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FROM YOUR INTERIM EDITOR:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to a new year at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. This is a wonderful place for learning, spiritual growth, history, hiking, biking, camping, living - simply an all around fine place to be.

Table Talk is a publication of the Student Association (see the article "Student Government" for greater details). It comes out eight times during the school year. The contents come from you, the seminary community. The goal of this newsletter is to publish articles about theology, poetry, human interest stories, fiction, issues for debate and whatever else is of interest to the seminary community. All submissions must be signed, but the author's name may be withheld upon request. Submitted articles that are unsigned will not be published.

This Pre-Session issue for summer Greek 1996 is offered to welcome you and to help orient you to life on the "glorious hill", and in the surrounding town of Gettysburg. Life is good here, and we want you to become part of this community, and get to know your way around A.S.A.P.

The present interim editor owes a great deal of thanks to many people. Last year's Pre-Session Edition for Pentecost was put together in excellent fashion by our 1994-95 editor, John Brock. The 95-96 editor, Rose Ann Campise, published some block-buster issues which had the whole campus buzzing! I have not attempted to follow in the spirit of her "tough act to follow" editorializing! We will all just have to wait for her return from internship in fall '97, to see the likes of her work again! All efforts have been made to update and correct the information contained in this issue. But please allow a margin of grace for a margin of error! And feel free to ask, ask, ask - any and all questions of: students, staff, and faculty. We welcome you, and want to help you find your way around in all of the different systems of our life together here at L+T+S+G+!

Surely we live in the midst of history here "on the hill". This tiny spot of geography, by global measure, is a nexus of theology, religion, nearly 400 years of American history, politics and myriad political and human issues, where monumental events have occurred, changing the course and affecting the character of who we are as a people forever. To Gettysburg, often called the "turning point" in The War Between the States, thousands of Americans come every year, from all over the nation. They come to reconnect with who we have been, and to remember or to learn first hand, something about the dreadful cost of preserving the Union. In three days, almost 130 years ago, 50,000 persons died right here. The seminary is situated in the midst of the battlefield. The earth on this hill has been soaked with blood. There is, in this place, an ironic peace, which is palpable, especially in the early morning, or at dusk. A stroll out Confederate Avenue, along the silent line of canon can be restorative, after stress-filled days of reading, learning, meeting deadlines. Somehow, the reality of all those who now rest from such an immense struggle can help to bring a renewed perspective on our own wrestlings with angels and theologies!

Yet before the Civil War was, we were. Before all human time and history, and struggle, God is. L+T+S+G+, begun in 1826, was an established Lutheran Seminary long before the cataclysmic events of war. The armies of both North and South used the cupola of Old Dorm for strategic lookouts. It is no wonder that the academic experience here is inextricably entwined with all of that war history, and no wonder either, that rumours of ghosts and spirits abound. The first time you hear the hollow clop-clop of a horse's hooves coming down Confederate Ave., and look out of the classroom window to see a solemn, straight-backed figure clad in blue or gray, holding his rifle at the ready, or flying the colors of his army, you will begin to be drawn into that experience. Yet, always remember that this institution of holy learning was here before all of that, and that the Presence which abides on this hill, inspiring and watching over Christ's Church, is the Holy Spirit of our great eternal God, in whom all of humanity and all of our human endeavors exist, and have being.

You will be confronted by that Presence here. Here you will also be connected into community, challenged, strengthened, enlightened, sometimes frightened or distressed, inspired, lifted and loved. Here your own capacity to love will be enlarged and utilized. Life on the hill is a microcosim, in concentration, of all of life. Because we live so closely in community, we are called to confront many persons, issues and circumstances first-hand, which may be alien, or hitherto unexplored by us. We are all in this together, and our Lord's command, to "love one another" carries necessity and powerful possibility. If here we hold hands, and build strong bonds of love in Christ Jesus, we will go FROM here,

better equipped with strength and unity in our Lord, to love and to serve in places where the light flickers less brightly, and where there are many empty hands reaching for our own.

