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## NEWS

### BRIEFS

**Kenneth Hardin** is this year's recipient of the Middler Award in Systematic Theology. His paper, *On the Carnal and Pious Man According to John Calvin*, earned him a check in the amount of \$92.93 for the purchase of Systematic Theology books. The announcement was made by Dr. Bush at the Spring Convocation.

**Shawn Madden** is SEBTS' new Director of the Denny Library. In addition to his other qualifications, he served for eight years as Drill Instructor in the U. S. Marine Corps and currently holds the rank of Major. (For additional information see Library Lines in this issue.)

**Dr. Donald Dowless** SEBTS' adjunctive professor of Church History recently returned from a short-term teaching assignment (Eastern Religions) in the Baptist Bible Institute in Oradea, Romania. He and his wife, Teresa, also toured England.

**The SEBTS Habitat for Humanity house** construction will begin promptly at 8:00 A.M. Saturday, February 5, according to Volunteers Coordinator, Dr. W. McDill.

**DIRECTIONS TO SITE:** Go east on Highway 98 to Allen St. (at the traffic light). Left onto Allen to Juniper St. Right onto Juniper 1 block. Left onto Jubilee Ct. to end of cul-de-sac: Lot #17.

## SACS Reaffirms SEBTS' Accreditation; ATS to Evaluate Next Week

Wake Forest, NC--- Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary was removed from probation, reaffirmed in its accreditation, and re-established as a member in good standing with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The announcement was made December 16, 1993, at the annual meeting of the regional accrediting association in Atlanta, GA.

Southeastern President, Paige Patterson, said he "profoundly appreciated" the accrediting agency's affirmation of the seminary's academic program, and he saw it as "an invitation for the school to expand rapidly."

SACS placed the seminary on probation in December, 1991, principally citing (continued p. 7)

### SEBTS' ERIC RADDATZ: AIDS Mercy Mission

By Dale Elwell

Just as the sun is reflected by the moon, Jesus Christ is reflected through the compassion of Eric Raddatz, a man who has devoted his life to reaching one of society's most rejected groups. For two years Eric has been using the gift of mercy to share Christ with people afflicted with the AIDS virus.

Among the elements that led Eric into this ministry is the hard fact that his own father passed away as a result of

a bad blood transfusion during heart surgery. Rather than looking back, Eric is looking ahead through the following areas of mission:

- Encourage and support churches in becoming involved in AIDS ministry;
- Provide inspiration and instruction to church groups;
- Train and nurture compassionate caregivers; and
- Establish a resource center offering educational materials, referrals for AIDS-related needs, and a constant source of spiritual healing built upon Jesus Christ.

Eric sees AIDS, not as a punishment for sin (as do many) but, as a sickness that bridges

the gap between Christ and the lost world. Because of the extreme pain that AIDS victims face, patients

who might not normally go to church are receptive of the church being brought to them. It is this opportunity to be a bridge builder that fuels Eric's life. If only others would take time to become educated, motivated, and activated concerning AIDS ministry, these modern-day "lepers" could be touched both physically and spiritually with the grace that saved you and me. Although physical bodies will still pass away, souls would be set free.

*Eric Raddatz is a 2nd year A.Div. student at SEBTS*



## DIG THIS!! DIG AT HATZOR SLATED FOR SEBTS STUDENTS SUMMER, '94

By Dwayne Hastings

It appears that some Southeastern students may have the opportunity to participate in an archaeological dig in Israel this summer. Stephen Andrews, assistant professor of Old Testament and Hebrew announced that the seminary has received a gift that will allow the school to offer the course *B1040-Field Archaeology* during the 1994 Summer term.

The archaeological work, scheduled for June 20th through July 15th, will be under the auspices of Hebrew University and will be a new work at Hazor, an ancient site located on the upper Galilee and referenced in the Book of Joshua as

head of all the North Canaanite cities (Joshua 11:1-11). The invitation to dig has been extended to SEBTS by Professor Amnon Ben-Tor of Hebrew University.

The trip will include a tour of Israel led by Professor Andrews during the first week and actual field work during the final three weeks. Andrews stressed that the work will be rigorous, but will be "a good experience, an opportunity to investigate first hand archaeological experience."

At least four credit hours can be earned by students enrolled in the course which has not been offered since 1987 when the late Dr. Ben Philbeck, professor of Old Testament, led students on field work at Migne, site of ancient Ekron. Reading assignments in scientific

techniques of archaeological methods and on the Ancient Near East will be assigned prior to the class.

