

The first Forum for the fall semester was held in the cafeteria on Friday, September 12. An overflow crowd of students, faculty, and administrative personnel shared a wide range of mutual concerns. Several matters discussed at the Forum are being followed up now by the administrative council of the seminary.

FORUM

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During the week-end of September 12-13 the Student Council held a workshop and retreat on campus. A large percentage of students elected to serve on the Council for 1975-76 were present over the weekend. Lana Lawrence, president of the Student Council, reports that the work for the year was projected and plans were laid for the implementation of significant student government matters.

STUDENT  
COUNCIL  
RETREAT

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The September meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee was marked by three significant actions affecting theological education and Southeastern Seminary: (1) The Institutions Workgroup of the Program Subcommittee continued to study a formula for allocation and distribution of Cooperative Program operating budget funds for the six seminaries. The data called for by the Kaludis study was reviewed and a conclusion was reached to ask Dr. Orin Cornett to meet with the seminary presidents during their annual workshop in December to study the data and hopefully to incorporate it into a possible formula for allocation and distribution of funds. (2) A motion was passed: "that the chairman of the Executive Committee cause to be presented to the February Executive Committee meeting a comprehensive recommendation for meeting the crises of finances for our seminaries." This motion was made against the background of an hour-long discussion concerning the needs for endowment and capital funds by the seminaries. The possibility of a national campaign for theological education was discussed as a real possibility.

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EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE

The implication of this motion for Southeastern and for all the seminaries is tremendous. (3) A projected 1976-77 Cooperative Program Operating Budget was tentatively approved:

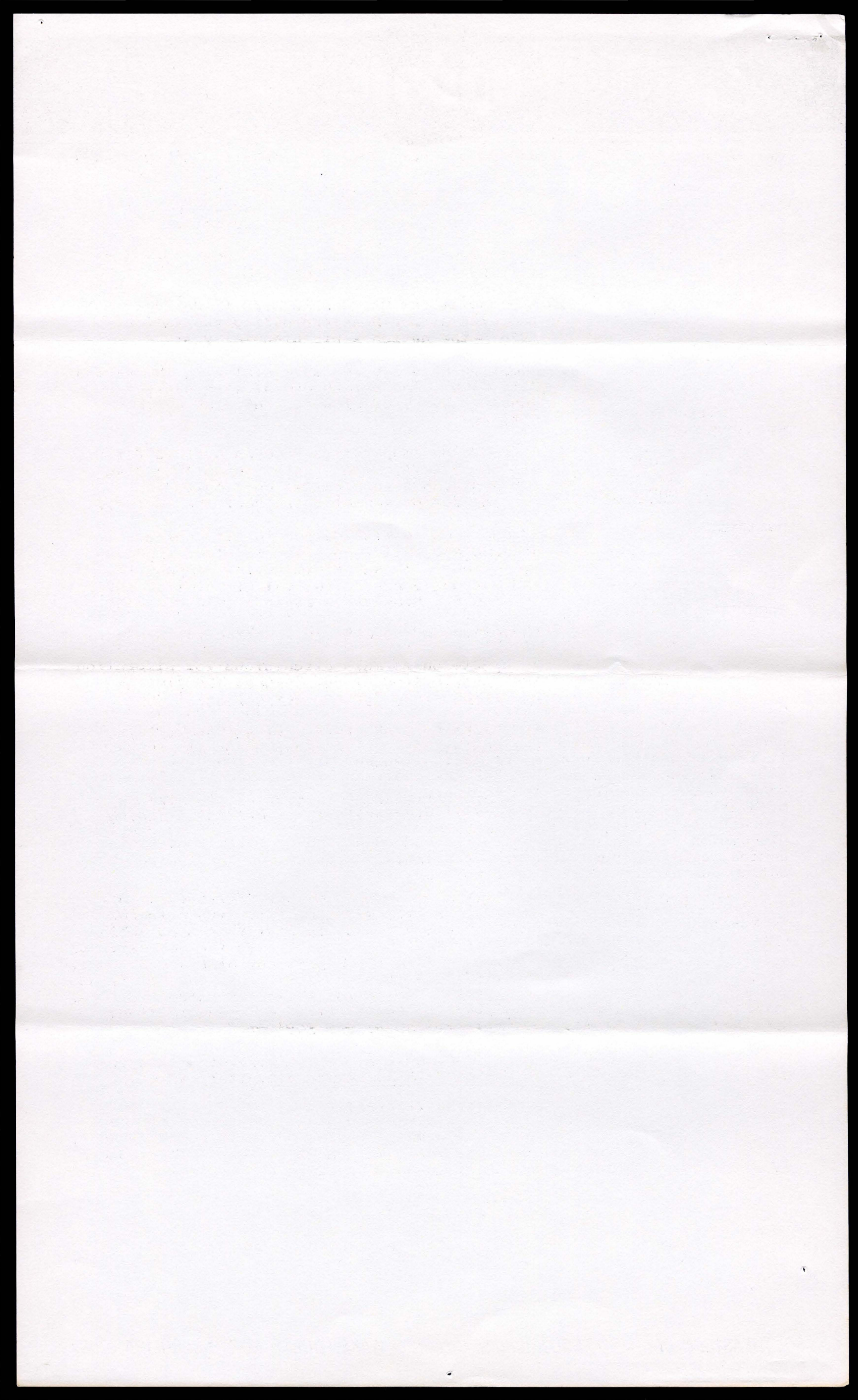
Operating----	\$46,112,400
Capital-----	1,080,000
Challenge----	<u>5,807,600</u>
Total	\$53,000,000

