

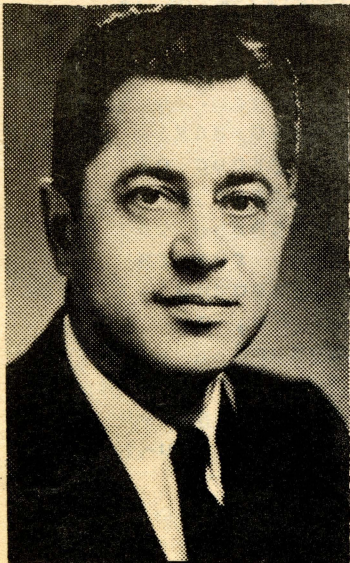
# THE ENQUIRY

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## THANK YOU DR. GREEN

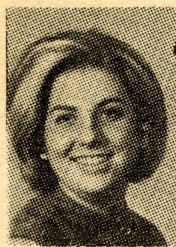
J. Leo Green

The spring session has been for Dr. J. Leo Green a painful experience. Stricken with an acute kidney condition, he has carried on under great stress. Having the responsibility of Faculty Advisor to The Enquiry didn't lighten the load.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the man for being the best friend an editor could have. His presence on the staff was an inspiration. We were honored to have had him for advisor.

My understanding is he will take a year away from us beginning next fall. If he can only get a bit of much needed rest we will be grateful. He has driven himself too hard. Our prayers go with him even though we are selfish in wanting him here to make the Old Testament live for us and our church folk.

'GOD SPEED' DR. GREEN; THANK YOU.



A special thanks too to Vickie Brannan for her faithful service to The Enquiry over the past year. It has not been easy for her at times, yet she was always ready to sacrifice that the newspaper could be out on time. She

is leaving us at the end of this term and we will miss both her work and cheerful personality. Thanks Vickie.

## FREE

I was was walking along one day,  
I met a man, or should I say  
I met a creature who looked liked me  
But in his heart, he didn't seem to be  
free

ah- Free- ah

I asked him where he was goin' to go,  
But all he could say was "I don't know."  
I asked if he'd like to come with me  
Wanderin' around and walkin' free.

ah- Free- ah

Me and my brother following the sun,  
Travelin' together two as one.  
Movin' along and tellin' of  
The power and gentleness of love.

ah- Free- ah

a song by Orville Boyd Jenkins

## OBJECT OF WORSHIP

(Ed. Note:) This is the last in the series of articles dealing with the problem of church attendance in the Southern Baptist Convention.

It was the year 3,000 and the earth had been destroyed. A shipload of visitors from another galaxie came to browse through the rubble. By chance they stumbled upon what had been a large Baptist Church. They were puzzled at what they found.

The first thing they found was six round objects that looked like bowls. They were made of silver and it appeared the bottom had been lined with felt. They figured these little bowls must have been important for whatever went on in this building because they occupied such a prominent place in it.

The second thing they found was a rectangular wooden edifice that appeared to be some sort of altar and upon which the six round objects had been prominently displayed. There were some strange words etched on the front of this edifice but they could not translate the words. They felt the words probably had little meaning anyway and the important thing was the six round objects. They gathered from the edifice this must have been a place of worship and the six round objects were either the object of worship or held whatever was.

The third thing was a large pool a few yards behind where the wooden edifice stood. It looked as if it had held water at one time but due to the presence of what appeared to be chairs, curtains, leaves, etc. they mused that, though it was supposed to hold water for some religious rite, it must have been used for storage more than as a pool.

Before they could look over the rest of the building they had to go back to their galaxie. The building occupied much of their conversation on the trip home. They were unanimous in their opinion that this had been a place of worship. The question was what was the object of worship? Was it the six round objects or could the untranslatable words on the wooden edifice have something to do with it? Another question was why did these worshippers make provision for a pool and never use it?

Joe Beauchamp



Dr. Trotter

## Commencement Exercises

May 27-28



Dr. Pruden

Commencement exercises will take place Thursday and Friday May 27-28 as some 150 seniors march forth to new fields to replace the academic life of Southeastern.

On Thursday evening beginning at 8 p.m. in Binkley Chapel Dr. Edward Huges Pruden will deliver the Commencement Sermon. Friday morning at 10:30 the actual Commencement will take place with Dr. S. Carroll Trotter giving the charge to the graduates. Dr. Pruden is a visiting professor here and will be a regular in thr fall term. Dr. Trotter is professor of preaching and speech here.

The Friday morning services are scheduled for out of doors, so fair weather is anticipated.



# THE EDITOR'S PAGE

## FAREWELL

A year ago this month members of the Executive Committee of the SCC approached me with a most honorable request. Already the year's dreams have been fulfilled.

