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## DR. SCOGGIN COMPLETES SWEEP FOR OLD TESTAMENT DEPARTMENT

THE ELECTION for the honor of "faculty member of the month" for February has resulted in a clean sweep for the present Old Testament department. One of the most popular professors at Southeastern, Dr. B. Elmo Scoggin, has been elected to this honor in a campus wide survey.

WELL KNOWN for friendliness to the student and his interesting classroom approach, Dr. Scoggin has been Professor of Old Testament at Southeastern since 1956. Formerly he was Guest Professor of Missions here in 1955-56.

THE STUDENTS in Dr. Scoggin's introductory Hebrew class were especially open in praise of their professor. One student said, "Dr. Scoggin is able to get his point across as well as any professor at Southeastern. He is an expert at teaching, and he is very friendly toward the students."

ANOTHER NOTICEABLE aspect of Dr. Scoggin's personality is his appreciation of good humor. This was reflected in the comments of another student who said, "His earthy humor adds enjoyment and spice to what could be otherwise a very dry and laboriously monotonous subject."

DR. SCOGGIN served as a pastor in Kentucky and Florida during the years from 1942 to 1949. In 1949 he accepted a six year appointment as missionary to Israel. Since coming to the Seminary, he has served in numerous interim pastorates.

OCTOBER 17, 1915 was the birthdate for Dr. Scoggin. He is married to the former Hannah Pearlman, and has one daughter and two grandchildren. Dr. Scoggin completed work for his A.B. degree at Furman University, and received his Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

AMONG HIS notable accomplishments is an outstanding record of 11 full seasons of excavation in Israel, that is to say,

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"digging". In conjunction with this work, he has spent three years in residence at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

THIS POPULAR professor holds membership in three learned societies--the American Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, the National Geographic Society, and the Baptist Professors of Religion.

HE IS past president of the Wake Forest Rotary Club and has received a distinguished alumnus award from Gardner-Webb College (1959). He has written articles for the Commission, the Outlook, and several other denominational publications.

AT SOUTHEASTERN, nonetheless, Dr. Scoggin is perhaps best appreciated for his course in introductory Hebrew, which is widely regarded as one of the most popular courses on campus. His lively humor is thought to be an integral part of his effectiveness.

ONE STUDENT was asked to comment on Dr. Scoggin for this article, and could not phrase an appropriate quotation as such. But he did say that two traits were very obvious in Dr. Scoggin. These were, he said, a frank approach to life, and an honest attitude in all dealings.

THE ABOVE comments all add up to only one conclusion--Dr. Scoggin must be considered a very popular choice for the honor of "faculty member of the month" for the month of February.

IF YOU are not approached by someone in the next week for the purpose of casting your vote, you may do so by writing your choice on a slip of paper and placing in the envelope outside the newspaper office.

TRUSTEES ELECT DR. BARRINGTON WHITE AS NEW PROFESSOR AT SOUTHEASTERN

DR. BARRINGTON R. WHITE, lecturer in Church History at Regent's Park College, Oxford University, England, has been elected Professor of Church History and Missions, with tenure, at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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A specialist in Baptist history, Dr. White is a graduate of both Cambridge (M.A.) and Oxford (D.Phil.) Universities. He has served as pastor of Baptist churches in England and has taught at Oxford since 1963.

He has contributed articles and reviews to learned journals and was the Carver Barnes Memorial lecturer at Southeastern in 1969. His book, The English Separatist Tradition, will be published by the Oxford University Press next year.

Also at the recent meeting of the seminary's Board of Trustees, tenure was granted to Dr. H. Eugene McLeod, Assistant Professor of Bibliography, and to Dr. Archie L. Nations, Associate Professor of New Testament.

Sabbatic leaves were granted to Dr. John E. Steely, Dr. Thomas A. Bland and to Dr. John T. Wayland.

The Board formally expressed appreciation to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for a recommended enlarged appropriation to theological education.

The highlight of the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was their attendance at a Founders' Day Memorial Service for the late Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, the Seminary's first President.

