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## SICK S.C.C. AN EDITORIAL

It is absolutely amazing how our Seminary community functions! One week the SCC (pronounced "sick") is feeling that THE SEMINARIAN does not communicate very well this year. However, I'm sure they were extremely happy that both editors were unable to attend the last meeting and, thus, avoid having newsey notes from SCC in the paper. Their glee over this was certainly due to one particular move which they made in solemn assembly that was absurd, but reflective of their prevailing attitude.

I clearly recall spending time with SCC officials talking about the matter of community on campus. It seems to me that, despite the fact His Excellency The President visits the single men's quarters, the move of reducing the allocation of the Spiritual Life committee by 80% -- from \$50 to \$40 -- is an open move against the establishment of community on campus. And the fact that, apparently, the Seminary Administration takes this in stride recognizes further our lack of understanding as to the basis of community at LTS.

One representative to the SCC reported that the Spiritual Life Committee "didn't need the funds as much as other SCC sponsored activities." Well, in the first place, our spiritual community is much more than an activity. It is the very basis of our presence, both historically and personally, in the city of Lancaster. Secondly, the SCC has shown its true colors by choosing to make this option to community a lesser priority than our almighty pool table. The fact that the budget reflects \$100.00 for pool table maintenance reminds us of that phrase of Jesus, slightly paraphrased: "Where

your pool table is, there is your heart also." While the HUB has been well managed and has provided many fun opportunities over these last two years it does not give us the fullness of life as does gathering in His Name.

The conversation could on from here to those who, last semester, claimed they were unable to sing well enough to reactivate the Seminary choir. However, I observed that in the HUB one night last month after several bottles of fire-water, the strains of a male quartet were quite noticeable...and, in tune!

This raises the whole question of our commitment and our motivation. If Paul thought that the Thessalonians were idle, he should drop in on LTS!!!! The whole question of integrity of the student, as reflected in the SCC, is called into question; in this case, it is a community question. Now, the SCC will probably deny this and present what seem to be perfectly logical reasons for their decision, as do most who are confronted publicly in this weekly, but I do not believe that this decision was well thought through nor considered in its fullest implications. Whatever the reasons, the image presented is not a good one.

I recommend to students who feel similarly to attend the next SCC meeting en masse and express yourselves. The meetings are open and it is now time to stop this select group from running our lives for us. If this were the Seminary Administration's move, you'd all gripe! But our peers have done this desolating sacrilege and need to be reprimanded as brothers. SPEAK UP AND PUT THE SCC IN ITS PLACE!!!!

-- Brad S. Lutz

## EDITORIAL RESPONSE

The February Bulletin will go to press January 10. Copy deadline will be Friday, January 5. If you have news for the February issue, please give it to me by January 5. I will be glad to use whatever news is available, insofar as already scheduled priorities permit.

The main subject of the February Bulletin will be the Spring Convocation, to advertise this event for those away from our campus. Other items already scheduled, which have had to be postponed from previous issues because of more dated news, are an article on PTP and one on the new course in Volunteer Recruitment. I have also gathered data for an article on the January Mini-Term.

If you are involved in any program which should be publicized, have responsibility for any coming event, or wish to have news about yourself or someone else in the Bulletin, please give me the facts by January 5--keeping in mind that this publication is designed for alumni and friends of the Seminary, primarily off campus. Student news is welcome, but as with The Seminary and any publication, priorities have to go to "articles which are topical and dated."

A matter of information: We now publish only four Bulletins a year (not counting the Catalog Issue). The standard size is four pages (actually three and a half, since one-half page is taken up for mailing purposes). We have once gone to eight pages and once to six because of the amount of material that had to be published. Generally, the main topics of the four issues are set as follows: October, opening of school year; December, report on contributions and fund appeal; February, Convocation; May, commencement and graduates.

By the way, we obtained many excellent photos last week besides those of "the strange cult"--and, for Bulletins with news about students and student life, see the October and May issues of this year.

Please remember to keep me adequately informed about all the newsworthy happenings on campus and give me copies of documents which provide background information on new programs, courses, task forces, etc. As usual, I appreciate all constructive criticism and suggestions

--Mrs. Nancy Payne

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Once again the community of Lancaster Seminary has been shown where priorities lie. At their recent meeting the S.C.C. made a budget cut---and of course you know one of the areas in which the budget was cut---spiritual life. It seems the S.C.C. can find \$50 for social activities such as beer bashes and parties but when it comes to Christian worship and spiritual life we can only spare a mere \$10. It shows where our priorities lie and also that the S.C.C. is not concerned with "supporting personal development by fostering spiritual growth." Perhaps we should ask ourselves why we are at LTS and re-examine what the true purpose of Lancaster Theological Seminary is?

--Barry M. Lohman

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## DID YOU KNOW

...that money is available to students for use in the Career Center. Contact Dean Bricker.

## CRIPPLE THE WAR MACHINE

Last Friday evening, December 8, meeting at Lancaster Theological Seminary, the Lancaster chapter of Clergy and Laity Concerned endorsed a program which could serve as a basis for unity among anti-war forces in Lancaster and elsewhere. It was decided to encourage everyone holding U.S. Savings Bonds to redeem them on January 20, 1973, Inauguration Day, as a protest against the American war against Indochina and the militarization of American society.

The Savings Bond program has traditionally been tied to wartime efforts on the part of the government to meet pressing financial needs. The war in Southeast Asia has been no exception. As early as June 13, 1966, then Postmaster-General Lawrence O'Brien was quoted in Newsweek as saying that the purpose of buying U. S. Savings Bonds was "to demonstrate support for the war in Vietnam." This present war has not been the sole beneficiary of this program, however, for, during this period, the federal government has devoted 60 % of its budget to wars, past, present, and future.