While costs for the class have not yet been finalized, participants will be responsible for raising their own funds to cover transportation, and other tour costs. Andrews noted that some scholarship money will be available for a limited number of students to cover room and board at the Geshur House dormitory at Hebrew University.

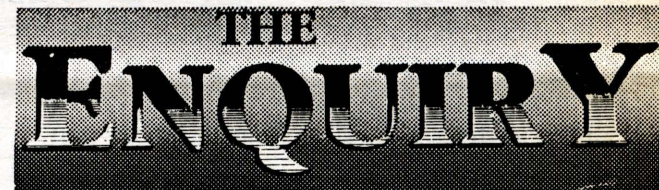
Applications for consideration for the archaeological field trip to Hazor will be available soon. A selection committee headed by SEBTS President Paige Patterson will make the final decisions on who will be asked to participate and to represent the seminary in this venture.



### Minister's Day Out

is a program for ministers, their families, and friends, offered by nearby, Camp Kanata. Mondays are set aside as Minister's day out for family life, relaxation, and enjoyment of God's creation.

Facilities include two lakes for non-power boats, canoeing, fishing, and water sports. Also there is a putt-putt course, basketball courts, volleyball area, picnicking, etc., as well as an outdoor chapel for meditation. This program is funded by love offerings and is only available September through May. More info is available in Dean of Students Office and maps are posted on Ledford bulletin boards.



SERVING THE SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY COMMUNITY

## From SEBTS Student Pres.

Brrrrrr, it's cold!! It looks like all the new students brought that cold weather with them to Southeastern. The semester might have started off cold, but it soon began to warm up with all the quizzes, exams, and papers that have been prophesied.

- Speaking of the cold, the Southeastern family has a wonderful opportunity this semester to provide a house for a family. Yes, I am speaking of Habitat for Humanity. Last year, the Southeastern family decided to sponsor a house here in the community. Currently, we are beginning to see that come to pass.

We will be building the house on consecutive Saturdays until we have finished in April. Every Saturday we will need workers from the student body to help build the house. If you want to help, you are not committed to every Saturday. The Student Council will have a sign-up sheet outside of Chapel every week for you to sign-up.

Some of you are saying, "I'm just not sure about this project." Well, we will begin work every morning at 8:00 and at noon there will be a devotion lead by Dr. Cowen. The Seminary Wives organization will be supplying lunch for the laborers. Once the house is completed, a Bible will be presented to the family with the signatures of everyone who participated.

However, the most exciting thing about the project is that we are going to be in the community, and the neighbors are very curious about what is happening in this neighborhood. The building of the Habitat for Humanity house will give us the opportunity to share the gospel with the community. I hope you prayerfully consider helping us work on the Habitat for Humanity house.

Eternally His,

Stephen D. Angell

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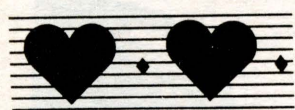
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## FLOWERS, KIDS & DIRTY DISHES:



### A GUIDE FOR MEN ON VALENTINE'S DAY!



Do you hear it, men? Deep in your subconscious mind is a voice which reminds you that Valentine's Day approacheth. I know what you're thinking!

By William Summey

The average man forgets completely or waits until the last second to make that mad dash to the drug store for a box of candy. Oh, how thoughtful we are! This year we should make a change and find a creative, yet inexpensive way to say, "Honey, I love you!"

*The EnquirY*, ever in search of investigative breakthroughs, went to the experts on this issue, none other than the women themselves, to discover secrets for planning the most romantic Valentine's gift ever. Yes, we went to the women in your lives and heard many shocking horror stories of Valentine's Days, past. Appliances and power tools are far from appropriate as gifts on this special day. (They make great birthday presents, though!)

We also heard many other things that women do not want for Valentine's Day. The most surprising discovery from our survey was that about half of the women polled, begged us to tell you not to

buy candy this year, since you eat most of it, anyway!

Well, what is it that women really want, you may ask? Surprisingly, many women said it is not how much money men spend for that special gift, but the thought and creativity that is expended. You will probably end up spending less money with some of the creative, romantic ideas your ladies have given.

Take some time to think about Valentine's Day and make it a surprise if possible (in the midst of papers, tests, and research). Be sure your plans include time the two of you can spend together. Make this an occasion to strengthen your relationship.

