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## "A TIME FOR REFLECTING?"

As I write this editorial I have some guilt feelings in that I am feeling I should be supporting my colleagues in drowning LTS in negativism and with a list of insurmountable concerns. However, I find that I can't get a handle on any of these concerns that are of such an extreme that I can't overcome them. Also, I find that life is made brighter when I look for the positive and use the opportunities which are already present. Negativism is usually darkness and restricts the whole body (Luke 11:35-36) from functioning properly.

As a commuter, I realize that I don't have the opportunity to experience some of the problems that my campus colleagues have. But, commuting has its problems also. However, I have never been late for class because of a parking problem. When I go to the lounge there is seldom anyone else using it. I am 32 miles from the library but the open hours have not been a problem for me to make sufficient use of it. Apparently I have an apathetic attitude in that I don't expect the seminary to arrange chapel hours just to my wants, arrange my complete financial aid and that I don't expect the administration to consult with me before making a decision.

Evidently I have an advantage, or else a disadvantage, in that I am older than most of my colleagues and spent 12 years in the cruel business world. Those who succeed out in the world are the people who put their hands to the plow and use every opportunity that is available. They don't always have the newest and best plows and there are many

stones and rocks which divert the plow shear but they realize that they must make the best of the present situation.

Admittedly, LTS has given me a few disappointments but it offers me more than I am capable of digesting, even with its weaknesses. Perhaps it is time to reflect upon I Cor. 13:11, keeping in mind your own personal frustrations. Over 2400 years ago the great philosopher Socrates said, "Know Thyself." Knowing myself, or the lack of it, may be it/our greatest problem and the cause for the frustrations and negativism which is so prevalent at LTS right now. If reflecting upon I Cor. 13:11 and examining yourself with concrete reasoning doesn't improve your attitude towards LTS perhaps it is time to shake the dust from your sandals.

Arthur S. Zeigler

## THANKS

In this time of chaotic commotion, here at LTS, Lynn and I have had the great privilege of experiencing unending love and support from so many here. Everything from prayers, warm thoughts, cards and messages, flowers, meals, offers of money and many offers of help and love in any way they could meet our needs. Sometimes saying thanks just doesn't seem enough, but for now the only words I can think of are...Thanks for all your love and support;

With Love and Appreciation,

Lynn and Jeff Dick

## NORT'S SPEWS

Amid the shriek of whistles, shrill rubber against hardwood screams, and hollow echoes of the sphere resonating from pounding palms, rose the mighty Seminararians. Beads of condensation on every brow, pulses palpitating, respirations shallow and frequent, the unit emerged from the lockerroom-dank gymnasium into the night air... victorious. Aye the team, the union of five, meshed at last, each contributing his share towards the attainment of potentiality.

The LTS roundballers won a laffer, ladies and gentlemen. Scoring a massive 41 points to the other guys' 29, they rolled home with the first athletic conquest of this school year. Congrats guys on starting the basketball season on the right foot.

Here is the rest of the season's schedule. Nothe that our next game is tonight at 8:30. Come on out and support our winning basketball team.

11-15 (Wed.)	8:30	Court #2
11-17 (Fri.)	9:00	Court #3
12- 4 (Mon.)	9:00	Court #3
12- 6 (Wed.)	9:00	Court #2
-----Christmas Break-----		
2- 1 (Thu.)	9:00	Court #1
2- 5 (Mon.)	8:00	Court # 2
2- 7 (Wed.)	8:30	Court #2

Five carefree pinslayers followed the bouncing ball again last Tuesday night. Two bowlers crossed the coveted second century mark in a head to head battle, with Chuck's 209 prevailing over Bruce's 201. Chuck's 209 is the highest score this year. Series totals were as follows: Tony 535\*, Chuck 641\*, Vicki 341\*, Tim 328\* and Bruce 520. (\* denotes 4 games)

## MIDWAY BOWLING STATS

NAME	GAMES	TOTAL PINS	AVERAGE
Bruce	12	1985	165
Tim	14	1103	79
Tony	10	1415	142
Chuck	10	1497	150
Nort	6	852	142
Mark	6	853	142
Celia	6	502	84
Jeff	4	484	121
Vicki	4	341	85

## bowling con't.

Jack	3	249	83
John	3	246	82
Father Ed	3	323	108
Ron	3	458	153
Mike	3	436	145
Betsy	2	194	97

