

Fast for Indochina

Wednesday, Nov. 1, is Medical Aid for Indochina Day on the campus of Lancaster Theological Seminary. On that day, hopefully, members of the seminary community will respond to the urgent medical need of the Indochinese. At this writing, 43 boarding students (LTS and F&M) have pledged to fast on Nov. 1, and thereby receive a refund on their food plan, a refund which will be contributed to MAI. All other persons associated with the seminary, administration, faculty, staff, and nonboarding students, are like wise asked to fast that day, and contribute an average day's food cost to MAI.

As the number of American casualties, resulting from the war has decreased, the ferocity of the air war being waged against the Indochinese has increased dramatically. Indeed, in the time which it has taken to write this article, 120 tons of bombs have fallen on southeast Asia. MAI is a very concrete response to this destruction. It is also a very human response to other medical assistance to those being bombed in our name.

As we fast Nov. 1, for the people of Indochina, we will be able to reflect upon our responsibilities to them as clergy, seminarians, and students. If we admit next Wed. the humanity of those people, we shall be forced to recognize the inhumanity of what is being done to them. Perhaps contributing funds to the purchase of medical supplies, textbooks, and equipment for the Indochinese can be the beginning of the end of our own indifference insensibility and inhumanity. If so, the physical wounds of the Indochinese and the spiritual wounds of the Americans will begin to be healed.

Anyone who wishes to participate in the fast and contribute money to MAI, kindly see any of the following:

Prof. Allen Kroehler; David Hartranft, R 102; Frederick Barker, R 217; or me in R. 208.

Mike Clark

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An Editorial

Last year I was one of those who enjoyed the Wed. Chapel Services very much. It was a time when I could put aside my school work and come before my God. Not only this, but, I found fellowship with the people that had also gathered. The services were such a filling experience that I soon was looking forward to them. But from I can see, this doesn't seem to be what I can look forward to this year.

We are almost finished with Oct. and we have yet to have a Wed. Chapel Service. When I looked into the situation, I found that there was very little desire by people to help in putting the services together. I think that we're so busy that we can't spend time on the active worship of God.

This I find very hard to understand because if I'm not mistaken, I heard some of my classmates say that there was very little spiritual life on this campus. Yes indeed, everyone will shake their heads and agree, but no one will do anything about it. The Wed. Service is a special one because we need an ordained minister to bless the bread and the wine. It's sad that as of now very

IT'S YOUR SIGN, GOD

Signs disfigured.
Christ maligned.
Our guides in life stamped out.
We write our lives without your will,
To wreck the life you've sought.

We cannot hear
Or see that day
When love will conquer sin,
"Til your Christ rises in our life;
You give your power within.

Rejected, mocked,
Contorted, strained.
Yes, God -our sign- you:live.
And now, to turn towards your face
Hangs up the sign that lets love in.

Then. God. Pull.
Build us all new.
You bore your sign, its true.
Though torn and wounded, alone, distraught,
It's your sign, God, that's found us out.

-----Barbara A. Williams

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EXPERIMENTAL "JANUARY-UNIT"

The Field of Church Life and Work is embarking on an experimental "January-Unit" to be inaugurated in January, 1973. Briefly it is an attempt to integrate our field. All of us are aware that our several departments in this Field interlace or inter-mesh with one another, and our intention is to further the awareness of this movement. Accordingly we will plan for a series of seminars or conferences involving all students now taking courses in our Field, to be conducted during the two weeks in January for which class hours are assigned. We have ascertained that upwards of 55 students are involved. We presently contemplate some "case method" approach as a device to fulfill our hope of increasing the sense of integration. Shortly we will want to meet with students to flesh out this proposed structure. This means, in a practical way, that all classes in our Field will come to an end at the Christmas Recess. Class sessions in January will be arranged, involving all students in this Field, so as not to conflict with other classes in other Fields. Our study of the class schedule makes it apparent that such an

arrangement can be made. It is our hope that we shall be working in small groups of 10-12 students, at least 1 faculty member, and if possible 1 pastor. The hours of involvement are not to exceed the number of class room hours already scheduled for January. As a matter of fact, these sessions together are a part of the requirements for the courses in the several departments in this Field. Educationally speaking, we seek to further the integrative process by this design, recognize its experimental nature, and of course hope it will work. Faculty in our Field are open to your comments, your proposals for enriching what we have set forth, and in short seek your cooperation.

-----Robert.W. Duke

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few of the professors have come forward to help out. Why is this year so different from last year? Do we have less time this year than we did last year? I hope not.

In a seminary the size of this one, we need all the support we can get from all sides of the community. Are we so sure of ourselves that we don't need to gather and worship God around His table? We are all creatures who must share our needs with God. We cannot get away from that fact.

It is my hope that we can once again come together as a spiritual community to find strength and fellowship together through Him who has called us together and into His service. For this is meet and right so to do; it is our bounden duty to meet in eucharist -- in thanksgiving as His people.

-----Tony Szilagyi,
Brad S. Lutz

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THE PROPERTY TASK FORCE will take a tour of all campus residence facilities on Monday, October 30, beginning at 2:30 pm. Please submit complaints to your representative on the Task Force. We hope that all students will co-operate with this important Task Force.

