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Seminarians Aid Red Cross at Coast

by Andy Orr

On Friday, September 14th, over one tenth of the Southeastern student body was absent.

But they had a worthwhile reason. They had gone to the beaches around Wilmington, N.C. to help assess the damage from American Red Cross disaster number 687 - hurricane Diana, the worst storm to assault the North Carolina coastline in thirty years.

According to Woods Culpepper, a third year M.Div./R.E. student from Montgomery, Alabama who organized the Southeastern effort, around 140 student volunteers assisted the Red Cross in

its efforts to aid the victims of Diana's water and 100-plus-m.p.h. winds. The students were joined by faculty members T. Furman Hewitt and Glenn Miller as well as seminary President W. Randall Lolley and his wife Lou.

Culpepper, who had seen hurricane damage in Alabama, said, "I lived through hurricane Frederick and helped them clean up after that one...and after the tornadoes hit around here last spring everyone kept talking about what we ought to do and no one did it. But this time we did." He recalled that as Diana was moving in on North

Carolina "we started doing the same thing - talking about what we ought to do. Then it hit me and I said, 'Hey! We can go. We're a seminary...being in ministry takes more than classroom time. It's going out there and being with people and doing something.'" He then called the Red Cross office in Raleigh and when told they could use all the help they could get he went to Lolley for a presidential endorsement. Culpepper said Lolley's response was, "'If you'll take charge of organizing it - go to it! And I'll go with you.'"

As Culpepper enlisted friends to help him recruit and organize volunteers, Diana brushed the southern coastal area of Wilmington then casually moved back into open water and stalled. Feeling the storm had passed, many coastal evacuees returned to their homes. Then in Thursday's early morning darkness Diana suddenly returned, slamming back into the Wilmington area. Though many coastal residents were caught off guard Culpepper's organizational team was ready.

Most of those attending Southeastern's Thursday morning chapel service seemed unaware that Wake Forest's dreary weather was evidence that Diana had finally come ashore 140 miles away. After breaking the news that, even as he spoke, Diana was still battering the six county Wilmington vicinity, Lolley called for prayers and for volunteers to help the Red Cross.

By 11 a.m. the following day Culpepper and his associates had 136 Southeasterners trained in Red Cross damage assessment and sitting in Wilmington's Red Cross disaster relief headquarters waiting for their assignments.

Even though they were expected, the presence of this large well organized group, trained for the job

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--photo by Ray Wickham

Seminary volunteers look over plans with President and Mrs. Lolley.

CROP Walk Scheduled Oct. 7

On Sunday, October 7 the Wake Forest Ministerial Association is sponsoring a CROP walk in Wake Forest. CROP is the name given to local hunger education and fund raising events sponsored by Church World Service (CWS), an international relief, development and refugee resettlement agency. Over 30 Protestant and Orthodox communions assist in the worldwide programs sponsored by CWS.

Increasingly, CWS directs resources in money, materials, and personnel toward development, supporting projects in health, nutrition, water resources, agriculture, appropriate technology, housing and family life. Still, cases

of urgent need caused by natural disaster or social upheaval frequently require swift responses with emergency assistance.

CWS is cost conscious and cost effective. 87 percent of CWS dollars go to meet human needs according to the purpose of the organization. 25 cents of each dollar given are used locally to combat hunger problems.

The events of Sunday will begin with a pre-walk rally at 1:30 near the seminary arches. The walk will commence at 2:00. Walkers and sponsors are greatly needed. For more information and sign-up contact Rick Beech at 689-2986.

Seniors Sponsor Bloodmobile

The 1984-85 Senior Class is sponsoring the Fall Bloodmobile visit at Southeastern on Thursday, October 18 beginning at 9:00 A.M. in Mackie Commons. All persons interested in helping please contact Mark Hollar at 528-2424 or Wayne Rogers at 847-5683.

All students and faculty are urged to help "GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE" on Thursday, October 18.

From the Editor

In the next issue of the Enquiry you may notice some changes. The major one, for me at least, will be that my name will be listed under "Staff" instead of under "Editor." My responsibilities will take a major shift.

I have resigned as editor so I may devote my energies and time in other directions. I had, in fact, not planned on being editor at all this year, but when no one applied for the job last Spring, I agreed to do it until someone else could take over.

David Dixon, who has been Assistant Editor this year, has been appointed editor by the Student

Council. I feel confident that his energy and excitement will make his tenure a successful one.

