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This issue of The Enquiry, besides carrying the weekly news and announcements, editorials and letters, presents a supplement devoted to creative writing. Whereas poetry predominates this month, we also welcome essays, short stories, and short drama.

IT'S HAPPENING.....

Tuesday, Oct. 31; Handball Tournament play begins today.
Wednesday, Nov. 1; Day of prayer for God's guidance in the search for peace.
----Archery instruction at 4:15 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 2; Mars Hill Day. Following Chapel, the 25 alumni of the college and friends are invited to meet with Dr. M.H. Kendall in the Bethea Room at 10:30 a.m.
----Flag Football game at 4:15 p.m.
----The Sons of the Prophets will have dinner at the Cafeteria at 5:00 followed by a meeting in the Bethea Room 5:30-7:30.
----W.M.U.-- The Smith Circle will meet with Mrs. Marc Lovelace at 8:00 p.m.
----Ministry to Rest Homes, 7:00 & 7:30.
Sunday, Nov. 5; Murdoch teachers meet at Cafeteria at 10:00 a.m.
Monday, Nov. 6 - Wednesday, Nov. 8; NON-EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE. (see posted programs) (((((Mr. LeRoy Moore, Jr. of Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Conn., will meet with students interested in graduate studies at Hartford in the Faculty Lounge from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday, November 6.))))
Tuesday, Nov. 7; There will be a Parents and Teachers Meeting at the Child Care Center at 7:30 p.m.

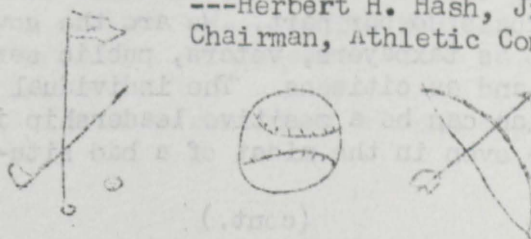
CHAPEL SPEAKERS: November 1-7.

Wednesday; Chapel devoted to prayers for God's guidance in our search for peace.
Thursday; Dr. M.H. Kendall, Chairman of the Department of Religion, Mars Hill College.
Friday; President Binkley.
Tuesday; Seltz C. Mayo, Head of Department of Anthropology and Sociology, N.C. State.
Topic: "What is Happening in the South".

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

GOLF - The Tournament is well under way with 24 participants. Semi-Finals matches are to be completed by November 7, 1967. Will those who have not played their matches please do so immediately. Failure to play the scheduled matches by the designated dates considerably inhibits Tournament progress, so let's get on the ball!
BASKETBALL - Teams have been selected and scrimmaging is to begin at the discretion of the team captains. Will those persons who yet desire to play, but are not assigned to a team please contact either of the gym assistants immediately. A season schedule is being worked out.
FLAG FOOTBALL - A pickup game for those interested will be played at 4:15 p.m. this Thursday, November 2. Spread the word and come out to the old football field near Rankin Court to release some of your tensions.
ARCHERY - Del Suggs will continue instruction at 4:15 p.m. this Wednesday, November 1. If you have any inkling in this direction, please join us in an exciting sport.
HANDBALL - Tournament play begins today. Those playing please check the scheduling in Appleby Building and Gore Gymnasium and play your matches by the designated dates. Additionally, players should pick up and read carefully a copy of basic Tournament Regulations which will be observed. These rules will be on hand at Gore Gym.

---Herbert H. Hash, Jr.
Chairman, Athletic Committee



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EDITORIAL

Last Friday's Chapel speaker delivered a message well to have been heard by all of us. In brief, its content centered around the present day picture of the Church "warts and all" as the speaker put it. Though she has her blemishes, the Church is not to be discounted as a dying failure. Following a review of her faults and a ringing affirmation of the continued life of this body of Christ, he discussed the work of the Church. We have a divine message and a divine mission, but our methods were left to us in that they be relevant to our age. Our method for today is that of "infiltration" of our society. It is at this point that the speaker is criticised in an editorial found elsewhere in this paper.

