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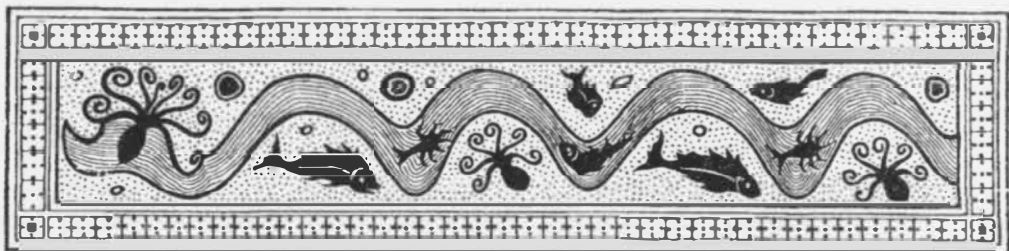
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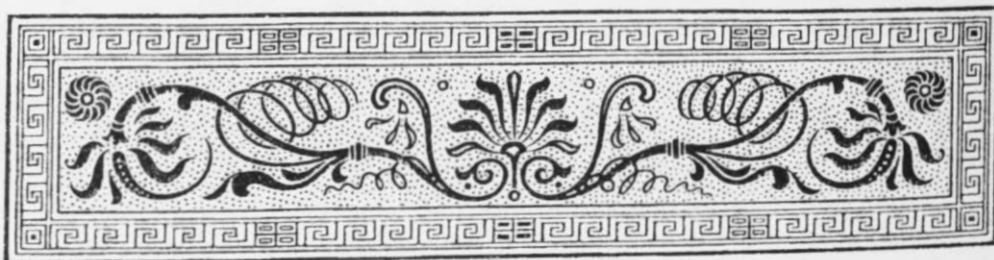


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### *A Prayer for Schools*

*O Eternal God, at the beginning of this academic year bless all places of learning, especially the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, that they may be places where wisdom and understanding spring forth like waters from a gushing spring; bless all teachers and students and guide them in your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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June 1st, 1994

Welcome to the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg! Whether you are a returning student or brand new, you are beginning a new chapter in your life here in this historic place.

This is *Table Talk*, the publication of the Student Association. *Table Talk* is published monthly, its contents being determined by the editorial staff. In the past, *Table Talk* has contained articles of theological interest, poetry, artwork, human interest stories, fiction, issues for debate, and even had a kid's edition in most of the '93-94' volume. Whatever you do, make this publication meaningful, and make it your own.

In this pre-session issue, prepared by the '93-'94 Publications Division, we offer information about the seminary and the town. We are providing information about local congregations, restaraunts, and tourist attractions, as well as important information about the Student Association. Please take the time to learn about this place and decide how you might best use your gifts to serve both the community of Gettysburg and the seminary community.

The challenges and opportunities are endless.

Your servant in Christ,

Susan Hermansader Folks  
1993-1994 *Table Talk* Editor  
Class of 1994

## Where to Worship

If you are looking for a place to worship, Gettysburg offers several options in the Lutheran tradition.

The **Lutheran Theological Seminary** (334-6286) offers daily worship services. Weekday services at midday alternate between preaching, morning prayer (matins), and eucharistic services. Once a month the midweek eucharist is moved to an evening time slot in order to accommodate commuters, spouses and the families of the seminary community. The Chapel is accessible every night of the week at 10:00 p.m. for students who wish to take part in Service of Compline, prayer at the close of the day. This service is held in the meditation chapel and is student led. Additional worship experiences are announced in the *Nota Bene*, the Chapel newsletter. Student involvement is the standard for Seminary worship. Given sufficient student interest and leadership, other worship experiences can be added to the regular worship calendar. The normal schedule for weekday worship is as follows:

Monday (11:50 a.m.)	Preaching Service (faculty led)
Tuesday (11:50 a.m.)	Matins (led by a Middler)
Wednesday (11:25 a.m.)	Eucharist (led by faculty and students)
Thursday (11:50 a.m.)	Matins (led by a Middler)
Friday (11:50 a.m.)	Preaching Service (led by a Senior)

