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"THIS IS JUST ANOTHER STEP IN THE WILL OF GOD," SAYS DRUMMOND AT FORUM.

by Heather Lawrence

Making jokes as to why the crowd was so large, President Lewis Drummond confirmed the "rumors" about his resignation at the President's Forum held February 7, 1992 in the Seminary cafeteria. "What's going on? You'd think there was some big event happening," quipped Drummond to the large gathering of students.

After the introduction of Dr. Bill Wagner, visiting professor of missions, and a group of prospective students from Mobile College, Drummond offered personal confirmation of his plans for retirement.

"I have attempted to the best of my knowledge to follow God's leadership" stated Drummond. The President shared some of his personal testimony and explained to students his reasons for retiring at this point in the life of the Seminary.

The retirement announcement presented to SEBTS Trustees by Drummond on January 30, 1992 came as a surprise to few Southeastern students. News reports and widespread rumors were circulated among the student body before the beginning of the spring term. Many students noted Drummond's conspicuous absence at Spring Convocation as a sure sign of his impending departure.

In a closed meeting of the Trustee Executive Committee, Drummond presented a short statement focusing on the need to rebuild Southeastern in light of the last four years. "...It has become increasingly a clear conviction that I must leave that rebuilding to another" Drummond noted.

Drummond's retirement, effective June 30, 1992 drew a varied response

from the student body. Though no students at the Forum addressed Drummond directly concerning his retirement, it has been a major topic of discussion among students.

"He is a godly man. I hate to see the man leave" said second year M.Div. student Jack Burns.

Michael Corso also a second year M.Div. student, shares Burns' sentiment. "I'm sad to see Dr. Drummond go, but I'm sure he's doing what God has called him to do." Referring to the banner hanging over the mailroom in the Ledford center, Corso noted: "My prayer is that the students of Southeastern will work together and 'Let God Be God...-No Limitations'."

Other students are not as positive about Drummond and his departure, however. Senior M.A.C.E. student

Janine Welch feels that Drummond is guilty of "...bringing people here under false pretenses and leaving under fire." Like some others, Welch feels that Drummond "doesn't care about the students."

Drummond addressed the latter concern in the Student Forum. Benjamin Ramsaur, second year M.Div. student, expressed a feeling of helplessness on the part of students in light of recent events. "I encourage you to let your feelings be known," replied Drummond. "This place exists for you (students). You're what matters."

As to the many rumors as to Drummond's successor, Drummond stated: "Take those other rumors for exactly what they are. Just plain stuff." Drummond noted that many names have been mentioned but that he does not know who will be the next President of Southeastern. "Who's going to follow me? I don't know. I pray it will be God's man," concluded Drummond.



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EDITORIAL

"I'm not gonna' write
about the way things have been,
'cause lately they haven't been
so great."

Those are the first lines of a song by contemporary Christian music artist Margaret Becker, entitled "I Will Not Lay Down."

Perhaps that is the way many of you feel after the events of the last few weeks. It all seems rather bad doesn't it? The Seminary is on probation with SACS. Our denomination is in turmoil. President Drummond has announced his retirement. What will happen next? What will we do now?

There is a pessimistic tendency in most of us that causes us to look around at our circumstances and become disheartened at the bewildering enormity of it all. I have been guilty of this, especially in light of recent events. Then comes anger, resentment, bitterness--those crippling emotions which leave us useless to God and to others.

Take heart my friends: "...He who keeps you...will neither slumber nor sleep." (Ps 121:3-4) Certain that He is faithful we must walk on. We must evaluate ourselves and our situation honestly. We must not try to whitewash the truth and paint a pretty picture.

Yet we must also look beyond the present. Our God is well aware of where we are, of the injustices we may suffer, and the evil with which we must struggle -- especially that within our own hearts.

So enough of the murmuring, of the whispers, of the agendas. It is not to that we are called.

"I just gotta' believe
that this hope inside
will lead me to a better place.
With every tear that I cry,
I cling to the hope that will
not die.
I will not lay down."

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Much to my chagrin, I am one of those Christians who is often surprised when God keeps His promises. Not only that, I have a short-term memory when it comes to God and the promises He has kept in the past. I think I would have been a good Israelite.

