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A WORKABLE SYSTEM

Suppose you have an idea for improving the quality of our corporate seminary experience at Southeastern. What do you do? Where do you go? Who do you see? These can be frustrating questions unless you have an effective understanding of the lines of communication on campus.

What, then, are these lines of communication? What is the "chain of responsibility" here at Southeastern? This chain of responsibility begins with the student. Each year students elect a Student Council. The primary task of the Student Council is to represent the student body in ways that will improve the quality of the total seminary experience - academic, social, spiritual.

Therefore, if you are really serious about the idea you have, you will want to take it to your elected class representative. Or, if the idea has to do with arts, athletics, chapel, ethics, off-campus ministries, social activities, or student welfare, you will want to approach the appropriate committee chairman of the Student Council. As you know, each of these areas is represented by a chairman from the Student Council.

The next step, after consulting with the Student Council President (and perhaps the entire Council), is to take the idea to the Department of Counseling and Student Activities. The office of the "Assistant to the Director of Counseling" has been set up specifically for this purpose. This office, as you have probably noticed, is located on the second floor of Mackie Hall, and is "home base" for the coordination of student activities.

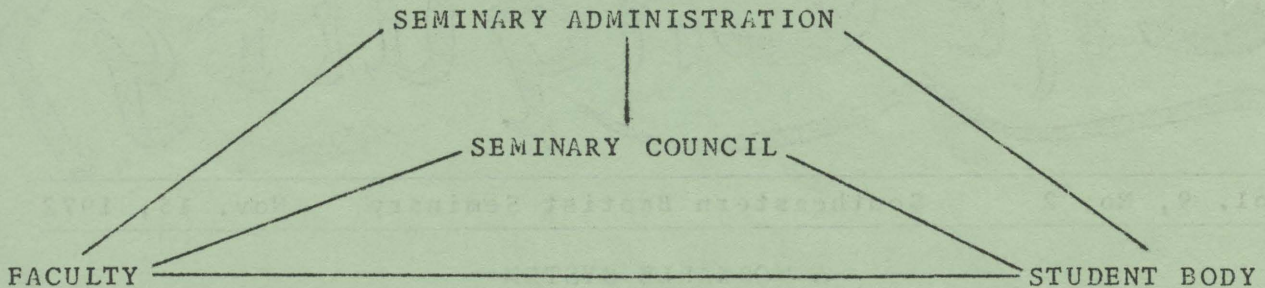
From this point in the process, appropriate faculty and administrative consultations will be held. Due consideration will be given the idea, and the final success or failure of the undertaking will be decided. Obviously, not every idea can be implemented; but, by working through the structure of the Seminary, every idea can be given thoughtful and prayerful consideration.

A further note - in addition to the three divisions of responsibility in our Seminary community (ie., student body, faculty, and administration), Southeastern has a "Seminary Council." The Seminary Council is composed of key representatives from the student body, faculty, and administration, and facilitates communication on campus. By communicating your ideas through the Seminary Council Student Representatives your thought can be

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presented to representatives of the entire Seminary community. The over-all structure of our Seminary community, then, can be diagrammed as follows:



As one who has been a member of the Southeastern Seminary community for three years, I have found ours to be a logical, responsive, and workable structure. The delightful realization of a student recreation room in Mackie Hall - a student initiated idea - is strong evidence of this point. Now, what about that idea of yours!

Don Hadley
Assistant to the Director of Counseling

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"Degrees"

In experiencing the very essence of Being
I have truly known Love.
For the beauty of Life involves Being
Love impels me to experience my Being
through relationships,
herein lies essence -
for in the beauty of Persons
I find true joy
and in the joy of Love
I find true beauty.
And in beauty I find the will to Be . . . Yet:
I am not
I try to be
But often I forget the Becoming . . .

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IS BELIEF IN GOD AMERICAN AS APPLE PIE?

WAKE FOREST, N.C.--Is belief in God really as American as apple pie? Is the predominant religion in America really the American way of life?

These were the type questions a distinguished group of 29 Jewish and Christian theologians and sociologists discussed in a three day conference at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary which ended November 1. The topic was civil religion, defined as aspects of religion that become intermingled with civil life in America: the idea that Christianity is equated with Americanism.

This last point was mentioned by an attending rabbi as having "extremely important practical implications for the life situations of many Americans, especially American Jews." Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, National Director of Interreligious Affairs with the American Jewish Committee, expressed concern about an inter-denominational evangelistic drive to be held in 1973, known as Key 73. Tanenbaum said the drive is to be based on a conception of America as an "evangelistic empire," and "This notion of America and evangelical Christianity being one and the other is a regression from the liberal democratic view which is grounded on the pluralistic idea that Jews, Catholics, and others are full partners in American society."

The rabbi said the anticipated Republican victory in the Nov. 7 election "will quite possibly have the effect of establishing evangelical Christianity as the defacto religious establishment of America."