Twenty-five of the thirty elected members of the Board were present and re-elected Dr. Claud B. Bowen, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Greensboro, N.C., as president of the board, and James F. Heaton, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C., as vice-president.

Dr. Nash Underwood, dentist in Wake Forest, N.C., was chosen as treasurer, and Mr. Henry L. Bridges, state auditor of North Carolina, was elected secretary.

LIBRARY SCHEDULE...Spring Holidays

Friday, March 20.....8:00-4:30  
Saturday, March 21.....CLOSED  
Monday, March 23.....8:00-4:30  
Tuesday, March 24.....8:00-4:30  
Wednesday, March 25.....8:00-4:30  
Thursday, March 26.....8:00-4:30  
Friday, March 27.....CLOSED  
Saturday, March 28.....CLOSED  
Sunday, March 29.....EASTER  
Monday, March 30.....8:00-4:30

A HAPPY EASTER AND WE'LL SEE YOU AFTER SPRING HOLIDAYS

The Enquiry will be no more until after the days of relaxation....or that is to say, this will be the last issue of the newspaper until after Spring Holidays.

Our next publication date is, well, let's see, now...April:!!!!!! What does that say to you now? In order words, please save all serious items until the next week, because we've got something very special up our sleeve on that date.

A Happy Easter and we'll see you after Spring Holidays.....

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REFLECTIONS FOR THIS EASTER SEASON.....

As our thoughts turn to the observance of Easter Sunday, we again marvel at the great love of the man from Nazareth who dared to call Himself God...the man who became the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation to man.

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How little we seem in comparison to his incomparable magnanimity and greatness. How much more each year we can appreciate the sacrifice he made centuries ago. How supreme was the sacrifice he made in dying in shame.

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Obviously we are called upon to translate the sacred meaning of Easter to our work in the Christian ministry. But oftentimes we fail to see how this can be done.

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Although this problem may be approached in many different ways, here is offered one suggestion as food for thought. We are particularly impressed in Christ by His total dedication and devotion to the plan and will of God.

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May we as Christian ministers, in this season, choose a worthy goal for our special service during the next year, and strive to be totally dedicated to the fulfillment of this goal as was our Lord to what was the greatest mission in all history.

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Would we be willing to die in order to see that goal be fulfilled? For some of us, at least, that would take much more dedication than we now have. (P.M.)

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ON COURTESY.....

Earlier this semester, I wrote a letter to the editor and touched on the subject about which I am speaking today. But, many students missed the point. That subject is common courtesy. And let there be no mistake made this time. What I am going to talk about is its use, misuse, and abuse.

Let me say first that this letter is a product of my own thinking and is not to reflect upon anyone with whom I work or to whom I am responsible. Their views may very well be entirely different from mine.

The dictionary defines courtesy as something which is marked by polished manners, respect for and consideration of others, consideration and cooperation in generosity, and civil behavior. Important terms here are manners, consideration, and

generosity. I believe these all entail a number of other factors including gentlemanly conduct, thankfulness, and patience.

It has been my experience----much to my dismay----to find that among the populace of the student community at Southeastern Seminary, a goodly number of these characteristics are either missing, hardly ever employed, or simply utilized at certain specified times. For that, I am sorry!

I wonder if it would be too much trouble for us as human being seeking a high calling to try a little harder to say two words; (1) PLEASE and (2) THANK YOU.

I promise that I will try if you will.

---L. Alan Sasser

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TIME OUT

by  
CURT FINCH

ON FAIR WEATHER HEROES AND TEAM SPIRIT...

This intramural basketball season has been one of color and unparalleled rivalry. There has been much talk over sportsmanship and team spirit, over player strikes and poor officiating, and a world of other not so dainty subjects. Now that we can leave our existential shells and look back it all looks so silly.

There have been those who have stalked imaginary Tigers only to find real humans wearing the cloak of a myth.

There have been those assailing "prejudice" as if intramural basketball were the focus of our social concerns.

There have been those who have quit because someone hurt their pride only to find out pride is found only in trying.

I agree with Charlie Brown we don't have ball teams--we have a "kiddie" theological seminary.

