

This issue of Update has been scheduled later in the current month than usual in order to record events surrounding the conclusion of the spring semester and graduation exercises at the Seminary.

UPDATE
DATED

The curtain has fallen to close the second semester in the 1974-75 academic year. Any way one measures it, we have had a very good year at Southeastern. Given the fact of the inevitable adjustments necessitated by a transition in the administration, the school year has gone extremely well. Faculty, administrative personnel, and students have responded with a rare blend of partnership in the task on campus.

SEMESTER
CLOSES

Preliminary enrollment projections, plus some faculty and administrative additions, indicate yet a better year in 1975-76.

One magic word says it — GRADUATION! For 181 seniors (in all degree programs) the day of days was Saturday, May 10. Added to our previous Alumni roster, the 1975 graduating class brought the total alumni, since 1953, to 2960.

GRADUATION

The twenty-second annual commencement exercises included the president's reception, the banquet, the commencement worship service, the senior breakfast, and the commencement program. Scores of families and friends joined the graduates for a memorable weekend.

The annual spring concert, featuring all the Seminary musicians, was held April 22. The evening featured selections from 300 years of great choral music. The Seminary Mixed Choir (73 singers) joined with the Seminary Men's Choir (15 singers) and the Seminary Chapel Ensemble (10 singers) in the concert. Dr. Ben Johnson was conductor and Barbara Coffee Humble was organist.