Politics was also a concern of Elwyn A. Smith, provost of Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, who said the United States "has lost prophetic moral concern and degenerated into piety and moralism." He said, "I am struck by the insensitivity of the public to ample evidence of grossly immoral behavior in government, and the public's apparent eagerness to take the moralistic reassurances Mr. Nixon hands it."

Smith said piety is in and morality is out for Protestant America. He contrasted piety that consists of a system of acts and attributes of a religious type that enjoy wide public acceptance, to morality which he defined as an understanding of right and wrong to which all persons, irrespective of wealth, learning, or public position, are subject.

A similar opinion was voiced by an eminent professor of sociology and religion from Union Theological Seminary in New York, Dr. C. Eric Lincoln. Lincoln said "Americanism" is a third force in American pluralism, alongside Christianity and Judaism. He defined his new term as "the vigorous offspring of a marriage of faiths. It is the religion of the American culture, the religion of the republic, the national religious self-understanding that embodies and cherishes the ideals, the aspirations, the hopes that have traditionally been associated with America. It is the semi-secular, unofficial, characteristic religion to which most Americans appeal when an appeal is necessary. It is the religion most Americans feel when they feel anything at all," he said.

Lincoln, a black, suggested black religion may become a fourth power, a saving force in the United States, since it has

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been separated from American culture while other religions have become intermingled with the culture.

Immigrants could in time be "melted into assimilation" if they learned the language and anglicized their names, he said, but those whose forbears came by way of Baltimore and Charleston were to remain unaccepted, though they anglicized their names and learned the language.

The role of white ethnic groups was discussed by the Rev. Andrew M. Greeley, a leading Catholic sociologist, who challenged the concept that white, ethnic Americans are superpatriots. "It was not an ethnic who said 'My country, right or wrong,'" Greeley said. "But he has not been in America long enough or achieved that level of security where it becomes easy to hate and despise the United States. An appeal to the conscience of the ethnic against war and against injustice that is based on American patriotism has a much better chance of being effective than one based on a denunciation of America as a sick society, burning American flags, and ridiculing American institutions."

He concluded, "I am suggesting that in addition to the narrowness, ignorance, insecurity, and fear which can indeed be found in the ethnic population of this country, there is also a potential for openness, movement, and growth. Ethnics are neither angels nor devils, but human beings with fears and limitations on the one hand, and nobility and the capacity to grow on the other." Greeley is director of the Center for the Study of American Pluralism at the University of Chicago.

Arthur Mann, Preston and Sterling Morton Professor of American history at the University of Chicago, summarized the history of civil religion in America, and said, "America's civil religion has been America's way of saying what it means to be an American. It defines our nationality by expressing our better selves."

Dr. Charles P. Henderson, Jr., Assistant Dean of the Chapel at Princeton University and author of "The Nixon Theology," closed the meeting with an address in which he said, "American civil religion is sustained by individuals with unusual charismatic power and by a series of broadly-based social movements. These charismatic individuals are effective because they successfully embody free-floating symbols, and because they shape those symbols with ad hoc constellations of meaning." He listed President Nixon, Billy Graham, the Kennedys, George McGovern, George Wallace and others as examples of such leaders. Both McGovern and Nixon acknowledge using religious phrases to arouse feelings for social causes, he said.

The colloquium was sponsored jointly by Southeastern Seminary and the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee. It was organized by Dr. B. Elmo Scoggin, Southeastern professor of Hebrew and Old Testament, and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Director of Interreligious Affairs with the American Jewish Committee.

....Mike Creswell

RECREATION ROOM GUIDELINES

1. The second floor of Mackie Hall is open to students, faculty, staff, and their spouses. (Consideration will be given later to extension of privileges to children.)
2. The Recreation Room will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and by appointment made through the Assistant to the Director of Counseling.
3. This room has been furnished by gifts from the Senior Classes of 1971 and 1972 and by contributions from other donors.
4. With the provision of the Recreation Room and lounge area on the second floor, it is requested that food and drink not be consumed in the Commons Room.

Please note point 1. As of this time children are not allowed to use Recreation Room facilities.

Point 2 needs to be reemphasized. Appointments can be made through the Assistant to the Director of Counseling so that students may use the Recreation Room any night in the week and for any part of Saturday. First preference will be given to groups.

Take advantage of this opportunity to release some study tension.

....Lil Galphin

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OPEN HOUSE

The Southeastern Seminary Store will have an open house on November 20 during the hours of 7 - 9 p.m. The store invites you to bring the family or friends and see the Christmas ideas for home and church. Free hot chocolate will be served.

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DRAMA

"The Thief on the Right" and Tennessee Williams' "Moony's Kid Don't Cry" will be presented on Thursday evening, November 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Johnson Classroom Building. There will be no admission charges.