An incident occurred last week that illustrates my point. A lady who is the grandmother I never had was rushed to the hospital, suffering from severe stomach pains. As a result of the many tests performed, the doctors detected two large tumors in her abdomen. Their diagnosis as unsettling. There was a strong chance she had cancer and death may be close. Her family was summoned to the hospital and was told to brace for the worst.

Her family, friends, some of my closest friends at the Seminary and I did the only thing we knew to do. We prayed to God to heal the one that we loved.

And I cried as my doubts grew and my faith faded.

The fifth chapter of James came to my mind at that time, especially verse 15: "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." We waited and I prayed again.

An incident occurred a little over a year ago that also illustrates my point. I transferred from what many consider the "darling" of education, Southwestern, to what many view as her most disreputable child, Southeastern.

Upon matriculation, truth, rumors, and mixtures thereof concerning South-eastern captured my attention. Matters of accreditation, faculty-administration-trustee-alumni-student relationships, enrollment declines, and faculty resignations loomed constantly in my head. In addition, the media, religious and otherwise, and others who merely paint their view of the truth upon the wind, proclaimed themselves doctors with a most unsettling diagnosis for Southeastern. There was a strong chance she had cancer, and death may be close.

I prayed to God to bring harmony to this place and to bless our Seminary.

And, true to form, I cried as my doubts grew and my faith faded.

To wrap up the story, the doctors removed a tumor the size of a watermelon from my "grandmother". Today

she is resting in her home, cancer-free. Not one malignant cell was found in her body. In spite of my wavering faith, God kept His word and healed her body.

As I look around this campus I see many Israelites like me. We hope for a brighter day, yet we often feel battered. It seems our enemies have totally surrounded us and there is no place left to run.

Yet, in our wavering faith, let us take comfort in the God who gave us His promise through the writer of James. And let us once again hear the words of Moses: "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you today...The Lord shall fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." (Exodus 14:13-14)

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In establishing this newspaper the students of Southeastern Seminary are engaging in an old and honorable practice, that of inviting relevant discussion by concerned and responsible people on matters pertinent to their common life. They have chosen a name which is equally honorable, one which enjoys a place of special significance in our Baptist history.

In 1792 William Carey published a booklet entitled "An Enquiry into the Obligations of Christians to use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens." He intended not only to set forth his own observations, but also to call forth discussion from others who shared with him a commitment to Jesus Christ and a desire to fulfill their obligations which this discipleship implied. It is significant that he was concerned with Biblical foundation; that he gave attentions to historical conditions; and that he did not ignore the questions of practicality. It is hoped that this "Enquiry" will honor this spirit, this tradition, and this name.

John E. Steely, Professor of Historical Theology
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SOUTHEASTERN TO HOST ATS TEAM

by Heather Lawrence

A visiting team from the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) will be on the SEBTS campus February 23-26, meeting with all members of the Seminary community and evaluating the Seminary in light of the recently published Institutional Self-Study. Visiting team members include representatives from Fuller Theological Seminary, Iliff School of Theology, Andover-Newton Theological School, and Westminster Theological Seminary.

In June of 1990 ATS declined to place SEBTS on probation, but did impose three specific notations upon the Seminary: (1) "Faculty members are unduly diverted from their essential task;" (2) "The governing board exercises inappropriate control over the administration and faculty;" and (3) "General tone of the school impairs the capacity to provide significant theological education and ministerial training."

In 1991 ATS cited Southeastern for problems with the A.Div. program. The accrediting agency requires that no more than 10% of the total student enroll-

ment be composed of undergraduate students. In recent semesters SEBTS has exceeded this margin, moving toward the 12% mark.

Responding to student concerns regarding the future of the A.Div. program raised at the President's Forum on February 7, Dr. Drummond explained the structure of the accrediting agencies. Drummond stated that ATS, because of its relationship to other accrediting agencies, cannot accredit undergraduate degrees. The only viable recourse is for the Seminary to change the A.Div. degree to a certificate program and this change is slated for 1996.

M.Div./C.E. student Osbert James expressed concern over accreditation matters to Drummond at the Forum, noting that he was assured when he arrived at SEBTS that the school would not lose its accreditation. "Can we trust the people who tell us not to worry?" asked James.

"We are well on the road to addressing the concerns," said Drummond. "We are doing everything we possibly can."

