

# The Inquiry

**ETHICS POLL #4 RESULTS:**

Poll #3 established the following as the presidential candidates for their respective parties. Southeastern voted as follows for the next President of the United States:

- Richard Nixon (R).....124
- Lyndon Johnson (D).....26
- George Wallace (I).....15

(Write-in:

- Gene McCarthy.....5
- Robert Kennedy.....2)

For Governor of North Carolina:

- Jim Gardner (R).....95
- Bob Scott (D).....52

(Write in: T. Sanford.....1

**ETHICS POLL #5 RESULTS:**

On the issue of alcohol, 81 persons said that, "I believe that total abstinence is the only Christian position."

However, 89 others felt differently on the matter; 44 held that total abstinence is ideal, but moderation is a Christian alternative. 25 held that drinking is an individual matter and an individual Christian may choose to drink as much or as little as he conscientiously sees fit. 12 said that the Christian position is moderation. 8 persons offered other positions.

**AWARD WINNER**

Dr. B. Elmo Scoggin, Professor of Old Testament, has been awarded a post-doctoral fellowship for study at the Hebrew Union College Biblical and Archaeological School in Jerusalem for the academic year 1968-69.

Valued at \$4,500, this award was made by the Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion of which Nelson Glueck is president. The award will enable Dr. Scoggin to engage in two seasons of digging at Tel Gezer and one at Tel Lachish.

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**DISCUSSION**

The Discussion Group will meet with Dr. Archie Nations, Johnsdale Rd. Litchford Forest, Raleigh, at 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 29. Meet at Women's Dorm at 7:30 for directions. Topic: "The Nature of Revelation in the Christian Faith."

\*\*\*\*\*Spring is like a woman.....  
 ....Beautifully inconsistent.\*\*\*\*\*

**CARVER-BARNES MEMORIAL LECTURES 1968** By Dr. Martin Marty. March 25-26. On Campus.

Dr. Martin Marty, Associate Editor of The Christian Century, Chairman of Historical Field at the University of Chicago Divinity School, and Associate Professor of Church History; will lecture on the theme, "The Christian Uses of the Future" in Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday -Friday this week. His schedule is as follows:

Tuesday; 10:00 a.m., Chapel, Topic: "The World That Never Came of Age."

-----7:30 p.m. Dr. Marty will fellowship and have informal discussion with the faculty in the home of the Binkleys.

Wednesday; 10:00 a.m. Chapel, Topic: "The Future: Some Christian Probes."

-----7:30 p.m. Dr. Marty will meet for fellowship and informal discussion with visiting alumni in the Bethea Room.

Thursday; 10:00 a.m. Chapel, Topic: "The Relocation of Religion in America."

\*\*\*\*\*3:00 p.m. Dr. Marty will meet with the students for fellowship and discussion in room 205 of Appleby. This open meeting of all students is sponsored by the Ethics Forum, Bill Rogers, Chairman. \*\*\*\*\*

Friday; 10:00 a.m. Chapel, Topic: "The Church of the Future."

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**ETHICS FORUM** with Dr. Martin E. Marty at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28, Appleby 205.

**ALL STUDENTS INVITED**

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**A POET'S THRUST**

There seems to the poet  
 that only the Truthful can read  
 Understanding the thrust of the seed  
 the seed of Truth to Satisfy

A poem maybe just complex language  
 and not so much the poet's enlightenment  
 For human beings tend to read  
 -themselves into everything

Fleeting thoughts are but shadows of the mind  
 where they come or where they go, no man knows  
 But Life is But one Thought: that is-  
 Truth should be Whole while Justice reigns.  
 -----Gary W. Laird



## THE ENQUIRY

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## VIETNAM--THE FRUSTRATING WAR

In past histories of America's involvement in wars, excluding the last two, there has been only one term for surrender: unconditional! Although no one really wins, there can be only one victor and one victory: a military one! International relations are for politicians; war is for generals and troops. After a conflict has reached the critical point, there is only one way to stop it: apply enough military pressure so that national leaders must stop the fighting and talk.

But since Korea, we have learned to fight wars without winning them. Every Thursday since the cessation of hostilities in that country, negotiators have sat at the table which straddles the 38th parallel and talked for hours through multiple translators. Overhead the Communist flag is just a little higher than the others. Outside, air police and North Korean sentries quietly play "capture the pole" while waiting for these weekly harangues to end. They do this by slowly encircling the telephone pole nearest the building, edging their way in and around it, only to lose it to the other side later.

The cries to end that farce were, "Get our boys home." Finally, a shaky truce was signed in July of 1953. There was no winner. Ironically there are still over 50,000 troops stationed there. The most recent incident prompted another build-up of weapons and men. Negotiations have not guaranteed a lasting peace.

