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## Dr. Trotter to retire; new preaching professor sought

by David Fischler

Dean of Faculty Dr. Morris Ashcraft has announced in a recent letter to the official Seminary family the impending retirement of Professor of Preaching Dr. J. Carroll Trotter effective July 31, 1983.

In his letter, Dr. Ashcraft indicated that a search will begin immediately for a new professor of preaching. Eight qualifications were named as a basis for judging possible candidates for the position. These are:

Basic theological education;

demonstrated excellence in preaching and worship leadership in local church work and a capacity to model and inspire such excellence in others; a "doctorate in a basic theological discipline such as Bible or Theology;" knowledge of the "theology, principles, and methods of preaching and of the current literature in the field."

Also, "competence in biblical hermeneutics;" an aptitude for teaching; an "ability to relate positively and constructively to both students and colleagues;" and a "commitment to the prog-

rams and resources of the Southern Baptist Convention."

Dr. Ashcraft stated that all members of the Seminary community, including students, were encouraged to submit recommendations for possible candidates for the position. He did not say how long such recommendations would be accepted, but did indicate that all persons whose names were submitted would receive thorough attention.

He also asked that the community assist with prayer "that in filling this position we may choose a person whose coming to SEBTS will greatly stimulate an interest in preaching and increase the development of preaching skills among our students"

A profile of Dr. Trotter will be featured in the next issue of *The Enquiry*.

## Semester's first Forum held

by Charles E. Keith

On Friday, September 17, 1982 the President's Forum was held for the first time this semester.

There was a capacity crowd at the cafeteria who enjoyed free coffee and donuts.

President Lolley welcomed all those in attendance and stated that "The Forum is about us." He indicated Forum was an avenue for everyone to exchange any concerns that relate to the Seminary community. He asked that all personal items be handled on a one-on-one basis.

Each concern will be taken up at the Executive Council meeting on Monday, September 27. A follow-up report will be posted.

Before receiving any concerns from the students, Dr. Lolley gave a brief report of known concerns.

1. Binkley Classroom steps: a plan already is in place for them to be reworked. The electrical transformers and fencing are to be removed.

2. Lighting on campus: final solution requires an overall plan that will be developed. Lighting will be provided temporarily for problem areas around Binkley Chapel and library-women's dorm.

3. Binkley equipment: now is one-third completed.

4. Cable T.V.: all dormitory lounges are committed to receiving the service. Installation in each dorm room will require a percentage commitment from the

students involved and is being negotiated.

5. Seminary Council: the council will be meeting once each month and will be made up of the following people. Three faculty, three students, three administrative members and President Lolley.

6. Chapel: President Lolley said, "Come worship, try it for one semester... you will receive more than you ask for."

7. Ledford Student Center: An appeal was made for all-out support of the center. The president shared information on the

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President Lolley explains Ledford Center plans.

## World Hunger Week planned

by Felicia Stewart

A concern for the hungry people of the world brought together on September 13 sixteen members of the Seminary community. Led by Dr. Chevis Horne and Dr. Eugene McLeod, plans were made for a World Hunger Emphasis Week to correspond with World Hunger Sunday on October 10.

The need for "heightened awareness of world hunger," and a "concrete response from every student, faculty and staff member" were objectives expressed by Dr. Horne and quickly agreed upon by the group.

This World Hunger Committee elected Mark Grumbles as its chairman with Dennis Hooper taking charge of finances, John Stanley program and Paula Testerman education resources. Concrete plans were then begun and settled upon later at a meeting on September 20.

The main event of the week will be a day of fasting and prayer for world hunger on Thursday, October 14. Each student, faculty and staff member is encouraged to give up one meal and contribute the money, approximately \$2.00, to world hunger. Collections of this money will be made throughout the week at various places on campus.

Highlighting this day will be two periods of meditation in Ap-

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## Support Hunger Week

In the next few weeks, an effort will be made by some in our Seminary family to bring the problem of hunger, both on a world-wide scale and right here at home, to the forefront of the community's attention. It behooves us all to listen and to act.

It is easy to sit back and say, "there's nothing I can possibly do about such a tremendous problem." Indeed, the problem is gargantuan. Consider:

\*An estimated 10 million people will die of starvation this year alone. Unexpected weather conditions could make this even worse.

\*In the Third World, 70% of children suffer from malnutrition. In the Far East, 100,000 children will go blind this year, just from Vitamin A deficiencies.

This list of figures can be expanded ad infinitum to the point of being numbing. All will agree that the magnitude of the problem is staggering. But there is one more that needs to be added, because it speaks to us, in a very personal way, about the kind of impact we can have:

\*If only one in every ten North Carolina Baptists skipped one meal each week and sent the equivalent in cash where it could do some good, we would raise at least six million dollars a year. Three million a year could prevent Vitamin A deficiency blindness around the world.