Here are some practical suggestions from the women in your lives about what they want for Valentine's Day:

1. **If you have children, arrange for them to spend the evening elsewhere.** Most women said they would rather stay home and send their kids to the babysitter.
2. **Cook a creative meal.** Some women mentioned they would enjoy a romantic candlelight dinner fixed by the husband. Many women would love for the two of you to go on a

picnic, even if peanut butter and jelly is the main course.

3. **Give flowers (not necessarily roses).** Flowers are a wonderful gift, but roses are not a must. Carnations are less expensive and they live longer than roses. Many also suggested balloons as a less expensive way to say, "I love You!"

4. **Give coupons redeemable by yourself.** Create little slips of paper that say "redeemable for a free hug," "dinner," "night at the movies," "night to clean the dishes," "afternoon to keep the kids." Be as creative as you like.

5. **Express how you feel.** If you find a card, write a special letter in it.

6. **Hide messages** around the house, car, or workplace with messages that say "I love you!"

7. **Miscellaneous Tips:** Many ladies mentioned other things such as a serenade, making a tape of special songs for both of you, or slow dancing (are Baptists allowed to do that!?!). BE CREATIVE!!!

Whatever you decide to do, have a Valentine's Day filled with Christ's love.

## He's NICKNAME-Proud!

By Doug Nalley

I am known by several different nicknames around the campus. In the dorm, one of the nicknames people have tacked on to me is, "Mr. SBC." They call me this for several reasons. Some of the guys point to my collection of old Southern Baptist Hymnals (one of my goals is to collect every major hymnal Southern Baptists have used all the way back to the beginning of the SBC). Still others point to my collection of theology books by the great Southern Baptist theologians. Still others point to all the old study course books that I have from the turn of the century, each published by the Baptist Sunday School Board. And finally, there are those who point to my publicizing SSB materials, especially the New American Commentary Series.

Some think that it is unusual or even odd to have pride in your denomination. I

disagree. I am proud that God has seen fit to let me be a part of the Southern Baptist Convention. I was baptized in a Southern Baptist church. I have been active in attendance and support of a Southern Baptist church the entire time I have been a Christian. I have taught Sunday School and served in various volunteer positions in Southern Baptist churches. I was licensed and ordained by a Southern Baptist church. Finally, I have had the privilege of pastoring Southern Baptist churches for nearly six years now.

I tell people I consider it to be an honor to be a student in a Southern Baptist seminary. Every-once-in-a-while I will meet someone who could care less about their ties to the SBC. They do not have deep roots in our denomination. If they end up in a Southern Baptist church, fine. However, if they don't end up in a Southern Baptist church, then that is also fine. I see this as a

real problem and concern. While I realize that not everyone who attends Southeastern is Southern Baptist, those who are ought to have some sense of pride about the rich heritage we have as Southern Baptists.

The Southern Baptist Convention is the largest Protestant denomination in America. It has a rich heritage that has shaped it into the body that it is today. I will always appreciate Dr. Grissom's *Baptist History and Heritage* class because it sang the song of the wonderful story of the SBC. When the SBC was formed in 1845, its founders had one steadfast purpose: to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of the whole denomination in one sacred effort for the propagation of the gospel. Say what you will about the underlying social controversies that also played their part in the formation of the SBC, but one thing you have to admit is (CONTINUED P. 5)





# THEY'RE HERE!

## Vignettes & Mosaics on the New Student Arrivals

By Jim Legendre

The invasion has been a quiet, methodical one. Like ants swarming to their hill, trucks carrying possessions and families of new SEBTS students slowly converged on campus. And like the pristine snows that greeted many of them, each new student is unique, though each senses God's call to study.

### Vignettes

#### **Tim and Jane Aaron,**

along with their four children, Sarah, Daniel, Rachel, and Rebekah, came to us from Madison, Georgia. There Tim served as bi-vocational Pastor of Oasis Faith Baptist Church in Social Circle, Georgia. His "calling is to preach the Gospel" though he indicated that he would like to teach some day in a seminary or Bible college. He came here because "God told me to go."

Obedience exacted a price, though. The decision to come here eventually cost him his secular job. He could not sell his home, and he could no longer make payments on it. Yet, like Abram and Sarah, they ventured out as God had called. "It is all a step of faith," he says, noting that God provided for them financially even in coming to Wake Forest.

