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Pinson Stresses Need For Ethics

by Dennis Melton

People who watch the confusion and sense the overarching pluralism of the world today may often ask themselves if there is really any objective right and wrong anymore. Further, they may ask if it is possible, as a Christian, to stand for "right" in a society that questions the need.

The answer to both these questions is yes, according to Dr. William Pinson, the 1978 Fall Lectures speaker. Dr. Pinson, President of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, California and a noted authority on Christian ethics, spoke on issues and questions for Christian ethics in the two-day lecture series.

The first lecture on Tuesday, October 3, was titled "Issues We Face" and dealt with the world setting in which our ethics is done. The world in which we live, said Dr. Pinson, is one of tension.

"The need for ethical decision-making is widely apparent," said Dr. Pinson. Many of the decisions being made in the United Nations and in Congress are basically ethical ones, though not necessarily Christian.

Changes within the world in the last 50 years have made ethical decisions much more complex. According to Dr. Pinson, science and technology have led to new forms of ethical problems never before considered, thus leading to the "fatigue" of ethicists.

Changes within religion have also contributed to the new problems of ethics. Many people within the last few years have turned to a form of Christianity which tends to de-emphasize ethics, being instead more experiential and personalistic.

These changes and others have even affected the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Pinson said. Today's Southern Baptist may be Chinese or Black or Spanish-speaking, rather than the white middle-class person of two decades ago. This leads to different understandings of what ethics is and should do.

Lecture two of the series on Wednesday dealt with some specific ethical questions such as "Is anything right?" and "Who determines what is right?"

Dr. Pinson's key points in this lecture were that 1) there is an objective right and wrong, in spite of society's doubts; 2) for the Christian, this objective standard is the will of God (this position is by far a minority one).

The Christian can know this right standard, according to Dr. Pinson, via the tool of faith-- we know God, and also other people, by their revelation to us. The Bible is very useful for this because it contains a portrait of Jesus, a history of God's people, a story of God's creation, and many other sources of indirect information about God and His will. We cannot know God's will perfectly, thus we make mistakes. We all see things differently, like 50 different TV sets tuned to the same channel.

In addition, Dr. Pinson questioned whether or not we really are free to do what is right. His answer was that we have to be for ethics to have any meaning. In Christ, we have greater freedom, and thus greater responsibility to do what is right.

Finally, Dr. Pinson said that God wants more from Christians than individual morality. We have a responsibility, like Israel's prophets, to point out and help right wrongs in society. God wants His will done in our society, and wants His people to take the lead in "getting Him an army" for moral justice.

Survey Shows Students Favor Women's Ordination

by Dennis Melton

A survey of Southeastern students conducted by *The Enquiry* indicates that, although there is widespread general support for the ordination of women, there is also significant opposition to the idea, especially among certain groups of students.

Care should be exercised in interpreting the survey's results, as it was not random and therefore cannot be accurately generalized to the entire student body. However, the respondents represented a cross-section of Southeastern's student body, from all regions of the country and of all viewpoints. One hundred eighty-three students responded. Forty-six of these were enrolled in the Associate degree program, the rest in M.Div. or M.R.E. There were 34 females and 149 males.

The key question on the survey form, distributed in selected introductory and upper-level classes, was "What is your opinion on ordination of women, using the same criteria (i.e., evidence of call, examination) used for men?" Respondents were given a scale on which to indicate their response, with 1 being the most strongly opposed to ordination for women and 6 being the most favorable.

Females responding to this question averaged 4.8 on the scale from 1 to 6, while males averaged 4.07. Thus both males and females in all classes were generally favorable, but females significantly more so.

Females enrolled in the M.Div. program proved the most favorable "category" of respondents to the question, averaging 5.4, in comparison to females in M.R.E. and the Associate class, who averaged 4.95 and 4.5 respectively. The "category" of subjects least in favor of the idea was that of male Associate class students, who averaged 3.3, while males in the Masters programs averaged 4.37.

One reason which people on both sides of the issue cited often was Biblical support. Galatians 3:28 was mentioned as supporting an equal role for women. I Timothy 3-4 was used in opposition to the ordination of women.

Several respondents, however, said that Biblical evidence was very scanty, and based their responses on their personal understandings of God and the church. One respondent said that he objected to ordination for anyone.

Two factors which may illuminate the differences between those supportive of ordination for women and those opposed to it are the previous experiences of the respondent with women in the church and the size of the respondent's "home" church.

