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## Classroom Building Being Remolded, Renamed

In its ongoing program of "recycling" buildings on its 149-year-old campus, SEBTS has finally begun its \$700,000 program of remodeling and renaming the largest classroom building.

Built in 1933 as the William Amos Johnson Building, the 18,000 square-foot building was the home of the Wake Forest Medical School, now the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, located in Winston-Salem, N.C. Since the moving of Wake Forest College to Winston-Salem in 1956, the facility has been used for classrooms, drama theatre and photo studio. Other than minor decorating and remodeling, no major changes have been made to the building.

The project got underway in mid-December, with completion expected by September, 1984, according to an announcement by President Lolley. Lolley said that funds have come from the capital funds program of the SBC and



friends.

Modernization of the building will

include the addition of two stairwells as well as access for handicapped persons, an elevator, and new heating and air conditioning systems. All classrooms will be redecorated and equipped and new lighting and carpeting will be installed. In addition, relocation of several walls will provide additional classroom and seminar space. A new photo studio is also included.

The Board of Trustees of the Seminary have authorized the renaming of the building as the Theodore F. Adams Hall, in memory of the former Baptist World Alliance president and pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, VA. Adams taught at Southeastern for ten years following his retirement from the Virginia church.

A plaque will be placed in the lobby to indicate the history of this renamed building, thereby preserving its legacy.

## Guatemalan Missionary for SEBTS Resource Person

Missionary to Guatemala Harry Byrd, presently on furlough in the U. S., is serving as Missionary in Residence for SEBTS. Though he lives in Durham, he makes himself available to talk with students on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9-10 am and 1-3 pm in the Grader's Conference Room, on Mackie Hall second floor.

Byrd has established contact with students through speaking in several classes. He has conversed at length



with seminarians who are interested in learning more about foreign missions in general and with those who are exploring career missions as a vocation.

The world appears much smaller for today's seminary student, according to the furloughing missionary, than it

seemed to him during his undergraduate days. Indeed, Byrd notes that students today tend to know more about other countries than the average young person of his youth. When he first considered working in Guatemala, Byrd confesses he had to look up the country on a map to learn its location. Most enquiries which he currently receives about missions address not only the nature of a call to missions, but also the question of what career missionaries actually face when they arrive on the field.

During his year of furlough, Byrd has been revising a missionary orientation manual for the various countries of Central America and the Caribbean. The manual is based on Byrd's D. Min. project here, completed in 1977.

For the past three years the Foreign Mission Board has put increased emphasis on field orientation for new missionaries, providing an orientation counselor for each newcomer from among the veteran missionaries. During the first four months in the country to which they are appointed, new career missionaries visit national schools, become familiar with local family structure, and study the economic and governmental systems.

In Byrd's opinion, a crucial phase of field orientation involves getting to know national leaders of the Baptist church. He indicates that tensions often develop due to a lack of trust or

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## Habitat Staff Member Discusses the Vision

Habitat for Humanity staff member Clive Rainey spent several days on the campus of Southeastern, speaking to classes and local congregations about the vision of Habitat. A guest of Dr. Furman Hewitt, Rainey, a Southern Baptist layman, is the organization's director of volunteers. Habitat for Humanity builds houses for poor people at no profit and no interest and allows the new owners twenty years to complete payment. It is based in Americus, Georgia and has projects across the world.

Rainey, who has recently returned from Habitat's project in Uganda, spoke of their newly-begun work in that devastated country. Because of Amin's slaughter of 10,000 men in the area where Habitat works, there are many widows who have not built or even dreamed of building permanent homes. When Habitat built the first house, it was, according to Rainey, the first structure built in all of Uganda in ten years.

Explaining how he became associated with Habitat, Rainey told of growing up in segregated Georgia, going into the army where he made many black friends, and then teaching reading in the public schools of Georgia.

