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BILLY GRAHAM COMING TO RALEIGH'S CARTER STADIUM IN SEPTEMBER

God answered many people's prayers when Billy Graham accepted the invitation extended to him by the Triangle area. Preparations for his coming have been going on for a number of months. In January the Central Carolina Billy Graham Crusade office was opened in the Research Triangle Park.

Numerous crusade meetings have already taken place in the Triangle area and many more are anticipated. Especially important is the Christian Life and Witness Series. (Posters concerning this series are posted around the campus and brochures have been distributed.)

TIME TO RUN, the latest Billy Graham film will be premiering (?) in Raleigh and Durham May 18-24. It is a MUST for Christians and non-Christians, young and old. "TIME TO RUN," says Billy Graham, "is a motion picture about a family, about listening, about the silences between people, the unspoken moments, and the moments of anger that don't really accomplish anything. TIME TO RUN openly offers the reality of Jesus Christ as an answer to the human dilemma."

Southeastern students are officially encouraged to participate in crusade preparation and the crusade itself. There are several areas in which students can participate. Approximately 3,000 counselors will be needed during the ten-day crusade. In order for interested persons to serve as counselors, they are asked to complete the Christian Life and Witness Series in May. (A make-up Christian Life and Witness Series will be scheduled for September if student and community interest warrants it.) Even those who do not wish to serve as counselors may take full advantage of this special training.

Students with singing ability will want to enroll in the Crusade choir. A choir of at least 5,000 voices will be needed for this Crusade. Ushers are an important part of every Crusade, and we will need around 2,000 men to serve in this capacity each night.

Ladies, are you willing to serve as a Prayer Hostess prior to the Crusade? A Prayer Hostess opens her home one morning or evening a week for a prayer meeting during a special prayer period preceding the Crusade. Student volunteers are needed during the summer months and during the Crusade to perform a variety of office and miscellaneous jobs.

One very important area of concern is delegations. Special reserved seating may be held for Southeastern students if twenty or

more persons form a delegation for the nightly Crusade meetings. Bus transportation will be secured for the Southeastern delegation at a nominal cost to the student.

Attached to the back of The Enquiry you will find a Crusade interest questionnaire. Please fill it out immediately and return it to the following on campus locations: Commons Room, Recreation Room, Appleby hallway, Johnson hallway, Business Office, and cafeteria. If you are not sure about one of the areas listed, check it anyway. You will be contacted and an explanation will be given. You may also call 556-2568 or write the Crusade Office, P. O. Box 12056, Research Triangle Park, N. C. 27709, for more information.

Remember, "The extent of Crusade participation can only be determined by the actual response of the churches (students) during the months of preparation."

---Eddie Phillips

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An Open Letter to the Student Body

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have as of this date (March 16) directed a letter to Dr. Raymond Brown, Dean of Students, asking that my name be withdrawn from the list of those attending Southeastern. I have not taken this action without first talking it over with several of you, as well as my family, and with God. Neither do I take this step because of any ill feelings or theological differences which I might have with the teaching staff. I am not withdrawing because of financial reasons or personal sickness. I do this only because I have faced the harsh reality that some where along the way I have mixed up the priorities of my life and the call from God which I definitely feel came to me.

God has been good to me in many ways and I have failed him so miserably. He gave me a fine woman to love and be loved by and two wonderful children that the joys of life might be full. However, I have neither been a husband nor a father as I should have been because of mixed up priorities. He gave me a place to minister and share with others the richness and completeness that is found only in Jesus and I have been failing to minister or share because of mixed up priorities. He opened the doors of an education where I might better prepare myself and here is where I mixed up the priorities of my life.

To attend an institute such as Southeastern ought to be looked upon as a door of opportunity to better prepare to serve and not as a meeting of a specific criteria in order to get a larger Church. It ought to be looked upon as sweet fellowship with co-laborers and not as a gaining of contacts for future reference. It ought to be a place where we share the joys of the Christ centered life and not a place to vent our frustrations with attacks behind the backs of our Churches, our Deacons, the Professors and our fellow students. It ought to be a place where we strive to make a life and not just a living. It ought to be the above and more but most of all it ought to be a place where people get close to Jesus to the extent that one would feel the difference radiating out into all the world.

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I feel ashamed for withdrawing but I feel a release also. To the ones of the Junior Class who voted for me in the Fall election and placed me as a Representative of the Class I am sorry but I must step back away from the forest in order that I might see the trees, away from the crowd in order that I might see the people and away from self desire in order that I might see God and His will for me.