Once again I announce editorial changes at The Enquiry. In the December issue I told you that Rusty Mullins would be replacing Doug Buttram as the assistant editor. Rusty, however, was unable to return to school this semester.

After much prayer, I asked Andy Landrum to come aboard in the assistant editor's slot. Andy is a senior in the M.Div. program and a graduate from Campbell University. On a personal level, I have found Andy to be a fair and open-minded person and I consider it a privilege to work with him in this task.

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President's Forums

Dr. Drummond will hold three more President's Forums in the Spring Semester to address students and answer their questions. These will be held on February 28, March 20, and April 24.

MINISTRY IN MUSIC: NEWSONG AT SOUTHEASTERN

by Andy Landrum

To the surprise of some, God showed up at Binkley Chapel Saturday night, February 1. Newsong wowed a crowd of almost one thousand, that included not only Southeastern students but numerous youth groups from the Triangle and surrounding areas.

The coming together of seminary and community was an encouraging by-product of the concert. Kenny Goetze and Accu-Fab, Inc., of Knightdale, NC, contributed several thousand dollars to cover overhead expenses of the band. Their generosity, coupled with Southeastern's willingness to host the event, enabled the campus and community to benefit from this evangelistic effort.

From their opener, "One Heart at a

their enthusiastic fans to be "Living Proof" of Christ's sacrifice for all humanity.

The band performed many of their hits and sought to include the audience in the experience. After the high-energy song, "Not the Half Has Been Told", the band donned sunglasses and sang the beach music style "Say Yes". After issuing a challenge to be witnesses for Christ, the band performed "Light Your World", ending their first musical set.

During the second set, the band sang their hits "Only the Hands", "Love Is", and "Swing Down Sweet Chariot". They stressed the importance of submitting oneself to the Lordship of Jesus. After a time of preaching, it was obvious

Descriptives such as "Awesome", "Great", and "Lots of fun" were given by Jenny, Emily, and Jamie from Providence Baptist Church.

Doug Fields, SEBTS alumnus and youth minister at New Bethel Baptist in Garner, lamented the fact that so few Christian bands perform in the Triangle in light of the number of churches in the area. Yet, he, too, appreciated the cooperation between the community and seminary.

By the time of Newsong's explosive finale, "Arise, My Love", scores of young people had made decisions for Christ. True to our mission, the concert proved to be an effective evangelistic tool in winning "One Heart at a Time".

STUDENT EXPERIENCES LIFE BEHIND BARS

by Tommy Willcockson

Most students at Southeastern have never been to jail; and most have only seen the state prisons from a comfortable distance. Odds are that most SEBTS graduates will never spend even one hour locked inside a prison. Most would be uncomfortable with the idea.

Not Randall Speer.

Randall (M.Div./C.E.3) is a chaplaincy intern at North Carolina's Central Prison, and he spends most of his busy week locked deep inside the maximum-security institution. He is definitely not uncomfortable with the idea.

Like many others called into ministry Randall felt the hand of God on his life at an early age and was pastoring a church by the time he was eighteen. As he pastored he learned more about himself as a person and a minister. He began to realize that he tended to be open and inclusive in his dealings with everyone, no matter who they were or where they were in their spiritual lives.

As a pastor, however, he discovered that churches can sometimes be exclusive and reluctant to minister to those who live outside their circles of concern.

As Randall ministered in churches and in the community, he established ties to crisis and volunteer organizations such as the fire department, emergency room chaplaincy, and jail ministries. These organizations help the individual as they are, where they are: the new direction of Randall's service to God.

In 1986 Randall made a commitment to the chaplaincy and began a long process which included continuing his theological education at SEBTS. In 1990 Randall was discussing his "journey" in the ministry with Burk Holland of the N.C. Convention. When Randall said that he would like to try doing Supervised Ministry at Central Prison, Holland made some phone calls and assured him a position beginning January 1991.

Randall says that through his ministry in churches and in school he had begun to "know himself" -- he had begun to understand what his spiritual gifts are. "I was already comfortable with who I was when I walked into Central, and I found a place where I can share the love

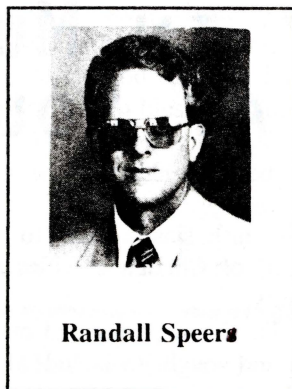
of God in ways not possible within the local church."