While teaching, one young black girl asked Rainey why she had to bother with learning to read. After Rainey gave the standard answer of "so that she could have a better life", the girl said, "Yeah, that's what they told my mama." Knowing that she lived in a house with

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"I'm going to do some volunteer work with them when I finish this degree and have a little more time."

Have you ever said this? We know we have, more times and about more issues than we care to remember -- from the widely popular issues like nuclear war prevention and cancer societies to issues of a more personal and private nature such as child abuse and battered families to little known and seldom heard of disease research foundations such as NFIC (National Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis Research). All of these causes and literally hundreds more operate in Wake Forest, Wake County, or the Research Triangle area.

We are all busy. Often our readings, tests and papers seem to be more consuming and less manageable than humanly possible, especially considering the hours and hours almost all of us devote toward extra-educational work and particular programmed ministries.

We are, however, beside of all this, human. And as mere humans, there is within each of us a need to use what few talents we have helping other humans who hurt. This is an across the board need which touches us apart from our clear and particular biblical injunctions to give of ourselves.

A litany of Bible passages and quotes from the earliest saints to modern Mother Teresa might be enlightening. Such quotes rarely prove to be the genuine motivating factor behind simple, dedicated acts of volunteerism. Outstanding volunteers of the most diverse ideological spectrums possible have equally felt the need to tutor children or winterize houses. Members of no theological camp have a lock on giving of themselves. Whether our gifts be in library research or evangelism, we can all lift a ladle at a soup kitchen.

It is an old student's maxim that the job will expand to fill more than the time allotted. If we wait until we see we have time to volunteer, we probably never will. Even if we are Wake Forest residents for only a few days per week, there are opportunities ga-

lore for any amount of time that we can devote. The simple fact is we have just as much of that time as we will once this degree is finished. Once we move on, other commitments will move in to fill its place.

Getting in touch with the organization whose cause most concerns us is the most difficult part. Once that first step is taken and that contact is made, prepare yourself for one of the most educational and enjoyable experiences of your life. BH

Letters to the Editor are welcome. They should be typed, double-spaced and no more than 350 words long. As stated in **Enquiry** policy, all letters must be signed. Letters may be left at the **Enquiry** office in Mackie Hall.

## Generica- Marc Mullinax

# The Myth of Certainty

"Almost nothing hinges on our being correct." Carlyle Marney

Let's talk about orthodoxy, the rigid kind. I was an adherent of a strict faith. I knew it all. I knew before bowing to the holy that truth was for me an ensemble of litanies and ceremonies. I spoke about presenting myself before the throne of God, of how many times I had to bow, the words that must be chanted. Yes, I knew everything, like the student who is able to demonstrate a mathematical proposition with the letters XYZ, but not when the elements are given values ABC. That, I asserted with certainty, was dead wrong. Always will be. See, I knew everything.

But I am being saved, and there is nothing worse than a reformed person.

So today let us talk about the blessed rage for orthodoxy. I call it Certainty. It is apparently becoming the standard operating procedure in our religion. Certainty is that tendency of the armchair religionist to absolutize and narrow faith, pressing it and packing it down until none runs over, until one has built an immovable, changeless shrine with "faith" chiseled on its facade. The claim of Certainty is to have finally located, packaged and marketed God as the panacea for all that disturbs one, and this God is ready to lift one out of financial and physical problems at command. Make no mistake. Certainty is becoming a new god for today.

The person who buys Certainty finds several misconceptions thrown in. One is that truth is to be found operant at the center of sincere devotion. Another is that the Certain One's faith is mature, because questions and doubts have come to their merciful conclusion.

These are misconceptions -- scarecrows against reality. Truth and devotion rarely intersect. The rejection

of all questions reveals massive, subconsciously-held doubts.

The Certain One might escape self-detection by any one of a number of repressions, but he or she is just delaying the day of judgment. In the meantime, freedom, trust and patience atrophy. Certainty, masquerading as faith, killed them long ago. While one might think that he or she is living true to life, one's reality--one's Certainty--are paranoias and prejudices made religious. Just as one can die long before physical death, one can become a Christian in all but actual faith.

