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Highest in 7 Years SEBTS' Enrollment on the Rise!

By Dwayne Hastings

SEBTS' spring enrollment jumped 27% over last year's springtime mark prompting Southeastern's Registrar, Sheldon Alexander, to say that the trend in student growth is "definitely up." Alexander further noted that, "This represents Southeastern's largest spring semester enrollment in 7 years." (775 total enrollees)

The count of new students entering the seminary this spring likewise reflected a sharp increase, moving up 44% over last spring and nearly 100% over the 1990 spring semester. Alexander said that the administration was "not placing too much emphasis on the numbers," but did regard them as an indication that things are moving in the proper direction.

Activity by the Admissions Committee suggests that strong enrollment growth should be expected to continue. The Admissions Office reports that as of mid-March 88% more applicants have been approved for enrollment in the summer and fall terms than were as of the same period in 1993.

Enthusiasm and Optimism Prevails

Trustees Kneel, Pray, Make Big Changes!

Wake Forest, NC--In a decidedly enthusiastic, optimistic climate twenty-eight of the thirty Trustees of Southeastern Seminary assembled March 14 and 15 in Broyhill's Hall of the Presidents for their semi-annual meeting.

They heard devotionals by Ed Long, Minister of Youth at Parkwood Baptist Church, and from Julian Motley, SEBTS Adjunctive Professor and member of the Executive Committee. All trustees knelt in a season of prayer following Motley's devotional from Ephesians.

Trustees heard the President's Report given by Dr. Paige Patterson, met in committees with staff, approved several items of business, and adjourned ahead of schedule.

Highlights of the President's Report include:

1. **SACS** has returned SEBTS to full accredited status, while the **ATS** report is expected in June.
2. **NEW CURRICULUM** has been developed by the faculty and president. It emphasizes a classical, yet practical approach to pastoral and church growth studies.
3. **ENDOWMENT GIFTS** are now being sought to endow ten teaching chairs for the school. Each chair costs approximately \$1,000,000, with moneys already promised to endow the Bailey Smith Chair of Evangelism. Three more chairs are nearly

committed. Patterson hopes to announce that moneys for five chairs have been committed, by the SBC in June, 1994.

4. **THE MANOR HOUSE** is in serious need of renovations, since it is discouraging to house prospective students there.

5. **A BOARD OF VISITORS**, if established, would help in the areas of financial development, student recruitment, and public relations.

6. **VACANCIES** exist in the areas of Christian Education, Church History, and Preaching. With the move of Dr. Phil Roberts to the HMB, a vacancy will exist in Evangelism also.

7. **TOTAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT** is now 775, with 609 as full-time enrollees. This appears to be the highest percentage of FTE's to total enrollees of any of the SBC seminaries. Over twenty prospective students visited campus last week. Next year's enrollment could be as high as 1,000.

8. **ATS HAS ASKED THAT THE A.DIV. PROGRAM BE PHASED OUT.** The President was reluctant to do so entirely, because of the tremendous need that exists. (Approximately 1/3 of the SBC pastors have not had training for the pastorate.) To accommodate these folks, a pre-baccalaureate program in theology could be implemented.

9. **SEBTS WILL LOSE \$331,000** in Cooperative Program funds as a result of "the thaw in the freeze."

Trustee Decisions:

1. **INCREASE MATRICULATION Fees by \$5.00 per credit hour.**
2. **THE 1994-95 BUDGET was adopted.**
3. **A BOARD OF VISITORS was established.**
4. **AD HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY FACULTY STATUS, TENURE, ETC. was appointed.**
5. **COMMITTEE TO STUDY POSSIBILITY OF "UPPER LEVEL" B.A. was appointed.**
6. **ADMINISTRATION was requested to propose a PAY SCHEDULE FOR FACULTY, SPECIAL FAST TRACK SELECTION PROCESS, and evaluate present FACULTY SEARCH PROCESS.**
7. **NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRESENT DEGREE PROGRAMS were approved.**
8. **PROFESSOR MAX ROGERS was granted SABBATICAL LEAVE.**

Habitat House construction finally began Saturday, March 19 and will continue each Saturday at 8 AM except the Saturday before Easter, April 2. All other Saturdays are work days until the house is completed!

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IMPACT!

Close Encounters of the Evangelistic Kind

By Kevin King

Finally it happens! Your prayers have been answered and God has directed you to a totally different area than you had anticipated. What am I talking about? The very thing that is on the minds of all graduating seniors; and on the minds of many undergrads.

Seriously, I have joined the ranks of the privileged few to whom God has given the charge to care for and lead His flock. Even as I write this, I am amazed that God would bestow such an honor upon me.