Central Prison offers Randall a chance to do a lot of non-traditional witnessing. "You can't go in like an evangelist and say, 'Let me win you to Jesus Christ.' It's gotta' be where they are, who they are, and what they feel," Randall says. "You've got to understand that just because they use profane language doesn't mean that they are profane people."

Speer now has three death-row inmates with whom he is responsible to sit and talk once a week. He notes, "This is not discipleship discussion, ...it's: How are you today? Where you at? What can I do to help you? What do you want to talk about?"

Randall says, "When you are on death row, you have little personal, physical contact. For someone to sit down and say 'How you doing' is like an ice cream cake, like a present."

When asked about specific incidents which make the chaplaincy so demanding yet so fulfilling, Randall laughed. "It's not dull, I never had to worry about not having anything to put in my Supervised Ministry logs!"



Randall Speer

Randall related a story about an inmate who had been temporarily transferred to the Central Prison hospital from another county. Like all inmates he was allowed no phone calls except for death or extreme family emergency, and even those must be verified by a chaplain through an outside source.

"When the guy came in, he said that his mother...was in the hospital and could die. After verifying the problem

through a doctor and an attending nurse...I placed the call for him, and put the man on the phone. His mother was unable to speak, but could hear and understand. It was a one-sided conversation, but the man was able to share his emotions--his love and concern for her."

"The sad part of the story is that she died the next day. When I found out, I went to him and asked if he would like to get on the phone to his brother. He said he would, and after the conversation he said tearfully, 'There was no pain, it was just like going to sleep.' As I stood up, he said 'Chaplain, if there is a God, He's just been gracious and I'm going to think about the material you gave me the other day.'"

"What I had given him was devotional, evangelistic literature which we can give out on request," Speers concluded. "I never personally talked to him about Jesus, but he had a need which was met in a positive way. I believe that it will bear fruit in the future."

Randall is now in the Internship program and is responsible for many of the jobs which are a part of the chaplaincy at Central Prison. He is teaching the January Bible Study book on Isaiah and has had twenty-one in attendance. Randall has now also applied to the North Carolina Department of Corrections for a chaplaincy.

Speaking of the Supervised Ministry program Randall says, "It's like the hand in the glove. Supervised Ministry opened the door for me. It has established the clarity and the surety of my call to the chaplaincy. It put me facing the issues while I have the resources (of SEBTS) to fall back on."

About his change of direction Randall says, "I was reading a book for one of my classes the other day and it said that if you had lost the fun in your call, you need to think about your calling."

"I've got the fun now--I've had more spiritual fun since January of '91 than in 24 years of ministry." Then he laughed and said, "I've got the fun!"

PROFESSORS MINISTER ABROAD

by Andy Landrum

Global missions. For most of us this is just a term that we are asked to identify on an exam. But for two particular professors at Southeastern, global missions is more than a phrase. It is an embodiment of the Great Commission.

Both Dr. John Eddins and Dr. Michael Hawn participated on mission trips during the Christmas break. Though each had a different experience, both gained a deeper understanding of God's call for all Christians to reach out to others throughout the world.

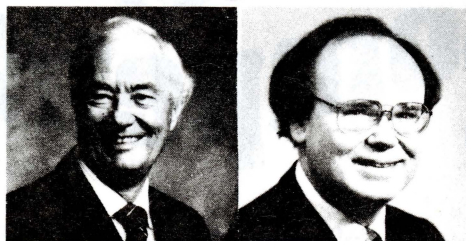
Working in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC, Dr. Eddins was a guest teacher at the annual meeting for Southern Baptist missionaries in Argentina. The conference, held from December 28 through January 5, was a time of renewal and planning for the new calendar year for the missionaries.

Dr. Eddins' role was one of support to the missionaries in Argentina. He led a week-long study of the Book of Ephesians. While at the retreat center, Eddins was able to minister to the approximately 100 missionaries in the South American country, and was able to build new friendships.

