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ADVANTAGES OF BEING SHORT

The advantages of being short are innumerable, but in this article I will highlight some of the major advantages.

If you enjoy having your picture taken, a definite advantage in being short exists. You always get in the front of group shots. When a short person trips, he or she doesn't have as far to fall. This saves on injuries and their accompanying doctor bills. Being closer to the ground, the short person is able to breathe much fresher air than the smog-filled air at the level of the tall person. Also, the short person rarely has the problem of bumping his or her head on doorways or when entering a car.

In these days of inflation and economic difficulties, short people have a definite advantage over their taller brothers and sisters. Less material is required for the clothing of short people. In fact, sometimes the adult short person can find clothing that fits in the children's department of their local department store, a real saving. Short people don't use as much soap to wash and don't require as much food to keep going since their bodies are smaller.

We are all energy conscious these days and it is in the area of energy consumption that short people have a real advantage. Ceilings in the homes of short persons needn't be so high; hence less energy is required to heat and air-condition their homes. Shorter people fit easier into compact cars which conserve energy and are a savings financially.

I appreciate the opportunity I have had these past three weeks in presenting the position of short people here at LTS and in society as a whole. I am pleased to know that so many of you truly care for the needs and pains of your shorter brothers and sisters. I look forward to the day when tall and short people can stand next to one another, long hands holding short stubby hands in peace.

Barbara Kershner

P.S.

If anyone of you short people are interested, this article was in the Wilmington Evening Journal:

SHORT SINGLES TO ORGANIZE

A singles group exclusively for short people is forming in the Wilmington area. Anyone interested in joining can call Rubin at 322-3867 after 5 p.m. for more information.

IN SHORT

I write this article, highly influenced by Scott Sanders' dramatic statement submitted in letter form and appearing last week. I am overwhelmed by his astute perception and the genius apparent in his case for an overlooked group of people in our culture. As well, Barb Kershner's short articles, appearing in the last two Seminarians have brought me inspiration. I have decided to cast my lot with these two noble and inspired individuals and have recently sent in my membership to the A.S.P..

However, I must point out that this oppression is not limited to LTS alone, but is prevalent in our entire culture; the proportions of which are of such staggering height that we must act. I feel the greatest way of achieving growth in the short-sightedness of our culture is through the mass media. Thus I submit these suggestions for consideration, as humble and small a change as they are.

First, in line with some of the simplistic forms of entertainment appearing on TV, we could begin a television program centered around achievements of the short population. This would help to create a sense of unity and pride among the short Americans. As well, we would be affirming this minority group as real people, too. We could call the program, "Real Short People" and have midgets host it so as not to intimidate the guests.

For the outstanding members of this often abused group, those who have made fantastic achievements in their field, we could have a program called, "That's Incredibly Short."

I propose as well, for purposes of Identity and Unity, a monthly publication designed to meet the needs of short people. A magazine such as "Shorts Illustrated", or "Small People" would achieve just such a goal.

Game shows bear an incredible impact on housewives and children in our culture. Thus to help them in their growth we could introduce new game shows designed strictly for short people. Game shows such as "The Height is Right", "Let's Make a Small Deal", or "Hollywood Squirts"

Soap Operas, another powerful influence, could be adapted for short people. Imagine if you will the intense drama of "Another Small World", "Search for Height", "The Short and the Restless", or finally, "All My Small Children".

Situation comedies are another catchy arena. How about a pint-sized Fonzie for "Short Days", or a family of dwarfs in "Eight Inches Is Enough". Other possibilities include "Mork and Mini", "Bosom Shrimps" and "I'm a Little Girl Now".

The possibilities are infinite if we put our minds together. Let's go America. Give short people their due. Allow them to stand tall in their own way.

Mike Vaughan
(with a little help from D. Mason)

GALA RIP-OFF SECTION - - TEN WAYS TO IMPROVE THE SEMINARIAN

1. Don't print it at all, at least then there'll be no mistakes.
2. Hire Lou Grant and Animal away from CBS.
3. Make it a really functional paper-print on Toilet Tissue and Kleenex.
4. Put blank sheets in the mailboxes and let everyone write their own articles.
5. Print more threats and less humor.

BOOK REVIEW

Often I ask myself rather despairingly if there is anything I can do being part of the middle class in the U.S., to make a difference in the imbalance of our world's resources.

Recently I read the book Living More with Less by Doris Janzen Longacre, and found it to be a sensitive challenging book which provides some practical/concrete ways to address our lifestyle and life standards in light of the poverty that the majority of our brothers and sisters in the world live in.

It is a great book, I think, for study groups and classes, as it provides numerous possibilities for discussions and commitment.

Granted, there is much more to be done, but this book can help us make a difference and gives us a good place to start.

Elaine Yencer

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EXODUS

The LTS Arts Ensemble invites each of you to an experience in worship during the Chapel Service on Thursday, March 19, beginning at 11:10 and lasting most probably until noon.

The theme of this service is centered around the variety of meanings of the Exodus and how it relates to us today.

Please be prompt or you will miss the Prelude, we have cooked up something special for that.

Arts Ensemble

FIVE MORE WAYS TO IMPROVE THE SEMINARIAN

Print it on 9" square paper, it will fit better in bird cages. (Our growth issue finds itself short on space this week.)

T TO ALL LTS SEMINARIANS:

Yesterday, March 10, 1981, in Hafer Center a number of concerned and committed seminarians gathered together, each one having a sense of anxiety, anticipation and personal frustration. T There was the "GREAT UNKNOWN" which faced us all. But SOMETHING DID HAPPEN. SOMETHING IS HAPPENING and WE INVITE YOU TO BE A PART OF THE PROCESS WHICH HAS BEEN SET IN MOTION: TO EVALUATE SCC IN TERMS OF ITS VIABILITY, STRUCTURE, and TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO THE PRESENT SCC STRUCTURE AND CONSTITUTION.

There will be a special "CALL MEETING", WEDNESDAY MARCH 25, 1981 in HAFER CENTER, 11:30 - 12:50. "Brown-bag-it". At that time we will be receiving a preliminary report from a special task force designed and intended to help us focus and develop direction during this process.

On a personal note: (1) while I have mixed feelings and anxieties for those who will follow us here at LTS, I do support the process; (2) I publicly acknowledge that Ron Parks has initiated dialogue with me to "clear the air" between us. I thank you, Ron, for helping us; (3) In like manner, I have extended the right hand of fellowship to Jeff Dick and Mike Vaughan; (4) I have shook hands with Don Mason after the meeting, who then gave me my lunch (smile). He was given it by...whogot it from... who got it from, etc... from my dear wife Henrietta ("Hank"). Thanks everybody!!

A fitting and joyous climax to the day, both as a member of SCC and to me personally, was the SCC "pot-Luck Supper". There was a turn-out of about forty or so. We had families, singles, faculty, and administration represented. Thanks to all who came, "new and old", helpers, and Verna. The next scheduled SCC Pot-Luck will be Wednesday April 22, after Holy Week Recess. "Play it again Sam(antha)".

Have a good day.....

Steve Andrews