At this writing, I have been pastor of Sandy Creek Baptist Church about three and one-half weeks. In that short time we have seen four folks come to know Christ as Savior. Also, there have been several rededications. In addition to these decisions, two people have surrendered to Christian service: one to full-time missions, and the other to starting a prison ministry.

These very exciting and meaningful decisions have had absolutely nothing to

do with me. Clearly, God has been working at Sandy Creek, and has blessed me by placing me there.

In the midst of these very positive, life-changing experiences I have also been very involved with two families that have had loved ones to die quite unexpectedly. In my previous profession as a police officer, I had been involved with countless situations where people had died. I have lost friends and co-workers to death, as well. The one constant factor is a sense of helplessness. This is how it was with me this week. However, in the life of one of our church families who lost their mother, one would plainly see the abiding strength of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I was with the family in the hospital when the doctor told the three grown men that their mother did not survive the ambulance ride to the hospital. Battling my own emotions was difficult enough, but seeing these brothers rally to one

another in the strength of Christ was wonderful! In the hurt and shock of the moment, the comfort of knowing their mother was in Heaven provided a peace that surpassed all understanding. In unison they said, "She lived her whole life to be where she is right now." Their pain was as intense as any I have seen, but our Lord provided strength and special grace when they needed it!

I was there as their pastor, but I could do, nor say nothing. I had met their mother once, and can still remember her smiling face. Now, as her family goes through this difficult time, they have a legacy that all who know Christ as Savior and Lord share in. I believe when that day comes for all of us, we will hear our loved ones say, "You won't believe it! He's right over here! Let me take you to see JESUS!"

I Carried a Cross

I carried a cross today---1 1/2 miles

10' 2x4---words don't work

Humble, Ashamed, Inadequate

A spectacle

Children and adults alike pointed-

"Look at Jesus"

Couldn't look up---

Felt alone---

Weighed down.

Looked at road---

Shameful.

Wished it was over as soon as it started.

Degraded.

I carried a cross today

only an act in a parade---

Jesus did the same thing for real---

Why?

---Charles Morgan

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From the SEBTS Student Body President:

Learn How to Praise Him!

By Stephen D. Angell

Learn how to praise God for His faithfulness and favor toward you. The enemy hates for us to give praise to God. The next time depression creeps in, praise God for something positive.

God honors praise. He will encourage your heart even though trouble may be pressing in on you from every side.

Truly, honesty is the best policy. As we grow older, we become more insecure about what may be "out there" for us in the future. Our bodies begin to slow down and we begin to glance back to a time gone by. There is nothing wrong with that and it is very healthy as long as we do not forget the present and the future.

Instead of focusing on the past, look where God is working today. Search for a way that you can be useful for Him.

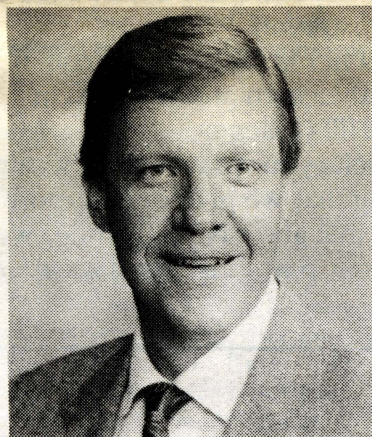
As we go along on our journey, we should thank God for the blessings and His mercy bestowed upon our lives. With that perspective, our lives will be a lot more cheerful and brighter. We will also have more compassion for the lost people of our communities.

**Let's praise the Lord
and
Share Jesus with our lost
communities because the
greatest days of God are still
future!**

Roberts to Head HMB's Interfaith Witness

By Dwayne Hastings

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has selected Southeastern Seminary Professor Phil Roberts to lead the Board's Interfaith Witness Department. Roberts, currently Associate Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth, is well-known on the Southeastern campus for his work in evangelism and pastoral training in Eastern Europe countries. He said that this appointment "does not mean that I cut all my ties and involvement in overseas work."



Roberts noted that it will be a "fresh challenge" directing the Interfaith Witness Department, but that he is convinced that interfaith witness is "one of the most crucial opportunities in all of Southern Baptist Life." The church growth professor, who has pastored churches in Belgium, England, and Germany, said that much of our evangelism is "to people with the same world view and values we have."

He remarked that "a vast majority, four-fifths, of the world's population are not of a Christian background" and that Southern Baptists can witness to

those other faiths right here in the United States.

