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## Secret To Preaching Effective Listening, Claypool Says

by David Sumner

In October, Southeastern Seminary was fortunate to have John Claypool as a chapel speaker. Claypool is recognized as one of the outstanding preachers in the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as in the nation. He has been selected to deliver the Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale University this coming year. He will also deliver the Adams Lectures on Preaching at Southeastern Seminary in the Spring of 1980. While on Campus, he was interviewed by *The Enquiry* and asked to reflect and share some of his thoughts about preaching.

Q. Why do you think that preaching is important in a pastor's ministry?

A. I think preaching does several things. I think it first of all is a way of imaging the minister to the congregation. People get their feel for what kind of person you are, what kind of compassion you have, what kind of competence, whether or not you can be trusted; all of these kinds of nuances that finally lead to the question, "Is he the kind of person I would want to go to and open up my insides to?" I think that preaching is perhaps the clearest way in which we convey the reality of ourselves. Of course, it's also an enormous way to influence people with the gospel, because words are humankind's best way of affecting each other. I would say that as a way of saying what one person knows about the gospel to another, preaching is the finest tool.

Q. Do you think preaching or pastoral work is more important to one's ministry?

A. I think it all goes together. I think that to only do one of them is to work with a short set of tools. Actually, pastoral work is where many of the ideas for preaching come from for me. I think that the secret to good preaching is effective listening. You have to be receptive and attentive to what the needs of your people are, where they are. So it is in the pastoral care dimension of my work that I get the ideas for what I ought to preach on; so, in that sense, the two really go together.

## November Forum

by Henry Boschen

The monthly Forum, held on November 10, exposed some new problems as well as rehashing some old ones. The primary item previously mentioned was that of an exam week. Again, the consensus of administration and students was that one is not needed at present, although Dr. Lolley indicated continued willingness to change if the situation warranted it.

The question of screens on building windows, especially in Johnson classroom building, was raised, and Dr. Lolley asked that this be looked into. In another maintenance question, students were told that unsatisfactory maintenance should be reported first to the Building and Grounds office, then to David Lee, then to O.L. Cross.

Dr. Lolley said that it would be possible for some quiet area on campus to be set aside on weekends for students who need to study when the library is closed. He also said that the new student center, when completed, may help solve the problem.

Two academic questions were also dealt with. Dr. Lolley said that, in cases where professors seemed to be too strict in interpreting class attendance requirements, talking with them might get absences excused in cases of outside ministries. No solution was offered to students who have professors switched in mid-year.

Q. Do you think there is a decline in preaching in America?

A. Yes, and I think the reason is largely cultural. I think that we have not yet fully realized what television has done to our country, to the kinds of experiences we're getting used to. Preaching is a thin kind of experience in relation to your average television production where people are hearing voices, seeing visual images and usually hearing some kind of stirring music that affects their emotions. This means that you've got three distinct kinds of stimuli coming at you, whereas in preaching, you see a largely static vision. I think we're going to have to take this into account in the future. I am used now to seeing, hearing words and hearing music simultaneously. If you give me just one of those, that's not going to be as full-bodied. I don't have any solution. I simply know that we are now living in a different culture.

Q. What advice would you offer to seminary students who want to make preaching a central part of their ministry?

A. I think that first, they need to learn to listen. The word that is directed to a felt need is going to be more effective than one which is just generally lofted. If you're really shooting at some specific question the people are asking or problem they are feeling, they you've got a much better chance of engaging their attention. I think they also need to utilize all of their interpretive skills. That means not only how to handle the Bible, but how to go to a movie and reflect creatively on what are the implications, what message is really being conveyed. And I think that a man or woman ought to really listen to what is going on inside of them. Use your own experiences, not in an egotistical sense to draw attention to yourself, but in the witness sense, of "This has happened to me." And I think that people who want to make preaching one of their main tools ought to get some public speaking training. I think that preaching is a gift. You can certainly hone and develop it, but you can't make a preacher just by effort; the gift's got to be there.

## Project Warmth Needs Your Help

Project Warmth got under way three weeks ago on Saturday, November 10. The project, sponsored by the Seminary Council, is aimed at cutting and distributing firewood to families in the area which are dependent upon wood for heating. The coming winter promises to be as cold as usual and a large amount of wood is needed. However, only 5 people showed up for the first morning of the project. Many more are needed in order to get the effort off the ground and distribute the wood to families that need it before winter arrives. Students (male or female), faculty and staff who are experienced or inexperienced in such work are urged to volunteer. Also, we are in need of trucks, axes, wedges, chain saws and other equipment. The effort will continue on Saturday, November 17, at 9 a.m. Those interested are asked to meet in front of Stealey Hall. For more information call David Shirley at 556-1092.

