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**DURHAM ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT** After more than 24 years of teaching at Southeastern Seminary, John I Durham has announced plans to take early retirement in order to pursue a more active career in research, writing, lecturing, and travel, according to President Lolley.

Durham, Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament, is a widely known Biblical scholar, teacher and writer. A B.D. and Th.M. graduate of Southeastern (1959, 1961) and a D.Phil. graduate of Oxford (1963), he began his teaching career at his alma mater on August 1, 1963, and will enter into his vocational redirection July 31, 1987.

In receiving Durham's announcement, Lolley expressed "profound appreciation for John's ministry of teaching as well as the positive influence he has had on so many of our students. He has our prayerful support as he moves into these years of renewal and redirection."

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**VISIT BY MISSIONS LEADERS** Foreign Mission Board, Executive Vice-President, Bill O'Brien and Assistant to the Executive Vice-President, Bob Desbien were on campus recently to talk with a number of persons. The faculty and administrative officers were their guests on February 5 to discuss the strategy of international missions and the upcoming reorganization of the Foreign Mission Board.

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**SUPER SUPER WEEK** The week of February 9-13 was a highlight of the year on the Seminary calendar. A series of four superb lectures were delivered by William Oglesby of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia as the 1987 Adams Lectures; the Annual Pastors' Seminar had a superb turnout and presentations by a variety of leaders; the Home Mission Board sponsored Chaplain's Conference and was again a highlight. The weather was great as well.

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**STUDENTS CAME FOR M&M CONFERENCE** The annual Missions and Ministry Conference created an unusually vigorous atmosphere on the campus the week-end of February 13-15. Not only did an extra number of our own students stay around but students from a variety of colleges came to explore the call of Christ to Missions and Ministry. Sam James of the Foreign Mission Board, Millard Fuller of Habitat for Humanity and Nell Magee from the Sunday School Board led the conference.

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HOLY                   Forty-seven Southeasterner's left on  
LAND STUDY           February 21 for the annual 10 day Holy  
TOUR                   Land Study Tour. A regular course in the  
                      Seminary's curriculum, the study tour provides  
on-site experience for our students in the land of the  
Bible. Underwriting the expenses of several of the students  
was the Coleman Fund, established by alumnus Charles Coleman  
to help students visit the Holy Land during their seminary  
studies.

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SBC                    The February meeting of the Southern Baptist  
EXECUTIVE            Convention Executive Committee included the  
COMMITTEE            adoption of the 1987-88 Cooperative Program  
SETS CP               Budgets for recommendation to the Convention  
BUDGET                in June. Southeasterner's attending the  
                      semi-annual meeting of the Executive Committee  
were Dr. Jesse Chapman, chairman of the trustees, President  
Lolley and Communications Director Rod Byard. Action of the  
Executive Committee affecting Southeastern was the 1988  
budget as follows:

Basic Operating Budget:	Phase I	\$132,000,000
Capital Needs Budget:		6,450,000
Basic Operating Budget:	Phase II	<u>1,550,000</u>
		\$140,000,000

Southeastern Seminary Allocation           \$3,983,718

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ALUMNI                Several Southeastern Alumni met on campus  
TASK                   February 10 to dialogue with the admin-  
FORCE                  istration regarding Seminary activities  
                      and future plans. The group met under the  
leadership of Bob Spinks, alumni director.

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FREEZY                It came by the tons, accumulating up to five  
SKID                   inches, equivalent to 20 inches of snow.  
STUFF                  Early in the week of February 16, sleet  
                      started falling in the Wake Forest/Raleigh/  
Durham area. The accumulation of so much ice nearly  
paralyzed every activity in the surrounding communities.  
Southeastern as well as the other school systems and many  
businesses lost the entire week to the avalanche. That  
followed by a week "spring break" has made the faculty and  
students feel that they simply are beginning the semester  
all over again. Things are now back into full swing with  
lecturing and note-taking on a fast track!