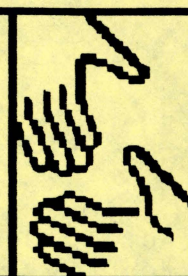




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BUSH NOMINATED

Despite a unanimous faculty vote in opposition to the move, Dr. Lewis Drummond, President of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary has nominated Dr. L. Russ Bush, III, to be the seminary's Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty. Dr. Bush has served the last fifteen years as Associate Professor of Philosophy of Religion at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The announcement was made amid the fanfare of the United States Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C. without any prior notice to the SEBTS faculty, many of whom learned of the decision from inquiring representatives of the secular press. Commented one respected faculty member, "We have reached a new level of barbarism on the Southeastern campus. I suppose the fundamentalists intend just to shove their man down our throats."

A reporter from Winston Salem contacted the President of the SEBTS SBA on Monday evening, January 24, seeking information on the nomination. She indicated that the SEBTS switchboard operator had been instructed to intercept any incoming calls from the press to faculty and administration other than President Drummond. She also said that she had called several faculty members at their homes on the day of the nomination, only to discover that

they had not yet been officially informed of the action.

Leaders from the SEBTS Student Council, the SEBTS Chapter of the Southern Baptist Alliance, and the Conservative Evangelical Fellowship were not notified until Wednesday, January 25, that they would have the opportunity to meet with Dr. Bush on Friday, January 27.

Kudos to the trustees and administration of Southeastern! By their failure to communicate with SEBTS faculty and student body prior to their decisions and announcements, they have insured that yet another new member of the administration will not be well received by the seminary community as a whole. At least those who attended the Inauguration of President Bush knew.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE SEBTS SBA

President:	Jim Baucom
V. Pres./Program:	Dale Lee
Sec./Treas.:	Greg Day
Publicity/Promo.:	Ed Harris
Membership:	Walter Ferrell
Placement/Spkrs.:	Nelson Harris
Arrangements:	Tommy Wilkinson

There is more Southern Baptist Christianity per square inch in the faculty of SEBTS than I've ever seen at one place at one time, and I'm grateful.

- W. Randall Lolley

MORE HUSH, HUSH

In yet another snafu, the SEBTS Acting Dean, Registrar, and several faculty members learned that Dr. Drummond had received a reply from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools when a student directed their attention to a short article in the Raleigh News and Observer. The article was based upon a press release issued by President Drummond.

The response from SACS instructs the Southeastern administration to formulate a plan to correct problems in the seminary community. It also states that another investigation will be conducted in December, 1989, to gauge the success of this plan.

Hey, Dr. Drummond, do you think you could let us in on these big secrets in the future. You may not be concerned about our accreditation, but we are!!

PORTRAIT OF OUR NEW DEAN

Name: L. Russ Bush, III

Birth: December 25, 1944

Major Academic Degrees:

B.A. - Mississippi College

M.Div. - Southwestern

Ph.D. - Southwestern

Family: Wife and 2 children, ages 12 and 14

Former Position: Associate Professor of Philosophy of Religion, Southwestern

Reputation: Dr. Bush has been clearly identified with the SBC inerrancy power group since its inception in 1978. He is the co-author of Baptists and the Bible (Bush and Nettles, Moody Press, 1980), which has served as the manifesto of the Baptist Inerrancy takeover movement. This is why our faculty opposes his nomination, thinking him to be an extremely partisan candidate.

SEBTS SBA EVENTS

Friday Chapter Meetings:

Every 3rd Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Ledford Multipurpose Room

Tuesday Evening Chapter Meetings:

Every first Tuesday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m., also in the Ledford M.P.R.

Wednesday Luncheon Gatherings:

Every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the back room of the SEBTS Cafateria.

Coming Events:

Fri. Jan. 27: Dr. Morris Ashcraft will be our speaker (10:00 a.m.)

Tues. Feb. 7: L. Allan Sassar, Pastor of the Greystone Baptist Church will speak on "The Takeover from a Pastor's Perspective" (7:00 p.m.)

Special Meeting, Tues. March 14: Dr. Stan Hastey, new Executive Director of the Southern Baptist Alliance will be with us.

More to come!

NEW SBA OFFICES

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SEBTS SBA CHAPTER PLACEMENT SERVICE

We now have a Placement Liaison on our Chapter Steering Committee. He is Nelson Harris (556-2367 Tues.-Thurs.). Nelson is actively pursuing possible positions for Alliance Southeasterners. If interested, contact him.

NEXT WEEK IN THE ALLY

- (1) More on our accreditation.
- (2) Report on Steering Committee Meeting with Dr. Stan Hastey.