In assuming his new duties June 1st, Roberts will be taking charge of a department that was rattled last year by the Freemasonry controversy. Masons, like any other group, open themselves to examination when they make theological statements, said Roberts. Yet he noted that there are "many other movements" besides Masons for Southern Baptists to consider.



It was chili, chili, chili for Professor Danny Akin as he judged the Annual Chili Cookoff at the Ledford Center. Twelve cooks were featured, with Amanda Simmons (Eddie's wife) receiving the judge's "spoons up" for her entry. The secret to her special blend is a large can of V-8 Juice & lots of chili powder. Not surprisingly, the Simmons family hails from the "Republic of Texas!"

SUMMER SCHOOL 1994 SCHEDULE

MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSES

MAY 17-27, 1994

(Unless other dates stated.) Students may take only 1 class at a time. If dates overlap, both classes may not be taken. No exceptions.

H 2335	Current Topics in Home Missions: Cross-Cultural & Language Ministries (8:00-9:45 a.m.; 10:15-11:50 a.m.)	Buckner	2 hours
H 2458a	Practicum in Internatnl. Evangelism (Travel to Brazil: May 17-31, 1994)	Eitel	3 hours
H 2458b	Practicum in Internatnl. Evangelism (Travel to El Salvador: May 21-28, 1994)	Cowen	2 hours
M 4650	Church Public Relations (1:00-2:30; 3:00-4:50 p.m.)	Ingram	2 hours
M 5156	Practicum in Music Ministry (May 16-20, 1994)	Good	2 hours
T 3232	Religious Authority (10:00-11:30 a.m.; 1:00-2:50 p.m.)	Bush	2 hours

JUNE I (May 31-June 10) 1994

B 1240	Exposition of Great Texts in OT	Galeotti	2 hours
H 2335	Current Topics in Home Missions: Missions in America	Ryals	2 hours
M 4830	Bible Teaching Program of Church	Buchanan	2 hours

JUNE II (June 13-17) 1994

H 2143	Southern Baptist Convention	Akin	2 hours
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JUNE III (June 20-July 1) 1994

M 4335	Theology and Self-Understanding	Carlisle	2 hours
T 3322	Christian Ethics and the State	Heimbach	2 hours

JULY I (July 5-15) 1994

B 1562	The Teaching of Jesus	Lanier	2 hours
M 4001	Sermon Delivery	McDill	2 hours

JULY II (July 18-29) 1994

M 4420	Ministry of Worship	Davis	2 hours
T 3059	American Evangelical Theology	Richardson	2 hours

SPECIAL SUMMER COURSES (longer than 1 term)

AM 4700	Supervised Ministry June 1, 1994-August 15, 1994	Pyle	3 hours
B 1040	Field Archaeology June 20-July 15, 1994	Andrews	4 hours
B 1400-1	Elementary Greek May 31-July 22, 1994	Robinson	6 hours
H 2324	Practicum in Church Planting June 1-August 10, 1994	Braswell	8 hours

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY CLASS (JULY 1994)

BHTM 0411	Colloquium: Action Research Approaches to Ministry	Braswell/Pyle	4 hours
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Revival Teams: Vision & Results

By Rick Pressley

God is answering prayers and blessing the efforts of the SEBTS students and wives who have come together to form the Bonerattlers. To date, they have shared the Gospel with churches in North Carolina, Virginia, Florida, and Maryland.

They are in contact with many other churches and Associations, and they look forward to preaching in every state on the East Coast next year.

The teams have seen many men, women and children receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. They have also been encouraged to see several others consecrate their lives anew to serving God and living as unto Christ. Some have even accepted calls to full-time ministry during the meetings.

A real highlight of their itinerary is this month's 52-church youth rally for the Johnston County Baptist Association. To aid willing prayer supporters, their schedule is printed below.

BoneRattlers

SCHEDULE

MARCH

Gibson Ave. Baptist, Wilmington, NC
Brown's Baptist, Henderson, NC
Forest Hills Baptist, Skippers, VA
Reisterstown Baptist, Reisterstown, MD
Johnston County Baptist Association,

APRIL

Olive Grove Baptist, Creedmoor, NC
Hyde Park Baptist, Lumberton, NC
Lily Memorial Baptist, Boiling Springs, NC
Cornerstone Baptist, Burlington, NC
Rankin Lake Baptist, Dallas, NC
Cornerstone Baptist, Matthews, NC
Sims Baptist, Sims, NC
Beaver Sreek Baptist, Cameron, NC
Yadkin Baptist, Linwood, NC

Child Care Center Gets New Director

By Ed Houck

Recently Robin Copeland resigned as Director of our Ruby Reid Child Care Center to assume a position in the public school system. Regarding "Mrs. Robin," Dr. Russ Bush, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, indicated "She had done such a great job for us that we feel a definite loss, and we will miss her beyond words to express."