I use to be tempted by the Siren of Certainty. There was no great struggle of faith here. But real faith is risky business because real life is risky. Life calls us to a gamble, against what appears to be colossal stakes. But to take the gamble out of life, to try to make winning a dead certainty, is to achieve a Certainty indeed dead.

Experience teaches that one can never be certain. One must remain open for completely new categories of experience which explode our musty prejudices apart. One can have assurance, for that is a gift, but one can never be certain, for our life is guaranteed not by the law, but by God. Our duty is to hope, not to play this charade of Certainty.

Whereas once I demanded Certainty, I know affirm doubt and uncertainty. They are the ants in the pants of my faith because they keep me questioning and searching. Without somehow destroying me in the process, how could God have created me in a way that would leave no room for doubt? If there was no room for doubt, there would be no room for me. Dubito, ergo sum. I doubt, therefore I am. At least, I think so.

## By Request

Recently on the radio program, "A Prairie Home Companion," a song sent in by Marc Mullinax and his father was performed by the host of that show, Garrison Keillor. By popular request, **The Enquiry** reprints the words.

MY SUNDAY SCHOOL PIN  
(Tune: My Grandfather's Clock)

Oh ... my Sunday School Pin grew too long for my coat,  
And it hung all the way to the floor.  
I had not missed a Sunday in forty-three years, and next year would have been forty-four.

It began on the morn of the day that I was born,  
When the Cradle Roll added my name.  
And for richer, and poorer, through sickness and health,  
My attendance went on just the same.

Forty years without missing a single service;  
Two thousand days of religious purpose.

But it stopped -- short -- when I fell and broke my shin,  
As I tripped on my Sunday School Pin!!!

## From FIM

# Why Are My Palms So Wet?

I am grown. I am competent. I have studied. I have worked hard. God loves me. My wife and children think that I'm great. My mother believes that I'll be the next Billy Graham. And even my dad patted me on the back a time or two. The people at Calvary Baptist write encouraging words. I have been called to the ministry. I am ready to go.

Then why are my palms so wet??? I really hope the members of this committee don't want to shake hands. Everybody and his country cousin knows that damp palms are a sign of nervousness. I'll get shot down before we get off the runway.

Why are my palms so wet?! This committee is made up of human beings just like me. The men put their pants on

one leg at the time. The women pull their slips over their heads. They cry and they laugh. "Dear God, let us at least laugh a little."

Why are my palms so wet? -- And my mouth so dry? What are these people going to ask me? "Do you know the books of the Bible in order?" "Are you a fundamentalist or a lapsidarian?" "When did you stop beating your spouse?" "Do you subscribe to a pre-millennial, post-millennial, or a-millennial view?" "Were any of your ancestors hung for stealing horses?" Suppose I don't know the answers?

Why are my palms so wet? WHAT IS SO WRONG WITH ME? I am confident. I am as good as anyone else. Nobody is going to push me around. I'll just let them know where I am right away. They can like it or lump it.

Why are my palms so wet? Maybe it's not too late to back out of this interview. I could say I am sick. That's close to the truth! "God, if this is really O.K. with you, could you please make it a little better?"

Too late! The door is opening. Look Dear Lord, he's holding out his hand!!

"Come in! My name is Fred Carter. This is Janet Jones, Mrs. Hilliard, Sam McGhee, and Sally Jenkins. We are from Longview Baptist Church. We are wanting a minister -- someone to live with us and love us. We're looking for someone who knows the Lord and who can help us know him better.

"Thank you for coming. We really do appreciate this chance to get to know you and to let you get to know us. Can you tell us some about yourself? Like where are you from?" . . . .

. . . "Say! Weren't Fred's palms a little damp?" "Thanks, God, for making it better!"

