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## LETTER FROM IAN DIXON

Now I am back home and able to take a look about me. I can begin to pick up a lot of good memories of life in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. I haven't had much news from that part of the world yet--but I guess that if I am patient the news will come!

Well, part of my welcome home included my 4th birthday cake!! I was able to tell them of my 1st at Lancaster. I really wanted to write and thank all for that kindness and so many more while we lived in the same neighborhood during December and January...I have lots of good memories--the Christmas trees and the smell of candles, the carols, the snow, AND THE SQUIRRELS!!! But most of all the cheerful students all around me, their good friendship and interesting discussions, etc., etc. It was something I would not have missed for the world. The chapel, too, will play a big part in my remembering of Lancaster. I was grateful to have been asked to share in those chapel services. There are too many students to refer to by name, but I was intensely happy among them all.

We are hard at work again at this end of the world. A wonderful new group of students--and I'm getting used once more to hanging from my feet!

Perhaps I may hear from you sometime.

Love and best wishes,

Ian Dixon

## CHAPEL NEWS

Tuesday, March 11

Spiritual Life Committee meeting at 2:00 in Apt. H-205.

There will be a celebration of the 150th Anniversary of L.T.S. All are encouraged to help celebrate this event at 12:00 noon in Santee Chapel. The service will commence with the ringing of the bell 150 times. Come and celebrate as part of a long and continuing history.

Wednesday, March 12

Communion in Santee Chapel at 9:00 pm. Note time change. Celebrant is to be announced.

## LESSON PLANS FOR RETARDED ADULTS

We urgently need persons to help us complete a curriculum for Retarded Adults. We are working toward a publication deadline in April. For information and details contact Gary Marcy, Lee McCardle or Allen Kroehler.

## VOLLEYBALL STARTING

Within the next two weeks the L.T.S. Volleyball season will begin. A sign-up sheet and schedule will be posted as soon as possible. Come on out, everybody plays!

--Rob Doner

## NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Seven college students will be on campus Friday and Saturday. Several seminarians will host the students while they are here.

Lois Fritz, Heidelberg College; Joseph Beer, Cincinnati, Ohio; Jeff Singleton, Temple University; Jeff Wagner, Lycoming College; Geoffrey Williams, Norfolk State College; Debra Gross, Catawba College; Glen Sadler, Camp Living Waters.

Are there seminarians who would be available to speak to a Seminary Day in a local church in June? Please let Dorothy Book or Peggy McCardle know in the ODC office.

March 19 meeting of Admissions-Recruitment Task Force in L-105.

Applications for seminarian financial aid from L.T.S. will be available by April 1. These applications are for seminarians who plan to be involved in fulltime study at the seminary in 1975-76.

--Lyman G. Farrar

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## TALENT SCOUTS INC.

I am happy to announce that the "Gay Nineties Variety Show" promises to be quite an event this year. I would like to make one final appeal to any of you who may be holding back out of shyness, to please contact me if you have an act you'd like to enter.

A sampling of things to come: The Fantastic Farrars; Dr. Jessup, master magician; Sir John Payne, vocalist; and many many more. If you have an act, contact me, if not, then mark April 16 on your calendar as a night of fun for the entire family.

--Jim Werner

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## HOAGIE SALE

There will be a hoagie sale sponsored by Dubbs Memorial U.C.C. German Study Group, this weekend. If anyone would be interested in ordering

cont. from below--some for Sunday, contact Dale Serfass in room 109, Richards' Hall. I will be bringing the hoagies up Sunday afternoon or early evening. They are the extra large hoagie and sell for \$1.00 each. You can have the following types: plain; with onions; with hot peppers; with onions and peppers. I would appreciate your patronage very much.

--Dale Serfass

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## PRAYER ANSWERED

I asked for strength that I might achieve;  
He made me weak that I might obey.  
I asked for health that I might do greater things;  
I was given grace that I might do better things;  
I asked for riches that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty that I might be wise.  
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;  
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;  
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.  
I received nothing that I asked for all that I hoped for,  
My prayer was answered.

--A.S.W.

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## LENTEN FAST

We are continuing to fast from lunch during the Wednesdays of Lent.

