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STUDENTS NAMED TO FACULTY COMMITTEES

The following names represent the completed list of students, voted on by the Student Council, as Student Council Representatives to Faculty Committees for the 1976-77 school year:

Academic Policy and Procedure

Tom Poole Nancy Stanton
Skip Pike Grady Edwards

Chapel

Beth Collier

Convocations, Lectures and Missionary Days

Betty Wynne
Roger Thompson
Rodney Simmonds

Field Education

Russell Ford
Steve Allsbrook

Student Library Committee

David Stanford Wayne Dunn
David Howell Charlie Smith

Graduation and Commencement

Lynne Powers
Stan Tipton

Student Affairs

Carol Neese

Student Discipline

Dwight Morris
Joseph Hughes
Richard Banks

These persons were recommended by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Student Council. These are the appropriate people to contact with specific concerns relating to the individual committees.

CAROL COMMENTS:

I am appalled! I am appalled at the operative theology of a vast number of SEBTS students and a few faculty members.

If God is worthy of our praise and worship is He not worthy regardless of the worship leader or speaker? Certainly, God is worthy and His worthiness does not depend on the capability or aptitude of the preacher. (Most of us pray this is true on Sunday mornings around 11:00.)

Chapel attendance was poor last year. This year enrollment is the largest ever at SEBTS. I have not noticed much increase in Chapel attendance except on days when persons who already have our respect are preaching. Does God visit us only on those days? I think not.

Schedules are tight, but if we are in "God's work" and cannot spare Him forty-five minutes, three days a week, are our priorities straight? I walked out of Chapel and saw groups of praying students or Bible-reading or meditating people perhaps I would not be as concerned. Instead I see men playing cards and lines waiting to get into the Snack Shop.

Group meetings for class projects should not be scheduled for 10:00 A.M. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10:00 is not an open hour. It is God's hour.

There is a raging (smoldering, perhaps) debate between fundamentalists, conservatives, moderates, and liberals. Those terms do not mean much anyway, but that does not seem to be the question to me. Perhaps the labels should be Christian or Not Christian or, at least committed or uncommitted. If we cannot stop long enough in our pursuits of learning, pleasure or whatever, to give the praise and honor due our God who called us to this place, God have mercy on us...God forgive us..CLC

COMMUNICATION

Without communication very little can be accomplished. Communication enables us to work together and hopefully communication keeps us from destroying one another as well. As I work with the Student Council this year, one of my priorities will be communication.

Communication on this campus has continued to improve over the last few years. Still there's more to be done. Hopefully you as a student will aid in this process. It takes two to communicate, so please share your concerns, ideas and suggestions with the Council. Up to this point we are attempting to enhance communication in the following ways:

Communications Committee: This committee is responsible for the flow of information from the Student Council to the student body and for the communication of needs of the student body to the Student Council. This is to be done by: (1) Suggestion Boxes, (2) Distribution of "Needs Survey", (3) posting of important information on S.C. Bulletin Boards, (4) special interest seminars and (5) student forums.

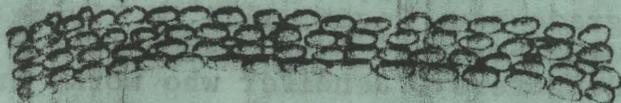
Publicity Committee: The Publicity Committee will be working very closely with the Communications Committee in the dissemination of information to the Student Body. Part of their responsibility is: (1) To maintain the bulletin boards, (2) To place notices in the campus bulletin and the Enquiry, (3) provide publicity for special events and (4) attempt to gather information that would concern the student body and publicize it.

Other possibilities: The Communications Committee plans to have several other student forums this year. Do you have some suggestions for a topic for one of these forums? It is a possibility that we may be able to set up a central bulletin board, outside, where information could be centralized. Do you have some ideas on the implementation of this bulletin board?

Have ideas? Please let us know.

Jim Brown, President SC

Beyond the Rock Wall by Larkin Rossitter



In case you haven't heard, there is a Presidential election going on between "Goober pea" Jimmy Carter and "Tumble-down" Jerry Ford. Gerald Ford has been acting-President since the resignation of Richard Nixon in 1974. The Democratic Congress has tried to take advantage of Mr. Ford's unelected status. (He was appointed by Nixon and confirmed by Congress as Vice-President when Spiro Agnew was forced to resign in disgrace) by passing bills which would establish a new "democratic" governmental establishment. This approach has only partially been successful because acting President Ford has vetoed many of these bills.

