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## BIBLE STUDY

"God gives the Growth":

I Cor. 3:5-7

"So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

It is very easy for us to think we are more important than we really are. People tell us how inspiring our sermon was, or how helpful a class session was, or what a contribution we have made in their lives through personal counseling. Such words, however, sincerely meant, present a two-fold temptation to the minister of the word of God. One, we are tempted to believe the wondrous things people say about us, and so we begin to act as though we, not God, gives the growth. Second, we are tempted to believe that every time we speak, on whatever subject, God will bless with his growth the intention of our words. How easy for us to come to think of ourselves as indispensable for God's work, whether in the Church at large, or in a specific situation. But that is not the case. Paul addressed these words to some people who wanted to link themselves to him as their spiritual hero, as others wanted to link themselves to Apollos. Paul would not allow that. Neither dare we. What is important is the task God gives us, not who we are. What is important is that his will be done, not that we are the instruments he may choose to employ in the accomplishment of his will. The minister, the teacher, the preacher, the counselor are not important in themselves; it is God who gives the growth. He is the one we must look to, and not to ourselves.

--Paul J. Achtemeier

NOTE: We wish to Dr. & Mrs. Achtemeier the fullest blessings of God as they continue to teach and preach His Word to those preparing for the ministry at Union Seminary in Richmond. Their contributions to LTS shall remain with all of us as we seek to be honest to the spoken word in our ministries.

## NEW EDITOR

In the past two years THE SEMINARIAN has become a vital and important link for communication on Campus. Everyone in the seminary community owes a debt of gratitude to the editors for their dedication and hard work. A special thanks to Brad and Tony for their work this year.

The Student Community Council is now in the process of securing the editor(s) for next year. The procedure for the appointment as passed by the SCC on May 17, 1972 is as follows:

1. The editors resign yearly.
2. Upon their resignation, these outgoing editors suggest to the SCC recommendations of underclassmen for the job.
3. Advertisement is to be made in THE SEMINARIAN for other persons interested in the job.
4. The appointment is then to be made from this list of suggested and interested persons by the President and Vice President of the SCC in consultation with the other members of the Council.

To date, recommendations have been submitted by the present editors. Any full time student in the seminary is free to volunteer for the appointment to be considered along with the recommendations. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Larry Canfield, Mike Romig, or John Fureman as soon as possible. The goal of the SCC is to make a decision for the appointment in time for printing during the week before graduation. Thank you.

--John Fureman

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WE heard that "DOC" ENGLERT'S Hebrew class has among its students Miss Ruth Gold and Miss Dorothy Ruhl. Would you call this the "Gold 'n Ruhl" class?

## PARTING WORDS

The days of my active professorship can now be easily counted. Soon I shall have to leave the campus of our beloved Seminary, my colleagues on the faculty, my fellow workers in our community, and above all--my students. It won't be easy, but it will have to be done. And it will be done with thankfulness in my heart toward God who gave me the opportunity to participate in the work of the teaching ministry during the last 48 years of my life.

In the last two decades, whenever I wrote a letter to a "Junior student" in our Seminary I finished it with the following words, "existentially yours," meaning simply that in my person-to-person relationship with our students, my whole being (body, soul, and spirit, or if you wish to express the same in another version, my mind as well as my heart) was (were) all involved. When I wrote a letter to one of our "Middlers," I ended it with the words "ecumenically yours," clearly indicating not only that we all belong to the same one universal church, but also that we have a world-wide mission to fulfill. And when I addressed my letter to a "Senior student," I liked to finish it by stating "eschatologically yours," which again I understood to mean that yesterday, today and forever we are always one in Him who loved us and gave His life for us all.

The last issue of THE SEMINARIAN published in my honor, deeply moved me. The warm and spontaneous words written by the leader of our denomination, by a former as well as by one of my present colleagues on the faculty, and by the editor of THE SEMINARIAN gave me the fullest possible assurance that my work in the Lord was indeed not in vain.