It was also a time for Eddins to renew old friendships. John Divers, a roommate of Eddins' while at Southern Seminary, and his wife, Mary Evelyn, have been missionaries in Argentina for 26 years. After the retreat concluded, the Divers' and Eddins toured Argentina and four other countries. They were able to meet other missionaries in the region and to gain a greater knowledge of the Christian outreach being done in the region.

Eddins was amazed by the natural beauty of the region. In particular, Iguazu Falls in Paraguay is the most beautiful sight Eddins has ever seen. He was also amazed by the Jesuit ruins he toured in northern Argentina.

Perhaps the highlight of Eddins' trip was the opportunity he had to preach in a local church. Eddins found the experience, as he preached and Divers translated, to be a very moving one.



JOHN W. EDDINS, JR.

C. MICHAEL HAWN

Dr. Hawn served in Cuba from January 6 to January 18. He spent much of his time in the town of Matanzas, located roughly 60 miles east of the capital city, Havana. He spent a week with the choir of the local province, a state-paid socialist choir. Hawn helped teach the choir Handel's "Messiah", which proved to be a unique way to share the story of God's love for humanity.

The SEBTS Professor of Church Music, worked closely with the local Baptist church in Matanzas. Though religious freedom remains a dream for Cuban Christians, there is a certain base level of religious toleration. This church is involved in the larger Cuban Ecumenical Council of Churches which works for the greater toleration of religious expression. Dr. Hawn was challenged and "witnessed to by their faith under oppression."

Hawn's trip to Cuba was his second to the Caribbean nation and he hopes to return to Cuba next year. He sees that the mission of Baptists in the area is to create a more indigenous worship style for the island people. Hawn views the situation as a "tremendous opportunity for inspiration for us and of mission to them."

Both Hawn and Eddins stress the need for Seminary involvement in missions outside of the U.S. A theology that omits a global emphasis is inadequate according to Eddins. As Dr. Hawn stated, "We have much to learn from what others see in the gospel."

Dear Southeastern Friends,

I thank God for your obedience to His call to "Bear one another's burdens" (helping me last fall as I faced a bone marrow transplant without adequate funds).

Southeastern students, faculty, and friends joined together in a Walk-a-thon, a Talent Show, and with donations to raise \$5,565.28. Through your prayers, emotional support, and generous contributions, God provided all of the resources necessary for me to have the transplant at Duke in late November. What a blessing and testimony of what can be done when we work together in God's will.

Thank you so much for everything. Your prayers and love gave me strength and hope as I faced these difficult but blessed days. I look forward to returning to SEBTS as my recovery permits. May God continue to bless you mightily and others through you.

*Yours in Christ,
Brenda Waters*

Many of the Seminary community have been involved in the efforts to help Brenda during the last few months. She has courageously endured tests and procedures that few of us could imagine as a part of the bone marrow transplant process.

We missed her presence on our campus during the Fall semester, but she was ever with us in our prayers.

Brenda is currently undergoing radiation treatments as the final stage of the transplant process. With the help of her husband, Wiley, she commutes to Wake Forest from Newport News, VA, on Fridays to take Dr. Eddins' Systematic Theology class.

We rejoice in her return to our campus, as well as with her over the healing God has performed in her life.

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Marketing Majors
Service Organizations
Journalism Majors
Campus Newspapers
Greeks

Prevention Materials Competition

Sociology Majors
Art Students
Communications Students
Graduate Students

The federal Office for Substance Abuse Prevention (OSAP) announces three competitive contests for college students (including graduate students) and college organizations. Winning entries will be published and distributed nationwide.

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Alcohol Problem Prevention Poster

First Prize = \$500

Nine Runners-up = \$300

2

"Special Issue" Newspaper or Magazine on alcohol problem prevention

First Prize = \$1,500

Second Prize = \$900

Third Prize = \$600

3

Alcohol Information and Prevention Booklet or Handbook

First Prize = \$1,500

Second Prize = \$900

Third Prize = \$600

Entries will be judged for their creativity, originality, accuracy of information, wit, impact, message retention, and overall effectiveness.

Entries must be received by June 1, 1992. Awards will be made in the Fall semester of the 1992-93 academic year. Each entry must include a cover sheet listing the name and address of the college; name, address and telephone number of competing student(s) or student organization(s); and a signed statement permitting widespread reproduction by OSAP. There is no limit on the number of entries which can be submitted by a student, college, or college organization. Send all entries to:

OSAP College Contest
11426 Rockville Pike, Suite 100
Rockville, MD 20852

For further information, call 1-800-487-1447

God's Plan for Men and Women

Does the man in your life understand you? Do you understand yourself? Here is good news! God has unique identities for women and men - - in their responses to life, their thinking, their roles in the home!

