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FACULTY OPPOSES BUSH

Following a visit by L. Russ Bush, III on January 27, the faculty of Southeastern Seminary has released an official statement opposing President Drummond's nomination of him as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty. The exact content of the document has not yet been released to the public, but a member of the Faculty Dean Search Committee stated that an open letter submitted to Dr. Bush by the SEBTS Chapter of the SBA was formally incorporated into the report. The letter requested that Dr. Bush remove his name from consideration for the vacant administrative post. Bush is clearly aligned with the political fundamentalist takeover group.

Rumors continue to abound that he has been the trustee's choice for Dean from the start. One faculty member was reportedly approached at a professional conference in November, 1988, by a colleague from another school with a disturbing message. The colleague claimed that he had heard from an acquaintance of L. Russ Bush that the Southwestern Seminary professor would be Southeastern's next Dean. This information came as an unexpected shock to the SEBTS faculty member, since Bush's name had not been among those on the first list of proposed candidates issued by President Lewis Drummond to the Faculty Dean Search Committee.

It is commonly conjectured on campus that Dr. Bush may become the next President of Southeastern when Dr. Drummond resigns the position. Drummond is 62 years old and thus nearing retirement age. Many surmise that this is the source of Southeastern's true allure for Bush.

Whatever the case, Dr. Bush continues to assert that he is God's man for the task at hand. There is little doubt that Bush will be Southeastern's new Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty.

KIETH PARKS TARGETED

The Fundamentalist Southern Baptist Advocate has targeted R. Kieth Parks, President of the SBC Foreign Mission Board for his vocal support of the Southern Baptist Alliance. The paper calls for his dismissal on the basis that he is simply "very supportive of the work of the SBA, which is not a Cooperative Program cause." We wonder what they think about supporting their independent causes, like the Advocate, for example.

I am convinced, given the uncertainty of the present moment, that we must learn to live with a certain creative, expectant ambivalence about the future. It is, after all, God's future, not ours.

-Dr. Stan Hastey, Exec. Director
Southern Baptist Alliance

AAUP INVESTIGATES SOUTHEASTERN

A special task force of the respected American Association of University Professors visited the campus of Southeastern Seminary on January 18, 1989, to investigate allegations that the trustees and administration of the institution have disregarded the common etiquette and long-standing procedures of the traditional academic community. The committee arrived on campus for a pre-arranged two day visit during which it had intended to meet with the student leaders, faculty, administration, trustees, and former administrative officers of Southeastern. The delegation met with various faculty and student leaders as well as past-President Randall Lolley, but trustees and current administrative officers refused to participate in the proceedings.

The task force left Southeastern particularly concerned about the negation of academic freedom and the impoverishment of academic community at Southeastern. One member of the committee, professor of Mercer University if Georgia asserted, "I thought I had seen a fundamentalist 'takeover' at Mercer, but it was a cake-walk compared to this. I have never seen such cruel disregard for an academic community as I have seen (at Southeastern)."

Should the AAUP find violations of its standards in its forthcoming official report, "censure" of Southeastern is quite likely. A censure is a reprimand issued by the AAUP to an academic institution it considers to have flagrantly violated its standards. Academicians are encouraged to avoid institutions that are under censure when considering teaching positions, and students who graduate from a censured institution are often at a disadvantage when attempting to gain admission to other educational establishments.

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SEBTS SBA EVENTS

Friday Chapter Meetings:

Every 3rd Friday of the month
at 10:00 a.m. in the Ledford
Multipurpose Room

Tuesday Evening Chapter Meetings:

Every first Tuesday evening of
the month at 7:00 p.m., also in
the Ledford M.P.R. Donna
Forrester, our campus Chaplain,
will be with us to conduct
several pastoral care sessions
on living in crisis, forgiving
your enemy, and loving those who
do not love you.

Wednesday Luncheon Gatherings:

Every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m.
to 1:00 p.m. in the back room
of the SEBTS Cafeteria.

Coming Events:

Special Meeting, Tues. March 14:
Dr. Stan Hasteys, new
Executive Director of the
Southern Baptist Alliance
will be with us for a very
important Alliance meeting.
Covered Dish Supper:
6:00 p.m.
Dr. Hasteys Speaks:
7:00 p.m.

*The Peace Committee Report
essentially succeeds in changing the
1963 Baptist Faith and Message from
a confessional to a creedal
statement. This is very significant,
since the Southern Baptist Convention
has for the first time decreed what
Southern Baptists must believe.*

-Dr. Morris Ashcraft speaking
at Jan. 27 SEBTS SBA meeting