Bush added, "We are fortunate, however, to be able to announce the promotion of one of our finest teachers at the Center, Tina Dekle, to the position of Director."



Tina has served the RRCCC for almost five years, often filling-in for Robin at critical times. Her love for the children at the center is well known, and she has the complete confidence of the Seminary Administration.

Dekle earned her M.Div. with Christian Education from Southeastern and her B.A. in Religion from Mars Hill College.

Dr. Bush solicits your prayers for the work at the RRCCC, asking that we give our support and confidence to Tina, and saying, "While (we are) building upon our past, our best days are still ahead."

Down & Dirty Youth Ministry: *Kenny Crook and his famous mudpit celebration*

By Dale Elwell

How in the world can I get the attention of my youth group?! This is a familiar question to those of us who have faced the challenge of youth ministry.

With all that is available for teens to access these days, it is difficult to provide them with clean activities (not to mention getting them excited about the Lord). Make no mistake ministers: we are living in serious times. The Devil is serious about controlling our society via our young people.

In order to point them to Jesus, we had better get seriously active in creating modern methods to deliver the unchanging message of Jesus Christ to a spiritually hungry generation.

In our midst at SEBTS is a man who is very active in reaching young people for Christ. This man is Kenny Crook. He is the Youth Minister at Faith Baptist Church, Durham. Has he ever gone to great lengths to provide young people with good clean fun! Perhaps a better term would be good, "muddy" fun!!!

At least once a year Kenny has 14 tons of dirt dumped and leveled in preparation for an extravaganza. Once the dirt is in place, approximately 2,000 gallons of water are added by a local fire department. These ingredients provide the setting for the area's "most awesome" mud-volleyball tournament.

Last year 15 or more teams showed up for the event. When the day was over, the first and second place teams took home trophies as reminders of the outlandish experience. Other teams were rewarded for being the muddiest or for having the craziest-looking team uniforms. But, one thing everyone took home was a great memory of the event.

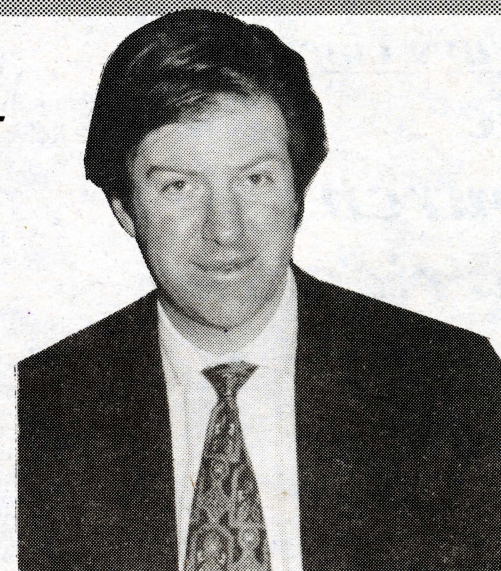
Not only does Kenny work hard at making marvelous mud, he works just as hard at providing high-achieving Christian speakers and leaders for youth events. One such leader will be speaking at an event called "Relay Day." Danny Buggs, wide receiver for the Washington Redskins will be the featured speaker.

It is a great blessing to know there are people hard at work finding ways to get the attention of today's young people, and having gained their attention, feeding them spiritual food. The next annual mud-volleyball tournament is set for June 11, 1994. For information contact Kenny at SEBTS Box 2748. Don't miss this opportunity to expose your youth group to more joy than even they can imagine! GO KENNY. GO!!!



Close-up and Personal:

Why every student should major in Theology!



AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. KURT RICHARDSON

By William Summey

Kurt Richardson is a man with a vision. That vision is far-reaching concerning this country, this denomination, this seminary, and YOU, a student at this seminary. Richardson believes that sound theology is a key to our growth and ministry. The Enquiry recently visited with him to discover facts about his background, his views on theology, this seminary, and other related topics.

Richardson was born in southern California. He grew up the oldest of three children in a strong Christian home. He became a Christian at age six. At a large youth rally in 1974, Richardson also answered God's call to ministry. From that time forward, he has continued in a strong commitment to evangelism.

He attended Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois to gain his M.Div. degree. While at seminary he pastored a Southern Baptist Church where he was licensed and served faithfully. Shortly after graduating and getting married (they happened nearly simultaneously), they moved to Basil, Switzerland. There Richardson earned his Doctor of Theology degree, studying the great evangelical Scottish theologian, Thomas F. Torrance. Before concluding his work in Basil, he was called to Southeastern in the summer of 1987.

