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TRUSTEES MEET, TAKE STRONG ACTIONS

by Doug Buttram and Heather Price

October 14 through the 16 marked the annual Fall meeting of the Trustees at Southeastern. The Trustees meet twice a year, in October and in March.

The session began with Dr. Drummond's Presidential Report. In the report Dr. Drummond likened the situation at Southeastern to that of Ezra and Nehemiah rebuilding Jerusalem. Drummond laid down ten foundation stones for reconstruction at Southeastern.

Part of this reconstruction was the adoption of a new Statement of Purpose. According to Trustee Chairman Roger Ellsworth, this was the "main thing" accomplished at this meeting. One of the paragraphs within the new Statement of Purpose uses the terms "veracity, inerrancy and infallibility" in reference to Southeastern's stance on the Scriptures. The insistence upon the use of these terms is certain to be a point of continuing debate. A working copy of the revised Statement will go to the Faculty and a final action will be determined in March. An elaboration on the Statement of Purpose, termed the "Mission Statement" will also be forthcoming, although no time frame has been indicated.

The Trustees also revised the Faculty Selection process and approved a Faculty Profile. The selection process was shortened from 120 days for receiving nominations of candidates to 60 days. This was believed to be necessary to more quickly fill the many faculty vacancies stemming from the recent resignations and retirements.

The Profile is the measuring stick by which new faculty shall be hired. "We

are looking for people who make a contribution to academia because they are academically excellent," said Drummond in a debriefing held on Wednesday, Oct. 16. "They should inspire students to academic excellence. We want people who are more than just 'qualified'."

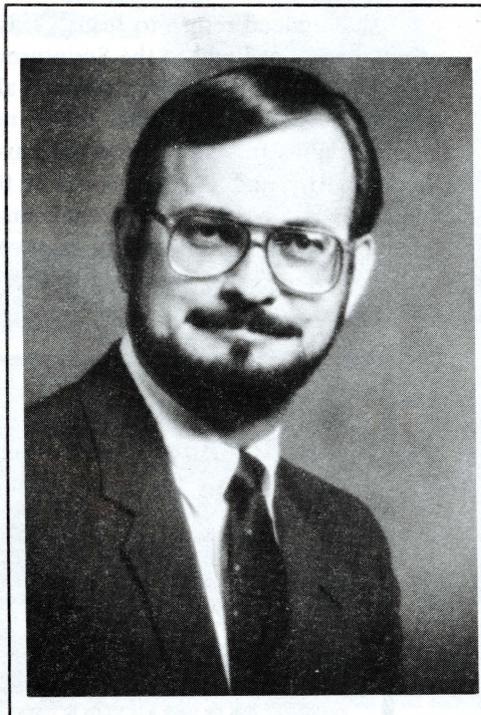
The transition plan for filling faculty vacancies includes bringing three new faculty members in the Spring and perhaps more relatively soon after that.

The Trustees voted to leave a Trustee on the Faculty Search Committee although this has been an infraction cited by SACS. Roger Ellsworth, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, felt, after

communicating with SACS, that it was a safe risk to keep one Trustee on the Committee. He did believe, however, that this practice would eventually stop.

Ellsworth also provided a "ringing endorsement" of Dr. Drummond on behalf of the Trustees. "We are solidly behind him and pray for him...His vision for this institution is ours," Ellsworth stated. He wanted to put to rest any rumors of Adrian Rogers, of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, becoming the next President at Southeastern. "When we do finally force Dr. Drummond out we will hire Norman Vincent Peale," quipped Ellsworth.

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ROGER ELLSWORTH

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It sounds like a line from a poem but the phrase speaks of a reality. "A seedling grows upon the sill." I refer to a pine seedling which has sprouted on the north-east corner of Lolley Hall. The seedling seems to be growing there, untouched by maintenance or landscaping crews, as if that is where it naturally belongs.

It is almost comical, at first glance, to see the seedling growing there. With all of the recent attention given to the grooming of the grounds of this campus, the fact that a pine seedling could grow on its own in the most uncultivated of places is amusing. No matter how hard we try, we cannot tame Nature's ways.

