

# update

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With this issue, meet Update, the Southeastern Seminary news bulletin. This copy goes to Trustees, Alumni, Students, Faculty, and selected persons interested in the "goings on" at the campus. Hopefully, the careful reader will find here the kind of communication for which we all seek.

MEET  
UPDATE

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President W. Randall Lolley hit the ground running. During the past month he has spent at least two hours with each member of the faculty in the professor's office. In addition, he has conferred with all administrative personnel, and had conferences with the Buildings and Grounds, Food Service, and Secretarial Staffs. Next month holds forth more of the same as the new President continues his efforts to engender openness in a "participatory administration."

PRESIDENT'S  
FIRST MONTH

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During August, the faculty spent four days in intensive meetings. Two days were given to consultations with Dr. Charles Gerkin of Emory University concerning field supervision particularly for the D.Min. students. Two other days were spent in the annual Faculty Workshop. The mechanism for two Retreats was developed during the workshop—a Faculty Retreat during the Fall semester, and a Faculty-Trustee Retreat during the Spring semester.

FACULTY  
WORKSHOP

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The faculty endorsed President Lolley's suggestion of a process leading to the selection of a Dean to replace Dean Brown, who returns next Spring to his post as Distinguished Professor of New Testament. During the interim, Dr. John Steely has been appointed Academic Coordinator. He had already been elected acting chairman of the Faculty Academic Policies and Procedures Committee.

SELECTION  
OF A  
DEAN

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Word came this month from the attorney for the late Dr. Emily Lansdell Weatherspoon that there will be forwarded to the Seminary \$20,000.00 to establish an endowment for our Library. The endowment comes as a memorial to her husband, our former faculty member, Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon. Public announcement of this bequest awaits a response from the attorney.

WEATHERSPOON  
ENDOWMENT

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Our auditors have completed their work on the books for the 1973-74 fiscal year. Their report should be ready by mid-September. Evidence is already on file indicating that the Seminary had another

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During the next few weeks the Trustees' Buildings and Grounds Committee will discuss and decide upon three major building projects.

MAJOR BUILDING PROJECTS      These are: the Library Renovation, Student Housing, and the President's Office and Residence. Meetings of the Trustee Executive Committee, Finance Committee, and Buildings and Grounds

Committee have been called on September 19-20, 1974.

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The Fall semester began September 3. The new students came for Orientation August 29. During the reception for new students,

FALL SEMESTER BEGINS      faculty and staff "received" for two hours what was described by several "oldtimers" as the largest group of first year people in memory. Enrollment figures will be announced in the next UPDATE. Housing is very tight this year. Several students with families have simply had to go back home until the housing situation is relieved.

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Two classes in Old Testament Survey are being offered at night, September 5 - December 12. This evening opportunity for Bible

NIGHT CLASSES      study for lay persons has already enrolled over 100 persons. It is a first step in what is hoped will become a carefully planned course of study for student wives and church leaders in our region. Dr. Leo Green and Dr. John Durham will teach the classes this semester.

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During the Fall Convocation on September 3, Dr. Leo Green was designated a Distinguished Professor of Old Testament. Dr. Green

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR      is the Senior Member of our faculty, having signed the Abstract of Principles in 1951. He joins Dr. Ray Brown and Dr. Luther Copeland as distinguished professors—a category made possible by an endowment from Mr. Harwood Cochrane of Richmond, Virginia.

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Although no final decision has been made on the matter, preliminary

INSTALLATION OF NEW PRESIDENT      plans are to have the installation for President Lolley as the third President of Southeastern in connection with the

annual meeting of the Board of Trustees in March, 1975.

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