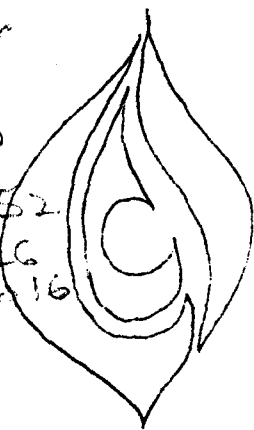


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STATEMENT OF CONCERN, INVITATION FOR RESPONSE

TO THE SEMINARY COMMUNITY:

We as a collegium wish to express our concern over the lack of student participation in seminary policy making. We support the Seminararian Community Council's search for the re-instatement of standing committees such as the Academic Affairs and Campus Affairs Committees, or some working alternative(s), for the following reasons:

1. There is a lack of organized interchange of information between faculty and seminarians. Presently, there exists no officially recognized committee in which campus affairs and seminarian concerns may be voiced representationally during policy-making decisions. We note that the SCC is strictly a seminarian-oriented committee which cannot fulfill the need of a vehicle of communication between faculty and seminarians.
2. Such committees, or alternatives, as suggested above could provide the following services:
 - A. Juniors could participate in the shaping of programs which will affect their future as middlers and seniors. For example, student ideas concerning the 1976-77 Seminar Abroad could be elicited.
 - B. Seminarian opinions concerning admissions processes, grading policy, and programs for the January session could be represented
 - C. Such committees could be a training ground for seminarians to help them become acquainted with decision-making techniques in preparation for parish leadership.

We invite the views of other members of the community to discuss this concern over re-instatement of standing committees.

- Collegium V

Editor's Note: Collegium III adds their voice to this concern. -J. Deni Bechard

Also: I would like to suggest that a more effective discussion on this issue could proceed if we first obtain a clear understanding of why such seminarian-faculty committees were originally abolished. -Bill Cox

In the Vietnam War we saw Christian military chaplains blessing and encouraging Americans fighting forces. At the same time we saw Buddhist priests giving support to the people of the DRV.

This letter reflects a second aspect of my concern about LBS's support of the chaplaincy: I believe that the chaplain's holding of rank implies that Christ belongs to only one side in a conflict, and that he is not concerned for all humankind. This has the effect of using Christ to fight other people for you.

The House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church adopted the following in 1962: "Christians are, by virtue of their membership in the Church, already a part of a worldwide community which transcends the purposes and policies of any national government" (reported by the Episcopal Peace Fellowship in a document entitled, "On the First Consecration of a Bishop in the Armed Forces in the Episcopal Church," IDOC-International, No AM Ed, 27/3/71).

My point of view is based on my personal acceptance of the thrust of this statement.

But the demands of the military sometimes conflict with it. Therefore, I submit that it is incompatible with a ministry within the ranks of any nation's armed forces.

Rather, the minister places himself in the position of blessing one particular nation's will over against another.

The military chaplain must be free not to be a part of the military. Only then could he proclaim that Christ is not owned by any one side in a conflict.

-Fred Barker

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Who are you, who understands me so well?

The Bird Lady

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The main thrust of Mr Barker's argument this week centers on the military chaplain's presence (and position in the rank structure) in national armed forces. Erasmus raised this issue in the late Middle Ages saying that it was blasphemous to hold mass in opposing camps.

I would counter that to refuse to minister unto those who face the valley of the shadow of death is not only blasphemous but the supreme, judgmental ego trip. To understand the chaplaincy one must draw a line between doing one's duty (a lost art in this radical generation) and approving of the specific policies of the national leadership. You see, a soldier is a tool....he goes where he is sent and fights against whom he is ordered. Those who have no faith in their system of government should not be soldiers. Those who wish to stand in judgment of men and women who make soldiering their career, should not be chaplains.

The military does not require a chaplain to violate his faith. If the chaplain or the soldier were ordered to do something contrary to the tenets of his religion (e.g., to kill an unarmed person in cold blood), it would be his military duty as well as his Christian duty to refuse. (The army court martialled Calley).

One final point. Chaplains are not all Christian. There are Jewish Chaplains, and in other armies there are probably chaplains of other religions. We who aspire to serve our God through ministry to military men know the universality of God and the oneness of mankind. Until your civilian parishioners press upon us the plows and the pruning hooks, we will keep you safe at night with our spears and swords. God help us all, for we are all in this together.

-Tom Schreck

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The Talent Show still needs a seal act, a belly-dancer, and a metso soprano. Anyone having these talents, or others they can perform in public, please phone, write, or talk to me in person. The rumor, by the way, that we are running an illegal Bingo game in the HUB on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. is false. "Bishop" Werner

SUMMER JOB OPENING

The committee including Tom Burns and Bill Wealand will be on campus on Wednesday, March 12, from 10:30 am. to 2:00 pm. to interview any persons interested in the Cowan's Gap State Park chaplaincy. Interviews will be held in L-216 (faculty lounge).