BENGALS WIN ALL HONORS.....

The antagonizing Red Bengals basketball team closed the intramural basketball season last week by making a clean sweep of season's honors, winning both the regular season and tournament titles.

In the semi-final rounds the Bengals devoured the luckless Knicks by a score of 68-48. The Bengals, by using their bench extensively, held down what could have been a greater victory as the Knicks were handicapped by the absence of three starters.

The other semi-final round was won by the hot Beagles as they ran over the Deacons by a score of 62-45. The Beagles could do no wrong and the Deacons had their only bad game of the season.

The Bengals continued their flawless play in the championship game by running up a twenty point lead at one point to finally win by 53-41 over the Beagles. The Beagles' super-star Ron Medlin could not find the range, hitting only 6 of 32 shots. The Bengals' balanced scoring and spirited play was the real story to their tremendous closing streak that carried them to their tournament victory.

Comments by Visitors to SEBTS Tourney...

Frank McSour (South Carolina)---There is no doubt that the Bengals are a good team. They rebound well, steal ardently, and score from all corners. They do, however, play dirtier than N.C. State even and South Carolina is still the greatest team and if I say that it must be true.

Norman Slown (N.C. State)---I would never try to run against the Bengals especially in this league where the fans dislike the Bengals even more than the stall.

Dean Stiff (Chapel Hill)---I think Cliff Jones should have received more votes than Charlie Page and Ron Medlin for the all-star team. There is racial prejudice in this league.

Bill Muscle (Boston)---I like watching this Millwood boy play. He intimidates on defense and moves well on offense.... All I can say is that Wilt Chambermaid has never really given me any trouble.

Bucky Crewcut (Duke)---The important thing about tournament play is the attitude you have when you enter. My Duke boys were high going into the ACC tournament--thank God the Bengals weren't quite so high.

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CHAMPIONSHIP GAME...Intramural Tourney

BENGALS	FG	FT	TP	BEAGLES	FG	FT	TP
Myers	3	8-8	14	Medlin	6	5-8	17
McBride	6	2-3	14	Jones	3	1-6	7
P. Smith	4	2-2	10	Bailey	3	0-1	6
Coley	5	0-0	10	R'backer	1	3-4	5
Bunce	2	1-3	5	Hayes	1	0-2	2
Sasser	0	0-2	0	D. Smith	2	0-0	4
Palmer	0	0-0	0	Turner	0	0-0	0
M'singer	0	0-0	0	Russell	0	0-0	0
Denton	0	0-0	0	Englert	0	0-0	0
TOTAL			53	TOTAL			41

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ENTRY FEE DUE MAY 1 ON SEMINARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here is sponsoring an Invitational Golf Tournament May 4 and 5.

The tournament will be held at the Midland Trail Golf Course in Middletown, Ky., a suburb of Louisville.

Open to representatives of the six sister seminaries owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Convention and the five partner-seminaries who belong to the Theological Education Association of Mid-America (TEAM), the tournament will feature four divisions of play for which trophies will be awarded.

The divisions are divided into "A", "B", "C", and "D". Division "A" will be for two-some teams composed of one professor and one student. Division "B" will be the handicap play and will be open to individual competition on handicap scoring. Both "A" and "B" will be held on May 5 and will be for 18-holes.

On May 4 and 5 Divisions "C" and "D" will work on 36-holes. "C" is the medal play and is for individual stroke competition. "D" is for seminary teams and the exact structure of the teams will be announced later.

DR. CAUTHEN WILL SPEAK  
FOR MISSIONARY DAY

The final Missionary Day of the present school year will be conducted this Wednesday in the Chapel. The speaker is Dr. Baker James Cauthen, who is Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Dr. Cauthen has served in the pastorate and also as a missionary in China.

The Missionary Day Speaker has also been Professor of Missions at Southwestern Seminary.

As this is the final Missionary Day for the year, the Chapel Committee encourages all to make a special effort to attend.

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Entry fee for the 18-hole events is \$4.00; the fee for the 36-hole events is \$7.00. One fee for either number of holes will pay for both divisions within the hole number.