Yet, in another sense, the analogy which can be drawn is one of appropriate paradox. The seedling sprouting in such an unlikely spot must be the result

of a pine cone being blown in a strong wind and the seeds getting wedged in a tight spot on the roof. There, though cramped, the seed took root, and received water and warmth. Soon it produced a shoot that, like all other trees, began reaching toward the sun. New growth created under adverse conditions. Is it really all that unusual? And cannot we hope the same for Southeastern?

Most certainly this school has been tossed in the winds of controversy. Critics on both ends of the political spectrum avow that there is no hope for Southeastern. Some say too much has been done -- others say not enough.

Despite all of this, however, Southeastern continues on the cyclical pattern of training and growing new pastors, missionaries, musicians and other

Christian leaders. The nourishment of rain is provided by the insight of an excellent faculty. Warmth is provided by the sense of the presence of God here in worship and prayer. Growth is the result.

Though the number of new seedlings is not quite so many as in the past, the strength and beauty of them is in no way diminished. Those who say otherwise criticize God's creative process itself.

God is in no way limited in what He can do here at Southeastern. Though no elements conducive to growth may seem evident to some, new life springs forth yet. The seedling, growing there way up high, offers hope. "See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare..."

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The great cry of the Protestant Reformation was "Sola Scriptura," and as heirs of the Reformation we claim this even till today. But is it really true? Or does "Sola Scriptura" come with many qualifiers? Martin Luther gave us back the Bible but did we ever get Martin Luther to let go of the book?

Whether it is Luther, Calvin, or our own E.Y. Mullins, not discounting their contributions, we cannot continue to call any man father.

When I approach the Scriptures my vision is already altered and my mind is already prompted to what I should find there. I am asked to affirm that I affirm certain affirmations concerning our faith and the Scriptures before I can allow the Scriptures to speak to me. This is intolerable.

Likewise I have come to realize that beliefs can become as much a method of self-creating and self-saving as works and intellectualism. The final result is something that constitutes more a fraternal order than a Christian body.

Also, Jesus Christ often becomes an elaborate theological construct which I pledge my allegiance to instead of a living Lord. Thus I have made him over in my own image, and an exaggerated sense of self-satisfaction is mistaken for spiritual experience.

I have done all of these things and in all of them I have erred and experienced a profound sense of loneliness. Jesus called us to believe in Him to be saved and to teach us how to live in an uncertain world. But so often we seek to impose certainty on the world so that we may believe.

I shall indeed return to Jesus Christ as my living Lord and to the Scriptures. I do believe the Scriptures contain all saving knowledge but I will make no binding claims for them. I do not have that authority, and to do so would be to add to them. I shall do this unencumbered by the postulates and prescripts of men, for there is no authority in these either.

From this position, in sincerity of heart, and in communion with all the saints, for I am insufficient for this task, I will seek to interpret this world and the body of knowledge and to strive to know what our God requires of me.

"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all..." (Eph. 4:1-6).

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In establishing this newspaper the students of Southeastern Seminary are engaging in an old and honorable practice, that of inviting relevant discussion by concerned and responsible people on matters pertinent to their common life. They have chosen a name which is equally honorable, one which enjoys a place of special significance in our Baptist history.

In 1792 William Carey published a booklet entitled "An Enquiry into the Obligations of Christians to use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens." He intended not only to set forth his own observations, but also to call forth discussion from others who shared with him a commitment to Jesus Christ and a desire to fulfill their obligations which this discipleship implied. It is significant that he was concerned with Biblical foundation; that he gave attentions to historical conditions; and that he did not ignore the questions of practicality. It is hoped that this "Enquiry" will honor this spirit, this tradition, and this name.

John E. Steely, Professor of Historical Theology
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During the debriefing the question was raised to Ellsworth as to why the Trustees so often went into closed Executive Session during this meeting.

Ellsworth responded by noting that this was the pattern recommended by Dr. Robert Cooley of ATS. "It will be more and more the pattern of this board to have Executive Sessions," he said. The Chairman indicated that this is standard operating procedure on a national level. Ellsworth also justified the Executive Sessions by indicating that these sessions dealt with personnel matters which were not appropriate for a public arena.

Though it was the major topic of conversation of the Spring 1991 Trustee meeting, no further action was taken by the Trustees on the matter of theological integrity.

