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Motivation And The Honor Council

Dr. Davis Looks Back

by Rick Cartwright
and Jenny Jenson

June 4th will mark the end of an era for Southwestern with the retirement of Doctor Granville Davis from the History Department. Dr. Davis joined the faculty in 1954 and since then served as the chairman of the History Department, Dean of Continuing Education (until his retirement from that post in 1976), and as chairman of the Dean of Student's Search Committee. The following interview encompasses some of Dr. Davis' thoughts about Southwestern.

Q: Dr. Davis, when exactly did you come to Southwestern?

Dr. Davis: Well, it's an established date -- July 8, 1954.

Q: How have the students changed since you first came here? Were they more academically minded then than they are today?

Dr. Davis: I think that, since 1932, students are much the same in attitude when we start talking about academics. There are some that are truly excited by things intellectual. There are others that are moderately interested, and there are others that are indifferent, and you always wonder why they're in school. I think that, in many ways, there is a growing maturity about what intellectual background a student brings to college...that is, he's read more -- he's read the Gilgamesh Epic, or the types of materials that ordinarily I would think of as being reserved for at least the freshman year of college, or maybe later years. They are more knowledgeable about scientific principles by far than the students were when I finished high school -- in other words, freshmen come with a background that is greater now than it was when I first began to teach and when I first began to teach at Southwestern. But there, it seems to me, is a growing indifference -- it's not noticeable amongst any group of students, it's just that I mark a difference in pride, in what can be accomplished on the part of the majority of the students, a willingness to turn in even a research paper that one has had two to three months to work on, with no interest whatever in tracing down the spelling errors.

That's just a sample of what I mean when I say that there has been a growing indifference to first-rate accomplishment, and I think that's sad. There's a misunderstanding that the student has about getting work in on time, feeling that somehow the instructor is at fault in insisting upon a deadline. A student seems not to understand that a faculty member who has 75 or 100 final examinations to grade doesn't at that time want to be saddled with an additional dozen term papers. That's the reason for the term paper date being two or three weeks in



advance of final exams so that the term papers can be graded and turned back. But students, until the instructor is able to establish the fact that he won't stand for it, would be perfectly willing to wait until the examination time to turn in the paper, and then feels hurt that the instructor is strict about it.

Q: There's been some talk that the Honor Code is not as effective as it used to be among the student body. Have you seen a trend like that in the student body?

Dr. Davis: No, I have not. I always find myself interested and wondering about the reports that the Honor System is not working as well as it might. For one thing, I teach one course in Man and two upper class courses. Now it's quite true that the Honor Code can be difficult to put into operation for freshman except that when examinations are taken in one big lecture room with instructions and with directions about what the Honor Code demands and the like, then it becomes quite difficult for a student not to be caught up in the spirit of the Honor System -- the very size of it. I see no evidence whatever in my Man classes, and haven't through the years, of any violation of the Honor Code. Now, since I have juniors and seniors in my other classes, they are steeped in the Honor System. They are as eager to make it work as any instructor could possibly be, and I try to make it easy for the Honor Code to work...There is as near to one-hundred percent observance of the Honor Code in those classes as could be, and I can say that this has been true year after year. I have never turned in anyone for violating the Honor Code, and I would feel honor-bound to do it if I had observed it. I do think the Honor Code works, as far as I can observe it.

1st College Quiz Bowl Leaves Team Undeclared

by Jeff Lane

The first annual College Bowl quiz tournament sponsored by the Student Government Association and Robb Common was held Monday and Tuesday nights, May 26 and 27. Sparked by the quick mind of Chip Bamberger, the five-person team of Jessica Hunt, Jeff Horn, Mark Crowe, Holt Andrews, and Bamberger came through the nine team, single elimination tournament undefeated.

Teams were asked questions from every conceivable subject area, ranging from who is Olive Oyl's sister (Castor Oyl), to who is the father of modern art

(Cezanne). Both teams were asked a relatively simple toss-up question, and the group that responded correctly first was given a chance at a more difficult bonus question. The competition was intense and the moderator was barely able to maintain order.

