June, 1979

Graduation exercises were held in Binkley Chapel May 12, 1979. There were 250 graduates in all degree programs. This brings the total alumni GRADUATION of Southeastern to 3,839.

Dr. Ben Fisher delivered the charge to the candidates and spoke later at a luncheon celebrating reunion of the class of 1954, the first graduating class.

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Jerry Niswonger, Assistant to the President: Student Development, received his D.Min. degree at the spring graduation. His project was an analysis of the Seminary's first "Boundary Project" — a program whereby recent grad-

uates were invited back to the campus for dialogue and consultation with a view toward finding the gaps between their seminary training and their actual ministry requirements.

Dr. Niswonger has been on the seminary staff since November, 1970.

The Inter-Agency Council of the Southern Baptist Convention met in Dallas, Texas, May 21-22. The purpose of the <u>IAC</u> meeting was to review current values trends in the United States and to share some time together with the newly appointed Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, Dr. Harold Bennett.

The student apartment project is in full swing. Progress on the site work continues at rapid pace. CONSTRUCTION REPORT Thirty apartments are under roof; ten are framed; and foundations for twenty others have been poured.

The deadline to have 50 apartments ready for occupancy September 1 remains realistic. The contractors, Fortis, Inc., are cooperating fully in accomplishing this "near miracle."

Rough grading for the "Heritage Woods" subdivision is underway.

The special campaign for endowment and capital needs has accelerated. The "in-house" campaign was concluded April 30, with over \$100,000 given and pledged. This included 100% participation by the faculty.

The trustees and development council continue to make their commitments. The 100% goal for these groups is nearing attainment.

The Wake County campaign is underway. Steering Committees for all sections have been enlisted. Solicitation is scheduled for the month of June. Other area campaigns in N. C. are soon to be announced.

The initial gifts goal of \$1,000,000 will be surpassed within the next ten days.

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