

# The Enquiry

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

## FORUM AND INFORMATION

On Friday, April 1, 124 concerned and curious folk attended the Forum for the Candidates of student council in the cafeteria. Many students evidently did not attend.

Those folk wanting a knowledgeable and accurate base upon which to vote for the vice presidential and presidential candidates on Wednesday and Thursday, April 13 and 14, can read the following transcriptions of what these candidates said.

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In terms of format, an editorial precedes and a listing of the final ballot for all offices follows the recorded speeches.

Folk will also vote on April 13 and 14 (today and tomorrow) concerning ratification of the new constitution.

Folk willing to serve as "The ENQUIRY" editor for next year must submit resumes by April 21. They can leave them in the student council office in Mackie Hall, c/o the nominating committee.

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ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SPRING FEST ON THE SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY CAMPUS APRIL 21. A MUSIC FESTIVAL, "FUN 'N SUN," WILL RUN FROM 3 TO 5 P.M. ON THE GROUNDS. "BOBBIE SOX AND BOOGIE WOOGIE: A FANFARE THROUGH THE 50'S" WILL SHAKE US BACK INTO THE GOOD OLD DAYS FROM 8 TO 12 P.M. IN A CONVERTED MACKIE HALL SPECIALLY RE-DESIGNED FOR THE OCCASION.

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VOTE "YES" FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT.  
VOTE "YES" FOR THE NEW  
CONSTITUTION!

(paid political announcement  
by the Constitution  
Committee.)

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FROM A BIRD'S EYE VIEW:  
WORKING TODAY FOR A BETTER  
TOMORROW by Don. Hall

"We the willing led by the unknowing are doing the impossible for the ungrateful. We have done so much for so long with so little that we are now qualified to do anything with nothing."

The above quote is prominently tacked on The ENQUIRY bulletin board and speaks on a gut-level from one of the news team. This statement is significant and meaningful to me.

On a similar plane is a classic statement from an anonymous donor and reads: "Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered with failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

This week 26 individuals are stepping out and standing up for their rights in running for student council offices and chair-personships. In a sense they are a minority at the forefront willing to stake who they are on what they want to be.

They are indeed a minority because: 1) they are willing to do the impossible even for the ungrateful, 2) their spirits are willing to kinetically envisage a better lot for students at Southeastern Seminary, and 3) they are not willing to stay in the gray twilight hanging over most views of student council.

Some of our number insist upon remaining apathetic towards student council simply because their candidate (s) did not run. They, in advocating and promulgating this attitude, are in essence committing suicide.

In contrast to this attitude, we as individual students must recognize our limitations, bond

together in common cause, and march together towards a common goal. In failing to recognize these imperatives, we perish in the gray twilight. In accepting in faith the necessary reality of them, we move forward.

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FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Katherine Karl

I am Katherine Karl, a graduate of Carson Newman College with a B.A. in Sociology/Psychology. My work experience has been in the areas of Mental Health, Counseling and Direct Sales. Presently I am a middler working toward an M. Div./R.E. degree.

My qualifications, as I see them, are first that I have been both a single and married student on campus, and I began in the M.R.E. program but switched to the M. Div. R.E. I am familiar with the different segments on campus.

Secondly, I love Southeastern Seminary. I think it is the greatest, and we are growing and getting better all of the time. The way to insure our continued growth is by lots of communication between the student body, faculty and administration, which brings me to my third qualification--I like to talk a lot. I can listen too, and both are essential for good communication.

My goals for the student government next year are in the area of offering more forums for the educational benefit of students--forums on pastoral care, religious education, ministerial ethics, financial budgeting for students and on how students can fill out income tax forms.

Also, I would like to see more socials, for example, covered dish suppers for students in areas such as Wake Field Apartments. Plus there is a need for more places on

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Katherine Karl

campus for evening and week-end socializing.

I feel there is a need for more communication between the student body and the faculty. Perhaps scheduling some informal coffee/tea-type socials once a month for informal mingling would provide a setting for this communication.

However, I believe the key is sharing ideas and working together to make them become actualities.

