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IN RESPONSE TO ROSS...

To: Editor, The Seminarian...

Hats off to Ross Reider for a most excellent word list in the Seminarian. I must admit to feeling the object of rather strident satire. However, at the end of the article, when the purpose became clear, I was much relieved. The intent was to help "in deciphering the verbal barrage at L.T.S....." If "deciphering" is the object, then communication is valued above the use of particular words. Mr. Reider prods us forward in the use of the vernacular. He frees us from old symbols. If we can adapt our language here, we can adapt to the language of the young, the black, the poor, and the rich.

I see in the same issue of the Seminarian that some folks are going so far as to learn Spanish. They are transcending their cultural limits in an obvious way.

Mr. Reider encourages us to do the same on more subtle levels. Deciphering is the object. How else can we communicate our faith? Without communicating, how can we evangelize? Insistence on a particular form of communication, a particular language, a particular style with particular words is cultural arrogance. St. Paul helped

Christianity break such bounds. We could do worse than follow that example.

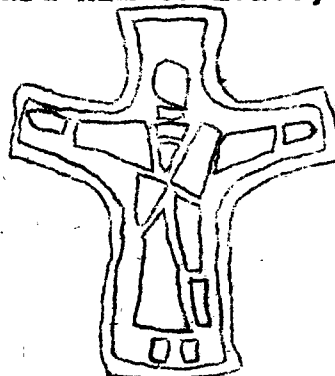
- Dan Hamlin

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SIX SECOND MEETING

"Lord, I met a man downtown today. There were a few minutes left on the meter, so I stopped by the library. He was slouched against the door in shabby clothes. He was dirty, and ugly, he may even have been retarded. I looked away quickly. As I tried the door, it looked as if he was about to say something, and God, the last time I left that happen, I was hit up for 75¢ before I could get away. I didn't want that to happen again.

The door was locked and I noticed the sign with the opening time of nine 'o clock. I had to turn toward him to leave, and he



MEETING (cont'd.)

started mumbling something during that fraction of a second that our eyes met. I quickened my pace to get away. As I crossed the street, I realized that all he had said in his slurred speech was, "It'll open in about 15 minutes."

He was probably waiting to go inside where it was warmer, and he tried to be helpful to me, a stranger. But I wouldn't look at him as he talked. I was repulsed by his outward appearance, and for fear of losing some change, I acted as if he wasn't there, as if he wasn't even a person!!! I probably acted like most of the people he comes in contact with, but I like to think I'm following Jesus. What a hypocrite I am!

Forgive me, Father, for he was my brother.

- Ross Reider

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"IF YOU'VE SEEN ONE (REDWOOD)
TREE, YOU'VE SEEN THEM ALL." RR
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SPANISH INTEREST GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Spanish interest group at 10:00 a.m. Monday in the apartment of Dilca Lebron...Apt. H-202. Come, you are welcome to join us.

- D. Kirk

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THE REV. MR. SHIRLEY E. GREENE RESPONDS

Dear Mr. Scofield:
Thank you for sending me copies of the "incriminating evidence". I still think the whole episode is hilarious, except for the pain it evidently caused you. I'm sorry for that. But I suppose that it is all part of the process of training in religious journalism.

Enclosed is a copy of the "parable" as I have used it. I must say your source either had an excellent memory or access to one of the few printed copies in existence. (cont'd, page 4)

SING! SING! SING!

Choral music for the special LTS Christmas service is in the process of preparation. Rehearsals are held in Santee Chapel on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Those keenly interested persons already practicing regularly and enthusiastically are not, unfortunately, and through no fault of their own a group of well-balanced proportions musically. It is not too late for you to lend your support. We are in dire need of sopranos and altos. There will be prepared music at the Christmas service. Can it be an offering from within the Seminary community? This is an appeal to residents.

Thank You,
Frank McConnell

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THANKS!

Mrs. Florence Bricker wishes to express her thanks to all in the Seminary for the many cards and flowers that she received while she was ill.

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"I nominate Fred for program chairman because he's a young man with ideas and lots of drive and because we all know that nobody else will take the job!"