Of those who responded most negatively to the question (answering 1 or 2), 11 per cent had grown up in churches where women were active leaders, in the sense of deacons or advisory board members. Of those who were most supportive of ordination for women (answering 5 or 6), 30 per cent recalled the active leadership of women in their "home" churches.

Fifty-one per cent of those who responded most positively grew up in churches which averaged over 200 in Sunday School, while 41 per cent of those who answered most negatively did. Another 40 per cent of those most opposed to ordination for women grew up in churches which averaged 100-200, while 27 per cent of those answering most affirmatively did.

Housing Issues Discussed At October Forum

by Henry Boschen

President Randall Lolley announced some possible good news for single seminarians at the monthly forum held on October 13. He said that there is a good probability that when new seminary apartments are completed, some will be available for single students.

The subject of open dormitories was also taken up at the October forum. President Lolley indicated that, while he had no real objection, there might be some strong negative feelings on the part of those who support the seminary through their Cooperative Program gifts.

Seminary examination policies were questioned, with some students advocating a week set aside for testing. Dean Albert Meiburg pointed out that if a student has more than two examinations on one date, he should talk with his professors. He also said that he would be available to help students in this regard.

The October forum also touched on December, June and August graduation ceremonies. The administration indicated their sympathy with the idea, but it does not appear that they will be held this year. Some hope was held out for such ceremonies next year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR are welcomed and encouraged. All received in good taste will be printed if space permits. LETTERS MUST BE SIGNED, but name will be withheld upon request.

Editorial Comments

BY HENRY BOSCHEN

A few weeks ago, a representative of the Home Mission Board was on campus for the purpose, one would think, of soliciting young men and women who were interested in the opportunities which should be available on the home mission field. It would be presumed that the representative would compile a list of those interested and their qualifications so that they could be presented to churches and organizations who might inquire of the Board about available people.

It was somewhat distressing that the Home Mission Board would spend hard cash to send someone to tell us that we should apply at the local level. They have a pamphlet which says that there are 25 ways to be a Home Missionary. When you count them up, you find that if you don't have two years experience (and a spouse with two years of college) you can forget it! One young man in my group wanted to be a chaplain, another wanted to work with indigent workers, one lady wanted to be pastor of a small church and another wanted to work in recreation. One commented that none of his experience in church work seemed to count for anything, since it was all volunteer work.

The primary advice of the representative to all those interested was, "get two years experience and then write to us." The field education office could have told us this and saved the expenses of the trip.

Surely one of the duties of the Home Mission Board should be to maintain a central pool of willing workers for the vineyard. It seems, though, that they are less than responsive to the needs of the Convention. Home Missions may not sound exciting, but it was to those young people who wanted to serve Jesus Christ and were told there was no opportunity. I trust we all realize that there is plenty of opportunity, and the workers are still few.

To the Editor:

Being a seminary student and trying to devote as much time to my studies as possible, I find it very time consuming when I try to go to the snack shop for a "quick" lunch and at my arrival, I find a large group of the high school kids have taken over the entire snack shop.

Those that don't stay inside go outside to eat and in turn litter our beautiful campus. I feel that some sort of guideline ought to be established governing the large crowd of high school kids that invade our campus daily. I am for free enterprise and whoever runs the snack shop but not while it is on campus and forces the seminary students to suffer.

-Name Withheld

To the Editor:

I would like to complain about right-handed students who use the large, left-handed desks. Many right-handed students are using the left-handed desks because they do have large tops that make it possible for anyone to use them. This may seem like a minor matter to most people, but it is very annoying to those of us who must depend on these desks for note-taking. For left-handed students, the traditional right-handed desks are almost impossible to take notes on with any ease. We do not like to have to ask or intrude upon someone else to move from one of these desks. Please help us avoid this, and leave the left-handed desks to those of us who must use them.

-A Left-Handed Student

The Commonwealth Club, a campus organization open to all students from Virginia or interested in the Old Dominion, has elected Kevin Dyer of Richmond as its president, Robbie Johnson as vice-president, and other officers. Dr. Glenn Miller serves as faculty sponsor for the club, whose purposes are to provide fellowship and information about ministry opportunities in Virginia. The next meeting will be announced in the campus bulletin.

Editorial Byline

THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE . . . by David E. Sumner

It is an old subject in Christian circles, but its need grows greater and greater. Among Southern Baptists, the ecumenical movement has not been a topic of great interest or acceptance, and this is quite sad. It seems almost impossible at times that people continue to respond to the gospel, become Christians and churchmembers, when there are literally dozens of "gospels" to choose from.