In Search of Apples

A young man in search of apples went - where else - but to an orchard. He arrived to find an old man at the entrance selling baskets of apples. The young man knew well the orchard was free to anyone, but thoughtfully he approached the gentleman to ask just where he might find such beautiful apples as these. The old man offered his bright shiny apples to the young man at a most reasonable cost....but the wise young man thought ahead to a time when these apples and the old man might no longer be available to him, then he asked again, "Where may I pick such apples as these?" "Well, the old man replied, I use that old ladder that stands over yonder, which I'm quite sure is too old and too weak to hold you" "Please then kind sir, do show me how to build a ladder for my own use that I too can go all over the orchard and pick the very finest of fruits." "I would young man, but you see you would no longer need me."

James Roth

The above paragraph is somewhat of a followup to Bob Stoudt's article, however it shows hints of what I perceive to be the crux of the problem - the learning of tools in place of so many facts and theories. I think the subtleness of this approach might better draw the conclusion I've reached. The title need not be applied perhaps.

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The Seminar Abroad- Must it be Required?

Over the past several months I have attempted to have the requirement changed for the Seminar Abroad. Under the present rigid system all students must take part in this program, true there have been several exceptions. I content that in particular when a student has spent time in foreign lands be that in the service, as a student, church related experiences, or even travel, this should open the door that if the student so desires alternative study should be allowed. I have been in contact with the Academic Affairs Committee; and my request was all-but turned down with the stipulation

that they might consider my request if I submit a ten to fifteen page paper. I am only asking for the permission to do alternative study, consequently I do not agree with the need for a paper unless credits are involved.

I will not go into detail about my travel experience other than to mention that I have spent several months in and around Greece, Turkey, and Italy. I have literally traveled the routes taken by the Apostle Paul and visited many of the cities where he preached.

I have many hang-ups about the entire seminar. I see it as a travelogue in the disguise of a "Study of the Church in a Foreign Culture." Several professors have attempted to convince me of the merits of the program, however, the more I hear about the program from those who have been on past seminars, the more repugnance I have for the seminar abroad.

I feel that it is more important for me to be home with my family (wife and two small children) than spend one month touring the "Continent." Because of the present rigid requirement I have the following options:

1. Be totally submissive and follow without question the mandates of the "Hierarchy."
2. Transfer to another seminary.
3. Write 10 to 15 page paper for the Academic Affairs Committee.
4. Don't go at all - meaning under the present system I would not be able to graduate.
5. Take my entire family with me - that way I am meeting my requirement to the seminary - plus I am meeting a requirement of being a parent. At the writing of this article I have not made up my mind, and I would be open for suggestions.

Dick McClain

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Big Brother?

Mark Gallagher, executive director of Lancaster Big Brothers, will be in the Hafer Center at 3 P.M. Wed. Nov. 1, to present the needs that the Big Brothers have. Please come especially if you might like to become a "big brother."

CURRICULUM TASK FORCE REPORTS

This is the first of many reports to come to you, the Seminary community, from the Task Force on Curriculum. This Task Force is comprised of Junior class representatives Colton and Sauerlender; Middler class representatives Waite and Fatzinger; Senior class representative Beck; and Professors Duke and Vieth, and has been convened to deal with the problems surfaced at last year's forums on the "1-3" proposal.

At our first meeting, some of the problems and feelings were raised to the end that the committee could then focus in on proposals to speak to these issues.

One (of several) models was proposed for the committee's consideration. This proposal leaned heavily to a truly "free" curriculum (during the academic semesters, whatever their duration) with the final selection of courses from the present curriculum the decision of the student. We hasten to add that this final selection would only be after a collegium meeting which would precede the student's arrival at LTS and which would also meet preceding each academic semester. This collegium would consist of a faculty member, a pastor of the student's choice (a pool could be formed to provide students a wider choice of pastoral counsel), and the student. This would thus provide input from "in-the-field" as well as academic disciplines, speaking to the blend of functions the student is to fill on graduation. This collegium would review, in depth and with honesty, what the student brings to the Seminary, what the student perceives himself as needing in his training, and what the pastor and professor perceive as necessary for ministry in the years beyond graduation. The student then makes his choices and the collegium reviews, each semester, his progress towards his stated goal.

Enough of what we did! What about you? How do you react to such a proposal? What other models have you for us? We will be considering seriously any and all proposals that come to us from faculty and students. Please make your proposals, gripes, reactions, and "lamens" to your representatives. We solicit your help in this most important of projects. David Brewer once said in a Lincoln Day Address (1898):

"Many criticisms may be... devoid of (propriety), but better all sorts of criticism than no criticism at all. The moving waters are full of life and health; only in the still waters is stagnation and death."

-- Jim Fatzinger
(for Ron Waite)

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LTS Official Enrollment

The following Report on ENROLLMENT BY PROGRAMS has been sent to the AATS on the forms which they provide. The figures are as of October 16. These figures are now considered to be official.

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| --3 yr. post-AB(excluding intern year) M.Div. | ---- | 76 |
| --Professional 4-5yr. post-AB (excl. intern) | -- | 16 |
| --Certificate program | ---- | 7 |
| --Unclassified | ----- | 8 |
| --Master of Sacred Theology | ----- | 9 |
| --Interns | ----- | 1 |

Total in all programs ----117

--George H. Bricker,
Dean of Faculty

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UNITED FUND CAMPAIGN

The deadline for contributions to the United Fund is October 28. Remember the SCC's commitment to match gifts over \$20! Make them fork it over! See Mrs. Hafer and GIVE!