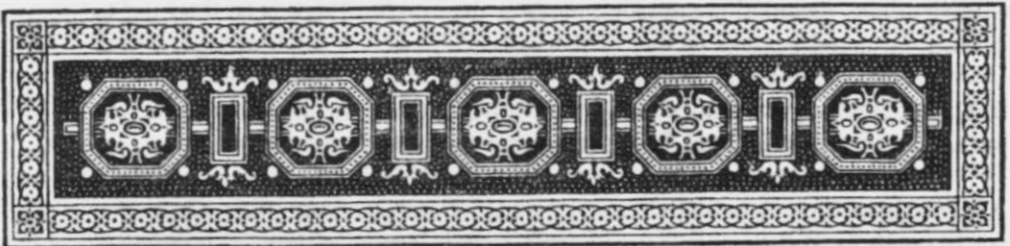
**Gettysburg College** (337-6000) offers Sunday morning services at 10:45 a.m. while classes are in session. Eucharist during Sunday morning services is on the first Sunday of every month. Wednesday evening Eucharists are at 10:00 p.m. and offer an intimate candlelight setting. The College is a very open community which has welcomed Seminarians in the past.

**Christ Lutheran Church** (334-5212) has a long history as the College church. Located on Chambersburg Street one half-block from the town square, Christ is within walking distance. Sunday services are at 10:45 a.m., with Eucharist on the first Sunday over every month and on all major feasts and festivals. A nursery is provided. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. A weekly spoken Eucharist service is held the first Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Donley Chapel.

**St. James Lutheran Church (334-2012)** is located on the corner of Stratton and York Streets. Sunday services are at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Communion is every Sunday, alternating between the services. A nursery is provided. The Saturday evening service, at 5:30 p.m. is a weekly Eucharist service as well. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and offers a full range from two year olds to Senior Citizens.

**The Lutheran Retirement Village (334-6204)** offers a very different worship experience. Serving primarily the nursing home residents, the Pastoral Care Office also provides worship leadership for the residents of the surrounding retirement Village. Sunday services are at 10:00 a.m. with Eucharist every third Sunday. The unique characteristics of this setting include easy wheelchair accessibility, a sound system with special aids for the hearing impaired, and a lively use of the *Service Book and Hymnal*. Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. are set aside for "Church School," a short hymn-sing with an inspirational message. To find the Village, take Business Route 15 north from the square for two miles. The Village will be on your right.

**Please note:** Worship schedules may be altered during the summer season (that is, before Labor Day). If you are interested in attending one or more of the worshipping communities listed above, please call ahead to confirm its worship schedule.



## And to Your Left, You'll See...

So, you've just arrived in Gettysburg. Have you taken the time to get familiar with your environment? When you leave this place, how are you going to respond to the inevitable challenge: "You must know a lot about the battle!" Will you be embarrassed to discover that it was a National Military Park and not an overgrown athletic field over which you took your dog for walks. Yes indeed! We are in the middle of one of the most famous battlefields in the United States if not the whole world. The Gettysburg battlefield draws well over a million visitors each year, and the number will undoubtedly increase over the next few years with the success of Ken Burns' "Civil War" series on PBS and Ted Turner's "Gettysburg" (once known as Michael Shiraa's The Killer Angels). This article will take a look at the historical landscape which surrounds the Seminary. You won't become an expert reading it, but at least you'll have an idea why traffic is so bad on West Confederate Avenue.

What should you do first? The best way to get started is to visit the National Park Service's Visitor Center. The Visitor Center is located on the south end of town (just beyond Tommy's Pizza) in the angle between Tanneytown and Emmitsburg Roads. At the Visitor Center, National Park Rangers (yes, these are the same folks who run Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon) will assist in orienting you to the services provided by our federal tax dollars. Among these are numerous guided walks, lectures, multi-media presentations, museum services, and park lands.

The "Electric Map" is the absolute must see. A huge relief map rests on the floor of this theater located inside the Visitor Center. This map is studded with small electric light bulbs which indicate troop positions during the days of the battle while a thirty minute recorded presentation narrates the events. There is no finer aid to getting the grand tactical picture of the battle. There is a small charge for the Electric Map show (\$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 senior citizens, children under 16 yrs. free); fortunately, your Student ID will get you in for free. It will also get you into the Cyclorama and National Tower (the latter only once a month).