It is now time to say good-bye and to express my gratitude for the privilege of serving in such a capacity.

I believe The Enquiry has honed out for itself a position of permanent, practical performance. It is a vital vicar of vigilance; a seeking, searching seer for studying sermonizers. It is all of these not because of the editor, rather because of the climate in which it was spawned and through which it has been nurtured. It is my prayer it will continue to be.

Many have asked, "Why don't you stay with it another year? This is an easy question to ask (quite complimentary too) and it appears to have an easy answer. The paper itself has been a joy (in spite of an acute shortage of help) and I don't like at all the idea of having to be out of the main stream of seminary activity. But other things are weighing heavily on the overall picture and in the coming year, editorship of this paper would just about tip the balance. I'm spread too thin. I've too many irons in the fire. At the risk of being selfish I want to launch out into the deeper things in the academic waters of Southeastern. You can't imagine how much time was taken from such studies to put out a newspaper.

I am grateful for all who have supported the publication over the past year. I am especially grateful to Joe Beauchamp, Sid Rodriguez and Vickie Brannan for being here when no one else was. Sid covered sports, Joe the rest of the campus and Vickie typed it all.

I shall support the publication in my final year here, for I believe it can and must continue to be an adequate avenue of communication for all members of the seminary community. It must be fair to all viewpoints in both space and discretion. It must have the courage to speak out on all issues intelligently and be willing to live with the results, (this is initially the hard part) and it must always strive to promote good will among men studying good will.

Good-bye, thank you and God bless you.

Your Editor and friend,  
Jim

## STILL FAIR STILL REASONABLE

Some students, when learning of the rise in matriculation fees here to \$100, raised the question: "Why wasn't it published in the school newspaper." The answer is pure and simple: Because of the Editor's discretion. I wonder if the paper's task is to jump in ahead of the new catalogue to raise questions of operation expense and budget?

I would point the irate student to a comparison with Duke Divinity School and other seminaries (within and other than the SBC) rather than a comparison of \$65 to \$100.

"Why weren't we notified?" was the cry. Would opposition to the move freeze it? Not when it was a joint act and one very necessary. Also, it has not been officially confirmed nor cleared through proper channels.

The Editor doesn't see how the seminary operates on so small a budget; therefore, he finds this an issue "lest of all" to cry about.

The Editor prefers appreciation to agitation where warranted.

## CHEERS BILLY

My fellow laborers in the vineyard of theological grapes:

How can I find words to say good-bye to such a noble group of religious rogues? For better or worse you're my gang. Amen.

Let me clear up a few rumors that have been floating around campus in recent weeks. No, my real identity is not Raymond Bryan Brown. That chap is professor of New Testament Interpretation; I'm professor of New Student Interpretation. (You knew that) He's also Dean. Who else could be Dean? Who has the wardrobe for it?

I'm not Jim Harman either. If I were I wouldn't admit it. (He's got enough troubles as it is.) and, believe it or not, I'm not Joe Beauchamp (completely), although I like that chap a lot. He's very broad and has guts. (I don't know why he gets mad when I compliment him this way.)

No, I'm none of these in disguise. You see, I'm Bill Gracchus, pure and simple. I came here with the Class of '73 and I've been their leader all the way.

I have really enjoyed the sessions with those young upstarts who were sent to interview me. I'm not really all that conservative. I just express myself that way.

I hope I have added a little humor, even in the midst of hard work on this campus we need it. If we lose our sense of humor, we are in serious trouble.

It could be that you will hear from me again. If you don't it's not because I'm dead--just tired.

Bill Gracchus

## ONE FINAL GRACCHUSISM

"The first year in seminary is spent cutting liberals. The second year is spent cutting professors. The third year is spent cutting classes."

"Seminary is not really hard work anymore. We don't have required attendance. We don't have a whole lot of required classes. Now if we can just get the professors to stop giving assignments . . ."

"Most students do not like lectures, they had rather 'discuss'. I think what they really mean is they had rather 'teach'."

"Students do not really hate the establishment they just hate the requirements that it takes to make in the establishment."

"If there is anything anymore boring than a closed-minded fundamentalist; it is a closed-minded liberal."



# FOUR POEMS FROM "REB"

The sun shines high above me  
the earth is neath my feet,  
I carry a weapon in my hand,  
the enemy I must meet.

I carry neither sword nor gun  
for death walks not with me,  
I carry just the Book of Life  
from sin to set men free.

A Book of Songs that David wrote,  
and the beautiful story of Ruth,  
the history of God's chosen land  
all in one Book of Truth.

A young hero named Daniel  
sleeps in the lion's den,  
and Moses preforms God's miracles  
in the Book of God and Men.

My Lord, the world's one Saviour,  
dies to set men free.  
So you see my little friend,  
the Bible is the Book for Me.