However, the Trustees did approve the Academic Freedom document as adopted by the Faculty. This document establishes the roots of academic freedom and sets forth guidelines as to

policies at Southeastern for protecting that freedom.

An item that did carry over from the Spring meeting was the question of the appropriateness of certain books in the Library at Southeastern. Dr. Eugene McLeod, Librarian, provided the Trustees a report on the books in the library dealing with homosexuality, the focus of the Spring question. The Trustees received the report as information but took no action.

Another issue addressed a motion made from the floor at the June 1991 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta. The motion was that any books removed from the shelves of Southeastern's Library through the normal "culling" process be donated to the new Baptist Seminary at Richmond. The Trustees voted against the motion.

One of the highlights of the meetings was the passing of a 2% bonus for all full time employees. The first bonus was distributed Wednesday, October 16, and another will be distributed in the Spring.

Trustees' Suggested Statement of Purpose

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary is an institution established and supported by the Southern Baptist Convention in order to preserve and proclaim "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" through the spiritual development, theological preparation and practical training of God-called men and women for service in Baptist churches and in other Christian ministries throughout the world. The Seminary is committed to the complete veracity and inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible as the essential foundation for effective Christian ministry and service. The Seminary emphasizes a wholesome, intelligent and intentional evangelism in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ's commission to make disciples of all nations.



photo by Phillip Capps

President Drummond's Ten Foundation Stones

1. *Building the Faculty.*
2. *Continue building the Center for Great Commission Studies.*
3. *Build the Continuing Education program, innovative educational programs, and a Ph.D. program.*
4. *Development of off-campus centers as well as other programs such as correspondence and television courses.*
5. *Maintain the established paradigm for Trustee involvement in administration of the Seminary.*
6. *Financial integrity and responsibility, coupled with faith.*
7. *Maintain high student recruitment standards.*
8. *Maintain accreditation.*
9. *Take our place in the community and in the life of the Southern Baptist Convention.*
10. *Trust God for true revival on this campus.*

In seeking to build the faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary both now and in the future, the Trustees affirm and establish the following "Faculty Profile" as defining the general characteristics of all faculty members to be sought for employment at this seminary.

Faculty Profile

Faculty members (elected or appointed) at Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary are Christian ministers;

they are personally committed to the lordship of Jesus Christ in every area of life; they seek to obey Christ's command to love God with heart, soul, and mind; and they await the personal, visible return of Christ;

elected members of the faculty are Baptists in sympathy with the mission of the Southern Baptist Convention;

they are active members of a cooperating Southern Baptist church and engage in church activities and Christian ministries;

they have the Ph.D. (or equivalent) from a recognized institution of higher learning and have maintained an appropriate expertise in their teaching field;

they are personally committed to intentional evangelism, social concerns and world missions;

they are competent teachers committed to a full-time teaching ministry;

with full intellectual integrity they personally affirm and defend the historic evangelical Christian faith while remaining open to all useful methods of research and avenues of inquiry in the pursuit of truth and knowledge;

they accept, affirm, and subscribe to the Seminary's "Abstract of Principles" without mental reservation; further they are guided doctrinally by the Baptist Faith and Message of 1963;

they affirm and teach the Bible as the infallible Word of God, a perfect treasure of divine instruction, with God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried;

SEMINARY WIVES MINISTER IN SHARING SHOP

by Heather Price

Located in newly expanded and refurbished space on the second floor of the Ledford Center is the Sharing Shop sponsored by the SEBTS Student Wives Fellowship. Terri Freer, officer of the Sharing Shop, and her assistant, Cindy Sloan have found this ministry to the Seminary community to be an important and rewarding one.

Both Terri and Cindy find joy in watching the faces of those who visit the shop and find a needed or wanted item. "Kids enjoy coming in and finding something special," noted Freer. "Seeing the excitement and how the Lord provides is a blessing."

The philosophy of those working in the Sharing Shop is to be a blessing and an outreach to all members of the Seminary community. The ministry functions as a "swap shop" of sorts where outgrown or unneeded items are received, sorted by volunteers as to size and type, and then placed out for selection by others. Cindy Sloan expressed appreciation to Plant Services for their renovation help. She noted that they painted and built racks for the clothing which make the shop functional and attractive.