Welcome, then, in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord, to this place, in this time. May your striving, and your learning and all of your journeying here be flooded with His grace and peace, that you may go out to serve in his world with joy! In thanksgiving for your arrival among us, with praises to God's eternal glory,

Peace,

Louise Reynolds

Where to Worship

Places and opportunities to worship abound. Gettysburg offers several options in the Lutheran tradition.

The Lutheran Theological Seminary (334-6286) offers daily worship services. Our Chapel is aptly named The Church of the Abiding Presence. Our Chaplain is the Reverend Dr. Mark Oldenburg, alternatively named "high juggler of devotional groups and/or Baal (Canaanite for lord) of worship schedules". His task is complex. He makes sure everybody eventually gets a chance to participate! Mark also offers many options for devotional and meditation groups and retreats, pericope studies, group prayer on an as-needed basis. Watch your mailbox, Note Bene and the Redactor for announcements. 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 the 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)

Here's a tip for you: **DON'T MISS CHAPEL! ESPECIALLY** when the reading piles up, and the papers are due, and there are not enough hours in the day OR night, especially then, do not give in to the temptation to carve an extra 1/2 hour of study time by skipping chapel. Don't, don't, don't! Worship within the community is easily the best gift we have together here. You will probably never have such an extended opportunity to be in and worship so frequently in a community like this one again. This is where we get our strength, and our nourishment to go refreshed to the books and papers. Here students and faculty are sisters and brothers before God. In worship are our Christian bonds formed and strengthened.

OTHER PLACES AND COMMUNITIES OF WORSHIP

A little way down the hill, Gettysburg College (337-6000) offers Sunday morning services at 10:45 a.m. during the school semester. 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 always welcomes Seminarians.

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 of 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. 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.

PASTORAL CARE COUNCIL: There is also an on-campus Pastoral Care Council, under the leadership of Chaplain Oldenburg. Each residential hall/building has its own appointed chaplain, who cares for the residents. Chaplains have info about "who to call" in emergencies, referrals for counseling needs, and open ears, as well as listening hearts. Please feel free to seek help. Don't let Greek (or anything else - like Sytematics?) get you down. Tell a Chaplain about it! THEY CARE! The Council meets once a month to discuss pastoral strategies, pray, and generally take the community pulse. Strict confidentiality is maintained, both by individual chaplains, and by the Council as a whole.

More About That Battle:

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 know

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? Start by visiting the National Park Service's Visitor Center, located on the south end of town (just beyond Tommy's Pizza) in the angle between Taneytown and Emmitsburg Roads. At the Visitor Center, National Park Rangers (yes, these are the same folks who run Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon) will orient 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 on the floor of this theater located inside the Visitor Center 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. The charge for the Electric Map Show is : \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 senior citizens, children under 16 yrs free. Fortunately, your Student ID will get you in for free. (Cyclorama & Tower: 1 per mo.)

Tour the battlefield using the 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. 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

(Maybe You will Too!)

The problem with the Civil War craze that is sweeping the country is that people forget that there was a 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 Rim) 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.

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. Major renovations to the property were completed in 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 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$3.60 for adults, \$1.60 for children (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's Witness.
- 2) Eisenhower's father, David Eisenhower, gave up on all organized religion and contented himself to read 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.

Guide to Gettysburg Fare

WHERE TO MEET AND EAT!

Gettysburg, while indeed a comfortably 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, aesthetic quality, menu, and service.

Fine Dining

Dobbin House 89 Steinwehr Ave, 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 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. A favorite.

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Herr Tavern & Publick House 900 Chambersburg Road, Gettysburg 334-4332

- Cost: \$8-\$15+
 - Value: **** Worth it.
 - A.Q.: Historic building of 1815 vintage, not accurately restored, but pleasant nonetheless.
 - Menu: Good variety.
 - 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 better without sacrificing culinary quality. Take the special friend out here for that special occasion.