The objection that there are others who can and should be doing the job of feeding the hungry is beside the point. The fact remains that it is we who are called upon by our Lord to feed His children. We call upon all members of the Seminary community to support the efforts of the coming weeks with time, money, and prayer. As Christians we can do no less.

## A Prayer for Lebanon

How great, O Lord, are the atrocities done in your name! How great are the blasphemies of those who wish to be known as your people!

We hear appalling news from Lebanon almost every day. We hear of Christians killing Moslems, Christians killing Christians, Moslems killing Jews and Christians, Jews killing Moslems. All invoke the name of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as they slaughter each other.

The worst was last week. Men wishing to be known as followers of the Prince of Peace butchered hundreds of unarmed civilians. Women and children, Father, your children. They were Moslems, but your children nonetheless.

The temptations of nationalism and power, of bigotry and religious persecution and military displays, are great in these times of trouble, Lord. We pray that you will see the affliction of a shattered people, and allow your mercy to be poured out among them. Let your Spirit work among the warriors, that they might know that you are a God of peace, a God who demands that there be no more martyrs.

A nation lies dying, Lord, a nation which in its hatred and violence is but a microcosm of all humanity. Heal this broken nation, Lord, and heal this broken species. Heal it for the sake of your merciful Son, our Saviour, in whose name we fervently pray. Amen.

## To the Editor

### Writer claims Septuagint a 'fraud'

To the Editor,

Having entered the fourth week of my studies during the current semester, it has become patently obvious that there exists an intentional imbalance in the presentation of various subject matters that are found within the SEBTS curriculum—especially in the area of the integrity and authority of the written Scriptures, central Baptist beliefs, and certain fundamentals of the Christian faith.

The specific purpose of this letter is to present some information concerning one subject recently presented—namely, the Septuagint (LXX). According to the material presented in class, the following inferences were made concerning the LXX:

1. There was a complete translation of the OT in Greek before the time of Christ.

2. This was the translation used by Jesus and the apostles.

3. Since this translation contains the Apocrypha, Jesus and the Apostles approved of the Apocrypha—as did the Christian Church until the 4th century (!).

4. The order of the books in the Authorized Version (AV) follows the order of the Septuagint.

Now, the truth, as was not supplied in its entirety in the classroom is as follows:

1. The entire legend of the LXX is based on one writing—"The Letter of Aristeas" (a document forged by Philo)—which states that the LXX was written by 72 Jewish translators, 6 from each tribe.

2. The only evidence that there was a Greek translation of any OT before 350 AD lies in the Hexapla by Origen—the fifth column of which is the Septuagint—none of which was written before the completion of the NT.

3. There is not one extant document, manuscript, or fragment of any portion of the OT written in

the third century B.C. in Greek that anyone has ever seen.

4. The Hebrew believers (until Paul's time) had a complete and authoritative Hebrew Bible which God gave to the Hebrews (Rom. 3:1-4) for them to use. Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Paul, etc., wrote a Greek NT for Christian believers to use.

5. The "LXX" was plainly an attempt by the individuals referred to in Rom. 11:20, 25, and Jer. 33:24 to replace the inspired "oracles of God" with the conjectures of Alexandrian Greek philosophy.

In short, the students were given "the shaft." First, they were made to think that there was a BC Septuagint—which there wasn't. Then they were led to think it only contained the OT, when the manuscripts behind it have the NT in them. Then, they were led to think that the apostles accepted the Apocrypha as part of the OT.

Conclusion: the obvious faux pas presented in class was merely an attempt not only to re-instate the Roman Catholic-approved apocrypha into the OT, but also to replace the AV text of the OT (the only existing English translation from the traditional Hebraic Masoretic text) with the corrupt English translation of the LXX (written by Origen hundreds of years after Christ).

Don't believe everything you hear. In fact, I'd recommend not only a grain of salt for accompaniment, but the whole box.

Edward W. Davis

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Because of the dearth of letters in this issue, we have waived the word limit for this particular letter. In the future, we would appreciate the cooperation of all writers in keeping within the stated limit. Thank you.)

Letters to the Editor are welcome. All letters must be signed, typed or legibly printed (no cursive), and be no more than 300 words long. Names will be withheld upon request. All correspondence should be addressed to David Fischler, 57 McDowell Ave., Wake Forest 27587, or left in the Enquiry office in Mackie Hall.



**Ron Wilkins- About Student Council**

**Setting our faces on community, worship**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: the following address was delivered in chapel on September 16 by newly installed Student Council President Ron Wilkins.)

As the time drew near for His return to heaven, Jesus moved steadily onwards to Jerusalem with an iron will. Luke tells us that as it was time for the tabernacle ceremonies, Jesus wanted to stay out of the public eye.

But His disciples wanted Him in the public eye. So they arranged for messengers to reserve rooms for them in a Samaritan village. Unfortunately, they were turned away, "because His face was set toward Jerusalem." (Luke 9:51-62.)