#### **Shelly Smith**

came to Wake Forest from Olean, New York where she worked as a medical technician. One night while working in a hospital emergency room, she encountered a

forty-five year old man who had been seriously wounded, pleading with the staff to save his life. That experience "pushed" her to come to seminary in hopes of learning how to better communicate her faith. She chose SEBTS because of a couple she knows who attend here. Though tough to leave friends, family, and a good paying job, she affirms that just the act of "submitting to what I think is God's will" has already deepened her spiritual life.

#### **Gene & Jera Bullis**

with their two-year old son, Joshua, hail from Richmond, Virginia, where he worked for the Auditor of Public Accounts for the State of Virginia, auditing state agencies. Both Gene and Jera strongly felt called to foreign missions through the Foreign Mission Board. Though Gene came because the FMB requires him to have twenty hours of seminary training, he said that he "always wanted to come to seminary." He and his family will only be at Southeastern until July, when they will depart for Singapore. His most important goal while at seminary is to "gain a base of people who will pray for us as we go as missionaries."

Despite a disappointing visit to another Southern Baptist seminary in the eighties, Gene said he was "excited" to come here. Jera, also taking two classes, described her short time here as "good" because it is "nice to be around so many Christians." Gene says he "gets to see Jera more in-between classes" since he is not at work all day.

While the Bullis' are perhaps preparing to GO the farthest, **James Sung-**

**Min Choi** has COME the furthest. James, born in Seoul, Korea, lived there for seventeen years before moving to Wisconsin, then Florida, and finally Atlanta, Georgia. Before he was born, his mother, a modern-day Hannah, "committed" him to God. But, growing up in the home of a pastor and seeing first-hand "the hard way" his father went through, James did not want to be a pastor. But, while attending Liberty University, he says, "God changed me". He came to Southeastern to correct his sense of being "lacking in Bible knowledge".

James has a vision to be a missionary in Korea or perhaps in China. But, he admits that as he gets involved in ministry to Korean youth, God develops other concerns within him. He notes that there are lots of problems between the Koreans who emigrated to America and their American-born children. The children have adapted to the American culture, but their parents can't understand them.

Whatever God calls him to do, his desire is to "train to be the best servant of God" possible. Still, he misses his father, pastor, of Central Baptist Church, Atlanta. He is in extremely poor health.

#### **Larry Grays**

was born in St. Louis but came to North Carolina from Orlando where he served the Parkway Baptist Church as Assistant Pastor over the Singles Ministry. While he attended another seminary by extension in Orlando, God called him to come to Southeastern "because they challenge us to teach the Bible faithfully". He believes that "God has called us to sharpen our skills" and he senses that in the classes at Southeastern there is "an atmosphere of





doing God's business".

Feeling called into evangelism, he wants to take advantage of his time here, gaining from the experience and wisdom of our professors. Already he's been blessed by the fact that "there are many people who can relate" to life in the ministry. Though he has left behind his "comfort zone" of job and friends, he doesn't really see them as sacrifices.

## Mosaic

The Registrar's office reports that ninety new students have already enrolled for the Spring semester. With the start of classes at the off-campus site of Shelby, that number is expected to increase.

Though the ninety students represent tremendous diversity, at least those interviewed also have much in common. All of the students expressed excitement about being here.

Grays talked about Southeastern's move in the "right"

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that Southern Baptists have propagated, and propagated well, the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Every student who attends Southeastern Seminary this year is a beneficiary of the work and ministry of Southern Baptists. SEBTS Vice-president, Paul Fletcher (you know him from the Business Office) informed me that the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention will contribute approximately \$6,000 toward the education of each full-time student this year. I don't know about you, but that is no small amount of money. This money is an investment in the lives of a new generation of Southern Baptists. I believe that we should all have an interest in and a loyalty to the denomination that has invested so much in us.

In talking with a friend of mine about this concern, he pointed out that the problem is not necessarily loyalty, but gratitude. Are we really grateful for the investment that Southern Baptists have made to the school in our behalf? How much of yourself have you committed to the denomination that has committed so much of itself to you? How wisely will we build upon the rich heritage that our Southern Baptist ancestors built for us? How proud are you to be a Southern Baptist?

*Doug Nalley is a Middler M.Div. student, and serves as Vice-president of the SEBTS Student Body. Watch for his smiling face behind the circulation desk in The Denny Library.*

direction, toward Biblical conservatism. Also, many of the new students and their spouses enjoy the sense of "family and community" that permeates the campus. One student spoke of the camaraderie that visibly existed among the faculty as exhibited by the jovial competition among professors at orientation.

