

# The Enquiry

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## Ledford Center Approaching Reality

by Ruth Fleming

Buildings on Southeastern's campus, which date as far back as 1834, are gradually being remodeled to meet the needs of the seminary. Finally, the largest construction and renovation project undertaken by Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary will be the development of the Ledford Student Center. In March of 1983, the Board of Trustees gave the stamp of approval for final planning, fund-raising, and contract negotiations, thus transforming Gore Gymnasium into the Ledford Student Center.

Although the gymnasium is only 45 years old, a number of changes will be necessary for converting it into the student center, and these changes are costly. Renovation and new construction are estimated at \$2,700,000. According to Woody Catoe, one million is coming from the Southern Baptist Convention as an allocation for capital improvements; however, the seminary must raise 1.7 million. President Lolley hopes to get the financial base

built up this academic year by finding major donors and as he said, "friends of this school" who will invest in the project.

The facilities provided by Gore Gymnasium and Mackie Hall will constitute the facilities to be within the Ledford Student Center. In the 32 years of Southeastern's existence, few if any improvements have been made in Gore Gymnasium. It is currently used only for basketball, handball, weight-lifting, children's center activities, and storage. Mackie Hall, built in 1968, is no longer adequate for the greatly enlarged student body. Southeastern has grown from 582 students in 1968 to 1050-1100 students in 1983, according to Dr. Sandusky. Providing only a minimum of activities in its limited space, Mackie Hall will be converted into a faculty office center.

The Ledford Center will provide all that these two buildings provide plus more. Some of its components will be: two multipurpose fellowship and meeting rooms; lounges for study, fellowship, music, and television; a sandwich shop; a Baptist Book Store; a post office and an automatic bank teller; lockers for commuting students; creative craft facilities; four game rooms; gymnasium for basketball, volleyball, and track; a weight and exercise room; an aerobics room; three handball and/or racquetball courts; and men and women's locker rooms.

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## Look For New Format

by Felicia Stewart

This first edition of the twentieth volume of **The Enquiry** is only a sample of what is to come. The student newspaper will be published once every two weeks instead of every three weeks as in the past, and it will be eight to twelve pages long.

In every issue you will find not only coverage of campus events, editorials, and letters to the editor, but also a regular column by Marc Mullinax and feature stories by Paula Meador Testerman. Formation in Ministry and the library will have regular columns as will the Conservative Evangelical Fellowship and the Student Council.

Some exciting additions will be more photographs and a whole section devoted to short news stories about members of our seminary community. Intramurals will also be covered and a calendar of area events such as lectures, film series, plays and concerts will be found in every issue.

Though we have a hard-working and competent staff, we need your help in making your paper a success. Contact us with your news. Let us do your organization's publicity. Your contributions are needed and your comments welcome.

## Praise Celebration coming up

Praise Celebration, an exciting night of inspirational Christian music and worship, will take place September 8th on the steps of Binkley Chapel at Southeastern Seminary. The time is 7:00 p.m.

This is the second year that the service of musical praise has been held. It is jointly sponsored by the Seminary Council and Seminary Wives. President Randall Lolley is this year's Master of Ceremonies and a personal testimony will be given by Dr. Delos Miles, Professor of Evangelism.

Lori Nicholson will begin the service with a prelude of great Christian music. The singers and musicians are mostly seminary students, but some non-students will participate. This year's participants are Karen and Hal Bilbo, Ed Digh, Michael Dunegan, Mike Gibson, Frank Banas, Gale Green, Michael Hawn, Tom and Jana Preston and Ben Vogler.

Praise Celebration is a seminary and community-wide service of praise. Everyone is asked to bring their lawn chairs and blankets. It's a service for the entire family.

Refreshments will be provided by the Seminary Wives Council.

In case of rain the service will be moved inside the Binkley Chapel. So no matter what the weather, come and be a part of this super night of musical praise.

## Turning Trash into Food

by Paula Meador Testerman

Jesus told his disciples that they would accomplish greater deeds than he. Should it surprise the followers of one who fed thousands with a couple of small bread loaves and some fish that we might have the power to turn empty cans and glass containers into food, or used newspaper into fuel even for homes without woodstoves?