## Associate Class Buys Green Bible At Moon Auction

by Raiford Hill

In an extraordinary show of loyalty to Dr. Leo Green, the Associate class united forces and purchased his pulpit Bible for \$2,250 at the recent Lottie Moon Auction.

Dr. Green reluctantly gave his authorization for one of his "preaching Bibles" to be auctioned off for the Lottie Moon Fund. Dr. Green said, "It is with a lot of soul searching that I do this. Knowing that the money will be used as a tool to spread God's word and the message of our Lord and Savior I do this. If I knew that it would be sold as a relic or personal object for someone, I would never do it."

The Bible is an American Standard Version. It will be placed in the Artifacts Room of the library on second floor at a later date. This will be a permanent display.

The Associate class would like to thank their many friends for their support in this project. It is through this support that this endeavor was carried out.

## Students Urged To Update Information

by Henry Boschen

Dr. Charles Dorman of the Formation in Ministry office recently described a situation which typifies a serious problem for them. It seems that a pulpit committee came to the school to interview prospective pastors, and Dr. Dorman was not able to find a single prospect for the committee without a good deal of searching simply because the people who had indicated that they were available and desired a pastorate had either changed their address or phone number without making a change on their semester data form. Several others indicated when contacted that they had already accepted positions.

One of the ways that we can make the field education office work for us is to assure them that their data is correct and up-to-date. This takes only a few minutes on your part, and may make the difference in whether or not you are called for an interview. Dr. Dorman says that when they are trying to place student pastors, they need correct information as to the student's desires as well as family information. Although his office is not a placement office as such, they do go to almost any extreme to assist.

There is an expression in computer programming: "junk in, junk out." The same is true here. Formation in Ministry is in effect a clearinghouse, but it is impossible for them to do this job effectively unless students keep their data up-to-date.

Dr. Dorman says that he and the staff are trying to create a new image of service which will benefit you as a student and as a graduate. This change may not come overnight, but there are efforts being made to make jobs more available to all students. Do your part and update your data card.

# The Enquiry

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JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

## Editorial Comments

Too much fresh air can be just about as bad as too little, causing an assortment of problems that include insomnia and nightmares, says a report in a recent Journal of the American Medical Association.

Overbreathing is a common, often disabling problem that is not usually treated correctly, Drs. Jose S. Missri and Sidney Alexander wrote in the edition released last month.

The doctors said overbreathing can lead to fatigue, exhaustion, dizziness, numbness in hands and feet, chest pain, stomach discomforts as well as an assortment of other maladies.

Hyperventilation-taking in air in excess of that required to maintain normal oxygen levels in the blood-is an unconscious action on the part of the individual and can sometimes be difficult to stop, the doctors said.

It has come, to the point, that too much air and not enough air, eating sugar and not eating sugar, walking and not walking, eating spinach and not eating spinach and a host of other things are all bad for you and may cause cancer. Day after day, we hear about some new "discovery" of a dangerous, cancer-causing or otherwise harmful food or activity.

It seems that most of these great discoveries are made while testing rats. I was talking to one doctor who said, "You look at a rat and it gets cancer, and you don't look at a rat and it gets cancer."

It seems that these doctors get good P.R. and an enhanced reputation when they make their "momentous discoveries". The problem with these "discoveries" is that we've all stopped feeling guilty about what we eat and laugh at each new "discovery".

We can't imagine what we'll hear next. Maybe someone will discover that going to a doctor is bad for your health.

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## Church Is . . .

by Don Elium

Church meetings are such elusive events. When I least expect it, church begins-- I am grasped by the communion of sharing, hearing confession, confession, forgiving, receiving forgiveness, confronting, casting out demons, grieving over loss, or celebrating heart love-- with sometimes the least likely of my human members. There's no way to organize it-- it's beyond organization. There's no way to plan it, it happens when it happens; no need to build a special building, church happens where human beings are living fully. The only way to prepare is to be aware that church will happen-- yet the best preparation is to live, with no expectation nor fear about meeting time, date or place . . .

church meets when church meets . . .