That move was "one of the hardest things I have ever done," said Richardson, "stepping in during the hottest year of the controversy within the SBC. Without having long-term relationships here, we had to go it alone and trust the Lord. However, during this time I had the opportunity to receive one of God's most precious gifts: perseverance. My wife, Dolores, on a human level, has been my one true mainstay."

On SEBTS

"My wife and I are very excited about the present and future of Southeastern. With our children, we pray every night for

the Seminary and everyone here. I see a splendid mixture of missiological and theological emphases---the practical and the academic---all strongly represented here.

Also, because of the unparalleled attractiveness of Southeastern, the only real question for us in leadership here will be the limits of our faith, and the quality of stewardship. Pray earnestly that God will pour out resources for greatly increasing the number of faculty."

On Unsound Theology

"The Ethiopian eunuch felt the need to know what is in the Bible, and he felt just as great a need to know what it meant. While it is always *right* to read the Bible, the history of Christianity shows is that there are many ways to read the Bible *wrongly*. Paul, constantly burdened for the increasing understanding of unbelievers, reflects a constant concern that Christians are easily deceived and self-deceived. Deceptions in the life of faith can only lead to bad faith, poor preaching, and a discredited witness. However, sound theology teaches us in all those areas."

On Sound Theology

"Sound theology focuses on doctrine (with doctrine being defined as) all that God teaches us that is necessary for life with Him in

the church and in the world. Good theology organizes the best understanding of doctrine that the church of Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has to offer, and transmits it to the next generation of faithful teachers and believing servants of the Lord."

The Burden of Theology

"The burden of theology, beyond Biblical interpretation, is to identify how God's Word works as the Authority in Christian life and work. On the practical level, doctrines are decisions. The true Christian teacher and theologian is charged with the responsibility to make decisions or defend them regarding the weightiest matters of God's revelation to the people of God and further to set weightier passages of Scripture over and against others which may appear to be incompatible. Without this decisiveness, essential matters of belief and obedience could not be acted upon in practical life."

Weaknesses of the Church

"Each age of the church has its own severe weakness. Today that area is the *doctrine* of the church. Baptists have had a problem with doctrine historically. Being rejected by and rejecting the offices of state churches, prioritizing thought and behavior that contribute to revival, and, in the twentieth century, putting programs ahead of all else, have all

conspired to produce a rather *doctrinally illiterate* band of Baptists.

Today, against every Baptist instinct, institutionalization has all but replaced the true character of the church as the body of Christ. Earlier, revival could reverse this process, but, another aspect of this crisis is the fragmentation, divisiveness, and estrangement of its leadership and its members toward each other. Not only is this fragmentation a trend, but it has become a state of affairs so that only deep revival and reform, in terms of re-formation, can improve this situation. There is a little secret about our concern for America and its need for God: reform the church! That is one task, and I think that is the only task that will help America find God."

Passing the Vision

"The godly father of Proverbs 4:5 exhorts his son, 'Get wisdom. Get understanding.' Theology is that wisdom and that understanding. Paul says to Timothy in his second letter (2:2), '...the things you have heard from me entrust to faithful men. . .'. **My plea to every student here is to be faithful to get the doctrine.** This is one of the only ways you can show yourselves to be trustworthy as you pass it on."

Richardson and his wife, Dolores, are the parents of four children. He has been part of the Southeastern faculty since 1987 and serves as Assistant Professor of Historical Theology.

Library Lines

The Church Curriculum Center:

THE place to browse, learn, plan...

By Mike Frank

Definition: Special Collection

A collection of library materials separated from the general collection because they are of certain form, on a certain subject, of a certain period or geographical area, rare, fragile or valuable.

This is the American Library Association's¹ official definition of a special collection, and *we've got one!* It's called the Church Curriculum Center and it is located on the second floor in the north wing of the library.

¹The ALA. Glossary of Library and Information Science, Hartsill Young, ed., (Chicago, American Library Association, 1983), p. 211.

Begun in 1973 in what is now the copier room, the CCC is a sub department of the Reference Department. It was moved to the second floor in 1980 and has remained there ever since.

The CCC is staffed by Barry Jimmerson, a part-time Reference Assistant and student. He is backed up, and reports to, Mrs. Jo Philbeck, Assistant Librarian. Barry is available at specified times during the week; but, if you can't catch him, you can always leave a note for him. Forms for this purpose are available in the CCC.