I appreciate the opportunity of being editor of the Enquiry. It has sometimes been a tedious and thankless job, but it has most often been a rewarding and enjoyable one. I have gained valuable experience in publications, but I have especially learned much about the great value of people. I have always had a wonderful staff with which to work.

I wish the new editor the best and hope that you, the readers of the seminary community, will be supportive of him.--FS

Formation in Ministry

Good News

by Ethel Burton Lee

This is my week to contribute news from the Formation In Ministry Department. The news I have is good - and bad. First, the bad news: ministry is a stress-full experience. Now, I didn't say this was new news, and maybe you're thinking it isn't helpful to be reminded of something you already know, either by hearsay or first hand experience. If your knowledge is hearsay, my word to you is "listen up." Those of you who know from experience, and especially current experience, I'm trying to throw you a life-preserver. Reach out and catch hold.

Probably no one will argue that ministry has all the ingredients of a first class stressor. Expectations are seldom clearly articulated or even consciously understood. Measurements of "success" are usually arbitrary and unrealistic, not to mention unreasonable. There is hidden agenda both within and without. Mixed messages are the order of the day.

According to Ann Landers, who quoted the results of a recent computerized survey, the perfect pastor "preaches exactly 15 minutes, condemns sin but never embarrasses anyone, works from 8 am until midnight and is also the janitor." This paragon "makes \$60 a week, wears good clothes, drives a new car, gives \$50 a week to the poor, makes 15 calls daily on parish families, shut-ins and hospital patients and is always in the office when needed." Similar scenarios can be written about all ministry positions. So what can be done with an impossible situation? That's where the good news comes in.

And it is good news, indeed. We are the recipients of a grace filled gospel. Our first loyalty is to the God who called us. We take our direction from that One and not from the idols we seek to create out of ourselves. If we are honest, we are forced to confess that much of our activity is nothing more than busywork. We give ourselves, body and soul, to meaningless endeavors, hoping to prove our value. Bigger buildings, larger attendance, more programs, increased salaries - - all are tangible evidence of our needs.

The good news is: God loves you just the way you are. You don't have to prove your value to anyone, not even yourself. If you'd stop the race, or at least slow down the pace, you could hear that better. You'd hear that love is a gift and you are a gift. Then, stress-full would become grace-full. Life and ministry would be transformed into abundant joy. Isn't it about time that we, who are proclaimers of the Good News, became living messages?

Just in case you think this has nothing to do with you, I am already seeing a lot of tense bodies and frowning faces. This is the place where patterns are set for the future. So, relax and live a little. Use some of that energy you normally reserve for a hectic schedule to play. Surprise your family with some time and attention. Enjoy a friend. Or just sit in solitude.

Thanks for listening. I don't get to preach many sermons so I grabbed this chance to write one. Recently when I affirmed the meaningfulness of a friend's sermon, she responded, "I was really preaching to myself." I kind of think that must be what I've been doing. Please - the next time you hear me making excuses about having no time to play, remind me of the Good News. Shalom.

Any persons interested in writing for the Enquiry please contact David Dixon (556-3224).

Speaker's Corner

Seminary Wives in Ministry

by Linda Lee, President

The major purposes of the Seminary Wives in Ministry is to create an opportunity for wives of seminary students to meet and share with one another, to identify their individual areas of call, to develop their talents and abilities as partners with their husbands in ministry, and to provide opportunities for service to the seminary family.

We were formally organized on October 9, 1951. Through the years the name has been changed several times; the last change took place last year when the name changed to Seminary Wives in Ministry.

We consider ourselves fortunate to have such an organization for helping us to develop our ministries here at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary since not all of our sister institutions have this organization. All wives of students are welcomed into our membership. In addition to the monthly general meetings, small neighborhood groups are also active. We encourage all wives to take an active part in one or both of these activities.

This past year's activities include a craft and bake sale, the first winter orientation for new wives in addition to the regularly scheduled fall orientation, revival of the Big/Little Sister program, several covered dish dinners, two entertainment seminars and an end of the summer bash--a pool party.

Our cookbook project ended with the printing of Breaking Bread: A Collection of Recipes from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

This year promises to offer just as much. Coming events include the following:

Oct. 15 - General meeting with Nell Gupton of "Color Images" in Louisville

Oct. 22 - Ester Adams Seminar with Mrs. Grady Nutt as our speaker

Nov. 2 & 3 - Mrs. Virginia Canon from Atlanta will be leading us in an entertainment seminar

Nov. 19 - General meeting with Dr. Donna Forrester as our speaker

Dec. 9 - Christmas Tea at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Randall Lolley

There are many opportunities offered for fellowship and strengthening our common bond as wives of students here at Southeastern.

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Next Deadline

The next deadline for submitting articles and letters for publication in the Enquiry is October 18. All materials must be typewritten and signed.

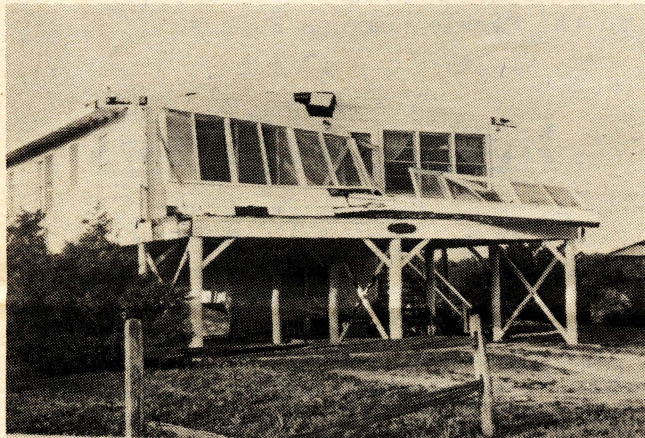
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before leaving campus, seemed to flabbergast Red Cross personnel.

The reaction of Dick Meyer, a Red Cross volunteer from Stone Mt., Ga. and a veteran of disaster relief work, was typical of his peers. Meyer exclaimed, "This is really something. This is the largest group of volunteers I've ever seen. I've never seen a survey crew like this...Usually we have to fight to find local people to help because they are all trying to get their places rebuilt...For something of this magnitude it can take up to two or three weeks to do a survey but with this group we should finish in two or three days."

Mike Carroll, a Red Cross Damage Assessment manager from Vermont echoed Meyer as he addressed the Southeastern group, "We are overwhelmed with the response we've gotten from you people... we expect to do damage assessment in record time."

Carroll went on to explain the importance of the Southeasterners' work "In a couple of days people whose homes have been damaged are going to come into a Red Cross assistance center and

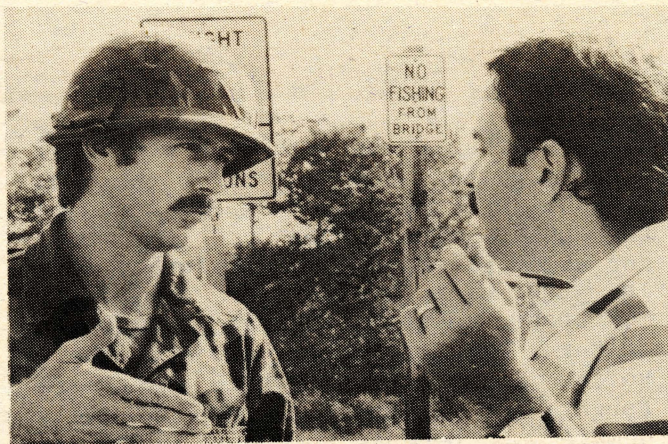


--photo by Ray Wickham

ask us to help them. Now we have ways of helping them that are absolutely dependent on damage assessment data. You're going to go out there in the field and you don't have anything to give those people who are suffering; you haven't any money or material to hand over, but the work that you do is every bit as important as the giving of assistance which we'll do in a couple of days," he said. According to Carroll the data gathered by Southeastern

Eleanor Nutt to Address Wives

Eleanor Nutt will be an honored guest to the Seminary campus when she will be speaking to the seminary and faculty wives on October 22 for the fall Ester Adams Seminar. The evening will begin in Broyhill Hall with an informal sandwich supper with Mrs. Nutt from 5:30 to 6:30 pm followed by the seminar from 7:00 to 9:30 pm. The seminar will be held in the newly completed Adams Hall. Child care will be provided at Wake Forest Baptist Church for the seminar. This evening promises to be an enlightening time of fellowship with Eleanor Nutt, so make plans now to attend.



--photo by Ray Wickham

Woods Culpepper talks with National Guardsman while surveying damage.

student would be used to help determine eligibility for Red Cross benefits.

What the Southeastern volunteers found in the field was a desperately hot and muggy day, hordes of biting sand flies and damage to property which ranged from minor to total destruction. Because the storm, which had been weakened by its earlier brush with land, had hit during low tide it had not delivered the widespread decimation many people had feared. In its survey of residential areas, much of which was done by the Southeastern teams, the Red Cross logged 63 homes totally destroyed while 553 were so severely damaged as to be uninhabitable.