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Fairfield Inn 15 West Main Street, Fairfield 642-5410

- Cost: \$5-\$12+
 - Value: ** Good food at a reasonable price.
 - A.Q.: Another historic colonial house restored. 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 relaxed and pleasant meal.

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. Eating outdoors under the trellis can be a treat!
 - Menu: Limited choices focusing on traditional Pennsylvania fare.
 - Service: Friendly and efficient. Costumed waiters and waitresses.
- The Farnsworth house offers a cozy dining experience inside and the opportunity for dining in an outdoor courtyard, which affords a secluded privacy, while looking out on the passersby on the street.

Casual Dining

Springhouse Tavern 89 Steinwehr Avenue, Gettysburg 334-2100
(Downstairs in the Dobbin House)

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. Costumed waitresses.

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

The Pub 21 Lincoln Square, Gettysburg 334-7100

Cost: \$6-\$12+
Value: ** Good Value
A.Q.: Going for the 1900's look and not making it, but not ugly. A comfortable informal setting.
Menu: Very diverse. Generous portions.
Service: O.K. (but if you've come here, you're usually not in a hurry).

The Pub is the traditional seminary hangout. They allow you to move the tables around to seat as many as you bring with you. A good place to eat (and have a drink) with friends. The bar offers a variety of specials during the week.

Gingerbread Man 217 Steinwehr Avenue, Gettysburg 334-1100

Cost: \$6-\$12+
Value: ** O.K.
A.Q.: Very nice casual setting. Somewhat crowded seating.
Menu: Wide variety.
Service: Slow, sometimes, but they are working on it!
A very casual "yuppie," lemon-in-the-water place. Parking can be a

problem at times.

Lincoln Diner

32 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg

334-3900

Cost: **\$4-\$10+**
 Value: * Good.
 A.Q.: It's a diner.
 Menu: Good variety.
 Service: Adequate, very typical.

Nothing to write home about, but it is open 24 hours and serves the best cheesecake in town. the desserts can best be described as "tall" (and yummy). The waiters and waitresses are real hometown people. Go here for a late night snack and a cup of coffee.

Perkins

859 York Road, Gettysburg

337-1923

Cost: **\$5-\$10+**
 Value: ** Good.
 A.Q.: Pleasant. Eclectic.
 Menu: A little bit of everything. Quality and availability vary.

Service: Fine. Friendly and accomodating.

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.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Lupita's New Mex

805 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg

337-9575

Cost: **\$5-\$7+**
 Value: ** Good
 A.Q.: Mexicana!
 Menu: Bigger variety than most Mexican
 Service: **With a smile!**

Student Government

Student Association Officers 1996 -1997

President	Wendy Abrahamson
Treasurer	Jonathan Diebler
Recording Secretary	Lynette Nelson
Corresponding Secretary	Gail Wolling

Middler Class Officers

President	Todd Zelinski
Secretary/Treasurer	Ron Brown

Trustees	Josh Peterson	Chad Huebner
	Bill Hughes	Brian Eiss
	Christina Abrahamson	

Junior Class Officers to be Elected

President
Secretary/Treasurer
Trustees (6)

Senior Class Officers to be Elected

President
Secretary/Treasurer
Trustees (6)

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

Divisions, Boards, and Committee

OF THE L+T+S+G+ 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, boards 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. In addition, an unofficial game of "wally ball" is frequently well played at the Y. ALL students are invited to attend and participate in sports, and the red football T-shirts are really classy!

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. (see below for particulars).

Publications

The Publications Division is responsible for Table Talk and any other publications which the Student Association deems necessary and enhancing to 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. A Red Cross Blood Drive was well attended last year.

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?

(And Where is It?)

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. Give yourself a couple of extra minutes as you're flying off to class, and make sure to check The Redactor each day so that you do not miss important information.

Nota 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.