There is a generally dying interest in a large "superchurch" organizational unity, and few see that as desirable or necessary. However, I maintain the fond hope and conviction that the Christian church can and should attain some form of visible unity. We should still maintain our unique denominational practices and traditions. However, a dying and fallen world desperately needs to hear a unified church that is able to say "Jesus Christ is Lord."

When there are theological and doctrinal differences that divide churches and human beings from one another, rather than bringing them together, then they are not worth the paper they are written on. There is only one simple truth we can all stand behind: Jesus Christ. Jesus is our Lord and He is our Savior. He calls us, saves us, redeems us, guides and sustains us. Why can't we agree on this simple truth? Why can't we find unity in this truth and unite around it?

Organizations such as the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches have made mistakes, but they are a beginning point. Our cooperation with these organizations does symbolize a commitment to unity. I speak as an Episcopalian and realize the difficulty that Southern Baptists have had in supporting these organizations. However, I wish that this could change and all Christian bodies could work together in unity and cooperation with these groups.

How we feel about the doctrine of the church, the interpretation of Scripture, the theology of the Lord's Supper, apostolic succession, the Papacy and other matters can be left to individual conscience and group practice. But these issues should not divide Christians from one another, nor give anyone a reason for rejecting a particular denomination or individual as Christian.

There is no simple answer. I wish that we could present to the unsaved world a church marching together in unity, gathered behind its Lord. The divisions in the church make the unredeemed person think that Christianity is a matter of correct doctrine, rather than a relationship with Jesus Christ.

The reason for ecumenity? Our Lord has commanded it when He said, "That they all may be one . . . that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me." (John 17:21)

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Having just read the first issue of *The Enquiry* (Sept. 26, 1978), I was baffled by a letter which was written to the editor. In this letter, concern was expressed concerning a chapel speaker's use of "terms which are associated with one of the anti-God, quasi-religions: Communism, International World Communism". Furthermore, he suggested the use of terms "not associated so much with the Communist ideology", like "underdog" or "less fortunate", et cetera, in place of, for example, "oppression".

Well excuse me, but I feel compelled to ask some questions:

1) When did Biblical concepts vital to our faith become the sole possession of a political ideology, in this case, Communism? If we cannot, as Christians, use Biblical terms such as "liberation" or "oppression" to participate in the work of God because it rings of Communism, then let us also avoid the use of those Biblical terms which ring of another political ideology, democracy. For is it not true, that Christianity is not to be identified with any ideology, but only with its Lord and Savior?

2) Are we such a "dull and doty" people that we eagerly accept without reservation a neat little package of flowery words which distracts our attention away from the severe problems of today and replaces it with idle babbling? Are there not oppressed people -- socially, politically, economically and religiously -- in this world? In this nation? And isn't the heart of the gospel message the total liberation of man in and through Jesus Christ? If I am mistaken and oppression is not a reality in this world, and Jesus didn't come to bring liberation to man, then I will gladly recant that which I have expressed above--

If our language serves only to placate our inner fears and deaden our sense of concern and drive to action, then we must rid ourselves of its deadly aura. But if our language challenges us, angers us and drives us to forceful action, then let us take it as our banner and purpose.

Truly the time has come for us (including myself) to cease hiding behind our petty pusillanimous paranoia and step out into the real world. Jesus stepped out into the real world, saw it as it really was and changed it with his presence and loving activity -- he was crucified for that love. Are we any better or even more privileged than he, that we can close our minds and our eyes to the world situation, ignoring it, merely preaching with glib phrases and "simple sermons" unconcerned-and-alive?

Behold, the Day of Judgement has come! (Matt. 25: 31-46; Amos 8: 4-6; Jeremiah 22: 13-16)

-John Pond

The Power Line

by Dennis Hester

Have you ever noticed how squirrels like to sit in a praying position?

Those fuzzy-tailed little creatures are certainly impressive. As I rush from class to class here at seminary, I see these fellows scampering about their work. Then, all of a sudden, they stop as if someone called their name. They hunch down, bow their heads, raise both hands to their chin, and begin to pray. Well, they're not really praying, but I like to think they are. They are really peeling or cracking a nut they are getting ready to eat.

