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Those of you who read our last edition of The Seminarian will recall that our editorial drew attention to an impropriety in the seminary's parking situation. Apparently the person(s) in question have responded to our article by correcting the situation alluded to, and for their cooperation we are most grateful.

As a repercussion of this article, however, your editors were asked to meet with our president, in order to discuss our motives in exposing that particular situation.

We, of course, explained that it has been, and will continue to be, our responsibility to protect student interests and to print the truth! Following our two hour meeting with Dr. Glasse, we went away feeling that we had come to some positive understanding of what his position is concerning your newspaper.

As a result of this understanding, we have moved to reorganize The Seminarian. In the future, the editorial staff will be responsible for directing any and all articles submitted to us, which we feel may incite question or controversy, to our newly acquired editorial advisory board, consisting of Steve Robertson, Tony Szilagyi and Dr. Paul Achtemeier. These people have graciously consented to assist us in our efforts to bring to you a clear and valid representation of sentiment surrounding issues which affect our community. Of course, we will maintain the same degree of verity in our reporting as we have to date. All this has been undertaken in order to continue to bring you the facts, and to main-

tain The Seminarian as the channel for communication which it has become. It is our pledge to continue to bring our readers all the truth that is fit to print!!

--Steve Cote
--Wayne Strevor
YOUR EDITORS

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ASW NEWS

On Monday, April 17th, the ASW will present the Rev. Barbara W. McCall at 8:00 pm in the refectory. Barbara McCall was the guest editor of the January, 1972 United Church Herald, "Women Today." She will be speaking on the "Task Force on Women in Church and Society" of which she is chairwoman. Barbara is a reverend Ms. appointed by President Moss to this committee.

The following are some facts about the task force-reprinted from the January 1972 Herald: "The 15-member task force was named by the Executive Council in accordance with action of the Eighth General Synod. The council also approved a \$50,000 budget for the task force in 1972 and named the Rev. Barbara McCall to serve as a special assistant to Pres. Robert Moss as executive for the task force. The task force will be expected to operate within the theological perspective which emphasizes wholeness and to work on research, analysis and strategy development. The Executive Council suggested that the task force:

- *Study the history of women's participation in the UCC.
- *Gather current statistical data on the participation of women, both clergy and laity.

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- *Examine materials used and produced by the church, including curriculum.
- *Develop guidelines which will enable local churches to determine the needs of women in their communities.
- *Investigate ways in which the church can facilitate fuller lives for women-through child care centers, pregnancy counseling, etc."

This meeting is definitely open to males, females, clergy and any member of the public. Please relay this information to churches that you might be working with in the community. The evening will consist of a program and discussion. Barbara will be available for conversation during the evening meal in the refectory.

Here are some facts that you will be interested in knowing. This data is based on the statistics gathered from 900+ questionnaires mailed to pastors by the U.C. Herald

"Did you know-that women comprise more than half the membership of the UCC?

*Yet, in the past ten years the percentage of women employed at all levels of administration of the church has declined steadily.

*Yet, the elected membership(33 persons)of the Executive Council is 1/3 laymen, 1/3 laywomen, 1/3 clergy (none of whom is a woman). And of the other nine voting members not one is a woman.

*Yet, though recruitment programs invite their attendance, there were only 79 women members of the UCC attending seminary in 1970-71 (8.5%of the total).

*Yet, though the ordination of women has long been recognized by its predecessor denominations, only 2.5% of the ordained ministers of the UCC are women.

*Yet women comprise only 1% of pastors, including associates, who are serving churches. That means that of the 240 ordained women ministers in the UCC, only 22% are serving as pastors. The other 78% are forced to look for other jobs.

*Yet a woman pastor or director of Christian Education usually

receives less salary than a man would if he held the same position.

*Yet, though the by-laws say that the office of moderator of the UCC shall be filled alternately by lay persons and ministers, and that the moderator and assistant moderator shall include a minister, a layman, a laywoman, no woman has been elected moderator."