The communities on the barrier islands suffered the brunt of Diana's fury. A Southeastern survey party of 15, which included Lolley and Culpepper, was sent to the island community of Long Beach, 30 miles south of Wilmington. There they found a town of 1800 people that had been staggered by Diana's relentless pounding. The townhall had had its backside blown off, power was out and there was the danger of contaminated drinking water. Along the beach front many of the homes looked as if mother nature had picked them up in a fit of anger, 'shook the daylights' out of them and then sat them down rudely after coming to her senses.

But more than buildings appeared to be violently shaken. Most of the

McKibbins Joins Faculty

by Jim Baugess

Dr. Thomas McKibbins is beginning as Associate Professor in the preaching department of Southeastern. He has earned the Bachelors degree at the University of Mississippi, the M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and has also done further study at the University of Saint Andrews in Scotland. His area of interest is the history of preaching, and he laments the fact that contemporary thought has treated early Baptist preaching as being nothing more than frontier emotionalism. In the spring of 1985 he will be offering a two hour course on the heritage of Baptist preaching in which he intends to demonstrate otherwise.

When asked what methodology of preaching he preferred, Dr. McKibbins gave a forthright answer, "I do not

residents who were gathered at the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Disaster Relief Unit for a cold drink or a hot meal had anxiously ridden the storm out on the island. Though they expressed gratitude that damage was less than it could have been they also admitted to feeling disoriented from the shock. At times the very sight of the Red Cross badges, identifying the Southeastern people, seemed to help victims organize their swirling thoughts and emotions. Most of the residents preferred to talk about reordering their lives rather than reliving the chaos.

As for the Southeastern volunteers, most returned to school within 48 hours while others were able to stay longer. Many expressed disappointment that their long hours of work yielded very few, if any, chances to offer tangible assistance to people in need. But they also talked about what their cooperative effort to help the Red Cross people meant to them and those who went seemed to realize that their presence had in fact made a difference.

T. Furman Hewitt, the Southeastern Professor of Ethics who accompanied his students and worked in surveying heavily damaged Wilmington Beach, reflected on the trip by saying that he "came back feeling good about the experience, despite the drudgery." He noted that ministers are often anxious to do something tangible for people only to find out that the tangible aspect of meeting peoples' needs involves very hard work that is "anything but glamorous" and he expressed hope that the students had learned something about ministry and about themselves in working with the Red Cross.

Hewitt stated "I was especially pleased that such a large group of students was willing to commit themselves to a situation where the opportunity for ministry involves some unselfish giving of themselves in what is not a high profile, glamorous kind or experience...that's what ministry is all about."

believe we ought to have the category of topical preaching," he remarked, "even if you have a topic and try to find a text for it, it still comes out expository."

Dr. McKibbins has definite ideas as to what good preaching should accomplish, and how it should be approached. "Good preaching does not help people to remember the outline," he declares, "rather it should recreate the life of Christ in people. People should encounter Jesus Christ when the Word of God is preached. My approach to preaching is simply the idea that the preacher should have as much freedom as possible to be his or herself."

When asked as to who are the greatest preachers he has either read or heard, Dr. McKibbins answered enthusiastically. "Among the black

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preachers, I would say that Gardner Taylor and Dr. Frederick Sampson are two of the great ones. Dr. Martin Luther King was a great preacher. King's 'I Have a Dream' sermon was one of the greatest messages ever preached. It had such a tremendous impact. Among Southern Baptist preachers, the best ones are the ones least known. They are just right for the people in their churches. Sometimes they are fresh out of seminary, and are not known convention-wide. These individuals are simply faithful in handling the Word of God. In my estimation, Elizabeth Achtemeier is one of the finest pulpiteers in America. There are so many women preachers tucked away in little churches, faithfully preaching the Word of God every week."

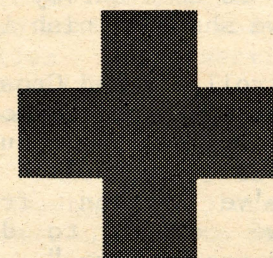
Dr. McKibbens responded to the question of the quality of women pulpiteers forthrightly. "Women preachers are usually better than the men, because they come out with an interpretation of the text which

differs from their male counter-parts, resulting in the hearers gaining insight they have not experienced in the past. The biggest problem I see for women preachers," he offered, "is in the area of sermon delivery." McKibbens laments that men in American culture are taught to project their voices in preaching, while women are taught or expected to speak very demurely. Because women are expected to speak softly, their message does not come across to their listeners. "If a woman does project" he remarks, "she is thought to be too forward. Churches may have to be reconditioned in not being offended when a woman speaks with force or power."

