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Mission And Ministry Conference To Unite College, Seminary Students

by Kathy Worley

The word, "conference," according to one dictionary, has one meaning which says, "to bring together," and this definition applies to the Mission and Ministry Conference to be held at Southeastern Seminary on Feb. 23-25. The nucleus of the planning committee which includes Don Elium, general chairperson Susan Shirley, program chairperson; Chris Walker; Jack Vandenhengel, Bill Walker and David Shirley, are hoping to "bring together" the college students and the seminary family in a way which will facilitate the understanding of the needs of college students. In pre-planning meetings at various colleges, the students expressed a desire to have more interaction and dialogue with the seminary family, and Don Elium is encouraging students to help meet that need by attending conference activities and by providing housing for the college students for the weekend.

The theme of the Missions Conference this year is "Free to Be," and it stresses

two points: 1) How can I be free myself? and 2) How then can I facilitate others' freedom? A variety of activities will be emphasizing this theme, as college students and the seminary family are invited to participate in musical entertainment, films, snack times, seminars, discussions, worship, and a world hunger meal.

A new facet of this conference will be the addition of three seminars on Saturday for campus ministers and interested seminary students. Topics will include the pastoral care of college students, contemporary theological trends, and contemporary cults.

The chapel services on Wednesday, Feb. 21 and Thursday, Feb. 22 will be led by conference program personalities. Steve Shoemaker will lead worship on Wednesday and the musical "Harvest" will be performed on Thursday.

The Mission and Ministry Conference will definitely be a meaningful experience, and chairperson Don Elium is confident that we will become more aware of the needs of college students.

Pianist David Meece In Concert March 8

by Lynn Hamner

David Meece, a 25-year-old internationally-acclaimed concert and recording artist for Word Records, will be appearing on campus in Binkley Chapel on Thursday, March 8, at 8 p.m.

David was awarded a full scholarship to study at Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Maryland. His training is strictly classical, but his original stylings of old gospel favorites and his own contemporary compositions have made him a hit with young and old alike.

Last year, he performed at the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City and in over 45 college campuses in 17 states. This year is even busier, including an appearance as guest soloist at the 1978 Baptist World Alliance in Manila, Philippines.

This concert is free and open to the public. We are asking for a love offering to help with expenses. Plan to attend with friends or your youth group.

Intern Day

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 23

10:00 SPECIAL FORUM - presenting intern opportunities
- Cafeteria.

11:00-3:00 CONFERENCES - with potential supervisors
- Bethea Room

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'Sermon Of The Year' Award

The Enquiry is pleased to announce the first annual "Sermon of the Year" contest. The contest is open to all full-time students. Entrants are asked to submit original, double-spaced typewritten sermons of 6 pages or less. Longer entries will be disqualified. Sermons will be judged on originality, creativeness, use of illustrations, Biblical fidelity, neatness and general appeal. The sermons may or may not have been previously delivered in a church, and may be of any nature.

Judges will be Dr. John Carlton and Dr. Carroll Trotter, Professors of Preaching, and David Sumner, Enquiry editor. Sermons will be assigned a number and judged anonymously. Entrants are asked to put their name on a title page, but nowhere else in the sermon. Entries will be returned only if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope, and should be submitted to David Sumner at the Enquiry office in Mackie Hall or left with the secretary of the office of Student Affairs.

The winner will receive a \$25 cash award, and the winning sermon will be printed in the April issue of The Enquiry. Winner will be notified within 3-4 weeks of the March 23 deadline.

Academic Stress Most Often Noted By Survey Respondents

by David Upshaw

(The following article is the report of a survey of student needs and stresses conducted by the Student Council some time ago.)

RESULTS OF SURVEY

Each respondent was asked to indicate, on a scale of 0-5, how much stress was caused by each of several areas listed. Zero represented no stress; 5 represented high stress. With 458 students participating, the following lists the mean level of stress felt in each area.

Marital	1.2
Academic	3.0
Spiritual	1.7
Family	1.8
Financial	2.7
Work	2.0
Vocational	
Choice	1.6
Rel. with other students	0.9

DISCUSSION

Academic stress was by far the most significant for most respondents. Over half of the student body is experiencing high stress in academics. Almost as many feel high stress over finances.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR are encouraged and welcome. All those received that are in good taste will be printed. Letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request.

VOLUNTARY ARTICLES AND STORIES are also encouraged and welcome. Any news of interest to the seminary community may be submitted at any time.

To the Editor:

Southeastern Seminary has been through a very helpful process in order to achieve regional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The Seminary has enjoyed national accreditation through the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) since its early years.

The process began with a candidacy visit. This was followed a year later by a candidate's renewal visit. Then a third visit by a larger team was the final step in the process of our review according to SACS standards.

There are nine standards to which we must give attention in the SACS accreditation process. During each visit, our school was reviewed with considerable care in all areas of our teaching/learning activity. At the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in December, Southeastern was granted full accreditation without notation.

This is a significant milestone for us and we cherish the opportunities for association with our colleagues in the colleges and schools.

--W. Randall Lolley
President

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Editorial Byline

by David E. Sumner

Vandalism-- A Continuing Problem

A few months ago I made a complaint in the forum about the problem of vandalism on campus. It seems that my rear view mirror had been smashed. A more recent and serious incident has occurred on my 1974 Oldsmobile. I wish to reproduce a "Letter to the Editor" which I recently wrote to The Wake Weekly addressed to those unknown people who had again vandalized my car.

"To the Editor: This letter is my only means of expressing my frustration and remarks towards the vandal or vandals who damaged my automobile while left in the seminary parking lot (next to the trailer lot) sometime before Christmas. What you did was open the hood and pour about a quart of sand into the air filter. The damage was not discovered until sometime later, but by then it was permanent.

"It cost me about \$100 to have the carburetor repaired as best it could be, but there is permanent damage to the rest of the engine that cannot be repaired short of replacing the entire engine. The gasoline mileage is also down, which will probably cause the loss of a few hundred dollars in gasoline mileage for as long as I own the car. Really, the car needs to be replaced.

"Your idea of 'entertainment' causes much pain and hurt to others. Since I am a Christian, I believe in forgiveness and want to forgive you. Please be assured that I am praying for you to come to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you would identify yourself to me, I promise no punishment and will give you \$100 worth of books, movie tickets, and theater tickets so that you will be able to experience more edifying and stimulating forms of entertainment. I do hope that you will at least read this and the experience will help you learn greater maturity and a sense of responsibility."

I don't know if the culprits will ever read my letter. They are probably not the kind of people given to the serious reading of an editorial page of a newspaper. But at least I was able to release some of my frustrations over the damage done to my automobile.

There is probably little that can be done to prevent this type of activity. The seminary night watchman can't be everywhere at once, and incidents probably haven't been frequent enough to warrant an increase in the night watchman staff. But I urge students to be aware of the problem and to take as many preventive measures as possible. All incidents should be reported to David Lee or other seminary officials. Possible patterns of activity or clues to culprits may be established in doing so.