For you edification.

THE A.S.W.

ASSOCIATION OF SEMINARY WOMEN

Hub'in It

It is appropriate to begin this article by expressing a deep appreciation to Mr. Sills. I speak for the whole community in thanking him for his \$35 donation to help cover the cost of the carpet which has been installed in the Hub. The money is deeply appreciated but more than that I appreciate the trust and concern that Mr. Sills has shown for students. My hope is that this trust and concern will open new avenues for discussion between students and administration. If the shoes of polarization fit let's burn them and walk together barefoot.

Much thanks must also be expressed to those who donated many hours of time over the Easter vacation to work in the Hub. Thanks to George Heberling, Diane and Wayne Strever, Gurley and Margaret Stumb and Paul Thompson for a job well done. Thanks also to anyone whom I may have omitted.

Coffee and goodies will be provided for breaks during the Convocation in the Hub. All donations will be deeply appreciated and will be used to help cover the cost of recent renovations in the Hub. We should again thank Jim Fatzinger for excellence in coffee perking. Finally, please use the Hub as you will but also accept the responsibility to help keep it clean. It is your student union.

John Furman

Financial Aid

Being an enthusiastic reader of the Seminarian, interested in all the relevant issues editorialized therein, it has occurred to me, nonetheless, that some readers might be interested in another subject. This is not to say that parking privileges, who controls the Hub, dogs and cats on campus, ASW, and etc., are unimportant, but after all----

Several--almost the entire student body-- have asked me about the availability of scholarships for next year. They have also wanted to know about procedures for making applications and what other sources of financial assistance might be available. Perhaps these paragraphs might clear up some of these important questions.

Lancaster Seminary budgets for scholarship help. It isn't a large sum by some standards, but we are trying desperately to increase the amount each year. The Seminary community has already received a copy of our Financial Aid Policy which stated that scholarships are awarded on the basis of need.

Applications will be available very soon. A notice will be placed in each student's mail box when they may be picked up. We hope that they can be returned by May 1, and that students can be notified of amounts awarded before the end of the semester.

We have two programs for financial assistance for students:

1. Scholarships grants which are outright awards to the student for educational costs.

2. Work awards for those students needing further assistance and who are willing to accept student employment on campus to earn extra money.

The Financial Aid Office (that's me) will be happy to discuss both of these programs in interviews with each student making applications for assistance.

Each student should be aware of (and make application for) denominational, Conference, and/or local church assistance programs.

Methodist students apply directly to their Conference Committee on the Ministry. UCC students apply to Conference Church and Ministry Committees. Applications should be turned in by August 15. Check with local pastors about Congregational scholarships or speak to me about this.

In addition, there are one or two scholarship programs available to Seminary students that are not controlled by the Seminary. An important one of these is the Bear Snavely Fund administered through At. Paul's Church, Lancaster. We can assist you in approaching the trustees of this fund, if you need extra help.

Students with any connection with the Masonic or Eastern Star organizations should be aware of the Eastern Star Scholarship for ministerial students. Check this out with your local lodge or see me and I will help you with it.

Sometimes it becomes necessary for students to borrow money to complete their education. The United Student Aid Fund, Inc., is an excellent asset in such cases. Up to \$1,500 may be borrowed each year while you are in school with a maximum total loan of \$7,500. Loans are arranged with a local bank and the rate of interest is limited at 7% per annum, simple interest. The U.S. Commission of Education pays the interest on your loan while you are in school and until the repayment schedule begins. Repayment begins the first day of the tenth month after you leave school. We can assist you in obtaining such a loan.

Some churches, such as the U.C.C., Congregational, Vermillion, Ohio, have student aid loans. Applications are available in the Financial Aid office and we can help you process them.

If you still need help after exploring these resources, come in and talk about it and we'll possibly put you in the supply preaching program. There are usually such opportunities available.

We'll use every resource at our disposal to assist you to accomplish your goal of moving into the service of the church with competence.