-Dorothy Book

A.S.W. PRESENTS: ACT I

Have you heard the one about the traveling missionary? It seems as though there was this missionary who traveled around the Near East declaring that he could bring new life into people's worn out relationships. He promised mystical experiences with visions of power and a transformation so radical he proclaimed a new body for accepters. If you want to learn more, attend A.S.W. Presents: Act 1: Dr. Webber presents the uncut, unexpurgated Theology of St. Paul, in room 214 of the library March 17th, and 24th at 7:30 P.M.

BOOKS IN THE HUB?

If you've been in the Hub recently, you've noticed some books sitting on the shelves in the lounge area. This is not a nostalgic return to the days when that building was the library. It is, rather, an endeavor that, hopefully, meets two or three needs. It is an exchange program that serves the members of this community. If you have any books you no longer need/want/ have read and want to share, put them in the Hub on the shelves. If you see a book you like, take it along, keep it, or return it for someone else to read. The Hub is a building for the community; money is tight; we all need and enjoy books--can we share our wealth?

-Dave Martin

LOST KEYS

Anyone locating a ring of keys please contact Nancy Norris. About seven or eight keys are on the ring.

SERVICE OF SCRIPTURE IN SONG

The chapel service on Tuesday will be a special musical service of Scripture in Song. The service will include the Seminary Folk Choir. All are encouraged to join in the celebration.

-Steve Coti

ALICE ON TV!

At 10:30 pm. Sunday evening, I turned on the TV set, and whose voice should I hear but Alice Zimmerman's! I yelled to Betty, "Alice Zimmerman is on TV." For the next 20 minutes, we were absorbed in VIGNETTE, a telerad presentation about the gospel's relevance today within a particular context. Not only was Alice a participant, but Gary Gruber, adjunct member of the faculty at LTS, and the host of the TV program, Dennis Spangler, who began his M. Div. studies at LTS in February.

The Office of Development and Communication would like to be able to alert the seminary community about events like this one! Let us know what you are doing! Maybe we should be writing about some things like this in the Seminarian or the Bulletin in addition to SCC news, faculty and other news. It is not only good PR for LTS, but indicates that seminarians are involved in community affairs.

-Lyman G. Farrar

LENTEN FAST

Each Wednesday at noon during Lent we are fasting from lunch. We invite all who would care to fast to join us.

We will send the money that we save by not buying the food the we would have eaten to the UCC Board for World Ministries. This is the UCC's arm for missions. It will forward the money to areas of the world in which the hunger problem is particularly grave.

Ruth Balazs and Myron Wolf have graciously agreed to cooperate again with this effort. If you want to fast and you eat in the refectory, the Seminary will donate for you the amount of board which it would have spent for your meals. See Alice Zimmerman or Fred Barker.

"THE LAND OF BURNING CHILDREN"

Seven years ago, Father Dan Berrigan coined the phrase which is the title of this piece to refer to Indochina. At the time, Lyndon Johnson was waging a secret, executive war in Laos; his administration was engaging in the withering, terror bombing of Vietnam; and Cambodia, under Prince Norodom Sihanouk, was at relative peace with its neighbors. Today, peace has finally come to Laos; Vietnam continues to be an experience as important as the Holocaust, in terms of what it means to be human in the 20th century; and Cambodia, under General Lon Nol, suffers 300 casualties per day in a war now entering its fifth year.

Faced with this situation, Mr. Schlesinger, the Secretary of War, has requested \$522 million in supplementary military aid for the tottering regimes in Phnom Penh and Saigon in order to make possible continued fighting. That figure represents \$2.50 for every American; that figure means that \$750,000 will leave Lancaster County for the military budgets of Thieu and Lon Nol. According to the Defense Intelligence Agency, from 1965 to 1973, the United States spent 33 times the amount on military aid to Indochina as the Soviet Union and People's China combined. Quite simply, for a decade, the American people have been rioped-off by a series of administrations which have provided unlimited funds for a string of dictators unworthy of one cent of aid or one drop of blood.

I urge everyone to telegram and/or write their Congresspersons and Senators in an effort to defeat these requests for "emergency" aid. The real emergency in the present period is not the military defeat of Thieu and Lon Nol, but the continuation of a decade of American-imposed horror in Indochina. History has presented us with this opportunity to end this atrocity now; that same history will judge us, if we fail to take advantage of it.

- Mike Clark

PMF

Mrs. Madeline Thompson, the Presbyterian Minister's Fund representative, will be on campus Wednesday, March 12, from 10:00 to 12:00 in the HUB. Anyone desiring an appointment should contact Wayne Sautter, at 397-1626.