While Ford and the Congress were battling each other in Washington, Jimmy Carter was out in the sticks saying negative things about the Washington establishment to get nominated by the Democratic Party. Ronald Reagan tried this same tactic to get the Republican Party nomination but reactionary demagoguery has been unsuccessful this year. (Remember George Wallace's dismal showing in the primaries.)

What has been effective campaign rhetoric this year is ambiguity and absurdity. The former has been well illustrated in Carter's early emphasis on love, the goodness of the American people and godly religion. The height of absurdity has been Ford's working assumption that 7 to 8 percent white adult male unemployment is a social good (female and minority unemployment is so astronomical the administration does not even ascertain the percentage).

Where do they go from here?

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NEW HISTORY PROFESSOR JOINS SEBTS FACULTY by Wanda Brown

Having completed a session of summer school and having begun a semester in the regular academic year, Dr. Glenn T. Miller, newly elected Assistant Professor of Church History, maintains his optimism and enthusiasm about Southeastern Seminary. Dr. Miller believes Southeastern Seminary has "one of the strongest, if not the strongest faculty," of the six Southern Baptist seminaries. He credits the administration for its role in this area by enabling the faculty to be creative. According to Dr. Miller, the administration is very supportive in allowing academic freedom.

Dr. Miller's positive view of the seminary extends also to the students. Having taught at Union Theological Seminary in New York, a seminary unaffiliated with a denomination, Dr. Miller has been involved with students whose admission to the seminary has required higher entrance requirements. When questioned about less rigid requirements to enter a Southern Baptist seminary, he emphasized that since the Baptist denomination is a democracy "we cannot afford to put the church in the hands of the elite."

As a professor Dr. Miller is interested in innovative methods to teach history. Such a method he might employ with "mature and honest students" would be the contract method. This method, according to Dr. Miller, is useful for teaching skills such as learning to write a local church history. For some subjects, however, Dr. Miller contends that the lecture method has no parallel.

In a previous interview he expressed confidence in the seminary's task in training ministers. When questioned about his role in this task as a professor of history, Dr. Miller stated that as a history

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NEW FACES AT SEBTS

ALAN P. NEELY: Professor of Missions

Alan Preston Neely, a missionary in South America for thirteen years, is the newly elected Professor of Missions.

Dr. Neely, a native of Arkansas, received the B.A. degree from Baylor University and the B.D. and Th.D. degrees from Southwestern Seminary. He is now completing a Ph.D degree in international studies at the American University in Washington, D.C.

Before his appointment to the missions fields, he taught in several schools and was pastor of churches in Texas, Colorado and Virginia.

From 1964 through 1975, he was Professor of Philosophy of Religion and Missions at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Cali, Colombia. During the period of 1968-1973, he directed research for a team which did a study of the historical, religious, economic and political background of the Latin American countries where there is Baptist mission work.

"There is nothing short of living in 15 different countries of South America which has given me an appreciation for as well as knowledge of those countries," he says.

As a teacher, he hopes to bring that experience and knowledge to the seminary in order to be a more effective resource person for young people who feel a sense of dedication and calling to missions. He sees his ministry at Southeastern as one of acquainting people with world conditions and needs as well as proposing legitimate and viable opportunities for people of all ages and walks of life to be involved in the total ministry of the church."

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Dr. Neely, his wife, Virginia Garrett Neely, and their tenth-grade son, Roger, will be living in Wake Forest. They also have two daughters: Jennifer who works in Columbia, S.C. and Betsy who is a junior at Columbia College.

DONALD G. MYERS: Assistant Director of Field Education

Donald G. Myers, retiring pastor of the First Baptist Church of Reidsville, N.C., will be the new Assistant Director of Field Education at SEBTS, beginning Oct. 11. He concluded a 29-year ministry at the Reidsville Church Sept. 30. Mr. Meyers will be working in the area of student-church relationships.

Mr. Myers is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Southern Baptist Seminary. He has served several N.C. churches as well as having been active in Baptist State Convention affairs, serving on the boards of trustees of Wake Forest University and Meredith College and as vice president of the Baptist State Convention and of the General Board of the convention.

Mr. Meyers and his wife, the former Edna Isabel Teaque, have three children.

PERRY CROUCH: Development Counselor

W. Perry Crouch, recently retired General Secretary-Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of N.C., has been named Development Counselor at Southeastern Seminary. He will work with the office of Institutional Development in providing counsel to donors of the seminary.

Dr. Crouch comes to this part-time position from a significant ministry as pastor and denominational leader. He is a former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Asheville, N.C. He has also served as a trustee of SEBTS.