Freer notes that if a specific need is known, the volunteers will search to meet it. Often, she says, volunteers will put a specific item aside and even take it to the person who was looking for something like it. She considers this another blessing of the ministry.

The Student Wives Fellowship offers the primary staffing for the Sharing Shop. Freer notes, however, that more volunteers are welcome, as are donations of clothing and other items.

The Sharing Shop is open on Tuesdays from 10 - 12 a.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

MINISTERS IN TRANSITION FIND HELP AT SEBTS

by Doug Buttram

Perhaps the most traumatic experience for ministers is to be terminated by the church they serve.

Recently a new program, termed the Ministers in Transition Program, has been initiated at Southeastern to assist persons in the midst of this experience. The mission statement reads as follows: "Ministers In Transition is a program to assist ministers whose church employment has been terminated, by providing needed support and a personalized program of professional enrichment."

The program is headed by a committee of Directors which functions as a partnership. There is one representative from the Baptist State Convention; the Director of Missions, (DOM) for the Raleigh Association; a local pastor, Dr. Tom Jackson; and SEBTS representative John Storey, Director of Admissions.

Entry recommendations for participants in the program come from either the DOM or the representative from the NC State Convention. John Storey receives the recommendations and makes the decision as to admittance into the program.

Termination usually presents both a great emotional and financial burden. The Seminary will provide housing, rent

free, for up to four months, and four month extensions are granted when necessary. John Storey was firm in saying, "housing for students will never be compromised."

Participants in the program are also allowed use of the Ledford Center, the Library, and Health Center privileges.

Career counseling is available through Dr. Charles Dorman and the Formation in Ministry office. Psychological screening and self assessment are part of the counseling process. Dr. Frank Green, of Charis, a local Christian counseling practice, and Adjunctive Professor of Pastoral Care, is providing individual and group counseling and support for the program.

"Termination is a widespread problem. It crosses all lines of theology, church size, and location."

Continuing Education seminars called Ministry Mondays are held for MIT participants and other area ministers. These are to provide resources in the community to avoid conflict in church situations and/or to help participants grown in skills as preventive training.

This program is financially made possible by funds which were given to the Seminary several years ago by a minister in Richmond whose church dissolved. The assets from that church were designated to be used for programs for ministers. The type of program was not designated so the money can be used for the Ministers in Transition Program.

The Directors are hoping for funds from state conventions and local associations, churches, and individuals.

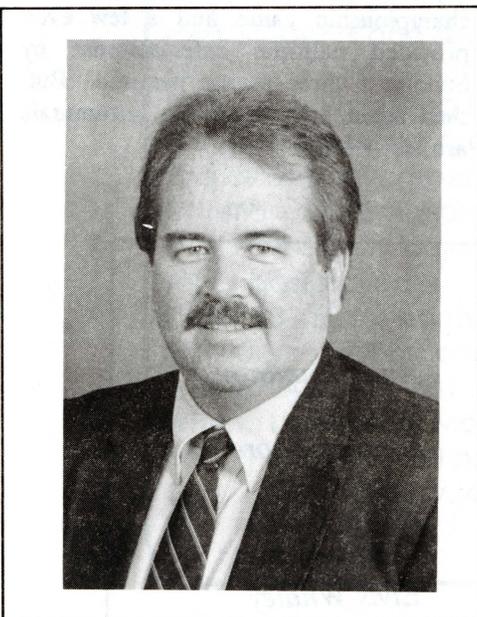
"The program is still in its embryonic stage; we are still learning and listening. There is no model to go by. We will revise the program where we are not meeting certain needs," said Storey.



TOM JACKSON

Tom Jackson said, "Termination is a widespread problem. It crosses all lines of theology, church size, and location. Termination is a very painful and sometimes devastating experience. I hope it will help to provide the kind of support terminated ministers need and furthermore I hope it will grow."

There are currently four participants attending. Students in Seminary housing who are ministering in churches and are terminated will not, however, be allowed to participate. It was determined that the potential for economic and administrative conflict was too great. Students who experience termination, however, may seek counseling through the Dean of Students, Mike Scarborough, and Dr. Dorman of FIM.