AN EXTRICATION OF "HUH?"

During the week past, I have heard sounds of consternation concerning the words of advice and comment that appeared in last week's SEMINARIAN under the thought-provoking title, "Huh?" In order to alleviate this consternation, allow me to share some insight gained from in-depth exploration.

Before looking at any specific items of the article, it is essential to understand the message in its full context. Obviously, it speaks to the individual soul in a communal way that speaks to the silent feelings that pervade our thoughts in an individual setting.

With this contextual setting complete, we turn to the first paragraph. The first half of the sentence is undeniably of primary source, since the language is typical of other memos to appear from the desk of Dr. Jessup's mind. I do have reservations, however, about the second portion of the first paragraph. ("Huh?" EP 1, sen.2) Due to such terms as "hanky-panky," "obnoxious," "photo-electronic," and "of," I question this passage as coming, indeed, from the historic Dr. Jessup. These words appear nowhere else in his writings, and probably, in all surety, are editor's deletions that have been introduced to an evangelical use of this material in a pre-adolescent disclosure to his/her specific audience.

The second paragraph, likewise, has enough typical Jessup syntax to view it with honest concern. Again, we find terms such as "quasi-ocular," "destroy," and "the" which are certainly not typical of his expression. Again I defer to the editorial problem of the Jessup oral tradition that continually tries to improve the excellence of the inferior syntactical structure.

This, of course, explains to us (at the risk of sounding condescending to local authorities who constantly speak to the occasion - any occasion) the deep, true meaning of Dr. Jessup's timely words of mis-placed and irrelevant advice.

This leaves us only to consider the title. Concerning this subject, and others, I can say with authority, that it was, without concern of other influences and traditions, speaking to us, even in our situation, as yesterday, "Huh?"

Respectfully submitted with hope, trust, love, and poor taste,

Dr. David Eye, Ex.

THE END OF AN AGE

In his essay, "Why Do Men Stupify Themselves?" Leo Tolstoy not only affirms the primacy of the human conscience, but also outlines the various means by which human beings attempt to dull their consciences to the overwhelming injustice and evil which surrounds them. This response is always far easier than constructive action in the face of the urgent need to organize to do that which would move humankind in the direction of peace and justice. I must agree with Tolstoy that this moral and ethical blindness which is willfully induced by an individual is a stumbling block to the realization of a future which is less unjust and less unhappy for all of humankind. Alcohol, then, is only one of the many means by which human beings stupefy themselves. The use of alcohol by Christians, therefore, is wrong.

This is, of course, the argument of the moralist. Since this position is held by very few, I shall attempt to move the issue of the use of alcohol out of the realm of "right and wrong", and place it within the context of "life and death". This may appear to be the introduction to a discussion of alcoholism as a societal evil. It isn't, I do hope, however, that someone else will discuss that issue at a later date. At this time, my purpose is simply to point out the fact that 40 million people could be fed each year if the grain which would be used to feed them were not used to make alcoholic beverages. The Age of Alcoholic Innocence - that is, stupefaction - is now over if we want to think of ourselves as responsible human beings and Christians when faced with this fact. Total abstinence, therefore, would seem to be the Christian response in this case; for, the continued use of alcohol is nothing short of criminal self-indulgence.

- Paul Eugene Clark

TAKE NOTE!

Prayer and Praise

Sunday, 7:30 to 9:00

Tom and Lucy's, N-301

Everyone Welcome!

23rd PSALM FOR BUSY PEOPLE

The Lord is my Pacesetter:

I shall not rush,

He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals.

He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity.

He leads me in ways of efficiency,

and through calmness of mind,

And his guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many things to

accomplish each day,

I will not fret, for his presence is here.

His timelessness, his all-importance will keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity,

By anointing my mind, with his oil of tranquility.

My cup of joyous energy overflows.

Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours,

For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord, and dwell in his house forever.

-contributed by ASW

Editor's note: Amen !!!

NEWS FROM THE MARKS

"Spent five days here on the way to Jakarta. Met all of Demak's family in Medan. Visited a rubber plantation and travelled around a bit. We are now in Jakarta, staying with one of the officers of the Indonesian Council of Churches. Prices are very high here, so we are looking carefully for housing. The boys are having a real ball, so many cousins their own age. School starts on Monday for me."

'God bless' to all,

Demak, Bill, Billy, Malcolm"

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Spiritual Life Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 11, in Apt. H-205.

-Michael Iski

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Numbers in parentheses refer to announcements which follow.

CALENDAR

Monday, March 3

**9:00 A.M.

12:30 P.M.