I believe, however, that as Christians we are to infiltrate our society; beaches, bars, and bureaus. Yet not as the formal church, but as individuals where ever our place of service. As the "salt", "yeast", and "light" of the world, all Christians are involved in this task. That wretched dogma so often heard that the only full time Christian service is that found in church related vocations is to be anathematized. We can make our influence count whether we serve as a mechanic, student, clerk, government employee, or school teacher. Where ever the action is, there are people, and we of all people ought to be there.

The Government itself is trying to relate to people and their needs. The Church has the duty to thus channel whatever needs of the people to which it can not minister toward the greater resources of our Commonwealth. We well say that often government projects are failures in reaching the people. Here is where we as individuals do our part. We are the government as taxpayers, voters, public servants, and as citizens. The individual Christian can be a positive leadership influence even in the midst of a bad situation.

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We have no prescribed methods in the task of our message and mission, but dare we relegate the "ends-justify-the-means" concept as being inconsistent with our faith? If the end does not justify the means, what does, pray tell? If we take our end to be the guiding of growing neighbors to develop their capacity for humanness and the guiding of these developing persons to their point of determining their relation to God's will, then whatever means are thus based upon this end are factors in our method of infiltration and situation ethic of Agape.

-----C. Creed Caldwell

AWARDS RECEIVED

Two first year students were the recipients of the first Stealey-Weatherspoon awards at Southeastern. Robert L. Vance of Pineola, an honor student at Davidson; and David G. Bradshaw of Rocky Mount, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; received the awards made possible by First Baptist of Raleigh. The awards are in honor of two former members of that church; Dr. S.L. Stealey, President Emeritus of Southeastern, and the late Dr. J.B. Weatherspoon, visiting professor from 1956-1963.

MOVIE REVIEW

ULYSSES--Based upon the novel by James Joyce.

The best aid for this Audio-Visual would have been to cut out the audio.

This film may be of value to the "Stream of Consciousness" cult as well as an illustrated lecture in a lab course in human psychology and interpersonal relations. But as viewed by two couples of a well educated and open-minded background, the production, rather than being presented for commercial reception could best have been left as a novel. Though it had moments of humor and flashes of sanity, the film quickly shook them off and slithered into rank vulgarity. The audience atmosphere was laden with a sickening repulsion toward the revolting dialogue.

-----C.C.C.

Editorial

During a recent chapel program the student body was treated to a talk on the changing methods of ministry. The speaker very correctly pointed out that, in order to be effective, the church must adapt its methods to the modern situation. He scored again when he pointed out that Christ did not prescribe all the methods of propagation available to us.

At this point, however, the speaker's remarks erupted into a blaze of conclusions that were hardly warranted by the premises he had so skillfully laid down. "Infiltration" he said, is the word. We are to infiltrate the beaches, the bars, and the Federal Welfare Programs--In other words: "where the action is."

Granted that these people are to be ministered to. But since Jesus did not prescribe methods, would it be reasonable to assume that any method should be used? Is "the-ends-justify-the-means" concept consistent with Christian doctrine? Should we--to carry this method to a logical extreme--infiltrate brothels in order to convert prostitutes?

Our speaker was encouraged by the changes of attitudes in Nashville and the "bright young men with bright new ideas". If these are examples of the bright new ideas--perhaps we should infiltrate Nashville.

---Chip Conyers

* LETTERS *

To Chip Conyers: In reference to your editorial in The Enquiry "Body of Christ or Federal Agency?", (Oct. 24), you have implied strongly that there is quite a distinction to be made between the purpose of government and that of the Church. This is so because there is such a teleological distinction. Government orders the lives of men through the manipulation of punitive legislation to insure the possession of "inalienable rights". Our denomination seeks, I am sure, to establish a meaningful approach to these rights through the Christian interpretation of life. But the how of being a brother's keeper is the primary question in a megapolis society.

The problem of Christian ethics in a city of three million people who have in-

terrelated functions and responsibilities is a tremendous undertaking for any church or group of churches. We should thank God that there are government channels with the authority of enforcement to provide us with an armed defense. The government also plays the role of a big brother but not a big brother in an Orwellian sense. We as the government provide food, clothing, shelter, and medical care for the poor and outcast. We as government are at best only good Samaritans to each other with fire protection, sanitation, and other projects for public welfare. This role is necessary for "a nation under God" and I for one say thanks for these blessings in areas that the Church has long abdicated its responsibility for in days past.

