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student body MEETS

The second student body meeting for the academic year was called to order on Wednesday, January 27 by president William Roseavear at 11:30 a.m. After the reading and accepting of the minutes from the previous meeting; the treasurer, Jin Hulihan, gave a report of the budget. He said that financially the student body was in good shape.

Roger Spencer, the social chairman, made a report on the annual Spring Banquet scheduled for April 30 at 6:00 p.m. The Golden Chariot restaurant will be the location. A motion to have the price of the tickets scaled in proportion to the cost of the meal was rejected. Also a motion to have the faculty pay for their own meals was defeated. Mention was made of the three piece female band playing after the meal.

Bruce Davidson discussed the student lounge. A motion was passed to give fifty dollars from the student treasury to help decorate the lounge. Financial aid from the seminary's administration would also be appreciated.

The matter of the toll-free telephone in F hall was also raised. After four motions and some debate, the students decided to leave this telephone disconnected.

A motion to invite Dr. Perry, Chairman of the Board of Directors, to the seminary to participate in dialogue with interested students was accepted by the students in attendance.

Bill Roseavear informed the students of the upcoming meeting of the American Union of Lutheran Seminarians to be held here in the spring.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Dennis Kohl

SLIDE SHOW

Dr. and Mrs. Krodel will make a presentation with slides of their experiences in Greece on March 7th at 7:30 in Ascension Church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Coffee and desserts will be served following the program.

WIVES CLUB BOWLING NIGHT

The Seminary Wives' Club will meet for bowling at the Green Tree Bowling Lanes at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 9. All interested wives are urged to attend.

Dues of \$1.50 may be paid at that time. They may also be paid during the week to Fred Nelson or Alan Heuss.

ALLEY-OOPS

With no heat in the alleys and a few frozen pins, the bowling league could not raise the temperature one degree! The standings are now close due to a combination of losses (Hosea 1-3) and wins (Jeremiah 3-1 and Amos 3-1). Micah drew a bye. At this moment Amos appears to be the hottest team in the league! Look out!!

STANDINGS:

Jeremiah	31-17	.647
Hosea	27-21	.562
Amos	23-21	.522
Isaiah	22-26	.456
Micah	19-25	.431

League night also reminded a few of the recent Super Bowl. Jim Dugan rolled the highest game 189 and also the lowest game of the night 84 tying Rosey.

TEN PIN TERRORS: 450 Club: J. Rickards 470; F. Nelson 466. 400 Club: J. White 447 F. Soltow 409; B. Hoenick 170-406; R. Hedberg 405.

Jeff Rickards
League President

POEM

MEDITATION

The clown sings Christ
Wondering
Who He was, What He was

Oh yes, a man, laughter and tears
Sorrow and joy, hunger, desire
(Was He not tempted?)

But that which truly racks the clown
Troubles and rends him in the sleepless
night
Is wondering
How fully did He know that He was God?
Was it a half known apprehension,
Inchoate, veiled in doubt?

When he was dragged bleeding to that tree
How surely did He know that He would rise?

Bill Berglund

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Gerhard Krodel & Billy Lazareth.

There is no such thing as adjectival Christian. Christian is a noun.

—William Lazareth

tolle et lege!

Yesterday in class, in a momentary, but natural, digression, Dr. Krodel touched on a subject that we usually seal up in the vault labeled "unimportant" and that should stir our cauldrons of concern more than it has: the necessity of developing devotional habits. Reflecting on the kinds of devotional activities we engage in, on both the personal and communal levels, one cannot, as Dr. Krodel could not, help but question the value of our "devotional system," which consists almost exclusively of chapel services.

There are two attitudes which are too easy to take, both of which irk me, although the second not as potently as the first, which is: "Chapel is a joke. Don't even talk to me about it--especially if you're a junior harping on the subject." This first attitude usually can be heard manifested in one of countless "funnies" about the juniors not recognizing the liturgist, or the seniors massing in one corner of the pew, etc. All such comments bear witness to not giving a damn (which, if one weren't familiar with the term, one might confuse with Christian witness.)

The second of these attitudes may be considered more positive, but I suspect that it is what Dr. Krodel was expressing as a concern for the effectiveness and appropriateness of chapel services. Ineffective and less-than-most appropriate chapel services are not pitfalls in and of themselves, but combined with the attitude that one thereby makes his daily response in hearing the Word of God and praying, and that he is growing adequately in his spiritual devotion, this fact can easily become a danger. It can easily supplant truly enriching responses that must be a reality for those who would serve the God with whom they desire to have a viable relationship... possibly after they've gotten out of here, in a more conducive environment, when they're not worked so hard, perhaps after a couple of years' experience in the active ministry, or sometime in the not-too-distant future.

I have to agree with everything I thought Dr. Krodel was "hitting at"--the need for private and shared devotions, and particularly, in the need for such actions to be spontaneously naturally prompted responses, free of de-centralizing contrivances. But I would also include such facets of our responses as saying grace--Is it drudgery? Is it something we don't want to do? A joke whose punch line doesn't make the effort of telling it worthwhile? Such acts betray a lack of devotion and a failure to hear, merely to be open to receive and take seriously what is offered to us and expected from us.

I cannot answer Dr. Krodel's questions concerning what good chapel is or does, nor how well structured it is or isn't. I can't answer for other people; I can only know what I think it does for me. To this end, I am willing to attempt (cont. p. 5)

There is nothing more
more
than Christian humility,

you know that don't

you? - Martin Luther, *et al.*; trans.,
ed., Gerhard Krodel. Hereafter, R.O.K.

(footnote: See quotation appearing elsewhere in today's paper.) -B.H.