

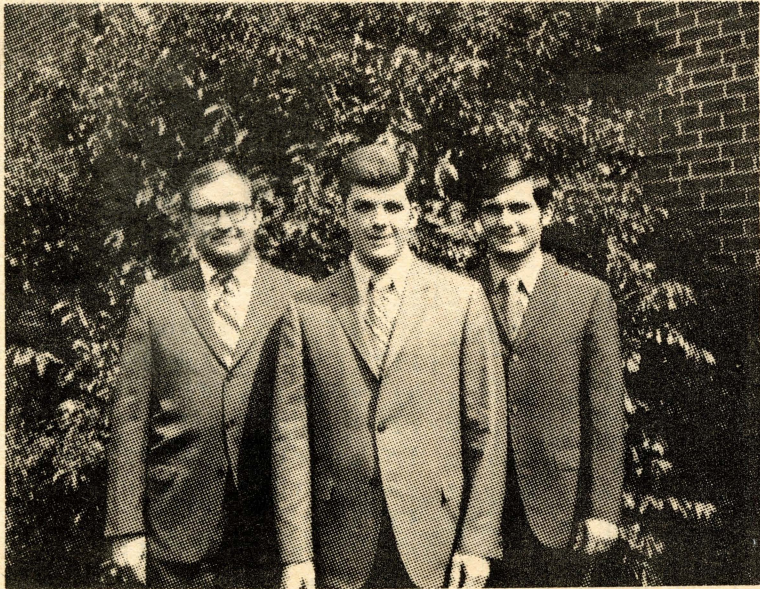
# THE ENQUIRY

AN OBJECTIVE GLANCE

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## TURNER, DAVIS AND TUCK TO LEAD SCC

### REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is in full swing. If you haven't completed your schedule for the fall semester you will want to do so before Thursday (May 13) Dr. Sandusky said it is desirable that most of the registration be completed now rather than in September so the professors can know the nature of their classes. (It isn't a bad plan for the student either.) He urged that those students who have not seen their advisors do so right away and get back to the registrar's office.

Also, he noted that those who will be in the first session of Summer School can register on May 17-19 in the Registrar's Office and avoid having to come at the regular time.

Here is this week's schedule:  
(all in basement of Appleby)

Tues. (today) 2:30-4:15 Th. M and Seniors .

Wed. 2:30-4:15--- Middlers

Thurs. 3:00-4:15--- Juniors

Pictured Are (from the left) Rodney Tuck, Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry Turner, SCC Chairman, and Ron Davis, Vice-Chairman

Here are the results of the SCC Elections. The Enquiry extends congratulations to all new officers. General Chairman- Jerry Turner, Vice-Chairman- Ron Davis, Secretary-Treasurer- Rodney Tuck, Athletic- Joe Johnson, Devotional- Larry Phillips, Ethics- Ken Altom, Welfare- Gary Morris, Extension- Lee Roy Johnson, Music- Mike Simmons, Social- Betsy Flippo, Seminary Council- John Eddinger, Troy Hayes, Middler Representatives- Buzz Harrison (Executive Council), Danny Royal, Mike Jenkins, Senior Representatives- Cliff Jones (Executive Council), Tom Denton, Glen Holm, Certificate Representative- Lamar Sutton. Three junior representatives will be elected in the new SCC Council.

## IDOLATRY IN RELIGION A TOOL OF SATAN

In our last discussion on the problem of attendance in Southern Baptist Churches Joe Beauchamp pointed to a vital element of our denominational existence: our image as Christians, as children of God and messengers for Jesus. He raised the question, "Is our image what it ought to be?" Thinking along these lines allow me to share with you some observations presented by Larry Issacs here in a sermon in preaching class recently. He was speaking of the idolatry in religion and noted that we often make idols of the tools of religion and worship them instead of reaching God. For an example he noted that many people make the Bible an idol. They insist on a particular translation (most often the KJV) and they carry it as if it was some good luck charm to be rubbed for a magical miracle to take place. Larry pointed out the Bible is a window through which we see God working in the affairs of men and then know what the world outside is before we enter it on a particular mission. He said too, it is like a man reading old love letters. They tell him of a great and abiding love, but he knows he must put them down and go experience this love in personal encounter.