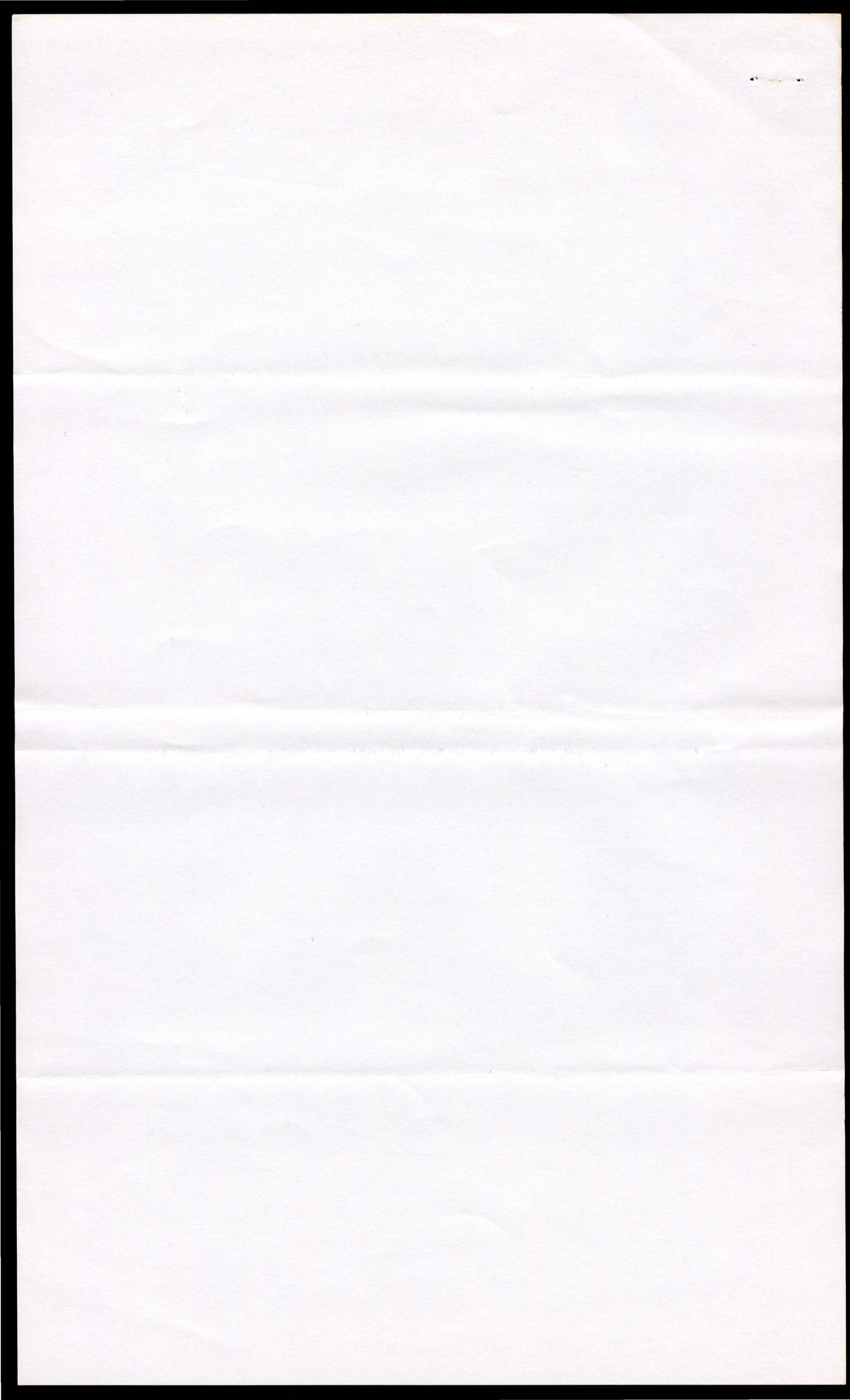
SPRING
CONCERT

The ATS team of visitors for review of the Doctor of Ministry degree program were on campus April 24-25. They met with faculty, students, and administrative personnel to assess the past, present, and future status of this newest of Southeastern's academic endeavors. Their report will be forwarded to the ATS office and the full accreditation of the program at Southeastern should be achieved by the summer. We have had, as all other seminaries offering the D.Min. degree, a "provisional accreditation" of the program since its inception in 1972.

D.MIN.
DEGREE
TEAM

Spring elections for officers and leaders of the Student Coordinating Council were vigorously promoted during April. An exceptional number of persons "turned out" to vote. Key leaders elected for next year are: Lana Lawrence, Houston, Texas — President (our first one ever of this gender); Bert Browning, Ettrick, Virginia — Vice President; and Karen Bodenheimer, Boone, North Carolina — Secretary/Treasurer.

STUDENT
ELECTIONS



Dr. Raymond Rigdon, Director of the SBC Seminary Extension Department, visited the campus in April. He met for dialogue with the Faculty Club. General constructive insights were gained into this significant ministry of the six Southern Baptist seminaries. Dr. Rigdon outlined numerous projections of Seminary Extension Department, especially in the area of continuing theological education.

SEMINARY
EXTENSION
DEPARTMENT

The recently approved administrative model assigns Jerry Niswonger the task of coordinating with the Dean of the Faculty all programs of continuing theological education. It is hoped that during the next months Southeastern will afford a wide range of CTE options for alumni, lay persons, and others.

DIRECTOR OF
CONTINUING
EDUCATION

Jerry has been admitted to the D.Min. program at Southeastern. Hopefully, his project in ministry can be designed to facilitate his task as director of continuing education.

Budget preparation for fiscal 1975-76 has begun. The cost centers have formulated their requests and submitted them to the Business Office where they are being carefully tabulated, reviewed, and correlated. Preliminary indications are that at best the budget for 1975-76 will be really tight. Our denominational Cooperative Program support has remained steady this year, a bit of not-to-be overlooked good news during such national economic uncertainty.

BUDGET
PREPARATION

Three times in one week grief struck so very close to the Seminary family. Elaine Nations, wife of Dr. Archie Nations, Professor of New Testament Interpretation, died May 5. Rena Bland, wife of Dr. Tom Bland, Professor of Christian Ethics and Sociology, died May 6. Mr. J. Nixon Daniel, attorney from Pensacola, Florida, and Southeastern Trustee for ten years, died May 8.

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Grief's slow wisdom has its own quality of instruction. So we hurt; so we learn!

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