

# Junior Class Election - Oct. 23

The election of Junior Class representatives to the Student Coordinating Council will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 1968. The polls will be open from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. and from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. Voting will be done in the main entrance to the Student Center (Mackie Hall).

All Juniors are eligible to vote. A Junior is a student who has earned fewer than 32 semester hours toward the M. Div. or M. R. E. Degrees.

Candidates to be voted on are:

Harold A. Anderson --Pascagoula, Miss.--University of Mississippi  
Eleazer Benenhaley---Flat Lick, Kentucky-----Cumberland College  
Donald G. Ledbetter--Shelby, No. Carolina--Carson-Newman College  
J. Edwin Lord, Jr.---Monroe, Georgia-----Georgia Southern  
Sharon E. Rosenberg -Jacksonville, Fla.--Jacksonville University

Juniors! Make it a point to get to know these candidates and be sure to vote for your choice on Wednesday the 23rd.

(See page four.)

*Joe D. Coltrane*  
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Secretary, S.C.C.

## The Inquiry

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### THE SOUND OF MUSIC


Feel like rejoicing? Today is Simhath Torah, you know? Well, if you can't get all excited about the Torah on "Blah's Tuesday", we have a better suggestion:

Antonio Vivaldi's Gloria.

The Southeastern Singers are at it again this year. If you would like to join in, meet with us at 7:00 tonight in the basement of the chapel.

The music program this year will stress variety in order to involve as many students as possible. Phil Parker is organizing a group which will perform a contemporary folk mass, Negro spirituals, and other popular types of music. Phil hopes to have our campus represented at various religious student conferences on campus and in our area. He is in need of one more guitarist, but anyone may join the group. A third area of work will hopefully result in several madrigal groups to sing in Chapel and at Christmas.

Dr. Smith and the Music Committee are involved in each group, and the student response thus far is excellent. Help stamp out the "Tuesday Blahs".

--Dave Norris   
Music Committee

IT'S rumored that we also have a group known as the Southeastern Swingers who hold forth with "Sloppy Folk Games" at a local campus nite spot.

### ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Today marks the beginning of the Annual Seminary Golf Tournament. Deadline for completing the final match is Friday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m.

All participants should note the posted schedules in Appleby and the Gym.

Del Brunson, Athletic Chairman, extends the "Best of luck to all entrants; we hope everyone will come out and compete for the golf awards."

AFTER CHAPEL GET-TOGETHER: Dr. Max Smith to entertain.

You are invited to attend the first "After Chapel Get-Together" of the semester in the Seminary Cafeteria, Wednesday October 16, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

There will be free coffee and cookies for all with Dr. Max Smith providing the entertainment.

This "Get-Together" is sponsored by the Social Committee of the S.C.C. for the purpose of providing fellowship for both on-campus students and commuting students.

--Wayne Hyatt  
Social Committee

### ANNOUNCEMENT

All meetings of any kind are to be scheduled through Mrs. Weathers in Public Relations Office. When you do not clear meetings you run the risk of a conflict.



TERROR: HERE AND THERE

The focus of much recent controversy in the Soviet Union has been the effort of novelist Alexander Solzhenitsyn to speak out over present governmental restraints concerning the former Stalinist oppression of free thought and expression. As the greatest of Russia's living writers, Solzhenitsyn has tried to convey in his writings the awful results of the Stalinist terror, especially as it has born fruit even now in Soviet society's general paralysis of fear, and the inability of people to remember of what they are afraid, or to think how they can get out of it. Solzhenitsyn puts it this way:

"It's shameful, why do we take it calmly until we ourselves or those who are close to us are stricken? If no one is allowed for decade after decade to tell it as it is, the mind becomes irreparably deluded, and finally it becomes harder to comprehend one's own compatriot than a man from Mars."

