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The M. Div./M.R.E. enrollment went over 900 for the first time in Southeastern's history this fall term.

FALL Coupled with students enrolled for other degree programs (D. Min, Th. M., A. Div.) the total enrollment for the first semester is 1,268 -- up 2% over the last fall enrollment (1,246). The noteworthy element in the new semester is the continuing strength of the basic degree programs M. Div./M.R.E. These are up 41 students this fall.

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The audit for fiscal year 1980-81 (ending July 31) has been completed by A. M. Pullen Co. The year has been a fine one with over  $6\frac{1}{2}$  million dollars flowing through the books. The year was completed well "in the black" thus continuing Southeastern's unswerving commitment to a balanced budget.

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Orientation for Southeastern's new trustees was held on campus,

September 7-9. According to evaluations provided by each participant, the event was exceptionally effective in acquainting these persons with the purpose and objectives of the seminary as well as the broader meaning and implications of their

trusteeship.

The regular trustee meeting will be held October 12-13.

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The SBC Executive Committee met in Nashville, Tennessee, September 21-23. Among matters discussed was the seminary funding formula which is being reviewed for possible revision over another three years.

COMMITTEE Final decisions regarding funding for theological education will be made in February, 1982.

The Interseminary Conference also convened in Nashville, September 21-23. This annual event brings together key peer groups from the six SBC seminaries for inspiration and information. Southeastern was the "chairman seminary" this year.

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Anna Holden, the president's secretary turns into her sixth week convalescing at home following surgery on her back for the removal of three ruptured discs.

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Mrs. Jessie W. Stealey, widow of Southeastern's first president, Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, died September 30. She and President Stealey lived and worked in Wake Forest to found the seminary from 1951 to 1963.

She was buried beside her husband in the Southeastern Seminary Cemetary on October 3. Their son Sydnor Jr., a dentist, lives in Fairbanks, Alaska.