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WHAT WE WILL PROBABLY WORK FOR IS TO GIVE WOMEN MORE EQUALITY WHILE LETTING MEN SAY THAT THEY ARE SUPERIOR AND LETTING THEM KEEP THEIR CHAUVINISTIC TENDENCIES. -J.A.O. Preus, October 1971 to a district teachers' convention

A review of "Missouri's Daughters in the RE-formation," from IN GOD'S IMAGE: Toward Wholeness for Women and Men, DMNA/LCA, 1976.

Dr. Janet Karsten Larson, one of Missouri's "own" has been, and still is, using her expertise in articulating the concerns of the by far and large, silent majority of Missouri Synod. Dr. Larson gives a good brief sweep of women's participation and struggles for new roles of service in their misbeguided synod, for the last 25 years. While other church bodies are implementing women into leadership roles and traditional forms of ministry, Missouri is holding on to its traditional neo-Reformation attitudes of "women are to be taken care of, married off, and doomed to listen to men's table talks on theology forever. Who said hell wasn't on earth? Dr. Larson indeed quotes some rather choice male-Missouri theologians' whom she implies is not atypical.

Be it far from me, another of Missouri's "own," to give the impression that all women in Missouri Synod WANT to vote, or read Scripture aloud to mixed groups (usually they stick to reading it in their own groups), or listen to pastors other than men; but they have not necessarily been exposed to another theological viewpoint on I Timothy 2:11-15 either. Therefore, I question if they have a real choice in the matter. This probably, also can be said for some of Missouri's pastors, who seem to be oblivious of rapidly changing exegetical tools as well as theologies. To be correct, I must say that I was acquainted with a minority of pastors and laity who saw no problem with women's leadership, totally, in liturgy, and maybe a few more bold ones who would advocate ordination of the female/person to the office. (But most of these, on the other hand, saw no point in fighting the LC-MS system, especially since the ELIM movement was taking up a lot of their time already.)



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I was recently left fuming over the opinions expressed by a Mr. "Pipe N. John" in your last "ish" of 1 April 1976! Mr. John has totally distorted the facts which are evident to everyone: that cigarette smokers are by far the more refined, scholarly, cultured and sensitive members of the smoking class.

In the first place, the pipe is essentially a remnant of savage and ignorant civilisations. What species with any sort of intellect would walk about smoking tobacco placed in the root of a tree, much less pay \$75.00 for that root? But a cigarette is graciously slim, lean, well-mannered to the dextrous expressions of its user; rich Virginia tobacco equally strewn within the soft fibers which gleam white and say, "I am direct. I am moderate, consistent and subtle in my thoughts"! Yes, the cigarette says all this, as the pipe smoker plunges an ugly wad of dangling weed into his monstrous woodroot carving which sticks from his face like a monstrous cannon.

In the second place, the pipe is an instrument which demands so many tools for its upkeep, that one's pockets simply bulge like the pockets of a Center City "Super.", re: tamper, knife, matches, tobacco, tobacco pouch, humidifier, and pipe cleaner! This is clearly ridiculous and the bearer of such nicotitious ill tidings is forced to carry a briefcase to contain all these tools. Oh yes.... and a wash cloth to clean his fingers, should he choose to press the unsightly tobacco into his pipe manually.

But a cigarette requires but one thing, a match and the purity of itself. O most glorious little cigar-ette, what could be more refined and subtle than you?!

Thirdly,----the matter of ash-trays. Now a pipe leaves its tracks like an owl's remnants in a muck-filled forest. Look to the pipe smoker's ash-tray and what do you find: a condensed, burned out little ball that could only resemble the fecal relief of a moderate sized Chihuahua.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Due to the Easter Recess, there will be no issue next week. There are only two remaining issues, April 22 and April 29.

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 SPRING CONCERT

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1976

8:00 P.M.
 SEMINARY CHAPEL
 7301 Germantown Avenue

ALL CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

ON CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION

As the student representative to the Administrative Committee's Advisory Committee on Campus Beautification I would like to thank those students who assisted in the plantings in the courtyard of Main Dorm for a job well done.

People have been asking the status of the Committee's proposed plan for the landscaping of the quad area. I understand that money has come to the school from individual donors and churches interested in our project. At this point it is safe to say that there is some interest in the project among Administrative Committee members, but there is no consensus yet. The possibility exists, moreover, that a consensus may not be forthcoming during the current planting season.

In the interest of increased information I will put the architect's drawing of the current proposal (with a few helpful notes) in the lower Rotunda of the Library as soon as possible.

As for future projects involving "student work power" the Advisory Committee hopes to have another planting mobilization on the Dorm Courtyard Slopes in time for exam study breaks. (An equal opportunity voluntary association.) More on that date later.

Don't hesitate to ask questions. This report is hurriedly brief and reflects my opinions not necessarily those of any committee.

Paul Beck

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Review of "Missouri's Daughters in the Re-formation" cont'd from p.1

And this is why Missouri will be bogged down for quite awhile. That is, those of us women ready to serve the Church at large in mission work as pastors have chosen other churches in which to do this. I am sure (having heard it from Dr. Preus's mouth) this is fine with Missouri, but we certainly have left many fellow Christian Lutherans without recourse to other theological viewpoints. The squeeze is on, and regardless of the "order of creation" argument, many folks will find ways to work around it; after all, deaconesses and teachers, women church-workers, number in the thousands, and have been teaching and preaching right along. No church hierarchy can succeed in frustrating God's will for the world to be evangelized.

