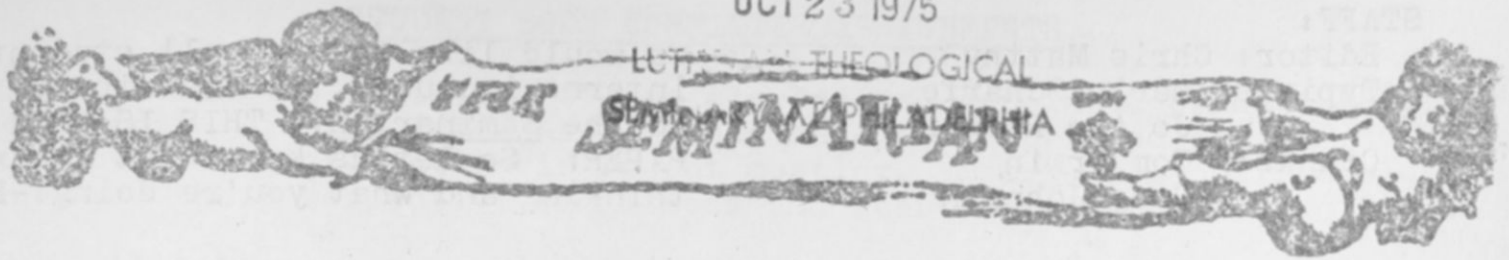


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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The Hebrews were aware of the power of knowing and uttering a name, that is why they were so careful to avoid the use of the tetragramaton (YHWH) in their writings when possible. To know a person by name is to know his very essence, to experience her very being. I therefore salute the members of the group who now call themselves Women and Men in Dialogue, having changed their name from The Dialogue on Women's Role in the Ministry, a title which bespeaks of exclusiveness and not honest and trusting interaction.

As a returning senior I am pleased to see so many female faces on campus. To me this is a witness that all people of God are now beginning to take their gifts seriously and are serving their Lord as best they can. Accordingly ministry is done by people, not males or females. A person's sex informs his ministry to be sure, but does not constitute its essence. For the Christian the essence of her person and ministry can only be the gift of faith which constitutes their relationship to the Triune God.

Perhaps a still better title would be Christians in Dialogue Concerning Their Ministry and could be a vehicle for a discussion of an entire spectrum of concerns found in their forms of service. Nevertheless, this group seems to be maturing in its concerns and will have my support and participation. I hope you will come too!

Christian von Dehsen

SPEAKING OF WHICH!!! Women and Men in Dialogue are meeting Wednesday, October 8 at 9:40 in the Library to discuss roles in group situations. We hope to see you there.

Phil Gustafson and Cathy Carlson

A POST - CPE EVENT

All students who had CPE last summer are invited to the Aden's house on Tuesday, October 14, at 8:00 pm.

COME PREPARED FOR TALK AND DESSERT!!!

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We would like to urge all students, interns included, to contribute to the Seminarian. THIS IS YOUR PAPER! So let us know what you're thinking and what you're doing.-Ed.

DEFINING AMERICA

Robert Benne and Philip Hefner - A Review

"The Christian faith understands sacrifice as a response to evil... The Christian engages in the sacrificial life because he believes that the sacrifice may be the occasion for a gracious, redemptive resolution of the wrathful conditions in which he exists... The sacrifice did not guarantee grace, it did not cause it or manipulate God. The active stance of man in bringing the offering provided that man would be an active participant in God's action. The grace bestowed by God was a participatory grace, not one in which the participants were passive spectators." (1)

If this was just a poor attempt of a Christian theologian to explain the meaning of the Hebrew sacrifices, this might not be so threatening. When these thoughts are the basic theological stance in Defining America by Robert Benne and Philip Hefner, they are a problem. This text has been recommended by Robert Marshall, President of the LCA for use by parish pastors during the Bicentennial. (of course that does not necessarily mean that he read it.) Benne and Hefner are from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

The problem is that they take this notion of sacrifice and man's participatory stance in those sacrifices and develop a theology of civil sacrifice for the Christian. Man is becoming an active participant in God's gracious action in the world. "When Christian faith carries on its dialogue with the civil religion of America, it acknowledges an immediate bond with the American dream, since both concerned with sacrificial living, but it calls the civil religion to reform its dedication into a form that may be more productive of genuine peace, shalom with man and nature." (2)

It sounds very nice, but the confusion of Old Testament sacrificial motifs and Christian living should begin to bother us. Benne and Hefner only show their true Christology once, in a line that could be skimmed over very easily. "Jesus raised to a higher power what Jews before him and Christians after him embody in their sacrifices." (3)

Do I need to explain to us at seminary that this is wrong? Or can I rely on the reader's Christology to say that this, in the mouth of a confessing evangelical Lutheran, is heresy?

Notes: (1) pp.131-132
(2) p. 135
(3) p. 134

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STUDENT BODY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The following is a listing of the elected and appointed Student Body positions. All committee assignments have been approved by the Executive Committee at their recent meeting. I urge all chairpeople to commence their respective committees and start this structure rolling.

To facilitate open communication, the Executive Committee requests that a brief statement of important issues and activities being addressed by each committee be submitted to their Executive Committee of the Student Body by the last Friday of each month. Your cooperation on this matter will be appreciated.

