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DEAN BROWN POINTS OUT THE FACTS

During the past few weeks several students have complained about the reduced number of courses being offered in the fall semester of 1973. Dean Raymond Brown has offered several suggestions which should be taken into consideration concerning the work load of the professors and the courses offered for the fall semester.

During the past year many of the faculty members taught far more hours per semester than normal. An effort is being made to bring the work load into balance during the coming 1973-74 academic year. The ideal is for each professor to teach 16 hours per year, and not more than 18. Some of the professors were teaching 24 or more hours during the past year.

Another factor contributing to a smaller selection of courses is that three faculty members will be on sabbatical leave in the 1973-74 academic year. These are Professors Rogers, Cook, and Hollon. Only two professors, Nations and Shriver, were on sabbatical this past year.

Some of the students contend that the new D.Min. program has contributed to the reduction of courses offered in the M.Div. program. Dr. Brown pointed out the fact that last year a professor who taught in the D.Min. program was given 2 hours credit for each course taught; this year the professors will be given 4 hours credit for each course taught in the D.Min. program. This will, of course, reduce somewhat his availability for M.Div. courses if he is to stay within the ideal range of teaching not more than 9 hours per semester.

Regarding the courses being offered in the fall of 1973, Dean Brown has these comments: "There are fewer required courses at this seminary than in any other seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention." Dean Brown further states, "Students have completely open electives which is very rare in a Southern Baptist seminary." In other seminaries one is required to select a certain number of electives from each area. "Students are encouraged," Dean Brown said, "to select electives from all areas for a well-rounded education."

During the fall semester of 1973 there will be a total of 90 elective hours available. An area analysis is as follows:

Biblical Area - 22 hours of electives
History Area - 14 hours of electives

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Theology Area - 8 hours of electives

Ministries Area - 46 hours of electives

This does not include the availability of Independent Reading and Research for students with the required academic qualifications. If one were to take 18 hours of electives each semester, which is highly unlikely, it would take 5 semesters to complete all 90 hours of electives offered in the fall of 1973. These are the facts, and Dean Brown suggests that the facts speak for themselves.

-- John Perry, Jr.

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A VERY GOOD YEAR

As I look back on this year as editor of your newspaper, I see some very valuable insights into human nature, a lot of mistakes (learning experiences, if you please), and a lot of fine friends which I have come to know and love. I accepted this position without any newspaper background whatsoever. It just seemed to me that this campus would not be the same without a real means of student inquiry and expression. No one can doubt that there has been a great deal of expression, some inquiry, and a little sprinkle of humor. The student newspaper has an important function in the life of this community. It allows you to express yourself publicly, without fear of censorship, on issues which you think are of importance to fellow students and professors. You have supported your newspaper adequately during the year. I feel that we have all grown a little because we have expressed ourselves and still accept each other.

Next year you will have a highly qualified journalism major as your editor. I only hope that you will give him the quality and the quantity of writing that will make The Enquiry a top-notch campus newspaper.

I want to express my deep appreciation for your trust, confidence, and support during this year. A special word of thanks is extended to Dr. Hollon for his direction, understanding, and valuable comments. Too, I would like to thank "Cotton" for her patience and excellent typing skills. To all those who have contributed articles we owe a debt of gratitude, for they have made the newspaper possible. A special word of thanks is also extended to my wife, Barbara, for her love even in the aftermath of "letters to the editor."

The Enquiry has given me a good time, a little more gray hair, and an ulcer. It has provided laughter, tears, and struggle. It has contributed a great deal to my seminary experience and my pilgrimage through life. Indeed, it has been a very good year.

-- John Perry, Jr.

SEMINARY AND THE AGING PROCESS

Seminary has been good for me, but it has also increased the old aging process. When I enrolled in this institution I had a fine crop of brown hair. Now, beloved, there are streaks of silver amongst the strands of brown. Before I came to seminary I never worried about "bags" under my eyes. Now I accept them as part of the price I must pay to be considered a "highly educated person." Further, I look into the mirror, count the wrinkles in my brow, and pray: "I'll accept these wrinkles, Lord, for each of them represents an 'A' (both of them)." My first year I ran to class; the second year I walked slowly; this year I creep and pray that I'll make it. Besides all this I now have a strange craving to watch the "Lawrence Welk Show."