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 offering 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 \$2.35 for breakfast, \$3.35 for lunch, and \$4.35 for dinner. Saturday brunch is \$3.85, and Wednesday's famous soup and salad lunch is a steal at only \$2.85! You may also purchase a meal ticket worth \$32.50 for \$30.00 (an 8% 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. All who attend share in the clean-up. We try to schedule these meals in conjunction with the monthly evening Eucharist, to give us an opportunity to worship together in full community.

The Bookstore

is located in the basement of Valentine Hall. Its normal hours of operation are 10:00-11:30 a.m. and 2:00-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can buy all of your textbooks in the Bookstore. 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. The Bookstore accepts MasterCard, VISA and Discover Card!

Student Computer Center

is on the second floor of the library, outside the Library Lecture Room. Hours are the same as the library. There are three computers for student use. Paper is supplied by the Student Association. Students need to provide their own disks. All computers are loaded with Word Perfect for DOS 5.1 and Windows. A log is maintained of computer use. Please log in and out on the sheet provided at each computer, everytime you use one. THANKS!

EXTRA TIPS and other info we didn't put elsewhere:

Thanks to Denise Lindeman for compiling most of these suggestions!

NEW PROGRAM: It's a great honor that the ELCA has chosen L+T+S+G+ as the seminary to develop the Church's new Diaconal Ministry Program! A few weeks ago, our own Nancy Gable was consecrated into diaconal ministry in the Chapel. The service was inspiring and joyful, filled with a sense of expectation. Those persons on campus who were attending the DM Formation event were inspired for their own paths to ministry in this new, and still-searching-for-a-pattern, rostered ministry. Judging from the two week event, from the deeply meaningful consecration service, and from the comments and sharing of our DM students, this will be a vital ministry both to, and FROM Christ's Church. We give thanks and praise to God for these new things which are "coming to pass". (What's the Greek?)

CAMPUS BEAUTY: There's plenty of it! And it takes lots of hardwork by many people. The maintainance crew at L+T+S+G+ is topped by none. Grounds are kept impeccable. We can all help by watching those stray candy wrappers, beer bottles, soda cans, and stooping to pick up the occasional dropped trash. Wave and say thanks to the guy on the riding mower, or the gal with the hedge trimmers.

MAINTAINANCE PROBLEMS in rooms and apartments: Marge Lyons, in the business office will direct you to the proper form to fill out for requests.

RECYCLING: Office and computer-type paper is collected in large white plastic barrels around campus. Save yours and contribute to saving trees, as well as helping the Adams Rescue Mission raise money. Plastic bottles, glass bottles, and aluminum cans ARE THE ONLY recyclables to go in the brown containers near the garbage dumpster. PLEASE do NOT put other things (like plastic or paper bags, cardboard, styrofoam) in the bins -- our grounds crew have to sort them out, or they will not be collected. So PAY ATTENTION here, have a little consideration, follow directions; PLEASE put bottles and can sin designated containers, and NOT ON THE GROUND, and everyone's job will be easier! There is a dumpster behind the refectory labled cardboard.

BARGAIN HUNTERS: Save money! Have a fun time looking around the Adams Rescue Mission Store. Take Route 30 past Walmart. About 3 miles out, on the right, you will find a large white building. Good used furniture, housewares, clothing, BOOKS, and more. Take at least \$2.00!

DOWNTOWN PARKING: Most streets have parking meters. Go equipped. A dime buys 15 minutes, a quarter gives you half an hour (go figure!). Almost all parallel parking. Take plenty of dimes!

STUDENT I.D. PERKS & PRIVS: Public Library card. Library located on Baltimore Street, about 2 blocks of the Circle to the right (RT. 97). Don't forget you can get into certain tourist attractions FREE, by virtue of being a citizen. Call ahead.

TOURIST STUFF: Baltimore and Steinwehr Aves. are where the ice cream, collectibles, teeshirts, flags, et al are happening! A fun afternoon or evening. Take at least \$20!

