

Table Talk

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I CHALLENGE YOU

The front page of each of the first three editions of "Table Talk" has been occupied by a portion of a "multi-part editorial" which has concerned itself with "...the various aspects of religious education..." here at Gettysburg. In these articles, Bob Dealey attempted to provide a brief summary of the academic situation at this institution while at the same time pointing out some of its short comings.

A committee is now functioning with the goal of producing a new curriculum. The seminary realizes that the present system is inadequate and that it is in need of revision. I view this attitude with a certain amount of skepticism. Was it not just three or four years ago that the present curriculum appeared as a revision of the old? And, does not Gettysburg have a history of curriculum changes? I praise the seminary for its desire to obtain an adequate curriculum and I marvel at its inability to produce one.

I am, therefore, writing this article as a personal challenge to the Curriculum Revision Committee.

I CHALLENGE YOU to produce a revision of the seminary curriculum which does what it is suppose to do: to prepare men and women as effective leaders in God's church on earth.

I CHALLENGE YOU to produce a revision of the seminary curriculum which looks beyond the immediate situation to the future. In the past, curricula have been designed with the smoothness and ease of operation in mind rather than the product which results from it. Which is more important: the ease by which a curriculum is implemented and run or the quality of leadership which it produces?

I CHALLENGE YOU to produce a revision of the seminary curriculum which is aimed at the preparation of leaders who know the true gospel and who are able and willing to take a stand against the gospel which has been corrupted by the world and man's own self-interest.

The church today is caught in a vicious cycle. Due to a need in the past for a large number of clergy, the church ordained persons who were unsure of the content of the gospel, uncertain of the role of the church, and unaffected by the demands of the gospel. The church has produced leaders who are more willing to follow the way of men that to stand against them in the way of the Lord. These people then produce similar followers who go to seminary to become "ministers." The seminary has aided this process by revising its curriculum again and again in order that it might eliminate any conflict--conflict between the way of men and the way of the Lord.

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I CHALLENGE YOU (the Curriculum Revision Committee) to produce a revision of the seminary curriculum which breaks this cycle by producing leaders who are willing and strong enough to stand in the way of the Lord even when it stands against the way of man.

Fred Neiderhiser

D. C. Tips

How does this sound? Leave Gettysburg about 6:00. Dinner at some fine restaurant after a 45 minute drive. An evening at the Kennedy Center for the ballet or symphony, maybe a play or concert. A little dancing or just sitting above the city enjoying the view. Evening accommodations. Breakfast and a morning touring the Washington scene or the Smithsonian Institute. A beautiful drive back to Gettysburg by 2:00 p.m. Still time for some study and no hassle.

Any students interested in such a trip sometime in the future, the ideal would probably be two couples, should stop and talk with Rod Surr at Krauth or Jon Erickson at Baughman. We have some inside information that would help with easy routes, places to eat, accommodations and ticket prices and advanced tickets for concerts and places like the Kennedy Center. Catch us early enough and we can help out and you can save some money.

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Nest issue: Nov. 22nd

"Ya Gotta Be A Football Hero..."
by Steve Reed

It may have looked more like a punt, pass, and kick contest than a football game, but the Gettysburg God-Squad Gridders prevailed against the rival Mt. Airy Angel-Factory Eight by a score of 7 to 6, in a hard fought contest on Gettysburg's home turf last Friday afternoon. Defense seemed to be the name of the game, but more likely the strong defensive show was due to the fact that both offense and defense were eager to get back to the bear keg on the sidelines.

Gettysburg was first on the scoreboard on a reverse play to Tiny Ted Hummel midway through the first half. Tiny Ted also took the conversion over to score what proved to be the winning point. Come to think of it, Ted had a hand, or a foot, in all of the scoring in the game. In what was beginning to look like a formidable 7 to 0 Gettysburg rout, an errant Hummel quick-kick under a heavy rush plopped into the hands of Mt. Airy's Frank Terhune, who galloped 30 yards down the sideline to score unmolested. A valiant goal-line stance by the tough Gettysburg defense prevented the point-after conversion, aided by the fact that it was then too dark to see the goal-line. The victory belonged to Gettysburg. So what if Mt. Airy only had enough men to play each player on both offense and defense? Rumor has it that the rest of the Mt. Airy team never left the chancel...