JOHN STOREY

CRUSADERS INTRAMURAL CHAMPS

by Rusty Mullins
SEBTS Sports

Perfection doesn't come easy, or so they say, but the Crusaders (team #4) finished their dream season with a come-from-behind victory 36-28 over the Maccabees (team #2), last year's champs, to claim the 1991 intramural football championship. The victory also wrapped up a perfect 7-0 season for the young team.

It was a touch-and-go affair from beginning to end with defense being the final factor.

The Maccabees led at the half, 16-6, but the Crusaders bounced back and regained the lead late in the contest when Andy Landrum grabbed two interceptions and returned both for touchdowns.

"He won it for them," said Maccabee coach Jeff Jones, with his arm around the shoulder of Landrum.

"this was the most fun we have had in a game all year," added Jones, commenting on the good sportsmanship exhibited by both teams in the finale.

"On the first interception, I just got a lucky bounce. The second one, I just read Jeff when he rolled out," said the smiling hero of the moment.

The first Landrum pick came at the mid point of the second half, with the Maccabees leading 22-20. The Jeff Jones pass deflected off the shoulder of intended receiver Alex Heafner and into

the hands of Landrum who promptly high-stepped the turnover into the end-zone to retake the lead. Crusader quarterback Steve Angell hit Clar Anderson for the two-point conversion and the Crusaders held a 28-22 lead.

On the second play of the ensuing Maccabee drive, Landrum made his presence felt once again, anticipating another Jones pass to Heafner, making a leaping interception in front of the receiver and trotting into the endzone untouched. Landrum added the conversion with a nice grab on a low throw from Angell and with mere minutes remaining the Crusaders held a 36-22 edge.

The Maccabees didn't give up the "ghost" and fought back, scoring a quick touchdown on a Jones pass to Bill Lawrence down the left sideline. The try for two failed and with only 1:16 remaining the Crusaders held a 36-28 lead.

The Crusaders ran out the remaining time, picking up two first downs on the way, to seal an eight point victory, a perfect record, and the championship.

The Maccabees virtually dominated the first half except for one huge Crusader play that netted their only first half score. Angell, who had a great passing day completing 13 of 17 passes with three touchdown tosses and only one interception, hit Charles Poole who

scooted down the right sideline on a critical fourth down play for a long touchdown and an early 6-0 lead.

The rest of the half belonged to the defending champs.

Jones hit Mike Morris down the left side line for a score with less than 10 minutes left in the first half to tie the contest at six each. Heafner hauled in a Jones pas for the conversion to claim an 8-6 Maccabee lead.

Heafner picked off an Angell pass intended for Dean Grubbs on the first play of the ensuing series and Jones cashed in the turnover two plays later, rumbling in from two yards out. Heafner added the conversion to make the score 16-6 at the half.

Jones didn't have a great passing day, but often ran effectively. Jones completed 13 of 22 passes with two interceptions, two touchdown passes and two rushing scores.

The Crusaders scored on their first two drives of the second half on catches from Anderson and Elvis Whaley to get back in the game and set up the comeback.

A handful of fans showed up for the championship game and a few even provided halftime entertainment by building a three person pyramid. But, then again, isn't that what intramurals are for -- fun?

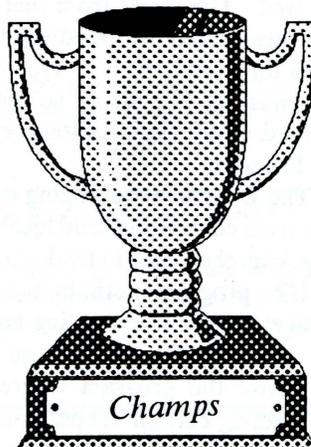
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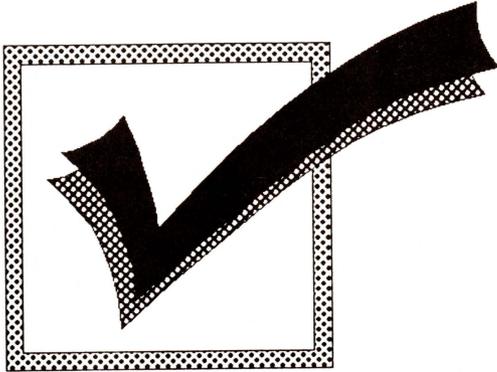
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Charles Poore