The SGA plans to sponsor a more extensive quiz bowl tournament next year and hopes to send a Southwestern team to the national College Bowl tournament. Anyone interested in competing should start forming a team now and begin boning up on obscure facts. How about this: What was the only thing left in Pandora's box after she opened it?

Graduates To Hear Collingwood

Charles Collingwood has been chosen to address the 1980 graduating class. The June 7 commencement exercises will also see the awarding of six honorary degrees. Receiving the degrees will be Collingwood, Rev. Vernon Hunter, Rev. Harold Odum, Eudora Welty, and C. Lamar Wallis. A degree will be given posthumously to Francis Robinson, who died in May.

Charles Collingwood, a CBS reporter for almost forty years, will receive a Doctor of Laws degree from Southwestern. Currently, Collingwood is a reporter and anchorman for CBS News Special Reports, although in the past he has been war correspondent, and chief foreign correspondent with CBS News. As a network newsman, Collingwood was the first American to be admitted to North Vietnam.

Two pastors will receive Doctor of Divinity degrees, the Rev. Vernon Hunter and the Rev. Harold G. Obum. Rev. Hunter is currently pastor at Springhill Presbyterian

Church in Mobile, Alabama and a trustee of Presbyterian School of Christian Education. Serving on the boards of the Texas Presbyterian Foundation and the Presbyterian Mo-Ranch is Rev. Harold G. Obum. He is also pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in San Angelo, Texas.

Receiving a Doctor of Humane Letters is Eudora Welty, well-known and well liked by many Southwestern students. This past year, 1979, she was the Artist in Residence for Southwestern's British studies at Oxford. Miss Welty is a writer of short stories and literature about the South. Her latest novel, "The Optimist's Daughter," won a Pulitzer Prize.

C. Lamar Wallis, the Director of the Memphis Shelby County Public Library and Information Center, will also receive a Doctor of Humane Letters. For his contributions to the library field, Wallis received the Tennessee Library Association's First Honor Award last year.



Neely Hall residents smile because Bryn Wood could not have possibly taken this picture. Photo by Bryn Wood (Caption by Olaf Loganburger)

Neely: The History Of A Home

by Bryn Wood

The nine Neely residents dined together in the Davis Room Tuesday night to wrap up the year and talk over old times. They invited former Dean of the college, Charles Diehl, to be their guest speaker on the topic, "The History of Neely."

Dr. Diehl admitted he is a little shy around so many girls but quickly felt at ease listening to the neighborly banter exchanged during the meal. After discussing the present news and events, the Neely residents were anxious to hear about the past events of their hall.

Dr. Diehl was Dean of Southwestern from 1947 until 1976. He is originally from Clarksville, and is familiar with Southwestern from its earliest days there. When Southwestern moved to Memphis, he moved with it; his father was President of the college.

Neely Hall was one of the original buildings built in 1928. It was the Dining Hall, but also housed the President, his family, and the school dietician and his family. Dr. Diehl lived upstairs on the west side of Neely in what is now a triple room. His parents occupied the two downstairs rooms and bath. The dietician and family lived in the remaining rooms upstairs, now a social room, and two dorm rooms.

The President and his family ate with the students during mealtimes. Meals were decidedly different then. A student head waiter sounded a gong and the students all filed in to their table. After the blessing, student waiters served each long table family style, passing the dishes just like at home.

This worked with the small number of boarding students. The bell above the bell room, Dr. Diehl explained, was used to announce the change of classes which were all over by one o'clock. Before the Neelyites could get too nostalgic, Dr. Diehl recalled Saturday classes were also a part of the good old days.

Roofball, Dr. Diehl remembered, began ten or fifteen years ago. He laughed thinking of Mr. Twaddle, the director of maintenance still complaining today about the damaged tiles. Dr. Diehl had told him he knew of worse ways for students to be spending their time.