**9:00 P.M.

- Chapel

- Administration-Recruitment
Task Force

L105

- Bowling

Tuesday, March 4

**9:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

- Chapel

- Commencement Committee
Meeting

L204

Wednesday, March 5

8:00 A.M.

**9:00 A.M.

3:00 P.M.

- Executive Cabinet

- Chapel

- Faculty Meeting

L204

Thursday, March 6

**9:30 A.M.

7:00 P.M.

7:30 P.M.

- Chapel

- SCC

- Meeting of Seminar Abroad
Participants

Hub

A-101

Friday, March 7

**9:00 A.M.

A.M. - P.M.

- Chapel

- Seminary Sampler

L200

Saturday, March 8

A.M. - P.M.

10:00 A.M.

**1:00 P.M.

- Seminary Sampler

- Sacred Dance

- Bowling

L200

L200

(over for Dates Ahead)

DATES AHEAD

March 2 - 7:30 P.M. - Heidelberg College Concert Choir

at Zion UCC, 317 N. George St., Millersville

March 7-8 - Seminary Sampler for College Students

March 11 - Anniversary of the Founding of Lancaster
Theological Seminary

March 12 - Mrs. Madelain Thompson, Presbyterian Ministers'
Fund Representative, will be on campus

March 13 - College Business Symposium at Franklin &
Marshall College

April 16 and 17 - The Arts Festival

April 19 - The Celebration Road Show

April 23 - Norman and Sandra Dietz will be in Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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From the Office of Development and Communication

Eight to ten college students will be on campus March 7-8 for a "sampling of LTS". A seminarian has agreed to host each of the "samplers", and will be checking out opportunities for the college students to meet and have conversation with various members of the seminary community.

I have asked a number of seminarians to write personal letters to a large number of college students on our prospective student list. If you have not been asked, and would like to write a letter or two, please let me know.

The Admissions-Recruitment Task Force composed of faculty, seminarians, and administrative persons will hold its third meeting on March 3 at 12:30 in L105. Members of this task force working with me are Dean Bricker, Dorothy Book, Tom Brown, Dr. Ringer, Dr. Englert, David Martin, Elmer Scofield, Jim Werner, Alice Zimmerman, Dennis Moritz, and Dr. Glasse. If you have any concerns about the Admissions-Recruitment process at LTS, please share those concerns with any member of the task force.

Thirty-four churches have requested speakers from the seminary community for Seminary Day, 1975. If you would like to participate, let me or Rev. Book know. It is important that our folks "move out" to be with the folks in the parish who make it all possible!

Joyce Rupp gave me four names of individuals I could write to seeking new friends for LTS -- friends who might be interested in supporting the Friends Fund (annual). Do you have some possibilities?

Applications for seminarian financial aid from LTS will be available by April 1. These applications are for seminarians who plan to be involved in full-time study at the seminary in 1975-76.

UCC seminarians and possibility of financial grants from the national church for 1975-76: OCCL (The Office of Church Life and Leadership) is in process of rewriting policy and may revise the application forms. Some funds will probably be available. As soon as I get the information about this important matter, I will let all UCC seminarians know.

Lyman G. Farrar

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The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the 9th Annual College Business Symposium on Thursday, March 13, 1975 at Franklin and Marshall College. LTS seminarians as well as approximately 150 college students from 13 area colleges and universities have been invited to participate in the event. For further details see the program listings that have been posted on the bulletin boards of the Academic Building, the Hub, and the Library.

James Glasse

All resident faculty members are reminded to return your "Roles Competency Project: Task I" worksheets to me no later than March 3. Thank you.

Tom Brown

The next meeting of the members of the Seminar Abroad for Germany will be held on Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. in room 101 of the Academic Building.

Robert W. Duke

A series of prints depicting scenes in Christ's ministry and passion are on display in the basement of the Academic Building. You are cordially invited to see the display, especially arranged for this Lenten Season.

Robert W. Duke

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Wayne Sautter, PMF Representative

THE REGISTER

The stated fee for M. Div. course work at LTS is \$40.00 per hour. Although courses vary in size, method, subject matter, etc. the charge per hour is the same for each hour of academic credit. The only reduction of this cost to individual students is in the form of scholarship grants and financial aid.

Some seminarians have asked for a special tuition rate for PT 351. This request has been under consideration since last October. Several consultations have been held with Dean Bricker and Prof. Irion. They have recommended a change in our policy in relation to this course, and the Executive Cabinet has begun a full-scale review of educational costs and the tuition rate. This review should result in a policy statement for discussion by faculty and seminarians, prior to submission to the Board of Trustees in May.

The Executive Cabinet has voted not to grant this request at this time. A preliminary statement of the issues and alternatives will be published in The Register next week.

James Glasse, Chairman
The Executive Cabinet