The money which we save on food will be sent to the UCBM (missions arm of the U.C.C.).

If you would care to join us and have not already done so, please see Alice Zimmerman or Fred Barker.

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Mrs. Thompson, the Pres. Min. Fund rep., will be in the HUB on Wed. March 12, from 10:00 to 12:00. For an appointment, contact Wayne Sautter-3971626.

About 60 years ago the government made a law that only those ministers can be military chaplains who can take the oath of Allegiance to the Constitution of the United States. In so doing, the government may have implied that it places more authority in the Constitution than it does in a Christian message untainted by nationalism.

In reaching an opinion about whether such a law is right or wrong, we must realize that same Constitution which the government seems to respect so much states that there must not be any law "prohibiting the free exercise of any religious establishment (First Amendment). In fact, it reads that there must be no law whatsoever respecting such an establishment.

In the light of this, I suggest that the government's law concerning what message can or cannot reach the personnel of the armed forces is an affront to the Constitution, the same Constitution which that government orders the chaplain to pledge his faith and allegiance to.

Is there not something hypocritical and and immoral in this?

- Fred Barker

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#### MORE QUESTIONS

Fearing debate over the military chaplaincy may come to an untimely end, I feel obligated to jump in and further muddy the waters.

Re: Fred Barker's position

If it may be impossible for military chaplains (to) bring a Christian point of view to wartime situations, might that also be impossible for any Christian military person? Are conflicts of allegiance any worse for those ordained to the priesthood than for those ordained in baptism? Finally, is it necessary or even possible for Christians to avoid such conflict?

If, however, the problem with commissioning chaplains is the symbolic blessing of one particular nation's will over against another, then the root of the problem is which carries the greater symbolic freight, ordination or rank? The problem of multiple symbolic content is not limited to the military.

Re: Tom Schreck's position

While you assert the "Universality of God and the oneness of mankind," military organizations exist only because of and in service to divisions among men. Ordained

clergy in an army represent both the universality of God (through ordination) and the particularity of national interest (through rank). How can this conflict be reconciled?

Foreign policy is authorized on the basis of national interest, not on the basis of the word. If authority flows from two different sources, isn't there a potential for conflict? Even if there is only a potential (not a probability) of conflict, is it fair to require a person to give complete, unqualified allegiance to two different sources of authority?

The issues raised in this debate are universal issues Christians have had to deal with throughout history. How does one live in and not of the world? How does one deal with the conflicting symbolic content of the world or of one's own life?

- Dan Hanlin

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#### THE PEOPLE OF THE LAND

Since the time of Amos, the people of the land have been struggling for justice. The struggle is a constant with minor variations of time, place and nationality. In the present period of the United States, one form which the struggle takes is the movement of Cesar Chavez and the United Farm workers.

Since 1965, Chavez and the UFW have been organizing agricultural workers in California in the only living, nonviolent movement in the United States today. On Thursday, March 13, at 8:00 P.M. at the Unitarian Church (538 Chestnut St., Lancaster), Ruth Why of the Philadelphia Boycott Office and Don Shumway of York will show a film and lead a discussion on the state of the UFW struggle, particularly the nationwide boycott of Gallo wines.

This will be an important meeting for anyone concerned with achieving elementary justice with and for the farmworkers. For more information, see me or call Lenore Fiskel at 872-4257. Thanks.

- Mike Clark

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#### PEAST-OR-FAMINE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Anyone interested in a communal gardening venture this summer is asked to contact Dan Hanlin (392-5347). If you know of some available land, so much the better!

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Remember, March 7, is World Day of Prayer!

REPLY 3

Fred's comment this week deals with a technical consideration that could only develop in a free society. I concede that the "government may have implied that it places more authority in the Christian message." And I would like to add that this muat be the case, lest we live in a theocracy in which only the religious Party Line is approved. America is not a "Christian country." It is a "religious country." Our coins say In God We Trust--not In Christ. Now, to be fair, I would also point out that those who refuse to take the oath of office as Chaplains are not prohibited from ministering to military personnel. They simply aren't given status as Chaplains.

