

Table Talk

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"...And the windows of the heavens were opened."

Many people wondered if the rain would ever stop. When it did, finally, many people wondered if things would ever dry out. As nearly six inches of rain fell over an already saturated area in less than a day and a half, residents and tourists alike were forced to cope with the power of rushing waters. As basements and roads quickly filled with water, memories of Agnes and Eloise once again surfaced.

For several hours on Saturday the 10th, only one road out of Gettysburg was not covered by several feet of water. Many tourists could neither leave town nor come into it. The Conewago rose out of its banks to block not only 15 North, but 30 East and 116 South! It was also responsible for putting WGET off the air and for allowing from 2 to 3 feet of water in King's and Acme and other stores in the shopping center. Several dorms at the college also suffered extensive damage as first floors filled with mud and water rapidly.

The seminary community was not immune to the deluge, even though we are sitting high on the glorious hill. The chapel basement, Valentine Hall, and Krauth House, and the Stuenpfe residence all developed flowing streams of several inches depth. Although no tangible damage occurred, the grounds crew and their families were kept busy pumping and sweeping out water from the buildings.

Mr. Matthews reported water coming into the library and expressed concern for the special collections housed in the basement. He repeated however that the mold, which began attacking in the summer months, has caused more damage than the small amount of water that did seep in.

Dr. Burgess' and Dr. Myers' homes both suffered losses due to several feet of water in their respective basements due to water backing up from the sewers. The total damage in Adams County alone will probably exceed one million dollars. Frederick, Maryland, however, has been declared a disaster area as the Monocacy River dumped up to nine feet of water in that area.

TABLE TALK'S TACK-UP OF THE WEEK



- My wife and I
darn near drowned!

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YOUR WORSHIP COMMITTEE

As chairman of this committee I want to share its basic concerns, objectives and work. Although we have only met twice since the beginning of this academic year, certain things can already be said.

1. Worship is an expression of the community and not only a word and sacrament activity assigned to the chaplain and/or a cadre of people. That is why we need open the lines of communication between the committee and you.
2. There ought to be proper balance between "liturgical" and "political" activity, that is, between formal worship and involvement in the issues of the day. Hopefully, we shall have worship services in which you hear the gospel related to the world out there; and we shall have involvement in the affairs of people beyond this hill (through our proximity to the national capital, the town, the national and international world).
3. As a school we have to be aware of the "dialectic" between worship and education. There is room for experimentation in the good order with ecumenical etiquette and dedication to the gospel and its communication. So we hope you will use your representatives on the committee for the communication of certain suggestions, ideas, criticism and other matters which you think should become our concern.

We are beginning to "brainstorm" in the committee, and we shall share our findings, proposals and general work with you through frequent columns in Table Talk. Pray for us, work with us, share your concerns !

Chairman: Mr. Gritsch
Chaplain: Mr. Ridenhour
Music & Choir: Mr. Braband
Treasurer: Mike Havey
Secretary: Wayne Moritz
Sacristans: Steve Patrick & Jim Drury
Other Members: John Anquist
Bob Driesen
Kathleen Rystad
Win Philips

"To the point..."

A great deal of thought and conversation around the seminary these days revolves around the openings on the faculty and the appointment of a new Dean. As I reflect upon this there are several points which could be addressed but I will try to stick to one. There is a lack of minority representation on our faculty & in our community. I don't look at this as a "goal" to be achieved in terms of an increase in numbers but rather as a reflection of our community and where we are at. A reflection of this kind is indeed personal in that it focuses upon us here and now and less upon commitments which were intellectually resolved years ago. When addressed in this light we realize we have a task and a call to action before us in areas which would broaden our experiences.

Of major concern is the general tendency to dismiss our racist nature. Denial because of our commitment to actively recruit blacks is in fact a stumbling block to our growth and development. Illusions created by proposals are stumbling blocks to our community. Individuals will get hurt before we even acknowledge our true nature.

We should not strike out to eliminate outward signs in our effort to deny the existence of a problem. I consider the present situation of the faculty and the program for the ministry to and among Blacks as such signs.

signed,
Jack Evert

"REFLECTIONS"

--Bob Dealey

"For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work." (II Thess. 3:11)

I once knew a coach who said, "Practice hard, and you will be able to take on any challenge." Specifically, this advice was addresses to 2 groups of people. First, it was a word of encouragement to those individuals who worked hard during the practice sessions; the fruits of their labors would be realized when put to the test. Second, it was a word of exhortation to those individuals who tended to be lazy, and less industrious during the practice sessions; their slothfulness would not bear any fruit when put to the test.

Although this is sound advice to anyone desiring to pursue an athletic career, it is also quite applicable to those who are engaged in an academic enterprise, such as Seminary. Perhaps the wording of such advice might be altered slightly to read: "Study hard, and you will be able to meet the challenge" (or better yet, "pass the test"). In the academic field, cramming might seem like an easy alternative and it might even be enough to "get through a course," but ultimately, the question for each of us to answer individually will be: "Am I able to take on the challenge (or the test) of a parish?"