In response I can similarly assure you all-church leaders, former and present colleagues on the faculty, as well as all the students whom the Lord enabled me to reach, to teach, to form and to reform throughout my 48 years in active service--that even after my retirement I shall remain existentially, ecumenically, and eschatologically yours.

My parting words to my students are the same I chose from the Bible for the last devotional period with my colleagues at a faculty meeting, "My children you are, and I am in travail with you over again until you take the shape of Christ" (Gal. 4:19, NEB), and the same prayer I uttered then, repeat now and will say again and again in the years to come:

(continued next column)

Enable us, O Lord, to be in travail with one another and with our students over and over again until Christ be formed in us all. So be it. Amen.

--Bela Vassady

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## ASW NEWS

The A.S.W. Installation Service will be held Monday, May 14 at 8:00p.m. in Santee Chapel. Refreshments will be served following the service at the home of Mrs. Horace Sills, James Street. We would like to invite all seminary women to attend. See you there!!!

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## NEWS FROM THE DUKES IN OXFORD

Dr. Gable shares this excerpt from a March 23 letter from Professor Duke, on sabbatical in England:

"We both attended classes at Oxford. In particular we have heard a helpful series of lectures on Psychological Critiques of Religion, and a series on Patristic Theology and its relation to Modern Thought, particularly as concerned with doctrines of Creation and Grace. It is stimulating to work through such materials and approach such courses with the concern for communication through preaching, and find the disciple rewarding. When not listening to lectures or writing, we take trips through the country here, day-long expeditions so far, and of course such brief holidays are most enjoyable."

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## THANKS TO ARTISTS

Many many thanks to all those who supported the Arts Festival. Your time, talents, and attendance are much appreciated. The displays and music were especially exciting this year and the credit is yours. Thanks again.

--Jim Fatzinger

Brad Lutz

In the past this paper has been criticized for constantly criticizing the lack of involvement by members of the community. This article will not take this stand, rather we wish to salute the untiring and unself interest of a leading member--"Doc" Englert, "Doc" this year, as in the past, has graciously served as LTS's Athletic Director. Throughout the year, "Doc" has freely given his time and energy in order that we may have some fun, release some tensions, and get some much needed exercise. It seems that today's apathetic world has far too few people who graciously and freely give of their time for others as "Doc" has for us. Undoubtedly not enough of us have expressed our appreciation for such concern, so at this time we say hats off to you Dr. Englert, and may GOD richly bless you in the future with continued good health. Thanks so much!

--The SEMINAPIAN

P.S. We also salute Mrs. Englert, for as is said, "behind a great man stands a great woman."

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### WHAT A SICK BELL!!

Many people lately are wondering who's been ringing the "tower ding-a-ling" the past couple of days. Since Tuesday evening Barry Lohman has not been ringing the bell as he always has so proficiently in the past. This has been due to Barry's untimely illness of unknown nature which unfortunately struck him down Tuesday. Numerous people have attempted to fill in for Barry, but none have been able to match the quality of ringing which has become a trademark of his ringing. Hopefully, and prayerfully, Barry will soon be back to take his rightful position at the end of the rope!

Do you think we could hire Quessimodo until Barry returns????

--Dr. Moritz

The Ball Park Wizards of LTS finally had their undefeated record stopped. Their long and highly successful season was tarnished by their loss to St. Paul's U.C.C. General consensus of the team is that no one should be singled out for praise--mainly because no one deserves any. However, this reporter would be remiss if one person was not mentioned--Tom Burns. It isn't that Tom played exceptionally well, or exceptionally poorly. The performance he did turn in was an exceptional one--as head umpire! When he wasn't calling balls and strikes with flair, zing, and authority, he was hugging the ground behind the pitcher's mound. More often than not, Tom was either lying flat or down on his knees as if praying that he had made a correct call. The Major League Umpires Association would undoubtedly hire Tom immediately if it weren't for MGM also being after him. Great job and best of luck in the field which you were obviously meant Tom--outfield, FAR outfield.

--Denny Moritz

NOTE: The next ball game will be Saturday afternoon against Mt. Joy,

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"What I'd like to be is a perfectionist. . . . but I don't know how to do anything!"

