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EDITORIAL

At a time when the priorities of denominations and academic institutions seem to be moving away from the personal concern for individuals, i.e. students preparing for the Christian ministry, it is fortunate that we at LTS have the privilege of having a man in our administration whose interests lie with the kind of men and women who are extending the invitation of our Lord.

In October I had the opportunity to travel with Rev. Sills on a "public relations mission" to one of our churches in Michigan. When he spoke during that service he referred to the parable of Jesus in which the master invites guests to a banquet and who, for one reason or another, were unable to attend. But, Mr. Sills went on, he was not only concerned about those who refused the invitation but also about the servant who was chosen to extend the invitation. This is the business of the seminary, he stressed. And it is quite obvious that that is also his personal concern.

Also, his superb job of planning and implementing the visitation of college students further points out his interest in the servants of the Lord. I have been coming to these college day programs at LTS for several years and have found this one to be the best yet.

Mr. Sills has said that he never wants to be anything more than a country preacher. We need that personal attitude here and throughout the entire church, and

to him I say: "Don't ever be anything more!" I think I speak on behalf of many when I extend thanks and appreciation to Pastor Sills for the fine job he is doing; but even more, for the vital personal interest and concern he shows, in so many quiet and unobtrusive ways, to all of us.

So, may he remain our pastor and fill us with the inspiration of his own life and hope that we all might be better fit to extend the invitation of the Kingdom in our own pastorates.

-- Brad S. Lutz

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PROPERTY TASK FORCE REPORT

The work of the Property Task Force of the SC completed its work with the presentation of a report to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees at its November 28 meeting. Copies of the report are posted on the office glass of THE SEMINARIAN and on the bulletin board in Richards Hall.

Dr. Glasse reports to us that the report was received favorably and has presently been channeled to the property Trustee Committees. He also assures us that this is not a "table" of this vital issue but is to be understood in terms of the strong committee structure of the Board.

We wait now for further action and continued expression of opinion by all concerned. The committee's appreciation is extended to all those who so willingly co-operated with the Task Force in compiling its report.

DEAR "MUST IT..."

As with political polls, it is wise to get as broad a spectrum of opinion as is possible on such subjective questions as "Did you like your Senior Seminar abroad?" and "Did it help you understand the Church of Jesus Christ better than if you had not gone?" Consequently, I thought you might welcome my personal opinion of the Seminar's value.

I thought that the Seminar was one of the most rewarding experience in my life. I have the philosophy, however, that whenever and wherever one travels in God's world, he is being educated. The type of education which the Seminar provides- about people, the Church, and life- is invaluable in my estimation, for the development of a minister who is conscious of what it means to be part of the Body of Christ.

One is led to believe that past participants have provided you with negative evaluations of their experiences. This is indeed unfortunate, for them as well as you. I can't help but have the feeling, however, that you did not seek the opinions of the majority of the latest Seminar's participants to England. If you had, I'm certain your impressions would have been more positive.

If after reading this brief but positive evaluation, and talking to other participants, as I know you will, you are unable to accept the value of the S.S.A., perhaps your best alternative would be to transfer. Hope the Suggestion helps ! Good luck with your decision !

--Wayne A. Strever

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AN EDITORIAL

-- Tony Szilagyi

There are certain facts which each person who comes to LTS is told about. Along with the points of housing, financial matters, there is the fact that each student who attends LTS must go through the Sept. Sessions. This program demands that each student participate. What is hoped for is a learning experience. And it is the learning experience that I advocate.

I along with everyone else who read the catalog with any care could not help but notice that the Senior Seminar Abroad is one of the most interesting programs

that any Seminary can provide. For we all know that not every Seminary provides the opportunity for its students to travel under the direction of the Seminary itself. The opportunities that are available to those who are interested can not be measured.

However, there now seems to be some question as to the benefits of the Seminar. I don't question the motives of those who would argue against the program. I know that they are sincere in their questioning of the validity of having to go to a foreign country for part of their Senior Year.

There are two sides to this question however. There are those who wish to participate in the Seminar, and there are those who do not. Both sides need to be heard on the matter. However, the only problem is that because of the size of this Seminary, one side will have to lose. This is an unfortunate fact. Because of the economics involved, the program must have the support of all the students or it must be discontinued. Every trip that is styled like the one in use now, demands that a certain number of people go or else the trip is not economically feasible.

The hardship that Dick McClain refers to is not common to him alone. There is no one on this campus who can just say, "Lets go", and not worry about the money or the inconvenience. We all share that concern, but the point is not whether the trip is costly or whether it is inconvenient; the point is that every one who applied to this campus knew that when the Sr. year finally rolled around, they would have to participate in the Seminar.