Pray for me that I might find and do His will. I shall be ever grateful to each of you for the times of fellowship and friendship. If it be His will that I never be allowed another opportunity to attend this school I shall hold as some of the most wonderful memories the fact that I had the privilege of walking shoulder to shoulder with you for even this short while.

May God's richest blessings be on you and your ministry. May you ever set the right priorities. May you ever count your blessings as you serve the Living God.

Thanking you again with fondest memories, I remain,
In HIS Service,

Douglas R. Holland

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To the Editor

The Enquiry of March 21, 1973 published an article in defense of this institution. In this article it was stated that the best testimony of a strong conservative is that of academic excellence. It was further proposed that a student thus enarmoured "will follow the scriptural principle of possessing a ready apologetic for his faith."

One finds little difficulty in agreeing with the other premise of the article, that of attacks upon this institution are out of line, but it is impossible for one to agree that academic excellency is a requirement before one can give his best Christian testimony.

While this statement is made when intellectualism is in the forefront, many of the student body can tell of uneducated persons past and present that were very able to testify to their Christian faith that not even spell "academic." It was most refreshing to read the following from Helmut Thielicke's A Little Exercise For Young Theologians: "Knowledge is power. I am therefore more than the other man who does not know this and that. I have greater possibilities and also greater temptations. Anyone who deals with truth--as we theologians certainly do--succumbs all too easily to the psychology of the possessor. But love is the opposite of the will to possess. It is self-giving. It boasteth not itself, but humbleth itself." While Thielicke was pointing to the potency of the possession of truth, it is also applicable if pre-eminence is given to academic excellence.

While one should strive to show himself an approved workman, this pursuit should not result in a purely intellectual experience that will enable one to take on all comers in intellectual debates regarding spiritual matters.

The signs of the times keep saying what the world needs now is love, Christ-like love, and not academic excellence. While Christian love and academic excellence are not mutually exclusive, there is a great danger that we become as sounding brass or tinkling cymbal.

---Gordon Knight

Library to Present FUTURE SHOCK on Film

On Tuesday, May 1, 1973, the Seminary Library will present Future Shock, a color motion picture based on the best-selling book by Alvin Toffler. Orson Welles is host and narrator of the 42-minute movie; high speed change is the central theme. Society's mobility, life-styles, communication, technological advances, medical science, sexual and social mores, religion and the world of the future are shown and commented upon.

The Publisher of Media and Methods has stated that "If I could bring just one film into the schools this year, Future Shock would be that film".

In order to provide maximum opportunity for all persons in the Seminary community to see this important film, it will be shown on the following schedule:

In Library viewing room, second floor:

8:05	1:05	4:05
9:05	2:05	
11:05	3:05	

7:00 p.m. showing in Johnson Auditorium

---H. Eugene McLeod, Librarian

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Presentation of Berlioz Requiem Planned by Seminary Choir

The Requiem, a mass by Hector Berlioz, will be presented by the Seminary Choir on May 1 at 8 p.m. in Binkley Chapel.

"This magnificent mass is one of the most brilliant compositions of the romantic period. Berlioz used tone as other artists have used color in attempting to paint scenes beyond the normal comprehension of man," said Dr. Ben Johnson, concert conductor.

"The beautiful 'Lacrymosa' begins with a stirring melody, has a tremendous climax with timpani and organ reaching new heights of expression, and ends with a moving decrescendo. 'Rex Tremdae' is another choral number to be presented. One section describes the majesty of the King of Kings and the other pictures His mercy toward sinful men," Johnson said.

The work will be accompanied by Barbara Coffey Humble at the organ and Steven Clements playing the timpani. Paul Mauney will be tenor soloist.

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Congratulations are certainly in order for Mr. and Mrs. Tai-Ping Li. Mrs. Li is the former Esther Shung-Ching Leung. Mr. and Mrs. Li were married on Saturday, April 14 in the Forest Hills Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C.

We wish for this couple the very best that life has to offer, as together they begin one of life's greatest adventures with Christ.

HELP WANTED

For what? To suggest what you as a student would like to see incorporated into the building plans for a new library.

Purpose: To make the Southeastern Seminary Library a building designed to meet your needs as a student.

How can you help?

1. Give to your student library committee representative those suggestions you feel will improve your library facilities: Benny Alford (Certificate)
Bob Campbell (M.Div.)
Gene Hunsinger (D.Min.)
Ralph Limberg (Th.M.)
Laura White (M.R.E.)

or 2. Drop a note to Dr. McLeod or some library staff member, those suggestions you have. They will be welcomed!