Our interpretation of the Bible often becomes an idol. We develop an ethocentric theology which makes our denomination and our church the best and the rest are second (if only by a little bit). Everything we see and do is coated by this idolatry.

Then there is the idolatry of worship itself. We have an order of worship to follow and it is considered by many to be a magical combination,

a special formula that when carried out to the letter of perfection causes a special result. We would do well to alter and experiment with our order of doing things in our churches if for no other reason than to break the spell of routine. I could elaborate here with numerous examples, but space doesn't permit it.

Then there is the idolatry of the church structure itself. Larry said he believed that many new church buildings are really idols to an unknown god. If a church building is destroyed by fire or some other calamity the people regroup and usually carry on in a grand manner, usually with a renewed spirit. If the people are burned by the things of the world the building and all things crumble. The real church is in the hearts of the true believers in Christ, not in brick, mortar and design.

Have we in the Southern Baptist Convention become idolatrous in our worship? Are we stealing the show from Jesus and creating a theatre setting rather than a holy environment where the King of Kings can be Lord? Hear the words of God to His people:

"You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments." (Exodus 20:4-6)

# THE EDITOR'S PAGE

## MORE FIRE

The Continental Congress itself would have been proud of the way the recent SCC elections came off. We could have used a few more voters (especially on that constitution ratification) but I'm talking about the way the candidates presented their views and the general spirit of unity that prevailed. It's almost too good to be true. Maybe we've finally learned the lesson that anything which hurts the group can't be best for the individual.

Many have asked me, "Can it stay this way?" Well, let's hope so. Always though, there are those who would put self first. When they come in clusters and form little isolated groups, trouble of some nature is on the way. Openness is a safeguard.

But my concern at this stage is not so much a shift back to a threat of polarization as to where we go from here. My prayer is that we will progress from unity to fire. Yes, fire. I feel we are lacking in this respect. In spite of dedicated teachers and a beautiful campus we are not inspired enough. Too often we "sink back" to the tasks here and too often we leave and become "cranked up" in some worship experience on our respective fields. The seminary should never be a step down, rather one continually leading upwards to the deeper things of God. Why is this? Why do student pastors return here with long faces and sly remarks to the effect, "Well, here we are again at the old academic ice box." Why does not one hear the talk of the love of Jesus as groups of students pass? Why aren't the pleasant tidings tossed amidst the departing warriors for God each evening (and especially on Friday) that go something like this, "May God bless your services richly." Or, "I'll pray for your work; pray for me too won't you?" Are we so professional we can only discuss baseball, golf and fishing? Where is a warm "Jesus Movement" to be found here? I long to hear songs to His praise and words to His glory all across the campus. (not just in chapel at a prescribed hour)

So now we're quiet and orderly and unified, and I'm not so sure I like it that way.

We come here burdened with a load of responsibilities and we are loaded anew with our studies but this should drive us into a unique fellowship of loadsharing that could be a most rich experience indeed. I don't know the answer, but my prayer is for fire, spiritual fire.

## COMMUNITY CONSCIENCE

Well it's May again and churches are "calling" men to come and led them in NEW fields of service. It is fascinating to hear the "Called Ones" talk of their new church fields. Much of the time when asked to tell a little about their new place of service the response sounds like: "Well this church has a brick parsonage with 3 bedrooms, two baths and is fully Air Conditioned and has central heat. The church is beginning a \$50,000.00 educational plant and will seat over 1,000 people. The budget is in the \$70,000.00-\$80,000.00 range and I get 10% as a base salary with all the utilities paid and all the pluses like my social security and annuity paid, etc., etc."