With their swinging, jumping and twirling they are like the man on the flying trapeze. But that which fascinates me most about these brave little acrobats of the forest is their walking above the trees on a high voltage power line. As I watch I ask myself, "If that squirrel only realized the power he is holding on to, I wonder what he would do?"

Then I begin to think about the divine power that Christians possess and the promises of God that are available to them.

II Peter 1: 3-4 (RSV) says: "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, that through these you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of passion, and become partakers of the divine nature."

In this passage of Scripture Peter is trying to get his fellow Christians to understand that God has given them through Jesus Christ the power to live, and to live an acceptable kind of life. Christians are actually given the privilege to share the freedom and glory of eternal life. This is to partake of the divine nature of God, only through Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

God has promised to give us His divine power to overcome all manner of evil, lust, immoral thoughts and deeds that are displeasing to Him. Do we as Christians realize the power that is available to us? So often like the squirrels, Christians sit unaware of the power they hold onto.

Too many times we forget that one claimed promise of God in the life of a true believer is more powerful than all of the world's voltage combined.

The Enquiry Box

The ENQUIRY BOX is the huge, wooden box sitting on the floor in the Commons Room. Most days it hasn't exactly been full of news from you, but that's what it's for!

We want news about students-- new pastorates or church positions; an engagement, marriage, or birth; an honor or special award you have received; or any news you would like to share with the seminary community.

We will also print WANT-ADS free of charge to students. If you want to sell, buy or trade something, let us know.

We especially welcome letters to the editor and any other original articles. News about student organizations and upcoming events is always welcome.

Let us hear from you!

-The Editor

Don't Forget!

The next deadline

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Women In Ministry . . . October Emphasis

'Issue Is God's Will'

by Sharyn Dowd

"The issue is God's will for women. We as women have not demanded to become ministers. Rather, ministry has been demanded of us," was how one woman viewed the issue at the recent Consultation on Women in Church-Related Vocations held recently at the Southern Baptist Convention's Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee. The woman talking was Rachel Richardson Smith of Decatur, Georgia and a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Smith was one of seven women representing the Seminary at the consultation. She spoke during a panel discussion in which women shared their experiences in church-related vocations.

Also representing Southeastern Seminary were Pat Burchette, Marie Bean, Debbie Knight, Christal Williams, Debra Griffis and Lynn Davis. Jim Thomason, student council president, and Paula Clayton, a member of the research team on women employees in the Southern Baptist Convention, attended. The Seminary administration was represented by Dr. Alan Neely, professor of missions; Suzanne Martin Davis, associate director of student/field ministries; and Seminary President W. Randall Lolley.

The objectives of the consultation were to define the present situation in the Southern Baptist Convention with regard to women in church-related vocations, to provide a platform for views on the topic, and to identify and explain the options now available for women considering church-related vocations. The findings from the meeting will be made available to all convention agencies for use in employment, policy-making, educational programs and vocational guidance. One of the program's features was a report on a research project about the contentment of women Southern Baptist agency employees, and the possible sources within the organization of discontent. Neely and Clayton were members of the research team that compiled the report.

The findings of the survey were questioned by many consultation participants, but in general the data indicated that nearly 40 per cent of the women who responded feel that management jobs are generally closed to women. Nearly two-thirds of the women employees felt that they had "more skills, gifts and interests" than their present jobs demanded of them. The sense of calling by God was expressed by a majority of those surveyed.

In general, the Southeastern women were pleased with the meetings. Some expressed disappointment in the vocational survey, feeling that it was not truly reflective of the feelings of women in church-related vocations. The students felt that women are not really as content as some of the survey findings seemed to indicate. Also, some commented that the issue of ordination of women by Southern Baptist churches was definitely soft-pedaled by speakers and panel leaders.

"I felt that the consultation reflected the beginning of an awareness in the Convention," commented Debra Griffis, a Master of Theology student and staff member of Millbrook Baptist Church, Raleigh. "I felt a spirit of, 'I'm willing to listen to where you are.'"

In a panel discussion, Rachel Smith emphasized the concern of several of the Southeastern women: "The challenge is that of education. It is my fervent prayer that the seminaries immediately will begin to illuminate the issue and rise to meet the challenge."

Women In Ministry At Southeastern — Lolley Comments

by Dennis Melton

Dr. Randall Lolley, speaking in response to a question posed at a seminary forum on September 29, outlined some problems of female seminarians and Southeastern's responsibilities toward women in ministry as he saw them.

