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Wilkins wins Presidency

Morrow chosen V-P, Eubanks Sec'y

by David Fischler

Second-year M.R.E. student Ronald Wilkins was elected President of the SEBTS Student Council in a run-off ballot last week, defeating middler Dyan Housam.

Wilkins, who hails from Winston-Salem, indicated that he was surprised at winning, because "Dyan was a strong candidate, and a most gracious opponent." He said that he hoped that "she and I can work together for the betterment of Southeastern."

He also thanked his supporters for "their kind and generous support. Without them, I could not have won."

Wilkins was elected to head a Student Council featuring three members of SEBTS minority groups in its top four positions. In addition to Wilkins, officers for next year will include David Morrow as Vice-President, Barbara (Babs) Eubanks as Secretary, and John Archibald as Treasurer.

In addition to the main offices, a number of class representative and committee chairmanship positions were filled. These include:
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Wilkins' statement

The following is a prepared statement received last Friday from Ron Wilkins:

I am proud to have been elected president of the student body. I pledge that the issues which I have raised—those of more student preaching, better crisis communication, more out-of-classroom academic discussion, and involvement of all segments of the student body in planning social activities—will be dealt with as soon as possible by my administration.

I wish all students to know that my office and room will always be open, and that I welcome the input of all students in the student government.



New Council President Ron Wilkins

Final Forum held; curriculum addressed

by David Fischler

In the final President's Forum of the year, several questions were dealt with concerning the duplex apartments, the curriculum, and delinquent financial accounts with the Seminary.

President Lolley began the Forum by dealing with several housing questions. He said that the rent in the duplexes was not going to help pay the mortgages on the townhouses (which are self-supporting), but rather that part of the rent is going into an escrow account, the interest from which is being used for duplex maintenance.

He also noted that beginning in September there will be a new pet policy. No new pets will be allowed in the duplexes, although those who have pets now will be allowed to keep them until they leave. In addition, he stated that new playground equipment is "in the warehouse," and that "if you can get into the warehouse you can play with it." It will be set up as soon as possible.

On delinquent accounts, the president stated that all over-
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Nuclear policy conference topic

A conference to help persons secure the facts and talk about nuclear war will be held April 21 and 22 here at SEBTS.

Sponsored under the auspices of the Student Council, the conference theme will be "Decision-making in the 1980s: Peacemaking and Nuclear Policy."

According to Nancy Unterzuber, chairman, Wake Forest area residents are invited because of the broad concern over nuclear weapons. "We want to provide a setting for education and to give people a chance to share their concerns," she said. "We won't be pushing any particular position."

Unterzuber went on to say the conference is designed to "educate people to the facts of nuclear war and to help them make decisions about where they stand. Once people know the facts," she continued, "they can make their views known to those who can influence nuclear pol-

icy."

The conference will open on April 21 at 10 a.m. with a lecture by noted ethicist Harry Hollis of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. On April 22, William Finlator, well known public affairs critic and pastor, Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, will speak at 10 a.m.

Seminars to be held on Thursday afternoon, April 22, will focus on such subjects as the church and war, current legislation on the arms race, and medical consequences of nuclear weapons.

Other subjects will be on nuclear war and the economy, Biblical perspectives on war, and peace, how to get through to Congress, and what the Third World thinks of the arms race.

According to Unterzuber, the conference leaders will include seminary faculty members as well
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A Matter of Ethics

The Enquiry sponsored an opinion poll on the subject of women in ministry which ran concurrently with the first round of elections. It was just a poll. No action was going to be taken on it. We did it as a service to our readers.

Some, however, took it a bit more seriously. Apparently thinking that the fate of the Southern Baptist Convention hung on the results, they took an action which in Jersey City used to be called "voting the tombstones." In other words, they stuffed the ballot box.

At least one of them admitted to doing so. When asked by a poll-watcher what he was doing, he replied, "I'm only putting ten of them in." If pressed for an explanation, he would no doubt have claimed that he has multiple personalities—at least one of which, we might add, is no more Christian in its view of morality than Boss Hague of Jersey City was.

Need we point out the ethical reprehensibility of such action? It is really beside the point that this was only a poll. A person who would stuff this box for the sake of a given theological position obviously has no idea why he is here. He should be here to grow in Christian maturity and knowledge, not to demonstrate his agreement with Machiavellian ethics. If he cannot see that, we pity any congregation which would make the mistake of hiring him as pastor.

One final note: we wish to make clear that there was no tampering with the Student Council balloting. All went well in that department—which may only go to show the priorities which the ballot-stuffers have.

An Open Letter. . .

To the person who wrote The Enquiry the unsigned, 5½-page letter on women in ministry: we would like to print your letter, but cannot do so without knowing who you are. Please re-read our letters policy below, which is quite clear on both this point and the matter of length.

Since you have a copy of your letter, you are welcome to edit it and re-submit it for publication in our final issue. And as for our alleged bias, please take note of the fact that we have never failed to print a properly submitted letter, no matter what its point of view (see those critical of our editorial stances as evidence).

Letters to the Editor are welcome. All letters must be signed, typed or legibly printed (no cursive), and be no more than 300 words long. Names will be withheld upon request. All correspondence should be addressed to David Fischler, 57 McDowell Ave., Wake Forest 27587, or left in the Enquiry office in Mackie Hall.

Letters to the Editor

'Agreeable disagreement' called for

To the Editor,

I would like to address about three-quarters of the previous issue of the Enquiry. After reading that issue I wondered if maybe there was "something in the air." I believe there was--it's hostility.

Have we been in classes too long? Last issue, which predominantly dealt with responses to "Pastorate forbidden to women," was filled with such terms as "hurt," "condemning," "lack of courage," "anger," "shock," "appalled," and "attacked," to name a few. Don't get me wrong--not all responses were of that nature, but most of them were.

What happened to "unconditional acceptance" and all this "love" we talk about? I wonder what the reaction of one not related to the Seminary would have been as they read this past issue. We really presented a loving

witness, didn't we?

I agree with the freedom of speech; however, we must be aware that a great stumbling block for Christians is the "bitter tongue." So many times Christians talk or react when they should listen or act. I have my own opinion about women in the ministry, as each of us do, but I believe we can "agree to disagree," agreeably.

Let's love one another, for only out of this love, which I too need to work on, can we affect change both in ourselves and others. Too many times we feel threatened over certain issues. That threat shouldn't be there if we are convicted that we are correct. Rather than be threatened personally, be self-assured. Then we can listen more intently and intentionally to the whole subject, even if someone disagrees with our viewpoint.

John D. Ashworth

More on women in ministry

To the Editor,

In response to the anonymous letter in the March 9 edition of the Enquiry which was an attempt to refute Ms. Cindy King's previous article, we write in order to present what we believe to be a response which is theologically and Scripturally informed. We believe that any serious student of Scripture should seek to do the same when presenting his beliefs.

First, if we "as Baptists" are to be true to the Scripture as authoritative, then we must see that nowhere in Scripture does "weakness" make or negate one's quality as a pastor. Further, by whose standards are women considered to be weak? Is this God's concept or a product of our own thinking?

Second, insofar as the anonymous writer's need for a pastor to possess authority over people, we invite him to provide a Scriptural basis for such a myth. If authority needs to be addressed by example, we suggest a consideration of Judges 4-5 (where Deborah had authority over Barack) as well as Ruth, Esther, and a host of New Testament

women, including the young woman who provided us with a Saviour.

Third, where the anonymous writer takes it upon himself to question Ms. King's motives for becoming a Baptist pastor, we suggest he leave the role of judging in the hands of the One True God for there only does the final authority rest.

Yet, perhaps the most unacceptable portion of the March 9 letter is the fact that the author did not allow his name to be printed. We cannot entirely blame him, however. If either of us had uttered such absurdities, we doubt we would have wanted our identities to be divulged. If one has the desire to make one's opinion known, then one should have the conviction to sign one's name.

We do not chastise the author for having spoken his opinion, for we are all entitled to that. But to lose oneself in anonymity is inexcusable. Hopefully, the author of the March 9 article will see the error of his way and will remember to temper his comments with love and not with contempt.

James Scarborough
Kenneth Dickson

Letters(con't from p. 2)

Evangelism, social commitment both needed

To the Editor,

It seems to me that for too long we have tried to separate, even divorce, two ideas of ministry. That is, we divide evangelism and the social aspect.

It seems that we have had an adverse tension between the two camps, and I might add that I see opposition only between them and not in the reality of the initial ideas.

Both sides are, for me, two sides of the same coin, and what is problematic is that Christendom has tried to spend half a coin! Christendom has spent most of its time in joining camps and pasting labels, i.e., Evangelism, Social Gospel, Fundamentalism, Liberalism, etc. What is needed is less labels, for labels belong on canned goods and not on people!

None of the above ideas are adequate by themselves, but only in a total and joint effort can the full gospel be satisfied.

If we are really one body then it must be a joint effort. It is easy to be one or the other! Evangelists may sit at their Associational meetings as the men speak of word games and the women make paper roses. The Social Gospelists may sit in the world with soup kitchens and never feed the soul. With three-piece suits and designer jeans we waddle about like misguided penguins, sobbing about the "cross" we have to bear.

Of course, the aforementioned activities and dress code is not intrinsically bad unless it is a part of a role model one must adhere to in order to gain access to a particular camp or class structure that one wishes to belong to in order to effect one's own ideal of success attainment. Hans Kung said, "I love God only as much as I love my fellow man," and I believe this to be a wholistic love that seeks to uplift the totality of all of man.

Christendom must meet the total need and not just in eschatological visions, but in the reality of "Now" at this particular intersection of the sphere we call "life."

Ed Revelle

Cindy King

A female minister graduates

May 15 will mark the end of one phase of my life and the beginning of another, work on my M. Div. will be completed as I walk across the pulpit area of Binkley Chapel and receive my diploma from Dr. Lolley.

I do not view my diploma as a license to be a minister. A degree does not a minister make. I have been a minister ever since I answered God's call. I would still be a minister without the diploma, but the paper is an indication of my feelings that my ministry will be enhanced by my seminary education. A professor here once made the point that we will be ministers of people that may have been to the moon! They will be asking questions which we must be prepared to answer.

Yet, as mentioned, I am not a minister because of the fact that I have a seminary education. God has given me the ability to

be loving and compassionate. Anytime, anywhere, anyway I utilize these talents I am doing His will for my life. I have open the option of being a pastor--a minister with a pulpit. This may happen some day. But one does not have to work in a church (or a pulpit) to be a minister; working in a church does not make one a minister. The answering of God's call and the following of His will does.

I am not trying to take someone's pulpit. I am not trying to be a feminist or promote women's lib. I am only trying to answer God's call for my lifetime vocation. Spiritually, male and female are the same. I am secondarily asking to be accepted as a female minister. Primarily I am asking to be accepted as a minister who happens to be female. It is my prayer that men and women work together--not separately--as ministers.

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by Reference Services

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LIBRARY HOURS DURING THE EXAMINATION PERIOD will again be extended. The schedule of specific closing times will appear soon in the Campus Bulletin.

CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK, MAY 2-9, is sponsored jointly this year by the Southern Baptist Convention's Church Training and Family Ministry departments. The theme for this first convention-wide emphasis on strengthening families is "Family: Opening the Word Together." Suggested activities include Family in Bible Study Day and Family Worship Day.

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Conference (cont'd from p. 1)

as persons with specialized knowledge in the area of nuclear arms. Among those are Art Coulter, a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility and professor, University of North Carolina Medical School; and James Leutze, director of the Peace, War and Defense Curriculum at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Other conference leaders will be Perry Floyd, assistant to Senator Harrison Schmidt, R-N.M.; Collins Kilburn, executive director, North Carolina Council of Churches; Robert Seymour, pastor, Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, Chapel Hill; George Reed, director, Department of Christian Citizenship Education, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; and Stan Haste, associate director, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D.C.

The closing session on Thursday night will include "Dunbar's Bremen," a one-act play about a general who refused to use nuclear weapons.

"We believe," Unterzuber said, "that the thought of nuclear war is so horrible that people just can't talk about it. Maybe this conference will help us sort out the facts and do some talking. Then we'll be in a better position to take our own personal stands and make our views known to the decision-makers."



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Election results (cont'd from p. 1)

*M.Div. Senior Representatives: Sherre Jones, Paul Raines, Mary Frances Thompson.

*M.Div. Middler Representatives: Jeanne Hollifield, Mark Holland. A third will be elected in the fall.

*M.R.E. Junior Representative: Mike Davis. Others will be elected in the fall.

*Communication Chairman: Christine Milam.

*Spiritual Life Chairman: James Smith.

*Off-campus Ministries Chairman: Diane Sexton.

*Social Committee Chairman: Lawrence Bell.

*Seminary Council Representative: Darrah Degnan.

Forum (cont'd from p. 1)

due accounts should have a plan for payment on file with the Business Manager if payment will be delayed. No such grace period is available for seniors, however; they must be paid up by graduation or they will not receive their diplomas.

In one other action, Lolley introduced Dr. G. Thomas Halbrooks as the new Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs. Halbrooks, who will also remain as a professor of Church History, will have his duties fully sketched out in the next few weeks.

During the question period, student Darrah Degnan asked whether it would be possible for those portions of the Spring 1983 semester schedule which are set to be released. In reply, Dean Morris Ashcraft said that while it would not be possible to release the schedule, he could get out a list of courses which will be offered in the spring. This list, he stated, will include "99% of the courses which will actually be offered."

In one final curriculum matter, the president noted that a course on Afro-American Christianity will be offered next semester, but said that he was unable to confirm a teacher at this time.

Chaplains' banquet held

On April 15 the student military chaplains gathered for their last formal meeting of the year, having dinner in the Seminary cafeteria.

After dinner the group heard Rev. Burke Holland, the Director of Language and Chaplaincy Missions in North Carolina, speak about various fields of chaplaincy work. In addition, a film was shown about chaplaincy work in general.

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