I think this statement speaks to the heart of contemporary American life as well; can we have become so frozen in fear, in suspicion, in animosity--for so long--that we no longer are aware of it? Has our misunderstanding and estrangement from people of other backgrounds, other ideas about life, and other aspirations for the future gone on for so long that our own "American Terror" had set in, unawares? Have we been so afraid to call this terror as it is that we gradually have begun to accept prejudice, mistrust, and even hate as somehow inevitable and normal, as "just the way things are?" No, not intending to--but have we anyhow gone one measly step at a time until we have spun a web of soothing rationalization around ourselves, trying still to believe that things are not what they seem? And will we wait until the truth at last comes screeching in around us, will we "take it calmly until we ourselves or those who are close to us are stricken" by hate's awful harvest of derangement and violence?

As men concerned for God's sake, can we do less than try at every moment to maintain our sanity of head and heart? If we cannot, we may unwittingly sell our souls to this creeping madness of mind and spirit, and the saddest part of all would be that we might never know when the bargain was struck.

--Bob Vance

EDITORIAL

"History moves in a straight line and does not repeat itself" is a maxim to which we have long given credence. However, considering that history is composed of human beings who have the knack of neglecting to learn from the past, it sometimes seems that certain events--while not an "instant replay"--at least appear as variations upon a familiar theme. Such is the situation today as the American Republic approaches Election Day 1968. (Cont.-----)

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We see one of our Presidential candidates revamping the use of several questionable tactics in his bid for support. He lulls us with pledges to work for the common man, he affirms Law and Order, he would curb violent forms of protest, he would cut the red tape of bureaucracy, and he would support the interest of America both at home and abroad.

Having captivated a crowd--which readily confesses, "He says what I like to hear."--he elaborates upon his come-on pitch. "Law and Order" is to be achieved by brute police power; the "common man" is one like "us"; the curbing of protesters involves running them over, first the violent ones (then the peaceful ones?); "cutting red tape" means destruction of the Federal agencies of government; and support of interests at home and abroad degenerates to "Run 'Em Down and Blow 'Em Up." Party loyalty becomes a frenzied faith grounded upon and sustained by: prejudice, fear, hate, superiority, and revenge.

No, this is not a rerun of the Rise of the Third Reich. This is the live campaign of a current candidate for the U.S. Presidency. Running at present on half-truths, ie. some forms of protest do need to be curbed in some way; who knows who will be "run over" when he does come into power? Dare we conceive that any critic of his administration may thus be silenced?

As a party based upon prejudice and supported by clans of bigots, what guarantee does it offer that in future quests for scapegoats this mob will not turn prejudice into hatred, bigotry into pogroms, and "a solution to the race issue" into "The Final Solution"?

Before it's too late and we become either a statistic in "The Final Solution" or replay the role of Bonhoeffer in this ghastly production, perhaps we can yet stop this spreading cancer within our society.

One step is to deny George C. Wallace et al. the victory come November 5, 1968. Another, more involved, step is ministering to thoses causes and needs both superficial and basic which coagulate into the slime mold of hate, cowardice, bigotry, and mob psychology that breeds such miserable creatures.

-----C. Creed Caldwell

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Seminarians for Humphrey-Muskie, will meet Wednesday, October 16, at 10:30 a.m. in Appleby 102. All interested students and Faculty are urged to attend.

(NOTE: as this conflicts with the After Chapel Get-Together, watch posters for possible change of time.)



TO THE EDITOR:

In regard to the social gospel debate currently underway in the Enquiry, it seems to this writer that Chip Conyers has misread his critics. The three letters that were written in the October 1st edition of your paper as replies to his column had two central criticisms of his views. The first objection had to do with the fact that the entire spectrum of the "social gospel" movement had been generalized into a category with Father Groppi. Secondly, it was pointed out that your staff writer had completely ignored the vast contributions (evangelical and otherwise) of the social gospel movement. In short the criticism was that Mr. Conyers had thrown out the baby with the bath water.