Our mission as Christians is the social salvation as well as the soul salvation of mankind. As with love and marriage, one without the other is the carriage without a horse. Government and religious co-operation are necessary without domination by either in our world of woes.

As for "liberal clergymen" the terminology escapes me unless you mean a 19th century transformation of man by a social revolution. This we know empirically not to be an option since the advent of "Civil Rights". Also, I do not have the motivation for a McCarthy type watchdog career of sleuthing out and persecuting "Liberals". In so many words, I'm saying that the three "H" man in our government was not asking us to promote government programs as ministers, but to help the needy take advantage of them. Even the program is not new but some concern for the Christian responsibility for other than the church would be new. Show me a Baptist welfare program that touches the material needs of a few old folks (Baptist?), homeless children (Baptist), or those in need of medical attention (Baptist) other than foreign mission causes. I hope we don't tell a starving child that "Christ is the ultimate answer" without feeding him first. A Christianity without a neighbor ethic is a freak and a farce.

-----Ralph Medlock

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To the Editor:

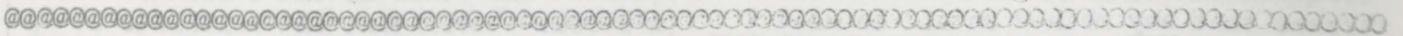
I am writing in connection with the letter from a student which was printed in The Enquiry dated October 10, 1967.

What was done regarding a medical insurance plan for students has in fact been done for the past several years. As was stated in the letter written by the Business Manager, the Seminary is not involved in any way from a financial standpoint. Calling attention to this plan was an effort to be of help to students, and not to help any insurance company. The plans which have been called to the attention of the student body have been designed for persons in a student status, and the plan mentioned this year is designed especially for seminary students.

Some Southern Baptist seminaries require students to carry medical insurance. If they do not present proof of coverage at registration, they are enrolled in coverage with a company selected by the seminary and are required to pay the premium for the coverage. Southeastern has not required medical coverage but has left it on a purely voluntary basis with the student.

The student refers to "ethical bounds being side-stepped" and the "support of private enterprise." The practice of providing advisory service to students regarding medical insurance which this school has followed for more than ten years, neither violates Christian ethics nor passes judgment on private enterprise. It is an effort to be helpful to students and to their families.

-----Wilbur N. Todd
Business Manager



STAND

IF DIRT BE ALL I AM

Stand in the marsh or in the mire,
Stand in the cold or hellish fire,
Stand on the thinness of a wire,
But stand, stand, stand.

Stand on the peaks or valleys deep,
Stand on plateaus or jagged steep,
Stand on the wind-tossed sandy heaps,
But stand, stand, stand.

Stand midst the battle of the age,
Stand with the fools and with the sage,
Stand midst the direful, dark presage,
Yes stand, stand, stand.

Stand, though the world beside you fall,
Stand midst the tempting, evil call,
Stand with the steadfast faith of Paul,
Yes stand, stand, stand.

Stand on conviction deep within,
Stand on the Truth that has no end,
Stand fast, alone, and conquer sin,
Yes stand, stand, stand.

Stand on the Master's holy name,
Stand with your life, one constant flame,
Stand, 'til He doth your soul reclaim,
Forever -- stand, stand, stand !

Oh God, if I am naught but dirt
That has not reached its final form,
If all my efforts are but atoms
Fighting blindly in life's storm;

And if my thoughts arise like clouds
That fade away when comes the dawn,
Or if my heart beats for no cause
But that life's battle may rage on;

If all my hope be but a whisper
That no listening ear doth hear;
If no great purpose rides my actions,
Or no wonder stirs my fear,

Then God, oh God, bring on the dawn,
Or darkness as the case may be.
End the battle, hush the storm,
Make a dusty mound of me.

But if, oh if, I should be more
Than just a moving pile of stones,
And if thy wonderous hand hath made me
For some purpose yet unknown,

Then enter thou into this flesh
And glorify this dusty frame;
Light a match, and touch my heart,
And see if it supports the flame !

By Robert Mann Turner

A PILGRIM PRAYER

Lord, when my spirit drags the clay,
 And my feet plod cheerless on Thy Way,
 Help me not my pace to slack,
 Keep me from that dull look back,
 In the grayness of my view,
 Remember I, Thy "Whence to?"