REPORT ON TOWN MEETING NOV. 14

Students gathered around a number of issues, continuing to define concerns and to take action. This is where things stand at present:

1. HOUSING

- Meeting every Monday morning at 10 in the Seminarian/SCC office.
- Contact person: Tony Villareal

2. PARKING

- Meeting this coming Friday Morning at 10 in the Seminarian/SCC office.
- Contact person: Minke Vaughan

3. COURSE CONCERNS

- A few people are looking into evaluation of classes. They're open to working on other issues.
- Contact person: Donna Kay Lewis

4. CHAPEL AND COMMUNITY HOURS

- A number of people discussed the concern about fellowship after chapel, the need for more variety in worship opportunities, concern for those commuters who are here only on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the purpose of chapel.
- Comments were redorded and are being channeled to the Spiritual Life Committee of SCC.
- Contact persons:

Steve Disher, Chapel

Norma Ritterspach, Community Hour

5. COMMUTERS

- This group plans to look into the lounge situation (other concerns regarding parking and courses will be discussed with those groups)
- Contact person: Randy Rossman (new phone # 392 6617)

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED IN ANY OF THESE AREAS.

If anyone has a concern that is not being addressed at the present time, please consider some of the routes described on the flow sheet, which has been handed out at the Town Meeting. If you have any additions, or need a copy, please contact Sue Good or Jim Haas.

Sue Good

Three weeks ago Marc Wessels wrote an article in the Seminarian advocating a vision for world peace. On November 18 at 9:30 a.m. in A206, the Seminarian Community Council is presenting a workshop on the Transfer Amendment, a bill which if passed, would transfer money from the military budget into programs for human needs. The transfer Amendment is not the magic wand that will end the suffering and misery of our brothers and sisters throughout the world, but neither is it a bill unworthy of our attention. It is, at the very least, a tangible place to begin to debate a conversion from an economy prepared for war to an economy dedicated to peace. If we admit to ourselves as that this debate is important, and even spend some time listening to others debate this same issue, then perhaps we can begin to speak of ourselves as carriers forth of the kerygmatic function of our Lord whose radical insight and resistance to the inadequately authoritative structures of the status quo lead him to the cross. I have said enough. Please allow the words of George Oppen to speak further. The poem is from a larger work, This In Which, from his collected works.

## PAROUSIA

Impossible to doubt the world: it can be  
seen

And because it is irrevocable

It cannot be understood, and I believe  
that fact is lethal

And man may find his catastrophe,  
His Millennium of obsession.

air moving,

a stone on a stone,  
something balanced momentarily, in time  
might the lion

Lie down in the forest, less fierse  
And solitary

Than the world, the walls  
Of whose future may stand forever.

**Sandy Fluck**

MISERY IS...

...Not being able to have the Presbyterians  
hold their "luncheon" at Princeton!

**WE HEARD YOU!**

Thst's cprrect/ The worship commi-  
tee has heard the echoing voices (a littl  
off key at times) and have passed down  
our requests. Yes we have passed down  
our decision in two arenas of complaint  
and I will now present them to you.

First, starting next semester, the opportunity for collegiums to choose which weeks they will do chapel will be open. A representative will contact your collegium with a sign-up sheet on which you'll be able to choose three weeks in order of preference to hold chapel. The worship committee will do its best to meet your choices. Due to the number of collegiums being approached, there will be several weeks left over for people who would take chapel on their own. Thus you may grab a friend and sign up for those weeks. These weeks will be made available as soon as the collegium schedule is worked out. Remember, NO COLLEGIUM HAS TO DO A WEEK OF CHAPEL. It is strictly up to your group. If you do not wish to take a week, just tell your contact or any member of the worship committee.

Secondly, the opportunity to hold chapel in January is open to anyone who wishes. A sign up sheet will be posted after Thanksgiving, and volunteers should choose as quickly as possible so that the schedule can be made available to the community. Remember that morning classes for January session start at 9:00 and go till noon so the service will have to be held earlier.

The Worship committee would like to thank all those who rendered feedback to us and assure you that our ears are open. If there are any others who would like to offer feedback in any form we are pleased and anxious to hear from you. Our next meeting is Dec. 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the Refectory. Please drop in or see a member.

**We DO hear you!**

Worship Committee

**Note...**

...If anyone has a change in address or telephone number, we have a request that these be published in order that the change may be noted. So, leave your number in the office.

