

EDITORIAL

As the semester begins we can now think back on the day of interchange that we all went through together. I say together because — while each of the classes presented their own programs, we all shared from them as a seminary community. It was one of those rare occasions when we gathered for one purpose — to share.

We came together after a month of varied, unique and personal experiences. Yet, I sensed that there was a genuine attempt to communicate those experiences. L.T.S. is the richer because of it.

The Sr.'s presentation this year was very inventive and interesting. I think that they gave us a feeling of what they went through in England, beyond just giving a travelogue explanation. Since their presentation I think it's safe to say that the Seminar Abroad was a success.

Each Sept. the middlers participate in the Seminar for Human Relations and Change. And each Day of Interchange the middlers are challenged in how they can best present to the rest of the community their impressions. This year they did a fine job. The after affects of such a seminar are not very immediate, yet the middlers communicated some sense of their Sept. Program to people who were not directly involved.

The Jr. presentation was last on the list of the day's program. However, I think that their explanation of what they saw and did was understood by all who were present.

All in all the Day of Interchange once again proved that L.T.S. is more than buildings and classrooms.

Tony Szilagyi

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Vatican Two plus Ten

Ten years ago this month Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council. As a Roman Catholic who has lived through the sweeping changes in my church following his action, I am a little nostalgic as I look back on this decade. We were thrown violently into the 20th century. We "matured" so suddenly that like teenagers we grew out of our shoes got gawky, didn't know whether we were children or adults, and became difficult to live with. Yet as a church we have grown wiser in the knowledge that simple answers do not suffice for complex problems.

It is nostalgic to remember those secure days before the Council when the comforting voice of Pius XII had a detailed answer for every perplexity. (The amazing thing is that he was right so much of the time.) I become somewhat fearful when I ask myself, as I am sure Pope Paul must many times every day: "O John, John, where will it end?"

(Editors note — This was taken from Charles Angell's article in the Oct. issue of A.D.)

THE SEMINARIAN AND THE LIFE:

Experience is the best teacher, and this best teacher has taught me that: "Christian life is indeed essential on campus, especially that of the Seminary.

Trustees, Faculty, Students, Staff and all the friends of the Seminary must really strive jointly to attain this precious gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. The struggle to communicate between Faculty and Students and between Students and other Students, is a step toward the attainment. We must, however, bear in mind that all we do or plan to do, without Christ assisting us, will all be without fruits. Remember St. Paul's words: "I can do all things in Him (Christ) who strengthens me."

We have a special way of attaining our goal, and that is to seek to know each other. No matter what happens, it is only when you know each other that you can feel free to communicate. So, it is only when you know each other that you will feel the need to communicate, and then Christ's love will just follow.

Love is one of the Heavenly gifts; it is for this reason so precious that it must be stored up with Christ who strengthens us. I guess Christ will make this academic year a blessing and more fruitful to us and hope that we will begin it with fresh and strengthened minds.

--E. K. Mandoro

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October 11

GLENN DEAN MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

A celebration in memory of Glenn Dean will be held on Wednesday, October 11, at 8:30pm in Santee Chapel. This service is planned so that the entire community might celebrate the life in which we were able to share. Liturgist will be Rob Brown; the meditation will be delivered by the Rev. Horace Sills.

The class schedule has been cleared at this hour so that all students, wives, faculty and staff will be able to attend. Suggested dress is semi-formal.

Also attending the service will be Glenn's mother, Mrs. Mary Dean, family and friends.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASSOCIATION OF SEMINARY WOMEN (ASW) will hold its first meeting on Monday, October 9 at 8:00pm in Dietz Refectory. All Seminary women are invited.

MIDDLELERS -- please sign up for Chapel services. List is on the Chapel Bulletin Board.

BOWMAN LAUNDRY -- John Balazs has announced that due to vandalism, the laundry room will be locked. All students who live in the apartments will be able to use their apartment key to get into the facilities.

COFFEE is now available in the HUB. A small donation is requested.

COMMUNION - students interested in serving as liturgist for Wednesday night services should contact Barry Lohman.

TRUSTEES CONVOCATION -- The entire Seminary Community is invited to attend the Trustees Convocation tonight at 7pm in Santee Chapel. The service will include the installation of The Rev. Horace Sills as Vice President of Development.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors:

As an employee of this Seminary in general and the Philip Schaff Library specifically, I feel I must bring to this community's attention a rather blatant case of misclassification in the Library of Congress form (perhaps it is in fact a bureaucratic, governmental freudian slip). I feel that it is a sad comment indeed when all of the Bibles in our library are to be found in the BS section.

