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## THE WHOLE IS GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS

Response to anything which appears in THE SEMINARIAN is very much appreciated and encouraged by the staff. We have published today just such a response from the pen of Mr. Irion. In his remarks he has warned us of the danger in publishing articles which do not include the signatures of their authors. We will take heed of this helpful concern.

At this time we would like to express our appreciation for all contributions to THE SEMINARIAN by anyone from the community. We would also like to request further articles for future issues. This plea applies to both students and faculty. The students can derive only limited benefit from beating ideas back and forth on their own. To stimulate true dialogue, we must have responses and initial comments from the faculty.

This plea for faculty participation extends beyond written comments for this publication. The editors feel that education at this seminary can, should, and must take place beyond the classroom setting. We feel much can be gained through interpersonal interaction between faculty and students at several levels of encounter. We extend our invitation, therefore, to include a plea for faculty participation in Wednesday evening Communion services, the HUB evening coffee hours (9:30 PM), and SCC or ASW community functions.

We need to have total participation of this community if we can expect to reap the benefits of the Gestalt idea of a whole (community) being greater than the sum of its parts (students, faculty, staff, wives).

-The Editors-

Want to offer your expertise in any area of local church ministry to other clergy? Write to "Keeping You Posted," Office of Communication, 289 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10010. It will be passed on in "Yours for the Asking" in the future issues of the United Church Herald.

### A GOOD POINT

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Following is a letter received this week by the editors, worthy of public notice:

THE SEMINARIAN is doing a good job of stimulating interest in many facets of our common life. Keep up the good work.

I do want to express a word of regret that you published an unsigned article. I think this is a fairly dangerous precedent for a paper that wants to stir controversial subjects, debates, etc. All sorts of excesses which actually contribute little to discussion of the issues can creep in through the poison pen approach.

Responsible criticism always entails the willingness of the critic to stand behind his criticism. So, like any free press, be as controversial as the situation demands, but also, as editors, insist that the critique carried in your pages be responsible by insisting that the critic sign his articles. If there is fear of unjust reprisal, if there is stifling of criticism, then let this in itself become an issue for a free press.

Keep THE SEMINARIAN coming.

-Paul Irion-

## PERSPECTIVE . . .

The aroma of coffee drifted in the air. Charts of resources had been accumulated. Some writing still spotted the walls, while other papers cluttered the table. The work was about over; or just beginning; or maybe it was all just a game.

After subjecting ourselves to a series of filtering processes, we became aware of our basic role in the task. We were involved, contributing with enthusiasm toward what we were doing, and at the same time knowing that we were being useful.

The above setting was a motivational dynamics workshop, led by Tom Brown from the Career Center, and sponsored by the Unison Center of Lancaster. Brown summarized the day by emphasizing how we often become bound by the "tyranny of the 'should'"—therefore, "You should do something, because . . ." (and then are added a string of rationalizations which make no logical sense).

In motivational dynamics the process is reversed. One must first turn to himself to see what is turning him on. Then one must ask what needs doing in order to give him a bigger chance to use his abilities (taking into consideration what turns him on).

Unison of Lancaster and the Career Center both projected their presence on campus through the workshop. They have demonstrated here and in other realms their ability to contribute to the task of the seminary. Watch for the names of these centers in coming events. Many thanks, LTS, for the free membership in Unison of Lancaster.

- C. Stumb (Curly) -

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SWALLOWING angry  
words is much  
easier than  
having to eat  
them.

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A MAN wrapped  
up in himself  
makes a very  
small package.

## HAIR

Now as for hair, my thinking is about as follows. A man's head should be close-cropped (unless he happens to be endowed with curly hair), but the chin should have a beard. The hair should not, of course, hang in braids, or dangle in ringlets in too womanly a fashion. For a man, a fine, full beard is all he needs.

Should one wish to remove any of the beard, let him at least not shave it all off. That would be a shocking sight. In fact shaving close to the face is forbidden; you might as well pluck the skin bare.

Well, then, witness the delight the Psalmist takes in a full growth of beard when he speaks of the "fragrant oil that trickles down the beard, the beard of Aaron". He dwells lovingly on the word, pronouncing it twice in fact, to celebrate the handsome look of well-groomed beard, anointed and gleaming with the oil of the Lord.

But if you must cut your hair, let it be for some legitimate reason, not for a womanish sense of style. Perhaps it is too long, keeps falling in your eyes, blocks your vision; perhaps your mustache is overgrown and gets soiled when you eat. In that case, the job should be done not with a razor (that would be gauche) but with a decent pair of scissors.

But the beard should not be touched. It does no harm; to speak the truth it gives a man a look of kingly splendor.

- Clement of Alexandr.  
(150 - 215 A.D.)

- Translated by  
Fr. William J. Walsh

## START PACKING?

The Subcommittee on Indian Affairs of the New York Assembly told fellow legislators that the Bureau had recently conducted a survey of the state's Indian reservations . . . According to the survey, 15 percent of the Indians think we should get out of Vietnam! . . . The other 85 percent think we should get out of the United States!

(from SC Newsletter, Penn Southeast)

The "TOY SHOP", the L.T.S. division, is now open for business in the basement of THE HUB. If you wish to contribute your time this Christmas to a wonderful cause, why not consider the "TOY SHOP" as a possibility? This opportunity is open to the entire community. May I ask that those of you who have tools or anything that would help in light repairs, please bring them? The work will consist of washing, cleaning, and painting toys. (I think I can call on the juniors to donate some painting equipment!) If you are so moved, you may wish to take a toy home to repair. Please come on out and give this project your support!