Dr. Diehl explained that many distinguished visitors of the college stayed in Neely Hall after the President's family moved off campus. Professor Amacker, a former political science professor, stayed in Neely often while visiting the college. He would complain profusely about the loud radios in Robb Hall. This rang a familiar bell with the present residents of Neely, but Dr. Diehl said he had never taken his complaint very seriously and jokingly reprinted the letter in the school newspaper.

Evergreen Dormitory originally housed women. The girls were real hell-raisers, Dr. Diehl remembered. They would fill their door thresholds with lighter fluid and set a match to them to scare their neighbors. The boys in Stewart tried to equal their mischief by running and sliding down their linoleum hall.

Dr. Diehl hadn't been through the hall since he retired. Things had changed a bit, he admitted, but the radios still blared in Robb, and the whiteball still bounced through the windows.



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Goodbye...for the summer

Goodbye. What a harsh word. A parting, a leaving, an ending. On to new faces, new places. Home, family, and old friends. The comfort of home-cooking, my own bed, and my dog's first attempt to kiss me.

These months have passed, but they have left their marks on each person here. Goals set and gained, new experiences and friends, a closeness never felt before by many. Bad things, too, failed tests, broken hearts, disappointments.

Many people won't be back next fall. Some are graduating, but some seek things they have not found here. Other places call

them, and there is nothing wrong with that.

I've changed a lot this year. I think I've learned to think, to search for answers to questions, to be responsible, to realize that my opinion is not always right. I feel like I have accomplished the goal I set for myself on coming to Southwestern, that when I left for the summer after my freshman year, I would have made a difference. I would matter to Southwestern. I think I matter here. And Southwestern matters to me. People care, and they will miss me just as I will miss them. That's a good feeling.

Not goodbye. Rather, have a great summer, and we'll see you in September! G.M.

A Happier Walk Around...

by Matthew Fishman

Hello, Southwestern...remember me? Probably not. I'm the grubby little kid who has gone to Southwestern for 2½ years, while the last 6 months I've been attending the American College in Paris. Some of you might remember my name from the few articles I've written for the "Sou'wester" in the past. Most of you will not.

My outlook of Southwestern in the past has always been less than ecstatic. But as I've stayed longer and longer in Paris, I've realized how much I had taken for granted for the past 2½ years.

For the years I had been at Southwestern, I always longed to get away, as my college career had become increasingly more intolerable, I became almost apathetic about my courses and I was angry and irritable to the few friends I had. So, I said, it's time for a change. What I didn't realize was the kind of change it was going to be. Paris; a strange land where wine is cheaper than coke (line up for your turn to go to Paris).

Paris; a place that contains more significant and beautiful culture in one block than all of Memphis, Arkansas, and Mississippi combined. So why am I so anxiously awaiting my return to Memphis and Southwestern? Because, I miss it. Southwestern, compared to ACP, is Harvard, Yale, and Princeton combined. When 50% of a school gets mid-term warnings for bad grades, or when entry into the school requires only to sign your name (preferably on a check with a large amount of money on it), you begin to question the academic caliber of the student body. Southwestern students,

academically, are all little Einsteins compared to ACP'ers.

My ACP teachers aren't much better; my French teacher thinks he's Maurice Chevalier; my History teacher, inadvertently, exemplifies one of Bill Murray's SNL characters; my philosophy teacher, who studied to be a Jesuit priest for 16 years, acts more like George Carlin than Billy Graham. The Dean is gay; the President of the school closely resembles the governor on the TV show "Soap." Everybody that works in the Student Affairs office weighs 500 lbs.

One third of the student body are Iranians and Middle-easterners. I personally would have nothing against them if they didn't blind me with all their glittering gold jewelry. So what if they change sports cars as often as I change socks.

So as you all can see, Memphis and Southwestern are looking better and better every day. I'm going back to a beautiful campus, an intelligent student body, and an excellent faculty and administration. Memphis may not be Paris, but at least its inhabitants speak the same general language as I do. Memphians are not rude to Americans, as Parisians tend to be.