# A PARABLE

A certain flock of geese returned to its winter feeding ground in the marsh area of the North Carolina coast. Typically, wild geese have been subject to the harassment of humans in their less private wintering grounds. This particular year they fell victim to an enterprising young farmer who was less interested in the beauty and spontaneity of wild geese. The farmer had in mind the domestication of the wild geese for their fine meat and useful feathers. By enticing them with corn, the enterprising farmer was able to capture the birds, clip their wing feathers, and set them loose on his own pond where he fed them well. The geese did not mind the treatment too greatly at first for they are great swimmers, and they were relatively safe within the confines of the farmer's pond.

It was on one of those spring days when the ground begins to thaw and the sun lingers longer in the sky that the geese began to stretch their wings answering a call deep within themselves to fly to their summer home. They were unable to fly however. Frustration and discontent gripped the flock. They squawked constantly.

One foggy night a lone goose, lost from its company bound north, heard the honking geese, and flew down for the night. The winged goose discovered their maimed and grounded condition. In the morning the winged one was ready to travel again, but seeking companions, organized the company to answer the call of the northern home on foot.

They were a ragged band of journeying geese compared to their previous winged splendor. With clipped wings they walked on sore and bloody feet. When they had the opportunity to swim they did so. From the Chesapeake Bay north through Pennsylvania on the Susquehanna they made better time in this way. When once on land, they trudged across New York state. The winged one would fly ahead in the evening to check the terrain for the best route. Sometimes this goose would not return to the flock until morning. Then by day the winged goose would walk with them across the land. The winged one would honk as if to say: "are you with me",

and the maimed would honk in return. Of course there were geese who thought they knew a better way, a short cut, or who would try to fly by jumping off of a high mountain. These were lost.

They crossed Lake Ontario and journeyed through the province of Quebec. The desire to reach their northern peaceful home drove them on as they followed the winged goose who could fly above the trees to see the horizon.

It was late in spring before the shabby company reached their home on Lake Hudson. They arrived very lean on bloody, blistered feet, but also with wings which were beginning to feather out. In this time of year, life near to the Arctic Circle leaps from the thawing marshes. Finally home, the geese feasted on the thick vegetation under the sun which spent long days in the sky.

John E. Shenk

## TWO TABLES

Aman just arrived in heaven. He told Peter how thankful he was to be in such a glorious place, but asked for a glimpse of hades just so he might appreciate heaven even more. His request was granted.

Down in hades he saw a great table extending as far as the eye could see. It was loaded with the most delicious of all varieties of food, but everyone was starving to death. When asked for an explanation, St. Peter said: "Everyone is required to take food from the table only with four foot long chopsticks. Therefore no one can get food from off the table to his own mouth, so all are dying.

Quickly he returned to heaven and, behold, he saw there an identical table, laden with identical foods, but everyone was joyful and well fed. "What type of eating utensils do they use here?" he asked. Peter replied, "Four foot long chopsticks." The surprised newcomer asked, "Then why are all those in hell starving to death while all those up here are so well fed and happy?" "The difference is easy to explain," said Peter. "In heaven we feed each other."

ANSWER... finally!

When it is written: "God made all ~~xxxx~~ creeping things."

This is the speech that was given by Craig Snow, president of the SCC at the latest town meeting. There were several requests to print it, so here it is:

This is the third consecutive Tuesday in which we have held a town meeting. In the first meeting we identified community concerns and prioritized them according to the number of personal involvements attached to a particular concern. Last week we dealt with that concern which ranked first, Negativism on campus. Also the meeting last week was designed to facilitate the airing of feelings and focusing in on particular issues. The intent for today's meeting is to set up some machinery that will serve as a means of instituting some steps towards taking positive action on the concerns of the community.

But before we begin that activity, I would like to make a few comments. For the last few weeks now I have been operating under the assumption that conflict is not only a source of pain but can also be a blessing. I firmly believe if people can learn to keep their heads and not demand the heads of others, there can be a creative resolution to conflict. However, for this to be a reality there are a few questions that need to be raised. These kind of questions are: What are the issues; What are the concerns regarding these issues; How much stake do I have in a given issue; What are the ways I can resolve these concerns; Do I have sufficient information to make a responsible decision; Can this issue be dealt with on a short term basis or is a long term involvement necessary?

