

Table Talk

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REFORMATION TRADITION UPHELD

Table Talk offers its congratulations to the Junior class for its excellent upholding of the Gettysburg Seminary Martin Luther Reformation tradition. October 27, the day of celebration of the Festival of the Reformation, found "Uncle Marty" present in his finest ceremonial vestments. Decked out in alb, brilliant red chausable, miter, and crozier Martin presided over the day's activities while various members of the first year class sat at his feet and read from the Reformer's Table Talk volume. The purpose, other than self-flagellation, of sitting in the cold, reading Luther excerpts to nothing but thin, frosty air was not very clear. As Dr. Eric Gritsch enjoying the warmth of the Chapel said during the course of the day long Luther Colloquium, "It's probably more Luther than they have ever read." But congratulations and thanks to the first year class for their fine effort.

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TABLE TALK SCHEDULE

Readers are reminded that Table Talk is published the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Articles for publication must be submitted to the managing editor on or before the Thursday before publication.

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Accompanying this issue of Table Talk is the publication of the Student Association reports for the month of October

LUTHER COLLOQUIUM

October 27 found about 300 people filling the chapel pews to participate in the annual Luther Colloquium. The Colloquium was more than just a series of three lectures, it was one step in the continuing education program of the Institute of Luther Studies. And by all appearances it was very successful. Much interest in the Institute was sparked, and there was much interest expressed by visitors in enrolling in the STM program.

After opening remarks by Dr. Heiges, the first speaker was Dr. Eric Gritsch on the topic "Martin Luther and the Revolutionary Tradition of the West." The afternoon session began with Dr. Rosemary Reuther of Howard University on the subject "Reformer versus Radical." Perhaps Dr. Reuther had an off day or perhaps this writer had been led to expect too much, but Dr. Reuther was somewhat of a disappointment. She presented a view of Luther somewhat different than the one earlier presented by Dr. Gritsch, but her presentation was disappointingly bland. The afternoon session ended with "Violence as a Mode of Language" presented by Dr. Robert Jensen. Obviously not everyone agreed as one member of the gathering felt called upon to add a fourth speech to the day's activities in rebuttal to Dr. Jensen.

All speakers were well received and the discussion following each showed that there was much interest and much awareness on the part of those attending.

As is usual, the audience contained many visitors and few students, but for those interested, all three lectures will be published in the February 1971 issue of the Bulletin.

ANNUAL GRUDGE MATCH SET FOR NOVEMBER 13

With the annual all-star classic fast approaching, it looks as if the Arian controversy will be settled all over again. Mount Airy may be tough, but most assuredly Gettysburg is tougher. In fact, judging from the lineup, it seems that last year's victory was just a small taste of what is to come this year.

For the offense, quarterbacks Frank Barth and Bill Scholl ought to prove to be an asset to the team, and combined with the hands of Ken Diabie and Bill Gilroy at the wide receiver spot should combine for a number of TD's. The end positions will be held by Jack Keeler, Ken Schott, Dwane Michael, and Randy Neubauer, all of whom are capable of keeping the defense alert. The crowning touch of the offense, the men who will protect the quarterback, Dave Bohm, Russ Burr, at the blocking back spot, and Ray Foy, Jon Bomgren, and Carl Pote at the center spots, should allow Barth or Scholl enough time to even take a nap in the backfield.

The speed of the backfield and the power of the line should again prove to be more than Mt. Airy can handle. The agility of Foy and Neubauer as line backers, combined with the speed of Michael, Cobb, Hall, and Clark as backs and Devonshire and Frank at the safety slot should keep the gains of Philadelphia at a minimum. Providing the pressure on the quarterback will be Bomgren, Joe Donovan, and Rich Barley.

Also aiding the team will be Bob McEllroy and Dick Eckert, both of whom have been benched because of injuries this year, and Ed Neiderhiser. Refereing will be Rod Dondorf and Steve Dorsett.

With the wide variety of talent represented by the members of the seminary team, good luck to coaches Quickel and Drumm in deciding whom to start.

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FOOTBALL SEASON ENDS

With all but the Junior-Senior game completed, the final outcome of the 1970 football season shows the powerful Middler team undefeated. Their record stood pat as they steam rolled the Juniors 24-8. The first half saw the Juniors begin to amass a game which seemed as if the winning streak would be broken. A touchdown and a safety gave them an 8-0 lead. However, in the second half, as has so often happened before, the power of the Middlers began to show. Three quick touchdown passes from Tom Quickel gave the Middlers command. In the last quarter another pass capped the victory. Then with four minutes left to play, the Juniors found themselves deep in their own territory. On the next play, the game ended with each team lined up in the endzone on their hands and knees looking for Junior quarterback Harry Wolpert's lost contact lens. They didn't find it.

The Seniors looked good as they began their final game with the Middlers. Their defense held the Middler to a 0-0 tie during the first half. The second half proved a different game. The accuracy of Quickel combined with the hands of Scholl and Gilroy proved to be the deciding factor as the final score read 18-0.

The final game of the season between the Juniors and Seniors will hopefully be played yet after three postponements.

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STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

All students are reminded of the Student Association meeting, Thursday, November 12 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

ALL SAINTS ROCK MASS

Several members of our community made the pilgrimage to Christ Church, York Sunday evening November 1 for the highly publicized All Saints Day Rock Mass. For those in attendance it was a worthwhile experience in a new idiom of worship even though a liturgical fizzle.

A combo containing electric organ, guitar, fender bass, drums, trumpet, trombone, alto sax, and some auxiliary percussion allplayed by competent, professionally trained musicians along with a full choir, and some psychadelic lighting effects provided the musical leadership combining elements of hard rock, jazz, blues, and even a light touch of Gregorian. It was intended as a Eucharistic celebration and not as a show (although in such cases it can be difficult to seperate the two) and it followed closely the liturgical format of the SBH.

The celebration began with a preparatory service held in the church courtyard followed by a congregational procession into the Nave accompanied by a very hard driving, jazz-blues number by the combo. Several soloists (esp. trumpet and trombone) had ample opportunity to stretch out and create a mond of general excitement and anticipation. It was a heavy beginning.

The entire musical setting of the mass, including all the canticles and hymns, is the work of Alan Lawson and Richard Van Y. Lawson is a 25 year old graduate of Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore and is presently working on a Masters Degree in musical composition at Towson State College. Van Y is presently a student at the Peabody Conservatory working toward a degree in music education. Both gentlemen are certainly able musicians and their product shows a great deal of effort and talent.

The build up was great.

Unfortunately the high point of the service was the entrance processional discussed above. After that, in spite

of the efforts of all concerned, confusion reigned as liturgy fell apart at the seams. Pastor Fry's sermon based partially on the "Temptations" hit Ball of Confusion was strangely ironic. The musical leadership of both combo and choir showed a distinct lack of rehearsal and a rather blatant inability to follow the conductor. And when the leaders don't know the way, the followers are for sure lost. Thus the congregation, being totally unfamiliar with the music, never really had a chance. This combined with the wide variety of people present (probably a result of overly extensive publicity), most of whom were hardly on speaking terms with the Lutheran liturgy, made a liturgical celebration impossible.

Even this need not have been an insurmountable problem were it not for one inherent flaw in the entire mass. Mr. Lawson obviously has a great infatuation for a 7/8 time signature. 7/8 meter is extremely difficult to count, next to impossible to feel, and totally beyond the reach of the average congregation. And yet it appeared again and again. (Try singing "For All the Saints" in 7/8--just try). And the height of absurdity was reached in an attempt to sing the offertory in 13/8. Mr. Lawson has composed his mass beyond the grasp of his musicians as well as any congregation. As Dr. Jenson, also in attendance, said, "He seems to have tried to reach the 8 Minor Mass of rock in one jump."

There are many factors contributing to the failure of the All Saints Rock Mass--too numerous to discuss here. But in spite of its failure, it showed great potential and great possibilities for more work to be done in this area. It is hoped Mr. Lawson and Mr. Van Y will reevaluate their work and produce something more workable. But a start has been made in a new and wide open field. For that reason it was a worthwhile Sunday evening drive.