While it is to be admitted that the social gospel movement (as every other movement, religious or otherwise) has at times been the victim of excess, let us not castigate the entire movement and let us not major on minors. Rather, let us proclaim an affirmative faith. Positive Christianity is founded on the Christ who taught us that one's faith finds its object supremely in God, but that inseparable from this is an active concern for the neighbor. Biblically, theologically, and existentially it is true that there is no love of Christ without love of neighbor--there is no Christian action without social action--there is no real gospel that does not include the social gospel.

The gospel then contains not only a vertical dimension between a man and God, but also includes a horizontal dimension between a man and his brother. Both dimensions are essentially social dimensions covering every aspect of life--yes, even including politics.

We must agree with John Bennett when he says, "Whatever the perplexities may be about the relation of churches, of Christian teaching, of Christian citizens to politics, there can be no doubt that we cannot separate Christian faith from our political decisions as citizens." (The underlines are mine.)

Foy Valentine puts it this way, "Christian commitment to the lordship of Jesus Christ means involvement in, not withdrawal from, all the great issues of life. Citizenship is certainly one of those major issues..." "...it is more important than ever for believers to be involved in the governmental process."

To be sure there are excesses. Probably at times we moderns have tried to revive a kind of reverse-Caesarpapism that was better known in the Middle Ages. But let us not do away with the social gospel for it not only contains something that is of value, but also much that is essential to any genuine Christian faith.

So strain away the dirty bath water if you will, but PLEASE... let's keep the baby!

-- Willard Brown

HELP STAMP OUT CAN-ITIS

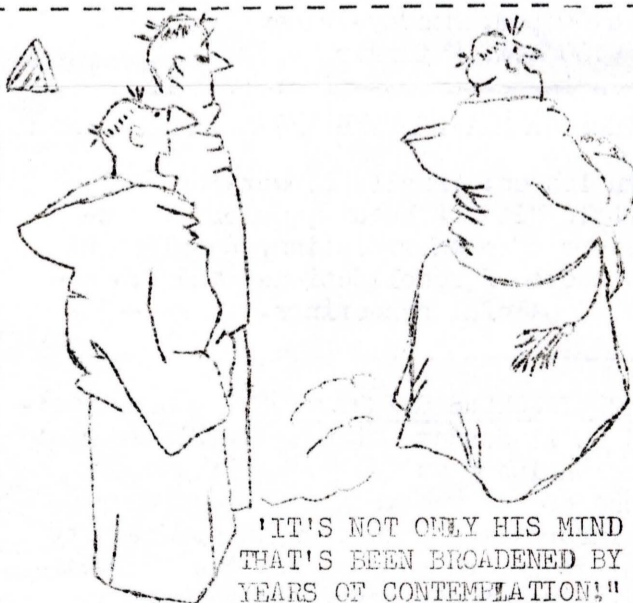
The Communicable Disease Center has recently reported the outbreak of a new epidemic in Wake Forest which has its origin at the Southeastern Campus. They have termed the sickness "Can-itis" due to the fact that people having it seem to use this part of their anatomy almost constantly. In other words, they sit on their posteriors with no concern for anyone but themselves.

A particularly noticeable result of this disease is a lack of participation in the Extension Service Projects of the SCC, specifically the Rest Home Ministry. This writer went with two other persons (his wife who played the piano and a certificate student who spoke) for a short visit Thursday a week ago. At the home here in Wake Forest we discovered a pocket of people who are badly neglected by social visits. They sit to themselves surrounded by other lonely people in their last days of life, most of whom wish with every breath that they could go home.

These people are ending their lives on a note of dejection because no one can spare the time to spend an hour in simple friendship.

Dr. Charles Boddie, President of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, has defined the Christian "Call" as:  $N+A=C$ . If one sees a need (N) and he has the ability (A) to meet that need, then he is called (C). I understand the best cure for "Can-itis" is a good shot of Calling.

--Gene Scarborough



'IT'S NOT ONLY HIS MIND THAT'S BEEN BROADENED BY YEARS OF CONTEMPLATION!'