Your cooperation is needed if the Southeastern Seminary Library is to be a library that will meet your needs and provide for you the type of theological education you desire.

---Bob Campbell, Chairman
Student Library Committee

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Professors' Last Words to Graduating Seniors:

Editor's Note: The following comments were compiled by Frank L. "Buzz" Harrison and Rick Cash. The comments were a part of the chapel service on Friday, March 23. We include them here in the hope that they may prove to be an inspiration and guide in ministry for Christ, both now and in the future.

"Christ has made us free: free to serve God in joy, free to be ourselves without struggling to prove to each other that we are free, free to love each other without calculating credits and debits, free to listen to and learn from children, free to confess our weaknesses and sins without the fear that we thereby are rejected, free to rejoice in the world of things without worshipping them. In this freedom we can be gentle with others' doubts, without ourselves being captured by them; we can weep with those who suffer, without embarrassment; and we can ask for help from others without exploiting them. For you and for myself there is no greater blessing that I could wish than this, that we might stand fast in that freedom, and strive to make it possible for all humanity."

---Dr. John E. Steely

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"I can't think of anything better than the two greatest commandments: 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength' and 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' "

---Dr. James E. Tull

"Rejoice in the Lord. Love him with every faculty of your being, and your neighbor as yourself. Seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit at all times. Keep the whole world in your eye and on your heart. Let the person in front of you be the most important person on earth at the moment. As you serve under the Lordship of Christ, remember that "My God shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19)"

---Dr. J. Leo Green

"Christianity has to be lived. We have to get involved. The Great Commission relates that Christ will be with us and I don't believe we have fully trusted in that promise."

---Dr. Fred Sandusky

"My favorite passage is II Cor. 5:9 which I translate: '...whether we are at home or away, we make it a matter of honor to be well pleasing to him.' "

---Dr. Donald E. Cook

"Do not neglect an honest study of the Scripture of God, both that within and that beyond the Bible. Immerse yourself in the discipline of a devotional life which is sensitive to the Presence of God. Make an honest effort to subject yourself truly to the Lordship of Christ. Become, as often as possible and beginning at home, the real servant of others. And look into the mirror and have a good laugh at yourself at least four times a day."

---Dr. John I Durham

" 'Have the attitude toward one another that is characteristic of Christ Jesus.' " (Philippians 2:5) 'Love one another' "

---Dr. J. Carroll Trotter, Jr.

"Matthew 6:33 comes closer than anything else to a summary of an 'old man's' advice to beginning ministers: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you!" It would have to be understood in context. I believe that to be the most important first step for a young minister."

---Dr. B. Elmo Scoggin

"I want my family and loved ones and all the world to know that I believe with all my heart that in God's good way and time 'at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father' "

---Dr. Theodore F. Adams

"In my final words to you, a fellow pilgrim, I want to share my strongest and most meaningful convictions about God and his relationship to you and me. Though my life as a Christian has been and is far from perfect, I can testify to being sustained in my commitment and being strongly motivated to love my fellow man primarily by a deep inner certainty that the God who is revealed in Jesus Christ really loves me, accepts me, and forgives me. If you lack that certainty, then please spare no effort to find and get rid of whatever is blocking it. Such a sense of the reality of God's grace is the essential foundation and motive force for living as a new creation in Christ. Secondly, in the face of all the realities of life and death, I thus far have an unwavering faith that our gracious, creating God is always with us on the side of wholeness, healing, and uplifting. Finally, I firmly believe that true freedom in Christ comes as we accept our life and that of loved ones as gifts of God willingly to be shared and, when necessary, to be given up."

---Dr. H. Eugene McLeod

"Nota Bene: As a paraboloni, be a gambler! In the high stakes of authentic ministry in Christ's name, dare to fail--in the attempt to become the most compassionate, considerate, skillful, literate, open, articulate, active teaching minister in your generation. Though the odds are great, it's worth the risk of losing! Not to dare is to fail indeed!"

---Dr. George R. Wilson, Jr.

"Be human! Accept yourself and accept the world as the realm in which to worship.

Be free! It is so easy to become a slave.

Be optimistic! Let the story of Jesus fascinate you - truth may lose, but it does not die.

Be realistic! Let the study of history convince you that the church is more prone to do wrong than to do right.

Try to remain within the church! If you can, help her a little to become like her Lord. To be concerned with peace in the world, as well as peace in the soul; with ministry and selfgiving, rather than authority and power; with crucifixion as well as resurrection.