But, perhaps the most common element prevailing among the students interviewed by *The Enquiry* is tremendous faith in their faithful God. Tim Aaron summed up his experience here with the words: "Jehovah Jireh" (The Lord Will Provide). You may remember this as the name Abraham gave to the place in the land of Moriah where God forestalled him from sacrificing Isaac. Students are trusting God for their finances, their education, their family, and their future. In the face of financial pressures, academic pressures, and family pressures, Jehovah Jireh does seem to say it all!

# IntraMural

## Spring '94 Schedule

- Feb. 1** Intramural Basketball Begins (games each Tues. & Thurs.)
  - Mar. 22** Basketball Playoffs
  - Mar. 24** Basketball Championship Game
  - Mar. 1** Softball Sign-up Begins
  - Mar. 29** Softball Season begins
  - May 3** Softball Champ Game
  - Mar. 29-31** Two-Man Volleyball Tournament
  - Mar. 1** Sign-up begins for 3-on-3 basketball
  - Apr. 5** 3-on-3 Basketball league begins
  - May 3** 3-on-3 Championship game
  - Mar. 29-31** Youth League Basketball Playoffs
- You're Gonna Love It!---

# BONE RATTLELERS

(SEBTS REVIVAL TEAMS)  
SPRING, 1994 SCHEDULE

COD HAS TREMENDOUSLY BLESSED THE REVIVAL MEETINGS HELD THUS FAR, AND TEAMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL SPRING AND SUMMER MEETINGS. CONTACT RICK PRESSLEY, STUDENT LIFE OFFICE, EXT. 305, IN THE LEDFORD CENTER.

### CONFIRMED SCHEDULE:

TEAM MEETING & PRAYER	
Feb. 4, 10:00 AM	Ledford Center, Multi-purpose Room
PROVIDENCE BAPTIST Hollyridge, NC 2/4-6 (Youth/Church)	Ken Atkins Sherrel Nave Craig Furlough
STEADMAN BAPTIST Steadman, NC 2/25-27 (Youth/Church)	Pete Schemm Ronnie Aldridge Jack Webb
GIBSON AVE. BAPTIST Wilmington, NC 3/3-6 (Community Blitz)	Rick Pressley Keith Kimball Jim Chester
FOREST HILL BAPTIST Skippers, VA 3/18-20 (Youth/Church)	Jason Harris Mike Barlowe David Lebron
BROWNS BAPTIST Henderson, NC 3/13-16 (Church)	Rick Pressley Hamilton Harper Ken Atkins
REISTERTOWN BAPTIST Baltimore, MD 3/18-20 (Youth)	Bob Boyd Mark Cottrell Chris Bell John Sherril
HIGH PARK BAPTIST Lumberton, NC 4/22-24 (Youth)	Ken Atkins Bryan Prather Lemuel Collins



## YOUR CALL & PRIORITIES

By Steve Wingfield,  
Director of Student Life

I would like to enthusiastically welcome our new students to Southeastern, and to say welcome back to our returning scholars.

In this brief article I would like to help you examine your call from God to attend Southeastern Seminary. Additionally, we should consider how your call influences the priorities you set for yourself while here.

God's first call to each of you was not to come to Seminary, but to ". . . deny yourself, take up His cross, and follow" Him. (Mark 8:34) This is God's primary call on our lives and it should be our number one priority. Our relationship to the Father is of the utmost importance. We cannot do anything at Southeastern Seminary unless we maintain a growing, deepening and strengthening relationship with the Holy One who called us here. In my nearly seven years at SEBTS I have seen at times, in my own life and the lives of many others, a lapse in this priority which inevitably resulted in a lapse in other areas.

You all know how to grow in Christ. It seems condescending to re-iterate to you the need of attending church, and practicing prayer, Bible study, discipleship and witnessing. However, to help you avoid the pitfalls I want to share with you the shortcomings of others. Each of those areas essential for Christian growth is susceptible to lapsing, especially at Seminary. Here are some common fallacies:

1. **Chapel three times a week means regular church attendance is not necessary.** (But, does your family attend Chapel with you?)
2. **15 hours a week in the classroom plus twice that on homework means we don't need to do personal daily Bible study.** (After doing it in class the personal study becomes a relaxing renewal experience.)
3. **Discipleship and witnessing: I don't have time for; someone else will be doing that.** (You will never know true peace and joy in your relationship with God without participating in discipleship and witnessing.)

These things must be done regularly to have a vibrant relationship with the Lord as you deny yourself, take up His cross and follow Him. What then would be of secondary priority while at Seminary?

