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EDITORIAL

There have been a number of reasons as to why the seminary administration and community do not do things. The things I would like to focus on are three in number. First, the seminary doesn't do anything decisive about parking violators. Second, we don't do anything about non-seminary people that drive in and dump their garbage outside of our trash area. Third, we don't do anything about keeping unwanted people out of our buildings.

Let me take a moment here to say that there are some people who do work on these problems. I applaud and support their efforts. I'm focusing on the reason that some people give for not doing anything. The reason that people give and that really bothers me is, "We can't do that; we're a Christian community."

What really bothers me about this reason is that it implies that because we're Christian, we are to allow people to take advantage of us or our facilities. Personally, I do not believe that Christians are doormats.

Jesus did not eliminate the laws of the Jewish faith, rather he said that not a dot of them would pass away. He did not say that the woman caught in adultery was not guilty. He did not say to the money-changers, "Make yourself at home, my Father's house in your house." Jesus was not a doormat; he did not ask us to be doormats.

We can be a caring community and enforce the rules that we want enforced. We can be Christian and not be recipients of other's trash. We don't have to be doormats--think about it.

Helen Henderson
Co-editor

Vietnam Remembered

'NIETZSCHE'

In light of the 10th anniversary of the U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam, attend a two-part series:

SUN., APRIL 21, 8 p.m.: A special showing of the Academy award winning documentary on the Vietnam War and American culture,

"Hearts & Minds"

SUN, APRIL 28, 8 p.m.: Dialogue/discussion with Dr. James Faltot, Vietnam Veteran and psychologist & Ann Morrisett Davidon, writer and long-time peace activist.

at: Asbury United Methodist Church
3311 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA

Each program will begin with Liturgical worship. Admission is Free.

Sponsored by: Brandywine Peace Community
(215) 544-1818

ATTENTION APARTMENT RESIDENTS

APARTMENT REFRIGERATORS

When defrosting the refrigerator in your apartment, please do not use any metal or sharp instrument to remove the ice build-up. You can achieve the proper defrost conditions by using an electric hair dryer, vacuum cleaner, or pan of hot water.

C. Jay Burket

To Editors of "THE SEMINARIAN"

A serious study of the philosopher Nietzsches' works, some months ago, inspired me to jot down this small, poetical vignette. I submit it to you for publication.

Doug Mast
(Vignette printed in next column)

Visceral brilliance,
Acceptance, seizing, grasping of life.
Shedding of old skins,
Eternal recurrence.

Drinking, drunken, inebriated with
wine of life.

Forger, Creator, Prophet of new
worlds...

...solitude, ascetic loneliness,
Death of God, of cultural man.
Ebbing Neurosis, insanity,
Death, shedding of old skins,
Eternal Recurrence.
Deep, deep, deep eternity.

FROM THE EDITORS

The editors of the Seminarian would like to thank the many people who contributed to this issue and all previous issues of the Seminarian this year. We have been able to improve the looks of the paper and have printed a number of thoughtful articles.

We are now looking for interested people to take an interest in the paper's future. We need an editor or co-editors for next year. We will need more of the high quality writing that we received this year. We need you, the seminary community, to take an interest and an active role in the making of this paper.

Russell and I have learned from our experience as editors. I will be graduating and continuing the skills I have learned in a church setting. Russell will be putting his knowledge to work in creating and working on a newsletter for his church in Denver, PA. We join now in saying "Best Wishes" to the seniors soon to graduate and also to those who are continuing their studies here at Lancaster Theological Seminary next year.

May God bless you all!

Helen M. Henderson
Russell D. Clark
co-editors

TITIVATION DAYS TO BE CELEBRATED
APRIL 26 & 27

Anyone who spends much time on the LTS campus quickly comes to appreciate the impressive and beautiful architecture of the Lark Building with its historic chapel and bell tower. That beauty has recently been enhanced by re-lighting the bell tower at night. Just as obvious to the campus visitor, student, potential student, or even a person just passing by, is how the landscaping around the campus is so unimpressive. In recent months this fact has led some students, faculty, and other interested persons to begin talking informally about some ways in which the LTS community could do something about improving the aesthetic quality of our campus. At the same time, discussions were going on about finding a way to celebrate the arrival of Dr. Schmlechen as the new president and the "new beginnings" associated with his coming. Someone suggested that the two ideas might go together quite well. The outgrowth of these discussions was "Titivation Days."

Titivation Days (the word means "to dress up, to smarten, to spruce up") is an event being planned to offer the entire LTS "family" a chance to come together to celebrate our love and concern for God's good earth and this institution which is preparing us for ministry. It has been the hope of those working on the project so far that alumni/ae, faculty, staff, students, friends, and trustees could join in a mutual offering of loving stewardship by planting new trees, shrubs, and flowers to make LTS a more beautiful place to learn, worship, live, or visit. It is also hoped that such an event might become a kind of annual Spring Festival.

The dates and times for this year's Titivation Days are Friday, April 26 from 2-5 p.m. and Saturday, April 27 (continued in next column)

from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Everyone is invited for all or any part of the festivities. An outdoor worship is being planned for Saturday around noon and other ideas are in the works. At present a little over \$500 has been donated to the project, most of which has come from alumni/ae. Contributions are also being welcomed from local churches, faculty, and students. Also, if you would like to help in any of the planning for these two days, please contact Jean Vieth, Beth Nordbeck, Bill Beck, or Cliff Moone. For further details on "Titivation Days" see the "Communicator" in upcoming weeks.

Come join your brothers and sisters of the LTS "family" for a time of joyous work, fellowship, and worship as we strive together to "titivate" Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Cliff Moone

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The purpose of this letter is to express my feelings, and those of some other seminarians, about the upcoming titivation days. There are so many areas that need to be improved and spruced up around the seminary that are far more important than trees and shrubs! A beautiful outside campus will improve the looks of the seminary to the public, but a beautiful inward appearance will make residents and those who are paying much happier. Which is more important? I believe that the money solicited from churches should be used for a general overhaul of the entire campus and not just for trees and shrubs!

Specific areas in need of improvement are:

Lawn - 1. Replant the grass where everyone cuts across on the front lawn.

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2. Put in a fence to keep people from cutting across and to keep the neighbors from letting their dogs make a mess out of our lawn.

Apartments

1. Clean and repaint (a decent color!) the halls and stairways in all the apartment buildings. I know from personal experience that the halls and stairways in Harner Hall have not been cleaned in at least the three years I have been here. In fact, on the third floor there is grease and dirt all over the walls from people using the trap door to the roof which has been there at least three years.

2. Replace ancient and ugly venetian blinds. Some have been known to fall right out of the ceiling and crash to the floor!

3. Work needs to be done on the ceilings and walls that are cracked and keep peeling over and over again.

4. Have the apartments cleaned thoroughly after one tenant moves out so the new tenants do not have to spend hours and hours cleaning and painting before they can enjoy living there!

5. Appliances should be replaced and are anything but dependable.

6. Most shelves and cupboards under the sinks are rotted through to the floor due to mildew and leaks.

Chapel

1. Could use a good cleaning.

2. Walls need to be painted.

The outside appearance of the seminary is very important, but, I believe that the areas mentioned above are much more important and should be taken care of first. What good does it

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do to put on a good "front" on the outside if once the people get inside they are turned off. Better for them to be impressed when they get inside than depressed!

In closing I would once again suggest that the money solicited for "fixing" up the seminary be used for general maintenance rather than just planting a few trees or bushes around the outside.

Robb Henderson