While I am happy to hear SEMINEX is offering a female candidate for a pastoral call this year, and that the efforts of the Lutheran Women's Caucus have not been in vain over the past six years, I still see a German cultural block in Missouri which will always resist, not only female/person ordination, but also female leadership in BOTH of God's kingdoms. I doubt that Dr. Larson will see women ordained in her Church (even if "they are to lift up the chalice") but I applaud her attempts to stick with it.

Sr. Joan Wolf

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But a remnant cigarette leaves its sign in the cultivation of trinity: a) one match, b) a small collection of finely ground cinders: gray as the fog which melts upon English shores and pastoral countryside, c) an oak-brown filter magnanimously erect, standing tall and sure from this essence, proclaiming, "Veni, vidi, vici. I am a man!"

Lastly, notice the difference and relational understanding expressed between pipe versus cigarette smoking. The cigarette is lit quickly, emphatically: it is the pause of the poem, the preface to nuance. Then look at the pipe smoker: after a 15 minute preparation, he lights and sucks 'til the room is filled with the odorous substance of his pleasure; meantime the smoker is indistinguishable from his own Pittsburgh lyricism and he takes on the personage of "tabla rosa".

You ask the pastoral counseling merits of the cigarette? It offers pause in reflection; its quick lighting infers the formation of brilliancy; unlit and pointed, it asserts the law, and slowly inhaled and gently released, it whispers the grace of gospel.

Meanwhile, Mr. John vaguely asserts from his "juicy-fruit" pollutions that great men have shared their lives with pipes: Muhlenburg, Tillich, von Dehsen and others! Yes, perhaps behind every great man there stands a pipe, but I tell you, behind that pipe is the ambrosia dream of the cigarette. Muhlenburg was waiting for the cigarette; Tillich fantasized and von Dehsen smokes his cigarettes on the sly.

Brothers and sisters, it is known in these times that the cigarette is the signet of the king! The brand is the sign of the man. "Benson & Hedges" is the sign of great New Testament scholars. "Marlboro" is the signet of Church historians. The cigarette is the signet and crash by the practiced Homiletician. The cigarette is the signet of nurturing concern by professors of education: though he may choose the pipe but only as second choice. Beneath whisps of smoke, Bonhoeffer struggled with his insights. From pipes came the obtuse vanities of Faust!

One can clearly see that cigarette smoking is far superior to that of the pipe. The first is the sign of honesty, brilliancy, cultivation and clarity while the latter is the sign of the Edsel chugging home!

Still, we are all brothers. Both cigarette and pipe smoker wheeze together, and cough together. They burden their relations with their relations with their own dank tastes. If you choose to smoke, smoke bravely. Here I stand! I can smoke no other.

William J. Damrow

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TO THE SEMINARY COMMUNITY

Sometimes it is very hard for many people to express to others exactly how they are feeling within their heart. I find it at this time in my life, to be one of those people. I have so much I would like to say, and at the same time not enough to say how I feel. So let me just say, THANK YOU very much, to all of you who remembered me in your thoughts and in your prayers during my operation and even now while I am still recovering from surgery. May God Bless each and every one of you!

Love, Corrie

STUDENT BODY RECOMMENDATION

It is the desire of the Student Body that a call be extended to Dr. Robert Bertram to fill the vacant Systematic Theology position of the LTSP faculty. Dr. Bertram has excellent qualifications and would be a valuable addition to the faculty of the institution. The Student Body pledges its support to Dr. Bertram in the event that he is called to this position.

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BOOKSTORE NEWS

Keep the cash and checks coming in. We want to thank you for the response to our last request but the need still exists so your cooperation is still necessary.

If you plan to make any special orders or wish a slip for purchases at the Fortress Church Supply Store it must be done by April 14. After that date no more orders will be sent.

Now available in the bookstore is a must for your bookshelf: Walther von Loewenich's, Luther's Theology of the Cross.

Dave Searing

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BASKETBALL NEWS

The season came to a close last Thursday in a game of all-stars as voted by the players. Each player in the game exhibited those qualities which got him elected. The score was not as important as the fact that it capped off a good season.

For those who haven't heard the Househusbands won the campus championship. CONGRATULATIONS! I would like to thank all those who took time out to play, ref, keep score, or just watch. The trophy is on order and should be here in a few weeks.

Newell Embley

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FOR SALE

Two small early American Chairs (Rocker and Stright chair), Excellent condition, Black wood with red cushions, \$10 each.

Also: A modern, blond wood table with four chairs (blue seats). Great for dining or as a desk or work table. \$10.

Please contact Greg or Cathy Johnson if interested, Apt. 9A or phone CH-7-8972.

ASCENSION NURSERY SCHOOL AT MT. AIRY DAY

The Nursery School Committee of Ascension Lutheran Church is sponsoring a booth at Mt. Airy Day, Saturday, May 1. Items for sale will be white elephants and clean clothing in good repair. All the money realized will go to the Nursery School for scholarships and equipment.

If in your "spring cleaning" you find things you want to get rid of we would be happy to take them off your hands. Two boxes (one for white elephants, one for clothing-PLEASE TAG CLOTHES WITH SIZE) will be located in the lounge in the lower Sunday School from Monday, April 19 through Friday, April 30. If you have any questions please call Janyce Olson (CH7-6558). Thanks for your support.

Janyce Olson

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IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED

Apparently, there was confusion at this morning's Student Body meeting regarding my motion to fund the landscaping of the Quad. The proposed \$400 would come out of the savings account. Committee chairpersons need not fear that their unspent budgets will be ripped off from under their noses. Now, how does that sound? If you have any more questions, I'll be glad to deal with them.

Mark English

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CHAPEL

Next Tuesday, April 13 Henry Pawluk will be preaching at a service of Holy Communion, 9:40 in the chapel.

STUDENT BODY ELECTIONS - MON - TUES. 5 P.M. - MAIN DORM