The CCC has a mission. It is to "Provide current church curriculum materials for examination by ministers." This is extended to any person involved with a church program, any student, faculty member, or staff person at SEBTS. The whole idea is to provide a resource for investigating the various types of materials available to you for use in your church's programs from the different agencies within the SBC.

Barry tells us that, "I have been able to use much of this stuff in conjunction with my classes and as a resource in paper writing." Let him who has ears...

The materials in the CCC are provided to the Seminary through the convention as a

reference collection. That means that what's on display is ours for in-house use only. However, if you are interested in looking over these materials with people from your churches, you may request overnight use of the materials, or make copies to take to them. Here's another idea though. If you have found materials that you would like to share with your church, why not invite them to The Library? You can then show off these materials and any others that we have which may be of interest to your folks. We can even set aside a room for your use.

Locating materials in the CCC can be a little confusing, but not after you understand the system. Here's the system. There are two paths to locating materials;

Path One: Look in the large notebook titled the Church Materials Catalog located on a stand under the window. This catalog has a title index located in the back of the notebook. There is also a subject index for materials that you don't have a title for but want to find something on. From the title or subject index, turn to the page listed to find items.

Once you have chosen an item, check for the alphanumeric catalog number. Using this number you can look around the room where, under the letter posted on the wall, you will find all materials which

begin with that letter of the alphabet shelved in alphanumeric order. An example of this would be item number K3-11 where **K** indicated the shelf for "Single Adult Ministries", **3** indicates the third shelf down, and **11** indicates the 11th item on the shelf.

Path Two: Look around the room at the different signs posted. They will direct you to materials shelved together by type. In other words, materials are shelved together because they are Sunday School Board materials, or because they are WMU materials, etc. By the way, resource kits, etc., can be found in the desk drawers labeled to correspond with the sections H, I, J, K, etc.

Improving your use of resources is an effective way of improving your ministry. The CCC has the resources you need to help you and your church reach the world for Christ. Hope to see you there.

**2nd Annual
Aids
Conference
March 28, 1994
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Binkley 101

Cost \$12 advance, \$15 at the door,
Students/Spouses 1/2 price.
Sign up now in the Registrar's Office

Dorm News

by William H. Burton

Behold how good and pleasant it is for the brethren to dwell in unity. Psalm 133:1

Recently the women and men's dorm residents have shared in several activities of fun and fellowship. The catalyst for these events was the great ice-storm that cancelled classes Thursday, February 10. It all began when a small group of men went down-hill sliding on the ice. Later, they invited the ladies from Lolley Hall to join them. Before the night was over, twenty-five to thirty students were enjoying the weather and one another's company.

Since then, the dorms have met for a covered-dish fellowship that included a wonderful meal, a time of praise and worship led by professor John Davis, and a few fun games. Just this past week students enjoyed a wonderful meal out,

bowling, and dessert at Perkins.

Kimberly Kumm, of Lolley Hall, has been the main coordinator of many of the activities. If are you interested in joining the fun and fellowship just see Kim at Lolley or William Burton and Scott Riedel at Johnson. Get involved and get to know as many of your brothers and sisters that you can.

The Johnson Dorm men are planning a weekend retreat at Umstead State Park April 10-12. The emphasis will be on accountability and edification. The retreat will be lead by Chris Driggs, Robert Etheridge, and Joshua White. If any Johnson Dorm residents are interested in attending, please see any of the guys mentioned above.

By-the-way, Happy Birthday to John McKinney... the BIG 40! WOW!!!

Lolley Dorm News:**Cheryl Cobb
to serve in
former Soviet
country****By Chele Caughron**

The long-awaited news finally arrived by letter. Lolley Dorm Manager, Cheryl Cobb, will spend the next two years of her life serving God in a former Soviet Central Asia country.

Her journey began eight years ago, when, as a 2-year-old Christian, she was carted off by members of her home church's Women's Missionary Union to Ridgecrest for a conference. There she

heard missionaries speak and ended up riding in a van with Frances Tolley, a retired Southern Baptist Missionary to Japan.

"I just remember speaking to her, and something within me said, 'Cheryl, one day you're going to be on the mission field,' "Cobb said.

Now, Cobb is trying to figure out how to get two years of belongings into two suitcases and a trunk.

"She's going to a challenging place, and I think God's going to bless her pioneering spirit," said Dr. Keith Eitel, professor of Christian Missions.

Cobb, 30, of Greensboro taught severely and profoundly handicapped children for six years at Gateway Educational Center. In Central Asia she will teach English as a second language at a university, through International Service Corp.