But above all, seminary students should seek to establish improved "town-gown" relations in every way possible. The high school students that come on our campus daily are an opportunity for ministry. Perhaps our disregard for them has been a cause of the problem.

Editorials

LIBRARY NOISE

Here are several statements. See if you can guess which one is untrue:

- 1) The earth revolves around its axis.
- 2) Water (unpolluted) is composed of hydrogen and oxygen.
- 3) Southeastern Seminary library is a quiet place for reading and study.

I'll bet you guessed correctly.

Now, we're not talking about the lobby, or the area near the photocopying machine, nor is the area of the card catalogue the only topic for criticism. In fact, unacceptable noise levels often prevail in many parts of the library proper, especially in the reference section.

The reasons for this excessive noise generated by our distinguished student body are probably many. The places for people to meet in a comfortable atmosphere to catch up on the latest happenings are few; places to visit with people of both sexes without garnering disdainful looks are scarce. So, the library becomes the nightly center for social gathering, a purpose it was never meant to fulfill.

Certainly, this is distressing to those who hold onto the idea, quite correctly, that the library should be a quiet place for reading and study. It is exasperating to attempt to combine 14 Greek irregular verbs with a story about somebody's neighbor's cat and the new couch. Just at the point where Jesus is about to throw the money changers from the Temple, a war whoop from the next table sends you scurrying for cover.

The library staff and administration cannot and should not be forced to control the noise. They have enough to do; besides, we are not children. The Snack Bar in Mackie Hall is now open on Tuesday and Thursday nights, and it really is not too much trouble to step into a conference room or outside momentarily while pursuing an extended conversation. The library really is for study, not for socializing.

TAX TIME

In addition to income taxes, it is also that time of year when Wake Countians must file for personal property taxes with the County Tax Collector's office. Actually, the deadline was January 31, but you can still file with a small late penalty. Many seminarians seem to have a way of conveniently forgetting about this tax, and many think that students are not required to pay it. However, this is not true. All persons residing in the county during 1978 are required to pay the personal property tax, whether or not you are a student, and whether or not you are a permanent or legal resident of the county. In other words, students are required to pay it.

The tax rate is 75¢ per \$100 of personal property valuation. In other words, if you own a car worth \$4000, then your tax on it will be \$30. You can accept a valuation on your household and personal belongings of 7 times your monthly rent. So, if you are paying rent on seminary housing, your valuation will be very reasonable and probably less than the actual value. The valuation statements are filed at this time, but the tax itself will not be due until August. Then the town of Wake Forest will also send you a bill for about the same amount next December. If you have not already filed, you can go down to the County Courthouse in Raleigh to do so.

Some students have not paid this tax because they do not think it is fair for students to do so. Apparently the county does not check up on who and who does not file. However, it comes down to a matter of responsibility and "rendering unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's."

We urge you to assume this responsibility.

'Using The Cross To Doublecross'

from Fla. Baptist Witness

American Consumer, Inc., a Philadelphia mail-order firm, has agreed to make restitution of approximately \$103,000 to customers who bought "Crosses of Lourdes" believing the crosses were dipped in the waters of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes and blessed in Rome by Pope Paul VI.

American Consumer, Inc., is not returning the money out of the goodness of its heart but because the government has charged them with fraud. The crosses were not as advertised. They were actually sprayed in the United States with bottled water from Lourdes and were never blessed by the Pope.

Aside from the fact that I don't believe there is any efficacy in bathing the cross in a certain water or subjecting it to the prayers of a religious leader, it is tragic for one of the most significant symbols

of Christianity to be exploited. To use the cross and devotion to the cross to deceive and doublecross is shameful.

Quite often a brother minister will pray for someone about to preach saying, "Hide him behind the cross so we will see Jesus only." It is a noble prayer and every preacher should pray it for himself because he knows what a temptation it is to life up the cross for self-glory, personal achievement or material accomplishment. We speak of the cross to call attention to our piety, motivate giving for superfluous projects or, God forbid, to gain or increase business in the marketplace.

A preacher will let the merchant know he is a man of the Cloth to hopefully get a ministerial discount. We quickly tell the arresting officer we are a preacher or the reason that we are speeding is that

we are late for church. At the same time we are praying that the policeman "loves the Lord" and will excuse and not abuse the Lord's anointed. So in a sense we hide behind the cross and exploit reverence for the cross to further our selfish motives and desires.

I was told years ago that if I wanted to make money I should have a radio program for the Lord. I am convinced that many preachers who have radio and TV programs are not necessarily conducting them for the Lord. Unfortunately, the cross has been employed in many instances to double-cross or use the gullible and unsuspecting.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Whatever else the Beatitude may mean, it is a clear-cut warning to eliminate ulterior motives in our relationship to the Heavenly Father.

In our witnessing we should be like Nathaniel of whom Jesus said, "an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile."

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War, Peace And God: Worldwide Perspective

by Timothy D. Saxon

War and Peace in the World's Religions, by John Ferguson. Oxford Univ. Press, 1978, 166 pages, \$2.95.

The Theology of Peace. The words used by many of the world's religions in declaring their adherence to the basic tenets of the Theology of Peace are both profuse and profound. Yet if religious groups have a single area of collective, blatant failure that haunts all equally, it is the failure to procure the blessings of peace for their disciples.

In War and Peace in the World's Religions, our British author, John Ferguson, seeks to introduce us to the many and various ways that the world's religious groups have attempted to deal with the reality of war and its accompanying violence. The record is not good.

As an exercise in surveying many of the powerful and numerous not-so-well known groups, Ferguson is successful. It is the survey approach to the Theology of Peace that makes this book most useful to the uninitiated. Ferguson twists his way through the ranks of Christians, Jews, Hindus, and Moslems without encountering any insurmountable challenges. Yet he adds a dimension not often seen in the work of Western writers by his deft appraisal of African, Asian and minor Indian groups. Having lived among many of the peoples he discusses adds immeasurably to the functional detail of the book.

The Theology of Peace is quite clearly no place for the cynic to be studying, the reader discovers after the first few pages. Ferguson allows us to see quite clearly the unstanching flow of blood that runs from the temples and churches throughout the history of "civilized" mankind. While such information may be good as confessional in nature, Ferguson refuses to become enmeshed in the spidery trap of cynicism.

While he clearly declares in Machiavellian dealings of many religious leaders and their parties, he points a brave finger toward the courageous examples almost every group has produced from its ranks. Though we have known all too few Ghandis and Kings, the influence of such men has been received down through the ages totally out of proportion to the numbers of such fellow travelers. Ferguson is thankful for the blessings, not dwelling on prayers left "unanswered".

As a whole, War and Peace in the World's Religions blazes no new trail in the forest of the Theology of Peace. What Ferguson does is make us aware of the quality of mercy which does reside in the hearts of certain people and special leaders who have refused forthrightly to break under the stress of violent winds. Those in search of examples for living the peaceful life and who wish to know the dangers of such high hopes would do well to attend these words.