"where two or three are gathered in My Name."  
-Jesus the Christ

## President's Corner

Ten weeks into the semester-- fainting season! It is that time of the academic year when pressures mount and tensions spiral. Faculty, staff and students find nine parts frustration to every one part inspiration in their hectic schedules. Deadlines imposed by ourselves and others loom perilously close at hand.

These are days requiring special poise and skill from all of us. Let me make a couple of suggestions:

1) Use both sides of your brain. Tony Buzan, a British educator, has established ways to increase our problem-solving capability. These are detailed in his paper back book, Use Both Sides of Your Brain.

The issue is to utilize both hemispheres of the brain-- the left "logical" side and the right "intuitive" side.

Such a process will enable us to conceptualize the "everydayness of our everyday" more vast contexts.

2) As Dr. Luke Smith said so eloquently in chapel recently, "Love God by focusing on our Brothers and Sisters."

After all, God created each of us as His gift to all of us. Taking time to actually see each other bears its own quality of fruit during "fainting seasons".

Shalom!

-W. Randall Lolley

## Commentary

by Paul Godwin

Is it wrong for ministers of the Gospel to get involved in politics? During the 1976 election, Dr. W.A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, withheld comment on the presidential race during the church service when the then-President of the U.S. Gerald Ford was in the congregation. After the service, however, in the midst of reporters and photographers, Dr. Criswell told of his support of Gerald Ford for president. Not a few Baptists criticized the astute, well-liked pastor for this statement.

During that same fall, candidate Jimmy Carter visited the home church of the President of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Jimmy Allen, pastor of San Antonio, Texas', First Baptist Church, refused to submit to the reporters' questions as to where his support lay after the service.

Many Baptists believe that the individual church member should be politically aware while the church should remain unbiased as a whole. Personally speaking, I believe that if a minister of a church desires to become politically active, he should become a layman and thereby not involve the church in his political interests. All this talk of political involvement of the church reminds me of the disciples of Christ waiting for the Savior of the World to take up the sword. Jesus continued to admonish them, telling them only to "take up thy cross and follow me."

## Letters To The Editor .....

To the editor:

I would like to point out an attitude that is prevalent here on campus. I am speaking of a "holier than thou" attitude. People who are guilty of this see themselves as being "above" their fellow ministers-in-Christ. Us commoders are placed far beneath them. These same people hide and clothe their preaching behind the "intellectual-academic jargon" of the Scriptures, and then leave out the leadership of the Holy Spirit. These ministers see the people of their congregations as "peons" and no doubt try to maintain their "SPECIAL AGENT" image, no matter what the cost. By placing themselves above the people, two things are allowed to take place: 1) a self-righteous, indignant attitude has been given proper growing room, and 2) they have removed themselves from a common lifestyle known as "sinner".

Ordained ministers who place themselves this far above the people cannot and will not, by means of their own volition, be in God's will. Being realistic, you can say that somebody needs to "get right with God." The people who continue in this attitude will be those individuals who suffer great defeat in their personal ministries and lives. I have found some characteristics among this group: 1) refusal to look people straight in the eye the majority of the time; 2) continually wishing to be spoken to first; 3) filling the air with irreproachable "God language" and then interpreting their own will as God's; 4) manipulating influential preachers and administrators so that they will get the exact job or pastorate they want, i.e., they take God's will into their own hands. These are the minister who get all the right "breaks," but without the big blessings, and then wonder why.

I think the Gospel of St. Matthew stated the words of Jesus here very plainly: "Woe to you, teachers of the Law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean." (Matt. 23: 25-26)

It is obvious that if a minister is out of the will of God in leading a congregation, eventually those people will stray in their duties. The church will, or already has, become a place for the elite with the sinners kicked out with no place to go. For this reason I quote Hans Kung, a German Catholic theologian who could be termed a modern-day Martin Luther. The passage is entitled, "The Guilty Church" and is taken from the book, On Being a Christian.

"Unlike the advocates of a retreat from the world, Jesus does not proclaim an avenging judgement in favor only of an elite of the perfect (as the Essenes and Qumran monks did), but the glad tidings of God's infinite goodness and unconditional grace for the abandoned and needy. If the church as a community of faith following Jesus Christ wants to proclaim the good news of this infinite goodness and unconditional grace, it must again recognize its obligations."