Entries should be mailed to Seminary Golf; c/o Jack Yelvington; Prospect, Ky. 40059. The entry fee is due by May 1.

In addition to Southern Seminary, the five SBC-owned seminaries are Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, San Francisco, Calif.; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.; and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.

Those seminaries participating with Southern Seminary in the TEAM consortium are Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville; St. Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad, Ind.; Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, Ky.; and Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.

SPECIAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A SERMON OUTLINE:

"Stages in a Seminarian's Career"

Test: I Corinthians 13:13

Introduction: 4 Years of College

- I. Faith--wide-eyed enthusiasm as a bubbling junior.
- II. Hope--boggled down in the muddle and morass of a middler.
- III. Charity--compassion of faculty and administration showered upon a struggling senior.

Suggested poem:

"For of all sad words of tongue and pen,  
The saddest are these: 'It might have  
been!'"

(from "Maud Muller"

by John Whittier)

Conclusion: Graduation: The "Promised  
Land" flowing with tears  
and money!

--Gene Carnell

ABOUT MISSIONS CONFERENCES ELSEWHERE.....

There has been much informal discussion about the way the Student Conference on Mission and Ministry at Southeastern was conducted. In light of this, we felt that many of our students would be interested in knowing how the format of the missions conference at some of the other Southern Baptist seminaries.

In this article we shall be concerned with the conferences at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. and at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, California.

At Golden Gate the theme was "Odyssey: Journey Into Mission." According to the conference literature, "it is a journey into the very world in which we live with the love, hope and challenge of Jesus, the Christ. The 'Odyssey' is a journey into mission. The speakers and seminary leaders of the conference will prepare to help you learn more about the various possible avenues of service." The conference at Golden Gate was held January 30-February 2, 1970."

At Southern, the theme was "My Brother". Here too the purpose of the conference was expose students to the various vocational aspects of missions work. The conference was conducted February 27-March 1, 1970.

The major speakers at Golden Gate were: Bill Pinson, professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern, whose subject was "The Journey of Our Age"; W. Hazaiiah Williams director of the Center for Urban-Black Studies and special lecturer in religion and society at the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley, California; and Ed Seabough, associate secretary, personnel department of the Home Mission Board will speak on "Journey for Reconciliation."

There were no three major speakers at Southern as such, but there were numerous speakers on the various aspects of

ministry.

The seminars at Golden Gate were divided into three major areas: "The Contemporary Church," "Our Contemporary Society," and "Missionary Opportunities." The first two of these divisions reflect an attempt to deal with the issues involved, while the latter explored specific areas of missionary opportunity.

There was a similar division of seminar topics into two major areas at Southern, which were "Dialogues on the Contemporary Scene" and "Dialogues on Vocational Response." However, in this case, there was a much greater emphasis on the practical side of ministry.

Several important observations can be made concerning a comparison between the missions conferences held at these two institutions, and the one promoted here at Southeastern Seminary. There was a Black speaker at Golden Gate just as there was at Southeastern. But in this case the man involved was not an advocate of any extremist racist views.

All three seminaries promoted an emphasis both in the issues and in the practical aspects of ministry. An analysis of the programs of each shows that the emphasis at Southern was on the practical side, at Southeastern on the issues, and at Golden Gate there was more of a balance between the two.

SCC MEETS THIS WEEK.....

The Student Co-Ordinating Council convenes on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 P.M. for its regular monthly meeting.

A report on the proposed reduction of hours resolution is expected to be heard.

Again the students are reminded that the meetings of the SCC are open to any student wishing to attend.

March 19--President Olin T. Binkley  
20--BSU Choir....Auburn....  
Auburn, Alabama

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

18--Missionary Emphasis Address  
19--Fellowship Club....Bethea Room  
19--Chaplain's Conference....  
Bethea Room

CHAPEL SPEAKERS:

March 17--Dr. Allen Burris....Academic  
Dean....Meredith College  
18--Missionary day....Dr. Baker  
James Cauthen....Executive  
Secretary....Southern Baptist  
Foreign Mission Board

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