



The Newsletter of  
The Library, SEBTS

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עשות ספרים הרבה אין קץ ולהג הרבה ינעת בשר - A Student's Lament  
τάς μεμβράνας. τὰ βιβλία μάλιστα - A Librarian's Reminder

Sepharim

# Bev Whisnant Named Citizen of the Year by Wake Forest

It has been the Director's observation over the years that The Library at Southeastern Seminary has always been blessed of God by the personnel that he sends to serve the folks who make use of our services. A wonderful example of that blessing is Ms. Beverly Whisnant, the Administrative Assistant for The Library. In December she



was named as Wake Forest's Citizen of the Year. For those who know her this comes as no shock at all. Ms. Whisnant is one of the most active and

knowledgeable people in the Wake Forest Community.

The Wake Weekly noted that "Ms. Whisnant, who came to town in 1980, is a charter member of the Wake Forest Kiwanis Club, involved in every project. She has been an officer and a head of docents at the Wake Forest Birthplace Museum. A member of the Wake Forest Woman's Club, she is also on the town's Historic Preservation Commission. At Wake Forest Baptist Church, she teaches English in the Hispanic outreach ministry. And this year she is the president of the Wake Forest Community Council."

She came to the Seminary in 1985 and has served well and faithfully since then. Those who

have spoken to her have found that she is the most knowledgeable resource around for North Carolina and Wake Forest history. Hardly a person comes into the office that she does not know their family or some kin who lived near her somewhere in the Carolinas.

Perhaps those who know her best on campus, outside of The Library staff, are the Ph.D., D.Min., and Th.M. students. Ms. Whisnant is the one who ensures that they have a good relationship with Kate Turabian reflected in a manuscript that would make that most beloved interpreter of the *Chicago Manual of Style* proud and pleased.

Come by and say "Hi" and get to know this valuable asset to the Seminary and the city!

## ETS to determine orthodoxy of scholars - Library provides works for examination

The Evangelical Theological Society, a professional society of Biblical scholars, teachers, pastors and others involved in the evangelical scholarship serving Christ and His Church has been debating the Openness of God theology proposed posed by Clark Pinnock and others. At the last

meeting the society voted to send the matter to the executive committee for review with the intent of bringing the matter to the society for a vote next fall in Atlanta. In an effort to help inform the Seminary of the issues, The Library has set aside several

books and articles for perusal at the circulation desk. Ask for the Openness of God materials.

The ETS web site is <http://www.etsjets.org>.

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### Special points of interest:

- Access the Library's Web site at <http://library.sebts.edu>
- Contact the Circulation Desk at 761-2251
- Contact the Reference Desk at 761-2258
- Contact the Archives at 761-2324
- Contact the Director at 761-2250

## Circulation Notes

Welcome to new and returning students. We want to be of assistance to you all in finding the materials you need. Some professors have placed books and materials on reserves for your use. Please help us when you come to check out reserve items by asking specifically for books or photocopies. The books are shelved according to **call numbers**. Each professor does not have his/her own shelf. Tell us what you need. The professors determine the length of check outs for each book, and they are all due at **9:00 AM** on the specified due date.

Please not reshelve books after you pull them from the shelves. We need to have a count for the times the books are used, therefore we need to bring all books down to the Circulation Desk and check them in. That way we can have this count for one of our yearly reports.

Overdue notices are sent out twice a month and are put in student mailboxes or mailed to home address if the student does not have a Seminary mailbox. Please contact the Circulation desk (extension 251) if you have a question about this notice. Don't just ignore it!



### LIBRARY SCHEDULE Spring 2003

Mon., Tues., Thurs.  
7:45 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Wed. 7:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday – 7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday - 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CLOSE FOR CHAPEL 10:00 a.m.

## Reference Notes

### EJS: EBSCO Host's Electronic Journal Service

Most of you have used First Search for researching topics for your papers but how many of you have used EJS? EJS is another type of service that the library subscribes to that can help you quickly find articles for which you already have citations which may not have been full text in First Search. EJS puts the e-journals that the SEBTS library subscribes to in a single place

on the Web.

While EJS is NOT an index in the true sense of the definition, it does have some features that make it seem like one. You can find articles or journals that cover a specific topic by searching for keywords in the titles or abstracts. You can browse a list of subject categories, and then view a list of all journals that fall in a category of interest.

However, EJS is more specifically designed to help you find specific arti-

cles quickly, searching by article title or by the author's name, reading article abstracts and linking directly to full text of the articles. The feature I like best on EJS is the ability for everyone to create their own identity and profile. Once this is done, you can create your own personal storage area with links to your favorite journals, issues or articles. You can set up searches to run automatically and send you e-mail on whatever is new.

## Acquisitions Notes

The Acquisitions Department is actively bringing together an outstanding collection in support of Southeastern's various academic programs. The following volumes represent a cross-section of recent purchases:

(1) *Concordance of the Hebrew Accents in the Hebrew Bible* (v. 1-5) / James D. Price

(2) *The Believer's Participation in the*

*Death of Christ: "Corporate Identification" and a Study of Romans 6:1-14* / Perry Leon Stepp

(3) *Tertullian and the Church* / David Rankin

(4) *Close Harmony: A History of Southern Gospel* / James R. Goff, Jr.

(5) *Gilligan Unbound: Pop Culture in*

*the Age of Globalization* / Paul A. Cantor

(6) *Inside Al Qaeda: Global Network of Terror* / Rohan Gunaratna

If you have a suggestion for a book or other item for us to purchase, see the folks at the circulation desk, or go to our web page (<http://library.sebts.edu>) and find the link under "Services."

## Cataloging Notes

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What is Cataloging and why is it important to the users of the Library?

The Cataloging Librarians provide the information for the on-line Library catalog for all types of material in the Library. Using internationally recognized rules and standards the catalogers provide descriptive bibliographic information as well as subject headings and call numbers for all works in the Library.

Complete full cataloging which serves the needs of the students, faculty and other library staff depends on a high level of professional expertise of the catalogers. Proper cataloging enables the Reference, Circulation and Acquisitions staff to do their jobs and users to find what they need.

In addition to cataloging current acquisitions, the catalogers also strive to

improve access to older materials which had not been fully cataloged previously, or which had been cataloged according to outdated standards that are incompatible with current standards.

Finally, before materials can be made available on the shelves, all materials are labeled with unique call numbers and SEBTS ownership information.

Since most of the cataloging work is done in the Technical Services room at the back of the Library the importance of this work may be less apparent to the users than that of Public Services. It has been noted that a dollar spent on good cataloging can prevent spending that same dollar on a duplicate copy of a book the library already owns.

A little historical trivia. There are several classification schemes on the scene, the two most popular and well known are the Library of Congress and the Dewey Decimal. Additionally there is a theological system known as the Union cataloging rules. The Seminary Library used Union when the Seminary began in 1951. In 1976 it switched to Library of Congress without reclassifying the old Union books. When The Library automated in 1994, one of the projects was to reclassify the Union books to the Library of Congress system. To do that The Library subcontracted that work to a group of Cistercian monks who had previously employed themselves making fruitcakes. They were happy to get back to their historical love, books.

## Archives

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The Archives at SEBTS is an integral part of the graduate school learning experience. It is here that primary and rare documents are preserved for both present and future generations to examine, reflect and share findings. The purpose of the SEBTS Archives is not only to preserve such information for historical purposes, but to fulfill the primary mission of the entire seminary and

the Southern Baptist Convention: to evangelize.

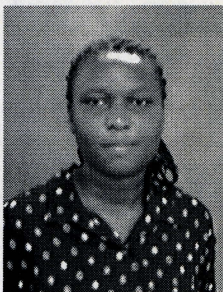
Accordingly, the existing collections feature many of the literary remains of evangelists such as Gipsy Smith, J. Clyde Turner, Billy Sunday, Sam Jones and Dwight L. Moody, as well as the papers of Paige Patterson and Paul Pressler. New collections are constantly sought out by fellow archi-

vists Jim Lutzweiler and Bill Youngmark.

One unique feature of the SEBTS Archives is its hours of operation. Where most archives are open from 9 to 5 or even only part time, the SEBTS Archives is the only archive in the world that is open by appointment 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as a service to researchers in need of flexibility.

## Person of Note —

### Martha Abuyeka



Martha Abuyeka is The Library's longest serving part time worker. She is from Uganda and is enrolled in the MA in Christian Education program, having graduated from the College's BA in

Biblical Studies program.

She has spent most of her time working in the back in the Processing, Binding, and Repair (PBR) department, repairing books and affixing bookplates and call numbers to the new books. She is currently the best of friends to the Ph.D. students and professors doing research—she works in the Inter Library Loan (ILL) department.

She is the daughter of Michael and Cossy Okwaol and is just recently married to Charles "Chuckabu" Abuyeka. She fell in love with Charles (from Kenya) in Hebrew class while comparing Hebrew to different Swahili dialects! Hebrew apparently is, among other things, the language of love! Either that or she makes a really good ugali.

## Media Musings

Unlike the previous centuries/milenia, the visual arts have become a major part of today's culture. Anyone who has taken a close look at some of the 19th century works (Hebrew & Greek Lexicons & Concordances especially) will see that folks entertained themselves in those days by compiling lists of biblical words and finding Aramaic, Arabic, Syriac, Latin, etc. words to go with them. Today we spend our weekends with the t.v. or Carmike Cinema (25 screens and growing). Would that I had the patience and depth of intellect of the 19th century greats! Heck, would that my students did! As it is, I like to spend some of my time "watching" literature. Those who have taken my classes know that much of what I use for illustrations comes from the films I have watched. When some students objected that they thought that they weren't supposed to be watching movies I pointed out to them that films are just another media, not unlike a book or a magazine or anything else. And like books there are good films, and poor films, and bad films. I have watched movies long enough that I have some conclusions on what constitutes a good film.

In this section I will be giving some movie reviews and make some recommendations of films worth watching. Comments and recommendations for music will show up in this column also; and since I have absolutely no ability in the field

of music (I have been kicked off of choirs!) guest contributors will provide insight and comments for this field.

I will leave the next issue for my first review. Before that let me leave you with these questions:

- \* What is the number one movie of all time, in your opinion?
- \* What is your favorite movie, whether you think it should be number one or not?
- \* Why that one and not others?
- \* What do you think of the rating system for movies?
- \* How much does the rating system determine what movies you will view or allow your children to view?
- \* If you were to recommend to the Library five films that we should have in our collection, what would they be?

Conan

## Conan's Comments

We begin this new semester with a newsletter for our patrons. We have had an internal newsletter before but this time we decided to "go public." It is our intent that this newsletter be both informative and entertaining. It has not been determined yet how often this will come out—for now, just keep an eye out for it!

As you can see, there are sections from each area of The Library so that you can get a good sense of what we are doing, both up front and in the "inner sanctum." We will try to keep you informed of new resources that we acquire or gain access to (books, audio-visual materials, microforms, URLs) and we will point out the best ways to access and utilize these items.

Our number one concern in this building is to provide glory to our God and King by providing you the best service possible. Everyone coming to serve The Library has been brought on board because they have a desire to provide to our patrons the kind of service that they would like to receive if

they were on the other side of the circulation or reference desk. If ever we fail or seem to fail in this regard, do not hesitate to tell us.

Of you all we ask little.

\* Remember that others are interested in the books you have checked out—they too have a paper due. Know the due date and get the books back on time. We know your spouse would rather you spend the fine money on him or her and not give it to us to buy exotic coffees that Dr. Spencer finds us.

\* Though we plan a cappuccino bar in the new library (especially for Dr. Spencer), if we find you with food or drink in this old library, we are duty bound to publicly flog you.

\* Hold the noise down. Conan gets in more trouble for this one, consequently he is doing penance by wearing a hair shirt. Be a saint and avoid his sin. Though you may be able to study and do research with ESPN on in the back ground, others need quiet, that's why they escape t.v. & kids and come here.

