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Adams



Copeland



Scoggin

SOUTHEASTERNERS TO PARTICIPATE

Three Southeastern professors will participate in the Nation-wide Bible Conference to be held in Dallas March 15-18.

Drs. Theodore Adams, Luther Copeland and Elmo Scoggin will journey to the Texas city to share in various phases of the much anticipated conference.

Dr. Adams will join Kenneth Chafin, Herchel Hobbs and several others in a panel program entitled, "Let's Talk About Hope." Dr. Copeland will speak during the session on "The Heart of the Gospels" and will bring thoughts entitled, "The Church and Its Mission." Dr. Scoggin will lecture during the session on "Messages from Selected Prophets" and will deal with Micah.

The conference will also feature messages by W.A. Criswell, Billy Graham, Beasley-Murray, Dale Moody, Culbert Rutenber and Finley B. Edge.

Registration fee is \$10 and can be sent to the Sunday School Board, SBC, 126 Ninth Avenue, North Nashville, Tenn. 37203

PASS THEM ON

How often have you lamented that you wanted to help in a particular situation, but didn't get the opportunity? There's an opportunity here at Southeastern and it's right before you just waiting to be carried through. The Extension Committee of the SCC is sponsoring a book drive for inmates of Raleigh's Central Prison. Boxes have been placed in several buildings on campus including the Women's dorm, the cafeteria, Johnson, Appleby, the Chapel, and Mackie Hall.

The committee stresses that you not place old magazines, textbooks or anything of that nature. Rather, literature books, particularly religious literature novels are acceptable, if they are in good taste.

Each year the prison loses some 1,200 books (which actually isn't high); only the Federal Government has cut off funds for replacing them. Many of the inmates are working on their high school diplomas and certain books can be a great help. Also, entertainment is rare in the prison and books are a great asset in this respect.

So, bring your old books and help a worthy cause.

BULLETIN

LOOK FOR ONE OF THE BIG STORIES OF THE YEAR TO BREAK IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE ENQUIRY. IT WILL CONCERN EVERY PERSON AT SOUTHEASTERN, BUT ANOTHER SEGMENT OF GOD'S CHILDREN EVEN MORE!

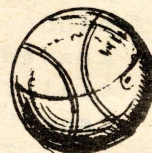
Speed Read

Classes in Rapid Reading are being offered at 4:00 o'clock in Room 101, Appleby Hall, each Tuesday and Thursday through March 25. The cost for the course is \$2.00, to be paid at registration. Registration will be open through today. If you are interested in the course please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in Appleby Hall. Signing does not commit you to enrolling. For additional information see J.C. Trotter, 315 Stealey Hall.

COMING

In our last edition we carried the first in a two-part series about the seminary child care center. The second story will come in our next edition (March 16) Occasionally the two-weeks between our publications are fuller than we have room for.

Title



Make a note of this: The finals in the intramural basketball will begin Tuesday, March 9 with the consolation and title games being played on the evening of March 16th. The first game will get underway at 6 with the title clash scheduled for 8 p.m. Bring the family.

"Lord, Lord"

Ed. Note. This is the third in a series of articles dealing with the dilemma of church attendance in the Southern Baptist Convention.

In the last discussion Joe Beauchamp focused insight on attitudes toward hypocrisy in our churches. This raises a valid question: What is a hypocrite? (Who is a hypocrite?) May I answer by referring to the International Sunday School lesson of several weeks ago built around these words of our Lord: "Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord' shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of my father who is in Heaven."

As Jesus journeyed throughout the region he closely witnessed people going about what we today call, "The institutionalized church." They sang and chanted Psalms, brought offerings and sacrifices, attended Bible Study, and carried with them a strong code of social behavior fashioned after the letter of the law. Was not this a religious setting of the first order? Indeed it was. Only, something was missing. Jesus pointed a stern finger to it and cried for it. A deep love born of sincerity was not to be found. It had long been covered up; painted over with a stagnant film of hypocrisy mixed to proportion by man's zeal to be God.

As the master passed he lamented the empty, hollow ring of the music, the selfishness and begrudgment of the offerings, the rigid academic approach to the scriptures and the absurd conduct resulting from pious interpretations of the rich lore of a just God. Never was the man from Galilee more forceful, more emotional than when he pointed a determined finger at the guilty and cried, "Woe be unto you, Scribes and Pharisees; Hypocrites!"