Alcohol On Campuses

City fathers and state authorities in many areas have apparently become impatient waiting for campuses to solve the problem of excessive drinking by students. They've begun to step in more frequently with laws to control the flow of booze.

at Northern Illinois University, a free-and-easy attitude toward drinking at frat parties has been replaced by a required \$50 city license. Before the license is granted, fraternities must demonstrate how they intend to control consumption and prevent under-age drinking.

In California, a recent Supreme Court decision that makes the server of alcohol liable for accidents caused by a person's drunkenness has school officials worried. Fraternities are no longer allowing non-members to drink at parties.

The biggest crackdown came in Michigan when voters passed a measure increasing the legal drinking age to 21.

It is clear that alcohol is no longer taken for granted by many Americans.

Columnist Wonders

Is Pres. Forum Really Effective?

by Henry Boschen

For as long as I care to remember, I have been attending the President's Forums. One main reason was the free doughnuts; the other was to hear what was being done for the students and to find out what their complaints were. This article is a compilation of issues raised in various forums and observed results.

At our first forum of this past year, the question was asked about hiring of women for posts in the Seminary teaching staff. Now, we all realize that this takes time, but as of this date, I have not seen any announcement about the employment of women to teaching positions. Ms. Suzanne Davis has come to the Formation in Ministry staff, but this is not a teaching position. Along this line, another forum question asked about the inability of women to enter the Clinical Pastoral Care program because they could not meet the requirements. Have these requirements been changed?

There has been a continuing problem of automobile vandalism, another issue raised at the forum. To my understanding, the vandals are still at work, with only one group having been caught. Nothing has been done by the administration other than confer with the police, I am told. I wonder why we haven't heard from Jerry Niswonger, Woody Catoe or David Lee on this. There have been many suggestions, but what exactly is being done?

Another question raised concerned the problem of divorced or other people with children to care for who have trouble finding seminary housing. A check on this item finds it still "under consideration."

Has anything been done about the speed of cars traveling Judson street? What about parking? I'm sure this is in the grand plan, but what has been done? I haven't noted any improvement. Did they ever open gaps in the trailer park as we were told they would do?

Here is one positive point: the professors are posting lists of books they require in the bookstore. Hooray for the profs! What has been done about the senior class selection of a speaker? And what about a mid-year graduation? Both of these were discussed, but we haven't heard any feedback that I know of.

Here is another plus for free enterprise: the snack shop is now staying open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in response to student requests. Now we should ask if it is being utilized. We finally got the Directory, too, even though it was later than we were led to believe it would be.

Smoking on campus was a question that seemed relatively minor, but I notice that some of the smokers are still puffing in classrooms and hallways.

Has Formation in Ministry been changed to a three-hour course? Perhaps so, but the administration hasn't chosen to inform us of their response to this forum question yet. We still haven't heard what is going to be done about screens on Johnson classroom building yet, either. Another question that plagued me was, what ever happened to the student who needed a place to study? Did he have to use Dr. Lolley's office, or is some place designated for use when the library is closed?

Students also asked about the problem of shifting Church History professors in mid-year. I did not feel that the question was answered to the satisfaction of the student who asked it. Has the administration thought about it any more?

As Dr. Lolley has said at each forum, their purpose is to air our problems and to try to find solutions to them. Admittedly our problems are not earth-shaking, but we are still left with the impression that our concerns are not being given any thought after the forum is over.

I remarked at the last forum that it was a shame that more new students did not come to forums. Could it be that they have gotten word that we don't see any action? There may have been some progress in dealing with some of our concerns, but we need feedback. Hopefully, this pattern will not continue.

Trustee Comments On Southeastern Offering

Jan. 5, 1979

My dear Southeastern Friends:

Through the Baptist Press and from my son, I have learned of the excellent contribution to World Missions through the 1978 Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Offering by the entire student body, faculty and administration of Southeastern Seminary.

Personally, and as a Trustee of Southeastern, I want to commend each one who had a part in the offering. It took everyone sharing to do so well- so many shared so generously.

I particularly appreciate the gift of such a prized and cherished possession as that of the Ordination Bible of Dr. Leo Green. In reality, that is what the Foreign mission offering is all about- giving the Word of God to the world. The Associate Class is to be commended for giving so generously to buy the Bible and for giving again this "meaningful book" to the Seminary for continued use and keeping. I understand that this Bible is the one from which Dr. Green preached his annual "Star of Bethlehem" Christmas message. Perhaps he, and others after him, will continue to preach this great sermon annually from this same Bible. As a result of the Seminary gifts the Star of Bethlehem can shine in nearly a hundred countries around the world where Baptists have mission work in 1979.

Surely the spirit of mission giving has been magnified at Southeastern this year. Congratulations!

Hugh O. Chambliss
Executive Director
Madison Bapt. Assn.,
Alabama

PATRONIZE THE SEMINARY SNACK SHOP

NEW HOURS:

TUESDAY: 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Our special thanks and appreciation to Miss Scott for opening the snack shop on Tuesday and Thursday nights. It needs our support to keep these hours.
Editor

SPECIAL SOUTHEASTERN EVENTS . . .

February

- 19- BYW, Bethea Room, 7:30 p.m.
- 22- Voice Recital: Phyllis Mayo, Binkley Chapel, 8 p.m.
- 23- "Intern Day"-- interviews for 1-year internships-- also special Forum, 10 a.m., Cafeteria
- 23-25- Student Conference on Mission and Ministry
- 26- Fellowship Club, Bethea Room, 7:30 p.m.
- 27- Film and Discussion on need for ministers in Delaware/Pennsylvania. Johnson Bldg. AV room, 7:30 p.m.

March

- 1- Faculty Lecture, Dr. Richard Lester, Binkley Chapel, 10 a.m.
- 2- Commonwealth Club, Cafeteria, 10 a.m.
- 5- Faculty Wives Club, Faculty Lounge, 7:30
- 6- Reception for Gardner-Webb Alumni, Bethea Room, 8 p.m.
- 7- Seminary Council, Dean's Conference Room, 3 p.m.
- 8- David Meece in Concert, Binkley Chapel, 8 p.m.
- 9- President's Forum, Cafeteria, 10 a.m.
- 13- Founder's Day, Binkley Chapel, 10 a.m. Address by Dr. William Self, Pastor of Wieuca Rd. Baptist, Atlanta
- 16- South Carolina Club, Cafeteria, 10 a.m.
- 16- Ministry Workshop, Appleby Chapel, 10 a.m. Sponsored by Student Council.
- 19- BYW, Bethea Room, 7:30 p.m.
- 19- Case Study Workshop, Bethea Room, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sponsored by ATS.
- 23- Ministry Workshop, Appleby Chapel, 10
- 27-28- Carver-Barnes Lectures, Binkley Chapel, 10 a.m. Phyllis Tribble, Professor, Andover-Newton TS.
- 29-30- "Church Growth Emphasis" Dr. Powers, Coordinator. Meeting in Appleby Chapel, Bethea Room, Cafeteria.

Student Stresses Bring Comments

(From page 1)

It is probable that many of these areas of stress are interrelated, and a reduction of stress in one area may help reduce stress in other areas.

A space for comments was provided on the surveys. This provided some interesting results. For example, nine students were in favor of a pass/fail grading system. Twenty-five wanted more job opportunities, while thirty-six said that course requirements were too heavy. Seventeen students said that two hour courses require too much work, and ten mentioned the need for an exam week.

Ten respondents said that there was no understanding of the needs of students pastoring churches.

The most frequent comment was displeasure at the lack of social activities. Thirty students agreed to this.

Other comments on observed areas of problems: housing, 11; class size, 8; financial assistance, 20; professor-student interaction, 10; a need for more spiritual emphasis, 27; the price of books, 7; and the use of the gym, 7.

The question, "What can the seminary do to help meet this need?" brought these responses:

"This is not an easy question to answer. This is a graduate school, so it would be unwise to make any attempt to lighten the load of study. There are no easy answers."

"I feel the academic requirements are heavy, especially in the M.Div. program in which my husband is a student. So much time is required to meet the basic requirements of study that no time is left for spiritual or family life. Seminary should be different than secular school and more emphasis placed on the total being rather than all emphasis on academic studies."

"Nothing really. Much stress is non-seminary related, of course; being a student anywhere causes stress. As long as professors are understanding and reasonable, I feel all right. Some may be a little overbearing, but I think it's great that seminary degrees have reached the level of a graduate program in other schools and universities."

"Undergraduate and graduate levels of education are geared for single students only. All other points of stress (for the married student with a family) are actually caused by the tremendous load of work and reading that one has to do. A married student has to be a husband, father, provider (in some cases), teacher, preacher, pastor, counselor, and on top of all this he is supposed to have time to keep up with academics. Some of the professors seem to think we students who are married are some kind of supernatural superstars. Well, we aren't! For Pete's sake, give us a break! It is no wonder the majority of the students are suffering from spiritual malnutrition, the majority being married."

Dionne Warwick says: "Get your blood into circulation."



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Sports Comments

Intramurals: Is Ours A Winning System?

by Dennis Melton

Intramural sports, particularly at a theological seminary, have two primary purposes: 1) to provide a chance for mental and physical recreation through exercise, and 2) to encourage the meeting of new people as they enjoy healthy activity together. Recent episodes during intramural competition have, however, led to the conclusion that winning is more important than the fulfillment of either of these goals to some participants, and that our intramural structure helps foster the attitude that "winning is everything."

For example, intramural basketball players have noted that some teams tend to "run up the score" on teams with less talent than they. This is not conducive to brotherly love on or off the court. Is the pride in winning handily really worth degrading the spirit of another human? The term "sportsmanship" does, after all, encompass more than bearing loss gracefully; it also implies a healthy attitude toward winning.

A player was recently disqualified from further intramural competition because he received three technical fouls in one game. The real pity here is not that the officials were forced to do this, nor even that in the heat of competition the player did it. It is a shame that the attitude which places utmost value on winning exists at all. That was the real cause of the incident.

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'Women's Issues In Ministry' Group

by Chris Walker & Patty Powell

We are on the edge of a new era in Christian ministry-- the acceptance of all persons, both male and female, as equals; not only in God's sight, but also in our own. Included in this is the recognition that God calls whom He wills to ministry, regardless of sex.

A woman, as she prepares for and enters the ministry, oftentimes faces negative traditional attitudes which can limit her effectiveness. Ministerial positions are limited; ordination is questioned. Sometimes certain Biblical texts are not understood in the context of the situation to which they were addressed, and they are used to keep women out of the pulpit. Yet, women are beginning to hold positions in the church as ministers, but as always when new ground is being broken, there are problems.

As a result of the Consultation on Women in Ministry held in Nashville this past September, it was learned that a number of seminaries offer their women students a support group to help them prepare to meet some of the inevitable problems of pioneering into unexplored areas of ministry. The women representing Southeastern at the Consultation organized the "Women's Issues in Ministry" group to meet some of these needs on campus. The organization is not limited only to women, but has as its purpose the affirmation of each individual's gifts and call to ministry, regardless of sex. In particular, we wish to offer support to women as they attempt to discover their individual gifts and explore the options available to them for the realization of their call.

The organization of the "Women's Issues in Ministry" group is not an attempt to alienate men from women, nor to displace men from their jobs in favor of women. On the contrary, it represents the genuine attempt on the part of a number of students to work toward the goal of full acceptance and integration of both men and women in the ministry. Already the group has drawn upon valuable resource persons within our own seminary community. Last semester, Dr. Jim Parker spoke to the group about the position of women in the early church and how Jesus affirmed women as a valuable part of His ministry. Early in the semester, Dr. Steely and Mrs. Steely joined in an informal discussion about the direction that Southern Baptists might be taking in their view of women in the ministry. They also shared with the group about the opportunity for women to become involved in ministry with the Women's Correctional Unit in Raleigh.

In the future, the "Women's Issues in Ministry" group hopes to sponsor programs which will include topics such as: potential options for husband/wife teams; women in the chaplaincy; women in the pastoral ministry; and others. The meetings are usually held on Thursday evenings. Our next meeting, which will involve planning and organizing, will be Thursday, March 1 at 7 p.m. in the basement of Women's Dorm. Please join us as we seek to make Paul's statement to the Galatians a reality: "For in Christ there is . . . neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ."

Enrollment declines which have been felt in America's colleges for five years have now hit Baptist Seminaries.

After 3 years of gaining nearly 1,000 students annually, last year all 6 Southern Baptist Seminaries together had a net gain of 43 students, for a total of 8,892.

Only Southeastern Seminary showed a significant increase, gaining 11 per cent, for a total enrollment of 1,120. Southeastern is now the fifth largest seminary in the world, trailing Southern Seminary, Southwestern Seminary, Fuller Seminary, and New Orleans Seminary.

Golden Gate, Southern and Southwestern Seminaries showed slight declines in enrollment, while New Orleans passed Southeastern to become the third largest Southern Baptist seminary last year.

Southern Baptists accounted for 18 per cent of the 46,460 students in the United States and Canada attending seminary.

There was, however, a significant increase in the number of females in programs which traditionally lead to ordination.



A mirror for the bi-vocational minister

Few people know the special problems a bi-vocational minister faces as he works to fill two roles. He may feel that he is the only one who experiences these problems. Actually there are at least 9,400 others in similar situations across the convention.

Now Seminary Extension has available the only course of study in Southern Baptist life written for and about the bi-vocational minister. It looks at such concerns as his place as a husband and father, his struggle with time, and relationships within the church and community. Total cost of the course is just \$15.00, plus 65 cents postage.

To enroll in "The Bi-vocational Minister" (PM 29), send your name and address, with \$15.65 and this ad, to the Seminary Extension Dept., SBC Bldg., 460 James Robertson Pkwy., Nashville, TN 37219.