Dan Hamlin raises a fundamental question we have not heretofore considered, namely: Can a Christian serve in the military in any capacity and be true to his faith? This question undercuts the bickering Fred and I have been doing and goes to the bedrock issue of pacifism verses non-pacifism.

Three natural divisions occur to me within the question: a) Can a Christian serve in ANY military ANYWHERE? b) Can he serve in SOME MILITARY services SOMEPLACES? c) Can he serve in the military (U.S.)?

To the first question I would answer with an unhesitating "No!" A Christian (or any moral person) could not serve a military force that supports a system of government which is tyrannical, oppressive, and non-representative of the national consensus, as are the armies of the Soviet Union, Red China, and South Africa. To serve voluntarily in such a military would be an immoral act. Let's consider question b) A Christian (and I read religious/moral person here, not simply one who adheres to a creed or belief formula) would have to serve in a military force that defended a nation which fostered Christian values: the rule of law over whim, political, and religious freedom, human worth and dignity,-- you fill in the rest. Could a Christian fight for those values? Our fathers did, when civilization tottered at the brink of a dark age which threatened to bring a flesh-and-blood antiChrist to domination over all mankind. But we have grown up in the age of Vietnam--that dirty little war that nobody wanted, and so we have forgotten that there are causes worth fighting, dying and, yes, killing for. Can a religious person stand idly by and watch a Hitler butcher human beings for his twisted concepts of racial purity? Prayer vigils are fine, but Nazi Germany died by fire, and cold steel. No

other way would have worked. The third part of this question is c) Can a Christian serve in the US military in particular? To answer this, ask yourself: What does this country stand for? Don't heap up empty-headed phrases about watergate and the CIA. Address the question. WHAT ARE THE BASIC VALUES-- the IDEAS--OF AMERICAN LIFE? Equal justice under law. Freedom of belief. Freedom for personal and social mobility. Human worth. Human dignity. These ideals are far from perfectly realized, but they remain as the mainstay of American Civil Religion. Could you fight for these ideas and be true to your religious faith? I certainly hope so. One final question: What would be your honest reaction if you were to hear today on the radio that the US had decided to unilaterally disarm herself over a three-year period??

- Tom Schreck

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"PASSION OF CHRIST" PRESENTATION IN 2011

On March 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, the  
choirs of Dubbs Memorial U.C.C. in Allen-  
town will present the passion of Christ  
starting at 8 o'clock in the evening. This  
will be an outstanding performance. The  
church is located at Fifth and Allen Streets.  
For this past Christmas, we did a pageant  
also and we received excellent compliments.  
For example, a few people came up to our  
organist and pastors and said that they saw  
the pageant at Radio City, but it did not  
compare to our Christmas pageant. If  
anyone is interested in going to see it,  
contact Dale Berfass in Richards' hall,  
room 1109 and we'll try to get a car  
pool together. You all don't know what  
you will be missing, if you don't catch  
one of the performances..

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RABBIT ROLE

Saturday March 22nd, A.S.U. will hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The children will gather at the quad at 10 A.M. If by chance we should encounter rain it will be postponed until Sunday March 23 at 2 P. M. All people donating eggs are responsible for decorating them and turning them in by Friday night, March 21st, to either Kathy Smith or Mary Jo Jessup.

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Numbers in parentheses refer to announcements which follow.

March 11 - 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDING OF  
LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY at 12:00 noon

Monday, March 10

**9:00 A.M.	- Chapel
7:00 P.M.	- Night Ministry
**9:00 P.M.	- Bowling

Tuesday, March 11

**9:30 A.M.	- Chapel
**12:00 noon	- 150th Anniversary Celebration(1) Of the Founding of LTS Chapel
2:00 P.M.	- Spiritual Life Committee Meeting H205

Wednesday, March 12

8:00 A.M.	- Executive Cabinet
**9:00 A.M.	- Chapel
*10:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.	- Interviews for Cowan's Gap State Park Chaplaincy (2)
**9:00 P.M.	- Communion (3)

Thursday, March 13

**9:30 A.M.	- Chapel
**9:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.	- College Business Symposium at Franklin & Marshall College (4)
7:30 P.M.	- Clergy and Laity Concerned