If you are married your next priority is in maintaining a vibrant relationship with your wife and children. You must not forsake them, giving more attention to school work. Your family has been called by God to be here also, and to support you while here. Do not let them labor in vain. You need to be actively involved in their spiritual development as well as your own. If God had intended for you to not see your family while you attend Seminary, He would have called you to a monastery in the mountains of France! Your family still needs your guidance and leadership and love. Your wife may be working full-time to pay the bills, so you may need to be a part-time maid, nanny and chef. Your family was with you before you came to Southeastern and they should be with you when you leave.

If you retained your church staff position to answer God's call, and if you take a church while here, that adds another priority to your list. You must honor God by doing your assigned duties there as well as at school.

God called you to attend Southeastern Seminary, but not to the detriment of your personal relationship with Him, and not to the detriment of your family life. You may have church responsibilities as well as the tasks assigned at SEBTS. It seems like an impossible balancing act, but God's grace with wisdom (Proverbs 3:5,6) is sufficient for us to endure all things.

The first two priorities are distinct. The third and fourth become enmeshed. Whether you left a church staff position or a secular job to answer God's call, your next priority should be the learning and training for ministry beyond Seminary. God called you here to learn how to more effectively guide and feed the flock and bring more into the fold (1 Peter 5:1-4). Learning the things God called you here to learn is the next priority. Don't take more classes than you can handle, and don't just memorize enough to pass the test. God did not call you here to receive a sheepskin diploma, He called you here to learn how to serve Him and how to lead others to serve Him.

## Some You NEED to Know



by Michael Charles Frank

Welcome back, Southeasterners! We've been missing you too long!! The folks at The Library are ready and willing to do all we can to help you have a great Spring semester.

There are some new people at our library this semester, and I want to introduce them to you, at least in writing. You'll have to introduce yourselves as you see them around The Library.

They are: our new Director of The Library, Mr. Shawn Madden. Mr. Madden comes to us from the University of Texas, Arlington, where he has just completed the course work for his Ph. D. In the immediate future, in addition to directing The Library, he will be completing his dissertation, after which he plans to undertake studies towards a Master of Library Science degree. Mrs. Jo Philbeck, who has been filling in as Librarian, will now be our Assistant Librarian and Consultant. She will be directly involved with Library Administration and special projects.

Michael Frank, who has been working in Audiovisual Services and at the Circulation Desk, will now be the Chief Assistant for Library Services working at the Reference Desk Monday to Thursday nights. Frank has completed twelve hours towards a Master of Science Degree in Information Sciences and will be

continuing these studies, beginning with the June semester, at UNC, Chapel Hill.

New Library Assistants this semester are Carol Wilkinson, Bert

anyone in Reference if you need help locating resources.

Here's some inside information for you guys, but don't tell anyone you heard it from me, OK? Within the next few weeks we expect to add additional computers for student use in our Audio Visual Center. They will have WordPerfect loaded on them, as well as some other useful tools for Biblical Languages research and study. Keep it under your hats though, I don't want to get in trouble for "letting the cat out of the bag."

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Kirk, Stephen Donahue, Brad Heil, and back, by popular demand, Dudley Davis. Welcome to you all.

Welcome also to our January new arrivals. We are very happy to have you here, and pleased that you have chosen Southeastern. I want to invite you to come and use The Library. If you don't know your way around, there are smiling, happy staff and assistants available to help you. And by the way, now is a great time to get started on those research papers we all have in our immediate future. The greatest numbers of resources are in The Library now, so get them, use them, and return them early. You'll feel less pressured as the semester goes on, and everyone will be able to get at the materials equally. Help in doing research is available in print and electronic media. Ask

Congratulations are extended to Barry and Tina Jimmerson on the birth of their second daughter, Emily. Barry tells me that big sister Laura, age 4 1/2, is thrilled to have a little sister. Barry also tells me that this one month old child is sleeping through the night. The *things* some people say! By the way, Barry is the Coordinator of our Church Curriculum Center and will be the subject of next month's Library Lines, look for it.

God Bless and keep you all as you study and "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." -- 2 Tim 2:15 (NIV).



**ACCREDITATION**  
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trustee involvement in administrative practices and lack of long-range planning as the major reasons for the action.

Patterson said throughout the probationary period that nothing SACS asked the seminary to do was beyond reason. He said the seminary actually fulfilled most of the requests last year; however, SACS wanted to see Southeastern go through a one-year cycle, utilizing its new procedures.