After the map, tour the battlefield using the battlefield auto-tour guide supplied at no charge by the Park Service at the Visitor Center information desk. This eighteen mile driving loop winds through the major positions of the three-day battle. You'll want to do this over and over again. There is no requirement that you do the whole thing at one time. Do bits and pieces, get out of the car and walk around, use your bicycle, or just walk. The options are almost unlimited. The only cautions: watch out for others on the road, observe the speed limit, obey one-way road markings, and remember that park grounds and roads close at 10:00 p.m.



## I Like Ike

The problem with the Civil War craze that is sweeping the country is that people forget that there was life in Gettysburg before and after those famous three days of early July 1863. One of the most interesting features of Gettysburg history is its role during the Great War (World War I). On the fields just south of the seminary and the town, an army encamped for the second time. This town of tents and huts was called Camp Colt, and although largely forgotten by townspeople and military historians, it made a major contribution to the evolution of modern warfare. The young men of Camp Colt trained to use the secret weapon of the Great War. That secret weapon was the Tank, and the man running the camp was an equally young Captain Dwight David "Ike" Eisenhower.

Eisenhower, a graduate from the lower half of the West Point Class of 1915, distinguished himself as an administrator and trainer during his brief stay here. Poorly provisioned, he worked hard to make sure that there was adequate housing, heating, clothing, and food for the men in his command. When an influenza epidemic broke out in camp, he did everything he could to establish a field hospital and quarantine procedures. Most importantly, without tanks, he successfully trained top notch soldiers many of whom would go overseas to serve under Eisenhower's West Point classmate, George Patton. Flatbed trucks became mobile machine gun platforms, and Little Round Top became a firing range backstop.

The recently married Eisenhower lived only a stone's throw from the seminary, on the corner of Springs Avenue and Hay Street. The plaque on the front porch marks it as an Eisenhower residence. The old Alpha Tau Omega house near the Tiber (Steven's Run) on North Washington Street also served as a temporary residence. After the war ended, Eisenhower continued his military career, serving in Europe under "Black Jack" Pershing, at the Panama Canal Zone under General Fox Conner, and in the Philippines under Douglas MacArthur.

It would be nearly forty years before Eisenhower would live in Gettysburg again. In 1951, now General of The Army, Eisenhower purchased the Allen Redding farm located near the Longstreet Observation Tower on Southwest Confederate Avenue. After major renovations to the property completed in early 1955, Eisenhower, now the 34th President of the United States, moved into what would ultimately become his retirement home. Deeding the property over to the National Park Service in 1967, two years before his death, Eisenhower spent his last years playing golf, painting, entertaining, managing a feeder herd of black angus, and attending the local Presbyterian Church.

Now a National Historic Site, the Eisenhower farm is open to the public daily from April 1 through October 31. The remainder of the year the site is open Wednesday through Sunday, with holiday closings on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. The site is closed January 9 to February 9, 1994. Access to the site is through the Eisenhower Tour Center located along the North side of the National Military Park's Visitor Center. The tour center is open from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Cost: \$3.60 for adults, \$1.60 for children (ages 13-16), and \$1.05 for children (ages 6-12). Make sure you visit during December to see the Eisenhower House decorated for Christmas!

#### **Eisenhower Facts:**

- 1) Eisenhower's mother, Ida Stover, was a Jehovah Witness.
- 2) Eisenhower's father, David Eisenhower, gave up on all organized religion and contented himself with reading the New testament in Greek.
- 3) Eisenhower was not baptized until he joined the National Presbyterian Church during his presidency.
- 4) It was during the Eisenhower presidency that the phrase "under God" was added to the Pledge of Allegiance.



Entering students and spouses are invited to a special reception hosted by Dr. Darold and Marlene Beekmann at the Lewar House, their home. The Lewar House is next to the Refectory. Beginning at 7:00 p.m., the President's reception will be held on Saturday, September 10, 1994.