Today the same situation prevails. Church members sing hymns of praise with their lips, not their hearts, Churches struggle with the "left-overs" from today's materialistic society, Sunday Schools teach so little that when tests are given about the Bible, Protestants rate only 4.6 per cent higher than those who haven't attended church at all; and a worse extreme exists in social behavior: the letter of the law is often the same as what gives the most pleasure.

Is it any wonder Jesus spoke of using a two-edged sword? He needed something this strong to cut through the hypocrisy. The same is true today. That sword is the Word of God and it still works when applied forcefully.

Where is your sword oh man of faith?

Jim Harman

THE EDITOR'S PAGE

My concept of evangelism is preaching the Gospel with excitement. Ken Chafin once said, "People who do not worship God with excitement do not witness for him with effectiveness." How can we convey excitement unless there is something that excites us through its unusual impact?

EXCITED?

Glance for a brief moment at your Bible. There it dwells among your other books. Is it exciting? As it is, No. But allow an excited servant of God pick it up and begin to relate it to life and brother, it comes alive. Let another pick it up (perhaps you) and it can fail altogether, even to the point of boredom. Why? What indeed does excite the preacher to become an evangelist of the highest order? Wisdom? Race? A particular denomination? A certain pulpit style? Vast experience? A subtle interpretation? Or can it be that when one knows Jesus as Lord he sees truth through the eyes of a new love and gets excited by what he sees?

AN EXPLANATION WITH A REQUEST

Due to prolonged illness in my family and additional financial problems, I have been forced to withdraw from Seminary.

I wish to express my appreciation for the confidence you have shown me by electing me to serve as your Representative, on the SCC. I ask for your prayers that I may be able to return to Seminary soon.

Charles Crisp

NON-INTERESTED?

A casual glance around this seminary reveals a distinct separation between a few professors and the student body. Some professors wonder why the students have no (or little) communication or rapport with them. There are other professors who really don't care what students think! It is no accident of chance that those professors who make an effort to attend student activities are the same professors who seem to know the mind set of the student body. It is realized that a few professors live beyond the limits of Wake Forest and to drive back for a student affair is not feasible. Also, it is realized that a private family life is necessary and important and student affairs can not always be scheduled within the family plans. Regardless of circumstances, there ought to be a few student events that could "excite" the "non-interested" professors to the degree that their presence at these events would become a reality. Vocal interest in students, at best, breaks down to become mere words. Magnitudes of words make it difficult to realize validity when no effort is expended to "get together" informally with students. "Interest" defined is "a feeling of wanting to know." (Thorndike-Barnhart Dictionary). It would be nice to see more interested professors at student's sports events, fellowships and banquets. How does that old poem go? "I'd rather see... than hear one any day!"

H. Byron Twigg



THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS: "TO QUICKEN OUR PACE"

We have been thrust into the responsibilities of a complex and dynamic society and we need insight and wisdom. One of the places we look for guidance is the Gospel According to Mark.

Our Lord, who spoke with clarity about God's grace and righteous rule, stressed the value of a new mind for a new age. He said, "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15b). To repent is to change the mind. To believe in the gospel is to rely upon the love of God which was manifested in its full splendor in Jesus Christ.

The vision we seek on this campus is the vision of the whole gospel for the whole man for the whole world. The new mind for the new age is a mind renewed and guided by the mind of Christ, a teachable mind capable of insight and foresight, a disciplined mind informed by the Christian heritage and by the advancement of learning during the past two decades.

There is ample evidence that the most alert young people in this generation have new minds for a new age. Five years ago at a distinguished university I was lodged for three days in a small hotel occupied mainly by graduate students. At breakfast one morning I observed that each student there was reading a book or a manuscript as he ate his food. Do we know how to communicate the gospel to minds devoted to science in a new age?

For years I participated with students in the learning process in the classroom. We took seriously four guidelines for research: (1) examine the original source; (2) read the entire document; (3) record the findings comprehensively, accurately, clearly; (4) interpret the findings honestly and in perspective.

In the search for a new mind for a new age, we are engaged in efforts to improve the quality of theological learning. We are exploring ways to use scholarship in education for Christian ministry at a high level of professional competence. The achievement of this objective will require a love of learning, systematic study, effective teaching, refined managerial skill, tested criteria of educational performance, and financial resources. First of all it will require repentance and faith: a new mind for a new age.

