

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Bruce,

I feel compelled to respond to your editorial about the so-called "parking controversy" on campus, for two reasons. First, by the oblique reference to my "definition" of PRC, I feel I am an unwitting contributor to your negative viewpoint of that organization. The implication seems to be that, if the PRC is only a "place for recycling Coke-cans," then why give them four spaces? My article however, was written entirely in fun-poking a little fun at a place which, like many of us, I love! (It sounds almost stupid to have to point that out!)

But that issue is neither here nor there. What is important is that we too often take for granted the resources we have at our fingertips! Chances are, we will never again live so close to such an incredible collection of educational power as is located in the PRC. I've always been a believer in the fact that the best education is one which you make for yourself--and just because the PRC is not a "subject area" does NOT mean there is little to be learned there! As Seminary students, we are given free and easy access to those resources of the Center--including the human ones, by the way--but the Center's Raison d'etre has to be its paid subscribers. Were it not for them and those contributors who have supported the innovative idea, then those resources simply would not be there.

LTS is a terrific supportive environment for new and exciting ideas. This has been my personal experience, as well as that of others who have been willing to stick their necks out to get a new idea off the ground. If four parking spaces is what it takes to maintain that atmosphere, then I think it's great that we continue to show the PRC that support! I, for one, feel my Seminary education has been greatly enhanced by the presence of the PRC.

Second, about the parking problem in general. The problem has been kicked around time and time again, and somehow the "bad guy" seems to be always changing. I can offer a few facts, however, which may be useful to consider. X Our house is on Fine Street lot; I have a good vantage point for observing parking habits. In general, on every day except Monday and Tuesday mornings, there is ample parking in the lot. Street sweeping days, there are between 6 and 8 non-LTS cars in the lot. This morning (Tues) at 8:45 I counted six, and three and one-half empty spots. (It would have been four, except that an LTS car managed to take two spots by not parking carefully.)** The majority of these unstickered cars belong to those living on Mary St. If the use of those extra spaces is a crucial enough issue to warrant the bad feelings and poor community relations which would undoubtedly come from such a move, the construction of a Cyclone fence across the back of the
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Letter To ITS

I had resigned myself to pensive observation with respect to the growing feeling of dissatisfaction over a myriad of issues concerning students, faculty, and administration on campus; until last weekend. I was speaking to Bruce about the possible solution to the parking situation when another member of our community joined in the discussion. Eager to incorporate a third view into our forum, I listened intently to our friend's assessment of the topic. We were informed that parking on the campus of ITS, and perhaps several other issues of concern were not problems at all, for they had no reasonable solution.

Furthermore, if the energy of those concerned could be directed towards the development of solutions, instead of emotional outpourings, the situation would improve markedly. At this point, I excused myself from the discussion to consider these suggestions. It took me several days to reject them and I did so on the following grounds.

Parking is a problem, as are many other issues here at ITS. It is a problem because there are solutions. However these solutions are inaccessible considering the rigid view of the immediate future of ITS. I grant that we are faced with many seemingly unresolvable dilemmas, but I must submit that progress toward solutions may be realized only if students, faculty and administration are willing to make sacrifices. I have neither the time nor the desire to explore specific issues in this reflection. But I would plead for openness to possibilities for solutions, a readiness to hear on another regardless of the emotional factor involved, and a willingness to place the needs of the majority ahead of our own personal priorities. Change and growth require the solving of problems and if we are to continue as a Christian community, no issue can be placed outside the heading of problem.

Ron Parks

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parking lot would be a simple and effective means of cutting off rear access to the lot, and recovering those spaces.

The problem is indeed a continuing one; there may be no easy solutions. But to bury the PRC for the blame, is no solution at all. It makes about as much sense as leveling the Library building to provide more parking! The PRC is just too valuable a resource.

After all, PRC stands for Prolific Resources for Christianity!

Curt Ackley

** 1 hour later, all 30 spots, plus nine, were taken! C'est la vie.

RESPONSE

I too feel compelled to respond to you Curt not so much argumentatively but more apologetically. In my editorial last week I by no means wanted to sound as though I was shooting down the purpose of the PRC or the advantages we have by being able to draw from its resources. I, for one, have used the Center on several occasions and it has been useful each time. I can also see your point that without its contributors, the PRC could not exist. But I would also like to point out that the Seminary could not exist without the students.

So where does that leave us but back to the same dilemma which is bothering not only me but so many other students as well. It would seem that perhaps the best "solution" to the problem might be just to have open parking for people with a sticker or a visitor's permit on a first come first serve basis. This may not really "solve" the problem but it would put many minds at ease when they drive into one of the lots and it is filled with cars that have stickers rather than stray cars or even worse, empty spaces that are not being used at all, but are still reserved.

Bruce Druckenmiller

QUOTE:

"It is easier to get a monk's wife to bake cookies than it is to get money out of a Seminarian for the building fund."

TJD

In response to this quote, I want to share a few thoughts I have with you. I'm sure everyone who is in charge of the Capitol campaign realizes the position we as Seminarians are in financially. So you may ask, "Why in the world are they asking us for donations?" Well, maybe they are asking us for our support more so than our dollars. I don't think, or at least I can't imagine, that by asking us for money, they are planning to make any kind of significant dent in the \$35 million they are planning, or hoping to raise but rather I think they are asking us for a small but significant contribution; significant in that they can go to the various churches and tell them that the students are behind this campaign in that they did donate something to the cause. Whether it is \$5, 10, 15, or even only one dollar, at least show your support with a small gift and get rid of some of those negative attitudes!!