# Fair Guide to Gettysburg Fare

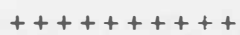
Gettysburg, while seeming to be a small town, has a fine variety of eateries ranging from the greasy spoon to formal dining. Mindful of the fact that seminarians have limited financial resources, the following guide is designed to provide enough information for you to choose wisely where your monetary resources will be expended. The restaurants will be rated on the following qualities: cost, value, asthetic quality, menu, and service.

## Fine Dining

*Dobbin House*                      89 Steinwehr Avenue, Gettysburg                      334-2100

- Cost:    Entree is \$15-\$30+
- Value:    \*\*\*\* The quality of the fare is worth the price.
- A.Q.:    Historic colonial home well restored and suited for formal dining. From utensils to the printing on the menu, the colonial theme is prevalent.
- Menu:    Limited menu of traditional colonial dishes.
- Service: Friendly and slow paced. No rushing here.

For "atmosphere" you cannot beat the Dobbin House, though this choice will cost you! Take that special friend here for that special occasion.



*Herr Tavern*                      900 Chambersburg Road, Gettysburg                      334-4332

- Cost:    \$8-\$15+
- Value:    \*\*\*\* Worth it.
- A.Q.:    Historic building that is of 1815 vintage that is not accurately restored, but pleasant nonetheless.
- Menu:    Good variety that is not found at the Dobbin House.
- Service: Very friendly and appropriately paced.

While the Herr Tavern does not have the same ambiance that the Dobbin House does, the prices are cheaper and the variety is better without sacrificing culinary quality. Take the special friend who is a little finicky out here for that special occasion.



**Fairfield Inn**                      15 West Main Street, Fairfield                      642-5410

Cost: \$5-\$12+

Value: ★★ Good food at a reasonable price.

A.Q.: Another historic colonial home restored, but not nearly to the quality of the Dobbin House. If you are not a historical purist, it will be a comfortable space.

Menu: Limited choices focusing on traditional Pennsylvania fare.

Service: Friendly and efficient.

This inn is a good place to go with your grandparents or that special someone for a pleasant meal.

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**Farnsworth House**                      401 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg                      334-8838

Cost: \$10-\$20+

Value: ★★ Good food at a reasonable price.

A.Q.: A converted home with a Civil War era atmosphere.

Menu: Limited choices focusing on traditional Pennsylvania fare.

Service: Friendly and efficient.

The Farnsworth House offers a cozy dining experience inside and the opportunity for dining in an outdoor courtyard.

## Casual Dining

**Springhouse Tavern**                      89 Steinwehr Avenue, Gettysburg                      334-2100

Cost: \$5-\$12+

Value: ★★★★★ Great atmosphere. Great food, though a tad overpriced.

A.Q.: Historic colonial bar setting executed with the same thoroughness as the upstairs dining area of the Dobbin House. Wonderfully unique!

Menu: Extremely diverse. From cold fruit and vegetable plates to BBQ ribs. All well prepared and well served.

Service: Fine.

Located in the basement of the Dobbin House, the Tavern is the best place in town. Take everyone here! Again!!