Having raised these questions, it then becomes necessary to employ everything we know about that very popular term called NEGOTIATION. A term that has proven to be one much easier talked about than made functional. Nevertheless, what we have here and what we have been involved in for the past 3 weeks is golden opportunity to put some of that seminary training to work. I suggest we go to work organizing ourselves into various task forces, asking the pertinent questions, collecting the data, making a proposal, taking that proposal to the SCC, but not stopping there, going on to make sure that proposal is not shelved but acted on and to report back to the community on what were the results of your

labours.

As a final note, I would like to share with you something I read from a poster hanging on an office wall. It said, "Peace is not the absence of tension. It is the presence of justice." Those were the words of Martin Luther King, a man who gave his life for justice. It is my hope that what we do here during this town meeting is to harness the tensions we feel only to release those tensions in the direction of justice. In an effort to do this I would say to you what was said to me, "Love the questions and you will live into the answers." Be persistent with your concerns and follow through with your resolve.

Craig Snow

#### REMINDER...

...Don't forget to bring your canned goods, etc. for the ASW Thanksgiving project. You can give canned goods to the ASW officers or place them in the box located at the mailboxes in the Lark Academic Building. Food will be distributed to a family on Saturday, November 18.

Debbie Disher

#### GENERAL NUISANCE

Last Thanksgiving in Grand Rapids, Michigan, a pastor was cited by the police for being "a general nuisance." His misdemeanor was playing the hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," on the church chimes. When requested by the city attorney to come to some accommodation, Pastor Ritter agreed to cut down the volume and shorten the period of hymn playing from eighteen to five minutes a day. "We don't want to be a nuisance," the minister explained. The news item reporting this concluded, "There is something wrong if 'Now Thank We All Our God' is noise pollution." -Pulpit Digest

#### TODAY...

...SCC meeting at 3:15 in the SCC room. Anyone is invited to attend.  
...Choir rehearsal is at 4:00 in the choir room. Everyone is invited including faculty and staff.

# THE CONCEPTION OF A PREGNANT POLYGON

Twas a dark day as the shadow fell  
from grace, in classroom quest, repelled  
by Pagan gods on all sides  
Niebuhr's dream un-denied.  
Or was it just understanding's search  
that caused Dick Herb's seat to lurch  
and in antipathy too great to believe  
the pregnant polygon was conceived.

Oh God, you ask, what fate befell  
what spirit devil came to dwell  
in the classroom, A-206  
and cast the minds in such a mix?  
God surrounded by man's creation,  
could coax such abomination  
from those innocent souls, minds agape  
open to such heretical rape  
as from the rear received  
the pregnant polygon conceived.

Alas fellow students, all is not lost.  
Intentions good, in spite of the cost  
of the Dali diagram designed by Vieth  
sending the mortal students, meek  
in the plunging depths of Niebuhr's essay.  
Hope shines through somewhat delayed  
for the pagan gods were all man made  
in plastic, fiberglass, the secret betrayed.  
But rue the day, yes fear in deed  
the pregnant polygon was e'er conceived.

Mike Vaughan

## WHAT ABOUT PTP ?

Some of us who have been /arre involved in  
PTP would like to share in conversation w  
with all those interested in learning  
more about the program.

We're meeting this afternoon (Wed. Nov .  
15) at 3:15 in A-102 (the room beside the  
Chapel). Hope to see you there!

Sue Good

(Note: contrary to a former lexical def-  
inition, PTP means Parish Training Program)

QUESTION... again! answer next  
column

Did you know that freeways were first  
mentioned in the book of Genesis?

SEEN ON A CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD:

"This is a segregated church. For sin-  
ners only. All welcome."

# THE AHM CORNER..

A farmer told a minister that he not-  
iced that the topic of a recent preachers'  
meeting was "How to Get More People to  
Come to Church" . He went on to say that  
when farmers get together they never  
discuss how to get the cattle to come to  
be fed, but they spent their time studying  
how to improve the feed.

A pastor, following the choral anthem,  
announced his text from Acts 20:1, "Now  
when the uproar had ceased," and turned  
impishly to the choir. The singers patie  
iantly waited until the sermon was com-  
pleted and then rose and fullthroatedly  
burst forth in their concluding number  
which began, "Now it is high time to x  
awake out of sleep."

"Brethren," the pastor announced, "I have  
a \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes,  
a \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes,  
and a \$10 sermon that lasts an hour.  
We'll now have our morning offering to  
decide which one I'll deliver."