Student, U.Va. Law Professor Believe Seminary Student Judicial Process Faulty

(The following comments were written by a member of the Faculty-Student Discipline Committee who wishes to maintain anonymity. The views do not necessarily reflect those of The Enquiry. The reader is urged to refer to "The Judicial Process for Student Discipline" in the Student Handbook and Orientation Guide, parts of which are reproduced elsewhere on this page.)

Most students, unfortunately, know nothing at all about the "official" process for student discipline at the seminary, and do not realize that abuses of the system are possible and do occur. Some cases have been handled administratively, without reference to due process at all, a testimony to the ineffectiveness of the procedure itself.

These feelings of worry about the adequacy of the system are shared by some University of Virginia Law School professors with whom I shared a copy of our system. They feel, as I do, that our system needs much revision. Here are some of our points of concern:

(Comments by U.Va. Law Professor)

- "1) In part 3 of the Preamble, "d" may be too restrictive because of the word "and." Either intentional or flagrant neglect of financial obligations should be sufficient for disciplinary actions.
- "2) In part 3 of the Preamble, "e" may be so vague that it invites abuse of the process. "False information" should be limited to knowingly making a false representation of a material fact.
- "3) In part 3 of the Preamble, "f" may be too restrictive. Limiting action only to "personal or Seminary property" excludes considerable property, when I would think all theft should be a violation. "Personal" in this context is also undefined and can be interpreted in many ways: personal vs. real, personal vs. owned by another party, personal vs. public.
- "4) In part 5 of the Preamble, the word "civil" should be replaced since it can be argued that "civil" excludes criminal infractions of the law.
- "5) The Assistant to the President for Student Development is given an awesome and conflicting role throughout the process. He is the individual to whom the incident is reported, the investigator, the grand jury, a member of the Judicial Committee, a member of the Appeals Council and an advisor to the final arbiter of appeals. While he should rightfully play a major role in the process, the one assigned is too great for any individual to be expected to perform while maintaining the necessary objectivity for the various stages of the process.
- "6) I am not sure of the fairness of the appeal from the Judicial Committee to the Appeals Council, since the membership of the Judicial Committee sits with others as the Appeals Council. Since members of the Judicial Committee have already heard and ruled on the evidence, does this not interfere with their impartiality as members of the Appeals Council?
- "7) The assurance of confidentiality in part 4 of the Procedures section seems to be written so as to apply only to the appeal. If the initial hearing by the Judicial Committee is also to be closed to the public, it should be so stated. Thought should also be given to allowing the accused the option of whether the hearings should be open to the public, since he faces possible public announcement of the discipline as set forth in section IV. Additionally, no procedure is set forth for the Committee or the Council to publicly clear a person's record if the accusation is made public but he is found innocent.
- "8) The ultimate effect of the attempted good in part 4a of section IV may be harmful to the accused in the future. If a person is accused of a violation and found to be innocent, then sometime later it is revealed that while at Southeastern he was suspected of a violation, how can he set the record straight if all records of the matter have been purged? Perhaps these records should be retained and released only to the accused.
- "9) Perhaps "confidential" as used in section IV, part 4b should be further defined so as to specifically state who shall have access to or be allowed to have knowledge of the contents of the records."

Also, may I point out that a list of student rights is entirely missing from our Judicial Procedure as listed in the student handbook. Rights such as the ones listed below are utilized in the procedures of several major universities:

THE RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED. . .

1. The presumption of innocence until guilt is proven beyond a reasonable doubt.
2. The right to face the accuser and have knowledge of all prosecution witnesses.
3. The right to due notice, which shall be defined as 72 hours prior to a preliminary hearing, and 7 days prior to a final hearing or trial.
4. The right to defense counsel.
5. No student shall be required to testify against himself, and no adverse inference is to be drawn from refusal to testify.
6. The right to summon material witnesses.
7. The right to remain within the court chambers while testimony is being heard, and to question said testimony.
8. The right to summon up to four character witnesses and to read a reasonable number of statements attesting the defendant's character.
9. The right to a fair and speedy hearing.
10. The right to an open hearing if desired.
11. The right to appeal within 30 days of the decision.
12. The right, upon acquittal, to be free from rehearing by the student Judicial body for the same offense.
13. The right to be informed of the above rights at least 72 hours prior to a preliminary hearing and 7 days prior to a final hearing or trial.

It is alarming to realize that the list of possible violations which can be prosecuted is so vague that it invites abuse and malicious charges. Don't believe me? Read the "Judicial Process" as outlined in the Student Handbook.

Student Government officials and the Seminary administration should take a close look at the problems with the official judicial procedure as outlined above, and take immediate steps to protect the rights of students, both those who are victims and those who are accused of violations.

Seminary Receives SACS Accreditation

Just before Christmas, President Lolley was notified officially of the action of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in accepting Southeastern into membership. This action comes as the culmination of a process of several on-campus reviews by teams of visitors seeking to document the fulfillment of certain standards as adopted by the Southern Association.

Helpful consultation has been received from these teams that have visited Southeastern over the past few years. Areas of our work which needed to be strengthened have been identified and the school has made considerable progress because of this stimulation. We anticipate that students who transfer to other institutions may find the recognition of their credits simplified by this accreditation. It does not mean that all hours taken at Southeastern will automatically be accepted by all other members of the Southern Association. Each institution determines its requirements for graduation and must evaluate transcripts in light of this. However, it is believed that on the whole our recognition by colleges and universities will be enhanced because we are members together with them in this common association.

In commenting on this development, Dean Meiburg expressed appreciation for the cooperation of the faculty and the strong support from the administration in making possible this recognition.

THE JUDICIAL PROCESS FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Portions referred to in above article.)

PREAMBLE--

Part 3

Disciplinary action may result whenever students are involved in the violation of the personal or property rights of others, or in behavior which is not acceptable in the Seminary community. The following conduct is unacceptable in the Seminary community and is subject to disciplinary action:

- a. Academic misconduct such as plagiarism or cheating.
- b. Use or possession of beverage alcohol or illegal drugs on Seminary property.
- c. Homosexual behavior or heterosexual misconduct.
- d. Intentional and flagrant neglect of financial obligations.
- e. Giving false information or altering records.
- f. Theft or abuse of personal or Seminary property.
- g. Neglect, disregard or breach of established Seminary policy regarding the use of the Library . . . or other Seminary facilities.

Part 5

Students involved in civil infractions are accountable to civil authorities, but may also be subject to discipline by the Seminary.

SECTION II-- Procedures

Part 4

Students under review by the Appeals Council shall have the right to be present, accompanied by counsel (if desired), and to speak at the hearing. They may hear and examine evidence presented against them at the hearing, may question witnesses, and present evidence by witness or affidavit if a witness is unable to attend. The meeting will be open only to the Council, the student under review, and witnesses as they are needed.

SECTION IV-- Disciplinary Actions

Part 4a

If the student is found by the Judicial Committee or the Appeals Council to be innocent, no records of the proceeding will be retained.

Part 4b

If the student receives a disciplinary action from the Judicial Committee or the Appeals Council, the record of the proceeding will be retained in the office of the Assistant to the President for Student Development and will be judged confidential. The record will contain the statement of the charges against the student; the synopsis of the testimony; the decision of the Committee/Council.