The members of the Board of Directors will be on campus October 14 for their fall meeting. The Board members will be worshipping with us in Chapel on Tuesday morning and sharing lunch with us later in the day. Let's help the Board members feel welcome and at home during their visit next week.

Scott Schantzenbach

COMMITTEES 75-76

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SPOUSE'S CLUB MEETING

Dr. Foster McCurley will lead the Spouse's Club in his final discussion meeting concerning the Lutheran Stand on the Word of God on October 9. This Thursday evening the spouses will take up the subject of "Ordination and the Priesthood of all Believers."

We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful guy as our leader. It's been informative and thought provoking. This week's topic has a lot to do with where we're headed!!

Hope to see you there. That's this Thursday, 7:30pm in the Library Rotunda.

Mary Lou Searing

MEMO FROM MR. GARVER

PLEASE!!! Probably everyone has heard that there will be no shortage of heating fuel for this heating season. What you probably have not heard is that heating oil is still going up in price. The following suggestions if observed by all on campus, would certainly help our operating costs.

MAIN DORM STUDENTS

1. If it is too warm in your room, don't open your windows unless you first turn down the thermostat.
2. The radiation in all the rooms depends on air circulation. Sitting things directly in front of radiation cuts down the circulation and consequently cuts down the heat.
3. We have had some "no heat" calls and found the thermostats to be shut off; check this before calling.

FACTULTY AND MARRIED STUDENT HOUSING

1. Please see that storm windows are closed.
2. Keep fireplace dampers closed when fireplace is not in use.
3. Try to keep thermostats no higher than 68°.

YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Ken Garver

Well, the Football Poll is only two weeks old, and already Janyce Olson is showing everybody where it's at -- she now holds uncontested first place in our Weekly Football Prediction Poll. She did it with three long-shots that paid off (at least, they were long-shots according to the rest of our pros). Those same three games rocketed D.W. Jones into the second spot. Here are the standings after two weeks:

1. Olson	15-5	.750%
2. Jones	14-6	.700
3. Aden	12-8	.600
Coach		
Niewoehner		
Wartluft		
4. McCurley	11-9	.550
Slotterbach		
Zorb		
5. Von Dehsen	10-10	.500
6. Bodnyk	9-11	.450

A note to our pros -- Dick N. called to our attention the fact that we had one of his predictions wrong, a miscopy that would have lost him a game. We would hate to have you sweat and slave for hours over these predictions and then not give credit where credit is due -- so, if you see a mistake, let us know.

Dave Wartluft is out of town for a few days and was not able to give us predictions this week. To the rest, good luck as usual. By the way, how are YOU doing???

Chicago vs. Detroit	Orleans	Green Bay / New	Kansas City/Oakland	Denver/Pittsburgh	Francisco	Atlanta / San	Fenn / Dartmouth	Fenn St./West Vir.	Bucknell/Lafayette	Michigan/Mich. State	Texas/Oklahoma	5	
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D	GB	○	SF	P	D	D	WV	L	T	M	L		Coach
D	GB	○	SF	P	D	D	L	P	○	M	L		Dick Niewoehner
D	GB	○	SF	P	P	P	P	P	○	M	B		Mike Bodnyk
D	GB	○	SF	P	P	P	P	P	○	M	B		Mr. Wartluft
D	GB	KC	A	P	P	P	WV	P	MS	B	MS		Chris Von Dehsen
D	GB	○	SF	P	D	D	L	P	○	M	L		Dr. Aden
D	GB	○	A	F	D	D	L	F	MS	L	F		Dr. McCurley
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CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR

Well, the Mt. Airy Saints went marching in against Westminster last Thursday, but they were a little out of step. Unfortunately, little (if any) of the hard practice which the team put in was applicable to this game, and the Saints went down 48-6, Mike Cobbler catching the touchdown which prevented complete disgrace. But a rematch is scheduled, this time on Mt. Airy turf with our rules, so watch for the announcement and back the team!

SOCIAL EVENTS

The first mixer last Friday night will go down on the books and in the minds of those who were present as a great success. It didn't take long for the early crowd to relax, loosen up, and set the tempo for the entire night. Students, spouses, faculty, and friends all seemed to have a good time. It was terrific to see everyone dancing, talking, laughing and just plain having a good time together. This was the first time many of us got together and it is certainly an experience that we look forward to continuing and expanding on in the future.

Special thanks to those individuals from all three classes who worked together on publicity, refreshments, music, decorations, preparation, and clean up. We were all able to have fun together because we all worked together so well.

ON FUTURE EVENTS:

HAYRIDE - October 17 - sign up sheet is hanging on the Library bulletin board. The limit is 44 people at a cost of \$2.00 each which includes the ride and refreshments afterward.

HALLOWEEN MIXER - October 31 - Bring your costume and your pumkin, we will provide the spirit. Who is going to dress as the "deuteronomic redactor"? We will have a Fright Flick, Halloween Carols, Refreshments and lots of fun. A Charge of 50¢ with a costume and \$1.00 without will help cover the cost of the movie and refreshments. Put it on your calender, it is going to be a FRIGHTFULLY good time.

A new round-robin CHESS TOURNAMENT is being organized. Anyone interested please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in Main Dorm. Anyone is welcome.

Next week we will have word for you on the events coming up in November.

The Social Activities Committee