Ed Neiderhiser

MORE OPINION
PASS-FAIL SYSTEM

As I read this past issue of Table Talk, I came to the realization that I am one of those people who are in the same camp with Ed Neiderhiser. It seems to me that every year the same old problem arises concerning the grading system as we have it. I too feel that it leaves much to be desired, but at the same time I feel that if a pass-fail system is put into effect, we will be taking a step in the wrong direction. I say this not out of ignorance, but out of first hand experience with the system both as a student and a teacher. As a student I saw three of my best friends fail courses because they didn't quite measure up to the standards of the pass-fail system, and yet had they taken the courses on a graded basis, they would have passed. Then, as a teacher, I saw the pass-fail system fall on its face in several advanced English courses, not only because the students had no incentive (which seems to me to be a silly argument at best), but also because the students in the lower academic range could not measure up to the more stringent standards of the system. I realize that this looks like a very worthwhile system on the surface, but on closer inspection I would speak the words of warning uttered by Laocoon, "Beware of Greeks bearing gifts."

Ken Diable

LITERARY JOURNAL DEADLINE ANNOUNCED

Readers are reminded of the literary journal to be published the last week of the quarter. Any member of the community who does any work in any literary area (poetry, short story, drama, etc.) is invited to contribute to this publication. December 2 has been named as the deadline for articles to be included in this quarter's publication

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NUNAMAHER TO BE REGISTRAR

Table Talk extends sincere congratulations to Jeanne Nunamaker on her new position as the Seminary Registrar. The job of juggling courses and coordinating a class schedule is a big one. So by action of the Seminary Board the Office of Registrar has been created and Mrs. Nunamaker has been elected to the responsibility. As soon as office space can be made available and someone can be found to take over the position of secretary to Dean Stroup, Jeanne will assume her new full time responsibility.

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EUCHARISTOMEN

We've been giving thanks now for the past few weeks, from St. Michael and All Angels to the latest celebration last Friday.

Some interesting questions have been raised as to the time we celebrate, how we are to celebrate, and how often we celebrate. I haven't heard too many answers to any of the questions raised in these areas. Anybody interested in airing their views on the subject? See me! We'll print it for you as well as replies. The individuals of a community that celebrate together certainly ought to be able to speak their minds on this or any subject. Without the constructive use of conflict there is no community.

Friday was another celebration with non-liturgical music, except for the hymns. Everyone sang three selections presented to the choir for rehearsal by Walt Startzell. One was the tune of "Michael Row the Oat Ashore" set to a metrical version of John 1:1-18. Another was a hymn tune from the South and finally the hymn "We are One in the Spirit." The choir sang the anthem "Hail Thee, Lord and King Eternal." It was another rousing celebration. Pax domini te cum.

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HEIGES HOLDS NEWS CONFERENCE

President Heiges held a news conference after the daily chapel service on October 29. The purpose of this conference was to inform the student body of recent and upcoming events.

First on the agenda was the announcement of the organization of a new committee by the Board of Theological Education. This committee's function is to try and combine Philadelphia's seminary with us. (So what else is new?) The committee will be composed of 18 members (3 from each seminary, 6 from the supporting synods, 6 from the Board of Theological Education). Our members are Augustus Hackman, Dr. Heiges, and Bill Scholl.

Because of our involvement in the Washington Consortium, we are now attempting to get an accreditation from the Middle States Association in addition to accreditation by the AATS. Between December sixth to ninth a six man team will be surveying the campus for accreditation.

A Board meeting was held on October 20. During this meeting Mr. Hale was appointed to a full professorship effective January 1, 1971. This action was taken because of Mr. Hale receiving his doctorate from Columbia University this year.

Other board actions were the approving of Dr. Heikkenen and Dr. Hoffman for sabbaticals next year and the appointing of Mrs. Nunamaker to the office of registrar.

Because of money being rather tight (synods can no longer support the cost of the Seminary), the Seminary is forced into taking some precautionary measures. These measures include raising the rents effective September 1, 1971. The rents will be for the single room (per year) \$150, for the double room \$120, and the Baughman Hall apartments \$50 per month. The administration is also thinking about having the student pay $\frac{1}{4}$ tuition during the intern year. Although Gettysburg is far from being bankrupt, President Heiges says we will have to tighten our belts a little bit.