Dr. McKibbens believes sincerely that preaching today is as good as ever. Every generation bemoans a lack of eloquence and content, but that is not an earth shaking revelation - people said the same thing in the nineteenth century - an era revered as the golden age of preaching.

When asked of closing comments or advice he would like to give young preachers, Dr. McKibbens answered very simply: "Perhaps the greatest sin for preachers is to make the gospel boring."

Dr. McKibbens stated that he wants to be a friend to the seminary community - with all the implications that such friendship implies.



Keep Red Cross ready.

Bloodmobile Thursday, October 18
in the Mackie Commons Room.

Library Lines

GUIDELINES FOR USING LIBRARY DOOR AS A BULLETIN BOARD

In keeping with the Library's essential nature as an information center, we permit use of the south exit door as a bulletin board for events that are of a broad community interest. The following guidelines must be observed for notices:

1. Notices must be approved by a designated member of the library staff at the Circulation Desk. We reserve the right to remove any notice not approved.
2. Notices must not exceed 8.5 by 11 inches in size.
3. Masking tape is essential for mounting. Do not use transparent tape.
4. Notices should not be posted more than 7-10 days before the date of the event. Please remove your own notices. If we remove them, they will not be saved.

GROUP STUDY ROOMS AVAILABLE

Because of changes in the library, the large group study room on third floor has become the Listening Room. At present, there is no other large group study room available. However, the Seminar Room on second floor will be made available to groups of five or more students, provided: 1. they make a reservation in advance at the Circulation Desk, and 2. no other seminary function needs to be scheduled for that room. The key for the Seminar Room must be checked out at the Circulation Desk at the time of intended use.

The small Group Study Room on second floor will be available for groups of two to four. A reservation must be made at least one hour in advance of planned usage in order to

ensure the room's availability. Unless a group has made that reservation, it cannot ask another group already in the room to give it up.

COME AND GET IT

Audiocassettes are ready at the Audiovisual Center for all those who have placed orders in recent weeks or months for chapel tapes, etc. Pick them up from Les Williams as soon as possible.

SO! WHAT'S NEW on the second floor of the Library? The Church Curriculum Center has on display several new items for the new church year! Such items include:

- 1985 January Bible Study
- 1985 Home Mission Study
- 1984 Foreign Mission Study
- Association Materials
- Music in Worship Kit
- Bible Book Study for Adults, Korean edition

All of the materials in the church Curriculum Center are provided for students, faculty, staff, and especially members of area churches who are interested in examining materials before ordering or purchasing them from the Materials Services Department, Nashville, or from a Baptist Book Store.

We hope that you will take advantage of such an opportunity and visit the Church Curriculum Center to examine the wide range of materials for you and your church.

NOTE:

In October, a Give-Away Table of Southern Baptist materials will be located outside the A.V. Center in the Library. Keep Alert!

Loresa Heyward
CCC Assistant

Intramural News

This should prove to be an interesting year for intramurals at Southeastern. The main reason for this is the uncertain future of Gore Gymnasium. There are plans for reconstruction coming soon but the exact date has not yet been determined. The intramural directors along with Woody Catoe are doing all they can to salvage a successful Basketball program

This year's committee is led by Greg Eberhard, Chris Fuller, and Steve Brown. These fellows are working hard to provide a dynamic recreation program at Southeastern.

The intramural football season is well underway and it looks like the Red Tide coached by Scott Waterhouse and quarterbacked by Bill Reynolds is the team to beat. Don't place your bets too soon though sports fans because Hall's Hosers are tough competition.

Starting in early October is Co-ed Volleyball. It is still not too late to sign-up in Appleby so go ahead and be a part of the fun. The games will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at five and six o'clock p.m. Husbands and wives will be placed on the same team.

That's all for now sports fans, if we can help you or need information call Greg Eberhard at 556-5486 or Chris Fuller at 556-9921.

Theology Is A Verb III

October 14-16 Theology is a Verb III will be held in Chapel Hill at Olin T. Binkley Memorial and University Baptist Churches. Seminary students may register through Sunday, October 7 at a cost of \$10. This fee includes a pig pickin' as well as the conference. Registration forms are available in the library.