Before a woman's entry into seminary, Lolley said, Southeastern has a responsibility to see that women are treated fairly in admission practices. Because of the seminary's policy requiring a letter of recommendation from a local church, some women might feel that they could not be admitted because their church refuses to grant such a recommendation to women. Lolley indicated that Southeastern is working toward a solution of this problem.

Once a woman arrives on campus, she discovers that the number of female instructors and staff people is very low. Lolley said that qualified female Southern Baptist professors are scarce, but that the seminary was looking. In addition, Southeastern would consider hiring non-Southern Baptist females as adjunct or visiting professors.

At present, the seminary offers very few courses especially for or about women in ministry. Dean Albert Meiburg said that there was no unanimity among the faculty and administration on the value of such special courses, but courses such as "Women in the Early Church" have been offered at times and will continue to be.

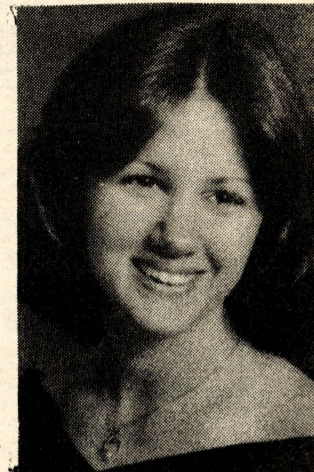
Women seminarians might also find problems seeking placement in a church position, Lolley said. One issue here is ordination, which some churches require but which women find it difficult to obtain. Lolley said that a Biblical theology of ordination needs to be developed for both men and women.

In addition, women at Southeastern might wonder about their representation in Southern Baptist Convention boards, especially the Board of Trustees of Southeastern. Lolley said that he has urged the appointment of more women to this board, but that ultimately these decisions were made by a committee of the SBC. Two of the members of this committee are from North Carolina, and their names could be found in the Convention annual if women wished to contact them.

Student Talks About Conference, Ministry

by Richard Walker

Pat Burchette is a second year M.Div. student who attended the recent Consultation on Women in Church-Related Vocations in Nashville. She is currently serving an internship as youth minister at the Watts Street Baptist Church in Durham, and plans to enter the field of Christian vocational counseling after graduation. She recently shared some of her ideas and impressions on the Consultation, as well as on women in ministry, with The Enquiry.



Q.—What was the purpose of the Consultation?

Pat—The Consultation was informative by identifying issues concerning women in church-related vocations and ministry. I agree with Rachel Richardson Smith who said about the Consultation, "The issue is God's will for women. We as women have not demanded to become ministers. Rather, ministry has been demanded of us."

Q.—What did you appreciate most about the consultation?

Pat—The speakers took the past, present, and future into consideration. The consultation wasn't just an attempt to look at where we are going without looking at where we have been and where we are.

Q.—At this time, do you feel hindered as you prepare for your area of ministry because you are not a male?

Pat—In some ways, yes. Simply because people are not familiar with women in the ministry. This could effect my effectiveness with people who are uncomfortable with a woman minister. The consultation helped me realize that I am not responsible for others' feelings toward me about my sex. That is part of who I am. I feel good about being "called" into my ministry because it wasn't just people

who called me. I believe it was God's leadership along with people's help. The consultation helped me realize that there are some real barriers before me, but there is hope. For, overall, the issue is not competition between men and women in the ministry. Our issue is that we as people of God are called to serve Him and one another.

Q.—What are your feelings about the ordination of women?

Pat—I believe that any person being ordained should have a sincere commitment to God, the church, and the entire community of faith. This calling should have underneath it a strong theological foundation. Unfortunately, both men and women have sought and will seek ordination for unsound reasons. I personally am not seeking ordination.

Q.—Do you feel the ordination of women has strong theological foundations?

Pat—Yes, I do. I think it is evident in the ministry of Jesus and the ministry of Paul that women were given roles of ministry. Frank Stagg, Professor of New Testament Studies at Southern Seminary, noted that if the ritual of ordination is to hold for men then it must hold for women simply because of the limited Biblical evidence for ordination.

Student Council News

Jim Thomason
Student Council Pres.

Student Council is alive and well, and is actively involved in many areas of our campus life. With the fall elections behind us, we now have our full slate of officers, class representatives, and committee chairpersons. We look forward to a productive year together.