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*Perkins*

859 York Road, Gettysburg

337-1923

Cost: \$4-\$10+

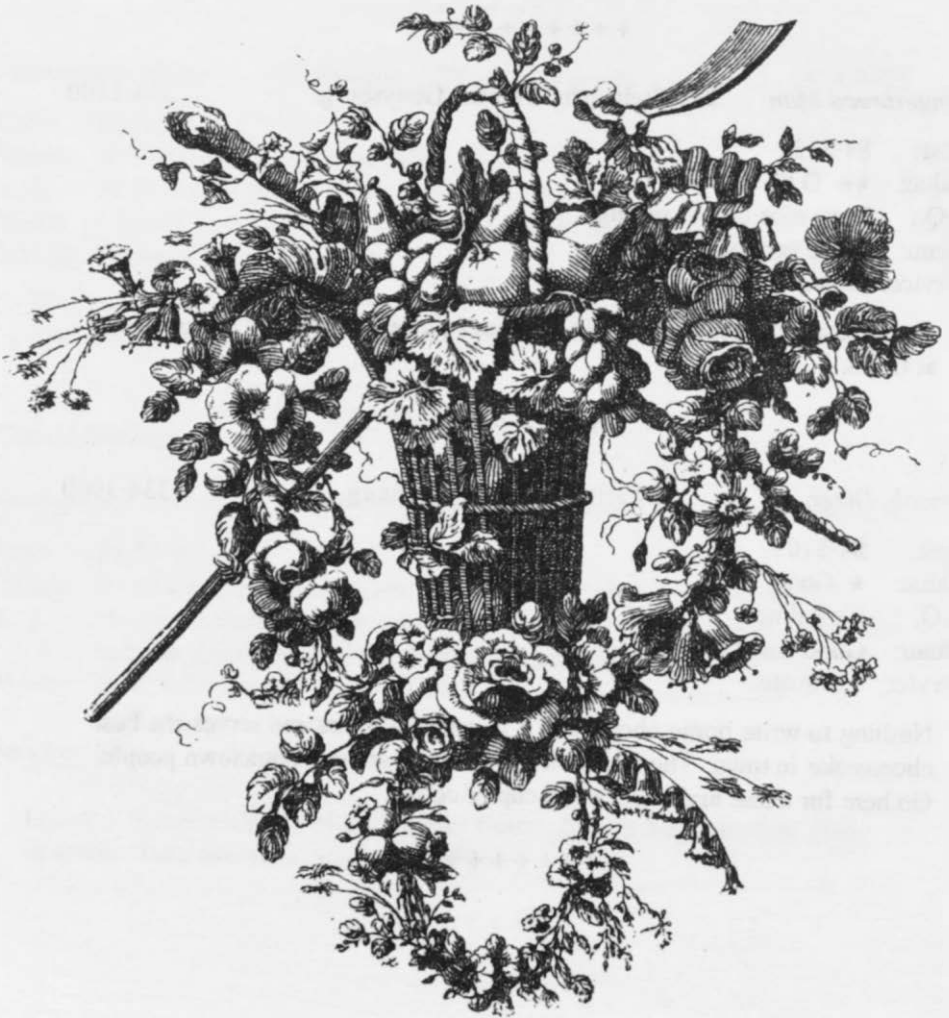
Value: \*\* Good.

A.Q.: Pleasant.

Menu: A little bit of everything.

Service: Fine.

Like the Lincoln Diner, Perkins is open 24 hours. They have a nice selection of desserts (and a bottomless cup of coffee!). The only drawback is that they are frequently out of items.



# Student Government

## Student Association Officers

<i>President</i>	Carol Kehler
<i>Treasurer</i>	P. Lee Brumback
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Jean Horman
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Jefferson Cox

## Middler Class Officers

<i>President</i>	Gwenn Trout
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Keith Deckinger
<i>Trustees</i>	Don Chudd
	Larry Kemp
	Ann Dentry
	John Brock
	Karen Taylor

## Junior Class Officers to be Elected

<i>President</i>
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>
<i>Trustees (6)</i>

## Senior Class Officers to be Elected

<i>President</i>
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>
<i>Trustees (6)</i>

*The trustees along with the other class officers make up the Student Association Council. This council meets monthly and acts on behalf of the entire Student Association.*

The Student Association maintains divisions, boards and committees to promote community life at the Seminary. In addition, students are asked to serve on faculty search committees when new faculty are being sought. All members of the Student Association (all students registered for two or more courses are automatically members) are eligible and encouraged to serve on all divisions, board and committees. Each is listed and described below:

### **Divisions**

- Athletics*            The Athletics Division is responsible for the coordination of all intramural activities and tournaments. The seminary community typically takes part in intramural flag football and softball, as well as in annual ping-pong and chess tournaments.
- Lectures*             The Lectures Division sponsors forums, group discussions and other lectures which are intended to promote learning and reflection on a variety of theological topics. The Lectures Division is also responsible for the student computer lab located on the second floor of the library.
- Publications*        The Publications Division is responsible for *Table Talk* and any other publications which the Student Association deems necessary for student life.
- Social Action*        The Social Action Division promotes issues which are of social concern to the Seminary community. This Division might sponsor servant events or other activities which promote social justice.