Having only temporarily stopped the Communist thrust there, America turned her attention and her aid to Vietnam. Vietnam was an emerging new country, experiencing growing pains, and had little chance of withstanding Communist pressure without outside help; (only the most optimistic observers believed she could). The battle area shifted, the parallel changed, but the problems remained.

Now, Vietnam is the scene of another frustrating war. America is mired down in the mud of rice fields and the morass of political and economic problems once more. What is the answer there? What will be the outcome in another 15 years? Why we are there matters not at this point; we are there! Should we get out or stay and see it through? Although the actual shooting

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is 10,000 miles away, its effects are ricocheting throughout America from campus to Congress to cemeteries scattered over the countryside. What can we do about it?

Unfortunately, I don't have any "pat" answers or solutions. Certainly demonstrations will accomplish nothing, except discourage our troops in the field. Personally, I do not feel that exaltation or negotiations will, of themselves, end the struggle. Instead, I'm going to PRAY for the intervention of god, and believe, because of His grace and mercy, that He will stop the slaughter there in a way satisfactory to all involved.

I'm not a hawk or a dove. I'm a veteran of Korea and now a proclaimer of peace, and I ask you to join me in this effort as a responsible fellow Christian.

---Gene Carnell

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"THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN AN URBAN PERSPECTIVE."

This article attempts to relate the stance taken by the Urban Seminar held in Washington, D.C. last summer. It is a student's interpretation and is written for the benefit of those Southeastern students who are considering a commitment to that program for this summer.

The stance of this seminar can be usefully defined in relationship to the priority of needs with which it dealt. Three needs of theological education in an urban perspective were recurring: institutional, professional, and personal.

## I. INSTITUTIONAL

In the past, the purposes of theological education were defined by the society and the church-to consolidate its position in society and to teach its members. Today urbanization has broken down the concept of the church as a geographical community. The church that does not recognize this is not adequate to define for education or for mission its purposes in an urban culture. Seminaries also, like churches, are tempted to ask how old forms can be updated and enthusiasm re-heated. But the harsh question must be one of function, not renewal. Renewal has too often seen the churches' urban mission to be that of locating new church units in suburbs. (Note the Home Mission Board's projection for new church-

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es in the decade of the seventies). Others, critical, have equated the inner-city with urban mission. Few have caught the vision of the interdependence of economic and political spheres, of the Christian mission to the total metropolis.

An urban seminar asks about the function of the church in the metropolis. An urban theology is needed. This theology is based in covenant with the people of God called to do His work in His world. Evangelism is world-centered and self giving; it is not church-centered with vested interests.

II PROFESSIONAL

There is a need for an understanding of the group process. Clergymen tend to reduce each problem to the individual and to solve it on a personal basis. This means frustration when a minister tries to help an individual whose difficulty is bound up with the structures of the metropolis. The frustration is compounded for some pastors who have a prohibitive view of government and ignore public resources.

An urban seminar recognizes the demand for ecumenicity. Southern Baptists in many quarters have already found that a corporate witness to the city is a pragmatic, if not theological, necessity. (An urban seminar hopes to untangle this cart before the horse approach to mission by contrasting a pragmatism that stresses bigness against a theological motif of servanthood).

III. PERSONAL

A sense of inadequacy in the light of rapid urbanization has led to a feeling of irrelevancy and subconsciously to a feeling of threat among ministers. Clergymen unacquainted with the use of power and conflict have been known to unwittingly short-circuit the natural process of change-- which involves some resistance and reaction in the name of reconciliation.

This third need demands an urban seminar which searches for a secular relevance. Theological paternalism must die. Faculty and students must enjoy a comradarie which embraces all truth.

Summarily, an urban seminar seeks an educational approach to an urban theology, ecumenicity and relevance not available in a metropolitan context for Southern Baptists heretofore. Urbanization makes urban missions inevitable. Responsible training for service can make it worthwhile.

---Jeffrey Kelley

OPEN HOUSING ROLE FOR CHURCHES CITED (The following is from the Capital Baptist March 21,1968)

RALEIGH,N.C.--Baptists must wake up to the impending 1968 Civil Rights Bill and prepare to help calm the shock wave that the bill's open-housing rider is bound to create, a Southern Baptist state leader said.

Corbin L.Cooper, director of interracial cooperation for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, said white Baptists should initiate contact with Negroes "to get acquainted with each other's needs."

"Without this type of preparation in the face of the inevitable," he said, "individuals will be so shocked by Negroes moving into the neighborhoods that they won't think of anything but moving."

Cooper said he was surprised to discover that Baptists had not spoken to the open housing issue, oneither local, state, or convention levels.

"We need to let the world know that somebody in the denomination is interested in the problem," he said.

In a research paper prepared for graduate study at Southeastern Seminary Cooper made several recommendations for church involvement in preparing the nation for open housing. In addition to suggesting that churches publicly and financially support campaigns for open-housing legislation, Cooper recommended the following approaches, which he attributes to the American Friends Service Committee:

Suggest formation of a real estate-clergy committee to work with fair housing groups. Make team visits to real estate officials and apartment owners and managers.