There are now bonds worth \$55,000,000,000 in the hands of private individuals and institutions. These billions of dollars are our voluntary contribution to the continuation of the war in Indochina, the escalation of the arms race, and the stockpiling of weapons of mass murder. According to Arthur M. Louis, writing in the October, 1972 issue of Fortune, with expenditures far exceeding revenues this year, "The government will also need a lot of individual customers for its bonds." Our message to this government must be clear and unequivocal: we will purchase no new bonds and will redeem those bonds which we have on the day of Mr. Nixon's second inauguration, January 20, 1973.

If we respond decisively in the coming weeks, there will be tangible evidence that there are Americans left who will not permit the people of Indochina to be exterminated and the people of America to die slow deaths in deteriorating social conditions. Redeeming U.S. Savings Bonds on Inauguration Day says "NO" to Mr. Nixon, "NO" to the most barbarous war in human history, and "NO" to the death which these bonds have purchased in recent decades.

For copies of a one-page flier or additional information please contact Mike Clark in Richards Hall Room 208

## BACCALAUREATE PLANS

The Senior class has voted to have Dr. Bela Vassady as its Baccalaureate speaker. Dr. Vassady will also be the celebrator at the evening communion service and will be assisted by John Emig. The Senior class has also chosen Ted Nace to read the scripture for commencement; however, no speaker has yet been chosen.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a meeting for prayer Friday, December 15, 7:30 P.M., at Lee McCordle's 531 Pine Street. All are invited to come and share in this ongoing ministry.

Members of the Seminary community and their friends are invited to go Christmas carolling on Monday, December 18, 1972. We will be leaving from the Academic Building at 8:30 P.M. and go to Long's Nursing Home, St. Joseph's Hospital, and other places. After carolling, hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the refectory. We will also record a taped Christmas greeting to send to Mr. Saito in Japan and Miss Werner in Germany.

A Candlelight Service will be held on Wednesday evening, December 20, at 9:00 P.M. in Santee Chapel. The meditation is to be given by Fr. Wm. J. Walsh, S.J. Students will serve as liturgists.

Did you know that the SCC has spent \$136 on benevolence items; this is 40% of the SCC budget.

Did you know that Jim Fox produces a WSBA radio show that has received a commendation from the York Council of Churches and is in line for an award from the Southern Baptist Church.

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## RESPONSE TO HOUSING TASK FORCE

The Seminary Administration has responded to the Housing Task Force report by: 1) investigating possibilities of installing a fire alarm system in Richards Hall; 2) cleaning out Pine St. basements; and 3) developing job descriptions for maintenance personnel.

## BIBLE STUDY

Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.- Isaiah 9:3

The prophet's promise of the Messiah sees His coming as bringing about rejoicing for two reasons: the joy at harvest and the joy of victory.

Truly the Messiah's coming is a rich fruition of all the seeds of the past, planted by patriarch and prophet. "Others have labored and we have entered into their labors."

Here at Seminary we are to rejoice in the very evident fruits of the harvest of seeds planted 4,000 years ago, 2,000 years ago, 100 years ago, last year.

Again we are to rejoice at the tokens of victory- "as men rejoice when they divided the spoil". The triumph over chaos and darkness begun at creation's birth has culminated supremely in the coming of the Messiah. Bells are to ring out, paeans of praises sung, at this great victory celebration.

But we have yet to share in this final triumph song, join in the "Te Deum" with the heavenly choirs, for the victory is still to be won, there is much yet to be done. This is the task remaining for the Church.

-- Donald M. C. Englert

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## FIGHTING THE HOLIDAY GUILT DISEASE

Ever approach the holiday season with as much reluctance as anticipation? That seems to be a common theme these days when the six-week holiday 'rush' begins around Thanksgiving time. But beyond the problems of work, shopping, cooking and general wheel-spinning is another symptom of the holiday scene. It's called 'guilt.'

The guilt disease strikes us when we sit down to the holiday meal with all the trimmings and suddenly the realization hits that there are millions of people starving out there in the world.

The guilt disease strikes when we cash that big Christmas Club check-rush downtown to get the nicest present and the cheapest so that Grandma won't get mad that we spent too much and they won't think they were short-changed after the nice present they gave us last year- you

suddenly wonder why we really give gifts at all and what happened to the notion that it's the thought that counts.

I don't pretend to have any answers, for I'm as plagued by the guilt disease as much as anyone. There are a few goals I might suggest to aim for during the next six weeks.

We should make our homes open to everyone, and not just on special days.

We should try to really get to know members of our families again, not just in rituals of meal and present-exchange.

We should come to grips with our identity as a part of the world as a whole and all the billions of human beings that live in it.

We are one people and the only way to survive is to be concerned about each other. The holiday season provides the opportunity to share celebration and thanksgiving with people we have never seen before on the other side of the world or on the other side of the street. This is an ideal time for commitment to a world community.

-- Dave Berkey

Religion Editor of the  
Wooster Daily Record

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## LADY SINGS THE BLUES

One of the most powerful motion pictures that I have viewed in recent weeks is LADY SINGS THE BLUES, the story of Billie Holiday starring Diana Ross.

It is a film that leaves one shaken and terribly involved, and with such a clear understanding of the blues the lady sang that the melody of her struggle will echo for a long while in one's heart.

The film mixes happiness and misery, glamour and shoddiness with a sure touch, cutting from harrowing scenes of a valiant but hopeless battle with drugs to joyous intervals of love, with wonderful songs sung overlaying the good times and the bad times.

LADY SINGS THE BLUES is playing at the Eden Theatre and I highly recommend the film. It's a great subject for discussion groups.

-- Bill Mayes

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