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JOINT MEETING... PHILADELPHIA - GETTYSBURG

Reporting facts rather than discussing areas of concern was the main accomplishment of the initial meeting of the Gettysburg-Philadelphia combined academic integration committees, held at Denver, Pennsylvania last Monday night. Reviewing the accomplishments of last year's meetings, Dr. Lazareth mentioned the elimination of the Greek requirement for admission to seminary, the resulting cancellation of the Greek summer session by both seminaries, the formulation of an inter-disciplinary study committee on the authority of the scriptures and what that means with regards to the teaching of biblical languages, and authorization for the deans of the two seminaries to plan proposals for faculty and student interchanges during the January inter-session.

Dean Stuempfle of Gettysburg then brought the Philadelphia contingent, consisting of Dr. Lazareth, Dr. Krodel, Dr. White, Dr. Scherer, and Dr. Newpher (ex officio) from the faculty, and students William Munz, Larry Smoose, Eric Royer, Mike Boggs and Bruce Davidson (ex officio), up to date on the recent developments at Gettysburg. Of interest were three items: 1. The expansion of their Washington House of studies, with the addition also of one or two students from the other Lutheran bodies; 2. The "block" scheduling of courses (one day, 2 hours 40 minutes) in order to facilitate other seminaries attendance in these courses; and 3. The introduction of a pass-fail system. (There are already indications, according to Dr. Stuempfle, that this will cause problems for students who wish to attend graduate school. This will be studied more closely in the near future.)

Dr. Krodel then explained our new curriculum, our new integrated internship program, and spoke of our relationship with the other seminaries in the Philadelphia area. In response to a question he stated that professors at Philadelphia teach an average of 7 - 9 class hours each semester, with sectioning counting as an half load.

The remainder of the meeting was spent reviewing existing areas of cooperation and looking at projected areas of cooperation. In the former category there are five areas. With many of the programs just beginning, there was not too much to report, but here are some of the more interesting items.

In the area of field education, it was suggested that there be a standardized procedure for training intern supervisors. The discussion of the January inter-session centered around the possibility of our students being able to choose from the programs available at Gettysburg and vice-versa. One problem that will have to be worked out with regard to this is the fact that the inter-session is required for Gettysburg students and they receive credit for it. It was thought that this could be resolved. The senior interviews by synod presidents will be at Gettysburg this year, probably on January 5, (this will probably be confirmed soon). Because of travel problems, Philadelphia students will be given the first selection on interview times.

Projected areas of cooperation include joint faculty meetings, a program advisory council, (a type of "think-tank" to share ideas) and faculty and/or student exchanges.

FREE PHONE

The free telephone voted for at the last Student Body meeting is in the process of being installed in the special telephone room (under the stairs) on the ground floor of F Hall, Main Dormitory. Although the installation was to have been completed on October 6, the first attempt to do so was not efficacious, resulting in my being unable to give an exact date for the inauguration of the free phone service.

This year an elaborate set of rules has been developed to insure not only maximum convenience for the students but also protection for the Student Body treasury. Every student has received a detailed explanation of this casuistic legal system in his mail box, and he is expected to be familiar with all regulations before making calls on the free phone.

In general, this is a new plan. The door to the telephone will be locked, but a key will be hung on the nail inside, and to the left of, the closest door to the student lounge next to the telephone room. To operate the lock, the key must be inserted (push it all the way in, otherwise it won't work,) and then the handle turned. (The key does not turn.) When a student completes his call, the door should be locked and the key returned to its nail.

Local calls and long distance calls may be made from the free phone, but the long distance calls, paradoxically, are not free. Long distance calls are those made to points outside the Philadelphia metropolitan area, and a person making such a call should write his name, the number called, and the date on a special sheet hanging in the telephone room. When the monthly telephone bills arrive, the students' bills will be posted in Hagan Hall. Students then have 5 class days to find the Telephone Director and pay their bills.

May collect calls be received? Yes, but the recipient must write his name, the word "collect," and the date on the sheet for long distance calls. Collect calls may be made from the phone without any record being kept.

It is hoped that students will abide by these rules and the others given in the complete regulations sheets. Yield not to temptation! If the rules

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The clown stands
Head amidst the stars
Air so thin he breathes
Only by grace
But still his toes are curled
In earth's tired mud
Old mud, sin mud, finite mud
If only
He could leave the mud
No longer Antaeus and be borne
Upon the air of heaven

Bill Berglund

MORE CLASSICS

Fifteen thank yous go to the fifteen persons (some husband and wife teams!) who came to the film festival last week. The turnout was good and there was even an opportunity for some buff conversation and trivia.

This Thursday, October 7, there will be another double bill: 1925's, "The Lost World Revisited," and, "The Fun Factory." The former is based upon The Lost World, written by Great Britain's Sir Arthur C. Doyle, who also penned the Sherlock Holmes tales. The special effects for this film were done by the same creator of special effects for R.K.O.'s "King Kong," in 1933. "The Fun Factory" is a collection of Mack Sennett shorts from his comedy reels. Mr. Sennett is an established name and was a pioneer in motion picture comedy.

Peter and I hope to see you this Thursday, the 7th, at 8:00 PM in Hagan Hall's room 3.

Bob Boyer

On Friday afternoon, the Mt. Airy Saints take on the Romans of St. Charles Seminary. Game time is 2:30 PM. The game will be played at St. Charles. Go down Wissahickon Drive to City Line Avenue and turn right. It is about 2 or 3 miles down the road on the right. This is the first time the Saints have played St. Charles and it should prove to be a gala event in the history of human competition, not to mention ecumenics.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP....