Patterson noted accreditation is "often said to be optional, but in our present society, there is nothing really optional about it."

Accreditation is a "litmus test for credibility" within the academic world, Patterson said. It also facilitates the transfer of academic credit and enables students to receive certain scholarships and vocational endorsements.

Southeastern Trustee Chairman, Ned Matthews, pastor of Parkwood Baptist Church, Gastonia, NC, said the Seminary "can now focus on its primary task of training men and

women for the ministry."

"For the short-term, we will continue to concentrate our energies on building the enrollment and endowment," Matthews said.

Despite accreditation difficulties, Southeastern has seen an increase in enrollment since June, 1992 when Patterson arrived on campus.

Southeastern student, Perri Wade, said: "(The SACS ruling) affirms what many of us knew all along: Southeastern is administratively and academically strong. This should impress new students that we are on the right track and moving forward."

Southeastern's Academic Dean, Russ Bush, said Southeastern's academic program has always been strong.

"Some of our record-keeping procedures and planning processes needed revision and improvement, but we have now taken care of that," Bush said. He added that the Seminary is involved in a curriculum review and will be implementing

innovative delivery systems next Fall.

Southeastern professor Keith Eitel, one of the Seminary's representatives at the SACS meeting in Atlanta, expressed "jubilation" that the school's accreditation had been reaffirmed.

"This gives us the ability to grow and to expand many of our programs," Eitel said.

It is the ability to move forward that excites some of the current students at Southeastern; many have been waiting in anticipation for these new programs to begin.

"I think this is great news," said Tim Suddeth, a divinity student from Charlotte, NC. "This Seminary has so much potential, and this decision opens the door for it to be put to use. The faculty has a lot of good ideas."

Although SACS has removed Southeastern from probation, the Seminary is still on probation with the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the U.S. and Canada.

"ATS, of course, is the next item on the agenda," said Patterson. "We hope to have our

probation with them resolved within the next six months." (The ATS team will be on campus February 6th through 9th, with final reports expected from them in June).

*O Lord,  
how majestic  
is your name  
in all the  
earth.*

# CHAPEL SPEAKERS LINE-UP

Feb. 1	Dr. Charles Fuller
2	Larry Jordan
3	Dr. Kurt Richardson
Feb. 8	Professor Steve Andrews
9	Dr. Paul Carlisle
10	Dr. Gary Galeotti
Feb. 15	Pastors
16	Conference with
17	Dr. Calvin Miller
Feb. 22	Ron Gaynor, Chaplain, HMB
23	Dr. Daniel Heimbach
24	Dr. Wayne Buchannan
Mar. 1	Dr. Maurice Robinson
2	Dr. Fred Luter, Black Pastor's App. Day
3	Dr. Paige Patterson
March 8, 9, 10	SPRING B-R-E-A-K!!!!
Mar. 15	Founders Day - Rev. Dale Thompson, Trustee
16	Dr. Fred Wolfe
17	Dr. Keith Eitel

*Sing unto  
the Lord  
a new song!*

*The Seminary Choir (S A T B) and Dr. Ben Johnson invite you and your spouse to join them each Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. for a Vigorous Vocal Workout and Rehearsal of the new Easter musical, "God So Loved the World." The production will also include three Passion Choruses from Handel's "Messiah." Performance will be Tuesday, June 7, at 8:00 P.M. No auditions required; just come to Binkley Chapel for fun!*



## Johnson Dorm News

By William Burton

Once Again, Johnson Dorm, like the rest of Southeastern's beautiful campus, is bustling with many new students who are learning their way around. According to new Dorm Manager, Doug Nalley, approximately twenty new students live in Johnson. What a joy to have so many new brothers called by God to work in His marvelous ministry at Southeastern Seminary this Spring!

Speaking of Doug Nalley, we gladly welcome him as our NEW Dorm Manager. Doug, who replaces Alex Heafner, has been living in Johnson Dorm for nearly two years. He became manager just last month. Doug has been doing an outstanding job of getting the much-needed repair requests to Plant Services, which in-turn is responding with great expedience. Great teamwork, guys. Keep it up!

If you live in Johnson Dorm and have a repair need in your room or bathroom, please let Doug know, and he'll be happy to see that it is taken care of.

## Lolley Hall News

By Chele Caughron

Four new students moved into Lolley Hall at the start of Spring Semester, bringing the number of women in the dormitory to 18.

