

EDITORIAL

As we return to LTS our thoughts turn to goals and hopes both immediate and future. "Theological education in seminary can be seen as one part of a total career pattern. It is a very small part in terms of time, but it may be a very large part in terms of influence."

The careers for which we are preparing are of great importance in the world today. As persons of all ages, races, and tongues reach out for something in which they can place their trust, our witness of the Good News becomes as a divine imperative placed upon us. It is not enough to merely proclaim the Word through our words but to also act it out in our lives. Only through the sound results of integrity of example can our objectives be clearly perceived. We are accountable not only to our professional standards of competence but also to our Leader.

The responsibility for the training of men and women for the Carpenter's service has fallen to the institution known as the seminary. But the seminary has not been saved from the harsh criticism that seems to be characteristic of our world. "The responsibility of the seminary is to assist the student in the assumption of responsibility for his own career development." This does not mean that the seminary shall decide for the student but shall enable him to discover for

himself, with the use of expert guidance, his abilities. It is difficult to expect that the seminary will always be moving in the right direction. It must, however, be expected to be continually aware of the world in which it is set and to which it must minister.

"Not only the students, but the seminary, must become accountable to the profession." Just as the local pastor has a responsibility to maintain his whole ministry, so does the seminary as it seeks to "find ways to keep its programs ...in phase with the realities of the profession."

As we all seek our personal and collective goals it is absolutely necessary that we "de-escalate the fantasy level at which many seminary professors and students think." In all things, we must remain realistic and remember the commitment that calls us together. Our joys and our struggles even here are part of our total ministry. We come to a common present from many different pasts -- let us unite our varied talents to heighten the over-all competency of our Seminary; and "let our bearing towards one another arise out of our life in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:5)"

As new co-editor of THE SEMINARIAN I am happy you all to another year of life; may the Carpenter's shalom be with us all

- Brad S. Lutz

We are starting another academic year. I'm sure the summer was eventful to all of us in some way or another. The only trouble is that it ended all too soon. However, we must now look to the coming year.

Each one of us have very personal feelings as we begin the year which are hard to communicate. However, I would like to put down a few of my feelings and concerns.

First, let me welcome the new members of our community, and let me say that I'm sure that your stay with us will be eventful if nothing else. But let me also remind you that the eventfulness of this year is up to you. Therefore I urge you to get involved in the community as far as your talents and time will allow, because life at this Seminary is more than going from your room to the classroom and then back again.

Secondly, I am very hopeful that we can continue the work begun last year with regard to the new curriculum. I ask that it not be dropped and forgotten. We have a responsibility to continue our examination of the curriculum and come up with the best possible one.

Finally I would hope that we can bring together our varied and diverse opinions and work for a better feeling of cooperation. Last year the lines of communication were cut. I for one am willing to work for a renewed atmosphere of communication and cooperation.

Tony Szilagyi

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Policy Statement

The Editorial Advisory Board as announced last year shall review any questionable articles submitted to the editors in order to decide if they are suitable for printing. The criteria for judgment are that no article may (1) contain any personal slander nor (2) outwardly attempt to deceive. All signed articles submitted by 5:00 PM on Tuesday of publication

week and meeting the two criteria will be used.

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The collection department of a big city firm tried a new method on a slow-paying customer in a small town.

"Dear Mr. Smith," the letter began. "What would all your neighbors think if we came and repossessed your car?"

The letter came back to the company with a message written across the bottom of the page:

"I have taken the matter up with my neighbors. They think it would be a pretty cheap trick."

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RENEWAL

If all the sleeping folks will wake up,
And all the lukewarm folks will fire up,
And all the dishonest folks will confess up,
And all the discouraged folks will cheer up,
And all the depressed folks will look up,
And all the estranged folks will make up,
And all the gossipers will shut up,
And all the dry bones will shake up,
And all the true soldiers will stand up,
And all the church members will pray up,
And the Savior for all is lifted up-
THEN

you can have the world's greatest renewal.

Richard Cardinal Cushing

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EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 1- Opening Convocation.
Monday, Oct. 2- 7:00 PM Holy Communion.
Wed., Oct 11- 8:30- Memorial Service for Glenn Dean.