In conclusion, I will have to include myself in the comments contained herein. I am guilty of looking down on those who look down on me, but I am wondering if there are others among us who are willing to make this known themselves. I am not perfect and I never will be, but I am trying to live and give ear to God's voice. As II Chronicles 7: 14 says, "and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

-Timothy E. Stinnette

To the editor:

In the October issue, a "name withheld" writer complained of high school students "invading" the Seminary snack shop. The encounters I have had with these people around lunchtime have caused me no delay whatsoever, but there is something more important to be said.

I wonder if these high school students are coming onto "our" campus just for snacks and lunch? I see in some of their faces a perceptiveness, an unspoken inquiry into what is going on around here. What is a Seminary? More important, what kinds of people make up the Seminary family? It seems to me we could take advantage of the opportunity when these or any other visitors come on campus. I've never seen any of "us" talking to "them", not even so much as a "hello". What ministry we could offer to these students, many of whom could benefit from the ministry we are all supposedly studying for. I sense that many of the students may be turned on or off to Christ by what they sense from us. Do they see us as loving, compassionate, as well as knowledgeable, ministers, or do they see people who would just as soon they stay off our campus, our territory?

-Donald L. Bowden, Jr.

To the editor:

So much is said about the grass here at Southeastern. I have never heard so much about grass. There are so many "Do Not Walk on Grass" signs that you can't even appreciate the grass anyway. May I offer this solution: take the signs up, and when somebody walks on the grass let each student who sees this atrocity remind the violator of his crime. If we become grass-conscious then I believe no one will want to violate this silent-but-well-kept rule.

The grass is almost sacred here at Southeastern. Why not remove the signs that violate this semi-sacredness?

(Incidentally, this correcting could be carried to students correcting each other about actions unbecoming a good Christian witness, i.e., smoking, particularly in buildings; impolite actions and speech; etc. It is difficult for one to always realize his or her mistakes. Paul had to correct not just a few entire congregations. Would it be so incorrect for us as followers of Christ to help each other follow Him more completely?)

By the way, the squirrels are also to be considered semi-sacred, so they should be allowed on the grass.

-Paul Godwin

# Editorial Byline

REFLECTIONS ON SOUTHEASTERN  
by David E. Sumner

It was a cold day in the middle of January when I first came to Southeastern Seminary nearly two years ago. There was 5 inches of snow on the ground, and I had left ten inches behind. The faces were all new, the surroundings were all new. All I knew was that I wanted to come to seminary, and this was the place God had provided for me. As with many of us, it was a venture of faith: I had only a little money and a lot of faith. I was not sure what the future held, but only of Who held the future.

But the reception and friends I found at Southeastern were all warm- enough to make up for the cold physical surroundings, and enough to let me know that God's love was on this campus. Never had I found as many people willing to help, and willing to go out of their way to make things go well, as I did here at Southeastern. From the President's office, through the Building and Grounds personnel, and including all the students, everyone has always been most kind and most helpful to me in making my seminary experience a good one.

Yes, there have been tough times. There have been conflicts and tension, both with other students and sometimes with professors and staff. There is no "dream world" here, and we live with many of the same pressures as anywhere else. There have been times to forgive, and times when forgiveness was needed. Other people have sometimes disappointed me, and I have sometimes disappointed others. There have been times to love, and times to be loved; times to minister, and to be ministered to; to laugh, and to cry.

Questions like, "Am I really called to ministry?" or "What is ministry all about?" we all ask ourselves over and over again. At times, everyone wonders how the hours spent memorizing verb endings or studying esoteric eschatological theories will help us do what we want to do. At times we feel elated with our superb brightness and unique abilities, and a day later we learn humility and question our worthiness for His calling. We all wonder if we couldn't best use our abilities in another profession, while at the same time being deeply sure that we have no choice but to follow God's leading into the ministry. When the wallet has less than \$5, and the bank account less than that, faith is really tested. But somehow God always comes through.

Choices . . . Choices . . . Choices . . . shall I spend time studying for the next exam, or with the person down the hall who seems to want to talk? Do I start planning for graduate school, or go out and try to find a position? Do I take some courses I really want to take, or, because of pressures of time and family, take the courses I know will require less time? And when times get rough, do I give up, or get up again and keep going?

All of these experiences, these questions, these situations, go into making up our own unique "seminary experience." They all make up who we are, and what we are becoming. Through it all, and in it all, we know that God is there.