## GEMS

The desert air was very still,  
then from the crest of yonder hill,  
the Coyote set up a woeful wail,  
and told the moon his lonesome tale.

"Back about the dawn of time,  
man respected what was mine,  
and I let man live in peace,  
while I prayed this would not cease.

Then man stole all my sheep,  
which would make anyone weep.  
He locked them into a pen  
telling me, to eat them is a sin.

So I turned to chickens, that I might eat  
but man discovered their flesh was sweet,  
and locked them behind a sturdy door  
and told me I might eat no more.

So I went to steal back what was mine,  
which I thought was very fine,  
but man's dog did drive me out  
and man's sincerity I began to doubt.

Now man chases me with trap and gun,  
and tells his friends about this fun,  
but at least I'm living free.  
That, no man, can take from me."

Woman, go git  
that Bible down  
There's somethin  
I gotta see.  
I met an eddicated  
fool today  
an what he says  
jist cain't be.

He says you can't  
see the air  
but the sky's still  
blue to me.  
an he says that  
water ain't got  
no taste  
I wonder, has he  
drunk at the end  
of the row?

This idjit said  
there ain't no God  
so who make's my  
cotton grow?  
He says that if God  
was He's daid  
I gotta see if'n  
that's so.

Yep, right here's  
the empty tomb  
I figgered that's  
what Gospel said.  
So there ain't no  
God accordin to  
you  
but I still drink  
at the end of  
the row.

ED. NOTE: Here are four choice works from the pen of Gentleman Ben Clark, poet laureate of Southeastern. If you enjoy his style see him for more. You can't miss him. He's the gentleman with the big white hat. We left the names off that you might add your own. How close did you come? They are, from left to right, THE BIBLE BOOK, COYOTE'S LAMENT, END OF THE ROW and the fourth (in the lower right hand corner) has no name. You do the honors. Our thanks to Ben for his contributions all year.

## "A GROWING DISRESPECT"

As a "professional student" I am in my fourth year here at Southeastern, and I am disturbed at what I consider to be a growing disrespect for the uniqueness of the Christian Revelation. I have become increasingly alarmed at those who appear to desire to make Christ in their own image. I am alarmed at those who would make Him into a mere prophet of equal status and stature with all other prophets and leaders of all other religions. I am alarmed at those here who appear to be ashamed to affirm that Christ Jesus is the supreme, the unique, the unsurpassable and final saving Revelation of the Living God. I am appaled at those who appear to be ashamed to affirm with vigor that Christ is Lord, that He alone was True God and True Man, that in Him God continues to reconcile the world to Himself. I am disturbed at the apparent unwillingness on the part of many to affirm with strong conviction that the Revelation of God in Christ Jesus is the supreme Revelation and norm by which all other revelations must be judged. This is not to say that I don't believe there is any saving revelation outside of Jesus Christ. It is to say, however, that I strongly believe that for those who are confronted with the Gospel of Christ, He is the only way. That is, in the context of being confronted with the Gospel, I affirm with Peter that "... there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

Perhaps it is the Cross that is so offensive. Indeed, it was offensive to many Greeks who could not accept a God who would stoop so low as to be contaminated by this world. Indeed, the Cross was offensive to those Jews who could not accept a Messiah who would allow himself to be so scandalously crucified over a garbage heap between two thieves. Yes, the Cross was a shame and offense to many, and it remains so for many today--but Christ is still Lord; and all those who confront Him must either turn their backs in shame and disappointment, or repent and rejoice in Him as Saviour and Lord. As the great apostle Paul said, "...the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (I Corinthians 1:18)

Possibly I have become alarmed at something which is not as real as I have sensed, but I still feel a deep need for all of us who call ourselves Christians to affirm anew with Paul that we are not ashamed of the Gospel (Romans 1:16). Such, I believe, could lead to a stronger proclamation and a more adequate demonstration of the uniqueness of the Christian Faith.

When babe first  
breaks through the  
womb...is pulled  
from darkness to  
light.

He kicks and  
screams at the terr-  
ors of pain and  
breath and light.

When man departs  
this world and  
moves from known to  
sod.

He kicks and  
screams at the ter-  
or of pain and  
death and God.

Gee...  
That's  
Bad!  
Let me  
set THAT  
straight.



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# SPORTSRAP

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## A TRADITION

Soon, four men will be leaving SEBTS with their degrees. These four men, Joe Dowis, Jim Ivey, Temple Myers, and Wayne Frith, created a legend on the playing fields of Southeastern. The legend was called Tigers. The Tigers excelled in winning. For three seasons, everyone who faced the Tiger football team wound up beaten; mentally and physically. The Tiger football team played 18 games. They won 18 games. A nineteenth victory was cancelled by protest.

