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## FOR CONSIDERATION

Matthew 28: 19-20

Why are we here at L.T.S.? These two verses of scripture should pretty well summarize all of the other words of Christ that we study and attempt to analyze.

These words should come alive and take on meaning to those studying for the ministry. Not only do we need to recognize that Christ spoke these words, but that He also intended them to give life to a movement. That movement, we are very much involved in today.

Jesus put no limitations on who these words were intended for. "All nations" means all of mankind. But... do we attempt to put limitations on them? In a sense I suspect we do. When we, within the seminary community get all wrapped up in whether or not another student will accept our standards of theological education, and feel another person is "all wet" because he or she is different; what is going to happen when we get out in our churches and find many people who don't have our "standards"? If we can't show Christian love and understanding among ourselves, how are we going to do it "out in the field?"

I would like to suggest that often we lose sight of our overall purpose in being at LTS. We get so involved and "bogged down" in the minute details of studies that we allow the light of the Gospel message to fade from our view. Every so often it is good to remind ourselves of why we are here.

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## LACK OF MERIT!

On campus last week, there were 15-20 college students and others who are seriously considering coming to seminary here at LTS. These people were part of the "Seminary Sampler" program which Mr. Farrar is using to help in the recruitment of new students. This program is excellent and expertly conducted. A great deal of praise should be given to Mr. Farrar and all those who helped in some way.

But this editorial isn't on the merits of the "Seminary Sampler," rather it is on the merits of those who are already here at LTS--or should I say, lack of merit! Now I don't mean that my fellow LTSers do not have any merit, far from that for everyone here has a great deal to offer. What really concerns me is the lack of concern about LTS. This applies equally to faculty, students, and administration. Lack of concern in what way? Lack of concern in helping with the recruitment of new students, for if there were no new students, then there will be no seminary.

You say, how can I help in the recruitment of new students? Certainly one way is to provide names of people who are interested in attending seminary to Mr. Farrar, then he can contact them with his "sales pitch." Another is simple to "talk-up" LTS with anyone you know who may be interested--and this includes "Seminary Samplers!"

Even though there were plenty of opportunities for almost everyone to meet the "Samplers," how many really did? Not very many at all, which I

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I want to believe that these two verses could summarize why we are really here - to prepare ourselves to "make disciples of all nations" and to "teach others."

Maybe you are thinking as you read this, "Of course that's true, anybody would know that." Perhaps this has been put forth on too simple and too basic a rationale. But, that is precisely why I feel it needs to be said. Because it is so simple, we tend to lose sight of the overall goal, and become immersed in detail.

Let us not allow ourselves to get "hung up" on our own personal desires and frustrations. When we can forget "self" and be more concerned with the common cause we are all involved in, then the words at the end of this passage will become realized within each one of us--

"Lo, I am with you always..."

Roy Floor

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## FIRE TRAP

Richards Hall is a fire trap! If a fire started anywhere in the building there is no easy or safe way to get out. The people on the third floor would be doomed, the second floor may be able to jump out onto the roof of the covered walkways or in a tree, and the first floor residents may be able to make it out the doorways if the fire occurs in the daylight; however, at night they wouldn't have much of a chance because the halls are poorly lighted.

An approved Pennsylvania fire alarm system, smoke detectors for unoccupied areas, emergency lighting capable of giving 1/10 watt of light per square foot, an exit light at every outside door, and a light on the outside of every door are necessities for safety. It seems to me that to not take these small precautions and put the lives of these men in jeopardy is an unchristian attitude.

Alice Zimmerman

## LACK OF MERIT!

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am very disgusted with. At the coffee time on Thursday which was to be with the faculty, only two faculty members were present--why? Then at the HUB party Thursday night, again only two faculty members were present--why? Of course there aren't as many on the administration, but only two were involved directly with the "Samplers"--why? Students are not excused either, for there was a pitifully small attendance at the HUB party--why?