## Belcher Receives Theology Award

SEBTS News Release:

Philip B. Belcher, second year student from Walterboro, S.C., has been presented the SEBTS Middler Award in Systematic Theology.

Belcher, a graduate of Furman University, accepted this annual award from Dean Morris Ashcraft during the seminary's spring convocation. The systematic theology professors selected Belcher for his term paper entitled, "An Elementary Examination of the Theological Methods of John Macquarrie and Gordon D. Kaufman" and for his excellence in other areas of study. The award includes money for the purchase of books in the field of systematic theology.

## Valentine Banquet

On Saturday, Feb. 11, at 7:00 PM, Seminary Wives In Ministry and Student Council will sponsor a Valentine Banquet at the Wake Forest Baptist Church in the fellowship hall. Single students should bring a vegetable or dessert. Married students bring a main dish and either a vegetable or dessert. Reservations must be made by February 6 by calling the Student Affairs office (ext. 263). Babysitting will be available; \$1.00 per child for the evening will be charged.

## Next Deadline

The next deadline is Feb. 9 for the February 16 issue.

## Library Lines

by Reference Services

ONLINE BIBLIOGRAPHIC SEARCHES MADE ON FRIDAYS. Computer searches of Religion Index One: Periodicals, Dissertation Abstracts, and a number of other databases, will be made on Friday afternoons by Jo Philbeck, Reference Librarian. Faculty and students alike are welcome to come by Monday - Thursday at the Reference office to talk in advance about search requests. Presently, there is no charge for this service.

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LORESA HEYWARD (M.Div./R.E. 1) is now the assistant in the CHURCH CURRICULUM CENTER, having been coached by Sharron Gunter, who finished work in December. Lorena wishes to encourage everyone to find out what is in the Center and how to use it to select materials for various purposes and age groups in the church program.

NEW AS LIBRARY ASSISTANTS in Circulation this term are John Snell (M.Div. 2) and Steven Thornton (M.Div./R.E.3). Paige Reece (M.Div.1) began work during the fall term. Marie Hammack (M.Div./R.E.2) has returned to help in A.V.

## Ex Libris

(Including recommended readings)

Dr. Eddins: THE CHRISTIAN STORY, by Gabriel Fackre; ANALOGICAL EDUCATION, by David Tracy; THE TRINITY AND THE KINGDOM, by Moltmann; THE COURAGE TO BE, by Paul Tillich.

Carol Dragos: THE KLAN AND THE CAVE BEAR.

Frank Porter: WHILE REAGAN SLEPT, by Art Buchwald.

Dr. Poerschke: BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE MINISTRY, by Dudley; MODERN MASTERPIECES OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, ed. by Margaret Mayr.

Janice Patty: BROTHER TO A DRAGONFLY, by Will Campbell; CREATIVE MINISTRY by Henri Nouwen.

Stan Yancey: LIFE TOGETHER, by Bonhoeffer; STRUGGLE TO BE FREE, by Wayne Oates.

Dr. Graves: OMNIPOTENCE AND OTHER THEOLOGICAL MISTAKES, by Charles Hartshorne; REASONABLE FAITH and POWER OF ILLUSION, both by Tony Compolo.



Keep Red Cross ready.

February 21, 1984

Blood Mobile in

Mackie's Common Room

# Kids' Record Remains Unblemished

When one walks into Gore gymnasium, the bleachers are filled, the pep band is playing, and out on the court players are warming up. The banner on the wall proclaims the message for all to see: "The Kids Are Back In Town".

The U.S. Kids, Southeastern's cheapest form of entertainment, remain the only intramural basketball team without a win. That fact does not seem to diminish fan support or the team spirit. In very truth, the Kids have fun,

The Kids came out strong against Fuller's Flyers and opened up an eight-point lead by the end of the first quarter. At half-time, the score was tied at 18. But by the end of three periods of play, the Flyers had opened up a four-point lead behind the shooting of Chris Fuller and Dennis "DC Cab" Craft.

