman"---Chancel Players
- May 11 Seminary Auxiliary Day

From out of the Depths
(of the A.R. Wentz Library)

An heirloom silver tea service was the prize possession of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Phillip Krauth of the Seminary. At the time of the Battle of Gettysburg the Krauths resided in the brick house still standing north of the chapel.

During the early stages of the battle the Krauth family were forced to flee for safety. Returning home some days later they found very little disturbed, but the tea service was missing.

The daughter of a Waynesboro burgess in 1863 later wrote in her memoirs:

"During the retreat an officer brought to my father, who was once more Burgess, three very large pieces of silverware--a water pitcher and tea and coffee urns. They had been found in one of the wagons, and as his men were under strict orders not to take private property, he wanted, if possible, to have them returned to the owners.

"An advertisement in a Gettysburg paper was the means of their being claimed by the wife of one of the faculty of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. I still have in my possession a letter written by the owner's husband, saying that the pieces were part of a highly prized heirloom and that the injuries they had received in their rough ride over the mountains gave them an historic interest that made them even more valuable."

The tea service became the property of the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church in 1954 and is now displayed in their Gilliland Home on Baltimore Street. In the words of Dr. A.R. Wentz, "It stands today primarily as a silent but eloquent witness to the chivalry of that officer in the Army of Northern Virginia who took the time and trouble to allay the sadness in the heart of a Northern woman whom he had never known or seen. It is a veritable bouquet of silver."

DISCOVERY MAY PROVE FEEDING OF 5000

AUTHENTIC

--Biblical research reporter
Jo Nathan

A recent discovery by archaeologists in Palestine has strengthened the arguments of Biblical scholars who claim the feeding of the 5000 to be an historical event. The authenticity of this miracle has been debated for centuries by liberals and conservatives. This latest finding may put an end to all debate.

The key item in the discovery is a weathered but legible piece of

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EXCLUSIVE!

A behind-the-scenes inter-
view with a middler

And it came to pass that people would hear the story of Louise,
daughter of Tally and Karl, sister of Cauroi, reigning from New York,
residing in Gettysburg.

And so it happened one night that the Lord spoke to Louise.
Thus saith the Lord:

"Thou shalt leave thy mother and father
and go from the island which is long
and cross the waters to the mainland
and arrive in a town called Gettysburg."

And Louise answered,
"It shall not be so."

And the Lord continued to speak,
"Thou shalt go to a school called seminary
and study to become a minister."

And Louise answered,
"It shall not be so."

And the Lord spoke again,
"Thou shalt rise with the birds
and learn of the peoples of foreign lands and long ago times
and stay up night to write of the propiets.
Thou shalt be confused over the Augsburg Confession
and grind away hours for hermeneutics."

And Louise argued,
"It shall not be so.
I will not get up at dawn
and I will not give up sleeping to write papers that make
no sense.
I will not spend hours with ancient documents
and give up my free time to interpret texts."

And the Lord said,
"Because you have complained,
thou shalt spend a summer in CPE.
Thou shalt get up before the sun
and travel to the city of which men speak.
There thou shalt spend the day getting lost in two hospitals
and analyzed by those who ask,
"What do you feel?"
Thou shalt come home by night
and thy thoughts will be of sleep
but
thou shalt have verbatims to type and books to read
and thou shalt know no rest."

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And Louise said,
"I shall have two days free of every seven.
I shall do with these ~~as~~ I please
and these I shall call my own."

And the Lord answered,
"Because you have decided this for yourself
thou shalt not have free weekends.
Thou shalt spend Saturday writing sermons
and on Sunday
thou shalt put on the holy garments
and go out and preach the Word."

And Louise insisted,
"I will not spend my summer doing these things which you have
said!"

But the Lord spoke again,
"Because you have complained about three months
thou shalt spend numerous days in the field ed office
and thou shalt be overcome by manuals and applications
and under the ordinance of the Holy One called Sandstedt
thou shalt be given a placement.
And thou shalt leave thy friends
and go forth
and thou shalt be called an intern.
Thou shalt spend a year in training
and work long and hard
and thou shalt NOT complain!"

And the decree was issued,
and Louise cried,
"Acugh!!"

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Happy Easter!!

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papyrus found in an archaeological dig near the city of Capernum. According to Dr. G.O. Pher, the head of the digging expedition, the fragment was found with some other papyrus documents sealed in a clay jar in much the same way as the Dead Sea Scrolls. The fragments are all pertaining in some way to bakery items.

The fragment which has drawn the greatest interest thus far was translated by Dr. Pher as follows: "...next Thursday...5 loaves of bread each 2 cubits by 4 cubits...will pick up...Peter." (The gaps are where tears or weathering have made the text illegible.) Dr. Pher says that this is a phenomenal development for Biblical literalists. Apparently it was possible for a baker to make a loaf of such a size. Two cubits by four cubits is approximately equivalent to 500 regular size loaves. Each monster loaf would feed about 1000 persons so that 5 loaves would easily feed 5000 persons.

This finding may mean that scholars will have to view some of the miracles from a new perspective. In fact, it brings up the question of whether the feeding of the 5000 can be considered a miracle if the crowd was actually fed with such loaves. The real miracle may be how the disciples ever transported these huge loaves to the place of the feeding.

Using this new information there are several ways to view the feeding of the 4000 with 7 loaves. The loaves were perhaps smaller or the crowd had more heavy eaters. In both the feeding of the 5000 and the feeding of the 4000 speculation arises as to what kind of fish the crowd ate. Dr. Pher has a theory about tuna fish in the Sea of Galilee, but he declined to elaborate on it at this time. Dr. Pher's soon-to-be-published book entitled A New Angle on Literalism or New Testament Believe it or Not is sure to be disturbing to Bultmanians.

Basketball

--Rich (Bowie) Scheu

The spring is upon us and with it comes warmer weather, daydreaming in classes, "senioritis," love and most important of all--basketball tournaments. Five teams participated in league play since the season's frigid beginning in January. As always, scheduling conflicts were a problem. All teams but one played six games and that one played eight. At the end of the season a double-elimination tournament was set up on the basis of the standings. At the end of league play the standings were:

	won	lost
Team E	8	0
Team A	3	3
Team C	3	3
Team D	2	4
Team B	0	6

Team E received a bye for the first round of the tournament. Results from the tournament:

Team A--77 overtime
Team D--71

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Team B--48

Team A--55

Team C--39

Team E--39

Team C--41

Team D--45

There are still more games to the tournament. See the "Student Activities" section of the bulletin board in the basement hallway of Valentine Hall for the schedule.

It has been difficult keeping the schedule, getting refs to games, and so on. This could have been far more difficult had it not been for the availability of the facility. We thank Sgt. Culp for his gracious hospitality. Without the use of the armory there would have been no basketball season. A thanks also goes to all those who have refereed games. Overall--a good season.

DINNER THEATER

Interview with Phil Huber

TT--Phil, I thought that you might be able to give me some information on the dinner theater we are going to. For instance, what's it called, and where is it? What background information can you give us?

Phil--The dinner theater is called the Oregon Ridge dinner theater and is located in Cockeysville, Md. Cockeysville is about a half hour from downtown Baltimore. The dinner theater is next to an old ski run of the same name. However, they aren't connected. The dinner theater was built specifically as a dinner theater by the company that owns it, Eastern Dinner Theaters, Inc., a chain of 3 east coast dinner theaters. It seats 280 people and is the first dinner theater built in the greater Baltimore area.

TT--You didn't find all that out in a phone call. How did you learn that? Why did you arrange the party in the first place?

Phil--The community meals committee wanted to have a big party so since Connie and I both had worked there we called to see what kind of party we could arrange. Mrs. Cathy McAuliffe, the general manager, and our old boss said why don't we come as the guest of the company?

TT--Is this unusual, being invited free of charge?

Phil--No, not really. They have invited police and firemen, a school for the blind, and a rehabilitation and retardation center.

TT--We could have some fun with which category we fit in, but I think we should go on. What did you do there, and can you describe it?

Phil--I worked there during college for about three years as a waiter.

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As a waiter I was responsible for setting and arranging my tables by group size. We were all assigned about 35 people. Because it's buffet style we weren't carrying food but we would bring the drinks to the table. Also, even though the place doesn't have a liquor license we did run set-ups so that people could bring their own bottles. After the customers ate we brought dessert and then cleared away the tables. Our next job was arranging the set for the actors. Then we went back to running set-ups until the play was over. The variety of people you dealt with made the job interesting. Everyone was coming for a good time, and the place had built a good reputation as a nice warm place almost as if the customers were part of the family. A lot of customers were repeats and you could really build good relations and have some experiences.

TT--Can you give us an example?

Phil--One time I was serving a party in which one guy was a regular customer. Over the course of time he had learned that I was going to seminary,,so he told this party he was with that 'I was going to seminary and I will probably be a good preacher because like most of them he knew, I always grabbed the money. So I said to the group, "Yes, and like most parishoners I knew, he never gave enough!" In a dinner theater you have this kind of freedom. You can't at every restaurant.

TT--Can you give us a game plan? What's a typical schedule? How do people dress?