Having become suddenly aware and therefore excited about the "gang problem" last week, I was inadvertently confusing the issues with which the Ascension Church Christian Education Committee intends to deal tonight. The activity of several groups of young people in the Mt. Airy community is indeed a concern of Ascension Church and its pastor, George Freeman. However, the focus for the Christian Education Committee meeting planned and announced for tonight will concentrate on the possibility of a weekly workshop with junior high youngsters. The format of this workshop idea has not been formulated but the committee intends to discuss the specific forms this evening. Pastor Freeman offered an example of a workshop that would involve music, crafts, and drama that could eventually be expressed in the life of the congregation in worship. His example is just one possibility which will be under discussion tonight.

A workshop of this kind would follow up a successful summer program of the congregation and open up new contacts with young people in the community.

Members of the Student Body's Social Ministry Committee and other interested students are busy listening to the conversations going on in the community. An active role in community activities regarding the "gang problem" cannot be defined until the community defines its needs. Hopefully, we will be able to plug into the problem at that point, but until then we will be doing a lot of listening. Many of you live more directly in the community than some of us single students in the dorm, so that your news and assessment of the situation is encouraged and welcomed.

I hope that it is now clear that the agenda for the Christian Education Committee meeting of Ascension Church tonight does not directly include the "gang situation".

PICNIC RE-SET

The Wives' Club all-Seminary picnic, canceled last Saturday due to bad weather, has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 16. It will be held on campus beginning at 12:00 noon. The married students are again asked to each bring one meat dish and one salad or vegetable dish. Dessert and drink will be provided. Plan to be at the picnic on the 16th!

THE GOOD NEWS!

The Social Activities Committee is sponsoring a Golden Oldies Party on Friday, October 8 at 7:30 p.m. Records--Volleyball--Dancing--Beer and a special feature---
A Campfire with hot dogs and marshmallows will be provided for a 10:00 p.m. cook-out.

CALLING ALL THESPIANS

Anyone interested in drama of any form (plays, movies, etc.) is invited to the first meeting of the seminary drama committee on Tuesday, October 12 in the student lounge. Any and all ideas are welcome. Hope to see you then.

Dwight Shellaway.

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DIE STRASSENBAHN SPALTE

As was promised last week, a special report on route 15 will serve as our vital topic for this number of the streetcar column. For those of you who don't keep up with the latest developments on the city's tramways this should prove to be a real shocker. It seems that SEPTA has gone one step too far in their attempts to ruin a good thing, namely in their so-called maintenance of the rail lines. They have done nothing less than to violate one of the most elementary and important principles under which the city's streetcars are supposed to operate. In case you haven't guessed by now what principle I'm alluding to, I'll leave you in suspense no longer. Everybody knows the old gentleman's agreement whereby the sacred rails of the trolley system are not tampered with: they are left intact as laid under divine inspiration over seventy years ago. Thus even obvious imperfections in the tract (of which there are many fine examples right in front of our own alma mater along route 23) are left there, to the obvious delight of the patrons who in this manner are treated ~~day~~ after ~~day~~ to not only a slow ride, but also a bumpy one. This practise of not repairing errors in the trackwork shows the extreme reverence felt for it, even though it doesn't exactly do the wheels of the cars any good, to say nothing of the ears of the people who live along these lines. (There's nothing more inconducive to sleep than hearing old trolleys picking their way through the rough spots in the track at night at convenient half hour intervals.) Such a practice has made Philadelphia, route 23 in particular, famous as the only city where you can peel off strips of trolley rails with your bare hands.

But now this cardinal principle is being grossly violated, and of all places along route 15, the zoo line. It seems that the bridge which carries Girard Avenue and route 15 over the Schuylkill River was completely rebuilt, to the extent that the trolley tracks had to be ripped out (see the Strassenbahn Spalte, Nov 12, 1969). Now there is really no objection to this action, as the bridge itself is not part of the divinely inspired streetcar system.

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But instead of relaying the old track now that renovations of the bridge are almost completed, the crazy fools are actually LAYING NEW TRACK!!!! As if they think they can improve on what the fathers under divine inspiration built over seventy years ago. Thus the specter of modernism has reared its ugly head in Philadelphia. It is obvious what this might lead to: elimination of the six inch gaps in the rails along several lines, re-routing of other ones, or even relocation underground, which would be the unkindest cut of all. All of these activities are signs of the final beast. Soon SEPTA will start throwing out whole lines which don't fit into their liberal concepts of what a transportation system must be. Therefore, don't be surprised if you ride a trolley someday and go over a section of smooth track. It only means that the corruptors have been at work!

Next Week: More of the same garbage you've been reading the past three weeks.

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In regards to the student/faculty exchange, the Gettysburg contingent especially requested that we consider tying into their Washington House of Studies. The final item discussed was degree nomenclature. It was pointed out that some seminaries are giving their graduates a Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) degree. It was agreed by Gettysburg and Philadelphia that the entire issue of degree nomenclature should be studied and that whatever steps are taken should be taken together.

Larry Smoose

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are broken, every effort will be made to discover the abusers. This is not a system of cheap grace; fines exist, and they will be levied whenever possible.

If anyone has questions about these rules or the fines, please ask me. If all of us help the Student Body in a great synergistic effort, this system should work.

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KEGLER'S KORNER

The Seminary Bowling League kicked off its 1971-1972 season on Sept. 29. Dr. White rolled a 530 series and set a 176 average for himself. Darryl Whalen and Jim Daley stayed close to White with 486 and 462 series.

500 Club - J. White - 530
400 Club - D. Whalen - 486
J. Daley - 462

We need more bowlers--where were you?

Rod Saylor is the new Sheriff!!!