In basketball, the Tigers adopted the "alias" Bengals. But the results were almost always the same. The Bengal Tigers wrapped up three consecutive tournament titles and one regular season title playing basketball at a 25 wins and 7 losses pace for three years.

In softball, the Tigers were vulnerable, but this year clawed their way to a divisional title and third place in the playoffs.

Overall, the Tigers' booty for three years in three sports included a .756 winning percentage, three basketball tournament titles, one regular season basketball title and a softball divisional title.

On top of this, some of the best athletes in seminary history have had a hand in building the legend. In addition to Joe, Jim, Temple, and Wayne, other seminary sports stars who have worn the Tiger orange are: Charlie Page, Al Thomas, Jerry Robertson, Buddy Wright, Al Sasser, Tom Denton, Wily Doby, Ollie McBride, Lee Roy Johnson, Curt Finch, Steve Shoemaker, Mike Jenkins, Jim McBride, Jim Palmer, Jim Harman, Blair Little, and others.

So, as the Big Four of Tigerdom leave SEBTS for the larger jungles of the outside world, the legend will linger in Gore Gym, and await the arrival of next fall.

Love it or hate it, the tradition is here. Hated by those who were not chose, loved by those who played a part in it and enjoyed its successful outings and survived its setbacks, the Tiger legend, like the old-time Yankees and the Lombardi Packers, will remain Southeastern's own small contribution to the legacy of sports lore.

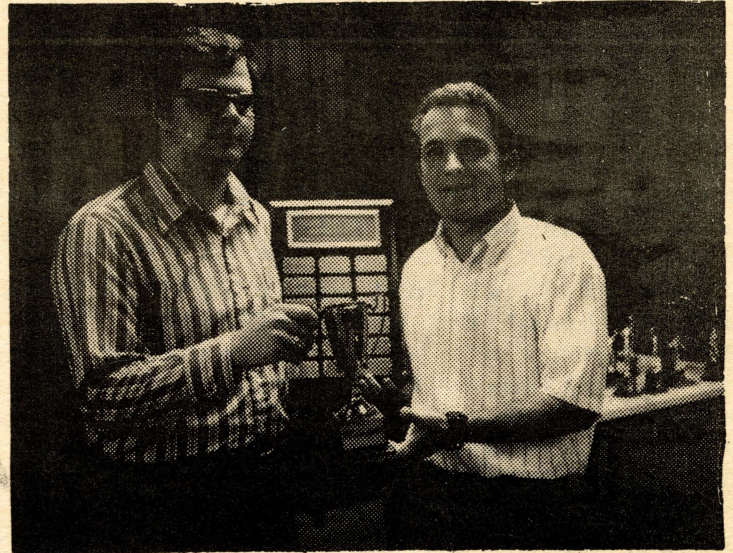


**SPORTS  
AWARD  
WINNERS  
POSE**

## Harris Wins Ping Pong Title

Harry Harris defeated doubles partner Joe Winstead 3 games to 1 to win the ping-pong singles title. Winstead was the defending champion.

Earlier, Harris and Winstead had beaten Tai Ping Li and Takeshi Iido to claim the doubles title.



## TEASTER TO BAILEY

Athletic Director Phil Bailey was voted the Richard Teaster Award for Sportsmanship by the SEBTS student body. Last Year's recipient was Charlie Page.

The award was established in memory of the late Richard "Dick" Teaster, who passed away suddenly in 1969. Teaster was an outstanding student athlete here at SEBTS. The award is presented annually to the student here at SEBTS voted by the student body as its most outstanding good sportsman.

## DODGERS CHAMPS

Ron Medlin's Dodgers, runners-up in the Division B softball title, defeated the Division B Champion Orioles 12-8 and claimed victory in the SEBTS Intramural Softball League Race. It was the second time the Dodgers had beaten a divisional champion in the playoffs. Earlier the Dodgers dumped the Tigers 14-7 to advance to the final round.

The Dodgers accomplished their upset of the Orioles while playing only nine men, but were given a big boost when they grabbed a 6-0 first-inning lead. This lead was never relinquished as clutch fielding and timely hitting enabled the Medlin Dodgers to clinch the win and the title.

## THANK YOU

Phil Bailey Athletic Director, and Jerry "Bubba" Robertson, Gym Director, deserve a big vote of thanks from the seminary family for the fine work they have done this year in providing a fine sports program for us all.

Under Phil's administration, the sport of volleyball was added to the intramural sports program the softball league membership was expanded from four teams to six.

"Bubba" has been closely involved in the SEBTS sports program for three years. He has served as Athletic Director and officiated in all team sports. He was instrumental in starting intramural flag football and softball here at SEBTS and has done a lot of behind-the-scenes work that was vital, but oft unnoticed.