Urge members of the congregation to list individual houses with fair housing groups.

Call a closed discussion meeting with members of the church who are in any way connected with the real estate industry.

Help locate and report to fair housing groups homeowners who desire living in integrated neighborhoods.

Encourage clergy and church members to volunteer as escorts to accompany Negro prospective buyers to real estate offices.

Participate in denominational and interfaith efforts to influence brokers, apartment owners and builders to follow a policy of open occupancy....

Submitted by Byard Houck

LIBRARY SCHEDULE--Spring Holidays:

Fri. April 5.....8:00-4:30	Mon.-Thurs. April 8-11.....8:00-4:30	Tues. April 9
Sat. April 6.....9:00-12:00	Fri.-Sun. April 12-14.....Closed	April 16
Sun. April 7.....Closed	Mon. April 15.....8:00-4:30	8:00-10:00



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Ping Pong Singles--The following players won their matches in the first round: F. Smith, Dr. Steely, Dr. Shriver, G. Porter, R. Headley, T. Yates, Carol Moore, Nancy Morgan, H. Yarborough, T. Brewington, J. Martin, S. Coleman, and T. Lanasa.

Ping Pong Doubles-- In the first round of play Morgan and Moore defeated Steely and Shriver while Raymer and Yates beat Coleman and Laird.

ALL PING PONG MATCHES SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST ROUND MUST BE PLAYED BY WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK AND THE MATCH WINNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTACTING HIS SECOND ROUND COMPETITION. ALL SECOND ROUND MATCHES MUST BE PLAYED BY FRIDAY OR FORFEITED UNLESS THE REASONS GIVEN FOR A DELAYED MATCH ARE ACCEPTED BY THE DESIGNATED GYM ASSISTANT.

Volleyball--Intramurals commenced last week. On Tuesday the Tigers won their match with the Angels. The Saints defeated the Demons on Thursday. The following persons were elected as team captains:

Ed Tucker (Saints), David Bradshaw (Demons), Skip Coleman (Tigers), Jack Clifford (Angels).

Tennis Singles--The first round of play is set for this week. Be sure and play your match by Friday. Winners should notify gym assistants.

---Del Brunson

STATEMENT ON POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

(from the Capital Baptist, March 21, 1968)

The following resolution was passed by the Interreligious Committee on Race Relations.

Believing that the continued blight of poverty in so affluent a nation as ours constitutes a clear denial of human dignity.

Deploring the poverty of both imagination and commitment that we as a nation have brought to bear upon the persistent problem of poverty.

Compelled by our religious traditions to bear witness to this American tragedy;

We, the Interreligious Committee on Race Relations, endorse the legitimate aims and goals of the Poor People's Campaign during the spring and summer of 1968, under the auspices of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference led by Reverend Martin Luther King (Jr.).

First: to raise before the eyes and conscience of this nation the plight and despair of the poor, thus making visible those whom our affluent society has allowed to become invisible.

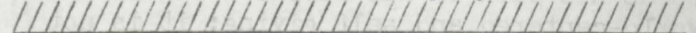
Second: To promote in the face of chaos

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and violent revolt the efficacy of non-violent tactics in combatting the apathy that breeds despair among the poor.

Third: To achieve minimal standards of human decency for all of our people, namely, ---meaningful jobs for all, ---adequate income for all, ---decent housing for all, ---quality education for all, and adequate medical and dental care for all.

---Submitted by Byard Houck



NOTICE

The campus W.M.U. will meet in the Bethea Room at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday March 26. (Tonight)

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There will be a meeting of the Senior Class on Thursday April 4, at 10:30 a.m. in 205 of Appleby Building. Important Meeting!!

THE GRADUATE DROPS-OUT

Our first impression of the film "The Graduate" has, upon discussion and contemplation, developed into a revised vision.

One factor which caused us to consider it one of the best films of the year was its ability to "Tell it like it is" regarding the post-graduation 'blah' feeling and the frustration arising as youth experiences the hypocrisy of the older generation. Also leading to our earlier endorsement was the apparent victory of the Graduate as he rebelled against the "Do as we say, not as we do--or be damned if you do" philosophy of his elders; rescued his girl; boarded a bus and rode off into a blissful future.

But now we are of the opinion that The Graduate flunked. Frustrated he was, and rebel he did; but the "rescue" is doubtful, and the get-away on a local bus does not escape reality--it merely swaps scenes.

With the mentality that "Love conquers all" and that youthful idealism will righteously change the world, the Graduate and Co. rightly deserve a back seat on the bus of life.

-----Ed.

S.C.C.

The Student Coordinating Council will meet Thursday, March 28, 1968, in the Bethea Room.

FRISBEE

Get rid of excess (?) energy in several games of Frisbee on warm-weather-weekends. Contact Editor.