Certainly not everyone could come to all the functions due to classes, work, or other commitments, but why couldn't more come than did? Doesn't anyone care about this seminary? Do the students only care about receiving their degree and leaving here? Do the faculty and administration only care about their pay checks? Why aren't more people interested in the growth and continuation of this seminary? Take a look around you, there are plenty of ways to help.

Dennis A. Moritz

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## WHAT A SPREAD!

All the single students who were fortunate enough to be able to attend the "Harvest Dinner" at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Farrar last Sunday night, would like to thank them so very much for such a wonderful time--and dinner. The food was fantastic, the fellowship was fun, and we all like your blue drapes and chair covers too, Mrs. Farrar! Thanks again for your warm hospitality.

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## MISSING

There are now 22 "Saints and Sinners" songbooks missing from the chapel. If anyone has any of these would you please return them as soon as possible. Thank you very much.



## COME CELEBRATE!

A "Rejoice" Communion, complete with guitar and tambourine accompaniment, will be the chapel service this coming Monday morning, November 18. Professors Hartley and Vieth will be the celebrants, assisted by David Martin and Barbara Williams.

Singers are needed who can form a nucleus familiar with the service. If you can carry a tune, come at 8:50 Monday morning to go through the musical portions. Thanks.

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## SPORTS SHORTS

Last week, the "Thompson shot" was explained. This week the Monday night bowlers were treated to the "Fast Eddie Strike." This new shot is best executed by Ed Graf, the Bobby Riggs of the bowling set. The "Fast Eddie Strike" begins with a smile on ones face, a short hop to the foul line, and a beautifly thrown hook shot. The shot is most effective when after the ball is thrown, the throwee performs various facial expressions and body movements. The "hands on ears" position works best for Ed.

Nancy Szilagyi says she bowled her best game ever this past week, because neither her husband's bowling style nor his new ball distracted her. We all think that Tony should put Nancy's initials on the new ball instead of his.

The basketball team got into full swing this week with a well played(???) game against the Afro-B team. Although they really tried to hold the score down, the "Seminary Trotters" were unsuccessful and lost 64 - 21. The guys really did play well, even with Marv Marty on the team. Actually the real reason our guys lost was that our coach and ref "Doc" Englert was unable come until it was too late.

Lee Jessup

## ALCOHOL!!

I do realize that you have a different culture and climate than mine. But I am sure we all have the same care and concern towards our ownelves and our neighbors who may be our friends or parishoners.

I often used to wonder, whenever I read about the innumerable cases of death and misery caused by alcohol in the western world, especially in the U.S. Why did not the church, which was so strong in these countries, take it seriously and come forward to do something about it. But after coming here, in my short observation, I see strange things within the church which is a greater wonder to me. Most seminarians are using alcohol either regularly or occasionally. And so it is with many of the pastors I understand. It may be true, as one of the seminarians has said, that they know how to keep it under control, and some have even taken courses on it. Now, my question is about the weaker brethern. After having given divine sanction for the free use of alcohol by using it yourself, now, what kind of courses are you giving or is it possible to give to the weaker brethern (your parishoners) to keep the use of alcohol under control?

I will be happy to have your Christian answer.

Moses

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## FAITH AT WORK

After taking a survey recently, it has been decided that the Faith at Work retreat which was to be held on November 30 and December 1 should be postponed. It was felt that it would be much better if the retreat would be held in January. So, be ready for a snowy retreat some weekend possibly in January. Thanks to everyone who responded, and if there are any more questions and/or suggestions, please let us know.

Bonnie McDowell  
Dennis A. Moritz



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LTS!

Next year, Lancaster Theological Seminary is celebrating 150 years of service to God in the training of the clergy. Much has happened in the past--- LTS has a very rich history. Much is happening now---all we need do is look to the school's weekly bulletin and the personal schedules of our fellow Seminarians to see that we are an involved school. Much will be happening in the future---the church, operating in the world, is in the midst of great changes. What opportunity lies ahead of us!

