

EDITORIAL

Politics today has become more issue-oriented. Through national debates on vital issues and through the intensified exposure of radio and television, the issues and a candidates position on those issues, have become the most important factor at the voting booths, not just who has endorsed a candidate or what party the candidate belongs to. Voters no longer depend on organized groups, or political parties to make up their mind on election day. Today, the voter is more independent-minded.

Just as we believe an officeholder must weigh issues carefully, and vote his conscience and beliefs, so must the voter make his choice on issues and performance. Therefore, we are glad to see issue-oriented politics evolve in our country. It is a healthy and constructive development.

THE SEMINARIAN, as a paper, seeks to remain non-partisan in its presentation of items concerning the present election. We will be glad to publish any items concerning the issues at stake provided they are not biased promotions of a particular candidate. It is important that the issues be adequately understood and that the election not be degraded into a mud-slinging political farce. Every vote will be counted equally, and if we do not vote, our views on issues, and our support for elected officials who share our views on those

issues, will not be an influence in any election. It is even more important than ever that we take advantage of our right to vote.

Register to vote -- then vote. Find out what the procedures are for absentee ballots, if that is necessary, and make sure you meet all application and filing deadlines. It's your future that's at stake. VOTE!

-- The Editors

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ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Editorial Advisory Board shall review any questionable articles submitted to the editors of THE SEMINARIAN in order to decide if they are suitable for printing. The criteria for judgement are that no article may (1) contain any personal slander or (2) outwardly attempt to deceive. The Advisory Board shall consist of the editors, two students, and one faculty.

Appointments to the Board for the 1972-1973 year are: The Rev. Richard Vieth, from the faculty; Jim Fatzinger and David Colton, from the student body.

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MEDICAL AID FOR INDOCHINA

Several Seminarians gathered in the HUB Sunday evening at 8:00 to speak with Ethan Signer, Ph.D. Dr. Signer, a professor of Biology at M.I.T., visited North Vietnam in May, 1971 as part of a scientific team. He is currently touring the East coast to gather support for a group known as Medical Aid for Indochina.

Medical Aid for Indochina is a recently formed national organization comprised primarily of physicians, healthcare workers, clergy, and other concerned individuals and groups. Sponsors of M.A.I. include the following prominent people: Bella Abzug, Bishop James Armstrong, Bishop Paul Moore, Jr., Herman Badillo, H. of Rep., Patsy Mink, H. of Rep., Seymour Halpern, H. of Rep., Erik H. Erikson, Noam Chomsky, Ph.D., and Benjamin Spock, M.D.

The goal of M.A.I. is to send medical supplies to areas of North Vietnam, South Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos not controlled by U.S. forces. Since it was founded, M.A.I. has sent \$35,000 worth of medicine, surgical supplies, equipment, and medical texts to those areas of Southeast Asia hardest hit by U.S. bombing. These supplies are purchased in the United States and sent to the Liberation Red Cross of Southern Vietnam, and to the Vietnam Red Cross for distribution. The urgency of the need for medical supplies becomes apparent when one considers that the United States' bombing kills, wounds, or makes homeless 130,000 people each month. That's 200 people every hour! (Source: Fred Branfman in American Report).

Medical Aid for Indochina is in the middle of its first week of a drive for national support. In response to this, a meeting will be held Tuesday evening, Oct. 17 at 7:30 in the Hafer Center of the library. All members

of the Seminary community who are concerned about the intensified bombing in Southeast Asia and wish to know more about M.A.I. are urged to attend. A colour film entitled, "Village by Village" will be shown. The film was made in May, 1972 by four Americans who visited North Vietnam and interviewed several P.O.W's there.

After speaking with Dr. Signer on Sunday evening, a group of Seminarians decided to develop a project to support Medical Aid for Indochina. To accomplish anything, we need help. Remember, tons and tons of bombs are being dropped in your name! If that disturbs you, come to the meeting and hear about some alternatives. If you don't support our government's policy of death and destruction, then stand up for life !!!

For further information about Medical Aid for Indochina, contact Mike Clark in Room 208 Richards Hall.

David Hartranft

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A.S.W NEWS

The regular meeting of the A.S.W. was held Monday evening, October 9th at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was opened by Robyn Leisey reading a short meditation written by Martin Luther King. Pat Robertson introduced the new committee chairman for the year. Several projects were discussed and decided upon. Starting next Monday, cake will be sold at Coffee Hour every week, not on Thursdays as previously announced. Volunteers will be needed to address envelopes for the Cerebral Palsey Foundation. The date will be announced. Next month's meeting, a Christmas workshop, will be held on Nov. 13th. Members are asked to bring a pair of mittens for a mitten tree for underprivileged children. It was also decided that after Christmas the A.S.W. will sew clothing.

Sharyle Marcy

PTP: RESPONSE AND CHALLENGE

For anyone who spends more than ten minutes with students discussing the value of the Seminary as a professional graduate school preparing men and women for Christian ministry, it becomes obvious that a widespread dissatisfaction exists among members of the student body. This institution, as is the case with most institutions of the 1970's, faces a changing world which it struggles to accomodate and to reach with new priorities, new techniques, and new programs. How often do we as students at Lancaster Seminary recognize ourselves as vital players in the drama of our changing world? If we are healthy, it should probably occur to us daily as we are confronted with our world and summoned to minister to it in the name of Jesus Christ.

There can be little doubt that the academic routine of three Seminary-based years with two free summer periods is limited in its contact with a changing world and a changing Church. We all bemoan that fact; and yet we are, as a Seminary, trying to bridge the gap between schooling and daily professional life by the Parish Training Program. Those of us in this community who lead the barrage against an "irrelevant seminary" would do well to talk to and learn from this year's Parish Training Program students. They have bravely departed from a relatively safe academic environment and have challenged themselves with the daily life of the parish. We can all learn from their experiences; we can all learn now. The first few weeks of the program contain some of the most vivid and fundamental impressions and changes that growth through the Seminary can provide.

Let us recognize "relevant" programs when we see them. Let us take advantage of learning opportunities when they are presented so that we might grow in our ability to serve Christ's Church.

It will not only give us a better understanding of ourselves and our mission, but will also serve to explain the impatience and frustration felt by Parish Training students as they return to Seminary life. It is one thing to be shortchanged and resourceless; it is quite another to fail to recognize resources and to fail to tap them. The growth felt by the now nine students has been significant--it is urgent that we all share in this development and respond to it by seeking to know more about it.

Dick Peebles

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PROPERTY TASK FORCE REPORT

The SCC, at its Wednesday meeting, approved the Task Force proposed in last week's editorial in official action. The Task Force will be formed according to the criteria suggested, and will follow the plan of action outlined in THE SEMINARIAN.

The Task Force, acting as an ad hoc committee, will be convened by Brad S. Lutz. Wayne Strever will co-ordinate the selection of representatives from the apartments, and Tom Burns, for Pine St. residents.

Further actions and findings will be reported to the Executive Cabinet, the Campus Affairs Committee, and the Trustees. Reports and developments will be made to the students through THE SEMINARIAN.

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QUOTABLE QUOTES: ANSWERS

1. Calvin Coolidge
2. Karl Marx
3. Will Rodgers
4. Abraham Lincoln
5. James D. Glasse
6. Dag Hammarskjöld

Since no one entered this quotable quotes contest, the editors of THE SEMINARIAN would like to...

BIBLE STUDY

Isaiah 55. 1-11 (the conclusion of the Book of Consolation) summons the Jewish people to new greatness. Here the Word of God is described as a salvific force, like rain or snow, released by God into the world of men; it will accomplish its purpose and will not return to God empty or unproductive. The Word is God's means of accosting men, drawing from them the response of faith. We speak of button-holing someone, of an eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation. The word accost in its root meaning (rib) suggests a similar image--a rib-to-rib encounter. Thus a man accosts the woman of his choice when he looks her in the eye and asks, "Will you marry me?" No question could be more serious; it demands an answer; it cannot be evaded. The answer, if yes, will shape the woman's whole future.

So it is when God accosts man; "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways" (v8). Man's response, if yes, is likely to lead to a future full of surprises. But for a man to be accosted by God's Word, he must be listening, with the kind of serious attention a woman gives to a man when he is proposing.

Reflect for a minute. Have any passages in Scripture accosted me? If I accept the idea that the Word of God can accost me like this, what role should the prayerful reading of Scripture habitually play in my life? If I basically agree with Isaiah 55.10-11, but find little evidence that the Word is making any impact on my life, what do I have to do to allow the power of God's message to accost me directly? What is the first step? When do I take it?

William J. Walsh, S.J.

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P.M.F. Anyone?

If any of you should be at all interested in discussing and/or purchasing insurance from the Presbyterian Minister's Fund life insurance company, please feel free to call on me! Mr. John Andes, the company's representative for the seminary's area, was in the Hub last week, but would be more than willing to discuss your present and future life insurance needs with you in a very non-

pressured way. He's the man with the life insurance answers and P.M.F. is the company for your life insurance needs. I can make contacts for you if you like.

Wayne Strever
Apt. N-205

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DON'T BE A BOTTLE BURGLAR!!!

The Student Community Council desperately needs your help in a very specific area! The Coke machine in the basement of the Hub is once again filled for your convenience and our joint profit. Our request is that all bottles remain in The Hub or definitely be returned! Last year we lost a total of nine (9) cases of empties. At the rate of \$1.20 per case of empties, we lost \$10.80. If we're to make any profit (which will come back to you eventually), we need your cooperation. If you buy pop, leave the bottles! You can also help by reminding others of their responsibilities! Thanks!

S.C.C. Officers

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At the first meeting of the Student Community Council for the '72-'73 year, Steve Gifford, President, announced the following appointments of students to Seminary committees.

Academic Affairs: George Hebbberling, Carol Houghton, Ron Waite, and Lee McCardle.

Campus Affairs: Wayne Strever, Pat Robertson, Ted Corcelius, Dave Hartranft, and Fred Barker

Executive Cabinet: Steve Gifford, Carol Houghton, and Fred Barker.

HUB Chairman: Jim Fatzinger and Paul Thompson.

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The staff of THE SEMINARIAN and the entire Seminary Community extends its sympathy to Ruth Gold and her family on the death of her father early this week.