Isolate Comments on CPE

Potentially, CPE is one of the most valuable learning and growing experiences of a person's Seminary career. It presents the Seminararian with bountiful opportunities for personal and professional experiences, reflection, and growth. It is an adventure in self-discovery and it carries with itself all of the risks, pitfalls, potentialities, and rewards which are inherent in any adventure.

Each CPE program contains elements, but they all center around service to an institution and education for one's self. The service to the institution is realized in terms of service to other people. The CPE student serves as a minister, however that may be defined within the context of his or her CPE location. I served as a Chaplain in a large general hospital, and my ministry was largely directed to the patients of the hospital's geriatrics ward; however, I also functioned as a minister to the patient's families and to the hospital's staff. I had many warm and touching relationships at the hospital--often I found that one of my most difficult tasks was saying goodbye to people who had become dear friends to me.

CPE also has a strong educational emphasis. Critical reflection is essential to CPE, and many vehicles are provided for such reflections: verbatims, case studies, critical incident reports, daily journals, book reviews and the like. But the two most important tools in CPE for promoting insightful reflection into one's self are the private conferences and group sessions. It was in my conferences

and group sessions that I was really challenged to examine myself and my ministry, and I found that I benefitted tremendously from them. I must admit that I entered CPE with some very great fears about the group sessions. I feared that they would be ultra-intense, mind-blowing, tear-apart-the-other-person sessions, and I really didn't want to have much to do with them because of that bias. (I guess that I listened to too many of the ghost stories that were told by last year's huddlers.) The group sessions were not what I had feared them to be; instead they were a valuable part of the CPE experience. I really hope that this year's Juniors will not feel as intimidated about doing CPE as many of last year's Juniors were. I feel that too many of my classmates (myself included) were so convinced by unfounded rumors that CPE would be a bad experience with the fact that it really is a good experience.

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Instrumentalists Needed!

Instrumentalists are urgently needed to augment the choral program. If you are a proficient trumpeter, violinist, cellist, etc., please make yourself known to Mr. Braband. (Sorry, we don't need players for left-handed sewer flutes, or Oscar Haier Weiner Whistles.)

Choral Program

The Seminary Choirs, will present a choral program beginning at 7:00 pm prior to the Festival of the Reformation on October 28th. Works by Buxtehude, J.S. Bach, Gibbons, & Zimmerman will be presented. Anyone who would like to join one of the Seminary choirs is encouraged to speak with Mr. Braband.

Musical Programs of Note:

- Oct. 17-Sunday, at 4:00pm
Union Lutheran Church, York
Organ Recital, Robert Carwithia
- Oct. 24-Sunday, at 3:00p.m.
Derry Presbyterian Church, HERSHEY
Organ Recital, Gerre Hancock
- Oct. 30-Saturday, at 3:00 p.m.
Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg
Organ Recital, Jean Laqlais
- Nov. 7-Sunday, at 3:00pm
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 350 S. George, York
Choral Concert, Susquehanna Univ. Choir
- Nov. 21-Sunday, at 7:30pm
Camp Hill Presbyterian Church
Organ Recital, Joan Lippincott

The Suggestion BOX:

In the past, there has tended to be a sort of unwritten rivalry between Gettysburg and Mt. Airy Seminaries. This rivalry has had positive effects, in that athletes on the football field play a little harder. At the same time, there had been some negative effects of such a rivalry. There has been little or no communication between the students of both institutions.

I would like to suggest a "Mixer" to break the ice between the two student bodies. Gettysburg could extend an invitation to Mt. Airy to come out on a Friday night for a mixer. Our guests could bring sleeping bags with them, and be housed on the floors of various dormitories and/or apartments. Our hospitalities could also be extended to include a tour of the battlefield on Saturday, and our guests would be able to leave in order to be in Philadelphia for dinner on Saturday night.

Perhaps if we were gracious enough as hosts and hostesses, Mt. Airy would reciprocate with an invitation to us and a tour of some of their historical points of interest. (I'm sure that CLTEM would have no objections.) We have much to share with and learn from each other.

Name withheld by request

BIBLICAL TRIVIA: PSALMS II

If you thought that the Psalms to identify in the last issue of Table Talk were too easy, try your hand at the following:

1. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

2. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

3. O Lord, open thou, my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

4. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

5. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; and his mercy endures for ever.

YARD LINES

By Jon Holmer

The Seminary Football Season ended abruptly last week with the Middlers coming out on top. On Monday, the 4th the Middlers buried the Seniors 59-0 to clinch first place. The following day the Juniors handed the Middlers their first defeat by a score of 13-7. But that game didn't change the fact that the Middlers were league winners. Since the race wasn't close anymore it was decided to call off the remaining games of the season to permit time for the team to practice for the games against Virginia and Philadelphia.