Much has already taken place. On the positive side, there has been the Conference on Migrant Missions, the Student-Led Revival, and the Fall Picnic/Genesis Concert. Six delegates were sent to the Consultation on Women in Church-Related Vocations and a special forum was held to communicate the ideas discussed there. Finally, we had a lot of fun and food one evening at the Pizza Barn.

There has also been the negative side, however. After a 70 per cent favorable vote by dormitory residents on the open-dorm question, the Trustees would not agree. And, after another effort by concerned students to get a December graduation ceremony, we still do not have one. It is encouraging, however, that the Faculty Graduation Committee is conducting a study into the feasibility of a December, 1979 graduation. There is still hope.

In the future, the Social Committee is planning several things such as concerts, family movies and a coffeehouse. The Student Welfare Committee plans a book exchange next term. Several delegates will be sent to the Convocation on World Hunger at Ridgecrest. These delegates will help plan a related conference here next term.

The Off-Campus Ministries Committee will sponsor "Project Warmth" again this year. This project helps supply firewood for needy Wake Forest families. Watch the Campus Bulletin for details.

Please take advantage of the opportunities you have here at Southeastern. If you have suggestions or questions, please let us know. Have a good year, and remember—keep off the grass!

Afterthoughts On Revival

Bob Cornwell
Chapel Committee Chmn.

Our recently held Student-Led Revival has served as the springboard for what we hope will be a growing spirit of unity in our seminary community. We believe that revival is still very much needed at Southeastern Seminary.

The profound movement of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those who led the services through preaching, testimony and music and in the lives of those in the congregation aptly describes the kinds of results produced through this series of services. We thank God for the spiritual renewal in the lives of those who opened their hearts to the movement of the Holy Spirit and who responded to Him.

There is much reviving and renewing, however, that remains to be accomplished. The dedicated Christian life is one of constant rededication to God and to His purposes for our lives. A true spirit of revival will not cease making itself felt with the conclusion of a series of services.

May our hearts continue to be open to the movement of God's Spirit in our lives as He seeks to draw us closer to Himself and to one another.

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The Stargazer

Well, the time has come again to put forth some uninteresting trivia which your fearless reporter has noted around the campus. For example, how many of you saw the beautiful blue suitcase neatly set behind the bulletin board outside of the library, or the two seminarians shouting praises as the beer truck caught fire in front of the campus? Did you see the blue Mustang with the wheel off parked at the same intersection?

What about the "Keep off the grass" signs where there is no grass? Does anyone ever listen to our president. . . I mean the seminary president; we know no one listens to the other one. He, President Lolley, must have been trained in Washington. Such words . . . practicalizing and prioritizing. Before long we will return to normalcy.

How about the student in class the other day who was telling one of the religious education professors that he fully understood that the neutrons carried the signals to the brain. Wonder what the protons and electrons do?

Speaking of walking on the grass, how do you sit on the benches? Speaking of walking, what about a traffic pattern on the stairs of Johnson? Have you ever seen such a snarl?

Someone told me the story about the systematic theology professor who was talking about retribution from above and the tile fell from the ceiling. . . nah, that couldn't be true.

I don't know how you feel about it, but I sure do deplore the trash on campus. The only way to cure it is for us to pick up every litter bit. It's an old trite saying, but still true. As Dr. Parker says, That'll preach! David Upshaw tells us that we should get more involved on campus. Strange he should have to say this to preachers who have the same problem of involvement in their churches. Apathy is a bad situation, but I just don't care. Why is it when you drop your jelly sandwich it always falls jelly side down? And when you're in a hurry to get somewhere no cars come along the opposite way until the road is straight and you could pass? That goes along with the notice I took of those who don't contribute to the collection to send people to the Women in Church-Related Vocations conference. They are the same fellows who complain about the collection in their church. Like I said, people talk about apathy on campus, but I just don't care. Say, have you noticed the professor who looks like the "before" portion of the shaving commercial? They say that Dr. Spencer is really trying for the Freud and Smith Brothers award. Did any of you notice the TV Observer of the N&O? It was dated Sept. 27 to Aug. 2. And our professors get upset when we make a few mistakes on our themes.

Don't forget to let me know what you have in the way of news. In closing, did Tim McCobin's mother-in-law get the clothes back into the right washer? Is it true that Keith Dixon finds more golf balls than he loses?

More interesting facts next time . . .

The Theological Students Fellowship (TSF), Southeastern Seminary's newest (and only) non-denominational national fellowship organization, meets each Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Mackie Hall Conference room. It is open to all students regardless of point of view. Although TSF is part of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, non-evangelicals are welcomed and encouraged to participate.