The L.T.S. division is open whenever you wish to work. If THE HUB is locked, see curly Stumb or Ted Corcelius. This project is an excellent idea for your youth groups or church organizations, as well. Remember, any time you give will help some child have a better Christmas!

- Ted Corcelius

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de CHARDIN ANYONE?

Seniors wanting a brief introduction to the thought of Tielhard de Chardin might want to listen to THESIS Cassette Vol. 2, #4. On side 2 Dr. Ewert Cousins of Fordham University makes a statement on "Tielhard and the New Consciousness," and Dr. Daniel Day Williams of Union Theological Seminary makes a critical response.

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FOOD!!!

International Night Dinner, Nov. 4th, in the Hafer Center from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. All members of the seminary community plus their families are invited. Recipes have been provided by the foreign students, and wives of students may be called upon to prepare various dishes. RSVP to Karen Walthour (394-8575) by Oct. 29th! Join in the fun and fellowship!

A.S.W.

I have discovered something great - THESIS Theological Tapes. I had heard about this cassette series for almost two years, and had recommended them to pastors around the country, but I had not actually heard any of the tapes. Last week I decided to listen in on the series - and for a very selfish reason. I am featured on side 1 of Volume 2, #8!

Reuel Howe, a leader in theological education, starts off the side I am on with some helpful comments on "The Future of the Ministry." "Wither Church Education?" by Locke Bowman on the flip side set me to thinking more about that subject than anything I have seen or heard in a long time. (Vol. 2, #8, side 2) I think his statement would provide grist for many a mill in the local church for discussing Christian education.

A discussion of Inter-Met by John Fletcher insists that traditional seminaries cannot change fast enough to meet the challenge of the Church. Listen to it and see what you think we can do - if he is right about what needs to be done. (Vol. 1, #12, side 2)

Robert McAfee Brown's recent lectures on "The Future of Faith" - which won't be in print for a year or more - can be heard now on Vol. 2, #4, and Vol. 2, #7. These might make lively listening for local church discussions on "The Crisis of Faith."

Brief New Testament Word Studies are featured on a number of cassettes, but some of the briefer studies are not noted on the cassettes. They provide delightful little surprises along the way. A sermon on "Forgiveness" by William Meuhl (Vol. 1, #5), an interview with Gaylord Noice about his book, "The Responsible Suburban Church" (Vol. 1, #8), and James Cone's lecture on "Christ in Black Theology" (Vol. 2, #2) complete my list of favorites.

Descriptions and discussion guides accompany these cassettes!

- Dr. Glasse

# STUDENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

-Monthly Meeting-

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The fourth meeting of the SCC was held October 21. Highlights of the business meeting follow.

1) The following financial appropriations were approved by the council:

a- \$50 for future improvements at the HUB including 8 bar stools and a swag light.

b- \$60 as a provisional budget for THE SEMINARIAN pending closer estimate of expenses.

c- \$150 approved as a tentative limit for repair of the pool table in the HUB basement. George Heberling is getting an estimate.

d- \$25 to the ASW for supplies to make banners for the HUB.

The total amount spent was \$285.

2) John Fureman, chairman of the HUB Committee reported that two sub-committees had been established. They are:

a- Committee for Physical Change headed by Phil Allanong and Curly Stumb.

b- HUB Spiritual Life Committee headed by Barry Lohman and Mike Ronig.

Fureman reported the initiation of the following events: (weekly)

a- an evening coffee hour beginning at 9:30 PM.

b- a Wednesday Communion service at 7:45 PM.

3) Wayne Strever reported, from the Campus Affairs Committee, that on a designated date the entire community will vote on 3 proposals for chapel time.

4) The next meeting of the SCC will be held November 18, at 6:30 PM in the HUB Conference Room.

- Ted Nace

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The Student Community Council would like to thank all who helped make the United Fund Campaign on campus a success. Your support through our drive totaled \$40.35, doubling the mark we had established as a goal.

- C. Stumb (Curly)

F & M FILM:

The Innocent Sat/Sun Oct. 30/31

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"Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler;  
and whoever is led astray by it is not wise."  
-Proverbs 20:1

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LADIES:

Have you been wondering what to get your husband for Christmas? Why not buy him a life insurance policy?

Presbyterian Minister's Fund is the best you can buy! Contact Wayne Strever (393-5565) to arrange an appointment with the PMF man. No high pressure, no obligation. Merry Christmas!  
-Wayne Strever

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## THE TREE OF GOD

I planted the seeds of a tree one day

A tree to grow in the glory of God  
A tree to reflect the beauty of creation

A tree to bear fruit  
And feed a starving world.

I saw the tree grow  
Sturdy and tall  
Mighty and majestic  
A tribute to God  
Of which I was proud  
And bragged  
Of the tree  
In honor of Him.

Then I heard a knock at the door  
And opened to see  
A Roman soldier standing  
With ax in hand  
Saying he had need of my tree  
My tree  
Which was planted for God.

I watched  
As he cut my tree to the ground  
I watched  
As he formed a cross  
A cross  
And thought as I watched  
Is my life as this tree--  
Planted to the glory of God  
And yet  
Used  
To crucify?

- Mike Ronig