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HAVE YOU VOTED YET?

TODAY IS ELECTION DAY FOR JUNIOR, SENIOR, GRADUATE, AND CERTIFICATE REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL AS FOR A SOCIAL CHAIRMAN. POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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FIRST ENROLLMENT RISE SINCE 1959

Our sharp decline in enrollment since the peak year of 1959 was ended this Fall. According to the Registrar's office, the enrollment at Southeastern this year is 547. This total may be broken down according to degree programs as follows: Th.M.--44; Certificate--55; and M.Div. plus M.R.E.--448.

The wildly fluctuating enrollment of S.E.B.T.S. since its founding in 1951, is linked to three major factors. First, in the years 1951-1956, the enrollment was limited to about one hundred as the campus was then shared with Wake Forest College. After the College moved to Winston-Salem in 1956, the Seminary had about 300 students and jumped to 738 in 1959.

This abnormal growth reflected the second factor, that is that one half of all Southern Baptist churches are within a 600 mile radius of this campus. Many of their pastors had not had the opportunity for a seminary education, so the increase of the years 1956-1959 reflects the large number of ministers who took advantage of this excellent opportunity to complete their theological education.

By 1960, this backlog of students had practically been absorbed, and the decline in the number of students since that time has reflected more accurately the general picture of seminary enrollment.

LAST CALL

All materials for the October 31 Creative Writing issue should be turned in by October 24, 1967. This includes, poetry, essays, short stories, any work of lasting value. Address: Literary Editor.

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

GOLF - Due to CARDINAL sins (Schoendienst certainly played his Cards right), bad weather, and increased interest, the final date for qualifying in the Golf Tournament has been extended to no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, October 20. Therefore, the tournament will begin on Monday, October 23. Beginners please feel free to enter--some pretty high scores have been turned in!

HANDBALL - Singles and doubles tournaments may begin as early as November 1. The final date for signing up has been extended to Friday, October 20. Begin practice NOW!

BASKETBALL - Season may begin as early as the middle of November. Those who did not sign up by the October 13 deadline, yet still desire to play, please contact either of the gym assistants immediately. Additionally, team captains and/or referees are still needed!

FLAG FOOTBALL - A pickup game for those interested will be played at 4:15 p.m. this Thursday, October 19. Such games are good for releasing excessive tensions, so come on out to the old football field near Rankin Court and have some fun!

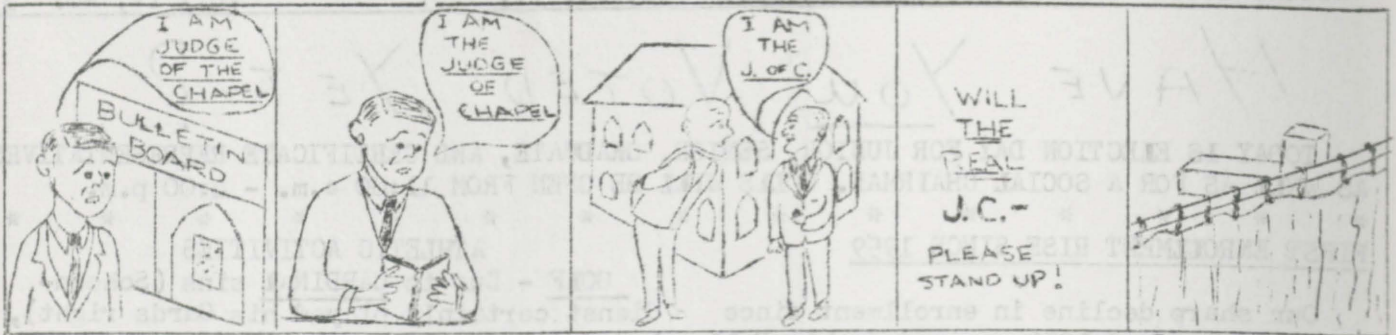
ARCHERY - Last Wednesday Del Suggs, one of our elite students, gave a very interesting and informative presentation on the basics of archery at 4:15 p.m. on the old football field. This Wednesday, October 18, same time, same place, Del will again be on hand with several bows, arrows, etc. to instruct those who have a sincere interest in learning archery. Come on out and enjoy it!

---Herbert H. Hash, Jr.

Chairman, Athletic Committee

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IS THE S.C.C. REALLY SICK ?

Jeffrey Kelley, General Chairman of the S.C.C., spoke in Chapel on October 11. Mr. Kelley's address concerned the working posture of the S.C.C. A considerable number of comments were heard afterward relative to the role and responsibilities of the S.C.C. on this campus. Some of these remarks need careful scrutiny and/or clarification.

"He (Kelley) said as much about nothing as anyone can possibly say..."