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Lloyd Pendergraft

I am Lloyd Pendergraft, a rising middle classer. I live adjacent to the campus.

My goals are subject to working with the new president. I see dialogue is essential between students, student council, students faculty and student council-faculty. One way to achieve this is to increase the number of hours student council office is open on a regular basis, so we will be available to you in order to hear what you say and give you assistance in the areas in which we can.

One job of vice-president is to be parliamentarian, a job that sounds like nothing but sometimes gets very hairy. And I will do my best to perform in this area in having the council meeting orderly and assisting any committee chairperson and committees. I was disappointed that no one ran for chapel committee....

The vice-president has the responsibility for chairing the Nominating Committee for the coming year, and it will be my task from the very beginning to encourage people to begin thinking about running for office next year so that the best qualified people will be running.

It is best to come in with a full slate of officers. He should not have people unopposed. I am glad Kathy and I are running against each other. I hate to see anybody unopposed because that means that only one person was interested in trying to get that job. And I think that taking responsibility here on campus is a serious thing. More people are willing to take responsibility, it will add to the prestige of the student council. And as responsibility is taken and fought for, the administration will, I think, be more willing to give the students responsibility for more conduct of their own affairs. In line with this, I hope to see us begin developing a system of ethics that will be equitable and useful to all of us.

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ROGER NIX

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and that is what I would seek to do as your president. I would seek to do that to my fullest.

Several weeks ago, N. C. State University, one of our major institutions, held their elections. Out of 17,000, 1100 students voted for all the officers that were in that student government association. If you vote for one of my fellow candidates, who are running in opposition to me, that won't hurt me one bit. But if you don't vote, it hurts us all.

FOR PRESIDENT:

PAUL ALLEY

I am Paul Alley, a rising senior, a native of South Carolina and a graduate of Furman University.

I want to risk something with you today. I want to risk the political triteness that often goes along with speeches this time of year and to share with you some thoughts that I have for student council.

The president of our student council does not have any amazing powers at his disposal to make or enforce any policies of this seminary. The president has something unique, though, to offer: he has a perspective to offer to student council because he is just one among many people on that council.

Those running for office will make student council what it is next year—not simply the president. Student council needs to serve as the basis for our foundation of our life here together at seminary. We are here to live together for two or three years.

The student council needs to be a voice not only of the way students live, but to live with the students with a great deal of intensity. We need to meet people and voice their needs to the administration. There are many policies which do affect us in our time here at seminary, policies for which we take the responsibility. We cannot say that the policies here at seminary have no effect on us, that it does not matter what they say, for in many ways they form a basis not only for our lives here together each year but also our future ministries and the ministries of those who follow us at this seminary. Seminary policy is a part of the kind of ministers that we become, and I think we must speak affirmatively to those policies that will be made not only by students but also by the

administration this coming year.

We also need to be a voice that speaks out, that helps weed out those out grown policies that have grown by the wayside. The big question is not whether we see these policies or not, but whether we take affirmative action as our imperative to do so.

Our needs as students are in many ways met by student council. We have committees concerning with social, ethics, and also with student welfare. These committees, I hope, will be important parts of the administration that I will head, for those are things which I think are important parts of who we are.

Our time together is important here. Friendships made here will last throughout our ministries and it is radically important that we make the best kind of groundwork. Our needs as students are important, and we need to seek out ways that we can meet them together.

As many of my fellow candidates have said, communications is essential. Many times council this year has seen a need to hear more from students, and communication has not happened. Of any committee in student council next year, I would like to see communications the most overworked committee. But they need to be not only the care of the seminary to listen to students but also the voice of the council which comes back and lets you know the kinds of things that are happening.

I would like to see the changes in a few areas. First of all, I would like to see more active student participation in decision-making. I would like the students to have a voice in the kinds of courses that are offered. I think we as students need to be more active in forging out a policy, policies that affect us in how we live.

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I think we need better communications in student council so that before each meeting not only the council knows what is going to happen but also students can come in and share and we can know ahead of time what we need to be speaking about only at that meeting.