She knows little about what to expect when she arrives in the predominantly Muslim country. There are about three million unreached people in the university city where she will work.

"I'm going to a hot country," Cobb

said. "They say last summer it got up to 120 degrees." She already has begun learning how to overcome adversity during three short mission trips to Brazil and two to Romania. "On every trip I saw different aspects of missions and what it is all about," she said.

During her third trip to Brazil, Cobb found herself caught in a flood and trying to help a Brazilian family. "I really understood and felt how the people had to live," Cobb said. "I began to feel the fears that these people have to live with every day. I also felt how quickly life can change."

Lolley dorm resident, Angela Huskey, is collecting items for Cobb to take on her two-year teaching trip. Anyone wishing to help Cobb as she prepares for missionary service should contact Huskey at 556-3711.

"Since I have known Cheryl for the past two years, she has felt the call to lead other people to Christ through foreign missions," Huskey said. "Her call is finally becoming an actuality, and I and others would like to help her as much as we can."

SPORTS SCENE**Intramural
Basketball:****G.U.T.S.
and The
Mighty
Ducks
Lead!****By Rick Pressley**

THE ADULT LEAGUE has just finished regular season play. G. U. T. S. (Give Us Them Shirts), led by the unconscionable shooting of Billy Boore and the powerful inside play of Andy Bealer, are in first place and remain the post-season favorites.

The Mighty Ducks are in second place, followed closely by the Gold Medal, Hurricanes, Celtics, and Thunder Lizards. March madness will overtake the Cannon Gymnasium on March 24.

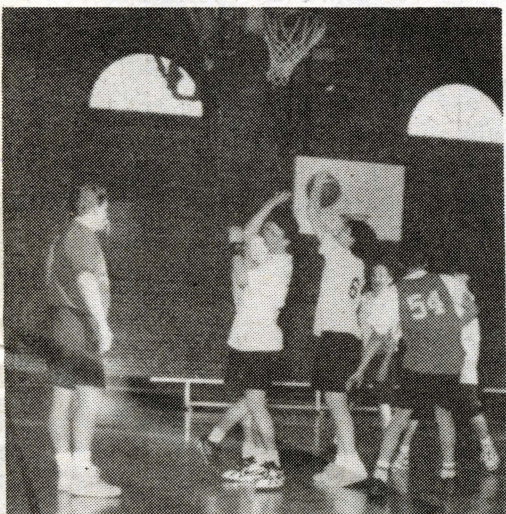
THE JUNIOR LEAGUE (teenage boys) is also approaching playoff time. The Lakers, Bucs, and Heat are each posed for victory and capable of emerging as champions. THE BOYS LEAGUE (10-12 years old) has been dominated by the unstoppable offense of the Hornets. Matt LeBron, Matt Arbo, Lanie Anderson, and Pat Arbo have combined their

sharp shooting talents to average 40 points per game, which is twice that of the nearest opponent. The Celtics and Bullets have not given up, however, and are entering the playoffs with upset on their minds.

THE TRAINING LEAGUE has almost completed a fun-filled season. Each fan has been amazed at the increased skills displayed by the seven to nine year olds as the season progressed.

The boys and girls were a source of joy, amusement, and encouragement for all who were involved.

God blessed each of the intramural teams with fine coaches who constantly urged their teams to compete with an "as unto Christ" attitude. With little exception, basketball at Southeastern this year has been a time of Christian fellowship and devotion. The players, coaches, referees, and staff have represented God well.

**Up-coming
Spring
Events**

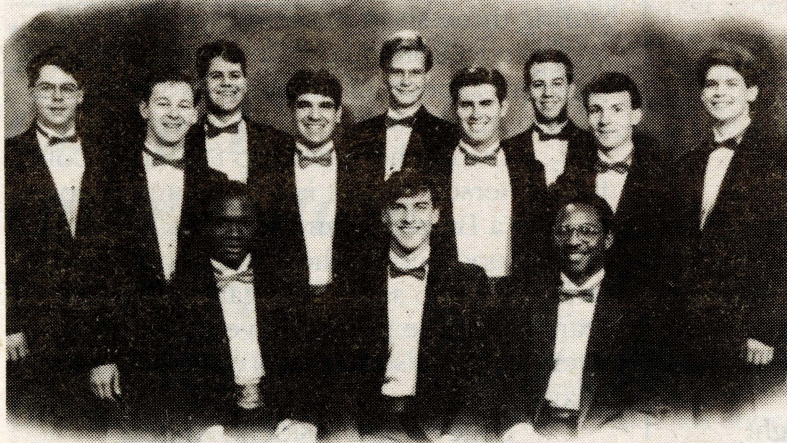
- Coed Softball begins April 5
- Slowbreak Ball League (3 on 3) begins April 5
- Two-man Volleyball Tourney between 6-9 PM on March 29
- Bench Week, April 18-23 will be sponsored by the Fitness Center. T-shirts will be awarded to all participants bench pressing 175 lbs. or more. Come and partake, then proudly display your brute strength.
- Racquetball and Ping pong Tournaments sponsored by the Ledford Center also. (Check desk for dates/times).

Sign-up for these events at the Ledford Center. Students and their families, faculty, staff, and alumni are all invited and encouraged to participate!

Come Join the Fun!

HAPPENINGS

IN CONCERT...



Accidentals in Concert 10 AM Fri., March 25

Yes! Southeastern Seminary will host *The Accidentals*, an auditioned 12-voice ensemble from the University of Georgia Men's Glee Club. This is the group our new music professor, John Davis, directed while working on his doctoral degree at The University of Georgia.

About the Accidentals, Davis says, "Everyone at the Seminary should avail themselves of the opportunity to hear this group. They embody an approach to choral music which is both true to the best of choral traditions and accessible to the general public. Their blend is excellent and their rapport with an audience is superb! Most of their music is performed a cappella,

The Accidentals performance will be an extension of our regular Spring Conference activities. They will be singing for a special chapel service at 10 AM in Appleby Chapel. (note the change from Binkley). Their program will feature traditional and popular sacred music as well as some humorous, tasteful secular music.

Everyone is welcome! Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the premier a cappella college choral groups in the country!

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 22

- 8:30-2:30 Exhibit area open
Displays, consultation, and refreshments
10:00 Spring Conference Chapel Service
Guest Speaker: Dr. Jimmy Draper
11:00 Student dialogue with Dr. Draper
3:00-3:50 Conferences/Workshops

Wednesday, March 23

- 8:30-2:30 Exhibit area open
10:00 Kendrick-Poerschke Lectures
Guest Speaker: Dr. Howard Snyder
3:00-3:50 Conferences/Workshops
Host: Professor Johnny Ross

Thursday, March 24

- 10:00 Kendrick-Poerschke Lectures
Guest Speaker: Dr. Howard Snyder
3:00-3:50 Conferences/Workshops

'94 Spring Conference: Something Special!

By Joe Hammiel

"I just wish that we could learn something practical!" This seems to be an all too familiar sentiment expressed by many of Southeastern's students. And while the importance of a strong theological foundation for ministry cannot be over-stated, it is equally important to learn practical ways to put ministry into action. So how can the two be wed? Glad you asked!

It just so happens that Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary will have the privilege of hosting a very practical-minded 1994 Spring Conference. At this year's conference students will have the chance to hear and dialogue with nationally known speakers such as Jimmy Draper, Howard Snyder, Harold Bryson, Ragan Courtney, Roy Edgemon, and Harry Piland.

These speakers will be addressing topics such as "Worship and Ministry in the 21st Century," "Tools of Worship: Music, Drama, and Poetry," "Support Groups in Ministry," "Experiencing God - Personal Discipleship Development," and "How to Use the Sunday School in Doing Evangelism, Nurturing, and Assimilation." Students may participate in these conferences every afternoon from 3:00 to 3:50 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (Marh 22nd, 23rd, and 24th).

In addition to great speakers addressing practical issues for the church, several exhibits will be set up at the Ledford Center. These exhibits, designed to help and inform students on available resources, will be open from 8:30 to 2:30 on Tuesday and Wednesday (March 22nd and 23rd). Students will have the opportunity to enjoy fresh donuts and speak with several representatives from the Baptist Sunday School Board. The Spring Conference will be a great chance to get some practical insights for doing the ministry of the church. Come and be a part of it.



James T. Draper, Jr.

Student Council Elections to Occur April 6 & 7

SEBTS Student Council spring elections will be held April 6 & 7 in the Ledford Center "pit." Elections will fill these positions: President, vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, D.Min. Rep, Th.M. Rep., M.Div. Reps (three each from each class: Senior, Middler, Junior), M.A. Reps (one each from each class: Senior, Junior), A.Div. Reps (one from each class: Senior, Junior).

In addition to these vacancies, the election will seek to satisfy openings for chairpersons of the following committees: Communication, Spiritual Life, Ethics, Off-Campus Ministries, Social, Student Welfare, and International.

Information regarding the responsibilities associated with each position may be found in the SEBTS *Student Handbook*.

A Forum will be provided on April 5, 1994 at 12 noon for the candidates to present themselves to the students.