In the darkness of the night,
 While at rest in Pilgrim Camp,
 So did I, bereft of sight,
 Hear Thy pilgrims onward tramp,
 Singing quiet songs in hope,
 As their nearer dawn came nigh.

Thus in darkness still I grope,
 Trusting Thee in deeper hope.
 Lord of Night and Darkened Ways,
 Till Thy nearer dawn comes nigh,
 And my path glows in Thy rays,
 Teach my heart to sing and praise,
 Till my clearer dawn comes high.

By John C. Hudson

INCIDENT

The April sun broods
 upon the breeze
 splashing
 over infant leaves
 and spilling nectar
 from lilted flowers
 onto every tongue

while at the open window
 a butterfly flits
 to and fro
 then in

where spangled rays
 slit the air
 suspended
 over wooden chairs
 as the liquor
 of ancient sages
 etches into the slate.

By Eugene Ruble



WAITING

(On the maternity floor for the first
 child to be born)

Waiting ! And it's worthwhile,
 they say,
 If what you're waiting for
 Can truly bring a brighter day--
 Then waiting; ah,
 Eager is our anxious heart
 For fear of gloom
 Or doom to start
 To mar what little joy imparted
 by that small array of hope,
 Aroused within for which to cope
 While waiting !
 But, yet, the thought comes back to me
 If 'tis worthwhile then
 It shall be in
 Waiting !
 For through it all we can reflect,
 To look inside with care inspect
 Our life; our hopes, our secret goals
 In which we all must play our roles--
 To resurrect, or disconnect these
 Dires of ours with retrospect
 To that for which we all are dearly
 Waiting !

By Charles McIntosh, Jr.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

No. 1 "LIFE IS DEATH"
 (the old)

Hotly Heaving
 Sickly Seething
 Deeply Delving
 Darning

Drops
 of
 Remorse.

"DEATH IS LIFE"
 (the new)

Jubilant Singing
 Droplets of Love
 "Rosy" Smells

SPRING ETERNAL.

No. 2 God's love is so big that a person
 lost in it helps others to find it.

No. 3 'Tis only today and then tomorrow
 that we face. We have only the todays and
 the tomorrows. The past is gone. Soon our
 tomorrows will be the past. Today is only
 Yesterday.

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GEMS OF THOUGHT
(Continued)

No. 4 God is love
Love is God
Man is in the image of God
Is man not love ?

No. 6 Love has many hands.
The caressing hand
The soothing hand
The "I care" hand
Your hand touched mine
I knew it was love...

No. 5 Glasses help the "blind" to see.
Do the glasses matter or the eyes of man...
to love, to cry, to Feel, to be concerned?

By Peggy Ann Poore

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"A PARODY ON HAMLET"

To believe or not to believe: that is the question:
Whether tis nobler in the mind to suffer
The slings and arrows of manifold theologies,
Or to take arms against a sea of doubts,
And by rationalizing, squelch them ? To forget: to quit:
No more; and by giving up to say we end
The agony and the thousand unwanted shocks
Every seminarian is heir to, 'tis a consumation
Devoutly to be wished. To forget, to finish;
To finish: perchance to graduate; ay, there's the rub;
For in that separation what thoughts may come
When we have departed from these hallowed halls,
Must give us pause: there's the respect
That makes clamity of so long life:
For who would bear the facts and doubts of time,
The liberal's haunt, the mind's self-contempt,
The pangs of despicable religiosity,
The failure of Fundamental figments,
The haughtiness of premature assurance, and the agony of
A stultifying theology rejecting itself,
When he himself might his quietus make
With an unsheathed mind ? Who would these burdens bear,
To groan in anguish under an inadequate faith,
But that the dread of an uncovered truth,
The "undiscovered country" from whose domain
No traveller returns, might shatter our false security,
And make us rather bear those inconsistencies we have
Than fly to truths we know not of ?
Thus fear doth make cowards of us all;
And thus our burning passion for truth
Often is extinguished in a wave of hesitations;
And enterprises of great scope and promise,
With this regard, their currents turn awry,
And lose the name of action....

By Kenneth V. Moran

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