On November 22, 1970, Beth Platz, a Gettysburg Alumnus, will be the first woman ordained to the Lutheran ministry in the United States. The Seminary choir will sing for the occasion and press coverage will be extensive.

To conclude, the Greek requirement is again under investigation, and the Administration building has obtained an official name, Milton Valentine Hall.

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REPORTS OF
COMMITTEE AND STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS
FOR OCTOBER 1970

STUDENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES
October 1, 1970

The first meeting of the Student Association for the academic year 1970-71 was called to order on October 1 by the president, Bill Scholl.

Dave Hunsberger read the treasury report and the proposed budget for this year. The budget was discussed and the motion that it be accepted was carried.

Bill Scholl suggested that, in the interest of greater activity and participation of the Student Association in the Seminary community, that the Association and its various committees meet once each month. Each committee would be required to present an oral report of its activities at each Student Association meeting, copies of which would also be turned in to Ed Weiderhiser, publications chairman, for inclusion in the student newspaper, Table Talk.

Bill Scholl then introduced the new officers of the classes to the student body.

It was proposed that, due to the great amount of paperwork involved in the Health Benefit Program, a stipend of \$20 per month be given to the Health Fund Chairman, the money to be taken from the health fund itself. The motion was carried.

It was moved that the Health Fund Plan which extends coverage to students "From day of registration to graduation" be amended to cover students "from the beginning of pre-session to graduation." It was clarified that the plan elsewhere stipulated that it covered illness or accident incurred within or near the Gettysburg community. The motion was carried.

The question of abolishment of comprehensive exams was raised. After some debate as to whether elections of the student representatives to the Academic Relations Committee should be postponed until the Junior class could be enlightened as to the nature of the comprehensives, and until the candidates could state their views, it was moved that the elections be held immediately, as planned, due to lack of time. The motion was carried.

Bill Scholl conducted the elections of student representatives to the Admissions Committee, the Library Committee, the Academic Relations Committee, the Social Actions Committee, and the Advisory Committee.

It was moved and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Stumpf
Student Association Secretary

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Worship

Juniors--Walter D. Carlson
Thomas E. McKee
Middlers--Margaret L. McLean
Richard L. Michael
Seniors--Kester T. Sobers
Horst H. Bandle

Advisory System

Jonathan K. Bomgren
Dwane L. Michael

Advisory Council

William F. Scholl
David L. Hunsberger

Ecumenics

Irvin F. Stapf
Lance Braun
Russell Burr
Thomas L. Quickel
Fred S. Opalinski
Bradford Wallace

Academic Policies

James G. Cobb
Randolph W. Barr

Admissions

Raymond W. Michener
Karen Sedgwick

Continuing Education

Kenneth M. Diable
E. Lawrence Miller

Field Education

David W. Clark
Dwane L. Michael

Library

Robert A. Martin
Raymond C. Myers

STUDENT ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE
CHAIRMEN AND ADVISORS

Athletic

Chairman--William F. R. Gilroy
Advisor--Mr. Benson

Lecture

Chairman--Kenneth M. Diable
Advisor--Mr. Gobbel
Mr. Christianson

Publicity

Chairman--Edward A. Neiderhiser
Advisor--Mr. Matthews

Social

Chairman--Russell Burr
Advisor--Mr. Jordahl

Social Action

Chairman--William H. Elgar
Advisor--Mr. Bream

CLASS OFFICERS

Junior

President--Ronald C. Morris
Secretary--D. Lee Hudson

Middler

President--Ray W. Foy
Secretary--Sandra Peichert

Senior

President--Jack E. Keeler
Secretary--Stephan D. Hirt

STUDENT ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED 1971 BUDGET

Publications	168.75	15%
Lectures	281.25	25%
Social Action	112.50	10%
Ecumenics	112.50	10%
Social	168.75	15%
Athletics	112.50	10%
Surplus	168.75	15%
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ECUMENICS COMMITTEE MEETING
November 2, 1970