NASHVILLE - Christian Single, a monthly magazine for single adults will begin publication by the Sunday School Board in April.

"Our aim is to deal constructively with the personal needs of singles," says Cliff Albritton, Christian Single editor. Albritton is a single adult and former pastor who came to the board from Dallas where he was vice president of Corporate Consultants.

The magazine will contain regular features about single people, lifestyle issues, tips for everyday living, and daily devotional helps. It is aimed toward the never married, separated and divorced, and widowed adults.

Articles in the magazines first issue include help on living abundantly, finding and doing God's will, depression, single parenting, and achieving wholeness after divorce.

Les Morriss, who was a pastor at the time of his divorce, writes in an article that his experience showed him that God can work with the brokenness caused by falling short of God's ideal. "The new you can be the reality created out of the dreams that never were. You can be whole again," said Morriss who is now with the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund in Birmingham.

Christian Single may be ordered on the Church Literature Order Form.

Professor Relates Scholarship To Needs Of Lay People

Some people see a huge gap between seminary professors and the people in the pews. Subjects like theology and Biblical scholarship, they say, are out of reach of the average person, and those who study such subjects are different from those people who "just believe". But such thinking would surprise the members of Nall Memorial Baptist Church in Burlington, N.C., whose interim pastor, Dr. Donald E. Cook, is Professor of New Testament at Southeastern Baptist Seminary.

On a recent rainy Sunday morning, the Nall Memorial congregation gathered in the refurbished storefront that is its present home. The lay leader announced that it was Pastor Appreciation Day. For his sermon, Cook preached from the first chapter of Ephesians on the nature of the church, encouraging them to remember that no matter how difficult life appears at times, they should rejoice in the knowledge that they are the people of God.

One the way out the door and into the rain, a deacon was hard to remark, "It sure is a blessing to have a man who knows so much about the Bible and still preaches the Gospel."

How can a man who has encountered the historical-critical questions about Bib-

lical origins and the nature of Jesus stand in the pulpit and call for a radical life-committment to the Christian faith? The question brought a smile to Cook's face as well as a quick answer. "Yes, I've encountered the questions," Cook said, "but more importantly I've encountered the Person. I'm preaching the Lordship of the Jesus who is alive now. The critical disciplines inform and sharpen my experience of a personal relationship with Him."

But what about the gap? Are Baptist people ready to deal with the issues that scholarship raises? Cook feels they are. "Our people are amazingly open and eager to gain a better understanding of God's Word. They are very teachable," Cook says.

The key, Cook believes, to relating scholarly insights to people is a relationship of trust and openness. "People can tell when you love them, and they recognize when a person knows the Lord and lives the reality that the Biblical material communicates."

In spite of his activities as pastor, writer for the Sunday School Board and teacher of church people, Cook's first love is seminary teaching. "I like to help students confront the demands that the text of the New Testament makes on us," he says. "We need to face the challenge of the New Testament in terms of what it meant and what it means today, and then proclaim it to the world."

Seeds Expresses Concern For Hunger

by Paul Godwin

The conference on world hunger at Ridgecrest this past summer called attention to Southern Baptists' responses to world need. Many people may not be aware of *Seeds*, a magazine published by the SBC on hunger issues. It informs those who care about those starving in the world what programs have been established to help alleviate this problem. Gary Gunderson, co-founder and co-editor of *Seeds*, explains, "The purpose of this publication is to reveal the problem of world hunger and brutality and what Christians are doing in an effort to diminish this situation."

Gary Gunderson presented an excellent program on his magazine in Appleby Chapel on January 25. Music was provided by Gary and his wife Lenoir Rand who are on the staff of *Seeds*.

According to Gunderson, the famine of the early part of this decade in Bangladesh brought into the news the plight of the hungry of the world. Southern Baptists wanted to do something about this situation, so he and Andy Loving of Oakhurst Baptist in Atlanta began printing a magazine which now has more than 16,000 subscribers.

Seeds has been successful. In 1975, a resolution was passed by the SBC to bring more awareness of hunger to the Christian community. "This is a start," Gunderson said. At the same time, the SBC and its Foreign Mission Board have been somewhat slow in supporting programs to relieve this problem financially. He hopes that as more Southern Baptists become aware of this need there will be more financial support for such programs.

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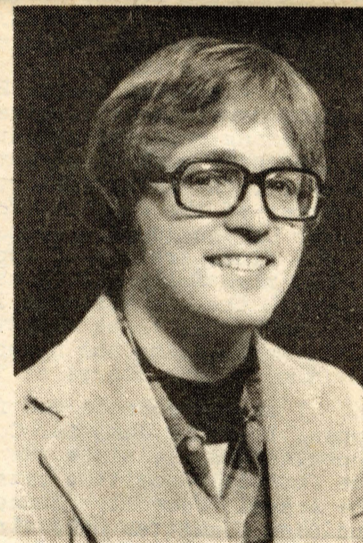
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Shirley Receives Middler Award

David A. Shirley of Tupelo, Miss., has been chosen by the faculty of Southeastern to receive the Middler Award in Systematic Theology. The award, endowed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Culler of High Point, N.C., is presented annually at the Spring Convocation to a second year student who has achieved excellence in systematic theology. Shirley was given the award on the basis of his paper, "Faith, Revelation, and the Silence of God."



Are Books Your Problem?

by Henry Boschen

Have you ever been frustrated when you went to the library to withdraw a book, only to find that the book is not in and the library doesn't know where it is or when they will get it back? Dr. Eugene McLeod, librarian for the past 11 years, knows how you feel, and had some comments about the problem of vandalism and theft of library materials.

That's right-- theft! Some of us are actually taking books from the library without checking them out. Over 200 books are taken each year; to be exact, 286 in 1977-78 and 254 in 1976-77. That means that an average of one in every five seminarians has taken a book from the library and not returned it.

Not only are books being taken and not returned, but books are being intentionally damaged inside the library. Students have found articles cut from Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible and from various books of sermons. Not possible, you say? We are all ministers and honorable people. Remember Marc Antony's speech about honorable men.

What can be done to stop the theft? Dr. McLeod noted that the problem existed at other libraries, and that some have installed electronic detection devices. Others have a check at the door. While this may become necessary here, his present feeling is that these are rather strong measures to catch those few who so dishonor their profession by stealing from the institution which is providing them a learning opportunity. It is Dr. McLeod's hope that we can discover some way to raise the ethical sensibilities of these inconsiderate students.

Dr. McLeod was generous in remarking that some of the books which disappear return just as mysteriously as they leave. Even these unauthorized uses, however, cause the library problems since the staff has to spend time searching for the lost volume, and students are inconvenienced by the loss of library services for awhile.

Dr. McLeod pointed out that if education is the product, then the dispensation of the product is greatly hindered when some students make their own private collection of literary materials. The depletion of the library's resources hurts the entire student body. When a book is lost, it costs the library between \$16 and \$20 to replace it. Some volumes are out of print and cannot be replaced.