Friday, March 14

**9:00 A.M.	- Chapel
Deadline for April <u>Bulletin</u> Material	

Saturday, March 15

**1:00 P.M.	- Bowling
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(over for Dates Ahead)

DATES AHEAD

March 7-8 - Seminary Sampler for College Students

April 16 and 17 - The Arts Festival

April 19 - The Celebration Road Show

April 23 - Norman and Sandra Dietz will be in Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communicator 150:22

From the Office of the President

I'm sure you understand that those fellows on top of the library are not fiddlers on the roof!

After five years of fruitless effort to have others make good on our "20 year bonded roof", the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees approved the replacement of the present roof. Although this item was not budgeted, our architect advised us that further delay might cause some permanent damage. So the roof is being replaced.

The inconvenience was troublesome, but bearable. The damage required attention. Just thought you'd like to know.

James Glasse

From the Office of Development and Communication

(1) March 11 - 150th Anniversary Celebration at 12 noon! Tuesday, March 11, is the birthday of our Seminary. Special moments of celebration will be held in Santee Chapel at 12 noon. Everybody is invited! Let's fill the chapel!

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March 19 there will be a meeting of Admissions Recruitment Task Force in L 105.

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Seminarians receiving Baer-Snavely grants: One check was sent to LTS, and individual amounts have been applied to accounts. Please check with Mrs. Buch in the Business Office if you have any questions.

Lyman G. Farrar

(2) Interviews for the Cowan's Gap State Park Chaplaincy during the summer are scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, from 10:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in L-216.

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The deadline for the April Bulletin will be Friday, March 14.

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We want to get LTS news on the bulletin board in the lobby of the library. We need your help to do this. Please put any news "clippings" in Miss Book's mailbox or bring them to the Office of Development and Communication.

Dorothy M. Book

(3) There will be Communion in the Chapel on Wednesday, March 12, at 9:00 P.M. Please note the change in time to 9:00 P.M.

Mike Iski

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JUNIORS and MIDLERS: If YOU have not picked up your test packet from the CPDM office, please do so as soon as possible. You will be needing them in your collegium groups. Middlers, even though you received some test data last year, packets are prepared for you, too, and are to be inserted in your Vocational Planning Handbook.

Barbara Ober, CPDM Secretary

(4) The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the 9th Annual College Business Symposium on Thursday, March 13, at Franklin and Marshall College. LTS seminarians as well as approximately 150 college students from 13 area colleges and universities have been invited to participate in the event. For further details see the program listings that have been posted on the bulletin boards of the Academic Building, the Hub, and the Library.

James Glasse

News from ASW: There will be a meeting of ASW Monday, March 10, at 7:30 in the home of Dianne Moser, 537 North Pine Street. Dana Schlegel will have a demonstration of floral arranging. Dr. Webber will be teaching a class on the Theology of St. Paul. The first session will be Monday, March 17, at 7:30 in Room L214. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children of 1-12 years on Saturday, March 22, at 10:00 A.M. on the Seminary grounds. For further ASW information contact Lynn Wetzel at 397-0729.

Lynn Wetzel

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED: Contact Mrs. Anna May Buch in the Business Office if desire to give blood.

Anna May Buch

### THE REGISTER

#### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

The Commencement Planning Committee met on March 4 to make plans for the 150th Anniversary Commencement. The following assignments and responsibilities were identified. We enlist the interest and support of all members of the community in helping us make this a really big event.

Lee McCardle, Senior Class Representative, will be liason with the Business Office for caps and gowns for M. Div. graduates, will poll the class to determine preferences for Baccalaureate worship service leaders, and recruit ushers for both Baccalaureate and Commencement.

Myron Wolf, Business Manager, will assume responsibility for liason with police regarding traffic and parking.

Mrs. Balazs, Refectory Manager, will coordinate all food service on our campus for this event.



George Bricker, Dean, will be responsible for the preparation of complete and accurate lists of graduates for inclusion on diplomas and in the program, and for the preparation of diplomas.