The purposes of the group are to combine fellowship and theological discussion. Theological discussions will center on "the other sides" of issues. An example would be "the presuppositions of higher criticism."

For more information, contact Larry West in 202 Johnson Dorm, SEBTS Box 2142.

Trustees Meeting

by Raiford Hill

The Trustees of Southeastern Seminary met on the night of October 10th to meet the new trustees that were elected earlier by the Southern Baptist national convention. The new trustees are: Henry Finch, South Carolina; John (Jack) Clifford, D.C. Baptist Convention; Gene Curtis, Nebraska; Cecil Seagle, North Carolina; and Harold Stinson, North Carolina.

The new officers elected by the Board of Trustees are: E. T. Vinson of North Carolina, Chairman; Sam Allen of Georgia, Vice Chairman; David Britt of North Carolina, Treasurer; and John Roberts of Maryland, Secretary. These men need the prayers and support of all students.

On October 11th, the Board met to vote on the issues at hand. Some of the more important actions were, first, the appointment of Dr. Ben F. Philbeck as Professor of Old Testament Interpretation, effective August 1, 1979. Philbeck is currently professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Second, the Board conferred upon Dr. Leo J. Green the title of "Distinguished Professor Emeritus" and Dr. Garland Hendricks the title of "Professor Emeritus." The Board also approved a resolution of appreciation for Drs. Green, Hendricks, and Theodore F. Adams. Congratulations to these professors.

This writer recommends that students attend one of the next Board of Trustee meetings. It was a very worthwhile and rewarding experience, and the Board is to be congratulated on a well-planned and excellent meeting.

Enrollment for the current semester is 1006, according to Fred Sandusky, Registrar. This includes 858 men and 148 women from 32 states and 9 foreign countries.

Students come from states as far away as California, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Countries represented among the students include Bermuda, Jamaica, Chile, Canada, Hong Kong, Nigeria, Liberia, Korea and the Philippines.

Sandusky reports that approximately 70 per cent of the students are married and 30 per cent are single. Students come from 196 different colleges and universities. There are 119 non-Baptists representing 9 other denominations, including United Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Church of God, United Church of Christ, Pentecostal Holiness, Society of Friends (Quaker), Seventh Day Adventist and Disciples of Christ.

WHY THE MMPI?

In response to recent student questions about the required psychological testing at Southeastern Dean Albert Meiburg gave the following statement:

"Over the years, the seminary has employed various means in order to help to discover as early as possible persons in our student body who might benefit from special help such as counseling. The instrument currently being used is the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory, which has a long record of use in detecting symptoms of psychological concerns. We are able to have the test evaluated by computer and the results returned within a few weeks. Students who desire to discuss the results of this test may, by making an appointment in the counseling center."

Meiburg made it clear that the results are confidential and are not made a part of the student's academic record.

Intramurals

by Raiford Hill

It's all over but the shouting. Regular season football came to an end on Thursday afternoon. The Inquisitors, coached by David Parker, and the Redskins, coached by Leonard Morgan, tied for the league championship with a records of 7 wins and 2 defeats. Congratulations to these fine teams! Rounding out the league were the Sweatogs and the Leftovers, each with 2-7 records. There will be a playoff starting on Tuesday, the 24th, with the championship game being played on Thursday, the 26th. It looks like a great playoff series.

Basketball is not far off. Remember that if you haven't signed up yet, time is running out.

Sports World Commentary

by Mike Barker

It seems to me, as I observe myself and others, that people get on certain kicks, or "fads." It takes fads to keep people going in all phases of life, especially in the area of sports. Let me briefly give you three fads that I have noted recently.

First, many people had the New York Yankees in the World Series two months before the end of the season. Then to top it off, to these thousands of people, the Yankees were already world champions. Well, if you read my last sports article, right now I am sitting down to a sever-course meal-- eating my words. And while doing so, I salute the Yankees (and their fans). They did an excellent job. (Of course, Craig Nettles has obviously been working out with vacuum cleaners.) But please, no Reggie Bars.

The second fad is that, before the football season, everyone had the Dallas Cowboys in the Super Bowl. I must say, Roger is going to have to clean his gun because it has been backfiring lately. At this moment, Dallas is not likely to make the annual trip this year. My "unpredicting" guess right now would have to be the Los Angeles Rams and Pittsburgh Steelers in the Super Bowl, with the Rams being victorious. Dallas is going to have to improve on offense, or else on Sunday afternoons we will hear Tom Brookshire say, "Roger is now going into the pop-gun offense. . ."