You may have noticed by now the presence of several large cardboard barrels around campus. Over the past year, these containers have gradually been set up near the main exits near the soft drink machines in most of the Seminary buildings. Empty drink cans (no left-over drink or cigarettes, please), whether aluminum (Coca-cola products) or bi-metal (Pepsi drinks), are being channeled as an extension of Recycle Raleigh for Food and Fuel. Last year the project at SEBTS raised a

total income from recycled drink cans of \$125. With an estimated weekly consumption of 750 cans of soft drinks, Dennis Testerman (current Ethics Committee chair and project initiator) estimates that this figure could be doubled with only a 50% recovery rate for the cans. These funds will be distributed through the Wake County Capital Area Food Coalition (CAFCCO), which works to coordinate and prioritize food and fuel needs in our county through representatives from numerous programs and groups who serve suffering, hungry people. Nancy Byard has represented the Wake Forest CRISIS ministry at CAFCCO.

One weekend this summer, July 15-18, larger wooden recycling bins were brought to the Lyons parking lot for collecting drink cans, newspapers, and three colors of glass jars or bottles. The Ethics Committee chairman, along

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## From the Editor

Unity! Peace! Let's just get along. The cry is heard over and over in our convention, in our churches, on our campus. This is the twentieth year for **The Enquiry** and as is evidenced by going through the back issues, the same cry has been heard many times every year in this newspaper.

Now, however, the cry is a different one. This year we say--let us argue the issues; let us touch the nerves; let us debate; let us risk taking stands!

We do not always have to "get along." This attitude not only creates a false peace with its tensions and staleness, but it also limits our opportunities to grow spiritually and intellectually.

The necessity, however, is to love and respect one another. The person who ridicules others for their close-mindedness is just as guilty of a loveless spirit as the person who holds in contempt those people with broader views. Though sometimes it is difficult to distinguish between a personality and an issue, it is the issues which should be discussed. Those real questions in life which matter, which make a difference in our lives and in the world deserve time for debate.

Let us take the time to listen to each other thereby gaining insights from different perspectives, backgrounds and understandings. It has been said that the biggest part of one's education comes not from the books that are read or the lectures attended, though those are of course very important, but from the people one meets, from those late-night talks, from dialogue, from the free expression of different views.

Let's try it. **The Enquiry** is a place for a beginning.

Letters to the Editor are welcome. They should be typed, double-spaced and no more than 350 words long. As stated in **Enquiry** policy, all letters must be signed. Letters may be left at **The Enquiry** office in Mackie Hall.

## Trash into Food

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with the Hunger Committee of Wake Forest Baptist Church, currently is trying to raise the remaining \$700 needed to have permanent bins built for the town of Wake Forest. The town already has agreed to contribute \$200 from its budget this year.

The Student Council recently approved \$250 from its 1982-83 funds toward the recycling project and its extension into the community of which SEBTS is a part. Volunteers would be welcomed for periodic checking of the different barrels on our campus, which, when full, are currently being emptied and the cans stored behind the gymnasium. With the cooperation of local merchants and institutions, some barrels may be located around town which would also need checking. Such a service project might also appeal to your church's RA or other mission group.

Members of the Seminary community who already have glass, cans or newspapers which they wish to recycle may take them to one of several sites in the Raleigh area: the Jaycee Park on Wade Avenue, Calvary Baptist on New Bern, and St. Raphael's on Falls of the Neuse in Raleigh, or St. Michael's Catholic Church in Cary. If you know of a group or church in Wake Forest which would be interested in contributing toward the building of bins in our own community, or if you can volunteer some time, contact Dennis Testerman at 556-1571.

Faithful stewardship of creation requires our commitment to relieve the earth of the burden of our trash, as well as efficiently using its resources to nourish and nurture God's creatures.

What's happening in your life? Your classmates would like to know and **The Enquiry** would like to tell them. Ordinations, licensing, engagements, mar-

## Policies Outlined

The purpose of **The Enquiry** is:

1. To report the news of interest to the seminary community.
2. To render through editorials its own thoughtfully developed opinion on items of significance to the seminary community.
3. To encourage and express varying opinions in the seminary community on significant items.
4. To encourage and publish a variety of literary productions from the seminary community.
5. To promote excellence in journalistic and literary service to the seminary community.

The standards of **The Enquiry** are:

1. To function within the seminary community. It is free to engage in creative discussion of ethical, moral and theological issues without fear of censorship.
2. To maintain a wholesome balance between news, feature and opinion articles.
3. To report news accurately, objectively and impartially.
4. Not to suppress the fair expression of any significant opinion in the seminary community on any significant issue.
5. Not to publish any materials which are obscene, libelous, or which deride any person because of his race, denomination, theological position or personal affairs. No personal reference of questionable propriety to any member of the seminary community will be published without prior consultation and permission of the individual.
6. With the exception of straight news stories and editorials reflecting the consensus of the editorial staff of **The Enquiry**, to require that all articles and letters be signed by the actual writer when they appear in **The Enquiry**. The editor, upon request, will make available to any person the names of the actual writers of straight news stories and editorials reflecting the consensus of the staff.

