May, 1979

The seminary community has been in a reflective mood these past days following the accidental <u>ELLIS W. HOLLON, JR</u>. death of Dr. Ellis W. Hollon, Jr.,

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Professor of Philosophy of Religion. He was an alumnus who had returned to his <u>alma mater</u> to mature as a skillful teacher and colleague. During this semester over 300 students have been registered in Dr. Hollon's classes.

Through grief's slow wisdom the community has discovered just how much richer we are for his pilgrimage among us.

During their March meeting, the Trustees took the following actions:

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- Increased housing allowance for ordained employees from \$7200 to \$8400.
- Approved a revised program statement for all SBC Seminaries.
- 3. Approved a plan for a Southeastern Seminary Public Relations Council.
- Adopted a balanced budget for fiscal 1979-80 in the amount of \$3,143,884.
- Reviewed the seminary annuity program revising it to include immediate vesting and a 1% seminary/employee matching benefit for fiscal 1979-80.
- Set up a joint study committee to explore the feasibility of a Trustee/ Administration/Faculty Retreat in 1980.
- 7. Elected Dr. Robert H. Culpepper as Professor of Systematic Theology.
- Approved the plan for sabbatical leave during the academic year 1979-80 submitted by Dr. Robert L. Richardson.
- 9. Established the following funds and endowments:
- Elizabeth Hart Belcher Academic Endowment Fund
- Alice Straughan Library Endowment Fund
- Bessie M. Sarchet Award in Preaching Endowment Fund
- Ronald and Maurince Patterson Student Loan Endowment Fund
- Page Lecture Endowment Fund (previously the Fall Lectures)
- R. E. (Doc) and Bess Nolen Student Internship Endowment Fund
- J. Leo Green Scholarship Endowment Fund
- T. Clyde Collins, Sr. Endowment Fund

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The student apartment project is well underway. Ten apartments are framed and roofed. Forty others are in various stages of preparation for pour-CONSTRUCTION ing slabs, framing, etc. Site work is REPORT

progressing on schedule.

The general contractor for the seminary sub-division (Heritage Woods) has advised that he is set to begin immediately. With good weather, this project should be completed in 60 - 90 days.

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The Li	illy Endowment	provided a consultation for seminary
		presidents and development officers in
LILLY		Pittsburgh, April 16-17. President
9	CONFERENCE	Lolley and Bob Spinks attended.

The principles outlined in the consultation will serve the seminary well in the special campaign now underway for capital funds and endowment.

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The special financial campaign is moving forward. The "in-house" solicitation was completed by April 30. The goal for participation among seminary adminis-tration, faculty, and students is 100%. Response SPECIAL CAMPAIGN has been superb.

Enlistment of leadership for the other phases of the campaign is practically complete. The Raleigh-Wake County campaign will be launched within days.

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Good news! The Instruction Committee of the Trustees are

scheduled to interview prospects for the two remaining faculty vacancies, May 4, FACULTY in Atlanta. Excellent persons for both RECRUITMENT the New Testament and the Religious Education posts will be meeting with the Committee. Hopefully, both positions will be filled for the fall semester.

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Student elections	for the 1979-80 academic year have been com-
	pleted. The new general officers for next
STUDENT	year are: President - David Upshaw (Va.);
ELECTIONS	Vice-President - Lynn Hamner (Va.);
	Secretary - Tom Neal (S. C.); Treasurer -
	Wertie Turner (Va.).

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Dr. James E. Tull, Professor of Systematic Theology at Southeastern for twenty-four years, will retire July 31, 1979. The Faculty Club sponsored a retirement evening with Dr. and Mrs. Tull and their family, April JIM TULL RETIREMENT 19, at the Velvet Cloak, Raleigh. More than one hundred colleagues and friends shared the event.

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The events surrounding graduation exercises, 1979, are scheduled as follows:

GRADUATION 1979

> Senior Reception --- April 11, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Senior Banquet ----- April 11, 5:15 p.m. Baccalaureate ----- April 11, 8:00 p.m. Senior Breakfast --- April 12, 7:30 a.m. Graduation ----- April 12, 10:30 a.m.

In addition to regular graduation festivities, the first graduating class (1954) will have their 25th anniversary celebration. The class will share breakfast and lunch on campus.