A six week class dealing with God's plan for men and women (based on Genesis 1-3) will be offered beginning February 11. This class will be led by Sharon McDill, Faculty wife advisor to Student Wives Fellowship. The class is open to single and married women. The outside reading assignment will be Understanding the Male Temperament by Tim LaHaye. This book is available in the bookstore. There is no fee for the class but please call Lisa at the Dean of Students office to register.

Date: Feb. 11, 18, 25, Mar. 10, 17, 24

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Location: Appleby 101

Kid's Day I

It is that time again boys and girls! On Saturday, February 22 meet Mr. Carl in the Ledford Center at 10:30. We will have a pool tournament, both 8-ball and bumper pool. At the same time, the ping-pong and foosball tables will be available for your use. Remember, this is for 1st grade through high school.

HELP WANTED

Programming position available in the Management Information Services Office for 20 hours per week. Programming experience is required. Interested students may contact Russell Hucks at ext. 239.



Free! Free! Free Chili!

It's time again for our annual Chili Cook-off. Last year, Dean of Students Mike Scarborough walked off with the honor of 1st place. Everyone is welcome to come and partake of all the chili. If you want to be a contestant you must sign-up at the Ledford Center Reception Desk. There will also be a sign up for folks to bring desserts. But, you can come even if you don't bring anything, just remember that we will only have as much chili as everyone brings, so you are encouraged to bring a pot of chili. The cook-off will take place February 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Remember, even if you have a test on Friday, you still need to eat, so come on down, bring some chili and enjoy!