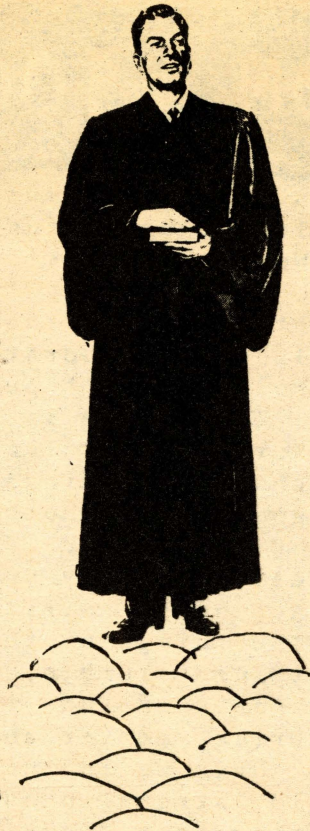
Financial security might be wonderful and it is one of the items to be considered when planning to accept a church. Due to my not having a church, one might think this article is "sour grapes" however, I don't think it is.

It would be refreshing to hear one speak of their "church" as one which is involved with social issues in the community and one which is developing the people in the community spiritually, and emotionally. A church that is in the main stream of contemporary thoughts and ideas, and even accused of being the conscience of the community itself. A friend of mine has facetiously referred to this type of church as being; "A GOING CHURCH FOR A COMING CHRIST". Perhaps this isn't too far removed from the 1st century church after all.

I realize financial security is important and each man must meet his own individual financial needs. It is my desire that we not lose sight of the responsibility that is given the church and its leaders. I have my own financial needs and not every church will be able to meet these needs, however, regardless of what church it is that can, I hope it is also a "GOING CHURCH FOR A COMING CHRIST."

J. Byron Twigg

## MURDER PULPIT STYLE



Ed. Note: In the last edition of The Enquiry we carried a 10-point list of ways to kill a church. Ben Clark has responded by offering his version from the pulpit perch.

1. Pick a favorite gripe to preach on constantly.
2. Don't bother with praising your people for the good they do: since they aren't quite perfect just keep telling them about their faults.
3. Forget that you are a church member, run things as tho you are a hired efficiency expert.
4. Forget God's Love, just preach about his wrath and judgement.
5. Don't bother visiting the people, you're too busy.
6. Don't try to understand the problems of the congregation, just give the answers.
7. Keep preaching about tithing no matter what.
8. Don't listen to complaints about your dress and personal habits: after all, you run their lives, they don't run yours.
9. Don't ever laugh, the people might think you're frivolous.
10. Be so proud of being a preacher that the sound of patting yourself on the back drowns the groans of the congregation.

## ONE MORE FOR GOOD LUCK

The Enquiry will publish another paper before the close of school, probably by next Tuesday. We will save our farewells for then plus add a few surprises for good luck's sake. We hope to have a photo of all the graduating seniors. If we can get them all together in one place at one time for Dr. Blackmore this can be accomplished. We debated about having another edition, but Dr. Gracchus came by and jumped all over us for even considering signing off without saying goodbye. So, he'll have a word or two for his many fans along with the other wrapups.

## Gratitude With Irony

The Welfare Committee would like to express its appreciation to all who contributed to the special "love offering" for the family of Charles Sands. Through your gifts we raised a total of \$115. The following is part of a letter received from the Sands expressing their thanks;

Thank you for your very kind letter and your most generous gift from the students at the seminary. Now little did I realize that when I voted for you in last year's elections on campus that I would end up receiving a check from you here in Korea.

How we do appreciate your love and concern. We are very acutely aware that seminary students do not have an abundance of money and a gift of this nature comes with a concern for those in need and involves a sacrificial giving. How grateful we are also for your many prayers and letters of encouragement.

We feel that the Lord has really blessed us. Through God's loving people our every immediate and essential need was met following the loss of all of our possessions in the fire. We do not intend to allow this incident to hinder or delay our work for the Lord here in Korea. We remain excited about the possibilities for reaching people for Christ in Korea and believe that as we allow Him to live His life in and through us...that His will for our lives in Korea will be accomplished.

Thank you again for your love and compassion and may the Lord continue to bless the lives of the students at the seminary.