LEGALIZED VANDALISM?

In the area which I call home, there is a recreational area owned by the federal government. This past week, someone with a chainsaw cut down seven beautiful trees of various species. The loss of those trees, which were forty to sixty years old, caused quite a stir in the community. The authorities, reporters, and other citizens filled the local newspaper and television with their feelings of loss and anger. All of this, in an area which abounds in trees, wildlife and an abundance of natural beauty. If the vandal(s) is ever caught, he most certainly will experience the wrath of society.

Now, to the point! As a commuting student, I experience the need for improvements in the parking situation as a very real problem. But, are we at a point in our evolution where we cannot walk one or two blocks? For the sake of our legs and to save us from being rained upon, do we rape our environment? Apparently, the feeling that trees do not belong in a city has blinded us to permit "legalized vandalism" on our campus. I hurt inside when I see destruction in the name of progress. Am I the only one who cares?

- A. Com Muter
(name withheld by request)

*** EDITOR'S NOTE...

In case you haven't heard all the buzzing going on, you are hereby informed that several trees (plus the surrounding lawn area) have been knocked down, cut up, and carted away. WE (lucky us !?) WILL SOON BE THE PROUD USERS OF A NEW PARKING LOT AT THE CORNER OF JAMES AND COLLEGE AVE. It is too late now...but what about starting to replace some of the many trees lost during the past two years? If the Seminary buys the trees, volunteers will plant them!!!

REV. GREENE RESPONDS (cont'd.)...

Best wishes to you in your career as an editor, a theologian, and I assume ultimately a pastor.

Cordially yours,
Shirley E. Greene

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WHAT!

"WHAT! GIVING AGAIN?"

I ASKED IN DISMAY,

"AND MUST I KEEP GIVING
AND GIVING AWAY?"

"OH, NO," CRIED THE ANGEL,
PIERCING ME THROUGH,

"JUST GIVE 'TIL THE FATHER
STOPS GIVING TO YOU!"

- Doug Turner,
contributor.

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PRESBYTERIAN WHAT???

Mrs. Madeline Thompson of Presbyterian Ministers' Fund Life Insurance will be on campus next Thursday the 18th from 10-1. She will be on the 2nd floor of the Library opposite Dr. Glasse's office. Anyone interested in an appointment should contact Doug Turner, or just stop up and see Mrs. Thompson. I have some information on a new PMF student policy with annual rates under \$50. If you would like to see this material, please see me.

- Doug Turner

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

(a reply to Dan Hamlin's reply)

Dear Dan,

Though you have a good point, you've still missed my point. My article did poke fun at some of our Seminary cliches and prejudices, but I am not especially concerned that we use particular words in our communication. Adapting language to facilitate (whoops!) communication doesn't bother me either. I am concerned about the changing presuppositions, world views, and theology behind the use and non-use of

certain words.

You seem to think that I am opposed to saying the same things in a different way because of my cultural arrogance and provincial attitude. My position though, is that we are not saying the same things, or conveying the same meanings in different ways.

We have not replaced many of the traditional words of the faith with new and better ones, we simply avoid them because they make us uncomfortable. Others, we attach different meanings to, with the net result of a lack of communication. For each person to attach their own meanings to words like Christian, evangelism, God, etc., makes us more comfortable but it certainly doesn't help us communicate.

This process, and simple word avoidance, allows many to let others in the church to assume they believe things that they really don't. That is my concern.

Your brother,
Ross

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OINK! OINK! OINK!

"Doc" Trine has been hit with a dastardly case of the (soooooiii, soooooiii...) swine flu. He is, probably much to your (dis)satisfaction, scheduled to survive and return to this space next week. Until then, think of him whenever you overeat or roll in the mud.

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"CABLE-GRAM

A reliable source has informed the editor that cable vision will become (is it really possible?) a reality here at 'ol LTS by the middle of December!!!

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A REAL RELIC OF ONE OF THE LATE JAMES/COLLEGE TREES IS BEING PRE-SERVED FOR YOUR VIEWING AND APPRECIATION IN THE SEMINARIAN OFFICE.
-Elmer (the ed)