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STEELE TO SPEAK AT SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY
FOUNDERS' DAY OBSERVANCE;
MATTHEWS TO RECEIVE AWARD

WAKE FOREST, N.C. - Founders' Day at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here March 16 will feature an address by Dale O. Steele of Burlington, N.C., and the awarding of the Citation for Excellence in Christian Ministry to Lawrence E. Matthews of Vienna, Va.

Steele, who holds three degrees from the 31-year-old Southern Baptist Convention seminary, is pastor, First Baptist Church, Burlington. He is also a graduate of Wake Forest University and a former national president of the seminary's alumni association.

The Citation for Excellence is the highest award given by the school. Its purpose is to recognize persons whose ministry reflects the values the seminary seeks to uphold, and which will serve as a model for its students.

Matthews, pastor of the Vienna Baptist Church, is a 1957 graduate of Southeastern, and was chosen because of the leadership he gave his church in its ministry to the community.

Southeastern Seminary was founded by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1950, and began its first classes in 1951 with 85 students. The enrollment now totals more than 1,400 and alumni number more than 4,500.