Brd

A DIPLOMAT...

...is a person who can tell a lie in such a way to another person (who is also a diplomat) that the second person is compelled to let on that he really believes the first person, although he knows that the first person is a liar, who knows that the second person does not believe him. Both let on that each believes the other while both know that both are liars.

Turner

MISERYIS...

...going back over your life to write your autobiography and becoming totally depressed!!

ATTENTION SENIORS...

...on November 8, 1978, at 3:00 pm, in room A 206, there will be a meeting of all seniors to elect a class representative to SCC and to discuss speakers for graduation. Please be prompt.

BCRT'S SPENS..

Well folks, the major colleges, hotbeds of mass uniformity, numerical anonymity and spontaneous apathy, have once more launched their assaults against each other on the field of honor, the gridiron. This supremacy syndrome & is highlighted by outlandish victory margins stacked one against another in order to attain the elusive status of a national championship. Already murmurs of showdowns are heard, building in tremor to a thundering pitch. Word on the streets is that the perennial face-saver of eastern honor, Penn State, is roaring from its cage, ready to attack the western Goliaths. Prediction time: Oklahoma vs. Penn State in the Orange Bowl for the national title the Pennsylvanians will win only if the Oklahomans don't reach the end zone sooner.

Hey, the LTS strikers were out in force last week with eleven happy-go-lucky high rollers out there knockin' 'em dead from the foul line. Amid the noise and ~~was~~ haste, the bowlers quietly went about their task of rolling, fetching, and rolling again. Some bowlers were more quiet than others, with Tim going through 3 frames before he heard a pin drop. All in all, a good time was had by the entire crowd of splitsters. Scoring High game: Mark 177, high series: Bruce 489, Most Consecutive Gutter balls: Tim 5. Series scores: Tim 173, Nort 404, Mark 453, Bruce 489, Betsy 194*, Tony 295*, Fr. Ed 323, Celia 293, Ron 453, Mike 436, and Chuck 268*. (* denotes 2-game series)

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THE CYCLE

Amid the trees the serpent road bends
 earth rock scales, tire rut stripes
 shedding winter's protective autumn
 leaf skin

for the summer dirt, in spring.

Here where man weaves his quilted
 fashions

of corn, hay, wheat, grass and
 manure

with toil and sweat, sweat and toil
 and harvests his penance for father's
 sins.

Where fallen sore-thumb trees,
 the twisted old men of the fields
 arthritic limbs plagued with termite
 virus

grope in the grassy hills for where
 they once stood.

The youth, the pine, maple, dogwood,
 oak

their roots channeled deep in the
 land.

rough bark fingers grasping at the
 sky

to be towed by a passing tug-cloud
 from the prison earth, but freedom
 just an itch from the ivy chains,
 the clouds just passers by.

Here where my adolescence sifted
 through the branches
 and hung over a boisterous stream of
 green-eyed-flies, scooters, craefish
 minnows, suckers, bluegill, young
 and old fishermen like the
 afternoon sunlight.

Where my loves grow like violets
 bursting in colorful spring,
 dancing in the summer breeze,
 and withering away in autumn leav-
 ing only epitaphs carved in hearts
 on the trees,

and witnessing cows chewing their
 cuds

and batting flies with their tales
 in anticipation of the cold winter.

Afternoons spent on the monstous
 Harvester
 grill grinning, growling at the
 earth

scraping its skin, turning grass
 to furrows

furrows to corn, corn to dirt, dirt
 to grass.

Evenings spent chasing violets
 propelled by Old Crow snuck from
 father's stash
 in the back of the hay loft
 under the mirrow reflections of
 the city lights
 and dreams of dancing on the sky-
 scraper moon
 till dawn chases away the night.
 No noetic knowledge of why, but
~~rather~~ that of nature.
 For I have seen the city lights
 and danced on the moon.
 But when dawn's magnificent amber
 swarmed over the darkness
 I returned here, a victim of my
 father's sins
 and poison ivy.

Mike Vaughan

WORDS OF WISDOM

Those who dwell in yesterdays rail
 thinking only of its sorrow
 Loose the foundations provided
 today
 on which others build their
 tomorrows.

Mike Vaughan



This is a list of concerns which were brought up at the town meeting which was held this Tuesday:

Note - the numbers refer to how many individuals had that particular concern.

CONCERNS:

- 18--Commuters- lounge, scheduling
- 30--Parking
- 21--Chapel- Tuesday and Thursday; fellowship afterwards
- 17--Library- more hours
- 02--Decision making, i.e. thursday "hour"
- 20--Seminar abroad- cost, Israel proposal
- 32--Richards Hall- security, washers and dryers, F & M students, noise, lounge
 - cost of bookstore- discount?
- 20--housing for women
- 17--privacy for counselling services
- 27--Financial Aid
- 32--course concerns- structure, register one year ahead, know times
 - scheduling
 - content/cost
 - too many required courses
 - not enough required church history
 - field education requirements
- 35 Negativism on campus
 - clarification of restrictions in Academic Building
 - More than coffee in "coffee" areas
- 26 channelling of concerns

All students are welcome to attend the Seminars Affairs Committee meeting of the Board of Trustees on Thursday night, 7:30 - 9:30 in L-217. They will be addressing student concerns at this meeting especially those stated above.

ATTENTION...

All seminarians interested in playing basketball on the LTS intramural team, there will be a short organizational meeting at 3:15 TODAY. If you can't attend, please see Bruce Druckenmiller as soon as possible. Our roster must be submitted by Friday.

CHURCH...

Today at 4:00 in the chapel.