The most noteworthy feature of the game was the pietistic atmosphere in which it was played, with frequent petitions to the Second Person of the Trinity heard on the lips of players and fans alike...

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Able coaching of the Gettysburg team was provided by Denny Moore, affectionately known to his players as "Captain Ahab..."

Fred Neiderhiser, Paul Schoffstall, and Jim Drury did a fine job of fair officiating: stupid calls against one side were promptly rectified by stupid calls against the other...

Providing the half-time entertainment was Frank Fitch, who was billed as the Gettysburg Seminary All-Male Marching Band. Actually, Frank came free with the keg, courtesy of Budweiser Breweries...

The players are to be congratulated for their restraint in drinking the beer during the game played in 75 degree heat, which restraint was apparently not exercised by the fans. A moment of silence for the keg was observed by the thirsty players when the beer ran out seconds after the game's end, punctuated by an occasional murmur from the players of both sides: "Just wait 'til next year..."

BIBLI-TRIV: an exercise in Bible trivia. This week: The Kingdom of Israel.

- (1) Name the first 3 kings of Israel.
- (2) Where did Saul die? Ans. I Samuel 31:8.
- (3) Who was Michal? Ans. II Samuel 6:16.
- (4) How did Absalom die? Ans. II Samuel 18:9.
- (5) How long did it take Solomon to build his own house?
Ans. I Kings 7:1.

ADIAPHORA

- Sat. Nov. 9 Ministry class weekend in Washington D.C.
- Sun. Nov. 10
- Sun. Nov. 10 - Seminarian -Laymen Dialogue.
- Wed. Nov. 13
- Mon. Nov. 11 General refectory meeting (refectory--following evening meal.
- Tue. Nov. 12 Community luncheon--Rev. Guy Mehl (refectory--12:30p.m.).
- Fri. Nov. 15 An evening with Marion Myers--the square dance.
- Wed. Nov. 20 C.P.E. intake interview day.
- Fri. Nov. 22 Coffee shop coffee house.
- Thurs. Nov. 21- Registration for middle term and spring semester.
- Wed. Nov. 27
- Thurs. Nov. 28- Thanksgiving recess.
- Sun. Dec. 1

CLASSIFIED ADS:

Wanted: Co-editor for "Table Talk," beginning in January and/or an editor for the Student Literary Publication. Please submit applications by Dec. 6th to the "Table Talk" mailbox. Thank you!

WORSHIP--1980

1976 is the year which the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship (ILCW) has set as the year of the new book of worship and hymnology. A more realistic estimate is 1978, and it will probably be 1980 before distribution is complete. At any rate, all of us will have to work with this book much sooner than we may want. Now is the time to get acquainted with one of the "tools of the trade." SEM is happy to provide the opportunity to do just this. On Tuesday, November 12th, Mrs. Donna Elkin, a member of the ILCW, will be speaking on the styles of worship of the 1980's. The presentation will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge of Valentine Hall. All are invited and urged to attend.

POTSHOTS...o.o.o

CURRICULUM CONTEST



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Τὸς ἐκτιμῶντες :

Table Talk is CHALLENGING YOU to submit your proposal for a new curriculum. This contest is open to all members of the student body, with proposals to be postmarked no later than midnight, Dec. 6, 1974. If the prospect of a new, exciting curriculum isn't enough to whet your creative appetite, every submission will be rewarded:

1ST PRIZE: An autographed copy of STORY and PROMISE.

2ND PRIZE: A pitcher at the Pub (your choice of light or dark beer).

3RD PRIZE: A doughnut and beverage of your choice at the coffee shop.

All other contributors will receive a year's free subscription to "Table Talk."

Proposals will be judged on the basis of educational effectiveness, ecclesiastical excellence, and neatness.

Some of the T.T. Staff