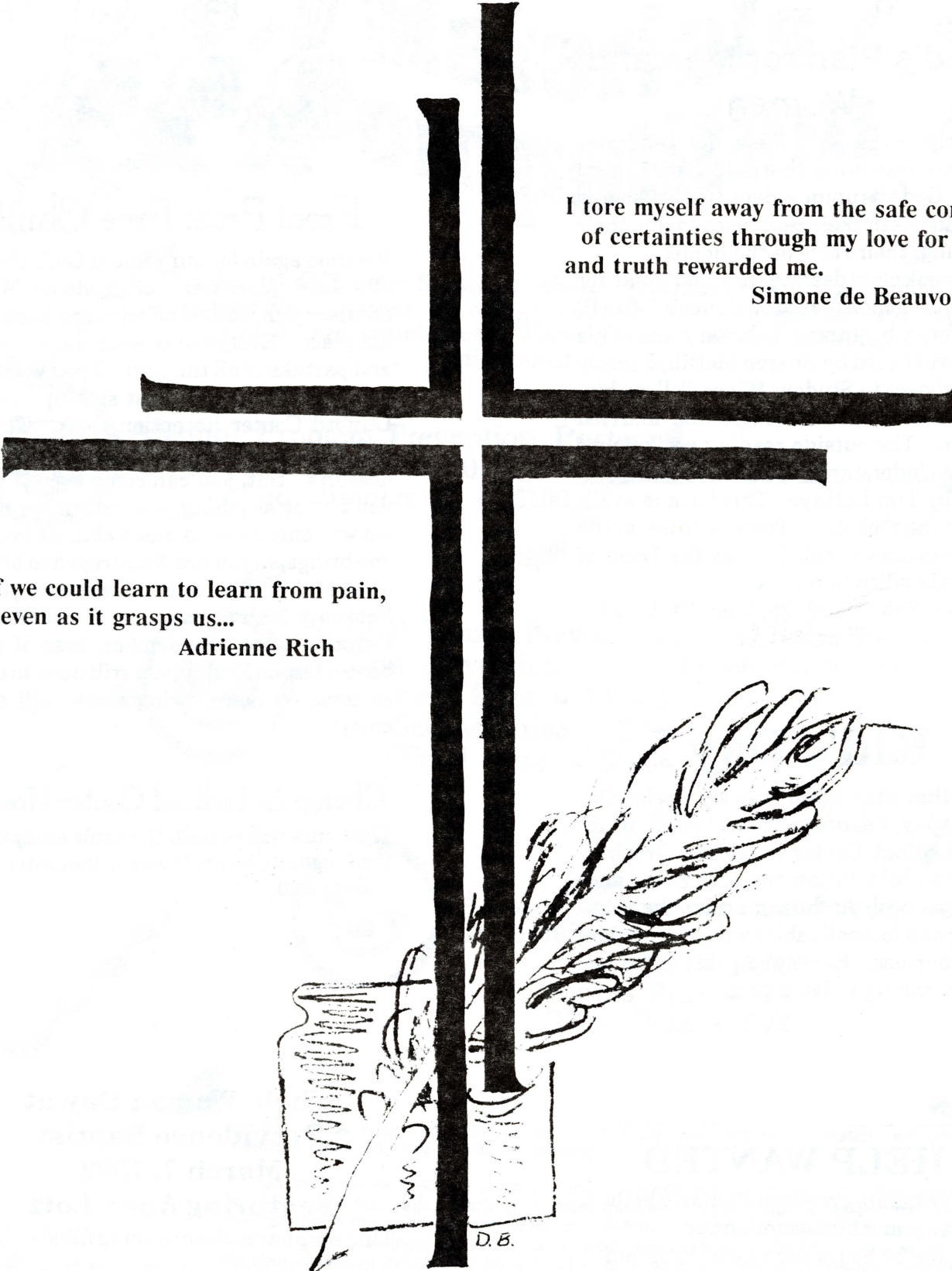
Change In Ledford Center Hours

The hours will remain the same except for Wednesday and Friday when the center will close at 4:30.

Whole Woman Day at Providence Baptist March 7, 1992

Featuring Anne Lotz

This seminar is close to being filled. If you want to attend be sure to send in your registration now. If you need a brochure and registration form please call Sharon McDill (556-0651). Don't forget -- **SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE.**

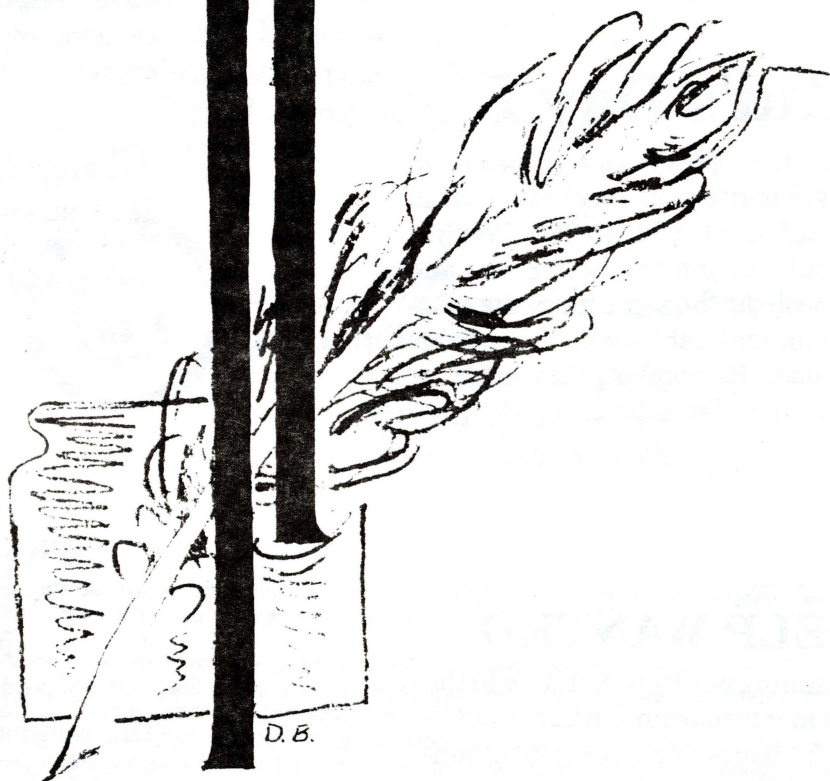


I tore myself away from the safe comfort
of certainties through my love for truth;
and truth rewarded me.

Simone de Beauvoir

If we could learn to learn from pain,
even as it grasps us...

Adrienne Rich



"Fear thou not; for I am with thee:
be not dismayed; for I am thy God."

Isaiah 41:10