(By Hugh Burnett as appeared in Top Sacred)



The Residents Of The Women's Dormitory  
 Southeastern Seminary Campus  
 cordially invite you  
 to attend  
 OPEN HOUSE  
 Thursday, October 17, 1968  
 From 4:00 through 5:30  
 in the afternoon

CHAPEL SCHEDULE: October 15-22

Tuesday; UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND DAY  
 Dr. Robison B. James, Professor of Religion, University of Richmond.  
 Alumni and friends are invited to the Bethea Room after Chapel for coffee.  
 Wednesday; The Kittrell College Choir  
 Thursday; Film: "A Time For Burning" in Johnson Theater, 10:00-10:50 a.m.  
 Friday; Rev. Lamar Brooks, Pastor, Wake Forest Baptist Church.

Tuesday; Inaugural Lecture  
 Dr. Ellis Hollon (Extended Time)

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"A TIME FOR BURNING"


The movie, "A Time For Burning" will be shown in the Theater of Johnson Classroom Building on Thursday, October 17 from 10-10:50 a.m.

Please note the change in place and the extension of time for chapel on this date. The movie will begin promptly at 10:00.

This film and its sequel, "A Time For Building" are available from Program Services Department, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Raleigh, N. C.

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THE SEMINARY FELLOWSHIP CLUB will meet in the Bethea Room at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 17, 1968.

27587      **MAIL CALL !** 

Mail is put up in the Campus Post Office twice daily, Monday-Friday and once on Saturday. The Latest times by which the mail is placed in the boxes are:  
 10:00 a.m. Monday-Friday  
 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday  
 9:00 a.m. Saturday  
 depending upon time of arrival from the main Post Office downtown.

Autumn leaves: Fragile flowers of Fall, Brittle bits of beauty, Colorful conquerors of commercialism, Resplendent reminders of recollections, and Producers of painful ponderings. -----3C2

MURDOCH TEACHERS ORIENTATION has been postponed until Sunday October 20. Please meet at the Seminary Cafeteria at 9:45 a.m.

Those of you who would desire either more information about, or an opportunity to engage in, this very creative and meaningful form of ministry, please contact Wayne Brown, #204 Johnson, ph. 556-3435.  
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A PRAYER FOR A RETARDED FRIEND

"Dear Father, God, who drew for me  
 A clear-cut and determined destiny,  
 Open my heart to feel and see  
 The needs of those lost in a mystery  
 Of unfulfillment undefined  
 Of childlikeness unconfined  
 To childhood's quick and passing years,  
 To simple laughter and fleeting tears.  
 Help me to shelter their need to grow  
 Where love is rich and time is slow.  
 Help me to open the quiet walk  
 Where the eternal child and his Father talk.  
 Help me to see that there opens a way  
 For some bit of fulfillment for him each day.  
 ---Mary Jean Sweet"

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The Junior Class Election has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 1968 to permit other eligible students to petition for nomination as a Representative. The deadline for such petitions is this Wednesday, October 16.

This extra time will allow for more publicity for the nominees already slated and for any who might petition to run.

Diverse and scattered though we are in relation to this campus, the S.C.C. is one means of giving direction to our common concerns and channeling our energies and opportunities for ministry toward meaningful fulfillment. The S.C.C. finds its purpose in serving in an advisory capacity in promoting the general welfare of all students and in stimulating participation in those campus and off-campus activities which are vital for our spiritual, social, mental, and physical well-being.

Most of us are honestly too busy to reach such goals by ourselves, so for our mutual benefit we choose a fellow citizen who is willing to serve on our S.C.C. But there are two responsibilities involved therein. One is the need for those few who wanting to serve this community believe that they can contribute their ideas and abilities to the Student Coordinating Council. The second responsibility involves the many who must elect and support their Representatives who will serve them in this increasingly important role.

-----S.C.C.

REMEMBER: DEADLINE FOR ALL ARTICLES. LETTERS COLUMNS IS 4:30 P.M. THURSDAYS AND ALL NEWS ITEMS ARE DUE BY 4:30 P.M. FRIDAYS.  
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