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The Fall Lectures were delivered at the Seminary, September 30 and October 1, by Dr. Lewis Ford, professor at Old Dominion, Norfolk, Virginia. The thrust of the lectures was process philosophy, its content and implications for theological insight. The thought of Alfred North Whitehead was particularly reviewed.

FALL  
LECTURES

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The Board of Trustees meet on campus October 2-3. These items were the agenda:

TRUSTEE  
MEETING

1. Review Seminary Bylaws —tentative approval was given to some sections of the proposed bylaw revisions. Other sections were referred to the committee for further study and a report at the March, 1976, meeting of the Trustees.
2. Assignment of new Trustees to committees and filling of committee vacancies.
3. A proposal for Mr. Brooks Hays to deliver lectures at Southeastern during the fall of 1976 — the nation's bicentennial year.
4. Adoption of a revised agreement with the Paschal Golf Club. The new agreement eliminates the annual subsidy of \$1000 to the Club by the Seminary.
5. A report on Cooperative Program overage for fiscal 1974-75. The Trustees adopted a plan for applying a substantial portion of the overage for personnel throughout the seminary.
6. A report on termite damage in all seminary housing and buildings. The Trustees approved a contract with an exterminating company to rid our buildings throughout of termites and to bond all properties against future damage.
7. An update on the Library Construction project.
8. An update on formula discussions for allocation and distribution of SBC Cooperative Program operating funds for the seminaries.
9. An update on a possible national campaign for theological education under auspices of the SBC Executive Committee.
10. An organizational meeting of all workgroups to initiate the seminary long-range planning process.

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The Trustee meeting was extended to include the "first-ever" Seminary retreat, October 3-5. Trustees, faculty, and administrative personnel met at the Continuing Education Center of Appalachian State University, Boone, N. C. for the retreat. Dr. Swan Hayworth from the Department of Pastoral Care, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, was the facilitator. The theme was "Search for Koinonia." The purpose was "to improve Trustee - Faculty — Administration relationships by facilitating communication, openness, mutual trust, and appreciation of one another."

To a measurable and an amazing degree, the purpose of the retreat was realized. The first step toward koinonia was definitely taken.

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