Today's meditation could have been done on rebuke and retribution, and the answer that Jesus gave the disciples when they wished to punish the village. Or it could have been on rejection, the main theme, in my view, of the passage. But instead I would like to speak to you about setting our faces, as He did toward Jerusalem.

This theme contends that Jesus was of one will as He headed to the city of David with a task to do. I ask today, not as President of the Student Council but as a fellow pilgrim in Christ that we set our faces on two goals.

1. We need to set our faces on community.

For those who do not know it, we are called to be people of God in the community of faith known as Southeastern Seminary. We need to seek one another out

—as faculty, as students, and as administrators—as singles and as married students—as fellow Christians.

**Charles Keith - On Missions**

**Missions go to West Virginia**

Many areas of our homeland are without any evangelical witness. Others have no active Gospel witness at present. Through the "sister state program" the older state conventions of the SBC are reaching out to help these areas of new work.

Ed Diehl, a first year M-Div student, is involved in this new work. During the months of August and September he and his family have had the privilege to share in new start mission work in the west central area of West Virginia.

This opportunity came about for the Diehls through Formation In Ministry and the Baptist conventions of West Virginia and North Carolina. A program has been developed that has a goal of 200 Southern Baptist churches in West Virginia by the year 1985. Area missionaries, church planters and churches specify through the West Virginia state office areas of need. They relay that need to the North Carolina state convention. There it is shared with a North Carolina church that is seeking to get involved in a mission project.

The Diehls' work is located in Monaville, West Virginia. This is a coal mining area. They are in an area which is very slow to

We need to live as a community, but what does this mean? It is the sharing, the openness, the

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accept new people coming into the community.

Their first responsibility was to hold a Vacation Bible school and revival. This they did during the first week. Their second responsibility was to try to establish worship services on Sundays, hoping this would lead to a mission or church in the area.

Ed indicates that it is still too early to determine if a work can be successful in this area. His prayer is that many seeds have been planted and that the Lord will bring about the harvest in His time.

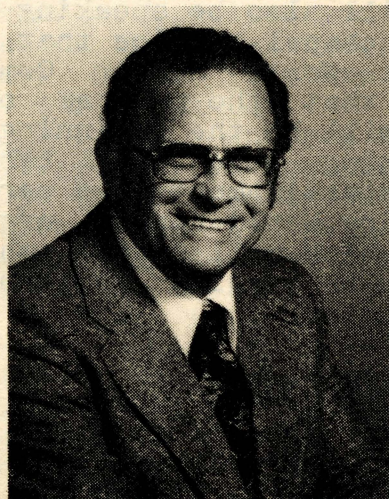
Of the work Ed says, "We went to the area with the idea of telling the people about Jesus and we leave the area each weekend with more blessings than we could ever imagine." He goes on to say that involvement in Home Mission work should be required of every student that attends seminary... It brings about a new concern for missions." He feels that "We are called to be missionaries right where we live every day of our lives".

Ed says to the readers of this article, "May God bless you and lead you to a realization of the missionaries we are called to be, both in Wake Forest and the rest of the world".

**Announcing a time for concern and action**

**SEBTS World Hunger Emphasis Week**

**Calendar for the week:**



Mr. John Cheyne

- October 10 SBC World Hunger Sunday in local churches.
- October 12 Seminar—"Hunger: Whose Problem Is It?" Led by Sister Marge Grabarrek, 7:30 PM, Bethea Room.
- October 13 Chapel—Mr. John Cheyne of Foreign Mission Board World Hunger Ministry.  
Seminars—"Handles on World Hunger." Led by Mr. Cheyne and Rev. Rita Whitley at 1:00-1:45 and 2:00-2:45 in the Bethea Room.
- October 14 Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Hunger. Meditations at 11:00-11:20 (film Prayer for Sight to be shown); 12:00-12:20 (Chris Loftis bringing music); both in Appleby Chapel.
- October 15 Food to be collected at Cafeteria all day.

**All members of the SEBTS family are urged to give what they can - food, money, or time - towards making this effort meaningful**



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needs it will meet. Due to the nature of the trust fund, some cash must be found now. Autumn of 1983 has been set as a possible construction date.

8. Community Bulletin Board: the bulletin board outside the library can again be used for campus communications. That was the original intent for it.

9. Pencil Sharpeners will be installed in Appleby and Binkley classrooms.

Students in attendance were invited to share their concerns. Their concerns included:

- Thanks for spring schedule.
- Migrant workers.