## Ledford Center

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Upon completion of renovation, the new center will be named the Ledford Student Center for Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ledford of Raleigh, NC. They are both outstanding Baptist laypersons and Seminary benefactors.

According to Woody Catoe, the plans are made for the student center but there are "not enough funds in our hands for even thinking about starting this fall." However, the gymnasium will have its regular hours this fall along with a full program directed by Bill Terry.

riages, a new baby, a new job, a new address--this section is for reporting those things. Submit your news or news of a friend to **The Enquiry** office.



# Answering All those Questions

by Bill Hoyle

Questions everywhere. Moving to a new place and starting a new school always brings a plethora of questions. For the new student, the list of questions is seemingly endless, but in a short while one's list becomes noticeably smaller with the aid of helpful staff, faculty and other students; however, there are few enigmatic questions which always remain questions.

Questions such as, "What's up on weekends?"

A--With the library closing on Saturday afternoon till Monday, and a great number of our sisters and brothers going out to exercise their training in ministry, there is plenty of quiet for improving one's prayer life. The seminary owns a nearby golf course. Raleigh and Durham are not very far away, and here, of course, there is plenty of quiet for improving one's prayer life.

Q--Am I really the youngest/oldest person on my hall and maybe in this school?

A--Probably not. Southeastern has an amazing range of ages in its student body. Instead of bemoaning your point on the spectrum, accept it and contribute from that point. The fault occurs when one does not volunteer or feels too "out of things" to contribute just because of one's age.

Q--What is there for me to do in Social Action or Evangelism or intramurals?

A--As much as you want. Groups form every year, almost on their own around issues and activities. From the intramural efforts to staffing the Focus teams there are plenty of opportunities.

Q--Where are groups that have male and female members supposed to study, especially after the library closes (without being compelled to pay or buy something)?

A--If you don't want to dodge ping-pong balls, and the air-conditioned comfort of Women's Dorm lobby is occupied, there is no good answer. Goodness knows we should never allow our students (average age 29) to visit a dorm room of a student of another sex except for a few hours on quiet weekends. The story is told of some Simmons women inviting some faculty members and their families over for cake and coffee. Of course our male faculty members were not allowed to enter and their coffee and cake was kindly carried to them standing outside.

Q--What do I do when I have questions?

A--Please don't save all of your questions for the President's forum, but be sure to bring some good ones. When you have a question don't just let it sit and molt in your brain, but ask somebody, get directions to the right person and ask again. Asking good questions is not only a major part of our education, but a vital part of our life together.

Generica- Marc Mullinax

## Today is no rehearsal

"Today is the day of salvation."  
(Jesus of Nazareth)

In the course of fallen human events, and especially in the lives of students, the temptation is great to regret one's past performances, or to fear one's future and its demands. Let's face it: school is not a very conducive place for ease of mind. Grades and dead lines make us aware of both our past and our future. The confusion they bring has its cost.

Little attention is placed on today--the hour, the minute. We'd rather live good lives than good minutes. Some of us would rather live for tomorrow than for today. And we all know about the one who lives in the past.

Today, it seems, gets lost in the shuffle. We overlook the sacrament of the mundane, of the now, in favor of the supernatural and the sweet-bye-and-bye. How little do we hammer out our lives on the anvil of everydayness. We think that most issues of life are

settled. Well, they are not. Finality and the end of all enquiry are foreign to the human regimen.

Each day requires our personal, involved affirmation. The old laws and the old loves from yesterday are short rations for the new today. Today is not a rehash of yesterday's anemic mishmash. Day-old lives and day-old faith, like day-old bread, is crusty, difficult to swallow, and not very nutritious. The life of faith is not inherited from day to day. Its mercies are fresh every morning. To live in the past reflects the failure to accept and cope with today. We don't need the second opinion the past offers us. Experience is not that great teacher we say it is. It is more likely the source of our most cherished illusions.

If the past can be a ritualized rehash, so too can future-fishing be misleading. To seek the *terra incognita* of tomorrow before today is to attempt to see beyond the horizon of time. "Oh," you may say, "I'm looking

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## Whatcha Readin'?

"Whatcha Readin'" will be a regular feature of **THE ENQUIRY**. In each issue we will interview about ten students, faculty and staff to see what they are reading. We offer "Whatcha Readin'" for two reasons: first, to stimulate our readership to read more and better books, and second, to offer springboards for conversation within our community. And now, our-first "Whatcha Readin'?"