Letters to the Congressional Librarian may be in order . . .

-- Jim Fatzinger

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ON ECOLOGY

"It is said that the sins of the fathers are visited on the children to the third and fourth generation. Well, if the ecological sins of our fathers are to be paid for by our children's children, it will be because we allowed the sins to go uncorrected. Horace, who wrote his Odes in the first century B.C., put it this way: "Posterity; thinned by their fathers' crimes, shall read, with grief, the story of their times."

Much can be done to preserve and replenish the world we are used to and to heal the hurt places. What we do should not be done half-heartedly, but appropriately to the greatness of the enterprise.

Improvement is not to be made without inconvenience, but that is a little thing to suffer since we have the knowledge, the science, and the technology to accomplish the grand endeavour. To default would be a crime not only against all humanity but against ourselves.

To take part, in however humble a way, in conserving natural things, is to give ourselves a chance not otherwise obtainable of gaining a conception of the eternal verities at first-hand. How superior that is to

Gibran, who sat by his fireside and watched the fire go out, then blew vainly upon the dead ashes.

It is obviously impossible to correct all past mistakes overnight, but it is possible to start correcting them at once and to prevent the worst of the problems from arising in the future.

--from the MONTHLY LETTER
of the Royal Bank of
Canada, Montreal, Quebec

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QUOTABLE QUOTES

"There is no use in saying anything if you can't improve on the silence."

"The road to H*ll is paved with good intentions."

"I never met a man I didn't like."

"You can fool some of the people most of the time, most of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time."

"Conflict is not produced by change, but by resistance to change."

"Life only demands of you the strength you possess. Only one feat is possible -- not to have run away."

Who spoke those words? Do you know? If so, submit your winning answer to either of the editors. Correct answers and winners will be published next week.

This contest is void where prohibited by law.

First prize winner, or the closest thing to it, will get a FREE ten (10) year subscription to THE SEMINARIAN -- whether you like it or not!

BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Beginning with the next issue, THE SEMINARIAN will publish a Bible Study series. The series will include a short scripture passage and a one column commentary. The series will begin with studies by members of the faculty. Those interested are asked to contact the Editors; student studies are also welcome. Next week's study will be done by Fr. Walsh.

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POLICY STATEMENT

As announced last year, the Editorial Advisory Board 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 or (2) outwardly attempt to deceive. All signed articles submitted by 5:00pm on Tuesday of Publication week and meeting the two criteria will be used.

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POWER TO THE RESIDENTS!: An Editorial

Roaches on Pine Street, falling ceilings in Richards Hall and mice in the apartments are the signs of institutional neglect of property maintenance. While the buildings of the Seminary are quaint, attractive and sturdy on the outside, they are the kind of buildings that modern churchmen would picket if they did not own them. Rather than falling into the "complaint-conform syndrome" the time has come for the residents to assume their own power.

I am proposing that a Property Task Force be established. This committee should consist of 3 Pine St. residents, including one wife; 6 residents of Richards

Hall, including 2 or 3 F&M students; four from the apartments, including one couple; Mr. Wolfe; Mr. Balazs; one member each from the following Trustees Committees: Property; Relations and Resources; and an outside consultant, perhaps the business manager from F&M.

I am proposing that this Task Force then go on a fact-finding mission and list all of the necessary repairs. Step two would be the gathering of financial information of monies presently available for such maintenance projects. The Task Force should then determine where and how these immediately available funds should be used. This information should then be presented as a mandate to the Executive Cabinet of the Board of Trustees.

One sign of the value an institution places on itself is the simple matter of its physical appearance. And I am convinced that an institution such as LTS which does not even budget for the possibility of major repairs in buildings at least 60 years old has little regard for self-worth. It is time for facts, not histories, to be put out in the open on everyone's part. And if the official bureaucracy of the institution chooses to ignore this pro-active move on the part of concerned residents, then there is obviously lacking the real concern for students which LTS claims to have.

While I welcome all trustees to campus today and tomorrow, I ask that you look closely for yourself and that you see the conditions as they are. And then I urge you to act -- you're the system.

While some students have learned to live with these inequities, I urge you to respond to my suggested Task Force -- you can have the power to buck the system. And only by assuming the responsibility for ourselves can we be satisfied that enough has been done!

-- Brad S. Lutz