I don't regret that cold day in January when I first came here.

by Dennis Melton

Of all the things I was told upon entering college, the one which I found most devastatingly true was the statement, "There is no Christmas spirit at Carolina." Certainly enough, there were moments when carolers sang under the dorm balcony or Christmas music would break through to near-deadened eardrums, but these moments of warmth were largely absent in the last rush of papers and preparation for those three-hour endurance contests with fate called exams.

Now that I have entered seminary, I have resolved that this shall not happen again, nor shall it happen to anyone else if I have anything to say about it! In partial fulfillment of this promise, let me offer a few suggestions; lighter fluid for your yule log, so to speak:

- 1) Drive over to Chapel Hill and take in a performance of "Star of Bethlehem," the annual Christmas show of the Morehead Planetarium. It deals with the science and Scripture behind the Christmas star, traditional symbol of Christ's birth. Shows start on November 21 and run daily at 8 p.m. through January 8, with four shows on Saturday and three on Sunday. And, get this: "Members of the clergy are admitted free at all times." You can't beat that with a log, folks.
- 2) Go to Duke Chapel to hear "Messiah" by G.F. Handel performed by the Chapel Choir of several hundred voices and the University Orchestra. There are only three days of this, the first weekend in December, and you'd better get tickets in advance (it may already be too late)
- 3) Take down a copy of one of Charles Dickens' 5 Christmas Books, most notably, A Christmas Carol, and savor it between now and Christmas.
- 4) Get an Advent Calendar and countdown the days to Christmas with the story of Christ's birth.
- 5) Of course, don't miss the Christmas concert of the Seminary Mixed Chorus.

And lastly, remember that Advent comes not only once a year, but every day to those who will let Christ invade their dull lives in a fresh, personal advent. Thus, whether we can always feel it or not, "peace on earth" is ours continually through Jesus the Messiah.

Let us adore Him!

## Auction Is Great Success

by Henry Boschen

On Tuesday, November 14, the Lottie Moon Committee held its annual auction of items donated by faculty, students and Wake Forest merchants. The premier item at the auction was the pulpit Bible of Dr. Leo Green. Needless to say, it brought the highest price when, after vigorous bidding, the Associate class outbid a student at the final knock-down price of \$2250.

Although this was by far the highest-priced item, there were many other interesting things sold, ranging from a guitar bringing \$30 to a set of swords bringing \$20. Many baked goods were offered, as were several dinners with professors and their wives. The local Hardee's offered 5 roast beef sandwiches with fries and beverage.

Dennis Hester moved the evening along with his fine auctioneering, and even Lottie Moon (Alice Bates) was there with peppermint candies.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the auction, including Dr. Parker, who bought a book on how to teach I Corinthians. Dr. Blackmore said that it was "fun for a good cause," while De Hillyer said that it was "a refreshing change from academic procedure." Dr. Neely said, "It is a novel idea, lots of excitement and entertainment contributing to the work."

The total netted by the auction for the Lottie Moon Fund was \$3331.

## 'Legs For Lottie'

by Raiford Hill

The "Legs for Lottie Run" held here on Tuesday Nov. 14, covered approximately 2 miles. The course started in front of Mackie Hall, around Rice Circle, to Pine Street, back to North Avenue and back to Mackie Hall. There were five entrants in the race. David Cochran was the winner in a last-second burst of speed down the backstretch, edging out speedster David Sumner by seventeen seconds. It was almost a photo finish. The last place finisher, Bill Wilkins, said that he easily kept up with the frontrunners for the first mile, but due to his giving a pint of blood on the same day, he gave out of steam on the last mile. Other participants were De Hillyer, finishing third, and Sandy Smith, finishing fourth.

The run was sponsored by the Lottie Moon Group, Dr. Glenn Miller, Chairman.

# Baltimore Pastor Speaks

from Seminary News Release

Americans are engaged in a frantic search for life, Harold Carter told an audience at Southeastern Seminary on October 24. He said, however, that Jesus Christ is the only source of life, reminding the audience that Jesus said He came ". . . that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church in Baltimore, Md., was the Missionary Day speaker at Southeastern.

Citing the popularity of cults and lotteries and the forty million Americans who are problem drinkers, Carter asserted that all these are symptomatic of a search for meaning in life. "Every Sunday, the day when Christians celebrate real life, the shopping centers are loaded with people frantically looking for life," he said.