The Kids were led by Barry Morris, Wade Abercrombie, Gerald Worrell, and Chet Cantrell. They managed to put up

## Intramural News

§§ Women's 3-on-3 league will begin Tuesday, January 31, at 6:15 PM.

§§ On February 28, the U.S. Kids will meet the Women's All Star Team in a challenge match.

## the Vision

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literally no window screens or panes, no doors and no electricity or running water, Rainey says he realized that the same story had been told for years and would be told for many more to families such as hers. Rainey soon began his work for Habitat.

Saying that "It does not please God for us to live in comfortable houses while others live only in shacks," Rainey believes that the Bible is a book of visions through which people can see how God would have them live. He also believes that God comforts those who grieve enough about a problem and go to God continually for an answer. He sees Habitat as a vision received through mourning and praying.

Rainey was pleased to find in his trip to North Carolina and Southeastern that there are so many people who share Habitat's concern for the poor. Habitat, which has as its theme "a decent house in a decent community for God's people in need", is already building houses in three North Carolina areas. As a result of Rainey's visit, there is talk of a project beginning in Wake County.

## Resource Person

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communication between missionaries and nationals.

In many instances these tensions result from missionaries' inhibitions in a new language and culture or from nationals' feelings of inferiority, stemming from their educational or economic status. Misunderstandings may occur due to ignorance of the importance of "little things," such as casualness among North Americans about greeting other people at gatherings. This habit often offends Latin Americans, who as a rule take great care to greet everyone present both on arrival and departure.

Byrd has been serving the Guatemalan Baptist Mission as President-coordinator, along with his role as the mission's representative to the Guatemalan Baptist Convention. He has taught for ten years at the Guatemala Baptist Theological Seminary. Recently, he has worked as interim pastor of a Guatemalan Baptist church, as well as being a field missionary for one of the country's provinces, carrying out the latter task under the direction of the national Baptist convention.

Harry Byrd and his wife Jean, who is a native of Chatham County, have three grown children. They anticipate their return to Guatemala this July.



and that seems to be all that counts. While they are the only team without a victory, they also continue to be the only team with their very own pep band consisting of Duane Sawyer, Matt Sawyer, Philip Spears, and Tommy Shearon. The band plays a variety of songs, including "When the Kids Go Marching In", and other crowd favorites. When they lose, the mournful notes of "Taps" can be heard throughout the gym.

The Kids' ability to draw fans remains a mystery. On Thursday last, the fans were almost treated to the first victory in the history of this team.

a valiant effort in the fourth quarter before falling to the Flyers, 42-32.

After that game, several fans were asked what it was that draws them to the Kids' games. Cathy Smith gave her quick answer: "It's the legs." Brian Williams replied, "Because it's fun." Phil Spears, a member of the pep band, proclaimed: "Because the Kids are the best in the nation. Even U.N.C. would fall at the hands of the U.S. Kids."

Who was it that said, "Winning isn't everything; it's the only thing"? The U.S. Kids (and their fans) disagree.

## Intramural Basketball

### MEN'S INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL STANDINGS

DIVISION 1	
TEAM	W - L
Eagles	8 - 3
Hosers	7 - 4
Flyers	7 - 4
Marauders	2 - 9

DIVISION 2	
TEAM	W - L
Bucks	8 - 3
Tigers	6 - 5
Jammers	6 - 5
Kids	0 - 11

The minister was describing Judgment Day. "Thunder will roar, flames will snort from the heavens. Floods, storms and earthquakes will devastate the world."

Wide-eyed, the little boy turned to his mother. "Mom," he whispered, "will I get out of school?"

## Classifieds

### FOR SALE

TIRES -- 2 Goodyear Suburbanite/snow (mounted), and 2 K-Mart, all E78-14. Very good condition. Dennis, 556-1571.