Of course, I've had many wonderful and unforgettable experiences since I've been in Paris and other parts of Europe, and I wouldn't trade it for anything in this world.

But, I'd just like to say that if my return to Southwestern at Memphis is as half as nice as I perceive it to be now, then, starting September, you will be seeing a much happier Matthew Fishman (however anonymous) walking around the green lawns of SAM.

During Final Meeting SGA Corrects Attendance

by Michael Matthews

The SGA held its final meeting of the school year Tuesday. Its main item of business was correcting its attendance policy.

The SGA passed two attendance resolutions formed by the officers prior to the meeting. The first stated Mike Watts will resign as Glassel representative, and requested Tim O'Keefe to serve as a Glassel observer, with no vote. It stated Julie Hicks will fill both the position of Secretary and Neely/Bellingrath representative. It requested Paula Mischke to serve as an observer, with no vote. It stated that Laura Lee will serve as WUB commissioner and Williford representative, and requested Becky Butler to serve as an observer, with no vote. It requested Peri Stark to represent the town students as an observer, with no vote. It also clarified the use of proxies. The second resolution restated that the secretary will

decide which absences are excused and unexcused, as in the constitution.

A Security Committee was formed by the SGA to be chaired by Jenny Jenson. It will serve as a liaison between students and security. The SGA sponsored a meeting for all campus organization leaders Thursday, in the Bell room. These dinners are planned to continue next year.

Two errors were reported last week. The position of Treasurer, presently filled by Mary Kay Loss, is given a vote in an amendment to the constitution. Last week the President and Secretary of the SGA stated Grace McKnight had resigned, and Cindy Adams would be her permanent proxy. This week they stated she has not officially resigned.

Absent were Lisa McLain, Grace McKnight, Tim O'Keefe, and Bobby Burks. Lisa McLain and Grace McKnight were represented by proxy.

Box 724.....

Dear Editors,

This letter is written in response to the article in last week's *Sou'wester* concerning the SGA. We, the officers of the SGA feel that it is our duty to point out two mistakes in the article and to clarify some issues that were raised therein. The mistakes are: 1) According to Amendment I of the SGA Constitution, the Treasurer does have a vote, and 2) Grace McKnight has not officially resigned from the SGA as of Monday, May 26. We passed a resolution at Tuesday night's meeting which describes a revised policy on representation. The only constitutional mistake we made was to allow a proxy Town Student to serve for Representative Billy Hardwick. The other claims in the article are purely matters of Constitutional interpretation. Unfortunately, this constitution is vague and ambiguous in terminology, and it does not satisfy the needs of the SGA. We hope these problems will be eliminated in the new constitution which will be completed next Fall.

Since the school year was coming to an end and the elections would be held in September, we felt the most efficient way to deal with these special circumstances was to use proxies to fill these vacant positions.

We were in no way attempting to circumvent proper procedures for personal gain. Our intentions were, rather, to allow dorm and town students their proper representation on the SGA. In addition, we foresaw no controversial issues on the horizon for the SGA; we simply needed an adequate number of people on the SGA for the planning and implementation of our projects.

In response to the misleading headline, "Attendance Problems for SGA," the fact is that attendance has improved a great deal over previous years. The article might have

been appropriately entitled, "The Inadequacy of the SGA Constitution."

Sincerely,
Mike Watts
David Eades
Julie Hicks
Mary Kay Loss

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the people who turned in notes expressing their desire to work on the faculty and administrative committee for 1980-81. I made several suggestions for each position to President Daughdrill; he has the final decision. Everyone who submitted a notice before the deadline was considered. Thanks again for your participation.

Sincerely,
Mike Watts
S.G.A. President

To the Editor:

Time: 1:32 A.M.
Place: The Castle
We united to relate a letter of grievances. How many times have you been burnt by Southwestern?

