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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CERTIFICATE CLASS; 2/3 OF STUDENTS MUST APPROVE

A constitutional amendment was endorsed by the Student Co-Ordinating Council in its general meeting on April 15, giving the Certificate class an additional representative. The additional representative would be for the incoming Certificate Class. Presently there is only one representative for both Certificate Classes.

The student body as a whole will vote on this amendment as a part of the upcoming spring elections. A constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Body enrolled (not two-thirds of the persons voting). Therefore, the vote of every student---Junior, Middler, Senior, Graduate, and Certificate---is important.

O. Wendell Smith, the present Certificate Representative, encourages all members of the Certificate Class to get a ballot into the hands of every student with a request for their yes vote on these amendments.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT BODY, AND TO ITS BYLAWS

Constitution: Article III, Section 1, c.

Add the following at the end of this section.

"4. One Representative from the Certificate Class"

Bylaws: Article I, Section 1, iv.

Add the words "incoming Certificate" in the last sentence which is in parentheses. This, then reads,

"(For Juniors, Incoming Certificate, and Graduate Representatives see Article III.)"

Bylaws: Article II, Section 1, b.

Add the words "and Certificate" between the words "Junior" and "class". This then reads, "...incoming Junior and Certificate Class...."

Bylaws: Article II, Section 1, c.

Add the following sentence at the end of the section.

"The certificate Representative elected from the rising Seniors in the spring elections shall serve on the Executive-Committee."

Bylaws: Article III, Section 1.

Add the word "Certificate" after the word "Junior" in the first sentence.

This then reads,

"Nominations for Representatives from the incoming Junior, Certificate, and Graduate classes shall..."

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The purpose of these amendments is,

1. To secure a Representative to the S.C.C. for the incoming Certificate Class.
2. To designate the elected rising Senior Representative to serve on the S.C.C. Executive-Committee.

.....NATIONAL POLITICS IN MINIATURE.....

PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON does not have a monopoly on political problems these days---our own General Chairman Joe Coltrane can vouch for that. Politics on our campus dreadfully resemble those on a national level. Last year our country put into office a President that appealed to the conservative sentiment of an apprehensive nation.

LAST YEAR our seminary body put into office a general chairman that appealed to the dominant strain of conservative students on campus, apprehensive of possible "reckless liberal leadership." Both men faced bitter campaigns and once elected were forced to deal with hostile government bodies, hesitant to approve even the slightest of proposals designed by the president.

THE EVIDENT SIGNS of Richard Nixon's predicament have become very clear through recent events such as the defeats of Haynsworth and Carswell to the Supreme Court seat. The evident signs of Joe Coltrane's predicament were made clear last week as his plan for a faculty-student council was defeated. Such defeats illuminate the difficult courses each man must follow.

THOUGH Haynsworth and Carswell have their flaws, their defeats are much more closely tied to Nixon's flaws than the opposition admits. Though the proposed council for Southeastern has its flaws, its defeat is much more closely tied to Joe Coltrane's problems than council members admit. Both men are now suffering from the promises they made that were not kept and the promises not made that should have been kept.

A RICHARD NIXON and a Joe Coltrane must each be respected for their stamina and determined effort against great odds, but both must also be pitied for their total lack of understanding of the forces at work for change. No president can afford to propose guidelines that reflect a narrow course of action, that do not allow for a checking of the pulse beat of the people they are serving.

At Southeastern this has been a year ripe for improving changes, as signaled by the interest displayed on our campus. It has been a year of study committees, new course curriculum, strung banners, and underground papers. Whether you view these as negative or positive factors in our school's development you cannot argue with the interest exhibited by them. The year has passed and some good has come but such a meager percentage of what was possible.

OUR COUNTRY, our denomination, and our school have all had a knack of placing men in leadership roles who live in the past and whose ideas reflect the caution of two decades ago. These men all would have been well chosen in past days but seem so out of place today. This campus, most of all, needs the vigor and life of the sixties in order to continue in the seventies.

LAST YEAR our student body elections carried the trademark of diversity, and I, along with many others, was a part of establishing that trademark. Now we must establish a trademark of unity. We must demonstrate to our Baptist people and perhaps our nation (if they should find out we exist) that people who think in different ways can work and grow together and therefore teach each other from just their contact.

WE DO NOT NEED CALLS FOR A chair of evangelism---a call which is roughly supported by half the student body. We need a call for a program that is both feasible and responsive to all. We need a student body leader who will co-ordinate the work of our committees, hoping that they will function more efficiently than they have this year. Such a functioning government could seek and respond to the needs of the school community.

PERHAPS we could start by electing a general chairman who is responsive to the entire student body---one who could foster unity and improvement---a president who exhibits the qualities of today and not the ideas of yesterday. If you care for our school and its work you will seek such a person instead of gathering in your respective corners planning a strategy that will assure victory in that ring of liberal versus conservative boxing that seems prevalent for Southern Baptists.

WE CAN only hope that Mr. Nixon will become more responsive to his nation of the seventies, but we can do more than hope at Southeastern---we can try a fresh start with the right student as our leader.

-----Curt Finch

.....CONCERNING THE SIN-QUIRY.....

Last week we received a quite provocative letter from Mr. Jim Montsinger concerning the publishing of our April Fool special edition. Mr. Montsinger has raised several important questions about this edition which deserve answers.