I hasten to add: "Hang in there juniors, it ain't all bad." (If you wish further information about seminary and the aging process, get my address from the business office this summer. I haven't decided which rest home to retire to.)

-- Joe Beauchamp

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ARTS COMMITTEE REPORT

On the evenings of May 2 and 3, the Student Council Arts Committee concluded its year of scheduled activities with two performances of Jean-Paul Sarte's "No Exit." The Committee wishes to thank those who supported the production by their attendance. Special appreciation is to be expressed to Dr. Max Rogers who, as director, donated much of his time and valuable insight into the shaping of the production. It shaped-up very well, indeed!

The names of several key figures were inadvertently omitted from the playbills. These individuals are most deserving of recognition and thanks: Marie Holt, Lewis Hayes, Charles Bridgers (artist who created the mantle piece icon), and Randy Cash (poster artist).

Members of the seminary community are invited to think of creative ideas during the summer and to share these ideas with next year's Arts Committee Chairman, Bill Davis. It is hoped that the "Art" events of this school year have been worthwhile to the campus majority. Thank you, fellow students and faculty members for the opportunity to have served you in a way that has been personally enjoyable.

-- Rick Cash, Chairman
Arts Committee

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SPORTS

Along with the end of academics this week, we will see the culmination of an ambitious intramural program. We owe a hearty

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thanks to Jim White for making our program such a success.

Our sports arena this year included football, basketball, softball, table tennis, paddle tennis, golf, pool, and the three mile run.

This Thursday at the picnic those who have excelled in sports will be honored with the presentation of trophies. Among the team winners were the following:

- Milt Lewis - Football
- Tom Flynt - Basketball
- Butch Huffman - Pool
- Drs. Poerschke and Steeley - Doubles Tennis
- Milt Lewis and Rick Bailey - Doubles Table Tennis
- Milt Lewis - Singles Table Tennis
- Larry Key - 3 Mile Run
- Steve Barton - Softball

As I reflect on my involvement in sports at Southeastern, I am very appreciative of the fact that I am blessed with the health and strength to participate. I am often reminded that there are many who are physically incapable of playing any sport. I would hope that we all might be reminded that God has indeed blessed us with sound bodies and that when we go into the contest we would do so with the spirit of Christian love and fellowship. It is great to be a winner, but it takes just as much courage (if not more) to accept defeat. One good thing about defeat is that it shows us that we are human. Winning sometimes goes to our heads, and we make little gods of ourselves.

For those of you who will return in the fall, I encourage you to become involved with the sports program because it is good discipline and it helps to maintain a very vital part of our ministry--our health!

To close, I offer one bit of advice for what it is worth. "Don't play for the trophy; play for the sheer joy of exercise and fellowship--you will be much happier!"

-- Bob Newton
Sports Editor

CHAMPIONSHIP DECIDED

After rain-outs and rescheduling, the Southeastern Seminary Intramural Softball Championship was finally decided on Wednesday, May 9. The three final games were played on the same day. There was softball from 4:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. It was quite a day. For the victors, it was all worth it. Steve Barton and company laid their undefeated season on the line and proved why they were undefeated. Our heartiest congratulations are given to this fine team.

In the opener, Barton's team bombed Catoe's team in the first inning by scoring 11 runs. The final score was 12-0.

In the second game Newton's team outlasted Phillips' team with the game ending at 6-1.

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The championship game between Newton's team and Barton's team was a classic. Both teams made some miraculous plays, including some unbelievable errors. In the final analysis it was the errors that decided the game. It was a come-from-behind victory that was not finally decided until the last inning. The final score: 12-8. It was truly a team effort which gave Barton's team an untarnished season.

-- John Perry, Jr.