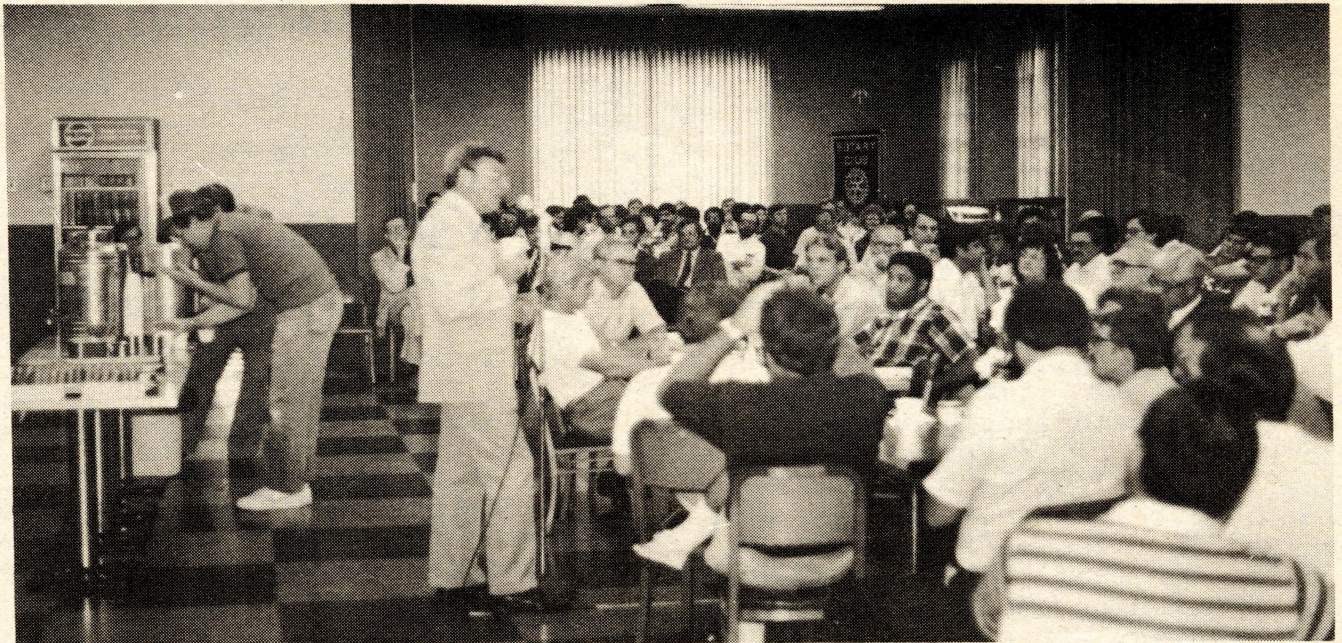
Lighting between Mc Dowell Road and the campus.

Problem with bicycles in seminary housing.

Renovation of Johnson classrooms.

- Dress requirements.
- Thursday night classes.

Each concern was given an immediate response if possible and



**President Lolley answers question at semester's first Forum.**

will be reviewed further.

President Lolley indicated in regards to dress requirements... "He would not administer a Police State on campus..."

On the conditions in Johnson,

he indicated a similar cash problem as with the center. It will be the first priority for '84-'88.

A closing announcement urged students to run for vacant positions on the Student Council.

## **Council officially installed**

by Conrad Navarro

On Thursday, September 9, 1982 the new Student Council was formally installed in a chapel service by outgoing Student Council President Lee Scripture.

It was one of the few times that an outgoing Council President had the privilege of formally installing the new Council. Lee called each council member individually to the platform and then swore them in as a group.

After Lee's departing message and charge to the new council Ron Wilkins, the new Council President delivered his message entitled "Setting our Faces". Ron who last year became the first black Student Council President elected by the student body of any of the six Southern Baptist Seminaries, won a close race against Dyan Housan. Ron ran on the promise of not being "just another pretty face".

Ron's family came from Winston-Salem to be at the service.

They were his mother, Mrs Wilkins; brother Maynard Wilkins; sister Rene Wilkins; and cousin Leon Caldwell.

pleby Chapel. During the first period, from 11:00 until 11:30, the film Prayer for Sight will be shown. Then, Chris Loftis, a student who has been active in various hunger ministries in North Carolina, will lead the second period from 12:00 until 12:20.

Because of the consensus that the funds raised should be directed not only to the Foreign Mission Board but also to the Home Mission Board and our immediate area, the money will be allocated 60 percent to the Foreign Mission Board, 20 percent to the Home Mission Board, and 20 percent to local causes.

To further supplement local needs and to give the community another way of helping in a concrete way, collections of food will be made on Friday in the Cafeteria before, during, and after the President's Forum.

Any canned goods along with 14 ounce boxes of Cream of Wheat, 46 ounce cans of tomato juice, 1 pound bags of rice, 1 pound bags of dried beans and envelopes of dried milk will be given to a local group which prepares one to two day emergency supplies

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for people in need.

In preparation for these opportunities to relieve world hunger and to better inform members of the Seminary community about hunger problems, two seminars have been planned.