"They seem to be making the transition pretty easily, and they're fun to be with," Dorm Manager, Cheryl Cobb said.

The new hall residents are:

- Chele Caughron, 30, of Valles Mines, MO. Caughron received a Bachelor's of Journalism degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia and has worked as a newspaper reporter in Belleville, IL; Fairfax County, VA; Washington, D.C.; and Palm Beach County, FL.
- Henrietta "Fish" Collins, 23, of Transylvania, LA. Collins received a Bachelor of Arts in political science with a minor in sociology from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA. She is interested in ministering to youth.
- Shelley Smith, 27, of Olean, NY. Smith received her Associates Degree in Applied Science in medical technology from Alfred State College in Alfred, NY. She enjoys playing volleyball and any other outdoor activity.
- Latanya Wood, 25, of Dexter, GA. She received her Bachelor of Science in architectural engineering technology from Southern College of Technology in Marietta, GA. Wood likes to draw sketches, paint, sew, cook, and make crafts. She said she hopes to be a counselor on a church staff.

The women each chose to live in the dorm because it was the best deal financially, but they already have found the other dorm residents a blessing!

"The biggest thing is no one's discriminatory," Collins said. "The people just show so much love. They show so much concern. This is what I picture heaven to be like: that no matter what race you happen to be, we're all going to be together as one happy family in God's kingdom."

I WILL  
LIFT UP MY EYES  
UNTO THE  HILLS FROM  
WHENCE COMETH  
MY STRENGTH

### They Minister to Needy Seminarians

# Help when you need it most!

By Dwayne Hastings

A family's obedience to God's call to the ministry and a seminary education often carries with it times of financial difficulties that just can't be avoided. Although expecting seminary life to be a lean existence, sometimes the needs become so critical that the minister needs to be ministered to himself.

SEBTS families are fortunate to have an array of services in the seminary community designed to minister to such needs. The Office of Student Life acts as the clearinghouse for several of the 'student-support' ministries.

Student Life Director Steve Wingfield said that "emergency grants" are available to students who find themselves faced with sudden, unexpected financial needs. He pointed to incidents such as high medical bills or automobile repair charges for a family with only one vehicle as cases which would qualify for an emergency grant-in-aid. Wingfield's office handles all the application and administrative functions for this aid and other loans.

The Student Life office also provides forms to determine eligibility for the Dorcas Ministry, a food pantry operated by members of Wake Forest's Faith Baptist Church. The church, which temporarily meets in the seminary's Ledford Center, distributes groceries to more than fifty seminary families every other week.

Bread is the main course of the 'bread ministry' that is a part of the Southeastern Woman's Fellowship organization. Bakery goods of all shapes and sizes and tastes are donated by Kroger grocery stores and are made available to SWF block captains and students every Sunday afternoon.

Betty Welles, one area block captain who picks up breads and pastries and distributes them every Sunday to more than sixty families, said that having the bread,

"really supplements food income a lot...the money that's saved from not having to buy bread makes you able to buy lunch meat and other things you need."

Some off-campus students have taken to sharing the bread with their neighbors, thereby utilizing this day-old bread to introduce unbelievers to the "bread of God" (John 6.33ff).

The amount of bread received varies weekly, but even when there is a surplus after all students have picked up, no bread is thrown out. The excess goes to the Tri-Area Ministry organization or the Raleigh Rescue Mission.

Another ministry of the Southeastern Woman's Fellowship is the Sharing Shop, a 'clothes closet'. Open most Saturday mornings, the ministry showcases clean, up-to-date clothing for every member of the family. Joyce Bealer, 'clothes closet' coordinator, works with other SWF volunteers to provide an attractive boutique environment to allow families to 'shop' and try on clothing.

Bay Leaf Baptist Church in North Raleigh also regularly offers a clothes closet for seminary students and their families.

There is no charge for any of the SWF ministries and each is open to all seminary families. Joyce Bealer, 556-9467, and Marla Hastings, 554-2570, are available to answer any questions about these ministries.

Students often find that the biggest hit to their monthly budget comes in the form of their electric bill. An "Equal-Payment" plan, administered by the city of Wake Forest, may take some of the bite out of seasonally high utility bills.

Wake Forest refers families with serious financial hardships to Tri-Area Ministries. The city is initiating a procedure this month that will allow utility customers to donate money to Tri-Area along with their power bill payment. This fund will be used by Tri-Area to further aid families who receive an unexpectedly high utility bill.