LTS is celebrating its place in this continuum in the next academic year (1974-1975). The Sesquicentennial Committee invites you to join us in helping to create a meaningful 150th anniversary celebration. Please let us know how you view our past century and a half---our present---and our future. Perhaps you may know some odd facts concerning the history of the Seminary and its outreach, or you may even be willing to donate some effort! Please let us know how you feel and what the students of TS can offer.

Deni Bechard  
Mike McDowell  
Bill Mark  
Student Representatives  
to the "Sesqui" Committee

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NOTES FROM A.S.W.

The November meeting of A.S.W. was informative, but fattening---Dr. Englert's date nut cake was delicious! A booklet will be compiled of the different recipes the wives brought and will be distributed next month. Also a list of the different services available to the Seminary community by members of A.S.W. and their families will be prepared. We had some very stimulating discussions about the Seminary community and A.S.W., all of which helped produce a very satisfying evening.

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Due to Thanksgiving, there will be no SEMINARIAN next week.

THE PARANOID SOCIETY

My premise, fellow students, is that we are living in a paranoid society. Our nation has become a sick one in this respect. What are the facts which I have to back this up? The facts are these: ask yourself these questions---Am I suspicious of those around me? Do I question every motive of my neighbor? Am I afraid about what is happening in Washington, D.C.?

Fellow Christians, where is your faith? God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of trust and love. I speak to this issue because I feel that it is one of the most important issues that we as future ministers and we as a community must face. It will be our job to deal with the paranoid society that is around us. And believe me, it must be dealt with if we, as a nation, are to be healthy again.

First of all, we must learn to trust. Trust is the basic trait which holds the personality together. I feel that we must trust in God, as well as our fellow man. We must be confident in ourselves and God to have love for our fellow man.

Don't allow paranoia to become part of your way of life.

---William Darling

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THANK YOU

I want to say THANK YOU to the many members of the student community, to all the people of our Seminary community, who made our "Samplers" last week feel so at home. The evaluation indicates that all experienced a warmth and friendliness that is to be encouraged in a community such as ours. Thanks so much.

---Lyman G. Farrar

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- \* Open to Seminary Community
  - \*\* Open to General Public
- Numbers in parentheses refer to announcements which follow.

CALENDAR

Monday, November 19

9:10 A.M. Morning Prayers  
Preacher - Professor Loyde Hartley

7:00 P.M. S.C.C. - The Hub

8:00 P.M. Community Historians L 200

9:00 P.M. Bowling

Horace Sills will be on campus to interview Seniors (1)

Tuesday, November 20

9:10 A.M. Morning Prayers

10:30 A.M. Lancaster Relations and Resources Committee L204

6:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

4:30 P.M. Happy Holiday Hours - Mr. and Mrs. Farrar's Home.

9:00 P.M. Bowling

Wednesday, November 21

8:00 A.M. Executive Cabinet L 204

9:10 A.M. Morning Prayers

Thanksgiving recess begins after last class

DATES AHEAD

November 16-17 CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS WORKSHOP

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) Horace Sills will be here on Monday, November 19 to interview Seniors for placement in Penn Central Conference. Sign up sheet on bulletin board outside Professor Irion's Office.

Paul Irion

Ministers Life and Casualty Union regional secretary, Samuel C. Saylor III, will be in the HUB on Tuesday, November 20 to discuss all phases of insurance, including health insurance, with students of the Seminary.

Lyman Farrar

Basketball - Watch for announcements on bulletin board.  
Donald M.C. Englert

### From the Office of Development and Communication

Faculty, Administration, and Staff are invited to the Farrars for "Happy Holiday Hours", 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. on November 20. Children are welcome. Spouse invited.

A thank you to the many members of the Seminary community who helped to make the "Seminary Sampler" a real "plus" for all who attended.

### Invitation to Seminary Ministers

Lancaster Ministerium Meeting on December 10 at 12 noon (bring your own sandwich) at St. John's United Church of Christ, 1921 Wheatland Avenue, Lancaster.

Lyman Farrar