

Table Talk

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



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WHAT'S GOING ON HEPE?

Sometimes it seems that committees must be the modern equivalent of Matthew's scribes and Pharisees - vain repetitions and much speaking are right at home there. Still, it's certain that on occasion things do get done by committees. Should you, wish to have some effect on what gets done on campus, Table Talk is listing the members of the seminary student committees. If you have a special interest, mention it to a member of the appropriate committee or ask to sit in on one of their meetings.

In another issue we will be printing the names of chairpersons and student representatives on faculty committees. Stay tuned...

One other note: If you are a member of a committee (official or not) that is not included here, let us know. Make a list of the committee members and put it in the TT mailbox. We will print it in our next issue.

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Dan Stoneback	West Hall
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Shirley Dietz	Heiges Hall (East)
Dave Rockel	East Hall (1st fl.)
Jo Serratelli	East Hall (2nd fl.) and off-campus women
Tim Feaser	Baughman Hall (3rd fl.)
Roner Digges	Baughman Hall (2nd fl.)
Dale Johnson	Baughman Hall (1st fl.)
Bill Heisley	Richard House
Wayne Moritz	Valentine Hall
Bob McGurn	Off-campus men

STUDENT FACULTY RELATIONS COMMITTEEMINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19, 1977

The meeting was opened with a short discussion of the aims and purpose of the committee. John Ranney was appointed secretary.

The committee then heard nominations for Supply Preaching Coordinator. The nominees were Mark Radecke and Mike Easton. Two persons from SFRC were elected to the Course Evaluation Committee. Those persons are Dave Rockel (Chairperson) and Paul Poerschke.

The committee then heard class reports from each class president. In responding to a question, Dr. Stuempfle explained the nature of the Spiritual Formation Committee.

The committee then heard Mike Kinche-
 Joe's report on the proposed Community
 Affairs Committee, which would replace the
 Community Needs Committee.

The meeting was adjourned after a dis-
 cussion of ways to more fully integrate
 spouses, faculty and commuters into the life
 of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Homer
 Secretary

LEARNING THEOLOGICAL LANGUAGE?!

by Mark N. Swanson

As a former student of science making a first venture into the theological enterprise, I fully expected that a large part of my adjusting to the Gettysburg Seminary environment would be in simply learning the language. So I wasn't surprised when professors abandoned English, *Urgeschichting* and *fides quaeris intellectum* us on the very first day of classes. After all, certainly the capacity to confuse in many languages is one of the gifts of the Spirit.

No, learning theological language hasn't been too disconcerting. Rather, it's been the much more incidental quirks of language here that have caused me confusion.

First, there's the Gettysburg "Mr." How I've lived a good part of my life in a society where the more letters one can drop after one's name, the better, so that the sweet little old piano teacher down the street becomes Miss Sylvia Foggibottom, LRSn, LRAH, SJAS, RSPCA. One even runs into people who didn't quite make it at the University who sign their names as J. Random Troll, B. A. (failed). After all this, addressing, say our president, Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., A.B. B.D., S.T.M., Th.D., D.D., as "Mr. Stuempfle," seems to be bordering on sacrilege.

Another term that has caused me some confusion is the strange word "fundie". I approached a wise old upperclassman for an explanation of this one:

ME: What's a fundie?

W.O.U.: Somebody who believes that God more or less dictated the Bible.

ME: Kind of like the Muslims, huh?

W.O.U.: Yes.

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Student Association
of the
Lutheran Theological Seminary
Fettysburg, Pa.

Income and Current Funds

Item	76-77 (Actual)	77-78 (Budget)
Cash on Hand (beginning of year)	\$643.76	\$595.72
Student fees	1996.00	2100.00 (Est.)
Total disposable funds	\$2644.76	\$2695.72

Expenses

Item	76-77 (Actual)	77-78 (Budget)
General Fund	\$ 323.15	\$ 350.00
Athletic	101.31	100.00
Social	493.03	400.00
Washington Consortium	67.00	100.00
Social Action	148.49	300.00
Lecture	43.40	200.00
Table Talk	223.53	325.00
Seminary Players	153.96	225.00
Community meals	215.65	200.00
Total ordinary expense	\$1770.72	\$2200.00
Net loss from coffee shop	57.51	150.00
Net loss from health fund	20.00	--
Net expense of Jubilate	173.11	--
Miscellaneous	25.70	45.72
(carryover from previous year and general)		
Total other expense	\$ 231.32	\$ 195.72
Total expense	\$2052.04	\$2395.72
Excess of income over expense	\$ 595.72	\$ 300.00

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Dear Community,

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Student Association Picnic a great success. There were approximately 150 people who shared in this first event of the school year.

This year all social functions sponsored by the Student Association will be planned by the Social Committee which has one representative from each class. They are: Gina DiGiacinto-junior repr., Ken Phelps-senior repr., Thom Tomlinson-middler repr., Martha Lessner-spouse repr. Please speak to these people if you have any suggestions that involve the whole seminary community.

The next social activity is planned for Friday, October 23th, at 8:30. For three hours, Marion Myers will be calling and leading a square dance in the refectory. Refreshments and "Halloween goodies" will be served. Faculty and staff are invited too. All that is requested from each person is that they wear crepe sole shoes or sneakers. Since the Social Committee budget is 25% lower than last year's money, we will be asking for a 25¢ donation to cover minor expenses in hopes that we can stretch the budget to have more activities throughout the entire year.

Remember, you are "the community." Either as student, spouse, family, or just a friend, you are part of the total environment here. So take part. It's fun, relaxing, and good for the soul.

Sincerely yours,

Thom Tomlinson
Chairperson
Social Committee

EDS. NOTE It is not important that you know how to square dance (most of us don't), Mr. Myers will start off by going through some elementary calls. Just come with a festive spirit and lots of energy!

TABLE TALK NEEDS TALENT

If you'd like to help, fill out this form and put it in the TT mailbox. Thanks.

NAME: _____

Phone Number _____

Area of interest: (e.g., writing artwork, collating) _____

To Our Children's Children's Children
by David Sloop

The current debate over nuclear energy is, no doubt, confusing to most people. It would appear that the matter-either to develop at full speed or not to develop-is a purely technical decision. And as such it could rest upon the conclusion of respectable, objective scientists. Such issues as safety in nuclear production and in waste disposal, one would think, could be decided by reasonable men and women. Yet everybody, even us ordinary, easily swayed citizens, knows that public policy decisions are often influenced and guided by special interests, in this case the nuclear power lobby with its vast portfolio of "objective" supporters. A glaring example of this objective support came in 1975, when a group of 32 scientists issued a "Scientists' Statement on Energy Policy," affirming full scale nuclear development. Fourteen of the 32 statement signers failed to note their membership on the board of directors of U.S. corporations directly and indirectly involved in energy production. We can live without such objectivity.

If many of the technicians are vested, then we must turn to the facts. Under present methods of storage "high level nuclear waste is extremely radioactive for 700 years...After that most of the radioactivity is gone, but the most dangerous parts will not begin to cool down for 24,000 years." (*Washington Post*, Sept. 23, 1977, p. 20) Other estimates suggest that high level waste must be isolated for as many as a million years. Is it reasonable to continue producing a dangerous waste for which an appropriate means of disposal is not available? Perhaps we can trust in a bit of technological alchemy in a hundred years or so, but we owe it to our children's children to at least pause and ponder the legacy we are creating. Then we might listen to another still unborn interest group with an investment in the future.

ARE ALL LUTHERANS LUTHERAN?

by Jo Serratelli

You may have noticed that a substantial number of your fellow community members have not been born and bred in the LCA tradition, (notwithstanding that the LCA was not formed until 1962). This in itself is not that significant a factor, as Christians have been notorious denomination switchers. However, it may be significant when one looks at the number of Lutherans that have switched from one branch of Lutheranism to another. Aren't we all Lutherans? The Lutheran Church seems to be engaged in a "civil war" that runs from hot to cold and back again, with no one listening to anyone else, and everyone talking at once. Our Lutheran Family now consists of the LCMS, LCA, ALC, WELS and the AELC, just to name the five largest; there are even other branches. Our Seminary has representatives of each of these branches among our students and faculty. Some have switched to LCA, but many have chosen to remain with their original traditions.

There are many issues that have activated the "civil war", and the issues are growing in number every week. If we are to do justice to our own tradition, whichever it maybe, I feel we cannot be oblivious to the issues that are troubling the Lutheran Church at large. Our library stocks the various publications of the branches of the Lutheran Church: The Lutheran (LCA), The Lutheran Standard (ALC), The Lutheran Witness (LCMS), The Northwestern Lutheran (WELS), and Missouri in Perspective (ELI). If you climb the library stairs to the top floor, you will find them there. Maybe you have never felt a need to read any of these publications. It is my intent in a series of articles this year to stir this need in you. I will try to keep you informed of the major issues facing our Lutheran family now, in our time.

Did you know that the Missouri Synod voted at their summer convention not to participate in the use of the new Lutheran Book of Worship? It was LCMS's idea to create a hymnal that could be used by LCA, ALC and LCMS. The LCA and ALC have agreed to use the new book, along with the new AELC. Missouri will consider publishing a new version of the hymnal for LCMS use only. As usual Missouri stands alone.

Did you know that at the LCMS convention Missouri voted to continue "protested fellowship" with ALC? What's the issue? For one thing, the ALC ordains women.

Did you know that the ALC has voted to join in Altar and Pulpit fellowship with the AELC?

Did you know that the AELC will ordain their first woman pastor on October 30, 1977, in California. She is Jan Otte-Murphy. Jan and I graduated from Valparaiso University together.

Did you know that John Tietjen, has been expelled from the LCMS, effective September 22? The Rev. Dr. John Tietjen was the president of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He was ousted in 1974. He is now the president of Seminex. Have you been following this issue?

These are only a few of the events that have taken place in the past couple of months. I will look forward to informing you of the controversies that will be facing the Lutheran Church in the months ahead of us. I would also welcome any suggestions as to items you might like to see included in this series.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND SPOUSES

The agencies listed below need volunteer help. The opportunities are varied, and commitment of time and energy is up to you. If you can help, please contact the person whose name appears after the agency of your choice. Also, we are interested in who is doing what. So when you decide on an agency please leave a note in David Sloop's box indicating your choice. Good luck.

GROUP HOME (Halfway House)

The group home located on Middle Street houses persons who work at the sheltered workshop. The home's purpose is to give the handicapped social and job skills with the hope of eventual integration into society. To help this process along these folks need contact with "normal" people. They work during the day, so your visiting will be in the evening, to chat, play cards, etc... Contact Don Unger at 334-7988.

YOUTH MULTI SERVICE CENTER, 40 E. High Street

The Center, sponsored by the Federal Government, is attempting to provide after school activities for local teenagers. They need volunteers for tutoring, games, and fellowship. They also need people to supervise activities. Again commitment time is up to you, but folks are needed. Contact Joyce Founds at 334-6921.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM in Gettysburg Junior and Senior High

This involves one-on-one tutoring during school hours. If you can help with math, English, or other subjects, the class instructor will provide time during the day for you to do so. This is a chance to get to know one student and perhaps influence his/her development. Contact Dr. Duchnowski at 334-6254.

'GRANDMA-GRANDPA PROGRAM' run by Gettysburg College

Green Acres located on Biglerville Road needs people to visit with residents. You can come at most any hour, visit one-on-one or with a group. Reading, singing, conversing, etc. are very much needed and welcomed. This is a good opportunity to see what institutionalized life for the aged is like. You also might inquire about worship opportunities. Contact Carolyn at 334-3417.

BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER, run through Gettysburg College

At present this program is without a director and the contact person is Laura Quinley at 334-9863. She knows of opportunities through Lutheran Social Services.

ABBOTTSTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER, run through Gettysburg College

This is a group venture with college students to Abbottstown one night a week. Since we have cars, seminary students are in demand. This will involve one-on-one work with kids at the center. Contact Gary Wagoner at 624-2455.

FAMILY PLANNING AGENCY OF ADAMS COUNTY, Middle Street

Volunteers are needed in several capacities: to do clinic work, counseling, advocacy work in the community, office help. This work could be invaluable in terms of your own training and future work. For certain positions training sessions will be needed. Contact Mrs. Randolph at 334-9275.

WEE CARE DAY CARE, 40 East High Street

Wee Care needs volunteers on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (also other days). Staff meetings are on those afternoons and people are needed to supervise the children.

They are also short of funds and need craftsmen/women to build equipment for the center (Refrigerators, stoves, you name it). Materials will be provided.

Contact Kiren Michelman at 334-5347.

DOCTOR PHELRADITCH'S GUIDE FOR NEW STUDENTS: CHAPTER C

"How To Know When You Have Finally Arrived"

Ever wonder what the real difference is between the seniors and everybody else on campus? Let's face it, shall we? The fact that we are going out in a few short months into an already overloaded job market (and taking up the last of the available positions that you will see in your and most probably your children's lifetime) is not the only reason that seniors - just like the ol' doc here - are always smiling. There is an even bigger reason why the look of contentment rests upon those upperclass brows - Seniors "have arrived."

(There are seniors that will probably argue this point, but they are the ones that obviously have not arrived and as such are exceptions to the rule and should be ignored).

To arrive - to possess that certain aura that comes from knowing and being known. (Nice definition, huh?)

It has come to my attention that not all of the underclassmen are really sure when it is they do, in fact, arrive, assuming of course that they eventually do. So...I have taken it upon myself in this chapter to give you a few helpful hints which hopefully will aid you in identifying when that magic moment comes for you...

YOU KNOW YOU HAVE ARRIVED WHEN...

- ...you don't bother to check the bulletin board
- ...you know where the weight room is in Krauth
- ...you get a "good evening" couch from Mr. Heiting
- ...you know when the bookstore is open
- ...you've met Roy Christell
- ...you're not afraid to sit up front in chapel
- ...Benot asks you to be his ping-pong partner
- ...you figure out what Dan Sanstedt does
- ...you know where the best hiding places are in the library
- ...you get to take Britsch's dog for a walk
- ...or if you find this article funny
- ...you could care less who the SA president is.
- ...you don't wear a collar every time you go off campus
- ...you know what they really put in the refectory food
- ...you can call Dr. Furness, "Joe" or Dr. Ridenhour, "Tomy"
- ...you figure out who Mark Williams was.
- ...you get tired of:
 - 1) Jensen impersonations
 - 2) Morning Prayer
 - 3) "Even a bad experience can be a good one"
 - 4) Dr. Phelraditch
 - 5) hearing about the need for community
 - 6) 2-by-4's
- ...you don't miss Bob Dealey either

And, as a special bonus to all the returning interns, you will be pleased to note that the seminary still needs...

- a coffee sign
- more students and less seminarians
- a gym and stadium complex
- Bob Trochau
- a jukebox and pinball machine
- a bass player
- a long reliever (left-handed)
- Co-ed dorms

ACTIVITIES AT GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

There are many lecture series, films, and activities at Gettysburg College that are opened to the general public.

TABLE TALK is going to have a column that will list activities that might be of interest to the seminary community.

One of these lecture series is presented by the Senior Scholars' Seminar. "The seminar was established by the Gettysburg College faculty in 1974 to engage students in the examination of critical issues that will continue to confront human society for the foreseeable future."

This year's lectures are directed at the seminar's general theme, "Global Disparities: Society and Power in a World of Ill-Distributed Resources," and will examine this theme in the context of the problem of modernization.

On Wednesday, October 12th at the College Union Ballroom 8:00 p.m. the fourth lecture of this series will be presented by Dr. George Wald entitled "Life In the Universe" which discusses the interaction of modernization with science and technology.

George Wald is Higgins Professor of Biology at Harvard University, where he has been a member of the faculty since the mid-1930's. For his contributions to understanding chemical processes in the retinal pigments of the eye, he became in 1967 the co-recipient of the Nobel prize in medicine.

Next week's lecture, the fifth, is October 19th, College Union Building, Room 231 at 8:00 p.m. will be presented by Dr. Richard Shaul on modernization's effect upon social, cultural and ethical values.

Richard Shaul serves as Professor of Ecumenics at Princeton Theological Seminary. A Presbyterian clergyman, he is a graduate of Elizabethtown College and Princeton Seminary. For twenty years he lived in Latin America, first as a missionary in Colombia and later as a seminary professor in Brazil. He is the author of *Encounter with Revolution* (1955) and (with Carl Oglesby) *Containment and Change: Two Dissenting Views of American Society and Foreign Policy in the New Revolutionary Age* (1967).

Other activities of interest...

October 12th at 7:30 p.m. in Bowen Auditorium (McCreary Hall-modern building behind Gothic building) "Candide" (French) no admission.

Friday, October 14th in the College Union Stage (no admission) THE THREE MUSKETEERS presented by the National Theatre of the Deaf. "This new production-freely adapted from Dumas'

ACTIVITIES (CON'T.)

novel by the company and their Broadway director Joe Layton-is a fast-paced kaleidoscope of the hilarious adventure and romantic escapades of the world's most swashbuckling heroes." Winners of a 1977 Tony award, the National Theatre has to its credit 19 national tours, two Broadway runs, ten tours of Europe, Asia, and Australia, three films, and numerous TV appearances.

October 16th, 8:00 p.m. at the College Union "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" admission \$1.00-\$1.25.

Every Thursday night at 7:30, College Union Building, Room 231, there is a film shown in a series called western civilization. The films compliment a course taught at Gettysburg, but the films are interesting without the course and open to the public. October 13th is entitled, "Man-the Measure of All Things" and October 20 is "The Hero as Artist".

October 23rd, 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. is a Planetarium show, "Small Worlds Minor Planets in the Solar System" at the Planetarium. (which is next to the big Gothic building),

SEMINARY PLAYERS

Casting has been completed for a January-February performance of The Constant Wife by R. Somerset Maugham. To be directed by Brian Myers, a junior with previous professional directing experience. The Constant Wife is a light adult comedy and in this sense is a break from the seminary's tradition of long and heavy plays. In addition a number of smaller short rehearsal pieces are planned throughout both semesters. These short pieces are opened to participation by interested members of the seminary community.

Contact Peter Maschke if you are interested in participating in the seminary players.

WHAT ARE THESE CRAZY WOMEN UP TO NOW?

If you're one of the male majority at Gettysburg, you might be wondering what's going on with the women on campus. Why should they organize - is this a militant feminist caucus or a sewing circle? And what do women students have in common
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WHAT ARE THESE CRAZY WOMEN UP TO NOW? (CON'T.)

LEARNING THEOLOGICAL LANGUAGE (CON' .)

with wives and staff?

Imagine for a moment that you're in the minority here. That might be difficult; let's suppose that this is a nursing school. Most of the students and faculty are women. If you're a student at the school, you're preparing for a traditionally female career. Professors and textbook writers usually presuppose a female audience; you have to translate their language to make it apply to you. And your career choice has also had an effect on your social life. (If you doubt that, next time you're at a party try introducing yourself as a nursing student.)

If you're the husband of a student, you've agreed to move to a small town with a less-than-wide-open job market so your wife can attend the school of her choice. Since you can't find work in your field, you settle for a job as a waiter in a local restaurant, deferring your career ambitions for four years. After all, you have to find some way to make enough money to put your wife through school.

As a man in a predominantly female environment, on occasion you feel lonely and isolated. And you'd like - no, you need - to get together with other men in the community and talk about your frustrations and your dreams. But when you try, you find that some of the women in the community don't understand what you're doing. "Why should the men have to get together without us?"

In an effort to explain, you write an article for the school newspaper. "Imagine this isn't a nursing school. Imagine it's a seminary..."

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SEMINARY WOMEN Students, Wives, Staff

Dreams, fears, frustrations, victories: there are a lot of things we can share with each other. And there are a lot of ways to share them (like discussion groups, lectures, craft groups, recreational activities and YHWH knows what else).

Sometime next week (we hope) there will be a panel discussion about what it's like to be a woman at LTSC. After the discussion we'll try to make concrete plans for our first activities.

Watch for notices labeled "Seminary Women." We'd love to see you there.

ME: Do we engage fundies in dialogue?

W.O.U.: No, not really.

ME: But we engage in dialogue with Muslims.

W.O.U.: Yes, but Muslims aren't Christians.

ME: So I've been led to believe.

In any case, this conversation indicates to me that in the matter of the fundies there are great needs to be met. My humble suggestion would be to make a major effort to get fundies to believe the Koran instead of the Bible; then and only then will we be in a position to engage them in inter-faith dialogue. Perhaps Fortress Press could be persuaded to bring out The Living Koran as an aid in this important missionary task.

This does not exhaust the list and unfortunately there are no attempts to bring out a comprehensive dictionary on the horizon. The whole field of seminary vocabulary has yet to be systematically studied. Such studies are to be encouraged, though. After all, it's our language.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Tom, it may concern!! I am appalled (appalled!!) at the depths of decadence and the blatant and explicit (did I say, explicit) depiction of carnal perversions being peddled under our very noses prodooskei. I am shocked (appalled!!) that the front lines of the 'porno' parade have indeed wormed their way into this, the next-to-last bastion of decency. Why, just today - while sitting in (of all classes) Christian Ethics (Dr. Hoffman, 2.304). I opened my seminary (and I stress seminary) notebook - available in our bookstore in a multitude of erotic colors for the price of 79¢. (were Sodom and Gomorrah bought as cheaply?) There - in the center (the very center) of the book - what should to my horrified eyes appear but the lurid leer of a circus groupie - beckoning the innocent reader to "Doodle me"! Nor does the infamy end here!! Oh, no!! A plethora of perversions pervade the page - innuendos more than obvious even to the most fragile of the Lord's little lambs. A 'bearded lady' - Cheer, that Anita; would that she would bring her crusade to G-burg), a man with his hand in his pocket(!!!) a cast-iron phallus with the words 'human cannonball' (sic) emblazoned on its gleaming side, anTHE EDITOR IS SO UPSET WITH SUCH DECADENCE THAT SHE CAN NO LONGER GO ON.....