Dr. Graves: **THE RESONABLENESS OF FAITH**, by Tony Campolo; **CHURCH OF THE POOR DEVIL**, by John Dunne; and **Martin Marty's A CRY OF ABSENCE**, which is a marvelous treatment of the summertime and the wintertime in the life of the spirit.

David Wooten: David has been reading six books, the double trilogy called **THE CHRONICLES OF THOMAS COVENANT THE UNBELIEVER**, by Stephen Donaldson. He is presently on book #5, **THE ONE TREE**.

Jo Philbeck: **WOMEN'S REALITY**, by Anne Wilson Schaef, presents astute observations regarding females in the context of a White Male System. "Even if one cannot identify with certain aspects of her theory, there is much rich material here for all women."

Jo is also reading the practical **HOW TO BE A SEMINARY STUDENT AND SURVIVE**, by Denise George, as well as some diversified journals: **THE LUTHER RICE THEOLOGICAL JOURNAL**, **SBC TODAY**, and the **WITTENBURG DOOR**.

Peggy Haymes: **THE ODYSSEY**, by Homer; **EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS OF LIVING**, by English and Pearson; and **MARKINGS**, by Dag Hammarskjold.

Dr. Nations: He has just finished **ALGENY**, by Jeremy Riftkin. This is an exposition on the new cosmology spawned by the modern technologies

dominating the computer and bio-engineering fields. Highly recommended. He is now reading E. P. Sanders' latest, **PAUL, THE LAW AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE**. Sanders takes a look at Christian salvation in the light of Jewish ideas during the earliest church period.

Ronald Sawyer: Ronald is a new student and has just completed **PILGRIM'S PROGRESS** for the fifth time. Says Sawyer, "There's something new each time." He is also enjoying the challenge to his faith and to his intellect that Bultmann's **NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY** brings.

Dr. Steely: He finds interesting the motives for early Christian missions that are highlighted in Heinrich Kasting's **THE BEGINNINGS OF THE EARLY CHRISTIAN MISSION**. He is also reading the **Festchrift** for Robert Paul, **STUDIES OF THE CHURCH IN HISTORY**. But he is probably enjoying most Charles Dickens' **BLEAK HOUSE**.

Dr. Ballentine: Our new Old Testament scholar is on a novel kick. He is reading Graham Greene's reinterpretation of **Don Quixote**, **MONSIEUR QUIXOTE**, Russell Hoban's latest, **PILGERMANN**, and Umberto Eco's **THE NAME OF THE ROSE**, which is a Sherlock Holmes-type mystery set in 14th-century Italy among a Franciscan community.

John Snell: "John McPhee's **COMING INTO THE COUNTRY**," says transfer student Snell, "makes the Netherlands of Alaska come alive." He is also perusing **ISRAEL AND LEBANON: THE LONGEST WAR**, by Jakobo Timmermann, which is an alternative account that differs from the mass media's perspective on the Middle-eastern war. But the book he recommends for every seminary student is **THE VELVETEEN RABBIT**.



## Formation in Ministry

Welcome to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. In the case of those of you who are returning to the campus from a summer of work and ministry--welcome back to another session of study and ministry.

Let me introduce you to the Formation in Ministry family. In one sense the Formation in Ministry family includes all of us, past, present and future, who are concerned with your growth as a minister. The extended family is made up of professors, administrators, custodians, trustees, librarians, counselors, friends, alumni, secretaries, telephone operators, cooks, and others who have caught the vision of helping the called prepare to answer that call effectively. Our mission is education of Kingdom service.

There is also a nuclear Formation in Ministry family. Its home is in Broyhill Hall--that beautiful 18th century restoration located on the north side of the campus. Its purpose is to help you, in every way that we can think of, to find opportunities to do ministry. This part of Formation in Ministry is committed to a process of being, knowing and doing for the developing minister, but we necessarily focus on the doing.

## Library Lines

by Reference Services

The Library staff anticipates gladly the opportunity of working with each of you this year. We hope to see you often.

Two new full-time staff members will be at the Circulation Desk to greet you: **Rita Vermillion** as Circulation Supervisor and **Jodie Butler** as Circulation Assistant. Rita is returning to Southeastern (where she graduated with an M. Div. in 1981) after serving as Minister of Music and Education at Starling Avenue Baptist Church, Martinsville, Virginia. This is Jodie's first association with Southeastern; her husband, Woody, has just entered the M. Div. program.

**Angela Barker**, former Circulation Supervisor, moved with her husband Ken, M. Div. '83, to be near Winston-Salem, where he will be a chaplaincy resident at North Carolina Baptist Hospital. **Georgia Santrock**, former Circulation Assistant, is becoming a full-time A. Div. student this term.