Phil--People come in all styles of dress. Ladies will be in pantsuits and gowns. Men in tuxedos and shirt and slacks. Most however just wear sport coats and ties. The doors open at 6:30 and the buffet is from 6:45-8:00. The house speciality is seafood Newbury, and it's great. Because there is no liquor license a person must bring their own wine or cocktails if they want it--although set-ups are provided. The theater is in the round and it takes place where the buffet was set up. It begins about 8:30. The cast is professional with many coming from New York. It isn't a traveling company. The producer and director stay at the teater fulltime. The plays are light; dinner plays that are strictly aimed at entertainment. Sometimes they are sexist, and almost always a little racy. After the play, the actors mingle with guests. They served as waiters and waitresses until the union stopped them.

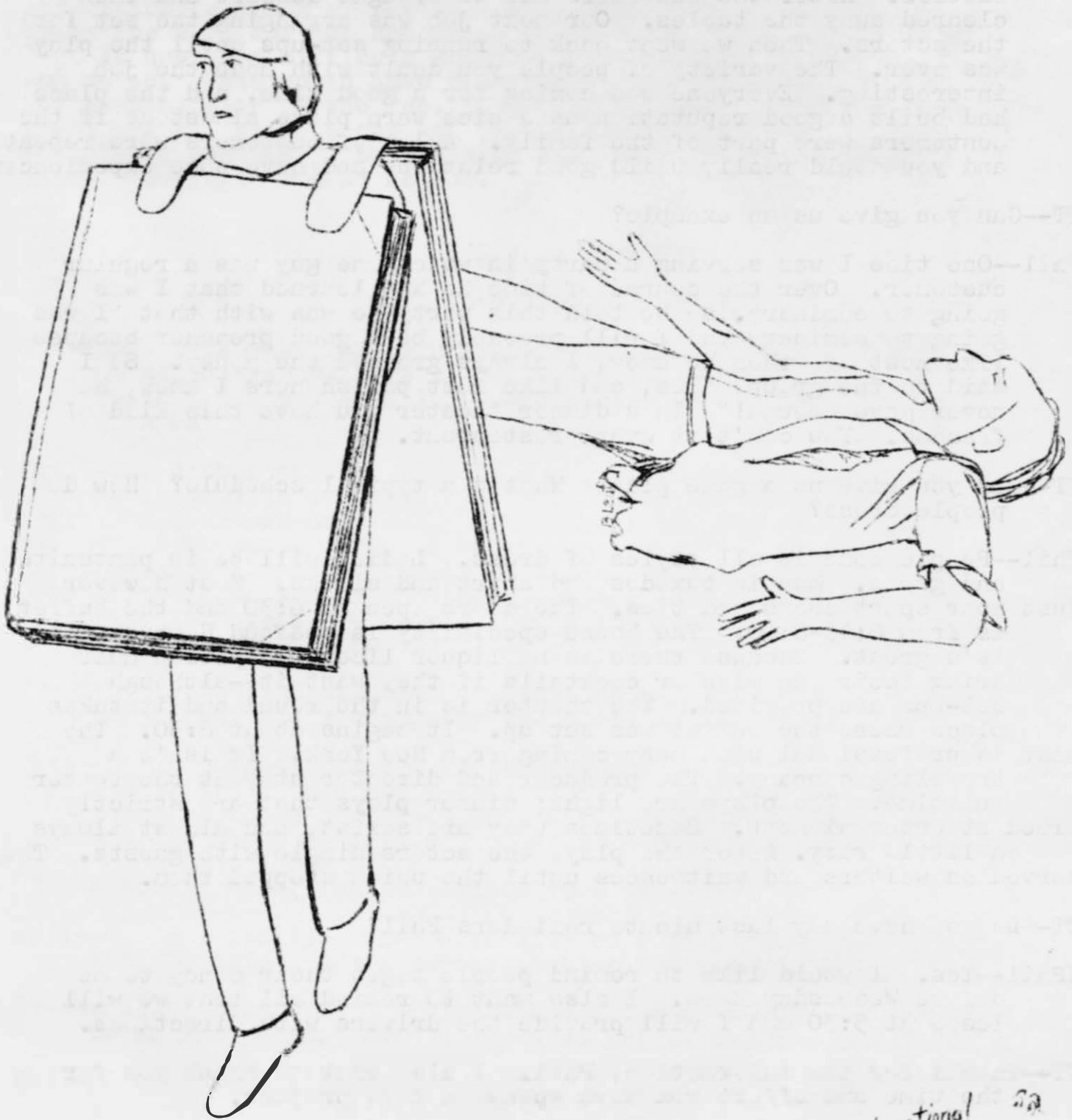
TT--Do you have any last minute reminders Phil?

IPhil--Yes. I would like to remind people to get their money to me before Wednesday noon. I also want to remind all that we will leave at 5:30 and I will provide the drivers with directions.

TT--Thanks for the information, Phil. I also want to thank you for the time and effort you have spent on this project.

Pot-Shots '77

I'd like to help, but I have to study -



Educational
Ministry?