Carter also said that Jesus calls for an unconditional commitment to discipleship, not a static relationship. "I'm becoming afraid of the word 'saved,'" he said. "It has come to mean 'refrigerated.'"

The American church with its air conditioning and three ministers thinks that the world should come to it, but Jesus said, "Go", Carter insisted.

The next Missionary Day speaker will be Dr. Jimmy Allen, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, who will speak on December 5 at 10 a.m. in Binkley Chapel.

## Murdock Residents Inspire Students

by Richard Walker

Parishioners from the Murdock Center led chapel services at Southeastern on November 9. The Murdock center, located in Butner, is a North Carolina residential facility for persons who are mentally retarded.

The theme of the program was "Little by Little" and was best expressed by a song with that title. It reminded the congregation that all people must have positive determination to conquer life's obstacles:

"Bit by bit/Day by day/Step by Step/All the Way/Little by Little/You're there."

Some of the parishioners shared problems they have encountered because of their confinement to wheelchairs. The expressed the need for more people to become involved with them, for without the aid and patience of volunteers, they are often confined to the center.

"I Want to Work for a Happy World" was sung, and the song's message was convicting as well as inspiring:

"I want to work for a happy world . . . that's kind to folks like me."

The highlight of the service for me was when the residents sang from their wheelchairs with smiles on their faces, "How Great Thou Art." If they can sing "the beautiful songs of Zion in a strange land" how much more we should sing them with our lips and our service.

### Ways Murdoch Center can serve you...

1. Staff members are available as speakers for church worship services or other meetings to present various aspects of the Center and its work.

2. Groups of residents, under the supervision of the Chaplain, are available to make community visits and lead in worship services within the region served by the Center.

3. Staff members are available to assist and offer guidance for setting up church school classes for the mentally retarded who live in the community.

4. Two academic courses are provided for Southeastern Seminary and Duke Divinity School. The courses are open to pastors and laymen in the community.

### Ways you can serve Murdoch Center...

1. Sponsor a resident. Develop, maintain, and cultivate relationships through mail, gifts, visits, etc., with persons who otherwise have very little contact with the outside.

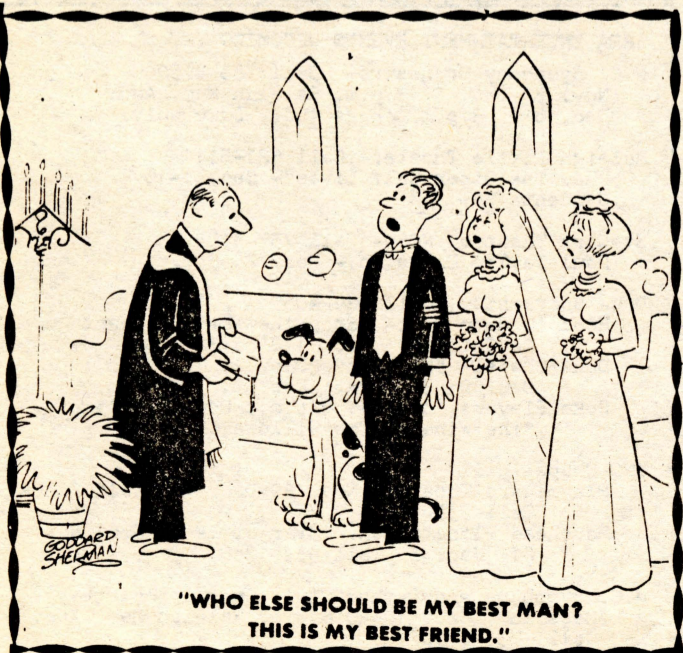
2. Provide a party or outing for a group of residents. (Contact Volunteer Services)

3. There are many ways you can help. For more information, contact Larry Kincaid, Murdoch Center, Butner, N. C. 27509 (Telephone 575-7732).

Don't Forget!

The next deadline

DECEMBER 4



# The Stargazer

You know, each month when I start this column I think of all the trivia I possibly can so that you will say to yourself, "This guy is nuts." Maybe it will make you realize how sane you are. I've heard some really funny things; at least, they were funny to me. A few weeks ago, when the subject of the Sunday School lesson was "Thou shalt not commit adultery," this was overheard. The Superintendent stood up and announced, "This Sunday's lesson is something we're all familiar with, so let's go to our classes and get on with it." Not content with that, he added, "We are all pleased that the Smith's had their new baby. This is one way to increase our enrollment, so let's all get to work and try to get some new members."