Our library's policy on overdue books is one of the most liberal in the country. Just last year, the corporate family was saved some \$2000 in fines that were not levied. Some say that this is the cause for theft and vandalism. Dr. McLeod thinks not, but one of the objectives in the coming year is to complete an analysis of the situation, which could result in a recommendation to install an exit loss-detection system.

While underlining in library books is not a major problem, it does constitute a lack of consideration for others on the part of the person doing the underlining, and it does damage books.

We do not have an honor code as such here at Southeastern, but it is presumed that we are people of honor called to God's service. That service does not include theft and vandalism of library materials. Dr. McLeod feels that many of those who do this damage and take the books rationalize their behavior. They feel that they are not really stealing because they plan to return the books someday, and just forget. However, unauthorized removal of materials from the library is unethical by commonly accepted standards, to say nothing of Christian standards. One thing that these individuals fail to realize-- God knows.

Southeastern has been awarded a grant of \$15,500 by Lilly Endowment, Inc., of Indianapolis, for developing a program of lay support for the school. In terms of the grant, Southeastern will seek to maximize the effectiveness of its 30-member lay development council. A relationship will be established with this development council that will help recognize needs, formulate goals and set objectives.

AREA ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS UPCOMING . . .

UNC-CHAPEL HILL

"Macbeth"- Playmaker's Repertory Company
Feb. 21-Mar. 3. 8 p.m. Tues.-Sat.,
2 p.m. Sun. \$5-\$6 Call 933-1121.
New Music Ensemble- Robert Suderburg
conducts his own compositions. Feb.
22. 8 p.m. Rehearsal Hall. Free.
Concerts every Tuesday at 8 p.m. and
Sunday at 4 p.m. Most are free.
Hill Hall Aud.

DUKE UNIVERSITY- Call 684-4059

"The Mound Builders"- Duke Players. Feb.
15-18, 22-25. 8:15 p.m. Branson The.
\$2.50-\$3.50
"Your Arms Too Short to Box With God"-
Broadway at Duke Series. Feb. 26,
8:30 p.m. Cameron Indoor Stad.
\$6-\$7-\$8
Duke Symphony Orchestra- Spring Concert
Feb. 22, 8:15 p.m. Page Aud.
Durham Civic Choral Society- Spring Con-
cert. Mar. 4, 8:15 p.m. Baldwin Aud.

STEWART THEATER, NCSU- Call 737-3105

Marcel Marceau- Mar. 11, 8 p.m. Mem. Aud.
Dan Wagoner and Dancers- Lecture/Demo
Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m.- Performance Feb 10
8 p.m.
"Your Arms Too Short to Box With God"-
Feb. 24, 3 & 8 p.m.

RALEIGH CIVIC CENTER- Call 755-6011

Charlotte Opera Company- Mem. Aud. Feb. 24
The Statler Brothers- Arena Feb. 25,
3 & 7:30 p.m.

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE- Call 828-2521

"Child's Play"- Feb. 21-24 Pittman Aud.
8 p.m. Adults \$3.
Interaction Chamber Players- Mar. 15,
8 p.m. Smedes Parlor.

THEATER IN THE PARK- Call 755-6058

"Peter Pan"- Feb. 14-18, 21-25

SHAW UNIVERSITY- Call 755-4972

"Simply Heavenly" by Langston Hughes-
Raleigh Mem. Aud. Feb. 23 8:15 p.m.
\$2.50 students, \$5 general.

NEW LIFE CONCERT SERIES- Call 851-8332

Limpic and Rayburn- Mar. 16, 8 p.m.
Raleigh Mem. Aud. Tickets available
from Lynn Hamner, 556-1638. \$3
The Sharrett Brothers and Pete Carlson-
April 20, 8 p.m. Mem. Aud.

"YOUR ARM'S TOO SHORT TO BOX WITH GOD"

You will note in the Upcoming Entertainment column the appearance at several area theaters of the Broadway production, "Your Arms Too Short to Box With God" by Vinnette Carroll. The show is a joyous gospel musical, telling the Christ story moving through the crucifixion and resurrection into a glorious celebration featuring famed gospel singers from the past.

The production was commissioned by the Italian government to play during the Holy Year of 1975. Drawn from the Gospel According to St. Matthew, the musical became an instant hit in Italy and throughout America before success on Broadway.

The production will be playing at Stewart Theater, NCSU; Duke University; and UNC-Chapel Hill in the near future.

PHYLLIS MAYO TO GIVE RECITAL

Miss Phyllis Mayo, soprano and third year student at Southeastern, will present her graduate voice recital on February 22 at 7:30 p.m. The recital, given in Binkley Chapel, will partially fulfill the requirements for the Master of Divinity with Church Music degree. Miss Mayo will be the first graduate to receive this degree.



CCL STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

The Conference on Christianity and Literature
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The William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company will award \$30 worth of books to the first prize winner in each category; \$20 worth to each second prize winner; and \$15 worth to each third prize winner.

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- 1 - All entries should reflect the writers' Christian premises.
- 2 - All entries must be original and unpublished.
- 3 - The contest is open to all regularly enrolled undergraduate and graduate students.
- 4 - Entries must be typed. Poem entries should not exceed five pages; stories, essays, and plays should not exceed fifteen.
- 5 - Entries cannot be returned.

Deadline

Entries must be received by March 1, 1979. Winners will be announced in May.

Send entries to

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The Stargazer

Intramural Program Needs Attention, Student Says: Changes Proposed

(from page 4)

So we enter another semester. I hope this will be my last. I'm trying to be on my best behavior and not insult any members of the faculty; but sometimes they make it very hard to control my baser urges.

Did you happen to see Professor Braswell mustering all the other professors so that they would be in proper order for the Convocation procession? No drill sergeant ever worked with more precision.

You know, the professors here expect you to have your work in on time, but they sure are slow getting out the final grades. Maybe they should add two points to your grade for every day they are late submitting it to the registrar.

You'd think after twenty five years that the WFC in the Administration building would be changed to SBS or something. And again, what about the lights in the chapel? Looks like they could fix the bulbs. Someone told me they didn't have a ladder. Maybe that could be the senior class gift to the school.

The seniors are, I'm told, planning on giving some type of memorial to the school. I guess they want to be remembered for the way they have battled injustice and oppression. (Sounds like I went to the movie Superman.) Instead of a gift, why don't they return all the books they borrowed from the library . . . without the library knowing.

Isn't it terrible about the way these other people have taken our library books. Even vandalism. I heard that in addition to cutting sermons from Greatest Sermons of the Century, someone cut Cheryl Tiegs' picture from Time magazine.

Speaking of destruction, I just heard about Ken Jordan's car problem. Seems some lady ran into it while he had it parked. Now it is his "Lost Horizon."

I really get miffed at the editor, David Sumner, when he cuts my best material out of the column. He calls it "editorial discretion." I call it wanting to graduate.

Had occasion to go to the Pizza supper that the Student Government held the other night. It was a fine affair. The group who entertained was "Prince and the Paupers." They really do good lip syncs. The problem I had was finding the guy who was cueing the records. You don't suppose they were really singing, do you?

You know a trip to chapel really does you good, especially when we have one of those terrific solos by Phyllis, or when Mrs. Morrow goes to town on the big pipes. Dennis Hester did a nice solo for us, too.

The Senior class had a meeting. I was reminded of the movie, Suppose They Held a War and Nobody Came? Have you heard who the speaker for commencement is? No, not Jimmy Carter, but Ben Fischer . . . who? So far I haven't met a senior who knows who he is. Must be a big contributor to the school. What say, Prez?

I have a final question for the maintenance department. Why is the red circle painted around the glue spot in Johnson 206, and who put it there? By Spring, they won't have to remove the ceiling tiles to replace them, just pick them up off the floor. Incidentally, who uses the bulletin board outside the library? The notices up there are months old, even the Campus Bulletin.

STARGAZER addendum: Dr. Hester is very ill with the flu and should be in our thoughts and prayers. I bet the reason he got sick was the heart failure he had when Dr. Craddock wasn't in Binkley Hall at 10:00 for chapel. You should have seen the sigh of relief on his face when Dr. Craddock came walking down the aisle about ten minutes after the service began.

Intramurals should be fun, and they are when the purposes mentioned above are paramount. Even competition, in which each team has a reasonable chance, and the proper attitude in all players helps give everyone a pleasant time. However, attitude seems to be one of the problems facing our intramural players, and evenness of competition a problem for our system.

Uneven competition has resulted primarily from the process of "freezing" involved in team selection. A player can, under present rules, designate himself coach, and then pick three other players (obviously of the highest caliber) which no other team is allowed to "draft". Thus, four excellent players are allowed to play on the same team, leaving those teams whose members don't have friends who just turned down the Harlem Globetrotters out in the cold. Everyone likes to win, but not at the expense of making the league hopelessly uneven.

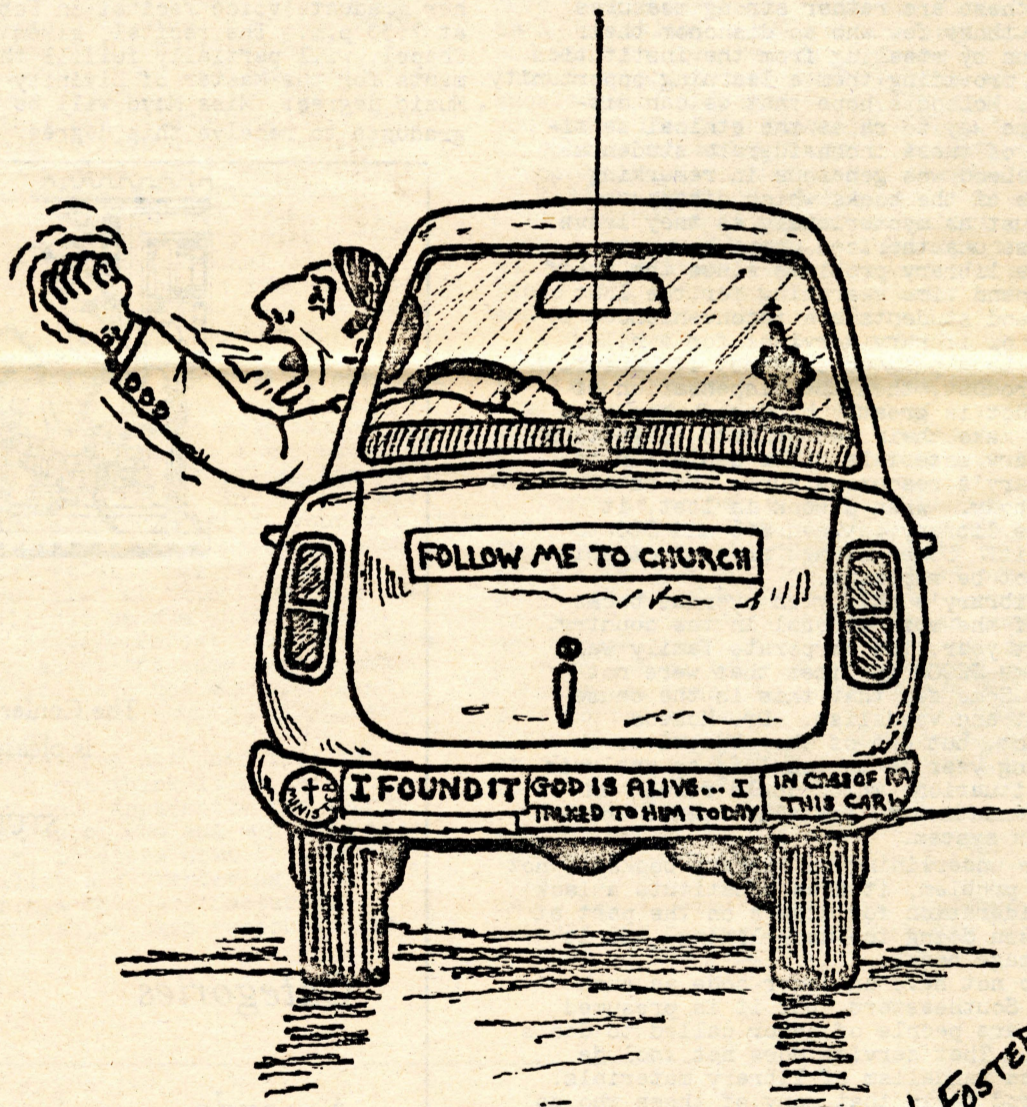
Unfortunately, the system we have now is not above suspicion. Some players charge that assignment of new players by the league leadership is done on the basis of quality, with the best teams failing to take on mediocre players. This forces teams

with an overabundance of mediocrity to go back for another helping, further destroying the balance within the league.

We cannot change player attitude. For better or for worse, the space between one's ears is the sole domain of self and (hopefully) of God. Each participant owes it to himself to ask if his attitude toward winning and competition jives with his Christian commitment.

However, we can take steps to improve our intramural program. If one of our goals is to encourage interaction with new people, and if we believe that everyone will have more fun in fair and even competition, we should correct our system of team selection. In the future, those who want to participate should sign up independently and assignment to teams should be on a strictly random basis. If new students wish to join a team in mid-season, they should be assigned to teams randomly by a neutral party. Penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct should be levied for humiliating another team (as in full-court pressure with a 40 point lead in the last minute of the game).

We are not here to produce superstars, either in the pulpit or the batter's box. With this in mind, we ought to keep our competition calm and friendly, helping each other in the process become better persons whom God can use more fully.



H. FOSTER '79

And ye shall be witnesses...

EDITOR'S NOTE: SPORTS WORLD COMMENTARY which has been written by Mike Barker will no longer appear since Mike has graduated and taken a pastorate. Our special thanks and appreciation to him for the fine job he did last semester.

THE ENQUIRY - Spring publication schedule:
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