-Horace Sills

THOUGHTS...

Well, they've done it again, fans of LTS. A group of faculty and administrative personnel, armed with screwdrivers, have set to work once more on the students of this venerable institution. In a sweeping disregard for student sentiment, and in view of some faculty dissent, the new 13131 program has been adopted for the coming academic year.

We all were given copies of the "working paper" which describes in detail the working of the new schedule, but this was done after the adoption of the design was already a fact. I think we owe this committee a vote of thanks for their consideration at this point. It appears clear, however, that any discussion can only be for the purpose of clarifying, not shaping, the faculty-administrative decision. The function of the students, at this point, is to be the proverbial rubber stamp which will provide administrative personnel with ammunition for selling this institution to both future constituents and students. It will obviously look good for this administration to be able to say that with (nearly) unanimous faculty support and overwhelming approval from the students this new program was adopted. As they look for funds this claim will definitely bring in more money than if we admit that there is dissension in the ranks. We must be careful about what information leaks to the "outside."

Further, we are told by the working paper, that, "LTS pioneered in innovative curricula developments with its September Programs, anticipating the development of the 4-1-4 patterns in many colleges." We can recognize another major "selling point" for administrative propaganda. But should not the quality of education be a more important selling point, something which in all fields it is not at LTS.

We have seen here at LTS a number of disturbing things happening recently. The growth of the various "centers", and their nourishment with seminary funds; the

changing of academic programs, with the disregard of student opinion; the establishment of research centers, with their faculty directors all have been rubbed under the noses of the students and a few righteously indignant faculty members. At this point, I would like to issue a call for a reconsideration of these happenings.

It might be wise, too, to ask the administration to formally restate its purpose. If "the purpose of Lancaster Seminary is to prepare leadership for parish churches by testing intellectual and imagination against the demands of academic excellence," I think we have a right to expect that the students remain the top priority. This currently is not being done. Priority is given to housing organizations which only secondarily function for the benefit of students and to making changes for their own sake in order that those on the "outside" might recognize us as "progressive." If an honest statement of priorities and purposes were issued placing the students and their education at the bottom of the list, we who are students would have no reason to complain. There would at least be no discrepancy between theory and practice. There would be the admission that students are pawns and therefore can be sacrificed for the protection and well-being of their King as we move through this crude, cruel game of chess.

--Alan Moyer

A TRIBUTE

It is rare when a student comes along and contributes a great deal to a particular community in a very short time - a matter of months, in fact. Phil Allamang was such a person. Phil was in our midst for just seven months, but he contributed to the life of LTS more than some students do in three years. For his help with The Seminarian, for his help with The Hub - without which we would not have all we have now - we are sincerely grateful! Good luck in your new position with WHEX radio, Phil!

-THE SEMINARIAN

ACTIONS...

"Be Ye In But Not of the World?"

If there is one traditional recurrent theme that we hear from parishioners, it is that the Church/theology should stay out of politics, social action, and economics. Rather, the Church/theology should confine itself to the proclamation of the Gospel...In the parishioner's view, his role as a Christian is analogous to a spectator at an athletic event. He applauds good plays and appreciates the skill of the players. But in no way is he an active participant; rather, he is to be a submissive recipient for one hour a week.

It is a point of fact that there is an analogous situation here at the Seminary. Not only do some faculty members expect students to be submissive: receiving gratefully from on high (The Lectern) the eternal validities of their respective disciplines; but also the average seminarian has accepted this role as his own. The result of this is that the seminary has become more worldly than the world in economic aggrandizement, more secular than the world in religious observance, and more of an escapist in facing up to such problems as drugs, prostitution, and acts of burglary-vandalism which occur right here on campus and continue to occur because it is a fact that the Administration comes forth with nothing but threats which are not carried out. Is this status quo consistent theologically with the seminary's altruistic role? Emphatically not!