Possibly this remark says more about the one who uttered it than it does about the work and need for a S.C.C. However, this remark may also be a request for a vesting of authority in the S.C.C. through which they can assume inter-community responsibilities.

"Well, I didn't go to Chapel and I'm sure I didn't miss anything..."

Here again the speaker calls himself into question. However, this remark, coupled with others in the vein, seems to reflect a general lack of respect for the S.C.C. Possibly the S.C.C. doesn't deserve respect. Possibly we don't need a closer-knit student community. Possibly we have only been called to love (fill the needs of) ourselves only as we love (fill the needs of) ourself.

"The S.C.C. is sick...not even the professors ever have anything to say about it"

Both these judgments are highly subjective and possibly both judgments are based upon a poverty of information. However, there may be a grain or two of truth in these statements.

Editorial

Mr. Kelley rejected the "Avante Garde" and the "Receptacle" concepts as proper forms through which the S.C.C. can function. He then advanced the concept of the S.C.C. as a drawer of "Creative tension" within the community. He did not tell us much about what this latter concept entailed.

They said Jesus (like the S.C.C.) lacked authority--and so he did. And yet he sat about building a responsible and creative community. He accepted others (as he did himself) on faith. He taught that the meaning of the Christian gospel could be found at just this point.

"Poor little Jesus boy,
Born in a manger,
We never knowed who you really was."

---B.H.

EDITORIAL

A week ago we briefly shared our concept of the S.C.C. plus its purpose as stated in Article II, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Student Body. (The Constitution, incidently, may be found on pages 132-136 of the Directory for 1966-1967 and will also appear in this year's issue. New comers may be excused for not being familiar with the Constitution, but some of our older members have confessed to never having read it.)

According to some overheard bull sessions around campus, there is disagreement, disapproval, and ignorance as to the nature and purpose of the S.C.C. This problem of not knowing and not caring is carried over to related areas. Some students have stated that since they don't know any of the candidates for office they have no intention of voting. Of course the Fall Elections are most likely to suffer in this regard because in less than a month of being a part of this community, the nominees and electorate are usually strangers. At this point may we suggest that in the future a Chapel program be devoted to the specific introduction of the candidates for our elections. Nevertheless, a little individual initiative could go a long way in this matter.

In an effort to better educate ourselves as to the nature, purposes, and accomplishments of the S.C.C., we invite all committee chairmen to briefly state their committee's purpose and activities via The Enquiry. The Athletic Committee has already done and continues to do so via a regular column in this paper. One aspect of the Extension Committee was presented in our last issue, and the whole nature of that committee was shared in Chapel on October 3. Now we are not so naive as to assume that everyone attends Chapel on S.C.C. days, nor reads The Enquiry for that matter, as we only run 325 copies and still have left-overs; But, at least the Student Co-ordinating Council will have done its part in closing this communications gap. (n.b. Isaiah 6:9)

Now the rest is up to you.

-----C.C.

IT'S HAPPENING.....

Tuesday, Oct. 17-Thursday, Oct. 19; Cecil Etheredge of the Home Mission Board and Ralph West of the Foreign Mission Board will be on campus to interview mission volunteers.

Wednesday, Oct. 18; Archery, 4:15 on the old football field.

Thursday, Oct. 19; Flag Football Game, 4:15. Evening Vespers in lieu of morning Chapel to enable more of the Seminary family to worship together--H. Eugene McLeod.

Ministry to the Rest Homes, 7:00 & 7:30.

Friday, Oct. 20; Campbell College Day.

Monday, Oct. 23; Golf Tournament begins.

Tuesday, Oct. 24; Campus W.M.U. will meet in the Bethea Room at 7:30 p.m.

CHAPEL SPEAKERS: October 18-24

Wednesday; J. Carroll Trotter, William A. Atchinson, Gilmer Beck, Joseph E. Buck, Robert J. Burns, Peggy Claunch, and Alfred Lee Day.

Thursday; Evening Vespers, H. Eugene McLeod

Friday; Dr. Millard R. Brown, Associate Professor of Sociology and Religion, of Campbell College.

Tuesday; John C. Whatley, Pastor, Forestville Baptist Church.

STUDENT POLL

The Enquiry invites your concept of the S.C.C. as to what it should be and where you feel it has failed. Your brief opinions may be placed in the envelop on the office door. Next week we will publish a consensus of the data. If you prefer to write a letter instead, please do so.

** New Staff Member **

In our next issue we will present a new member of The Enquiry staff, Mr. Chip Conyers as Assistant Editor.

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Please let The Enquiry know of any requests for prayer, notices of births, deaths, and other events and needs affecting the fellow members of our Seminary family. We seek to develop a sustaining fellowship, sharing not merely our gripes but our joys and sorrows, needs and abilities.

