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Dr. Glenn Miller, Assistant Professor of Church History, has been
awarded a 1977 Christopher Award for his book, <u>Religious Liberty in
America</u>, published by Westminster, 1976. This award
      <u>AWARD</u>   is an annual recognition by the Christophers of
persons who make unusual contributions in literature,
communications, and the media. Dr. Miller's work was the only religious
book receiving an award.

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Dr. James E. Tull, Professor of Theology, is recovering rapidly
from open heart surgery. He is home from Duke
    <u>JIM TULL</u>   Medical Center. His classes are being taught
by visiting teachers.

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The Student Development office suite, including the PBX reception
area, has been completely refurbished, thanks to the efforts of John
                   McCulloch, architect, and Azalene Collins,
    STUDENT   interior consultant. The office decor has
    DEVELOPMENT   been enhanced by attractive furnishings
    <u>OFFICE</u>   provided the seminary at a fraction of retail
                   cost. Hopefully, this is an integral step
to the complete refurbishing of Stealey Hall and other seminary build-
ings throughout the next five-year SBC capital funding cycle.

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The renovated and enlarged Denny Library Building was dedicated
on Founders' Day, March 15, 1977. Although the furnishings in the
                   Library are not complete, it is thoroughly serv-
    <u>LIBRARY</u>   iceable. Students, faculty, alumni, and friends
                   of Southeastern are enjoying immensely the use
of this exciting new facility. The entire seminary community extend
thanks to Dr. Gene McLeod, Librarian, and his colleagues who have
"stayed by the stuff" during these months of transition in library
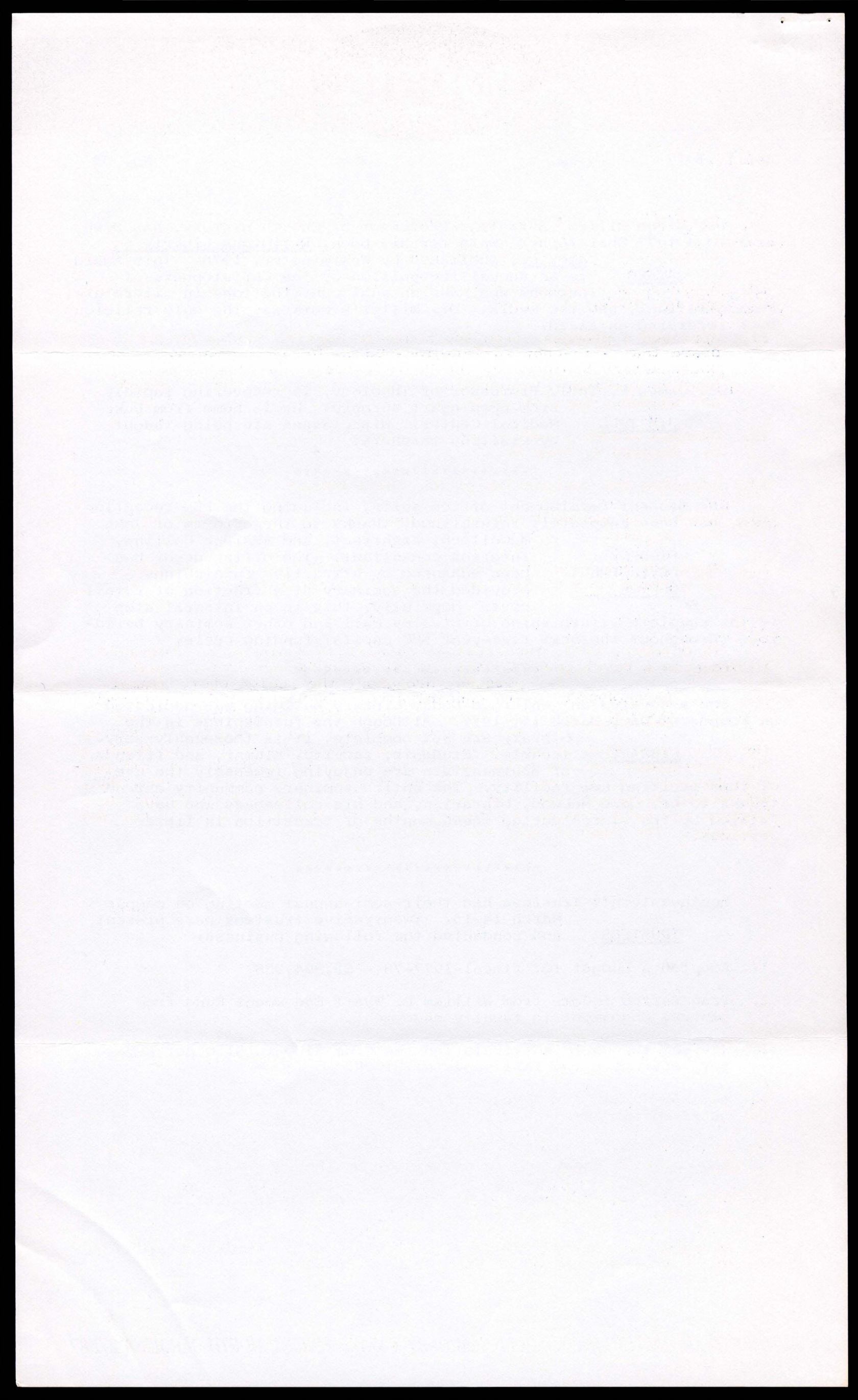services.

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Southeastern's Trustees had their semi-annual meeting on campus
March 14-15. Twenty-five trustees were present
    <u>TRUSTEES</u>   and conducted the following business:

1. Adopted a budget for fiscal 1977-78 — $2,394,288

2. Transferred income from William L. Wyatt Endowment Fund from
general endowment to faculty endowment.

3. Revised the basic matriculation fee from $100 to $150 per semes-
ter, effective the fall semester, 1978.

4. Adopted a plan for the seminary to award from time to time a
Citation for Excellence in Ministry.

5. Gift, $1,000 to Paschal Golf Club in light of: capital improve-
ment at Club House and severe winter weather.

6. Accepted the enlarged and renovated Denny Library Building
from the architect and general contractor.

7. Amended the seminary By-Laws to provide for a standing Board
of Trustees Committee on Student Development.

8. Established the Roy S. Liner Memorial Scholarship Fund.

9. Established the William Carr Roberts Memorial Scholarship Fund.

10. Approved sabbatical leaves during 1977-78 for Dr. John E. Steely and Dr. Thomas A. Bland.

11. Approved a proposal from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board that a teacher in Religious Education be funded at Southeastern Seminary by the Board in order to enhance cooperative working relationships between the Sunday School Board and Southern Baptist seminaries.

12. Granted academic tenure to Dr. George W. Braswell and Dr. Richard A. Spencer.

13. Accepted the resignation of Dr. Colin Harris.

14. Granted an easement across seminary property to the Town of Wake Forest.

15. Approved the request of the Town of Wake Forest for annexation of a tract of seminary land bordering highway #98 to U. S. 1.

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In October, 1976, the Trustees authorized Southeastern Seminary to organize a Development Council of 30 business and professional persons throughout the region where alumni are concentrated. By March, 1977, seventeen of these persons had been enlisted. They met with the plenary planning group to review the long range Plan of Action of the seminary on March 15. On March 16 the Development Council held there organizational meeting with all members present. C. C. Hope, Jr., Charlotte, N. C. was elected chairman. Bob Marsh, Richmond, Va., was elected vice-chairman. Preliminary discussion was held regarding a broader base of financial support for the seminary. The Council will meet again in October.

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