On Tuesday, October 12 at 7:30 in the Bethea Room, Sister Marge Grabarrek of the Raleigh Roman Catholic Diocese's Ministry for Peace and Justice will lead a seminar entitled "Hunger: Whose Problem Is It?"

On October 13 from 1:00 until 1:45 and 2:00 until 2:45 in the Bethea Room, the Reverend Rita Whitley and Mr. John Cheyne will be leading seminars entitled "Handles on World Hunger." Mr. Cheyne, who is the Chairman of the Human Needs Ministry division of the Foreign Mission Board, will also be speaking at the 10:00 chapel service that day.

The World Hunger Committee hopes that the program of the week will be the beginning of an awakening which will result in the establishment of a permanent Seminary World Hunger organization which will direct the community in ongoing programs and activities.

## **Morrow wins scholarship**

by Conrad Navarro

David L. Morrow was the recipient of the Air Force's Chaplain Samuel G. Powell Scholarship for the school year 1982-83.

The scholarship is awarded to Chaplain Candidates in the Air Force in their last year of seminary studies. Winners are cho-

sen on the basis of grades made, Officer's Evaluation Reports and a position paper on the military chaplaincy.

In addition the applicant must have intentions of making the Air Force a career.

David is Vice-President of the Student Council and is endorsed by the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

CELEBRATION IS WHEN . . .

**you accept the fact that no matter how threatening change may appear, the reality of change is the unconditional prerequisite for life to have meaning**



# Summer's Israel excavation was 'great experience'

For the past several years every student at Southeastern has heard of Dr. Elmo Scoggin and his "trip to Israel." This excursion is actually much more than a trip - it is a time to discover - discover artifacts from the past, discover a special meaning to life and to the Bible, and discover an excitement teeming within the soul waiting for something extraordinary to bring it forth.

This past summer, Dr. and Mrs. Scoggin took 24 students from Southeastern on a dig to Tel Dan. However, due to heavy military traffic, the group spent their first five days at Aroer which is approximately 15 miles southeast of Bersheba. As soon as the roads cleared, they went on to ancient Dan and completed the seven weeks of excavation.

Dan is an extremely old city with the enclosed city site being approximately 50 acres. However, before 1175 BC when the tribe of Dan occupied the city, Dan was known by the name of Laish. When the tribe of Dan took over Laish, the city was already over 2000 years old.

This summer the group split up between four areas: the main entrance, the rampart, the mid-

dle city, and the High Place. The team working on the main entrance excavated it to the time of Abraham. Dr. Scoggin said that they were most confident that Abraham went through this entrance when he went into Dan to save Lot.

Another team worked on the rampart, digging down to the base to discover on what it was sitting. When they reached the base they discovered another level of occupation. At this level they found a tomb filled with artifacts with which they could date the level - which coincided with the time of Abraham around 1750-1800 BC.

In the Middle of the city, another team dug down to the Iron Age - which includes the Israelite period of occupation. This team discovered a tomb rich in artifacts dating back to 1550 BC. In this tomb, fifty to seventy-five whole vessels such as pots, platters, white ceramic pottery, and an alabaster pot were found. This tomb was dated to the Late Bronze Period, which was the time of Canaanite occupation.

At the High Place, of the Temple Area, the team excavated down through Roman and Greek

times on to the era of Israelite occupation. At this level of occupation, the team was digging in the time span of Ahab and Jeroboam, and at the site where Jeroboam set up the golden calf.

Dr. Scoggin said he will not be returning to Israel this coming summer but will be taking a group in the summer of 1984 to Tel Gezer to finish the excavation of the Solomonic Gate. In the past, participation in the dig gave 8 hours of advanced B credit - and will probably be the same in the summer of '84. A list is already being made of prospects for that trip with it being a first come, first serve basis with a preference being given to Seminary students. Dr. Scoggin said anyone interested should contact him to get on the list or for more information.

Unfortunately, a professor must eventually retire and Dr. Scoggin believes his retirement is not too far off. What will happen to the Seminary's participation in the excavations in Israel? Dr. Scoggin said no future is assured although it looks promising and he hopes it will continue. It takes a great deal of time and energy to organize and lead such an experience and he hopes some other professor will have the desire and dedication to one day take over. He said he has "every reason to believe the Administration is committed to it" and he plans to take students of the dig as long as he is capable. So, any student looking for a most meaningful and exciting summer should seriously consider the opportunity available through the Seminary to go on a dig to Israel - an experience never to be forgotten.

(First of two parts. Next issue: student reactions to Israel trip.)