Final team standings were Middlers 4-1, Juniors 2-3, Seniors 1-3, Interns 0-5 (all by forfeit).

Saturday the 15th is the game with Virginia which should be a pretty hot contest. Even if you're not playing, you're welcome to go along and lend moral support to the Gettysburg team which will probably be outnumbered on Virginia's home field. This is Virginia's homecoming so undoubtedly both of Virginia's alumni will return for this big event.

The following Saturday, October 23, is the season finale against Mt. Airy. Played on our own hills and valleys this game should be on your list of sporting events that should not be missed. This game is especially important since the losers (again, as rumor has it) must move their Seminary facilities and consolidate with the winner.

BOOK AUCTION

---Steve Patrick

Approximately one hundred students, faculty and staff crowded into the coffee shop on October 15 to participate in the auction of Dr. Heiges' book sale. Over three hundred dollars were collected for the Sesquicentennial appeal with only half the books being sold. Included in the sale were several pieces of art and a surplice and set of stoles.

When asked how he felt about parting with his library, Dr. Heiges replied, "Pretty sad, pretty sad. All of these books I have read, but some of them are very close friends. I'd kind of like to have them close by."

With Mr. Tipton as auctioneer and Mrs. Heiges serving cider and doughnuts, the whole evening was one of fellowship and fun.

Book Auction II is scheduled for Wed. evening Oct. 27 at 7pm in the coffeeshop. Other professors will be contributed books to be auctioned. So far, the sales have exceeded \$500.

Thanks for your support!

SWINE FLU INFO

Phase I: Swine Flu inoculation

Who: Persons 65 years or older; or persons with diabetic or respiratory problems

Where: James Gettys School, on Rt. 34, Gettysburg

When: Sunday, Oct. 31, 10:00am to 4:00pm

Cost: FREE

Swine Flu Hotline number: 800:692-7254, for further information

TABLE TALK PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE POLL

Vote for one

Republican--Gerald R. Ford _____

Democrat--Jimmy Carter _____

American Independent--Lester Maddox _____

McCarthy '76--Eugene McCarthy, _____

Other _____

Please indicate whether you are

Faculty _____

Staff _____

Senior _____

Midler _____

Junior _____

Please return to Table Talk mailbox by noon Wed., Oct. 27. Results will be published in the Oct. 27th issue of TT.

ADIAPHORA

- Sat. Oct. 15, Football: LBTC vs. Virginia Theo. Sem. (Va. 2:00pm)
- Sun. Oct. 17, Movie, The Exorcist (Gottsburg College Ballroom 3:00pm)
- Tues., Oct. 19, VA Representative on Campus (Room 309 10:00am)
- Wed. Oct. 20 Banner Making Party (Coffee Shop 7:00 pm)
- Thurs. Oct. 21, Movie, Catch 22, (GC Ballroom 3:00pm)
- Sat. Oct. 23 Football: LBTC vs. LBTP (LBTC 2:00pm)
- Sun Oct 24, Movie Blow Up (GC Cove Auditorium 3:00pm)
- Wed. Oct 27, Auction II, Coffee Shop, 7:00pm
 movie: MLCB "The Good Soldier Schweik" (German)
 (GC Cove Auditorium, 7:30 pm)
- Thurs. Oct. 28, Martin Luther Colloquium--Luther, the Gospel and
 Human Freedom
 Festival of the Reformation (Chapel 7:30 pm)

"Remember, O LORD, what has befallen us,
 behold, and see our disgrace!
 Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers,
 our homes to aliens.
 We have become orphans, fatherless;
 our mothers are like widows.
 We must pay for the water we drink,
 the wood we get must be bought.
 With a yoke on our necks we are hard driven;
 we are weary, we are given no rest."
 (Lamentations 5:1-9)

VOTE FOR JIMMY CARTER!!!

(The preceding was sponsored by Campus Crusade for Carter).

QUOTES OF THE WEEK:

'Much of what we know is not true and much of what we try will not work, but frequently as we fail to 'solve' problems, we do succeed in 'trading up' and have a better, more enjoyable, and more challenging batch of new problems to work with after we trade-- even though we thought we were solving, not trading problems."
---Lyle Schaller

"Woe to the Christian who doubts the truth of what is commanded him and does not follow it!--For how can he believe what he does not follow?"

---M. Luther
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COMING SOON

ROAD RALLYE

Friday Night Nov. 5th

\$1.50 per team

Party following completion of course
Prizes will be awarded.
(Works Righteousness?)
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RUMOR CONTROL
by D.J. and Associates

Is it true that...

...T. Ridenhour listens to taped sermons by Edmund Steimle while he takes his Saturday night bath?

...J. Myers sees the first light dawn because he's just getting in (rather than just getting up...)?

...J. Burgess takes copious notes while he watches Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman?

...A.R. Gobel is a consultant for the TV show Romper Room?

...J. Myers is the original J redactor?