In attendance: Irv Stapf, Tom Quickel, Russ Burr, Brad Wallace, Fred Opalinski

Business:

- I. Main emphasis is seen as being in connection with the Washington group-- share information, make contacts, etc.
Possible time for meeting after 1st quarter before Christmas.
Meals in Washington could possibly be provided at St Paul's.
Roger Barnes (a student in Washington) has suggested a weekly conference call arrangement between Gettysburg and Washington. It would probably be better to set up a visit before we have a conference call.
- II. Baltimore--St Marys Roman Catholic Seminary, Roland Park
The first step would be to write a letter to the head of the student body concerning Ecumenical Day at St. Mary's.
- III. Lancaster--first problem here is to stir some interest.
Lancaster Theological Seminary, reformed U.C.C.

Definition of the committee

1. Involvement with other Protestant denominations as well as with Roman Catholics.
2. Involvement of the Gettysburg community at large with the Seminary Community. eg. Christmas carol sing, Advent service.
3. Involvement with the college.

Fred Opalinski suggested an exchange with St. Mary's on the same basis as the laymen were involved here at the Seminary.

Seminary week would be a good time to invite people here.

Priorities: community work, and Washington to start with.

We will set up a meeting for later on in the month for a discussion with a member of the Washington community to formulate ideas for exchange between the two groups.

The first task is to get the community involved with the Advent service on November 30.

Respectfully submitted

Brad Wallace

STUDENT-FACULTY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
October 15, 1970

The meeting was called to order by the Student Body President, William Scholl. Those in attendance were William Scholl, President Heiges, Dean Stroup, Mr. Jordahl, Ray Foy, Sandra Peichert, Lee Hudson, Jack Keeler, Steve Hirt, and Ronald Morris.

The first order of business was to elect a chairman from the senior class. Jack Keeler was nominated and his nomination was seconded by Ray Foy, a motion was made that nominations be closed, it was seconded by Mr. Jordahl, it was carried and Jack Keeler was unanimously elected as

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(Student-Faculty Relations committee cont.)

chairman of the Committee. The chairman's first duty was to appoint a subcommittee, consisting of one representative from each class, whose responsibility it will be to carry out a systematic evaluation of the curriculum. Those appointed to the committee were Ray Foy (chairman), Lee Hudson, and Steve Hird.

A motion was made by Dean Stroup that the sub-committee proceed with the interpretation of the faculty evaluation for the third quarter of the 1969-70 academic year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jordahl and carried.

Dean Stroup addressed the Committee on the matter of the Student's evaluation of the Faculty. He believes that an adequate form for the evaluation has not yet been found. The problem being that no conclusions can be reached due to contradictory statements within the class and contradictory statements between the classes. However when students have had problems with professors, these problems must be dealt with and brought to the attention of the Committee. In the case of students who have been attacked by a particular faculty member it was emphasized that the student should not let this continue without doing something about it. The procedure that is to be followed when dealing with student-faculty problems is outlined in the section of the constitution dealing with the Student-Faculty Relations Committee. It was suggested that the president of each class call a class meeting for the purpose of informing the students of the procedures that are to be followed in dealing with student-faculty conflicts.

It was decided that class presidents hold meetings, inform the students and distribute copies of the constitution of the Student-Faculty Relations Committee.

President Heiges brought the matter of supply preaching coordination before the committee, and gave the new members some background information with regard to this item and how it is handled. There were major criticisms on the part of students, congregations and Synods. Some of the problems have been: the student's performance, the type of congregation to which the student is sent and financial remuneration. Synod presidents would like to see the supply preaching come under the jurisdiction of Field Work. After further discussion of the matter, Dean Stroup made a motion that the Committee's officers be empowered to plan a meeting with the preaching coordinator, Synod representatives, Mr. Stuempfle and the SFRC, and report to the Committee at the next meeting on November 22 at 11:00 a.m.

Bill Scholl asked that minutes of the meeting be given to the editor of Table Talk for publication. A motion was made that the meeting adjourn, it was seconded by Bill Scholl and so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Morris