## Library Lines

by Reference Services

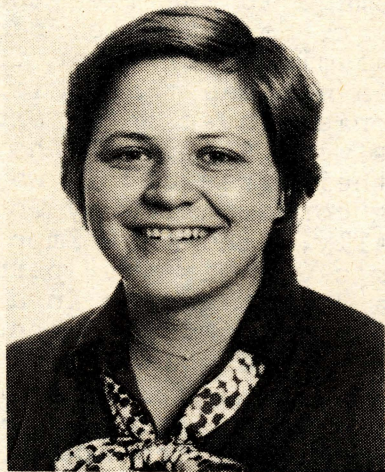
**THE EXIT BOOK-DETECTION SYSTEM** recently installed in the Library has been armed to detect unauthorized removal not only of books but also of periodicals (journals, magazines, etc.). Due to the fact that periodical literature frequently cannot be replaced at any cost, these valuable research materials are in the Reference collection and are to be used on the first floor of the Library only. They are not available for check-out.

**FOCUS ON C.C.C.** Sharron Gunter, M.Div./R.E.3, is now Church Curriculum Center assistant in the position formerly held by Kay Abbott, who graduated in May. Sharron is both capable and eager to assist in the C.C.C. with your study and examination of the church program, curriculum materials, and informational items produced by the various agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. The majority of her assigned hours are in the mornings, particularly Tuesday and Thursday.

This week Sharron wishes to call your attention to a new quarterly for single adults. "This special group has long been overlooked by our churches, parti-

cularly in Sunday School. The S.B.C. Sunday School Board is now trying to correct that oversight with the publication of Single Adult Bible Study. The quarterly is from the Life and Work Series and contains both Bible study for the learner, which can be applied to everyday life, and study helps for the teacher. Please come by the C.C.C. and become familiar with a of our resources."

The Church Curriculum Center is located on the second floor of the Library in the northwest corner.



Sharron Gunter

**Skip a meal . . .**

**. . . and give**

**the savings to**

**world hunger**

Join in the observation of World Hunger Week at Southeastern October 12-15.



# PERFORM

## Views of the new season

by Maryanne Fischler

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adventures and escaping from peril by the skin of his teeth. What's the point of that?, one might ask. There doesn't appear to be one. The two hour premiere featured an assortment of odd characters frantically pursuing the golden monkey while hanging around the monkey bar and avoiding the killer monkeys. If all that monkey business seems childish, think again. The violence of the series renders it unsuitable for children. The inanity of it renders it unsuitable for anyone else.

sional bursts into song and dance.

The idea which seems to be generally accepted by TV writers is that a happy family is a maudlin family. This was a problem in Seven Brides as well as in NBC's Family Ties. This show proposes to answer the question, "What happened to all of those off-beat people who "dropped out" of reality in the sixties?" Meredith Baxter Birney and Michael Gross play a couple who gave up being radicals in order to become parents. Of course, the ultimate irony is that their children turn out to be ultra-conservative. The basic premise of this series has a lot of comedic potential, but the first episode had some problems. The script was too predictable, the timing of the cast was a bit off, and the whole thing never quite got off the ground. Instead of getting to the point, it got mushy.

Back in the good old days, if television can be considered old enough to have good old days, the three networks had premiere week All new series debuted at that time, and it really got the new season off to a rousing start. Instead of a torrent of new shows, there is a mere sprinkling. From what I have seen so far, it would seem a blessing that they didn't come all at once.

While Tales of the Gold Monkey "borrows" heavily from film and gives no credit, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers claims to be based on the MGM film of the same title. Yet similarities to the film are hard to find. There is only one bride here, Terri Treas, and she plays more of a mother figure than a bride. The season opener introduces us to her and the household of assorted brothers. The key is supposed to be their wonderful relationship, but as so many family-oriented shows do, Seven Brides falls into the trap of mediocrity. It is very poorly written. It doesn't even hint at being realistic, a problem which is aggravated by occa-

All you need to know about Bring 'Em Back Alive (CBS) is that it is just like Tales of the Gold Monkey, only worse. It includes in its cast a truly obnoxious female whose only function seems to be being stupid and getting rescued.

Look for reviews of other new series in upcoming issues. If you can stand it, so can I.

### Book Views

## *A new attempt to solve problem of evil*

*When Bad Things Happen To Good People* by Harold Kushner (New York: Schocken Books, 1981), \$10.95.

Judging from the critical acclaim which this latest attempt to deal with the problem of evil has received, it is on its way to becoming a "spiritual" classic. The specifically Christian reviewer, however, must stop and say, not so fast.

Rabbi Kushner's book grew out of his experience in dealing with the death of his young son as a result of his affliction with progeria, or "rapid aging." When he died at the age of 14, Kushner considered his son an innocent, a "good person," who did not deserve his fate. The author was left trying to deal with this reality while reconciling it to what he calls "traditional" ways of looking at God. These he found wanting, and this book is his attempt to try to construct an alternative.