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CLASS MEETINGS

Class meetings will be held Friday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m. as follows:

Seniors - Binkley Chapel

Middler - Appleby Chapel

Junior - A-205

Certificate - Johnson Classroom Building

It is especially important that the Seniors attend their meeting. This will perhaps be the last meeting the seniors will have before graduation, and there are some matters of importance for each senior to be discussed at the meeting.

Everyone should make an honest effort to attend his own class meeting

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SPECIAL MINISTRY

Persons are still needed to minister to students in the Wake Forest Elementary and Junior High Schools through tutorial programs. One does not have to be skilled in any particular subject to become involved. The teaching of simple reading and perceptual skills can be learned in a brief session with the counselor at these schools. One or two hours per week given to a young boy or girl may open many doors of opportunity. If you would be willing to participate, please see Mr. Janes in the Field Education Office or give your name and a schedule of available time for this ministry to Miss Rita Justice.

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ALL WET

I believe in baptism by immersion and immersion only. I don't think the New Testament gives any other way to do it. There is not other way to translate the Greek word Baptizo. It means "to immerse." Anyone who hasn't been baptized (immersed) is not scripturally baptized.¹

....Gracchus

¹Of course I am broad-minded enough to see that this does not mean that Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Lutherans, etc., who have been sprinkled can't get into heaven. It just means they can't get into a Baptist Church. It doesn't mean that they can't have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It just means they can't have a personal relationship with a Baptist Church. It doesn't mean they can't enjoy true Christian fellowship. It just means they can't enjoy true fellowship with a Baptist Church. In other words, we are not better than our sprinkled brethren, just wetter.

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COY CLARA'S COZY CORNER

The talent award of the week goes to "Rock" Cash and his Laugh Box.

New books in print:

Two In A Prayer Room by Gloria Kimble.

101 Uses For Dead Sea Water by J. H. Simpson, III.

How To Get A Marriage License - Free - (Without Really Trying) by Jim Duncan.

The Amazing Grace Seasonal Hymnbook by the 4 Heretics.

How To Sew On A Button by Flippo the Hippo.

How To Trim a Beard (Without Really Trying) by Dickie Tumbleweed.

How To Take All The Air Out of a Poor Little Defenseless Ping Pong Ball by Priscilla Brodie.

How To Get Out of Making a Pizza - in 3 volumes - by Patsy Scott.

How To Ham Up a Perfectly Good Talent Show by Murdina "I'm so Sleepy" MacDonald.

One Easy Step to a Hebrew Sword Drill by Jid. (This edition includes the censored introduction by Les Perry).

My Collection of Unused Class Schedules by Butch of the Billiard Emporium.

Harvey's Realistic View of the Art of Communication - Anonymous?

Socks Don't Make The Man by Bob Newton.

The Secular City As Enjoyed By Earl Evans - Anonymous?

The Breaking of a President by Larry Phillips.

How To Become a Singing None by Murdina MacDonald, Libby Smith, and Arlene Westbrook.

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SPORTS

The intramural football season at S.E.B.T.S. is over and team III, led by quarterback Milt Lewis, has emerged as champions.

Intramural basketball will begin the first week after the Thanksgiving recess. If you would like to participate in the intramural basketball program, please sign the register sheet on the bulletin board in the Appleby Building. Referees are also

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needed. We hope to have enough players to have six teams with eight men on each team.

During the early part of next semester, we will have several tournaments including ping pong and pool. Later in the semester we will have tournaments in paddle ball, tennis, and horse shoes. Intramural softball will wind up the year of intramural sports.

.....Jim White
Athletic Director

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Student Council

1972-1973

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| Representatives for Seminary Council | Ken Alton Dan McFaden Larry Phillips |

Know your student representatives. They are your voice in student government.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 14.

Film--"Civilisation."
Johnson Auditorium

Wednesday, November 15.

Charles Shirley
Missionary to Argentina

Thursday, November 16.

William Gillett, representing M.Div. Class

Friday, November 17. Open Day.

Meetings: Senior Class--Binkley Chapel
Middler Class--Appleby Chapel
Junior Class--A205
Certificate Class--Johnson Classroom

Tuesday, November 21.

Film--"Civilisation."
Johnson Auditorium.

Wednesday, November 22.

Clifton Allen, Visiting Instructor
Emeritus Editorial Secretary, Sunday School Board,
Southern Baptist Convention.

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Thursday, November 14

Topic - "Civilization"
Johnson Auditorium

Wednesday, November 13

Charles G. ...
Missionary to ...

Thursday, November 12

Miss ...
Class

Friday, November 11, Open Day

Activities: Senior Class - ...
Junior Class - ...
Senior Class - ...
Junior Class - ...

Friday, November 11

Topic - "Civilization"
Johnson Auditorium

Thursday, November 10

Class ...
Senior ...
Junior ...

THE EXCURSION

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