With warmest regards, we remain,

Your fellow missionaries  
in Christ,

*Charlie + Betty Sands*

## Practical Gift

If you have a few moments stop by and take a look at the Field Education Conference Room on the same level and to the left of the little chapel entrance in Appleby. Needed for some time the room was made possible through donations from the Senior Class of 1969 supplemented by a gift from one of the seminary trustees Mr. Carlos Young and his brother Mr. Fields Young of Shelby, N.C.

The room is attractively furnished and affords a good setting for prospective pastors to meet with pulpit committees. The Field Education Office facilities have been much too small for some time now and the new addition makes the work there a bit easier.

## Thank You

A heartfelt thanks to all who helped me during the time my wife Marcia was in the hospital. Those who baby-sat and those who brought in the evening meals will always be remembered.

The campus W.M.U. is to be commended for their willingness to help in times of need. The Twigg family is in debt. We hope someday we can repay in like kindness.

Sincerely,  
Byron and Marcia  
Twigg.

## Shortcuts Cut

Prayer should never be confused with work and the midnight lamp

Now God's most abused by students with a learning cramp.

Remember, Christ took no short cut as he prepared for the final exam.

Reb.

## FRESH HOT AIR

- Q. "Dr. Gracchus, do you think pollution is really as bad as we are told."
- A. "Personally, I think it has been overplayed."
- Q. "What do you mean?"
- A. "Well, as good ol' 'Cousin Chub' pointed out recently the worst pollution is that of the heart."
- Q. "But sir, what about the problem of our atmosphere being clogged with soot and grime, our drinking water becoming undrinkable, etc.?"
- A. "Get the heart right and those problems will solve themselves."
- Q. "But will our getting our hearts right help our children and grandchildren breathe?"
- A. "You 'pinko's' are all alike, you down a fellow for an important thing like turning a buck and then worry him to death about such a ridiculous thing as breathing."
- Q. "Don't you think breathing is important, sir?"
- A. "Not if it hurts the economy."
- Q. "Does a strong economy reflect a 'right heart'?"
- A. "This is not a matter of the heart; this is a matter of money."
- Q. "Is money more important than a right heart?"
- A. "It does my heart good."
- Q. "Dr. Gracchus do you mean to say that stamping out pollution is not as important as making money?"
- A. "No. That's not what I mean at all. What I mean is.... uh, uh, uh. Say, you're trying to trap me aren't you?"
- Q. "No Dr. Gracchus, you trapped yourself and if you get your way all of us will be trapped."
- A. "If you don't like America get out!"

## APPOINTED

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its April meeting held in Louisville, Ky., approved 74 young adults for journeyman training this summer.

Among them was Orville Boyd Jenkins a student here at Southeastern. Orville is a 1970 graduate of State College of Arkansas with a BA, and is a member of First Baptist Church in Conway, Arkansas. He will assist the director of Baptist Communications in Nairobi, Kenya.

The intensive seven-week course prepares Baptist men and women no older than 25 for two years of work overseas with career missionaries.

They will train at Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C.

Orville's wife Edith will accompany him to Nairobi to work as secretary to the field administrator of Missions and Mass Media Representative in Kenya. Mrs. Jenkins is also a 1970 graduate of SCA and a member of the First Baptist Church in Conway.

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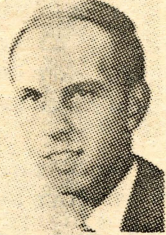
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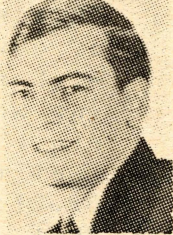
# SPORTSRAP

By SIDNEY RODRIGVEZ

## ORIOLES AND DODGERS MEET TODAY FOR TITLE



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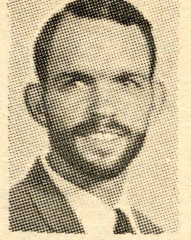
MEDLIN



IVEY



WINSTEAD



HARRIS

## TIGERS AND ORIOLES GAIN DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Dodgers, runners-up in the Division B, took advantage of some severe Tiger defensive lapses and some timely hitting by several key players to oust the Division A champs from title contention in the first round of the championship tournament held last Tuesday. The final score was 14-7.

