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## STUDENT COUNCIL SERVING THE STUDENTS

Since I entered Southeastern in the fall of 1973 I have seen many changes take place. I can say with all confidence that Southeastern Seminary is a much better place as a result of the many changes and additions. It is with this in mind that the Student Council wishes to continue making this seminary a better one.

This year the Student Council wishes to respond to particular needs of students as well as provide opportunities for ministry, service and fellowship.

First of all, if you have a particular need, concern, idea or suggestion about any aspect of the school let us know. There are several ways to do this: (1) Suggestion Boxes, (2) Needs Questionnaire (to be administered later this semester), (3) Friday Forums, (4) Student Council meetings, (5) Drop by my office on second floor Mackie (hours: 8-10 a.m. Tuesday - Friday), (6) Talk with someone on Student Council and for entering students you may talk with your student or faculty leader.

It is hoped that the Student Council will provide opportunities that will be adequate for the wide range of students attending Southeastern. If you feel an important area is being overlooked, please inform us. I would like to categorize the opportunities that the present council is making available to students.

**MINISTRY:** There are a variety of opportunities through the Off-Campus Ministries. These include: Famine Relief Committee, Raleigh Partners, Prison Ministry, Tutoring, High School Ministry and F.O.C.U.S.

**SERVICE:** This is the largest area of opportunity within the council. Some of the possibilities would include the following committees: Arts, Ethics, Social, Student Welfare, Communication, Publicity, Athletic and Chapel. Many of these committees or subcommittees could use your assistance. Soon a list of committees and vacancies will be published.

**FELLOWSHIP:** Several of the committees will be working toward providing opportunities for fellowship this year. The Social Committee has several ideas to provide activities and recreation for the entire seminary family. The Arts Committee has in mind providing cultural events for the seminary. There is the possibility of the formation of a Spiritual Life Committee which would concern the Spiritual life of the student. Let us hear from you this year. Jim Brown, President SC



SEBTS AND WFU: ON COMMON GROUND  
by Don Hall

Southeastern Seminary sits on the former campus of Wake Forest University, now located in Winston-Salem, N.C. Each campus is now separated by many miles, but both share a common heritage as Baptist institutions of higher learning.

With this in mind I listened with more than mild attentiveness to the WFU graduation address, Noblesse Oblige, by Harry M. Philpott, President of Auburn University, on Monday, May 17, 1976.

Noblesse Oblige, he noted, was a term propounded by Robert E. Lee and is translated the "obligation of the nobility." As 8 % of our population in the U.S. has a baccalaureate degree, he said the Noblesse Oblige is essential to the functioning of democracy.

Thomas Jefferson said that we must emphasize both merit and equality in the aristocracy of talents and achievements. "We either keep both or lose both," Philpott added.

Referring back to Lee's term, Philpott said the Noblesse Oblige includes two obligations: (1) of generosity, not for self but for service to and for the well-being of fellow persons; and, (2) of responsibility for the way you perform with what you have or for what you do with what you have.

Mr. Philpott noted that the final commencement of WFU at this the old Wake Forest campus was held on May 21, 1956. He reported the "Foundation Song" of that institution.

- (1) It was built on sound, solid work.
  - (2) It was built on the open mind, the liberty of the human intellect to believe.
  - (3) Faith was central. (The things not seen are eternal.)
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(4) The Lordship of Jesus Christ was essential. (To whom much is given, much is also required.)

We at SEBTS can look back to these four foundation blocks and again touch a portion of our shared inheritance with the University. And we can listen attentively with the 1976 graduates of WFU to Mr. Philpott's closing remark: "See that you fulfill the obligations of your new nobility."

By responding appropriately, we can indeed function in adversity and finish in style.

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ATTENTION!!!

In accordance with the Constitution of the Student Body BYLAWS, Article III, Section I; the nominating committee is now receiving names of students interested in running for representative for Senior Class M. Div., Junior Class M.Div., D. Min., Th. M., and Junior Class Certificate. Nominations must be received by 4:30 p.m., September 23, 1976.

In accordance with Article 1, Section B; one week then will be set aside for petitioning the nominating committee to have a candidate's name placed on the ballot.

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Those who made this issue of The Enquiry possible are

- Carol Chambers, editor
- Larkin Rossitter
- Don Hall
- Bill Duke
- Cathy Cole
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Dr. Richard Spencer, faculty advisor

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## Beyond the Rock Wall by Larkin Rossiter



Does anything important ever happen outside the Seminary? Or is the essence of life history and the Bible, Student Council, and faculty grading? I believe there are people and events which affect our lives within the rock wall. The essence of life has to do with politics and society, science and football. So I ask you to join me this year in dialogue as we look "Beyond the rock wall."