And may you - by the grace of God - one day be able to whisper: 'I have tried to fight the good fight; I have now finished the race! Have I kept the faith?' "

---Dr. Thorwald Lorenzen

"All who follow the leading of God's Spirit are God's own sons. Nor are you meant to relapse into the old slavish attitude of fear -- you have been adopted into the very family circle of God and you can say with a full heart, "Father, My Father." The Spirit himself endorses our inward conviction that we are really the children of God. Think what that means. If we are his children we share his treasures, and all that Christ claims as his will belong to all of us as well!"

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Yes, if we share in his sufferings we shall certainly share in his glory. In my opinion whatever we may have to go through now is less than nothing compared with the magnificent future God has planned for us. The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the sons of God coming into their own." Romans 8:14-19 (from Phillips, The New Testament in Modern English)

---Dr. Robert E. Poerschke

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NO EXIT by Jean-Paul Sartre

No Exit under the direction of Dr. Max Rogers is to be presented by the Fine Arts Committee on May 2 & 3 at 7:30 in the Cellar Theatre in the basement of Johnson Classroom Building.

No Exit is a dynamic play written by Sartre, a French writer and philosopher, who was a leader in the Existential Movement. The play is about three people who have died and gone to hell. Hell, according to Sartre is not the fire and brimstone depicted in the conventional Sunday School lesson. It is in the words of one of the characters, "an agony of the mind which gnaws and fumbles and caresses but never hurts quite enough."

The three damned souls find themselves caught up in an eternal triangle which produces far more exquisite and intense suffering than any physical torture the human mind could contrive.

The characters are portrayed by C. L. "Trip" May, Bill Davis, Sarah Fort, and Linda Voncannon.

It is hoped that you will plan to attend this interesting and provocative play.

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CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 26

Dennis Hill, Personnel Department
The Foreign Mission Board of the SBC

Friday, April 27

Open Day
Executive Committee of the SCC meeting
The Good News Singers from Lillington,
N. C., sponsored by the Art Committee

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Definition

Editor: A person employed on a newspaper, whose business is to separate the wheat from the chaff, and to see that the chaff is printed.

---selected from a past issue of
The Enquiry

SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Twentieth Annual Commencement

1973

Events

Thursday, May the Twenty-Fourth

- 10:30 a.m. Graduation Rehearsal, the Seminary Chapel
- 2:30-4:30 p.m. President's Reception for Graduates and their families
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Graduates whose names begin with A-L
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. Graduates whose names begin with M-Z
- 5:15 p.m. Dinner Honoring Wives of Graduates
- 8:00 p.m. Graduation Sermon, The Seminary Chapel

Friday, May the Twenty-Fifth

- 7:30 a.m. Senior Breakfast, the Seminary Cafeteria
 - 10:30 a.m. Commencement Exercises, The Seminary Chapel
- Seniors graduating in absentia will need to secure permission from Dean Brown.

Caps and gowns may be picked up in the Business Office any time after May 17.

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The next edition of The Enquiry will be printed and distributed on Wednesday, May 9. This will be the final edition before graduation and summer vacation. Seniors are encouraged to submit a short paragraph concerning their thoughts about their pilgrimage through this institution and future plans. Other students are encouraged to tell about their plans for the summer. All articles should be in The Enquiry Office by noon on Tuesday, May 8.

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SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

MAY 1:

4:15 p.m. - Annas vs. Phillips
5:15 p.m. - Morrison vs. Catoe

MAY 3:

4:15 p.m. - Newton vs. (Winner of May 1 Game)
5:15 p.m. - Barton vs. (Winner of May 1 Game)

MAY 8:

4:15 p.m. - CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Come on out and watch some real good games. Support the team of your choice.

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For some real softball action come out to the athletic field on Thursday afternoon, April 26 and watch the Women's Dorm take on the campus Wives. This game provides lots of fun and laughs, as well as good exercise and a break from class.

CENTRAL CAROLINA BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE - September 21-30, 1973

Interest Questionnaire

Name _____

Local Address _____

Local Phone # _____

Age _____

Name of Your Church _____

Your Pastor's Name _____

Check if Interested:

- Christian Life and Witness Class (May)
- Christian Life and Witness Class (September)
- Choir
- Usher
- Prayer Hostess (women)
- Volunteer Work (summer)
- Volunteer Work (during crusade)
- Bus Transportation to the Crusade
- Youth Work
- Publicity
- Bible Study

For Additional Information Call 556-2568

-or write-

Crusade Office: P.O. Box 12056, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

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