Here's another statement overheard: "He's more conservative than I am." Whoa! That's something around here.

I was listening to Dr. Lolley when he was talking about the quaint sayings of the other seminary presidents, "seminary hill" and the like, but what about the Lolleyisms: "Tapestry," "Forest of Wake" and "Pastorium"?

I have finally figured out what Leonard Robinson was trying to tell us at the October Forum. It seems that Argonaut IV was his car, and now he has another, one which he has named N.

Incidentally, his roommate is going to get married-- yep, Ira Smith has let out the word that he will be getting married during the Christmas holidays. If that's not enough, do you want to hear more? How about Dr. Richardson? I understand he is set to wed also on the 30th of December to Ms. Sandra Harvey. There's also some information on a forthcoming marriage of Debbie Knight to Dickie Church. The last Knight that goes to Church. Yak, Yak! Want more news about engaged people--Stargazer finds out all! Keith Schrum is announcing for Pat Burchette. That's all I have on them, but I'm sure they will confirm.

Have you ever looked up around campus to note the number of telephone poles which have wires coming in, but none coming out? Or poles with nothing at all! Look at the metal pole outside Lea Lab, or the one on the way from chapel to the snack shop, or the one outside the library.

Then there was the story about the fellow who was coming in late at night from his job, when his wife heard him sit on the bed and thought it was the alarm, jumped up and left to go to her early-morning job. What bothered me was, why didn't he ask her where she was going that hour of the night? What say, Tim? Why didn't you ask?

They tell me that recently there was no hot water in Simmons Apartments. If the residents had seen me, I could have helped. I'm always in hot water. Think the good thoughts.



## Missions Classes Visit F.M.B.

by Henry Boschen

On November 7, the Missions classes of Dr. Alan Neely visited the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond, Va. Some thirty students were furnished dinner by the Foreign Mission Board before hearing speakers from the Board and witnessing an appointment service for new missionaries.

Mr. Mel Torstrick spoke to the group and explained the process of becoming a missionary. After a tour of the Board facilities, Dr. Baker Cauthen told families and guests of the appointees that, although the missionaries would be in a foreign land, they would be as close as the telephone to the Foreign Mission Board.

A total of 31 missionaries and missionary associates were appointed at this regular meeting of the Board. Southeastern was represented in this number by three couples: Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Brendle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knight and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Callis. They were appointed, respectively, to the French West Indies, Benin in Africa and Northern Brazil.

## Want Ads

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# Intramurals

by Raiford Hill

Intramural football ended with a playoff bowl that would cause most schools to be envious. The first of the playoff games was between the Inquisitors and the Sweat Hogs. The Inquisitors came out on top in this struggle 34-8. Chip Bishop scored the first touchdown after receiving a pass from quarterback Gary Parker. Then, with only 37 seconds remaining in the first half, Percy Chase caught a pass in the end zone for the Inquisitors.

Shortly after the opening of the second half, Dale Watts caught a pass for a touchdown. Then, on the next series of plays, Gary Parker intercepted a pass and ran 65 yards for the score. Dale Chambliss scored once, and Chip Dale scored the final touchdown for the Inquisitors. L.E. Williamsop was the outstanding lineman.

The championship game between the Redskins and the Inquisitors was held on Thursday, Nov. 2. This is game that will go down in the history of Old SEBTS. It was one of those days when nothing could go wrong for one side, and nothing could go right for the other. It was tooth and nail for the first quarter. Midway through the second quarter, Dale Watts put the ball away and ran down the sidelines for a 5-yard score. Halftime score was 8-0 in favor of the Inquisitors. They scored again in the third quarter on a touchdown by Bob Baker. To put the icing on the cake, L.E. Williamson took off on one of his patented runs to score the final tally. The final score was 24-0. We congratulate each team and team member that played with such a fine Christian attitude and made it a great season of intramural football.

The pocket billiards championship was held recently in the recreation room in Mackie Hall. Out of sixteen entrants, it came down to David Poteat edging out Ira Smith in two matches.

# Sports World Commentary

by Mike Barker

The word for this generation seems to be change. Everywhere we turn, things are being changed. And so are people. Basically, change comes about because of accommodation. My case in point: Football and baseball.

What was wrong with the old set up of AFC champion versus NFC champion? Nothing! But, mainly for money, we saw change which brought up the situation present up until this year.