OTHER SHOPPING DEALS: Out Rt. 34 towards Biglerville, abundant fresh fruits and veggies in season. SEVERAL good orchard shops and stands. IT'S A DEAL out by Festival Foods (RT. 30 - other side from Walmart) has lots of household cleaning, personal care, paper products, as well as food items REALLY CHEAP. And don't forget our own DOLLAR GENERAL store, right down Springs Ave. For DECORATING bargains, there are the Value City, and Domestications Outlet in Hanover – and the Hanover Mall, as well as the Chambersburg Mall give a good evening's outing. Kuhn's Dolly & Bakery in the Dollar General strip has good bagels and sandwiches and sweet items.

FOR A GOOD LONG WALK, to get an idea of the magnitude of the third day of battle, go north on Confederate ave. to to the Virginia Monument (General Lee on horse back). Follow the footpath across the field to the Emmitsburg Road. Make a left, and walk back to the Circle along Steinwehr and Baltimore Streets.

FINALLY (for now): Check out Ross's Reads on Middle Street, 2 blocks up from the circle, and another new Coffee shop on Rt. 30, just past the circle. BUT ESPECIALLY, don't miss a chance to sojourn for High TEA at THISTLEFIELD'S on Chambersburg Street, right across from Christ Church. Goodness me, Miss Marple, and elementary, my dear Watson . . . this is the piece de resistance of continental dining in Gburg! Your tea maid's manners are impeccable, the lace doilies are snowy-white, the teapots are generous, and the thick cups keeps it 'ot, love! DO go!

Lutherans On-Line

By Dave Jernigan

Want to learn more about what is happening around your synod, in your region, nationally, or with other denominations? LutherLink is your answer. LutherLink is the Lutheran portion part of Ecunet, an ecumenical electronic network linking church people (lay and ordained) around the world. It offers electronic mail, a chance to join various general topic "meetings" (such as Table Talk or Ecunet Chat where just about any topic is fair game), and even gives you an Internet address. You may join meetings, or even start your own. There are special interest meetings such as Rural Ministry, or join the fray and offer your views on the ELCA Human Sexuality Statement! Thousands of meetings are available but most folk join only what they are interested in. Only 400 or so meetings are active in any given week.

Ecunet and LutherLink are not only great resources for things related to the church (you can download ELCA Documents and Studies). Relaxation aids and software (freeware and shareware) are available, as well as free magazines such as *LOGA Legislative Updates*, *Agricultural Notes*, *Pericope Partners* and more.

What does it take to join? Besides a the obvious computer and a modem, \$11 a month establishes a basic account. You can pay your own long distance carrier or pay an hourly fee to use an 800 number (\$12/hr 8am-6pm and \$7/hr the rest of the time. For a one time fee of \$50 (30 day free trial) you can try out the front end software for the IBM clones called Bizlink. This allows you to have unattended log-ins and downloads when the rates are low. This software also allows you to read, write and respond to messages off line. The ELCA supports the DOS version of CONVENE. There are self-help meetings for WINDOWS and MAC versions. You can also log in and do manual sessions but these tend to be more costly.

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WHAT'S COMING UP IN TABLE TALK? . . . That's really up to YOU!

As we have tried to make abundantly clear, this is YOUR publication. From YOU, the student body, will come the new EDITOR for 96-97, the articles, the poetry, the theological challenges, the addresses to the community, the raising of questions for our consideration, the sharing of what's exciting in your studies, or your journeys. In short, dear brothers and sisters, you have the power of the press right there in your minds, hearts and hands -- and, we suppose, in your desk top, lap top, or plain ole WP or TW (type writer - remember those?). Please consider what contribution you will make to this potentially lively forum. And then begin. There is a Table Talk mailbox next to the Business Office. Let's see if we can stuff it for the new editor -- whomever he or she may be! The peace of Christ to you, and blessings on your studies!

Here's a place for notes you might want to jot down about the (probably very few) things we may have neglected to mention!

*Also . . . you might want to use this space to begin a poem or an article for **TABLE TALK!***

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