I think our campus needs a regular discussion of ethical issues from teachers, the loss of library books, all the way to rights of women on our campus, the rights of singles, and even the rights of married students and what they need. I can expect this from this seminary.

I think we need to have an awareness of student needs. I would like to see an active participation of all class representatives on a committee level so that they too will share in some of the decision-making process, and will be able to help form the opinions and work that comes out of student council.

Student council is supposed to be a vital listening group that represents YOU. Your ability to share in making seminary a valuable experience lies in your participation not only in classes, not only in your participation in the polls on Wednesday and Thursday, but also in knitting close together. Let's let the polls speak, for this election is yours.

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BILL DUKE

I am from Fort Meade, Florida, and am a 1975 graduate of Florida Souther College with a B.A. Degree in Religion. I am a middler in the M.Div. program. I have been called by God to preach the Gospel.

As an ordained Southern Baptist minister and as a student, I want to be actively involved in the continuing improvement as the representative for the students while functioning in the role as

President of the Student Council. I am deeply grateful to the Southern Baptist Convention for providing me this opportunity of preparation for the ministry. In addition, I am appreciative of the help my fellow SEBTS classmates have rendered to me during these two years. This gratitude and appreciation has led me to strive toward serving our God, our convention, and our seminary in this capacity.

In assessing my own God-given talents and gifts, I think I have the necessary leadership and administrative abilities to effectively serve the students in this capacity. My first two years at our seminary a member of the Student Sub-Committee on Evangelism Training, and spent this current school year as a student representative on the Seminary Council. During this time, I have had the privilege of building relationships with administration, the faculty, and the students that I believe will be extremely profitable during my term as president.

I have some dreams, some visions, and some hopes for the upcoming year that I would like to share with you.

My continuous theme will be spiritual renewal for the seminary family. This I hope to see accomplished partially through the fall revival, and partially through the future organization of an every Wednesday night student led prayer service.

I hope to see every student in the upcoming year to have the opportunity to be a member of a prayer-peer support group.

I hope we can continue to facilitate open communication for all here at SEBTS.

I hope to see healthy opportunities for fellowship and social interaction for the entire seminary family created next year.

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I hope we can continue to facilitate a positive attitude toward evangelism and discipleship. My heart will rejoice when the day arrives that SEBTS has its first full time professor of evangelism.

I hope we as students can learn how to help the administration in soliciting more funds for student scholarships.

I hope we can promote more informal theological dialogue between students and faculty. The benefits would be great for all of us if this came into actuality.

I also hope to initiate a Student Lectureship on Popular Christianity. My hope is that this will develop into a tremendous growth experience for all of us as we are ministered to by some of today's more popular Christian writers, speakers, singers, etc.

I hope next year we can have regular forum for our seminary family to discuss pertinent issues such as "Women in the Ministry", "Problems of singleness", etc. In these forums I hope we can begin to facilitate a more positive atmosphere of creative thinking. I think we have a definite need here at SEBTS for this type of "eve-to-eve" discussion. Only when we begin to come together as a community and have dialogues about our differences will there be the opportunity for healing of strained and broken relationships. This could be the beginning of our long sought after ideal "Unity among diversity".

Ultimately, the only promise I can make is to try and conduct the office of president in as loving a Christian manner as I possibly can.

COUNCIL CREATES NEW COMMITTEE  
by Steve Jolly

The Student Council, meeting in a busy, yet sometimes sluggish session, passed a variety of legislation. The session at 10 a.m. on March 25, lasted just under one hour.

The first bill passed called for renewing the F.O.C.U.S. sub-committee (Fellowship of Christians United in Service) from the Student Ministries Committee and placing it as a separate committee equal to the student Mission and Ministries Conference. The Chairman will be provided with a work-scholarship.

Also on the agenda was recommendation for a Campus Renewal in the fall, expanding the Executive Committee in the proposed Constitution, a study committee on the proposed Chair of Evangelism, the recommendation of Dr. James Blackmore for the vacant position in Church History to the Administration, and the support of the current editor in his efforts to revamp and revitalize the "The ENQUIRY". All were passed.

