

The Seminarian

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Dates: Today: Nominating Committee Meeting at 12:30 in Library
Today: Meeting to discuss the economic situation at 12:30

Upcoming: March 7...Town Meeting
March 15...SCC Meeting at which time nominations for officers
will be accepted from the floor.

Campus Development Advisory Group: Wouldn't it be Lovely?

The Campus Development Advisory Group has come up with some suggestions and questions regarding the development of the physical plant of Lancaster Theological Seminary. We'd like to share some of the suggestions with you, the seminary community, in an effort to involve you in this data gathering process. We hope the following items reflect your needs and will invoke new ideas that you will make known to us so that they can be included in our final report to the Executive Cabinet.

The group members are: K.C. Ackley, Debbie Disher, Jim Korpick, Aller Kroehler, Debbie Moul, Carol Myers, Elmer Reinhold, David Turner, Jeff Wagner, Jeff Whitman, and Jon Zechman.

1. Parking!! - The problem of parking affects most everyone in the seminary community, faculty, staff, students and administration. It is a difficult one to deal with because of limited amount of space on campus.

2. Commuters - need a lounge, a quiet place to study or sleep, facilities to prepare simple meals; lockers to store belongings, greater variety of snack foods available.

3. Richard's Hall - convert some or all rooms into utility units containing cooking facilities; convert some space into a lounge area suitable for use when entertaining families and visitors; make change to co-ed for women who don't want to rent an apartment; locks on outside doors with keys given to residents to insure building security.

4. Apartments - general refurbishing, including new appliances and improvements in plumbing; insure cleaning and painting of apartments before new occupants move in; possibility of providing more washers and dryers.

5. Pine Street Houses - insulation!!, improve efficiency of heating systems (\$110 a month in oil to heat) storm windows, electrical re-wiring, more closet space, remodel bathrooms, improve plumbing (poor water pressure in some houses), renovate kitchens, with attention to appliances and counterspace.

6. Questions - a) What are the plans for the cement marker on the corner of College and James? Is it to be razed? If not, could an "historical marker" be placed here?

b) Could skilled seminarians be employed to make some of the necessary improvements on seminary property?

c) Can more property be acquired to house seminary families with children?

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AN OLD AGE.....A VERY OLD ADAGE

Being a senior at a seminary is quite a unique opportunity. It offers you the chance to see the beginnings of something which you have worked towards for years. There is time for excitement and there is time to sit back and reflect on the situation from which you are coming.

And there is time for great anxieties. I don't mean vocational anxiety...but anxiety of training and the worth of it. The old adage is 'practice what you preach.'

The theological training is quite adequate. The courses are quite good and I have learned much. But I also have learned much from outside of the classroom.

I have learned of stewardship in classes. And I observe thermostats having been set as high as 80 degrees. This also reminds me of the bickering for conservation among students and faculty as a Christian responsibility. It's not a joke.

I have been severely reproached for sexist attitudes as I'm sure we all have. I doubt there has been a class I have taken where this issue did not arise. Every one in every class decided sexism is not Christian. Yet I observe an institution which demands its female students to be subjected to costs which are much higher than for male students; arising from apartment vs. dorm.

I have been reproached for racist attitudes which I have and which we all have. Not a class has existed where racism has not entered in one way or another, and racism is condemned as not Christian. I wonder why LTS is so white! But we're recruiting blacks, we say. Time...time...time...bull.

I hear of fundamentalism used as a dirty word and pentecostalism as a disgraceful synonym for Christian. I would say I would rather have some Spirit and a sense of awe rather than a Spirit subjected to the double-talk of centuries.

Getting more personal, being southern with a few others. Go south young yankees, south and see what is really down there. I would like to recommend that a seminar abroad be conducted in Mississippi. It won't be romantic as maybe England or Greece, but you'll learn just as much about yourself and be able to speak about something you know as well as England or Greece. But I guess skyscrapers and wealth are better than trees and living.

I remember the first day in Lancaster. I went to open a checking account and being humiliated by a clerk who hated us slave owners, or so it seemed. But again, that is not nice and I don't won't my complex to show. Or is it that there is a sickness as a fellow student(s) come under attack for speech mannerisms, which I know we all must admit. I do it too, as the six of us sit around supper and slurp and snipe. Sickness.

I laugh at political activists upholding moral and constitutional obedience when the same students and faculty laugh at the constitutional bickerings around here. Elections are quite funny, I guess, subject to whims and whatever seems to be easiest. I apologize for the upholding of our constitution, and I apologize to those whom I have carried a grudge for all the times they have laughed when the subject arose.

I'm dumping a lot, huh? Just getting in touch with my feelings. What an avid statement. It sounds more like in actuality, Get in touch with your feelings, but I'll be darned if I want to be around when you do.

Yes, I'm dumping signs of sickness, both personally and communally, reaching far into the dynamics of our society. Find a cause, and as long as I can exhaust my efforts so as to cover up my other sins, then I shall be alright. It's sick. If you think it's all me...fine and good - you won't have to deal with it yourself. With love, Al.