This year, we have two more games, which is the reason (or so they say) we also have an extra playoff team, which results in an extra week of playoffs. The only change that I like is that the teams are playing more teams on their level. I would not be surprised to see everyone in the playoffs within a few years.

A few weeks ago I read an article in which was discussed the prospect of dividing our national pastime (major league baseball) into divisions and playoffs just like we have in football. Baseball broke all attendance records this year. Therefore, the only reason (or excuse) there is for such a proposal is more money, which will cause the already too-large egos to ask for even more in salary.

I believe that dividing baseball into divisions will be more harmful than helpful. First, many of your long-standing rivalries will be lessened if those teams are not in the same division. Just think what it would be like not watching the Reds and the Dodgers, or possibly the Yankees and Red Sox, go at each other, except six times each season. Next, I believe that the intensity that characterized baseball this past season would not be present if this proposal came about. Instead of needing to win every game, a team might believe that only so many games will have to be won in order to win their division.

The only plus in this proposal is that the season will be shortened by 6 games. However, this would only be taken up by all the extra playoff games. My feeling, therefore, is twofold: 1) if a team is not good enough to win the first time, they should not have a second chance to get the glory, 2) leave our national pastime alone before it becomes our "past-time".

### BARKER'S BRUISERS

Nov. 20- Miami over Houston	November 26- L.A. ov. Clev.
Nov. 23- Denver over Detroit	Dallas over Washington
UPSETS- Balt. over N.E.	Oak. ov. Seat.
St.L. over Phila.	Gia. ov. Buff.
Nov. 27- Pitts. over S.F.	Mi. ov. Jets
	S.D. ov. K.C.
	Hou. ov. Cin.
	Tamp. ov. Chi.
	Atl. ov. N.O.

## Profs. Changed

# Trustees Act On Fees, Bldg.

by Henry Boschen

The Board of Trustees of Southeastern Seminary met on October 9 and made several decisions which could have a profound effect on some students. In one of these, the Board recommended that all fees must be paid to the Seminary before the beginning of the semester. This may cause problems for students who receive their funds from various scholarships.

The trustees set aside \$75,000 for the renovation of the Lea Lab building. Many other plans for the enlargement of the campus and, in particular, for the construction of new housing for married and single students were confirmed.

\$3.5 million was set to be raised for refurbishing the campus grounds. The administration received the go-ahead for the construction of 100 townhouse apartments. Plans for development of a 23-lot residential subdivision for faculty and administration were approved.

Several personnel and academic decisions were also made. Dr. Ben F. Philbeck was appointed as Professor of Old Testament Interpretation. Philbeck is currently professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Fletcher Visiting Professorship of Missions was also established, named for Rev. James Fletcher and his wife, pioneer missionaries in North Carolina.

The titles of several professors were changed. Dr. Richardson is now Associate Professor of Supervised Education. Dr. Braswell is no longer Professor of Church History and Missions, but Professor of Missions and World Religions.

Several new scholarships were established, among them the Raymond B. Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Dale Moody Scholarship Fund.

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-Lottie Moon Committee

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### AREA ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS UPCOMING . . .

N.C. Symphony Orchestra- Call 733-2750  
Nov. 30-Dec. 1 8 p.m. Raleigh Mem. Aud.  
Dec. 6 8 p.m. Page Aud., Duke Univ.

Raleigh Little Theater- Call 821-3111  
"How The Other Half Lives"- Dec. 1-16  
Students \$4.

Stewart Theater, NCSU- Call 737-3105  
Paul Taylor Dance Co.- Dec. 2, 8 p.m.

Duke University- Call 684-4059  
Hoof 'n Horn Club- "Stop the World, I Want to Get Off" Dec. 1-2 8:30 p.m.  
Duke Chapel- "Messiah" Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.;  
Dec. 2, 2:00p.m.; Dec. 3, 3:00 p.m.  
Duke Players- Dec. 1, 8 p.m.; Dec 8, 8:15 p.m.  
"The Wind in The Willows"

UNC-Chapel Hill  
Playmakers Theater- Nov. 29-Dec. 16 "Cold Storage"  
Call 933-1121  
Morehead Planetarium- "Star of Bethlehem" Nov.  
21- Jan. 8 Call 933-1236

N.C. Symphony and Durham Civic Choral Society-  
"Messiah" Dec. 19-20 8 p.m. Raleigh Mem. Aud.  
Call 733-2750