Mao Tse Tung is dead. He died September 9, 1976. One fourth of humanity is still mourning his passing. Much more of humanity has been reflecting on his life, celebrating his achievements and recognizing his limitations. I must admit Mao is impressive. After years of oppression and murder by Chiang Kai Shek, Mao's Communists rose upward and pushed Chiang into the sea. Then Mao united the Chinese people and abolished poverty among one quarter of the world.

I have good feelings and bad feelings about Mao. He has prevented the West from continuing its 19th and 20th century exploitation of the Asian Continent. He has directed China in developing a new identity in a technological age. Upon these successes he brought a new China into this world of nations. I am glad he lived to see China's entrance into the U.N. and a new dynamic relationship with the United States. But Mao's success required negative methods. He was too quick to use violence as a tool for social reform, eg. the Red Guard of the mid-60's. He excluded any opinion or lifestyle that would not reinforce the direction he

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As chairman of the Student Sub-Committee on Evangelism Training, please allow me this opportunity to welcome all new and returning students to SEBTS. On February 5, 1976, this committee was formed to co-ordinate proposals that relate to evangelism and discipleship in addition to helping to create a more positive atmosphere on campus toward both topics. In April we surveyed 311 students to find out their personal needs and interests on these two topics. It was alarming to discover that only 16% of those interviewed felt like our seminary was adequately equipping them in the area of personal evangelism. We were delighted to be informed that the trustees of SEBTS voted in April that there will be an Evangelism course taught each semester by visiting professors until a full-time Professorship of Evangelism is established here. The Visiting Professor of Evangelism for the Fall Semester is Rev. John E. Lawrence, pastor of Forest Hills Baptist Church in Raliegh.

This year we will be responsible for co-ordinating, considering, and recommending any student proposed evangelistic and discipleship program to be held on campus at SEBTS. If you desire to teach or sponsor such a program to be held on our campus, please contact the committee with your written proposal. Also, if you have a need or interest in the area of evangelism and discipleship, contact us. As the academic year progresses, we hope to sponsor an Evangelism Emphasis on our campus. We would appreciate your prayers, ideas, thoughts, concerns and help in this matter. You can contact me in Johnson Dorm room 121 or write P.O. Box 2022 SEBTS or phone 556-1575.

Bill Duke



Experiencing the Moment  
 a good idea for a racer each  
 minute of the Indy 500.

Experiencing the Moment  
 a necessity for a tightrope  
 walker or a neurosurgeon.

Experiencing the Moment  
 an advantage in class or  
 when trying to recall a name.

Experiencing the Moment  
 a delight in worship, at  
 sunrise, or the sea.

Experiencing the Moment  
 a wave of new and/or old  
 emotions.

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 Missions Conference '77.

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 sometimes not a coincidence.

Experiencing the Moment  
 prayer, preparation, people.

Experiencing the Moment  
 February 18-20, 1977.

Experiencing the Moment  
 an invitation.

Help make the visions realities.  
 Begin now to prayerfully support  
 the Missions and Ministry Con-  
 ference, make plans to attend  
 the weekend, enlist to help  
 provide quality moments in the  
 expression of Christian mission  
 and ministry. Please get in  
 touch with Brenda Kneece, Gen-  
 eral Chairperson, if you are  
 interested in helping in any  
 area (P.O. 2034; 556-9982); or  
 leave your name and telephone  
 number in the Student Activities  
 Office.

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Beyond the Rock Wall(from p.3)  
 wanted China to take, eg. Christ-  
 ianity. Mao was a revolutionary  
 like Thomas Jefferson, Like Lenin  
 and Trotsky. Mao was not a rev-  
 olutionary like Mahatma Gandhi or  
 Jesus Christ. Gandhi rejected  
 violence as a tool of social  
 reform. Jesus never forced any-  
 one to follow His direction but  
 He gave new opinions and a new  
 lifestyle to those who did. All  
 revolutions bring empowerment to  
 a people. The question is "Whose  
 methods should we use?"

F.O.C.U.S. TEAMS

F.O.C.U.S.--Fellowship Of Christians United in Service.

Exciting, challenging, meaning-  
 ful, worthwhile ministry opportuni-  
 ties are available to all interested  
 members of the seminary family.