Mitch Watson

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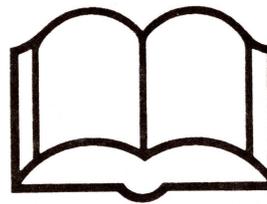
LEDFORD CENTER NEWS

FALL FESTIVAL

Our annual celebration of Fall, a time to emphasize God's presence in our world and in the seasons, will be Tuesday, October 29. There will be fun and games, **free food**, clowns and puppets, **free food**, Bible stories and mimes--and **free food!** Dinner will begin at 6:30 and the food line will remain open until 8:00. The carnival of games and booths will open at 7:00 and close at 9:00. Everyone is invited. Last year was a blast, and this year should be even better. See you there!

Ministry Mondays

What: A Seminar series designed for pastors, church staff, lay persons, students and spouses
1st class - October 7th, Advanced Preaching Workshop by Dr. Wayne McDill, professor of preaching
2nd class - November 4th, The Christian and Emotional Health by Dr. Frank Green, adjunctive professor of pastoral care
Cost: \$37.50 for each course, \$25.00 for students and spouses
Where: Appleby 101
When: Lasts every Monday afternoon from 2:00-4:30 pm, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov. 4, 11, 18, and 25



January Bible Study Workshop

What: January Bible Study Workshop designed for pastors, church leaders, and lay persons to prepare effectively for the Bible Study in January—a look into the book of Isaiah.
Who: The course is taught by Dr. Gleason Archer, visiting professor from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
Where: Multi-Purpose Room of the Ledford Center
When: November 8 from 10 am - 4:30 pm
Cost: Free

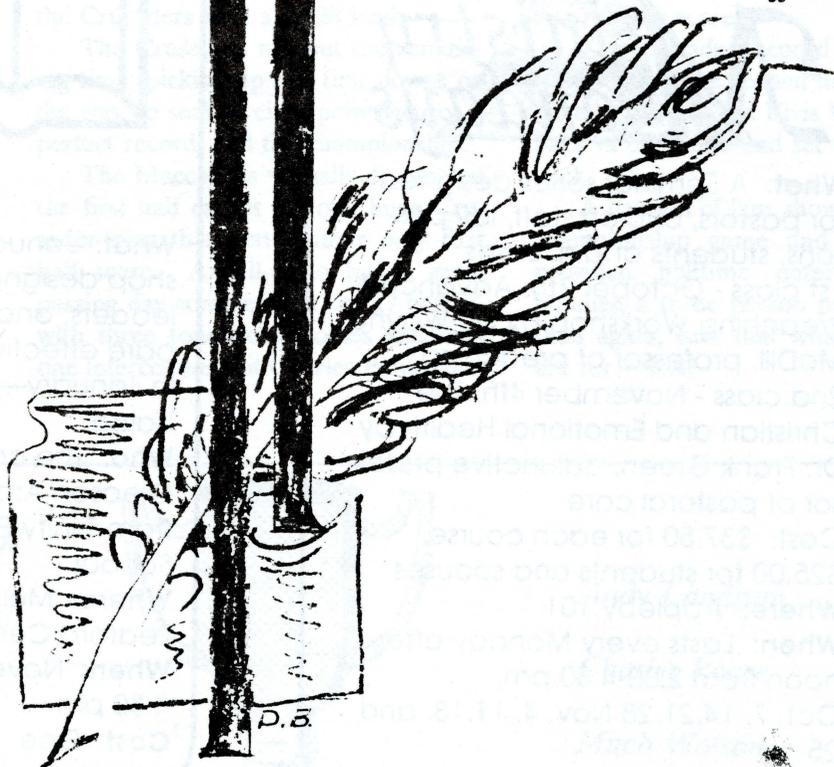
For more information about any of these seminars, please contact the Registrar's office at Southeastern Seminary, (919) 556-3101, ext. 318.
Office of Continuing Education

*Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom.
Though it cost all you have, get understanding."
(Proverbs 4:7)*

*"I know what you're against. What are you for?"
South Pacific*

"The path of wisdom is paved with mistakes."

*"If nobody's right, then everybody's wrong."
Buffalo Springfield*



*"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God."
Matthew 5:9*