Two bills were presented from the floor. One called for recognition of the work done by and sorrow over the resignation of Dr. J. Colin Harris. It passed. A second bill called the Administration to move with utmost speed in forming a clear policy on visitation within Seminary Residence Halls. Robert Cayton moved the bill be tabled. The motion to table passed on a split vote. There were no reports from either committees or class representatives. After a series of announcements the council adjourned.

ROGER NIX

My name is Roger Nix and I am a native North Carolinian. I am a graduate of Gardner Webb College and a rising senior. I am Associate Pastor at Temple Baptist Church in Raleigh.

Some ask, "what are your qualifications for running for the office of President?" In high school I was active in the student government, served on the student council for three years, served as vice president for one year. As Associate Pastor I am involved in probably the most complicated form of democratic procedure there is, that is, of the Southern Baptist democratic body, in our church.

There are six basic concerns with which I would like to concern myself. These are the concerns that, I believe, have come out in many of the forums that we have had so far this year, concerns that have apparently been in your minds and your thoughts. In talking with you in the past few weeks, in making the decision to run for the office of president, these are the concerns that I have most foremost in my mind.

First of all, there is one concerning communications, especially for incoming emergency calls. This has been a real problem, I understand, in the dorms. There needs to be some kind of systematic system on the campus for relating these kinds of calls.

The second issue concerns the feasibility of establishing a code of ethics or behavioral expectations. There will be a study to see the feasibility of this. When we get into the area of ethics, it concerns all of us, and we don't want to be called into question, but we know what the seminary expects of us when

we come here, and we can know what we are allowed to do and not to do.

The third area is to seek to establish monthly "concern conferences" with representatives of each degree program. These conferences would be for the purpose of relating your individual concerns to the proper representative so he or she may provide input for the Executive Committee and also report back to you the action taken.

The fourth area is to seek to increase seminary extension to the local churches. This is the social and cultural aspect of our seminary lives when we reach out to the churches as they seek to reach into us. I believe this is another area of communication that we can have with the churches.

The fifth area is to work to work to develop a greater sense of unity among students, for example, by having associate, dorm and commuting fellowships at least once a semester. This is a real concern for me.

The sixth area is to work with the chapel committee, if we have one. It looks like people are not interested enough to run for this committee. This goes to show there is a lot of work in this area that needs to be done. If next year I am elected as your president, I will seek to establish some themes that thereby students will know what themes will be discussed in chapel that week and what kinds of messages will be brought, whether in the area of New Testament, Old Testament, Pastoral Care, or Ethics. This way we can also communicate to the churches in the area that these messages are available to the pastors and other people concerned about these areas.

I believe the key involves three basics: communication, participation, and cooperation,

FINAL BALLOT FOR SPRING ELECTIONS

PRESIDENT: Paul Alley  
 Bill Duke  
 Roger Nix  
 VICE-PRESIDENT: Katherine Karl  
 Lloyd Pendergraft  
 SECRETARY: Laurie McKee  
 TREASURER: Keith Scrum  
 SEMINARY COUNCIL: (Elect Two)  
 Cathy Cole  
 Preston Creech  
 Richard Penton  
 MIDDLE M.DIV. REPRESENTATIVES:  
 (Elect Three)  
 Clyde DeLoach  
 Martha Jean McClellan  
 Richard Porter  
 SENIOR M.DIV REPRESENTATIVES:  
 (Elect Three) Mike Barker  
 Alan Gibson  
 Dale Hughes  
 Jim Norris  
 SENIOR ASSOCIATE REPRESENTATIVE:  
 (Elect One) Don Emge  
 Bill Whitlatch

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

ARTS: Jim Rivers  
 CHAPEL:  
 ETHICS: Bill Thigpen  
 OFF-CAMPUS MINISTRIES:  
 Robert Marchant  
 SOCIAL: (Elect One)  
 Janet Wengert  
 Kathy Worley  
 STUDENT WELFARE: Kevin Dyer  
 COMMUNICATION: Daniel Craft

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