There is an exposition of the gospel in Romans 5-8 which begins with the testimony that "being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" and ends with the assurance that nothing will be able "to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Persons who repent and believe in this gospel will be able to give up childish ways, to grow in Christian maturity, and to bring the insight and sensitivity of a renewed mind to the issues confronting the people of God in a new age.

A few days ago my heart was gladdened as I read these words written by a young adult on the flyleaf of a valuable book, "To Mother and Daddy, who, in the important matters, are living ahead of the times, and who encourage us and our children to quicken our pace."

Olin T. Binkley

ONE CHURCH

Coffee houses, dynamic conversions and mass healing all are great news to an adult generation that has taken rioting, burning and all sorts of protest. One uneasiness prevails among us "oldies" and we can't help it: Is the church as we know it all that bad? If so, is it not better to change it than to abandon it all together? Surely a church is needed, for where shall implementation come from? What form of organization will exist to convert all this love energy into service at the points most needed? The church at last has become the most evil expression of the establishment! If other elements of our adult world have suffered so shall the church even more. But is it all justified? Always we have the insecure who cry, "We are totally evil. We yield to this complaint. We know surely you have all that we have missed." Not so. There must be organization, discipline and direction. With it will come pettiness, envy, gossip and all the trite, but damaging elements of the human personality.

If new experiences of the presence of Jesus' love can overcome us, then let it reform us to a higher calling of service. We talk of the youth taking what is rightfully their's, but we must not forget this world is not owned by adults or youth. It is God's

Young people, don't be so quick to find something better than the church rather something better for it. (Jim + Joe)

LIGHTER-BRIGHTER

A brighter campus is a brighter campus (or something like that). That's what they're saying about Southeastern with the addition of five new outside lights for greater night-time visibility. More light, you see, adds incentive to students to travel the previously dark paths to the library during evening hours (particularly the females.)

Business Manager, Mr. Onard Cross, noted the lights have been in the planning stage for several months and are located in areas traveled more frequently, such as from the women's dorm to the library

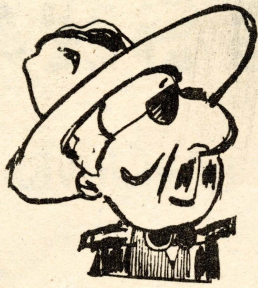
The cost is about \$500 or about \$100 per light including pole and installation. Cross noted that several lights had been located in, and under (or near) trees and afforded little help. He said that while this perhaps was a more attractive arrangement, it defeated the basic purpose for the lights being there in the first place.

He commented, "It did more to keep the squirrels awake than to actually give light."

Noting some here desired a more attractive fixture, Cross pointed out the cost factor. A wrought iron fixture, for an example, would cost the school about ten(10) times as much as the conventional pole type.

"Everyone wants the more attractive fixture, certainly," Cross remarked, "But the price comparison is out of question."

So, if you've been on campus recently during evening hours and were a bit concerned by the absence of adequate lighting, give it another chance. You'll find things considerably better.



ME AND JOHN



Ed. Note: Did you know Dr. Gracchus was a war hero? Legend has him fighting along side John Wayne at Iwo Jima and with Audie Murphy in the Battle of the Bulge. In a recent interview "Col. Bill" gave some interesting insights into some of today's problems with youth.

- Q. "Col. Bill, what was there about the good old days that appealed to you so much?"
- A. "For one thing, in the old days, men were men." Take John Wayne for an example. Now there's a man for you. No long hair there and he walks like a man."
- Q. "So you like big John eh?"
- A. "If we had more men like John we wouldn't have all this demonstration stuff. Back in the old days when men were ordered to go off and fight they went with no question. Today's "softies" go to jail or run to Canada."
- Q. "But Col. doesn't it take conviction to go to jail for what you believe?"
- A. "Not if it ain't American."
- Q. "What do you think has caused all this trouble among our youth today?"
- A. "Permissiveness and laziness. Kids today just don't have to work for what they get. It's handed to em. There's no discipline in the home. Boy, you can believe it's there at our house. My daughter came home late from a date the other night and I promptly took one of her favorite privileges away."
- Q. "What's that?"
- A. "I made her drive the Cadillac to school instead of the Rolls Royce."
- Q. "Wow! You are tough!"
- A. "Yessir. Just like old John Wayne."
- Q. "Col. Bill, do you have any answers as to why the youth rebel today?"
- A. "Education. Liberal professors mostly. These fellows just don't understand true-blue Americanism. They haven't researched it like me and John have."
- Q. "Before we go, do you have any additional bits of wisdom to share with us on the subject?"
- A. "No. I've got to take my son back to college... If I don't he'll be drafted."
- Q. "Thank you Col. and 'PEACE'."
- A. "\$%&#*~""-(("

Church Chuckles

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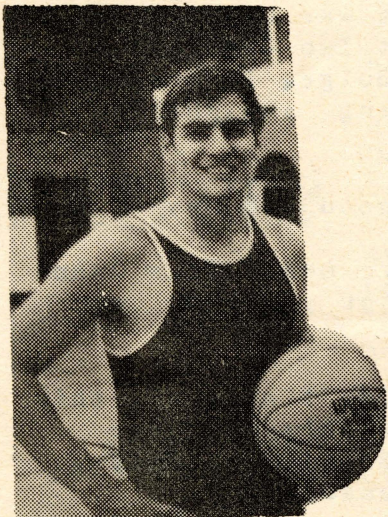
When they're looking up to you, are they really looking down at you?

EVER NOTICE THAT SQUEAMISH FEELING INSIDE WHEN YOU TRIED TO WITNESS TO CERTAIN PEOPLE?

HAVE FAITH WITHOUT FEAR

SPORTSRAP

By SIDNEY RODRIGVEZ



Ron Medlin

Ron Medlin has added poison to the Rattler's strike. He tallied 40 points against the Bengals last Thursday. His presence has given the Rattlers a shot at the regular season title.



Phillips

The Badgers became the first team of the season to knock off the Bengals. The win was the tail-end of a double-header on February 16th.

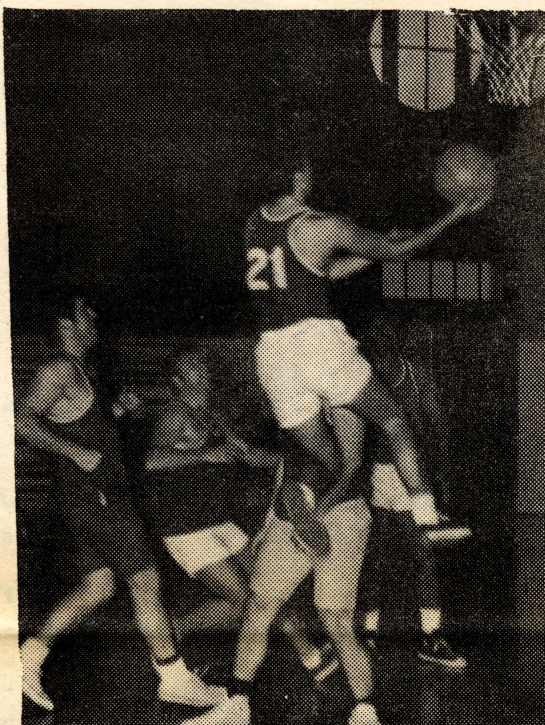
In the first game of the twin bill, the Rattlers edged the Lobos 57-55. Ron Medlin led the Rattlers' scoring strike with 30 points and 18 rebounds. Big Jim Hogged, who had tallied 25 points in an earlier Badger-Lobo game, led the Lobos with 16 points, while Steve Parker hit the boards to the tune of 16 rebounds.

The Badgers blasted the Bengals 66-42 behind the scoring and rebounding of Steve Shoemaker, Joe Johnson, Nelson Langley, and Phil Bailey. Shoemaker had 18 rebounds to lead the team in that category, while Joe Johnson had 17 points. Langley had a good all-around game with 15 points and 11 rebounds. Mike Jenkins was the only Bengal to score in double figures with 16 points.

Last week's action saw the Lobos grab an astounding 104 rebounds in a 77-66 double-overtime victory over the Badgers. Larry Phillips was the hero of the Lobos, bagging 13 of his 19 points in the two double figures led by Jim Hogged and Ron Pelfrey with 20 and 19 respectively. Joe Johnson tallied a game high 23 points, followed by Nelson Langley with 19. Badger captain Larry Wakefield led his team in rebounding with 12.

The Rattlers then preceded to further tighten the intramural race by knocking off the Bengals 70-55. Ron Medlin provided most of the Rattlers' poison with 40 points. Guard Charlie Page bagged 13 rebounds. Cliff Jones and Mike Jenkins paced the Bengals' scoring with 12 points apiece, while Temple Myers had 11 Bengal rebounds.

BENGALS SLUMP RATTLERS ROLL LEAGUE TIGHTENS



MYERS DRIVES

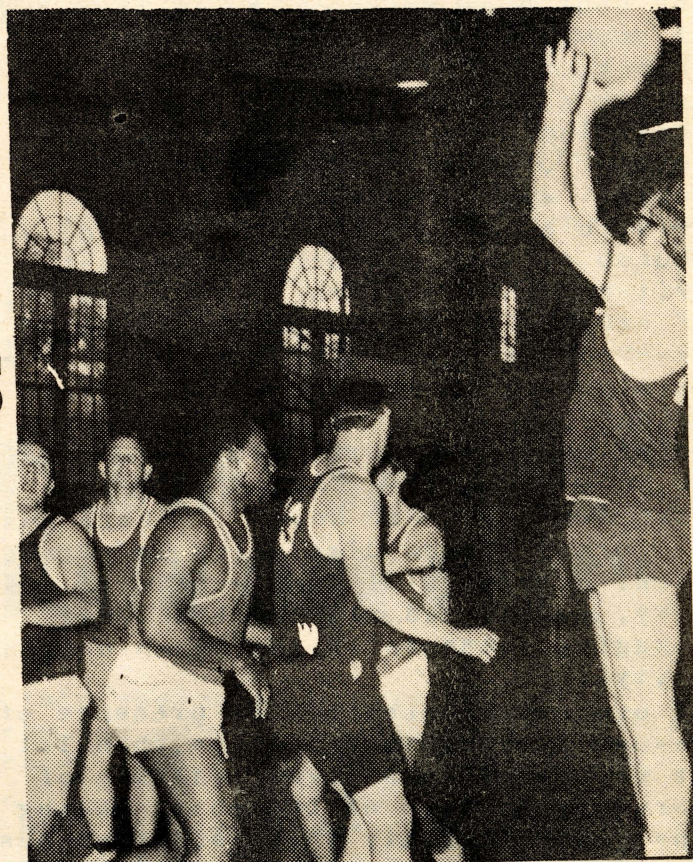
SIGN UP

What's your game? If it's not offered, ask for it. But if it's Tennis, Softball, or Ping-pong, you'll find sign-sheets on the bulletin board in Appleby. Better not delay. Deadline for all three is March 2 (today.)

A.D. Phil Bailey noted that if applications are prompt, competition can be set up immediately. Matches will be scheduled in Ping-pong, singles and doubles in tennis and team listings in softball. (hopefully by March 14)

Registration fees for all are \$1.00 per sport.

Come on out. There's a unique fellowship in sports activities here.



MORE INTRAMURAL ACTION

STARS AND TWO WINS



Shoemaker

The SEBTS All-Stars proved they don't need the home-court jinx. Playing in the Davies High School Gym at Roanoke Rapids on February 18th, the Stars trounced the Roanoke Rapids Air Force team 105-51. Earlier the Stars had trounced the Air Force 96-53 in a game played in Gore Gym. It was the second time this season that the Stars had cracked the century barrier.

Once again, Buzzy Harrison was the big cog in the Stars' machine. Harrison bombed the USAF with 34 points and 16 rebounds. Sub Steve Shoemaker was impressive in his first starting assignment, totaling 19 points and 16 rebounds. Shoemaker was especially formidable on the offensive boards.

All things considered, it was a most successful outing for the Stars. Five of the seven players who made the trek scored in double figures.

The following Thursday the Stars defeated the team from Duke Divinity School by a 93-58 tally. This game was played in the friendly confines of SEBTS' own Gore Gym. George Scruggs paced the Stars' attack with 23 points. Buzzy Harrison had 18 points and Joe Johnson 15 points for the Stars, while Coach Charlie Page had his best game of the season with a total of 12 points. Other statistics on this game were unavailable at press time.