### **Boards**

- Honor Board*            The Honor Board is made up of the Student Association President and one representative elected by each class. The Honor Board investigates and/or reprimands any student accused of a violation of academic integrity.
- Student Conduct Board*    The Student Conduct Board consists of the class presidents, one representative of each class, and the Student Association President who serves as chair. This board counsels and/or reprimands students who are charged with misconduct.



## Joint Student-Faculty Committees

### *Student-Faculty Relations*

This committee is made up of the president of all of the classes, and three other students appointed by the presidents. They are joined by the Seminary President, the Dean and two other faculty members to consider matters of concern to the seminary community, including student course evaluations, the pet policy and supply preaching.

### *Worship*

The Worship committee oversees the worship life of the community, designating where offerings go and determining the prayer concerns from week to week. Two representatives from each class sit on this committee with the Chaplain, Music Director and another member of the faculty.

### *Academic Policies*

Two students are elected by the Student Association Council to serve on this committee with the chairs of each faculty division, the Dean, Librarian, Registrar, and Field Education Director. This committee oversees the policies that govern the academic life of the seminary, making recommendations to the faculty for their action.

### *Admissions and Scholarship*

Two students are elected by the Student Association Council to serve on this committee which, with faculty members, considers such matters as admissions, scholarships, financial aid, and recruitment.

### *Field Education*

One junior and senior (elected by their classes) sit on this committee with faculty and oversee the seminary's field education system.

### *Library*

One student is elected by the Student Association Council to serve on this committee which considers matters relevant to the Seminary Library.

### *Food Service*

This committee is yet to be created, but will be a feature of student life in the future. The creation of this committee will be an item of business for the Student Association Council to consider in early fall.

## What's What?

**The Redactor** is a daily publication (Monday through Friday when classes are in session) of the schedule of events for the day, plus any announcements that need to be seen by the Seminary Community. It is posted in the library, Valentine Hall, the Refectory, and the dormitories. Make sure to check *The Redactor* each day so that you do not miss important information.

**Note Bene** is a weekly newsletter (generally published on Wednesday) from the Chaplain's office. It lists the worship schedule for the coming week (Thursday through Wednesday), announces special events, and gives helpful information for devotions and prayer. The *Note Bene* is available on the table at the entrance to the chapel at Wednesday eucharists. Extras are placed in the shelf in front of the mailboxes in the basement of Valentine Hall.

**Bulletin Boards** are located in the basement of Valentine Hall. Information about classes, social issues, employment, and general notices can be found in the hallway. The Student Association bulletin board is in the coffee shop. All items placed on Seminary bulletin boards must be signed by the person posting it.

**Coffee Shop** is in the basement of Valentine Hall. Coffee and tea are available for a small fee at most times of the day. On Tuesdays and Fridays doughnuts and bagels are also available. A coffee time runs from 10:00-10:25 a.m. Monday through Friday with the exception of Wednesday when it runs from 10:00-10:10 a.m. There are also machines containing juice, soda, candy and crackers. Bring your own change!

The lounge next to the Coffee Shop has a ping-pong table, a television with cable hook-up, and a couch and chairs for relaxing. There is also a room on the 3rd floor of Valentine that is available for quiet study. Unlike the library, food and drinks are allowed!

**The Refectory** is open to all members of the seminary community, even those seminarians who are not on the meal plan. Meal prices are \$2.00 for breakfast, \$3.00 for lunch, and \$4.00 for dinner. You may also purchase a meal ticket worth \$30.00 for \$27.00 (a 10% discount). It will be a punch-card that can be used for any meal. There will also be a community meal each month, free of charge.

**The Bookstore** is located in the basement of Valentine Hall. Its normal hours of operation are 10:00-12:00 a.m. and 2:00-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You will buy all of your textbooks in the Bookstore, although you are asked not to buy anything until you have gone through the "Introduction to the Bookstore" during pre-session. Students may have an open account with up to a \$250.00 credit line, but all bills must be paid before the end of each semester. Beginning in the fall of 1994, the Bookstore will be accepting MasterCard, VISA, and Discover Card!