The first problem is apparent in the title. Kushner is operating with a view of man fundamentally different from that of most Christians. He divides the world into "good" and "bad" people, the former of which don't deserve a lot of the rotten thi-

ngs which "fate" has handed them. Minimizing the effects of sin, Kushner overlooks the view that in God's eyes even a St. Francis is as nothing, a rebel who has set himself up in opposition to God. As a consequence, man has no reason to deserve anything better than the world he has made for himself, with all its death and destruction and waste.

The second problem is that human freedom, which Kushner strongly and correctly affirms, is not seen as the cause of the world's desperate condition. He pays nodding homage to the idea that the Holocaust, for example, resulted from the misuse of human freedom, but does not see that this misuse carries over into ordinary life as well. All people have misused their freedom, in ways warranting condemnation by God.

Finally, and most important, Kushner's God is not permitted to be a God of grace. In an attempt to safeguard God's goodness, the author has absolved Him from responsibility for the world's evil by saying that much of that evil stems from the operation of "fate," a power found at least in

part in the laws of nature which God has set up. God is powerless to break these laws of nature, and thus to alleviate the suffering of His creatures.

As such, of course, God is also incapable of raising Christ from the dead for the salvation of His people, since if God could intervene on that occasion, He would be able to do so on any occasion, and thus be guilty of willful neglect if He didn't. For Christians, this is simply unacceptable, yet it is the key to everything else in the book.

Bad theology cannot result in good pastoral care (Kushner's real concern). The result of the Christian pastor's use of this thinking would inevitably be to bring despair into the lives of his parishioners, for the God who cannot raise His Son surely cannot save ordinary, sinful creatures like ourselves. Kushner's attempted solution of this difficult problem, meant for a general audience rather than a specifically Jewish one, must be seen by Christian, I believe, as a failed attempt.

--DAVID FISCHLER



# Stewart Theatre to feature Calloway, Truman

from News Releases

Stewart Theatre's Signature Series offers the best in classical and contemporary theatre this season with seven exciting masterpieces. Each show will be in Raleigh for two performances.

Opening the series on October 2 is a musical revue of an age gone by with the legendary Cab Calloway hosting a trip down memory lane in Cab Calloway's Cotton Club Revisited.

Kevin McCarthy portrays Harry Truman in the one-man-show "Give 'Em Hell, Harry" on October 24.

Raleigh's own National Opera Company appears in Stewart Theatre on November 19, performing Johann Strauss' comic operetta Die Fledermaus. A chamber orchestra drawn from the North Carolina Symphony will share the spotlight.

On December 4, Stewart Theatre hosts the Asolo State Theatre of Florida in its production of the mystery thriller Angel

Street. This residency is made possible by funds from the National Endowment for the Arts through the Southern Arts Federation, of which the North Carolina Arts Council is a member.

Making its second appearance in Stewart Theatre after its popular 1978 performance is the Swiss mime/mask group Mummenschanz. The date for this event is February 26.

The Barter Theatre of Virginia, who brought The Heiress to Stewart last year, returns to Raleigh on March 26 in Agatha Christie's murder mystery The Mousetrap. Currently in its 30th year in London, The Mousetrap is famed as the longest running play in stage history.

April 12 and 13 mark the 18th and 19th performances by John Houseman's Acting Company in Stewart when they present Shakespeare's comedy Twelfth Night.

For more information call the Stewart Theatre at 737-3104.



Cab Calloway

## Area Entertainment Calendar

### MUSIC

Cab Calloway, Stewart Theatre Signature Series, October 2-3, 8 p.m.

Tokyo Quartet, Stewart Theatre Chamber Music Series, October 3, 8 p.m.

### THEATRE

"Give 'Em Hell, Harry," Stewart Theatre Signature Series, October 24, 3 & 8 p.m.

The King & I, Meredith College Department of Theatre and the Performing Arts, October 29-30, November 12-13, 8 p.m., November 7, 1:30 p.m., Jones Auditorium.

Sherlock Holmes, Raleigh Little Theatre, September 24-October 10.

Life on the Mississippi, UNC Paul Green Theatre, October 1-2, 7 & 10:30 p.m.

Broadway on Tour, UNC Memorial Hall, October 3-4, 8:30 p.m.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Stewart Theatre, P.O. Box 5217, Raleigh, N.C. 27650, or call the Box Office at 737-3104.

Meredith College, 3800 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, N. C. 27607.

Raleigh Little Theatre, Box 5637 Raleigh, N.C., 27607 or call the Box Office at 821-3111.

UNC, Graham Memorial Box Office, noon- 6 p.m. Call 962-1121.

## Symphony performs magnificently

by Ruth Fleming

On Thursday, September 23rd, the Raleigh Symphony Orchestra performed in Binkley Chapel. The Orchestra, conducted by Alan Neilson, did a most outstanding job with the works they artistically played for the audience. The program began with Mendelssohn's Scottish Symphony no. 3 in A minor. This selection was a magnificent way to begin the evening for it is such a diverse piece of music. The entire symphony was rich in sound and well paced. Most moving was the Scherzo assai vivace movement although the entire selection was wonderfully performed.