CLARIFYING THE ISSUE:  
AN EDITORIAL EXEGESIS

The article, "Greek Requirement Affirmed" in the April 12 SEMINARIAN caused a little more excitement than I had anticipated. Some of the excitement however misunderstood the article's stance. Therefore, this exegesis.

In several student letters I received I was accused of suggesting that some of our students, notably older commuters, are undesirable. This is not my statement at all. What I am questioning is the desirability of an educational system. I have the highest admiration for the courageous decision of these men to make such a radical change in their vocational life when the going will be more difficult than for those of us fresh from college. But I also reaffirm the support of the system that expects its students to maintain the highest academic, personal, and spiritual standards.

Naturally Dr. Glasse responded. He asked that it be understood that the Seminary at no time suggested doing away entirely with Greek; it would continue to be taught and students would be advised of the value of taking Greek for their New Testament studies. Dr. Glasse suggested that he attended a school where this was the system. Students, he said, would be able to make the decision for themselves, and, thus make a wiser and more beneficial decision. I dare say that his is being rather idealistic; if we lived in a kingdom of saints it might work but. . . . Dr. Glasse said that he himself did not take Greek; a factor I feel we must consider, too. Personally, if I had not had to take it, I wouldn't have done so; but, having had the experience, I will never regret it. My mind however was not mature enough to make the wiser more mature decision that Dr. Glasse values. In the Preaching Workshop at Convocation, the pastors all responded favorably to having had Greek.

I'm sure that Dr. Glasse and others will choose to misunderstand this. I agree entirely with the "professional attitude." But I feel that it cannot be had at the expense of our academic and scholastic requirements. Requirements are a dirty word--let's make it "discipline" which implies freedom and responsible initiative. In other words, part of our professional discipline must be the study of Greek. This is my sentiment; and I do not think it is too much to expect Greek to be an ecclesiastical and educational expectation. And so, this 'Reformed Theologian' retires from rabble rousing editorials. Happy exegeting!!!!

--Brad S. Lutz

DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST

How familiar this phrase is to so many of us, especially to those of us who are still young enough to remember our undergraduate years. So often we would jokingly say, "Due to lack of interest today has been cancelled." Usually this came towards the end of a term when everyone had so much to do and so little time in which to do it; just as it is now here at LTS.

Before I first came here at the end of this past January, I often thought how great it will be to be going to seminary. Finally I thought I would be going to a school where everyone would really have a desire to join in with everyone else in the activities which make the life of a school. Finally apathy would not abound to the great degree which can be found on so many of our college campuses. I even thought that there would be less apathy than there is in most of our churches.

Obviously I really did not what it was like here! Obviously I had a very immature and a very naive idea of what it would be like here at LTS. Obviously I became very much awoken in a very short time. Obviously things are not what I had hoped for!

For some reason, there does not appear to be the differences that I thought would exist when compared to undergraduate colleges. The apathy that I thought would be absent simply isn't. Shot to pieces is my dream that everyone would be joining in with everyone else in the activities of the school.

This struck me almost immediately upon my arrival to LTS, but I hoped that it would get better. One of the first things that pointed this out to me was the lack of attendance to the morning chapel services. Then there is the fact that no one signs up to lead chapel for those who do desire to come. When vespers started, the turn-out was quite good at first. That too has gone down to almost zero. Last week's convocation had a pitifully poor turn-out of students, and this could have been very beneficial. What finally hit bottom was the complete lack of concern which was expressed by the vast majority of students during the Arts Festival. Last night there was an extremely meaningful worship service which included communion, but once almost no students showed up!

I truly hope and pray that next year, those of us who are returning can and will improve our attitude for those coming for the first. Let us not here the old phrase changed to: Due to lack of interest GOD has been cancelled.

--Dennis A. Moritz

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- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Faculty Planning Evaluation Workshop
- \* 5:00 p.m. - Vespers - Santee Chapel
- \* 9:30 p.m. - Spiritual Support Group meets in Old Hafer Center

Thursday, May 10

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