Paul Irion, Marshall, will be in charge of all processions and recessions, coordination of ushering, distribution of programs, reserve seating, etc.

Book/Farrar, ODC, responsible for all alumni activities in connection with the total event.

Glasse/Hafer, President's Office, responsible for general coordination of the Baccalaureate Service and the Commencement Program, including robing for guests, special invitations, planning of the program, with the assistance of Frank McConnell in matters of music.

In an effort to save money, we are not printing a formal invitation to the Commencement this year, but I am prepared to write a personal letter to up to five persons for each M. Div. graduate, inviting them to attend the Baccalaureate and Commencement. Simply get names and addresses to Edna Hafer, and we will get the letters out.

The Committee meets next on Tuesday, April 1, at 10:30 in L204.

James Glasse

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

In last week's Register ( 150:21) I announced on behalf of the Executive Cabinet a decision with regard to the fee for Clinical Pastoral Education at Lancaster General Hospital, with the promise that "a preliminary statement of the issues and alternatives" would be published in this week's Communicator. As I present this statement, let me underline its "preliminary" character. I want this to be the beginning of a discussion, not the end of it.

First of all, thanks to those seminarians who pressed the issue and took time to push us into the larger question of the relationship between educational cost to the seminary and educational costs for the seminarian. We are learning more about how to deal with this very complex phenomenon. Very little has been done about this in American higher education -- almost none in theological education. We are walking on some unmarked paths. We need all the perspectives we can get to find the way. And, with the economic environment changing so rapidly, it is urgent that we learn how to calculate educational costs and to develop policies and strategies for setting tuition, fees, that are realistic for all concerned.

It goes without saying that there is a financial crunch. The problem for the institution is the same as for everyone else. We are all in the same bind -- seminarians and secretaries, refectory staff and presidents, trustees and faculty how to secure enough income to meet the rising costs of living.

One of the major sources of income for the seminary is tuition and fees. (In this year's budget \$159,000 of our budgeted income against expenses of \$650,100, or 22%) We must, as an institution, secure as much income as we can from every possible source. We also know that we cannot increase tuition beyond certain limits without "pricing ourselves out of the market". We also know that the conferences and individuals who support us are experiencing the same economic bind. There are limits to how much they can/will provide for us to underwrite educational cost to the seminarian. We are also determined to keep our

enrollment small in order to remain personal, flexible, and responsive both to seminarians and to the needs of the church. So we are in a double bind. The two options for us (at the point of income from tuition) are to raise tuition and/or increase enrollment. Either way we move we run the risk of subverting our stated goals. So we will move cautiously and carefully.

The responsible approach seems to me to hold tuition increases to a minimum (for next year the increases are projected at about 10%) and increase the scholarship fund by a similar percentage. This is the recommendation of the Budget Council which is presently before the Board of Trustees. These increases appear reasonable and responsible to me, because:

1. They represent the same kind of "cost of living increase" we have had to include in the expense side of our budget.
2. They correspond to the increases we are projecting in other income items, especially new contributions for individuals to the Friends Fund. We are also planning to approach some foundations for financial support, but this is not a primary strategy for us at this time.
3. Tuition and fees pay only about 25% of the educational costs in the M. Div. program. The balance comes from endowment and contributions. All these items must be considered together, because it is a single budget.

In this larger context the question of reducing the cost to the seminarian for eight hours of CPE from \$320.00 (the stated tuition cost of eight hours times \$40.00 per hour) to \$280.00 (the charge per student made by the hospital for participation in the program without any academic credit) is seen in a different light.

The critical question for both the seminary and the seminarian is the same: how to pay the bills. The seminarian's "bill" is 90 times whatever the tuition rate is -- no matter how much it costs the seminary to deliver those "hours" to the seminarian. The "bill" to the seminary for each "hour" is about \$100.00 -- except in this one case.

For these reasons The Executive Cabinet declined to approve the proposed reduction in fee for CPE, offers the above reasons, and welcomes continued consultation from all sectors of the seminary community as we work to develop viable means of providing the highest possible quality theological education at the lowest possible cost to the individual seminarian -- and to the churches and individuals who support us.

James Glasse