

Table Talk

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CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

On Thursday, March 16, 1967, the Student Association will meet in the Aberly Room at 9:30 A.M. The main topic for consideration will be the recommendations of the Constitution Revision committees which have been working for the past two years. Because these changes involve correcting the constitution and by-laws, notice is here-in being given that the meeting will be held after the probationary two-week period. The changes proposed include the following:

- (1) Beginning with the 1967-68 school year,
 - (a) the president of the Student Association will be a middler who has been elected in the spring of his junior year.
 - (b) the vice-president of the Student Association will be a senior who has been elected in the fall of his senior year.
 - (c) the secretary of the Student Association will be a junior who has been elected in the fall of his junior year.
 - (d) the treasurer of the Student Association will be a middler who has been elected in the spring of his junior year.
 - (2) Article IV, section 1 of the constitution will be changed to read, "The officers of the Student Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer."
 - (3) Article IV, section 2 of the constitution shall have its first sentence amended as follows: "The President and the Treasurer shall be elected at least one month prior to the end of the III quarter, and shall assume office the Friday two weeks prior to the end of the III quarter. The Vice-President and the Secretary will
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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

We get a rather close look at the humblest worker in the field, the basket carrier. Notice his implement. Tires worn thin by carrying the load of trucks on the paved roads have been rescued from the ignominy of Gehenna (the Jerusalem city dump of old), and under the hands of a craftsman have taken on a new form and a new life. They still carry loads, but now humans carry them around, and in places where trucks could never have penetrated.

A careful look at the top picture will show the favored method of carrying a basket, and also enable an estimate of the quantity of the payload. The two men in the lower picture with the basket on a shoulder are exceptional.

There was a style to performing this work that you would catch only if these were moving pictures. Since the pay was by day, not the load, and the sun was hot, and there was no reason to get your basket emptied, since that only led to having it refilled, the laborers executed a sort of dignified shuffle, taking short, careful steps, approaching the maneuver of flipping the basket over with deliberate care, and pausing to see that the loose earth, once released, had indeed fallen onto the pile.

The writer once took the advice of the director to cultivate good relationships with the Arabs by doing a little work along with them. It was impossible he found, to imitate that shuffle. Try as he would, he wound up back at the hoe-man with an empty basket far ahead of the relaxed Arabs. The result was that one hoe-man, his friendliness soured, heaped up the impertinent American's basket with the gospel measure; pressed down, shaken together and running over. This went on for nearly an hour, until an interruption enabled a detente.

Over in the Israeli sector of Jerusalem
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TRUDY TIEKKEN COLUMN

STAFF

Dear Miss Tiekken,

I am presently a middler at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. During the last year and a half I have been troubled over a number of contradictions in the doctrines of the Lutheran Church. For example, the doctrine of the Incarnation speaks of God as fully man and fully God. This is clearly a contradiction. Similarly Jesus says that men will revile and persecute us and utter all kinds of evil against us, falsely on his account. At the same time the Church proclaims the "good news" I don't see any good news in being persecuted. Can you advise?

Sincerely,
Troubled

Dear Troubled,

I would advise that you try to forget your intellectual problems. They will only lead you to confusion. Just remember Martin Luther's statement: "Faith...greater than learning." You can read it on his statue on your campus.

Truly,
Miss Tiekken

FROM THE EDITOR TO TRUDY

Dear Trudy,

The spelling of your last name confuses me and I wonder whether you have not misspelled your own name! Could it be that you actually wish to have your name pronounced Teikken (as in Heikkinen) but have instead followed the rule in English grammar: i before e etc.? If this is so, then your name should actually be Miss Teikken!

Editor

P.S. I expect a reply in the next issue.

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Due to finals next week, Table Talk will not appear until the first week of the third quarter. I hope some of you will find time to write an article between quarters. Please send any articles to the editor care of the seminary. --Ed.

CONSTITUTIONAL.. (Cont'd from page 1)

be elected within the first month of the I quarter and shall assume office immediately.

(4) Article IV of the Student Association By-Laws shall be changed to read: "Each class shall elect a president and a secretary-treasurer within the first month of the I quarter. The duties of the two officers will include being the class' representatives to the Student-Faculty Relations Committee."

Should there be any questions about the reasoning or wording of the above proposed amendments, I would be glad to hear them.

John R. Nagle

PICTURE.. (Cont'd from page 1)

souvenir shops had little bottles for sale. "Take home a part of Mt. Zion" the advertisements read. Somehow, to anyone who had hauled the Holy Land around in rubber baskets, this offer failed to grip.

Dr. Howard N. Bream

!! MISSING !!

The contemporary candle holders used for table communion at the chapel have been missing for over a week. It would be appreciated if the borrower would remember to return them to the sacristy as soon as possible.

TO MY VALENTINE

I can not say I love you more or less than I love myself
but there the real passion lies.

I love myself a lot:

every day is another chapter in the grand affair I carry on
with my mind
and spirit
and body.

I can not say that my lover is especially comely,
for I have no pretensions to love a hero or a saint...
I will do just nicely as I am.

And yet this love affair is not without its more unpleasant moments...
A cruel mistress lurks within the shades
and blows a kiss in my direction now and then
and promises an ultimate embrace
within the very near...
What a nagging bitch she is!

And yet she introduces a bit of fidelity into my marriage with myself.
I play the game of love a bit more honest than before,
and because of her I have a tendency to admit more and more lonely
fellow lovers into my bedroom.
Perhaps my mistress will leave me a few moments of respectability in
the interim;
it doesn't really matter though.
Love and let love--that's the only answer to it all,
I love myself--there my greatest weakness lies, and my only strength.
Stay with me, lover, until this night of loneliness is dawned
into a brighter marriage.

--Barry Bence

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY !