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BUDGET PROBLEMS, AGAIN

The budget committee of SEBTS has completed the midyear analysis of the \$6,128,000 budget. The mid-year analysis indicated that Southeastern Seminary is about \$100,000 below the projected income. This shortfall does not mean that SEBTS does not have sufficient funds with which to operate. It does mean that every

area of the seminary must scrutinize its expenditures carefully.

This shortfall has come about primarily from a lower enrollment than was projected during the 1988 budget procedure. The enrollment for the spring semester is approximately 600 students, down from the fall semester.

The midyear analysis is completed so that anticipated

income and expenses are in line at the end of the year. This means that it has been necessary to cut programs and services even this semester.

Paul Fletcher, vice president for internal affairs, stated that every area of his responsibility has been cut. These areas include plant services, student development, and the business office.

One program that

was scheduled for removal from the budget this spring and 1990-91 was *The Enquiry* itself. This decision was based on the fact that *The Enquiry* was not published last semester and only one issue was published last year. However, the Student Council acted and convinced the budget committee of the need of a student voice in print. Therefore,

The Enquiry was reinstated into the budget at a greatly reduced rate.

Another area that had been cut earlier this year was the library. Staff positions have not been filled and service hours have been cut. This affects the services given to students and the surrounding community.



Campus before landscaping began

This nearly \$100,000 shortfall does raise questions and concerns about the priority of money which is obviously being spent on campus.

One area of concern is the hiring of new professors during this time of tight budget. Dr. Drummond indi-

cated that there are 4 slots in the current budget for professors without additional funding which have not been filled. These positions can't be removed from the budget nor can the money be reappropriated without the approval of the Board of Trustees.

The concern in this area is the priority of leaving positions that are not being filled in the budget without increasing the pay of the current staff and professors. The staff of SEBTS has not received a raise in the past 3 years.

Fletcher said, "We are spending less

money now on personnel than in the beginning of 1989." A major portion of the reduction has come through attrition in staff positions, not in professors. Dr. Drummond stated, "We have all the staff we need, therefore there is a hiring freeze. When we need staff, we'll unfreeze."

There seems to be a failure to notice that the library hours and services have been reduced this year. Furthermore there is no chaplain on campus.

Another area where money is obviously being spent is the redecorating of the President's office. Drummond said that this is being completed through the use of

which he has solicited. Much of the funding for this project has come from B.G. Mallory in memory of his wife Barbara. Mr. Mallory is a regular contributor to SEBTS.

In addition \$5,000 to \$10,000 have been raised for the renovations. Drummond said, "It's my office and I felt responsible for raising the funding for the renovation without cutting into the seminary budget. I don't want to seem self-seeking."

However, he did admit that some budgetary funds may be needed to complete the work.

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Enquiry Exclusive: Dr. George Beasley-Murray

The Enquiry spent some time with Dr. Beasley-Murray, a well known New Testament scholar. Dr. Beasley-Murray is spending his second spring semester at SEBTS as a visiting professor.

Dr. Beasley-Murray is a resident of East Sussex, England and has served as the president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

Enquiry: Dr. Beasley-Murray, how did you come to be in education?

Beasley-Murray: Well, when I first felt the call into the ministry, it wasn't remotely in my mind that I should devote most of my years to theological education.

Enquiry: Would you describe your call into the ministry?

Beasley-Murray: I was converted through the student mission from Spurgeon's College. After that I engaged in much evangelistic activity in the area where I lived. There I felt the call into the ministry, anxious to do what I could to let the people of Great Britain know the Gospel.

Enquiry: What kind of ministry did you envision?

Beasley-Murray: I entered Spurgeon's College in order to fit myself for a sort of two-pronged ministry; evangelistic and expository.

Enquiry: Did you serve in a church at that time?

Beasley-Murray: Yes. World War II had broken out and I was a pastor while continuing my

education through Spurgeon's College.

Enquiry: Did you feel a pull towards theological teaching at this time?

Beasley-Murray: There it became increasingly clear to me that the importance of theological teaching was that one was a kind of a "back-room boy."

Enquiry: What is a "back-room boy?"

Beasley-Murray: In World War II back-room boys were very, very important. Nobody saw them. Nobody knew their names. But they were doing all the research which enabled new strategies to be devised. So to be able to teach ministers meant to be able to reach many, many more people with the Gospel. Secondly it occurred to me that research itself was so important.

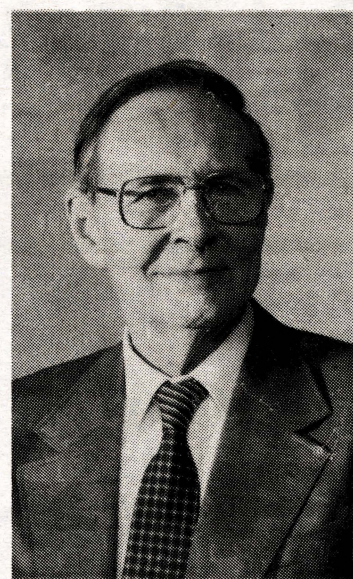
Enquiry: How so?

Beasley-Murray: There one was also able to give something to the people who do the teaching. This became clear to me together with the conviction that evangelical scholarship needed to be more worthy with regard to the Scriptures. All of this together drove me into theological research and teaching.

Enquiry: What are some differences between American theological education and theological education in Great Britain?

Beasley-Murray: First of all, you have such a high proportion of the population in theological study. This creates a

tremendous diversity of ability. Enquiry: Is there as much emphasis on practical areas in Great Britain as there is in the United States?



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Beasley-Murray: In Britain we typically remain with the traditional areas of theological study, such as Old and New Testament studies, systematic theology, and church history. In the United States fully one third of the degree is consumed by the practical curriculum.

Enquiry: What is this relationship at Spurgeon's College?

Beasley-Murray: Three years are spent on the theological angle, while one year is spent on the practical sphere.

Enquiry: Is there any difference between the sermon classes?

Beasley-Murray: At Spurgeon's College the sermon class is compulsory for every student for the four years the student is in the college.

Enquiry: Do you think the practical studies take up too much of the theological education?

Beasley-Murray: Yes, but here is the difficulty: What is

the ideal theological curriculum?

Nevertheless, two years are very inadequate to ground men and women in knowledge of the Bible in its broader aspects such as biblical introduction and background and its language demands, and to experience its exposition.

Enquiry: Say more about the languages.

Beasley-Murray: There really needs, ideally, to have more planning with regards to this before students come into the seminary. It would be very desirable to see that every student have both Hebrew and Greek before they come, merely because of the time it takes. I'm pretty certain that most of the students do not get a good enough grasp of the two languages so that when they go out they're just set aside.

Enquiry: What is your impression of Southeastern?

Beasley-Murray: As an institution Southeastern is interesting to me because it has a more regional constituency than, for example, Southern Seminary. However there is still a great degree of diversity. One could never say that there is only one type of student here. It also interests me that you have the ordinary program and the associate program. I think it is very valuable to have an organization where it is possible to give people who have not had collegiate education a seminary-based

education. Enquiry: What is the advantage of the associate program over a Bible school?

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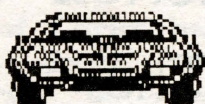
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Beasley-Murray: It is worthwhile limiting one's needs so as to be able to concentrate on study. It is

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CRANK SHAFT

by Bill Harrison

Trucks and cars are expensive investments and seem even more significant with the tight budgets we live on while we are here. How well you take care of the automobile you own is very important. The old cliché, "you can pay me now or you can pay me later" is applicable. If you do not invest a little time and money in simple maintenance, a seized engine and \$1000 repair bill await.

There are those among the blessed few who never change the oil or check the level. They also claim to have over 100,000 miles on the same vehicle. However, these folks are few and far between. It has been my experience that many problems arise because of the lack of car care.

you may ask, "How do I prevent such tragic events in the life of my beloved vehicles?" The first step is to **CHECK THE OIL OFTEN!**

For now the by word is "preventative maintenance". Future articles will be on this subject and describe some simple programs that WILL prolong the life and performance of your car. If you have any questions, please address them to **HEAD GASKET** at SEBTS, Box 3271.

EDITORIAL:

At the President's Forum on Friday, Feb 23, those present were given a rare opportunity of insight into the mindset of the president of Southeastern Seminary. Dr. Drummond stated that students are here only to study. Professors are here only to teach. And, that he would take care of "running the show".

Perhaps this statement and the attitude that spawned it has a place within hierarchial churches or secular businesses. Within these structures the point of accountability is always at the next higher level. Those persons on the lower part of the hierarchy have no power.

However, within congregational churches, such as Southern Baptists, both the statement and the attitude are orphans. They have no mother, father or siblings.

The Scriptures -- which are the ultimate authority -- give birth to the concept of mutual submission. 1 Peter 5:5 says, "... Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." (KJV)

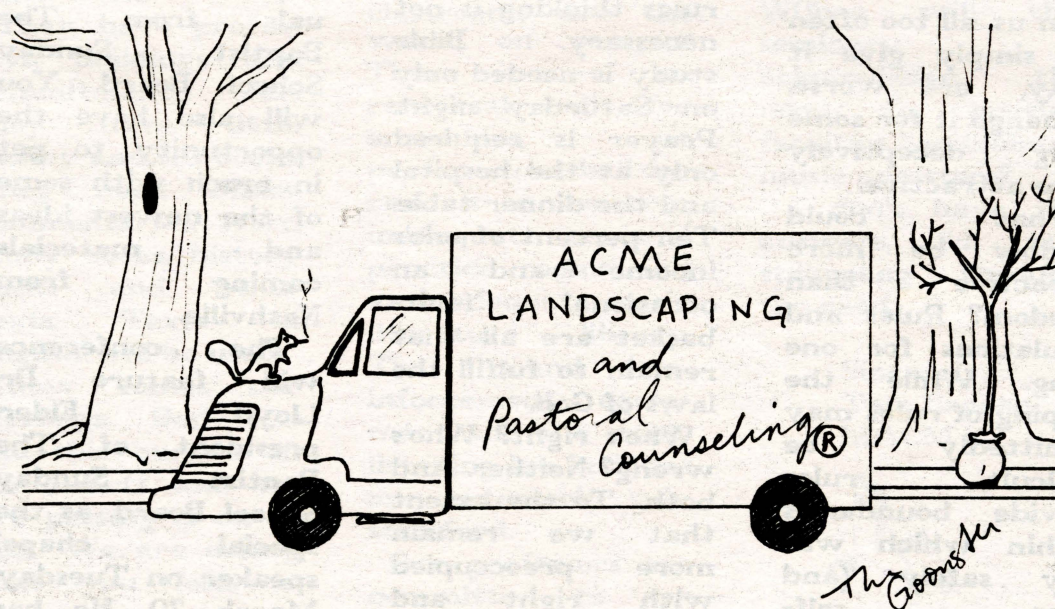
There is no place for one person to run the show in this concept. Accountability is to all members; to one another.

Furthermore, the

forefathers of current Southern Baptists developed the church with the base of power in the pews, that is, the people. (It would be good for all of us planning to enter the ministry to remember well that the church is not the ministry; but the people.) Traditionally, within Southern Baptist churches ministers and other leaders have been held accountable to the persons filling the pews.

Practically, students and professors are not just students and professors. We are also members of Southern Baptist churches and siblings of one another. Students and professors support Southeastern with money through the Cooperative Program, tuition and gifts. Even within the secular business mode the "stock holders" have the responsibility of calling for accountability. Students and professors have a responsibility to insure that the money and lives invested here at Southeastern survive to give birth to the next generation of Christians to carry on the work of Christ and His church.

It is statements and attitudes such as this that gives the impression of a hidden agenda on the part of the administration.



Newspaper News:

Pat Roller, M. Div./C. E. 2, was chosen by the Student Council as the new editor of the Enquiry. Pat has ten years of experience as a high school English teacher. She edited her college annual and has sponsored numerous high school newspapers. She is dedicated to maintaining a student publication of integrity.

From My Point of View by Joyce Martin

I arrived here two years ago confident of my understanding of the issues and with a certainty that I had most of the answers. The beauty of education, however, is that rather than providing answers to questions it simply poses additional questions.

If my hope had been to go away from here with a clearer distinction between two positions, or between the absolute and the abstract, I was begging for disappointment.

In two years I have failed to meet the Anti-Christ. Though I have met many who viciously defend an inherited set of doctrinal beliefs, I'm not certain I have ever run across a fundamentalist. Though I have searched diligently, I've yet to meet that liberal. I have been, however, exposed to many who do not know what they believe and to a certain group quite willing to exploit that lack. Yes, I have met the enemy, and with Pogo conclude, "... the enemy is us".

This is the issue—perhaps the only issue.

Aside from Christ's redemptive activity on the cross, God's greatest gift to mankind was to instill in him at creation the freedom to make choices. It also appears to have become mankind's greatest curse. From the sixth day of creation to the beginning of the last decade of the 20th century, mankind has consistently

failed to appropriately handle freedom.

There are many about who would keep us enslaved, who encourage our fear by tell us that the road to hell is paved with freedom. "Man is incapable of choosing—choices must be made for him," they would have us believe. "We cannot allow everyone to believe whatever he or she wishes, for only a select few know what God intended when he said this or that in his Word," they insist. "You must believe as I believe, or you do not believe at all," we are told. "If you question the things of God, you will cease to believe there is a God."

IT IS A LIE

For many the lie is acceptable. Not because it is believable, but because it is easier to accept a lie than to test the truth. Does it not seem likely that the Creator of the heavens and the earth can bear up under a little honest inquiry and scrutiny?

While there will always be someone ready to snatch our freedom in Christ from us, all too often we simply give it away, or worse, exchange it for some thing deceptively more attractive.

What could possibly be more attractive than freedom? Rules and regulations for one thing. While the keeping of rules may admittedly be difficult, rules provide boundaries within which we may safely (and often self-righteously) measure our level of commitment to God. As long as we limit

our violations of the rules and provide reasonable evidence of a new life in Christ by the right and good things we do, we may then compare our degree of religiosity to that of a brother or sister. We thereby fulfill the law of God. Who needs freedom?

Ease of conscience for another. Freedom involved risk. God took great risk at creation by his self-imposed limitation. He surely knew that though it was possible for all people to choose good over evil, it was not probable many would. Still, he seemed to feel it was the best approach. We are not so confident. We seem unable to trust ourselves, or God, to go beyond rules and regulations in our relationship with him.

Freedom from responsibility is perhaps the most attractive of all possibilities. Freedom without responsibility is license, as even the slowest among us is aware. As long as someone else is in charge of interpreting the rules—and the rules which interpret the rules thinking is not necessary. Bible study is needed only on Saturday night. Prayer is required only at the hospital and the dinner table. Ten percent of one's income and an occasional fruit-basket are all that remain to fulfill the laws of God.

Who's right? Who's wrong? Neither. And both. To the extent that we remain more preoccupied with right and wrong than with a meaningful relationship with God the Father and with

Christ Jesus his Son both are wrong. Only that reality—the yearning and striving to know God—will yield the right and diminish the wrong. All else is man-made and secondary. That is the issue.

SPRING CONFERENCE

by Jim Tillman

Are you wondering how the SBC can help in your ministry? Are you interested in the kinds of materials that are available? Are you interested in improving your overall ministry?

If you answered YES to any of the questions above, then the 13th annual SEBTS Spring Conference is for you.

The conference is designed to offer practical exposure to key resource people from various areas of ministry. It will provide you with valuable opportunities to meet and share with important individuals from The Baptist Sunday School Board. You will also have the opportunity to get in touch with some of the newest ideas and materials coming from Nashville.

The conference will feature Dr. Lloyd Elder, president of The Baptist Sunday School Board, as the special chapel speaker on Tuesday, March 20. He has been the president since Feb. 1984.

Dr. Harry Piland, director of the

Sunday School division of The Baptist Sunday School Board since 1987, will also be with us at the conference. Piland is the author and compiler of many texts used on this campus.

Dr. James D. Williams, executive vice president of The Sunday School Board; Marshall Walker, manager of the communications services section; Linda Thompson, church materials representative coordinator; Dr. Michael A. Smith, chief editor of general religious books at Broadman; Joe R. Stacker, director of church administration department; and Jim Hawkins, youth/adult consultant in church music round out the field of presenters for this conference.

Conference sessions will be held on Tue. and Wed. afternoons. There will also be exhibit areas set up in THE PIT of Ledford Center each day. The exhibits will make available many of the materials offered by The Baptist Sunday School Board.

Write a
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The
Enquiry,
your chance
to speak.

Letters to the Editor

In Ephesians 2:14-18 the Bible vividly depicts how the blood of Christ has broken down the barriers between Jews and Gentiles, making us all one. But, it seems that the current administration of SEBTS is not as interested in upholding the unity that Jesus brought. This was displayed when the ramps for the differently abled were removed from campus. The ramps were rather hastily removed after James Garrison, a differently abled person, graduated from the seminary.

Instead of the current administration being sensitive to the ramps as a means of access to the campus for the differently abled, the ramps have come tumbling down.

A clear message is being sent that there is no interest in differently abled persons visiting or attending this campus. The use of the argument that the ramps would be put back if a differently abled person intended to attend the seminary is utterly ridiculous. Rather, the ramps and other aids should have been left in place with the expectation that differently abled persons would in fact be visiting and attending seminary here.

The administration has sent the clear message that it does not fully respect the differently abled or physically challenged persons as being full members of the body of Christ. The ramps provided access to seminary functions

and activities as they served as bridges for further growth in the Christian faith.

By putting the ramps back in place, as well as actively seeking the means to place others where they are needed, the current administration would show that it is interested in building bridges instead of barriers. Just as Christ has made it possible for humankind to have unity and access to God, Southeastern Seminary needs to make it possible for all to have access to its campus.

Sincerely,
Robert Parrish
Dec, 1989
Graduate

My Brothers and
Sisters in Christ:

On Feb. 18, Bro Zygmunt Karel spoke at Providence Baptist Church, Raleigh. He spoke of Poland's new freedom and related this to salvation. He and others in Poland are starting a Biblical Baptist Seminary. On Oct. 1, the first 15 students will begin their studies for God's work.

They have professors, buildings and commitment, but they have little money and NO books. They need Bibles, commentaries, word study books, history books and other texts. Texts in English will be used.

Now comes our blessings. God has laid this burden on our hearts and we are passing it on to you. We are asking that you look in your libraries and donate all you can. We only have until April 2nd before Bro.

Karel goes back to Poland.

These books or money may be dropped off at 2 locations: 328 West Ave, home of Erik Garthe or 528 Rice Circle, home of Lee Netting.

Please pray about this and act accordingly for God will bless his Word as it won't go out void or without power.

Thank you,
Lee Netting

Theological and political issues come and go. Our history has proven this over and over. However, one issue seems to nag SEBTS music students. When the issue is addressed, it's labeled a "non-issue", or falls on deaf ears or people don't care.

There seems to be an attitude on this campus that ministers of music (especially students aspiring to that call) are step-children within the ranks of ministers. Addressing the ills of churches is an impossibility. Pointing out the symptoms at Southeastern is very easy.

The facilities for the music students at SEBTS are substandard. The classrooms are the worst on campus. There are no rehearsal halls for ensembles, no performance hall for recitals or concerts, inadequate personal practice rooms and an inadequate music literature library. The sound reinforcement equipment and the music listening lab facilities are extremely substandard.

Our professors are committed to our education, but some of them do not go out to SBC churches or undergraduate

institutions to perform or recruit new students. We as students have no opportunity to perform or recruit at colleges. There has not been an off-campus concert by any of our groups in the past 2 years. The chapel ensemble—which provided music for the chapel services on campus and concert tours at churches and colleges occasionally—has been disbanded. There is an obvious need for a music recruiter to work with the Admissions/Student Recruitment Office.

Sharing in the dream of a World Evangelism Center with Dr. Drummond is a very easy thing to do. I have 2 questions for the evangelists here. How effective would D.L. Moody's ministry have been without Phillip Bliss and Ira Stanley? How effective would Billy Graham's ministry have been over the years without people like Ethel Waters, George Beverly Shea, and Cliff Barrows?

Evangelists have recognized the importance of trained musicians in ministry for many years. When will this seminary acknowledge the need to provide facilities for training music ministers?

I don't have the answers, I'm just struggling through the need.

Sincerely,
Tom Barden
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April 5 and 6 will be Cooperative Program Days on the Southeastern campus. Representatives will be in THE PIT area of Ledford Center with materials. On April 6, the latest Cooperative Program film *The Darkness Shall Turn* will be shown at 10:00AM in the Adams Auditorium. Everyone attending this showing will receive a free copy of the book *Cooperation: The Baptist Way to a Lost World* by Cecil and Susan Ray. Following this showing there will be a coffee and doughnut fellowship in THE PIT.

Students at SEBTS and the 5 other seminaries receive funds from the Cooperative Program each semester. Come to learn more about and support the Cooperative Program which helps support you here.

This emphasis is being sponsored by the Office of External Affairs.

Richmond, VA (BP)—Betty F. Law, 61, associate area director for Spanish South America, was elected with 2 dissenting votes as vice president for the Americas. She will oversee mission work in Middle America, Canada, Brazil, the Caribbean and Spanish South America and participate in the board's Global Strategy Group, a long-range planning body.



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and is continuing around the campus. Funds for this work have also come from designated gifts. "At this point, no budgetary funds have been added to

this project. The implication here is that funds have been misappropriated, and this is not true," Fletcher stated emphatically.

The concern is not the appropriateness of the actions taken but in the priorities that have been set.

Students meet in Louisville

On Feb. 24-26 one student from each of our 6 Southern Baptist seminaries met in Louisville, KY in an effort to come up with a plan through which students can become involved in an effort to work toward reconciliation.

Tyanna Day represented SEBTS at this meeting.

The students decided to form an organization which would be known as the Sons and Daughters of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The purpose of the group was also formulated. It states, "We, the Sons and Daughters of the SBC, do hereby unite and call for an end

to denominational strife, and for the freedom to minister unhindered as called by God in order to fulfill the stated purpose of the SBC (Article II, SBC).

This organization is to be a non-partisan group which will work towards this end.

The meeting was initiated and organized by David Burroughs, a student at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The national committee is composed of Ross O'Brien, SWBTS; Tyanna Day, SEBTS; David Burroughs, SBTS; Greg Huguley, GGBTS; Robert Ernsting, MWBTS and Lisa Welch NOBTS.

President's Forum

by Craig Waddell

The President's Forum on Friday, Feb. 23 was better attended than the previous Forum when the President was unable to attend. Dr. Drummond informed the audience that his cancer surgery had been successful, but that more therapy lay ahead of him.

In response to the criticism that the President's address typically leaves little time for students' questions, he quickly opened the floor.

The first student inquired concerning the removal of wheelchair ramps and curb cuts on campus. Drummond replied that he hopes to have permanent facilities soon at all the major centers on the campus. A second student followed up that no differently abled persons will consider coming to Southeastern until there are adequate facilities for them. Paul Fletcher pointed out that the seminary's policy is to update the facilities for the differently abled in each building when that building undergoes comprehensive renovation and that the only facilities removed were those at Appleby and the cafeteria.

The same student also questioned the use of herbicides along the sidewalks around the Mc Dowell townhouses without warning. He expressed concern due to the danger this poses to the children in the neighborhood.

Fletcher responded that the Plant

Services will now edge the sidewalks. He also said that the seminary's decision to contract such work out is partially in response to the difficulty of convincing the former grounds crew of the concept of a "manicured campus".

Another student expressed his concern about the use of the Gospel of Thomas in a chapel message. Drummond dramatically replied, "No document written is going to supercede the written Word of God."

Dr. Blackmore pointed out that the public referral to the speaker's name violated both Forum policy and biblical principles of conflict management. The student and Drummond apologized.

One student remarked that he was raised to respect his teachers and that "students should do their job: learn". Drummond responded that in his teaching experience it has always been open season on professors, but that it is even worse as president. He went on to say that students are here to study, professors to teach and administrators to administer. According to Drummond, "The minute you break out of your role, the whole thing breaks down."

A student from the A. Div. class inquired about the status of the seminary's accreditation. Drummond reported on the actions of ATS and SACS.

The student then asked for specific information about the A. Div. program. Dean Bush explained that the problem is within the federal agency which

accredits graduate schools. The quality of Southeastern's curriculum is not being questioned by ATS. Rather the problem lies in the way the hours will be rated in the academic world. Bush said, "The education will be there. The question is in what it will be called." The 2 options are to form a separate school or to create a new name for the degree. Bush indicated that the administration finds neither option preferable and that a committee is investigating some sort of compromise.

The last issue raised was the prospect of hiring a campus chaplain. Drummond replied that he has invited 2 candidates to fill the position but both declined the offer. Mike Scarborough said that his office is trying to find alternative ways of providing this service and that the Pastoral Care professors are helping in the search.

Drummond commented that he does not want "just a mini-psychiatrist but someone who also has a pastoral image". He indicated that the services of a chaplain are often stigmatized as being for the emotionally disturbed. A student-spouse stressed the need for a counselor and that not everyone who visits a chaplain is emotionally disturbed.

The Forum ended with prayer for the leadership of South Africa, Eastern Europe and Central America led by Dr. Phil Roberts.

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impossible to carry too many responsibilities and get the most out of theological education.

Enquiry: What would you tell someone who is about to graduate?

Beasley-Murray:

They should decide right from the beginning that they are going to build on this foundation and not be sermon sausage machines when they go out into the ministry. They should discuss this with their very first church, that for the sake of the preaching of the Word of God they need time to study.

Enquiry: Do you see any negative effects of pastors devoting too little time to study?

Beasley-Murray:

There is a very limited grasp of the Christian faith and of the Scriptures in so many of our churches.

Enquiry: How can one make this need clear to the church?

Beasley-Murray: It isn't that one wants to use a church to better oneself. We aren't talking about a degree. But one should impress upon a church that one wishes to exercise the most useful ministry possible, central to which is the proclamation of the Word of God.

Enquiry: How should the pastor relate to other denominations?

Beasley-Murray: I would urge anyone who's preparing for the ministry in this place to recognize that the pastor is more than the pastor of one church. There is a responsibility to the fellowship of churches in that

area, and furthermore to the church of God, as such. We have a responsibility to other denominations insofar as we have a responsibility for God's church and the people of the Kingdom of God.

Enquiry: How would you rate Southern Baptists in this area?

Beasley-Murray: Baptists in this country have taken too little interest in other groups of Christians. We say there are 14 million in the convention and that everything is very big. But when you go into a small town it is very different.

Enquiry: Have you always been sensitive to our relationship to other groups of Christians?

Beasley-Murray:

That Baptists should be in active fellowship with other Christians has been part of my life, actually. From the earliest days of my ministry and teaching years it's been my conviction that we have the obligation to bear witness to all the world, and we have an obligation to the whole church of God to bear witness to them as to those convictions which we believe God has given to us. That has as its corollary an obligation to listen to what the Lord has been saying to other Christians.

## ATS DEFERS ACTION ON SEBTS

(from Office of Communications, SEBTS)

After meeting with Seminary officials in January, Dr. William L. Baumgartner, the Associate Director for the Association of Theological Schools has informed Seminary President Lewis A. Drummond that the commission on accreditation has deferred its decision regarding Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary until its next meeting in June. This gives Southeastern additional time to respond to concerns raised by the accrediting agency.

Drummond states, "We are grateful for the continuing opportunity to work with ATS for the benefit of the Seminary. We are giving highest priority to this need."

Dr. L. Russ Bush, Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty commented that he believed that ATS wanted to wait until after the March trustee meeting to see what would be accomplished on the faculty selection process.

A task force made up of 3 faculty, 3 trustees, the president of the seminary along with

an ATS approved facilitator has been working on the faculty selection process since the fall trustee meeting last October. The task force has now drafted a tentative proposal that they believe will help resolve the ambiguity inherent in the former selection process. The president and Dean Bush both believe after discussion with officials at ATS and SACS that most of their concerns are related to this key issue.

## EDITORIAL POLICY

*The Enquiry* publication policy listed below is for the information of all students. These are the policies by which *The Enquiry* will be operated.

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## The Enquiry

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In establishing this newspaper the students of Southeastern Seminary are engaging in an old and honorable practice, that of inviting relevant and constructive discussion by concerned and responsible people on matters pertinent to their common life. They have chosen a name which is equally honorable, one which enjoys a place of special significance in our Baptist history.

In 1792 William Carey published a booklet entitled "An Enquiry into the Obligations of Christians to use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens". He intended not only to set forth his own observations, but also to call forth discussion from others who shared with him a commitment to Jesus Christ and a desire to fulfill their obligations which this discipleship implied. It is significant that he was concerned with Biblical foundation; that he gave attention to historical developments; that he appealed to reason; that he took into account the contemporary conditions; and that he did not ignore questions of practicality. It is hoped that this "Enquiry" will honor this spirit, this tradition, and this name.

John E. Stealy, Professor of Historical Theology  
Volume One, Issue One, The Enquiry, September 24, 1984.



# SPRING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 20

8:30-2:30 Exhibit area open--Ledford Center

10:00 Spring Conference Chapel Service--  
Binkley Chapel: Dr. Lloyd Elder

11:00 Dialogue with Dr. Elder

3:30-3:50 First Conference Period--Binkley

1. How to Effect Change in SS-Piland
2. Focus on Worship--Stacker
3. The Adult World and its Impact on Children--Williams
4. When the Pastor is Also the Minister of Education--Smith

4:00-4:50 Second Conference Period--Binkley

1. Effective Ministerial Leadership--Stacker
2. Congregational Music in Worship--Hawn and Hawkins
3. How to Effect Change in the SS--Piland (repeat)
4. Principles of Writing for Publication and Pay--Smith

Wednesday, March 21

8:30-1:00 Exhibit area open--Ledford Center

10:00 KENDRICK-POERSCHKE LECTURE--  
Binkley Chapel--Dr. Sara Little

11:00 Dialogue with Dr. Little-Broyhill

3:00-3:50 Conference Period--Binkley

1. Leadership Issues and Training Resources--Piland, Stacker, and Thompson
2. Trends of the 1990's--Williams
3. Youth Choir Ministry for the 1990's--Hawkins

Thursday, March 22

10:00 KENDRICK-POERSCHKE LECTURE--  
Binkley Chapel--Dr. Little

## Student Council Apology

On behalf of the 1989-90 Student Council, we the members of the Executive Committee express our regret to the SEBTS family for not being able to fulfill full publication of *The Enquiry* during the fall semester, 1989. We hope that in the future with the cooperation of the administration, *The Enquiry* editor and staff, and the student body that full publication of *The Enquiry* will take place and serve the purpose of being a vehicle of expression for our seminary community as a whole.



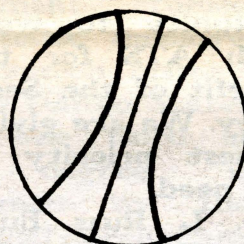
## CHAPEL SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

Tuesday, 13. . . . . Dr. Tom Jackson  
Wednesday, 14. . . . . Mr. Jack Heath  
Thursday, 15. . . . . Russel L. Long

Tuesday, 20. . . . . Dr. Bruce Powers  
KENDRICK-POERSCHKE  
LECTURES

Wednesday, 21. . . . . Dr. Sara Little  
Thursday, 22. . . . . Dr. Little

Tuesday, 27. . . . . Dr. Carol Noren  
Wednesday, 28. . . . . Dr. Mary Forehand  
Thursday, 29. . . . . Dr. Clary Warf



by Caren L. Carver

The SEBTS All-Star basketball team is the 1989-90 Raleigh Baptist Association league regular season champions. With the first place finish and an 8-1 record, coaches Michael Johnson and Terri Steed are pleased with the team's overall performance. "The team has risen above expectations, particularly considering that they were selected to finish third or fourth in such a competitive league," Johnson said. "We had to capitalize on our speed due to lack of height."

All teams in the RBA are required to take part in a monthly missions project. As their project, the All-Stars donated time to the Wake Forest Crisis Center.

The team begins tournament play the week of March 5, 1990.

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In other highlights of the 1989 survey, overseas Baptists' church membership increased 16.4% during the year, climbing to 2.4 million.

Overseas Baptists added three and a half times as many new members as Southern Baptist churches in the US.