**Garland Toliver**, a library assistant for the past two years, will be working eighty percent of full time this year as Audiovisual Services Assistant.

Library student assistants this term are: Philip Belcher, Bill Bridges, Karen Caldwell, Quinn Chipley, Debra Collins, Johnson Dorn, Ted Fanning, Sharron Gunter, Jackie Hawkins, Loresa Heyward, Joseph Jesudason, Jeff Jones, Alexander Kurian, Sarah Lee, Steve McKinney, Christine Milam, Jim Motes, Marc Mullinax, Andy Orr, Karey Perkins, Karen Smith, Dennis Testerman, and Les Williams.

The nuclear family is guided in its work by a council composed of its working members and two ministry professors, Dr. Robert Dale and Dr. William Clemmons. The council provides direction, structure, encouragement, feedback and evaluation.

Working members include Dr. Robert Richardson and Dr. Luke Smith, Professors of Supervised Ministry; Charles Dorman and Ethel Lee, Directors of Student/Field ministry; Phyllis Jackson and Jane Schirmer, secretaries; Gail Stikeleather and Lynn Camp, student assistants.

The task of the working members of the Formation in Ministry family is to:

1. facilitate at least one semester of quality field experience in ministry for every student under a certified supervisor,
2. and discover a variety of paid and volunteer ministry opportunities for as many of our students and graduates as possible.

Clarifying your call to the ministry, preparing to answer that call, and finding a place of ministry is your responsibility. Identifying a ministry need and seeking and calling a minister to meet that need is the responsibility of the church or institution.

You will find, however, that we can help both those seeking ministry and those seeking ministers. Call us a combination of educators and a dating service. We also get a lot of help from our friends.

If you need to talk about career concerns, come to see us. If you want practical help, such as with a resume, come to see us. If you want to know more about what we do and how we do it, come to see us. Tell us what you hope we can do for you. We will listen.

## Upcoming Events

On Tuesday, September 6, we will be having our first student led chapel service of the semester. We are privileged to have Mike Therrell from Florence, South Carolina, to bring our message. Mike will be graduating in the M. Div. program in December. He is a graduate of N.C. State in Raleigh and Francis Marion in Florence, South Carolina.

### September

- 8th--Women's Forum  
Anne Neil--"Servanthood."  
Watch signs for time and place.  
9th--South Carolina Club  
10:00 a.m., Bethea Room.  
16th--President's Forum  
10:00 a.m., The cafeteria.

The Conservative Evangelical Fellowship of Southeastern Seminary would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new and returning students. The Fellowship will sponsor its first prayer breakfast September 2 at 7:00 in the cafeteria. Come and start your seminary time this year with good food and fellowship.

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towards tomorrow so I can feed my family and make good grades. Mine is a responsible life, not a foolish one." Nevertheless...God instructed the Israelites to be "foolish" and not to gather more manna than they could eat in one day. "Do not worry about tomorrow," said Jesus. "Each day has enough worries of its own." We are not practicing for anything. We don't have to wait half of our lives for the show to begin. Today is the day of salvation.

Today is fascinating. The debris of yesterday and the fears of tomorrow will short-circuit the joys of today. When one loses the fascination of today, many other things go as well. The first and the worst casualty is love. Despite what the English books tell us, love is the only verb that must be used in the present tense. Salvation comes by loving. It's that simple. Lose today--bank on the past or dream of the future--and you lose your salvation. This is the fate of every Pharisee who practices his/her life, rehearsing every detail, lest he/she sin. Such care in straining off midges is of no use to anyone. Grace and kindness are always effective precisely because they are unpremeditated. (Premeditated grace and love on God's part would signify He foreknows our every action, and that our free will is just an illusion.)

So today is the only time of grace we have. Yesterday is a brain-washing device. Tomorrow carries no money-back guarantee. Today is our only opportunity and, therefore, our heaviest burden. One can plug into something alive only today. Today will not stand on the props provided by the past nor suspend from the dreams of the future. God has turned us loose. We have the awesome responsibility to shape our days. We are free indeed to use today as the midwife to a new revelation brimming with new and rich experience. Consider then that today is not a rehearsal, nor is it a rehearsal. It is the only option presented to us, and therefore, the day of salvation.

## Classifieds

**FOR SALE: Complete Set of 20 Centuries of Great Preaching.** Excellent condition. Owner desires to replace with commentaries. Great sale price of \$78. (This comes to just \$6.00 a volume.) Write: Jeff Neuberger, P.O. Box 2223, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

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