In the second game, Our Gang put up a valiant battle, but the Orioles overcame a sluggish start to win 11-3, after choking off a late game rally by Our Gang.

The Tigers, who faltered badly in their first playoff game, came back with a vengeance to plaster Our Gang 17-6. The Tigers' defense played excellent ball while the big Tiger bats produced several productive scoring innings.

The championship game between the Orioles (7-1) and the Dodgers (4-2) was postponed due to rain. The game will be played this afternoon at 4:15 p.m., with the winner being named league champion.

The Tigers finished their season with a 6-3 record and the title in Division A. Our Gang's mark dipped below .500, at 4-5.

The Tigers, under the leadership of Coach Tom Denton won Division A of the SEBTS Softball League. The Tigers won on the strength of some timely hitting and a good defensive effort. On their way to a 5-2 season, the Tigers attack featured the league's leading hitter, Jim Ivey, who hit a red-hot .556 (10 for 18).

Our Gang, led by co-captains George Scruggs and Buzz Harrison, finished second to the Tigers with a 4-3 regular season record. The luckless Cardinals finished last, failing to win a game en route to an 0-7 season. Mike Jenkins was the Cards' mentor.

Division B was won by the Orioles with a 6-1 win-loss record. The Orioles were captained by Joe Johnson and featured a fine, well-balanced team. Position by position, the Orioles were probably the strongest team in the league.

Ron Medlin's Dodgers also had a fine team. The Dodgers wound up their season with a 5-2 record and in second place in the league's Division B. The Dodgers lost their divisional title in a crucial loss to the Orioles during the last week of the season.

The Mets, coached by Don Hedley, won only one of their seven games and finished in third place in their division.

## TITLE GAMES

Weather permitting, today may provide a great amount of excitement on the sports agenda. The seminary softball title is up for grabs today when the Dodgers and Orioles go at it sometime around 4:15.

Also of interest is the Ping-pong title. As everyone expected it will be against Joe Winstead (last year's champ) and Harry Harris. Joe explained in an interview several days ago, "It just depends on the day. That's how close we're matched."

Tennis finals in both doubles and singles are slated for either this week or next. We hope to have the final wrapup on all of these in our last edition.

## INVALUABLE

What have intramural sports accomplished at Southeastern this year? Are they as beneficial as they were intended to be? This is a question that the administration asks every year at this time.

My answer is the program is practically invaluable for a number of reasons. First, there is provided for the students here the opportunity for recreation so vital to their health. Second there is keen competition mixed with fellowship. The fellowship may get a bit thin at times, but time usually heals these things and all is better in the long run. Third, sports give one a sense of tradition. People need to identify with a cause. Take the Tiger Ghost for an example. Yes, sports have been good and we hope will get better.

### FREEDOM IS..

### GOING OUT TO PLAY

Library Schedule	
Examination period and Graduation Week	
Wednesday, May 19	8:00 - 10:00
Thursday, May 20	8:00 - 10:00
Friday, May 21	8:00 - 4:30
Saturday, May 22	9:00 - 4:30
Monday, May 24	8:00 - 10:00
Tuesday - Friday, May 25-28 8:00-4:30 (CLOSED DURING GRADUATION FRIDAY MORNING)	
Saturday, May 29 CLOSED	
Monday, May 31 - Friday, June 4 - CLOSED	

try a little  
**KINDNESS**  
**SMILE**



Panel 1: A boy says, "ANOTHER BALL GAME LOST!! GOOD GRIEF!"

Panel 2: The boy says, "I GET TIRED OF LOSING... EVERYTHING I DO, I LOSE!"

Panel 3: The boy says, "LOOK AT IT THIS WAY, CHARLIE BROWN... WE LEARN MORE FROM LOSING THAN WE DO FROM WINNING"

Panel 4: The boy says, "THAT MAKES ME THE SMARTEST PERSON IN THE WORLD!!"