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LIBRARY SCHEDULE FOR EXAM PERIOD AND GRADUATION WEEK

Wednesday, May 16 through Monday, May 21 - Normal Schedule

Tuesday, May 22 - 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday - Friday, May 23-25 - 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Closed during Graduation Friday morning)

Saturday, May 26 Closed

Monday, May 28 - Friday, June 1 - Closed for inventory

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SPRING PICNIC TODAY

Come one! Come All! To the W.M.U. Campus Spring Picnic. The afternoon will begin with a ball game at 4:00 p.m. The picnic will be at 6:30 p.m. on the ball field just off Judson Drive. All married students should bring enough food for their family and two other people. All single students should bring \$1.00 which is to be paid before going through the line. Eating utensils and ice will be provided. Please bring tea and/or Kool-Aid. The picnic will be held in the cafeteria in case of rain.

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DEPARTING THOUGHTS

There are a few structured occasions which bring out the emotional idealism of my personhood, and graduations happen to be among them.

The communication of what has been experienced in quiet inwardness before God is never easy. But, as the words of the song "To Sir, With Love" express it, so will I. "How do you thank someone who has taken you from crayons to perfume? It isn't easy, but I'll try." To be taken from Bible stories to Kierkegaard (among many others) might be called a theological high jump; it is also a miracle.

I wish I could answer the question many of you have put to me: "What are you going to do now that you are graduating from seminary?"

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When I give those blank looks, it is not because my life lacks direction. I can only interpret the question in one way. It is equivalent to asking, "What is your existence going to mean?" Who among us will be omniscient enough to have the answer to that one? I can only say in words similar to those expressed by another (Walter Lowrie) that when one is standing on the shoulders of giants there will be no temptation to boast as to how high one might reach! The Faculty of Southeastern Seminary comes closer to being a fellowship of giants than any community I have ever known, and that is because these men have shown the stature of the fulness of Christ.

There are other real men (and women) on this campus who have made an impression upon my life. I do not need to call any of you by name, for you know who you are; I call you "friend" and "brother." Will you give thanks with me to the One who makes the future possible? When I think of what my existence might mean, I can only rely upon an aspect of the doctrine of creation---I rejoice that the Creator is still at work and that He is a God who is still creating something out of nothing!

---Elsie M. Adkins

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"FIRST LADY" OF WOMEN'S DORM RETIRES

Mrs. Annie Earp is retiring at the end of this semester. She has already prepared her apartment in Selma, N. C. for her retirement. She indicates, however, that she is going to stay pretty busy for quite some time. She and her sister are leaving on June 25 for a visit to Niagara Falls and a tour into Canada.

Mrs. Earp came to Southeastern five years ago from Western Carolina University. She says that she has really enjoyed her work here and the many fine people she has come to love and appreciate. She says that she has many fond memories concerning this campus, especially in regard to her late husband. It was on this very campus that she met her husband when it was still known as Wake Forest College. She says that she used to talk to him out the window of the girl's dormitory. No doubt she has seen many of our women doing the same thing with their prospective husbands.

Mrs. Earp indicates that she will miss working at Southeastern. She says she will especially miss the kind people and the enjoyable walks through this lovely campus.

During her retirement she hopes to spend a lot of time with her four children and her four grandchildren. The grandchildren are ages 2, 3, 9 and 10. She should stay young at heart a long time around such company.

While at Southeastern, Mrs. Earp has been a second "Mom" to 84 girls. She says that she has learned to knit, crochet, and sew. She now sews for herself and for her grandchildren. She also does a lot of reading which she has come to enjoy very much.

We wish for Mrs. Earp the very best that life has to offer as she begins her retirement. Our lives have been enriched by having known her as a genuine person and a real "Mom".

---Linda "Cotton" Voncannon

SATIRE ON A TEST

Can there be a way to find
 The knowledge lodged within the mind?
 The simple way some think is best
 Is just to give a great big test.

An hour you're given in which to show
 What it's taken months to learn and know.
 A thousand facts you must recall
 That dreadful hour in judgment hall.

Now if these facts you can't relate
 For any reason it's still your fate
 To be a failure like the rest
 Whose minds fell victims to a test.

-- Eddie Nicholson from
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THE TEST

Can there be a way to find
 The knowledge locked within the mind?
 The simple way some think is best
 Is just to give a student a test.
 An hour you're given in which to show
 What it's like to learn and know.
 A thousand facts you must recall
 That demand your judgment still.
 Now all these facts you can't relate
 For my reason it's still your fate
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