The purpose of F.O.C.U.S. is three  
 fold in nature: 1) To provide a  
 ministry for churches in need of a  
 special emphasis week-end, day or  
 service; 2) To provide a place of  
 ministry for Southeastern students;  
 and, 3) To provide an outreach min-  
 istry from the seminary.

Needed...You! If you are not  
 involved in fulltime vocational  
 ministry--give of yourself through  
 F.O.C.U.S. This is an opportunity  
 to gain practical experience in  
 ministry and to grow individually.  
 We would welcome an invitation for  
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 you who may be serving as ministers  
 in a church.

We challenge you to find out  
 more about F.O.C.U.S. F.O.C.U.S.  
 experienced phenomenal growth last  
 year as we were able to serve over  
 forty churches and involve over fif-  
 ty seminary students and their fami-  
 lies in ministry. As we begin anew  
 this year we covet your prayers and  
 participation.

\*Important Meeting  
 F.O.C.U.S. Orientation  
 September 23, 1976  
Time: 7:00

Place: Commons Room--Mackie

Address all inquires concerning  
 F.O.C.U.S. to: Box 2138 SEBTS  
 Wake Forest, N.C.  
 27587

Or contact: Debra Griffis  
 or Kay Smith Women's Dorm



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS:

The first meeting of the 1976-77 Student Council was held on Monday, September 13, at 7:00 pm. Under the direction of Jim Brown, Student Council president, each committee discussed its purposes, goals for the present year, and any progress toward making these goals a reality. One could summarize the meeting by saying that, within the entire Student Council, there is definitely a positive attitude for making this campus the best possible for the seminary family.

The next Student Council meeting is scheduled for next Friday, September 24, at 10:00 am in the Conference Room of Mackie Hall. If you have any suggestions or complaints to make to the Student Council, you may drop a note in the Suggestion Boxes which will be found in Mackie, Appleby, the library, and the cafeteria. These suggestions will be tallied, discussed, and forwarded to the proper personnel on campus.

The following Student Council Committees still have vacancies which need to be filled. The names beside the committees are the people to be contacted if you wish to serve on a committee.

- Communications and Publicity--Richard Wynne
- Pastoral Care--Curtis England
- High School--Mike Barker

You may also contact Jim Brown on the second floor of Mackie Hall.

The Student Council is an organization designed to help the student body on this campus. But, you, the student, are partly responsible for its success. Let them know your feelings or suggestions, for only then will they be able to act upon the needs of Southeastern Seminary.

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ATTENTION: VACANCY

The position of Enquiry editor has become vacant upon the resignation of the current editor. A minimum of one week will be set aside for any interested student to submit an application for the position of editor along with a resume of his/her experience and aims for the paper. Upon receiving these applications the Student Council nominating committee will interview the candidates and make recommendations to the Student Council. After hearing the recommendations of the nominating committee, the Student Council will elect the editor from those students who submitted applications.

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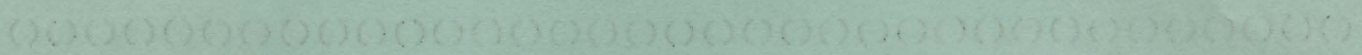
The first meeting of the 1970-71 Student Council was held on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 pm. Under the direction of the present Student Council president, each committee discussed its progress, goals for the present year, and any progress toward making these goals a reality. One could summarize the meeting by saying that, within the entire Student Council, there is definitely a positive attitude for making this campus the best possible for the coming year.

The next Student Council meeting is scheduled for next Friday, September 24, at 10:00 am in the Conference Room of Jackie Hall. We have any suggestions or complaints to make to the Student Council, let me drop a note in the suggestion boxes which will be found in Jackie, Murphy, the library, and the cafeteria. These suggestions will be talked, discussed, and forwarded to the proper personnel on campus.

The following Student Council Committees still have vacancies which need to be filled. The names beside the committees are the people to be contacted if you wish to serve on a committee.

- Communications and Publicity - Richard Wynne
- Financial - Curtis Spalding
- Library - Mike Baker

You may also contact Jim Brown on the second floor of Jackie Hall. The Student Council is an organization designed to help the student body on this campus. For you, the student, are partly responsible for its success. Let them know your feelings or suggestions. They will try to act upon the needs of Southern University.



ATTENTION: EDITOR

The position of Faculty Editor has become vacant upon the resignation of the current editor. A minimum of one week will be set aside for any interested student to submit an application for the position of editor along with a resume of his/her experience and aims for the year. Upon receiving these applications, the Student Council nominating committee will interview the candidates and make recommendations to the Student Council. After hearing the recommendations of the nominating committee, the Student Council will elect the editor from those students who submitted applications.