When it was decided to publish an April Fools paper, it was realized that a certain amount of risk was involved in light of the still recent "DING-DONG SCHOOL" bulletin. But our April Fool edition was in the planning stages in the form that it appeared well before the appearance of this underground publication, and so we decided to proceed in good conscience.

We believe that there are several very good reasons why THE SIN-QUIRY can be considered acceptable while DING-DONG SCHOOL is not. Of course, it is the prerogative of anyone to disagree with these reasons, but as far as THE SIN-QUIRY is concerned, the editor is prepared to assume full responsibility for all material which appeared.

In the first place, no names appeared in THE SIN-QUIRY because it is not our regular custom to include names with all our articles. As for the authorship of the articles, the editor, Mr. Sidney Rodriguez, Mr. Alan Sasser, and others, including Mr. Douglas Maness and Mr. Phil Crabtree, who suggested ideas, acted as contributors.

In the April Fool edition, names of persons within the Seminary community were not used or alluded to without direct permission from the person referred to. Indeed, two persons refused to give permission for their names to be used, and, therefore, appropriate changes were made.

In the third place, no slanderous statements were made about persons within the Seminary community as was the case in the underground newspaper. The purpose of using the names of persons in the Seminary family was for the sake of humor alone. Several allusions were made to figures outside the Seminary community, for which permission was not obtained, and this may rightly be taken to be in the context of serious editorial comment.

It is against the policy of THE ENQUIRY, in fact, to make any questionable references to persons within the Seminary community without first obtaining their permission. This written policy of the student newspaper was followed to the letter.

We want everyone to know that THE SIN-QUIRY was not published hastily, that much care went into its preparation and writing. The staff of THE ENQUIRY makes no apologies to anyone for our April Fool paper, and indeed, we would not hesitate to publish again, in good conscience, the very same paper. (P.M.)

LOST AND FOUND.....

FOUND...outside Johnson Rorm... a necktie, indicative of rather liberal theological leanings on the part of one who wears it... owner can claim it by describing it...see Tom Biggar, # 124, Johnson Dorm.

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Next Week.....

.....in THE ENQUIRY

----Faculty Member of the Month

----Sports Features on Softball, Ping-Pong and Tennis

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TIGERS AND ORIOLES HEAD FOR A SHOWDOWN

When the dust had settled at the end of last week's intramural softball action, the unbeaten Orioles and the once-beaten Tigers emerged as the strongest contenders for the league crown. The two teams will meet this Thursday in what may be a crucial game, barring an upset in Tuesday's twin bill.

In Tuesday's action, the Orioles extended their unbeaten record to 3-0, beating the Cards 13-3 in five innings. From the looks of this game, it appears that the Orioles may have the best-balanced team in the league. Add to this a tremendous team spirit and the momentum generated by a start and you have the makings of a real fine pennant contender.

On Thursday, the Tigers rebounded from a 6-5 loss to the Orioles by mauling the luckless Braves, 14-0, in another five inning game. Pitcher Bill Martin and the strong Tiger defense allowed the Braves' attack only one hit, a second inning single by Eleager Benenbalez. The fourteen Tiger runs represented the top Tiger offensive spurge of the season.

Everyone who enjoys good softball ought not to miss Thursday's Oriole-Tiger showdown. It should be a truly great game.

<u>Standings</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Orioles	3	0
Tigers	2	1
Cardinals	1	2
Braves	0	3

RICHARD MILHAM TO BE HERE

Mr. Richard Milham, alumnus of Southeastern and author of Broadman Press' popular release, Brother Fred Chicken-Super-Pastor, will be on campus Thursday, April 23. He will be in the cafeteria during the coffee break (10:30-11:00) and at 11:00 will be in the Bethea Room for unhurried conversation with students. He is presently a pastor in Orlando, Florida, and president of the Florida Southeastern Alumni Association. We welcome him back to the campus as a distinguished alumnus and are glad for this opportunity of dialogue with him.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS ON CAMPUS

The following leaders of the Sunday School Dept. from Nashville will be on campus Wed. April 22 and Thurs. April 23; Mr. Bob Fulbright-representing pre-school and children's work; Mr. Dennis Conniff, Jr.-representing youth work; and Mr. Stuart Arnold-representing general administration.

Members of the student body and faculty are invited to a coffee hour on Thurs. April 23, 1970, 10:30-11:00 in the cafeteria. Opportunity to meet these men and have dialogue with them.



CHAPEL SPEAKERS:

April 21--Dr. H. Guy Moore...Pastor, Plymouth Haven Baptist Church... Alexandria, Virginia.

22--Mr. J. Leo Green
23--Mr. James E. Tull

Miss Karen Lambert
Mr. Robert Page
Mr. Roy Parker
Mr. John S. Paschal
Mr. Frank Powers
Mr. Willie Roberts

24--Mr. J. Carroll Trotter, Jr.
Mr. Eugene Payne
Miss Gwyn Pell
Mr. Richard Plyler
Mr. Tom Patterson
Mr. Melvyn Salter
Mr. Alfred Sellers

28--Mr. Garland A. Hendricks

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

28--WMU...8 P.M....Bethea Room...Installation for next year's Officer.