An examination of John Calvin's theology is particularly enlightening. According to Calvin, God wants us to attack evil in every and any form. To be silent and not to protest evil is to consent to it. For this reason we must see God's honor at stake when evil is allowed to flourish openly and unchecked.

Let us now apply this to our concrete situation at LTS. For years it has been known that the second and and-or third floor of

Richards Hall is a source (distribution point) of drugs. LTS has once been the site of a drug raid -the result being that the Administration wants to avoid police involvement at all costs. For this reason, it has refused to investigate the situation and crack down on offenders. Where else can an evicted tenant break into his former residence twice and not be prosecuted? DON'T TALK ABOUT MERCY! The Administration ignores its civic and Christian responsibility when they allow the malignant source of this addiction to continue on unchecked. The Police Dep't. refuses to come on campus without Mr. Wolfe's or Pres. Glasco's permission: this is a private institution.

For this reason, (publicity) they allow frequent, yea recidivistic, offenders to remain on campus: even going so far as to reverse eviction notices. But this is not the extent of the situation. Now our own Administration has come to be regarded as totally unreliable: we are getting sick of hearing "I'm telling you this but if you repeat it I'll deny that I ever said it." TALK ABOUT A DOUBLE STANDARD!!

Several examples will suffice: in my Junior year (during the September program when husbands are gone for long periods of time) a "spaced-out" F&M student who lived across the hall in a commune of people entered my apartment and threatened my wife. When I complained about the situation, I was told that that was the way it is in the world and I better learn to live with it. This past summer a well-known, disliked, infamous F&M student made it literally impossible to sleep due to his maximum hi-fi-ing. After he refused to lower the volume, it was requested that he at least be moved to the other side of Richard's Hall. A prominent Seminary personnel said, "H___, no! Then he'll bother me."

Why do these things happen? My premise is that the seminary

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and Administration cares more about economic and personal advancement than the community and spiritual welfare. It is not done out of Christian concern and love for the individual but out of a concern for public relations and the image of the "School." LTS today stands under the judgement of God, just as ancient Israel, when God said:

"I hate your pretence - your hypocrisy of "honoring" me with your religious feasts and assemblies. I will not accept your burnt offerings and thank offerings. I will not look at your offerings of peace. Away with your hymns of praise-they are mere noise to my ears. I will not listen to your music - no matter how lovely it is. I want to see a mighty flood of justice - a torrent of doing good."

New life is possible only when repentance is sincere and universal-and we are all guilty of complaisance. Repentance comes only after we are absolutely convinced of our sinfulness. As the Psalmist said: "It is a broken spirit you want - remorse and penitence. A broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not ignore." We are to soon lead the Church in penitence and thanksgiving for forgiveness - how can we do this unless we ourselves have experienced. God help us shed our submissive acceptance of the status quo and, instead, actively seek to usher in his Kingdom!

--Al Johnson

SHADOWED UNION

(THE FOLLOWING IS EXCERPTED FROM THE RELIGION SECTION OF TIME MAGAZINE FOR APRIL 3, 1972.)

For ten years ecumenical Protestants have held high hopes for a series of meetings called the Consultation on Church Union, aimed at forging a merger among nine U.S. denominations with a combined membership of 24 million. None of the participating denominations has seemed more enthusiastic than the United Church of Christ (2,000,000 members) But now the enterprise appears to be under a shadow - and the United Church of Christ is the cause. The U.C.C. Executive Council has announced that the sort of church the Consultation has been designing all along is too "hierarchical" and weakens the local congregation, the only institution where laymen feel they have any power left. Besides, U.C.C. officials suggest that organic merger at the top is out-of-date, they lean toward broadened cooperation among both national agencies and local churches. The U.C.C. statement is the beginning of the end of the denomination's commitment to the union, say insiders. This in turn could be a bad omen for the ultimate decisions of the other eight churches."

We offer this merely as food for thought and possibly as an aid in Christian Education in your churches, just in case you missed it: