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EVANGELISM

This article is one of a series of articles to be written in the Seminarain and the author hopes that the readers will obtain a fuller sense of what evangelism is in our day and age. These articles are part of a project for the course entitled, Theological and Ethical Issues in Contemporary Evangelism. Your comments are welcome and I hope that each reader will take time to seriously look at the area of evangelism.

Evangelism is very important for the Christian and one could say that it is a central feature of Christianity. If we were to look for a definition of evangelism, we might be satisfied to say that evangelism is proclaiming the good news of Jesus. It was this concern that was on the minds of the early Christians. In Jesus Christ, the early Christians had experienced the love of God and they wanted to share this love with other people. Michael Green has written that the early Christians, "were convinced that Jesus Christ was God's last word to man, the one who brought as much of God to us as we could appreciate in the only terms we could take it in, the terms of a human life; the one who in dying and rising again was manifestly vindicated in his claims and achievements." It was this Jesus that was proclaimed in a joyous fashion by early Christian men and women.

When we examine the early Christians and see the joy that was in their message, we must ask ourselves if we have a joyous proclamation of the Good News. The need to share with others the message of salvation brought forth by Jesus was at the very heart of the Christian life. How could one hold the Good News back from those who had never heard? The answer to that question was that a Christian couldn't keep the message to him/herself. There was a constant burning desire to share with others what had been given to all humankind.

Throughout the Roman empire, the message of Jesus Christ was spread to all who would hear. The dangers and sacrifices were all overlooked as the early Christians roamed from province to province. The message was one of primitive Christianity and it lasted into the third century. In the third century, Origen summarized the whole evangelistic enterprise of Christianity; "to perpetuate the knowledge of Christ's sojourn upon earth, and to prepare for his second coming, or too bring it about as a present reality in those souls which were willing to receive the word of God as he stood at the door and knocked and sought to come into them." Was this true only for primitive Christianity? This was evangelism in the early church and next week this series of articles will continue.

Tyson Fray

NORT'S SPEWS

Thank God it's over. Two long weeks of hiding under training tabels, inside lockers, under piles of sweaty uniforms, but Ladies & Gentlemen, I got it. THE biggest scandal to hid the streets since the Black Sox in 1919. And you, yes you have the exclusive first hand account of the GAAK ARGHH NGGH CHOKE...

(Anonymous note) Folks, it's not good news I have to share with you. Nort has been poisoned.. Now don't panic!! He'll probably live.

Yeah, yeah, I told him it was dangerous. I even hired a retired secret service agent to guard him, but even a 90 year old woman can't be everywhere at once. She probably forgot that November 2nd wasn't Valentine's day. HOW WAS SHE TO KNOW THE CANDY WAS POISONED? I thought they were just going to scare him, I didn't think they were going to try and kill him. After all, I made a lot of money by fixing the World Series, and you couldn't even tell, could you? Those Orioles rolled over perfectly. Hey, you're not printing this are you? Wait... I was just kidding. I didn't really do it. Ha ha, you know, a joke? (whew) Now that I've got your confidence back, anyone want to bet on the Super Bowl? I happen to have this friend who got this great tip on the outcome of this year's game.

Anon Y. Mouse
(call me at 961-9911, it's toll free)

ATTENTION ALL: I MEAN EVERYBODY!

If you missed last Tuesday's SCC Pot Luck Extravaganza, and there were plenty of faculty and staff members (as well as students) whose culinary contributions were missed, stop cursing the world and take heart. The next SCC PLE will take place on Nov. 20, same time, same place, different menu assignments. Attendance at this PLE is required for both graduation and tenure. Look for details in this newspaper.
Ron Parks

14 STUDENTS ATTEND TOWN MEETING

On Tuesday, October 30, 14 students and 2 faculty members attended the town meeting of the SCC. The meeting was held to elect class representatives, but this never happened. Instead the hour was spent in serious deliberation on many diverse topics such as: passive discontent, symbolic presence, apathy, community identity, representation, priorities, and the future and purpose of SCC. These discussions provided a lot of input for the members of SCC who were present (half of whom were there). The opinions presented were both positive and negative in regards to the future of SCC. Nothing official was reached, but the fact that the SCC should carry on was almost unanimous. What the future holds? Do students want a government? Do students value SCC? Is there a sense of community at LTS? These questions and others need to be asked and answered by everyone at LTS.

Jeffrey S. Dick

COMMUNITY MEAL REVEALS COMMUNITY

On October 30, the community of LTS came alive over supper. A real live Pot Luck dinner was held in the refectory and proved a real success. With no planned program, only eating and fellowship, about 50 people turned out for this activity. Ron Parks and Andrea McCaw were responsible for planning this activity and deserve a lot of credit for its success. Of course the real success was that people turned out for a good time, and had one. This event is to become a monthly happening, see you in November at the next one. Also, thanks to the people who cooked the food, it was an excellent pot luck.
J.S.D.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Once again it comes time for recognition. Co workers on this issue: Mike, Judy, Todd, and Don.

THE CRAFTSMAN AND HIS MISTRESS
(FOR RICARDO)

Propped on a crate of scuffed and ~~h~~ lemmished wood, a barrel of a man, squat, thick, solid, hunched over his bench. Florescent magic conjuring bazaar tools intricate drawings, layers of sawdust, spools of wire and sheets of wood from the uncertainty of shadows. Overhead, to-morrows affairs hang in jostled rows from rotten rafters. Concentration stifling movement, the captive form of intensity. a carved face. Lines whittled in flesh sockets sanded into bone. Nostrils gauged by careless handling. Raven strand slicked close to his skull with dusty sweat. Lids drawn over clouded eyes. Silent ~~px~~ prayer in a cathedral of passion.

Scarred hands lift her, aged tones soothe her. She has taunted and coaxed since they met weeks ago. Mora has turned her raw vitality into statuesque glory. She has emerged, drawn from hiding by the master's hands, the debutant will sing of lust and love tonight. Her rolling form has been set by his hands, her swooping hips, her level shoulders, her stately neck, his incarnate fantasy. Bowing toth his summons, resting silently in his embrace, laid across trembling and feeble knees. Her lines perfect, her voice poisoned. Gnarled and twisted fingers stir her. Whispers leaping and dancing, swirling from deep within. They love each other.

Mora told me as I carried off his lovely mistress, "She is a woman, stroke he with love and she will sigh. Beat her and she will cry." A tear perhaps, no, a speck in his eye. The barrle sagged as I took her away. My prize made no sound I had silenced her lisp with my hand. Maybe, one day, I can make her love me too.

Author's Note; Ricardo Mora is a craftsman. He creates what we call guitars. They are his life and the music they re-

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lease is his blood. He is a proud Costa Rican Man, a man of tradition, for he performs his craft as his father has instructed him. He loves women which are born from his hands. I am grateful for the priveledge of sharing the peice of his genious. All his women sing for their lover.

Ron Parks

NORT RECOVERS

Boy I have to laugh when I think of ~~h~~ the size egoold Anon Mouse wears. He actually thought that Petty fixing of the world series was the "big scandle" I had to share. C'mon Anon, you can do better than that. Nah, that was nothing Everyone knows the world series is fixed every year. Bowie Kuhn is the biggest baseball bettor around, and that's commo ken among the folks I rub elbows with. No this thing is bigger than baseball. Why this one is an international crisis of the ultimate degree. Folks, you'd be better sit down to read this...The 1980 Olympics are a Russian plot for the communisg takeover of the world. Yep, Nort has obtained documented evidence of a comprehensive plan of action, which will ensue upon the arival of all the athletes in Moscow. First they grab all the athletes, then they issue their ultimatum since their government controls the military forces, there would be no access to the capitol city by anyone except by force. The bombs will get broken out and full distruction of the world is inevitable. The communists will have ~~their~~ their way: "No world without Communism", saddly there will be "No world with Communism" either. I propose we nab about two dozen of their athletes in Lake Blacid and hold them for security purposes until the summer olympics are over.

Nort

Dear Editor:

Excitement. That's what I feel when I reflect upon Monday's anti-nuclear demonstration in Penn Square. To have 40-plus people show up as a result of such a limited effort was fantastic. Just think what results a well-executed, concerted effort could bring!

Penn Square was the first step. Let's make the TNI plant the next step. It's time for the grass roots to go to the root of the problem!

John S. Schwartz

EXECUTIVE CABINET

A short meeting this week with the major issue being the problem with stolen bikes. The cabinet decided to let the room next to the laundry room in Bowman Hall be used for bikes. The key to your apartment opens this door, which should be locked at all times. Eventually some kind of bike rack will be put in there, depending on use.

J.S.D.

CONSERVATION?

Have you noticed the number of lights left on in the Academic Building? When you leave a room, if you are the last one, please turn off the lights. We scream about conservation, let's try some.

On this same note comes the matter of heat. I took this matter to Executive Cabinet and it seems the high temperatures in Lark Building are due to the way the building is sealed. Hopefully this matter will correct itself soon.

J.S.D.

YOUTHGRANTS APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1

The National Endowment for the Humanities through its newly-expanded Youthgrants program will offer more than 100 awards throughout the nation this fall to students and other young people in their teens and early twenties

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to pursue independent projects in the humanities.

The deadline for submission of completed applications has been extended to December 1, the only deadline during this academic year. Application forms should be on file in college offices which deal with federal grants.

These federal grants offer up to \$10,000 to groups. They are intended primarily for those between the ages of 15 and 25 who have not completed academic or professional training. While the program cannot provide scholarship support or financial aid for thesis work, undergraduate work which seems assured of public dissemination can be supported. The humanities include such subject areas as history, ethnic studies, folklore, anthropology, linguistics and the history of art.

Youthgrants have been used by young people to carry out a wide variety of projects such as exhibits of documentary photographs, printed or audiovisual records of local history, and films on anthropological subjects.

LETTER POSTED

I have placed for the inspection of each member of this community, a letter I received from the Interfaith Committee Against Blasphemy on the current film "Life of Brian" by Monty Python, on the wall by the mailboxes. I hope each one of you will take the time to read this letter. I believe it is important for all Christians to be concerned about how the world perceives the image of our Lord and Savior. Please take a few minutes and read this letter. Thanks.

Mike Weiser

There is no room on this page for another article. Thus this space will remain relatively, fairly, almost, totally, and completely, empty!

"Welcome To Earth"

Welcome to earth
the fantasy land,
admission; free.
Take a number
so we'll know you
from all the rest.
Enjoy the rides-
don't worry over the cost;
Nature is expendable.
See the lights
how they flicker, they bicker-
over who's the brightest
in the neon wasteland-
the city.
See the artist
smokestack brushes
painting the sky grey.
He's the manufacturer.
He build's our world.
(And you thought
God created all this.)
See over there-
that's Harlem, and
over here, that's Appalachia.
There are others like them,
some big as countries.
No-no, don't touch-
just look;
That's what everyone else does.
See the people,
how they scurry about-
collecting neuroses and psychoses,
enfatuated with time.
And every once in a while
they get charitable
and care a out each other.
They are so funny-
stuffing their pockets
with little green peoces of paper
as if life depended on it.
They will teach you
how to be human
when you join the club.
So go on, have fun,
after all, you only have a lifetiem.

Welcome to earth
the fantasy land,
admission; free

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RAIN

Slurs and blurs, the rain
against the window; droplets
of forgotten dreams-
for those who can forget,
like the rush of the waves
against a sandy beach.
Rhythm of the universe,
pitter pitter patter, they reach
the heighh and depths of life.
Hidden in one tear
of a distant cloud, the blueprint
of a God, ever near.
Refreshing the world, it rains
the juices of life, damp in the wind
setting in motion the cycle;
slurs and blurs return again.

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This is a Tearoff Page

LANCASTER CENTER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE
LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
RICHARDS HALL 101

The Lancaster Center for Peace and Justice is now located at Lancaster Theological Seminary, Richards Hall, room 101. It is open Monday Wednesday and Friday from 9:00am to 12:00 noon.

One of the Center's activities is to begin a series of courses in a free University format. Some of the courses the center would like to offer are:

- Reversing the Arms Race
- Conscientization as a Method of Cultural Revolution
- Bible and Story telling
- Clowning for Peace/ Philosophy of Clowning
- Media and the Violence of Language
- Consumerism and the Imagination
- Games for Making Friends/Building Groups
- Telling Fairy Tales (for children and their parents)
- Non-violence and Civil Disobedience
- Responsible Eating: More with Less
- Uranium Mining and the Treaty rights of Native Americans
- Farm Workers and Mechanization
- Foot Massage

The course on "Reversing the Arms Race" will begin on January 2, 1980 from 7:00 to 10:00pm led by Sandy Fluck. "Clowning for Peace" and "Games for Making Friends/building Groups" will be lead by Irma Weaver. No date or time has been set for these courses.

If you have a course you would like to add to the list and would be willing to lead it or, if you would like to take a course, please call Sandy Fluck at 392-6648 after 5:00pm. Or, fill out the form below and mail to Sandy Fluck, 740 North Pine Street, Lancaster Pa. 17603.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone No. _____
Course Title _____
Date to begin _____
AND LENGTH _____