I know that this does not solve the problem for Dick or anyone else who questions the program. And I am concerned about that fact; therefore, I think that something should be done so that anyone who finds himself in such a situation as Dick can be helped so that it is possible for him to participate along with his or her classmates. The Seminary, when it has a program such as the Seminar Abroad, has an equal responsibility to the student. That responsibility should be, if a student has a real difficulty, the Seminary should do all in its power to help. To demand a student to spend such a large sum of money on a trip and then to leave the student to his own resources is in my opinion, a shrugging of responsibility.

REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE
A Proposed Design

CURRICULUM CHANGE:
1973-1974

	SEPTEMBER	OCT. - DEC.	JANUARY	FEB. - APRIL	MAY
JR.	Revised CHURCH & CULTURAL PROG. --required, 4 cr. relates academic fields to church life & work in varieties of settings & ministries	2 METHODS COURSES: church life & work re uired, 5 credits each	3 CR. OR HEBREW, 4 credits	2 METHODS COURSES: Bible & Theology - re uired, 5 credits each	HUMAN RELATIONS & COLLEGIUM FORMATION -- re uired 4 credits
MT.	INTENSIVE COURSES (ICI) (integrated) & collegium	3 courses at 3 credits ea.	ICI - 3 cr.	3 courses at 3 credits ea.	ICI Collegium, 3 credits
SR.	SEMINAR ABROAD re uired, 4 cr. (open to Midd. Crs.)	3 courses at 3 credits each	ICI, collegium 3 credits	3 courses at 3 credits each	ICI, collegium: 3 credits

NOTES ON THE DIAGRAM:

ICI (INTENSIVE COURSES - INTEGRATED) -- are designed specifically as intensive inter- and intra- field courses. These courses may be team taught, individually taught; student or faculty initiated; and may deal with any topic of concern.

THE COLLEGIUM -- consists of 6 persons (student, 3 peers, 1 faculty, 1 pastor) who will employ a process of negotiation for the proposed course selection. It should also function as a support and evaluative instrument.

COLLOQUIY -- one style of course offering during May of the Middler year.

-- Ron Waite, Rich Sauerlender

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE SEMINARIAN has been pleased to be the channel of communication during this development. We welcome responses to all Task Force articles.

BIBLE STUDY

EV 2PK 7 JV 6 Logos

Sooner or later we all learn that words are but highly sophisticated sounds man has learned to make in response to certain well defined caricatures or symbols. Language is but the codification of these symbols and sounds to give order to man's communication. These symbols carry two distinct kinds of messages. One, they define themselves by the use of other symbols given in order. Hence, they aid in thought processes. Two, they give one a sense or a feel of something. That is to say, there is a psychological impact carried by each word. Hence, they aid in emotional processes.

Now, we read the prologue of the gospel according to John, where it says; "In the beginning was the word... and the word became flesh and dwelt among us..." and we ask; what word, whose word? The answer is that Jesus of Nazareth is the word God wanted to say to His children. And, the implication is that his "word" had been said before by God to His children: "not one thing in all creation was made" without the word; the word was the very life giver to the creation; the word had been spoken by prophets and priests and kings. But, nowhere is God's word said more clearly than in Jesus of Nazareth. The sound God makes in his word is the sound of a human being. The symbol He gives is a living person. The message which comes with His word is "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men with whom I am pleased." And, the feeling one receives with the word is "God is with us!"

There is but one question to ask. And, that is; how is God's word heard and felt today? As an answer to this I suggest that you consider Paul's words to the church in Corinth: "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."

"In the beginning was the word...." As we ponder the season of Advent and its meaning in our time, we might also evaluate our ministry as Christ's body to God's creation in our time. Does the world still hear "Peace on earth..." and does it feel "God with us"? "The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!"

--Rev. Jack J. Seville, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We want to thank the Seminary Community; faculty, students and ASW for their concern and sympathy during our time of bereavement.

--Ruth & John Balazs

The SCC will sponsor the showing of the film, "The Perfect Drug Film," on Tuesday, December 5, at 7:00pm, in the HUB. Need resources? This one's free from the State Health Department. Come and preview it!

NOW ON SALE: two, sixty minute cassette tapes of highlights of the lectures from the 'England Seminar Abroad' plus sounds of England are now available to any and all students and/or friends at the nominal price of \$4.50 a set. Place your name on the list on the bulletin board. Also anyone who missed ordering that slide of the group who were on the Seminar Abroad see Professor Irion immediately.

If you still have not decided what to buy your husband, wife, children, or self for Christmas, why not consider a practical gift which will serve for a long time. How about a Presbyterian Minister's Fund life insurance policy? Any inquiries should be directed to Wayne Strever (393-5565) or Apt. N205.

10% discount on books - cash sales only - from December 4 -21 in the Book Store.

Representative from J. Theodore Cuthbertson in the HUB all day Wed., December 6.

An evening worship service will be held Wed., Dec. 6, in the chapel at 7:30. Watch the bulletin board for further details.

ASW Christmas party -- Tuesday, December 12 in the Refectory.

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