The Mendelssohn selection was

followed by "Una Voce Poco Fa" from Rossini's Barber of Seville. Ms. Jacquelyn Culpepper was most proficient in her singing of this number, moving most accurately and beautifully from note to note. This piece is a most difficult number to perform and she did an outstanding job.

After the intermission, Mozart's Exultate, Jubilate was performed. Although the piece was nicely performed by both orchestra and soloist, it was a rather tiresome number, especially after the first half of the program.

The concert ended with Overture to Rienzi by Wagner. Mr.

Neilson, as usual, concluded his program with a magnificent work to which the orchestra did great justice.

The concert as a whole was most enjoyable and delightful to the ear. Acoustics in Binkley Chapel were surprisingly good and, therefore, will encourage this critic to attend more performances there. Alan Neilson is an excellent conductor and truly knows how to end a piece, leaving one speechless. Any future performance of the Raleigh Symphony Orchestra will be well worth one's energy to attend a delightful evening of classical music.



# Seminary Council begins work

by Darrah Degnan

Arising from student council initiative and then approved by the faculty in 1969, Seminary Council was founded to provide for a direct student interchange with Faculty and Administration together.

President Lolley, Dean Ashcraft and Ron Wilkins, Student Council President, are the ex officio members, and the elected members for 1982-82 are:

Faculty - Dr. Rogers, Dr. Trotter; Administration - Dr. McLeod, Mr. Wayne Murphy; Student - Darrah Degnan and one student to be elected this fall.

Seminary Council, though not a policy making body, will discuss with friendly candor any issue of student life brought to its attention. The Council deals with long term issues in more depth than the President's Open Forum. Items for the October 7 agenda must be received by Dr. Rogers, secretary, by Sept. 30. Items may be presented to any member of the committee.

## SEBTS bicycler wins 10km race

by Conrad Navarro

Congratulations to our fellow classman, Robert Grey, who September 11th won the Fanning Rogue Race in Hillsborough.

This 10 kilometer (6.2 miles) road race was the third in a series of five road races sponsored this summer and fall by the Orange County Recreation and Parks Department.

Bob covered the hilly course in a time of 33:19.9, beating a field of 104 runners. This reporter was one of those runners. I finished 71st with a time of 48:02.4. While Bob received a trophy almost as tall as I am, I received a tongue-depressor with the number 71 printed on it!

Bob who is a former Marine, has run on the Marine Corps Track Team. He has coached both high school and college cross-country and track teams.

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## Wilkins (cont'd from p. 3)

acceptance of one another as brothers and equals with common interests and goals. Those of you who have young children should ask them sometime whether they would rather live in a neighborhood with or without other children. Of course they will say with—children have a fine sense of community.

Community is when you lose, I lose. When you win, I win. When you cry, I cry. When you suffer, I suffer. When you rejoice, I rejoice. It is the sharing of our experience and of ourselves with mutual respect and trust.

2. Our faces must be set on collective worship.

I heard a preacher say once that if he had a thousand tongues he'd praise God with every one of them. We cannot even begin to thank God for all that He has done for us, for His kindness and mercy toward wretches like ourselves. We as a body are well aware that we once were nothing, but now are something because of Him. And this chapel is the place for us to show our appreciation. This is perhaps above all a community of worship, a fact that we need to be ever conscious of.

The 1982-83 school year is a new step for some and a newer step for others. We can achieve our purpose with God's help. In order to do that we must set our faces on Christ. We must set our faces on worship, and on community. Let us go forth with a renewed faith in each other to accomplish our goals, and to keep our faces set.

## Running club meets

by Felicia Stewart

On Friday, October 24 a group of thirteen seminary students led by Conrad Navarro and Felicia Stewart met to organize a seminary running club. Electing Conrad as their president, the club decided to remain a very informal one so that all members of the Seminary community will be welcome to all of its activities.

With its main objective being to offer support to each other, the club members already have plans for several activities. Every first and third Saturday at 9:00 and every second and fourth Thursday at 5:00 runners will meet in front of the gym for a fun run.

On the first Friday of every month, the group will meet at 10:00 for a program with speakers dealing with pertinent running topics. The program for the first meeting on Friday, October 1 in 101 Appleby will be "Winter Running."

The club has not decided on a name or logo and any suggestions would be appreciated.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### Wanted

NEEDED—Aluminum cans to be recycled with money going to local needy. Please deposit in receptacles by drink machines on campus.

### Services

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### Meetings

RUNNING CLUB—Will have its first monthly meeting on Friday, October 1 in Appleby 101. The topic will be "Winter Running." See Felicia Stewart or Conrad Navarro for further details.

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