Finally, college basketball is still weeks away, yet Duke is, to many people, already the NCAA champion. From my viewpoint, the A.C.C. is more equally-balanced this year than any other I can remember. Even Norm Sloan agrees with this. If Duke has one bad moment, they might be relegated to selling mayonnaise. They have talent, no doubt, but two other A.C.C. teams had good recruiting years and all the teams will be better. With Duke's tough non-A.C.C. schedule as well as the league opponents, by the end of the season Duke may be spread thin in a sandwich called the A.C.C. race, and may end up eating bologna in the national rankings.

Barkers Bruisers: Sunday, Oct. 29
Miami over Baltimore Cleveland over Buffalo
Denver over Seattle Oakland over San Diego
Chicago over Detroit Green Bay over Tampa
Pittsburgh over Kansas City Washington over S.F.
Giants over New Orleans Houston over Cincinnati
L.A. over Atlanta

Upsets
St. Louis over Philadelphia Jets over New Eng.



"Hermeneutics and the Holocaust" will be the subject of a Forum on November 5 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Raleigh, featuring Dr. Eberhard Bethge; Rabbi Martin Benfield of Temple Beth Or, Raleigh; and Dr. William Peck, Professor of Religion at UNC-Chapel Hill. The church is located at the corner of Brooks and Clark Sts. The Forum is at 7:30 p.m.

Eberhard Bethge was the closest friend and associate of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in the anti-Nazi Confessing Church in Germany during the 1940's. He was arrested by the Nazis and served time in a Nazi prison. He has edited the works of Bonhoeffer, including *Letters and Papers from Prison*, *Ethics*, and 6 volumes of *Collected Writings*. He has also written a biography of Bonhoeffer.

Bethge will also speak at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services on November 5 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

AREA ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS UPCOMING . . .

N.C. SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA- Call 733-2750
Nov. 21-22 -8 p.m. Raleigh Mem. Aud.
Nov. 30-Dec. 1 -8 p.m. Raleigh Mem. Aud.
Dec. 6 -8 p.m. Page Aud., Duke Univ.

N.C. SYMPHONY AND DURHAM CHORAL SOCIETY
Performing *Messiah* by G.F. Handel
Dec. 19-20 8 p.m. Raleigh Mem. Aud.
733-2750

THEATER IN THE PARK- RALEIGH 755-6058
"Dracula"- Oct. 25-29, Nov. 1-5
Students \$2.50

RALEIGH LITTLE THEATER - Call 821-3111
"Pippin"- through Nov. 4
"How the Other Half Lives"- Dec. 1-16
Students \$4.00

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE- Call 828-2521
"Follies" (Sondheim)- Oct. 25-28
Adults \$3.00

STEWART THEATER, NCSU- Call 737-3105
"Comedy of Errors"- Nov. 12, 3:30 & 8 p.m.
"California Suite"- Nov. 18, 3:00 & 8 p.m.
Paul Taylor Dance Co.- Dec. 2, 8 p.m.
N.C. Dance Theater- Oct. 28, 8p.m.
Gary Burton Quartet- Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 8 p.m.
Woody Herman & the Young
Thundering Herd- Nov. 10, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

DUKE UNIVERSITY- Call 624-4059
Duke Players- "Company" Oct. 26-29, 8:15
Branson Theater
Hoof 'n Horn Club- "On a Clear Day . . ."
Nov. 4-5, Nov. 10-12, 8:30 p.m.
"Stop the World, I Want to Get Off"
Dec. 1-2, 8:30 p.m.
National Opera Company- "Un Giorno di Regno"
Nov. 3, 8:15 p.m. Page Aud.
Duke Symphony Orchestra- Nov. 14, 8:15 Page Aud.
Duke Chapel Choir- "Messiah" Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 2, 2:00 p.m. Dec. 3, 3:00 p.m.

UNC-CHAPEL HILL
Playmakers Theater- "Dracula" Through Oct. 28
8 p.m. Call 933-1121
Festival of New Music- Oct. 27-28, 8 p.m. Hill
Hall Aud. FREE
Sundays-At-Four Series- Hill Hall Aud. FREE
Oct. 29- Richard Strauss' "Enoch Arden"
Tuesday Evening Concert Series- 8 p.m. Hill Hall

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