"The Dream"

It has come to a point that we cannot sleep at night. Surely everyone has had that inevitable nightmare. We've been locking our doors after dark. We never walk through the Refectory alone, for it lurks behind the salad bar with hot steel jaws. Who will be its next victim?

Back to "The Dream" it's the same night after dreaded night. The thought of it makes me sweat...trapped! Strapped to a piece of Roman Meal bread headed down the conveyor belt. Will this be my doom? It never stops and I have seen its tracks printed on the knuckles of many of my comrades.

Have a good summer!

David Reese

Yearbook Survey by Questionnaire Suggests Student Views

Over 200 questionnaires were returned in the yearbook survey. Each question was not answered by every person, so the results listed are based only on those respondents to each particular question.

Of those responding, 65% said the yearbook should indeed be divided into sections. 60% said there should not be formal class pictures; but 60% also said every class should be represented. The same percentage preferred informal pictures of all classes. The

yearbook editors suggested this would be an unworkable set-up, requiring too many pages and pictures.

87% of the respondents said there should be written information in the annual; of those, 74% said this writing should be both creative and factual.

Student organizations should be represented in the annual, according to 73% of those responding; 42% wanted it done

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Campus Security Responds To Bike Thefts By 'Outsiders'

by Rich Oljey

A few weeks ago, a high school age youth was picked up for trespassing and suspicion of bike theft. He was released due to lack of eye-witness evidence. Bikes were later stolen by this suspect and another youth. A further attempt was foiled by Security and the youths were nearly apprehended.

A week ago, two more youths, one about eleven years old, and one about fifteen years old, were caught attempting to steal bikes in the Townsend Quad. It was night and the boys escaped through a quad door that was supposed to have been locked. It had been previously locked by Security. One youth fled across North Parkway to Overton Park and got away. Students Juan Pulido and Jim Moore were chasing the older suspect down North Parkway toward Trezevant. Officers Donnelly and Allen were trailing behind. As the two students were about to catch the suspect, he turned and pulled what appeared to be a gun. Having stopped the pursuit, the youth escaped.

Col. Max McQuown, head of Security, was asked about the incident. He had no comment; he felt the event was questionable as to whether the suspect actually had a gun. Neither the students nor the officers could describe the gun, or whether the gun was real at all. Col. McQuown did recommend some measures to prevent this kind of thing from happening in the future.

"One, you have to put the bicycles in the bicycle racks. Two, you have got to have a good carbon-steel chain. Three, your lock has to be as cut-proof as the chain. Many times I have seen cheap locks put on good chains. Four, you chain it to the frame, not to the

wheel. They will often unscrew the wheel and take the rest of the bike," said McQuown.

Registering your bicycle with Security is very important. This is often the only means of identifying it. "The four (bike thefts) that were reported to me were not registered with this office. We cannot identify if with the police or if we see it on the campus again," explained McQuown.

McQuown suggested bikes should always be kept locked. "On one day, there were eight bikes in the Townsend Quad with chains on them, but unlocked."

With an open campus like Southwestern's, people can walk on and off campus as they please. School children have cut through on their way home. Strangers are a common sight on campus as anyone can attest. One of the biggest problems of all campus crime is that nobody wants to notify Security if there is somebody mysterious walking about campus. Col. McQuown remarked, "You must report people in the quads or in the dorms. After a year here, you pretty much know who are the students and who are not."

The storage area under the refectory can be and at one time was made available to students for securing their bikes. A large metal pipe is in the storage room and about one-hundred bikes can be locked there. This place can be ideal for safety and weather protection. At one time, this area was offered to students. Only one student chose to lock his bicycle there.

When asked whether he had been consulted about the SGA's new Security Council plan, McQuown said he had not. Student-security relations can be very important to prevent events like these from happening in the future.

Southwestern's Religious Commitment:

by Boyd Chitwood

The issue of church-school relations and the religious atmosphere on campus is one which elicits deeply felt opinions on many sides and deserves careful investigation. In interviewing people for this article, no white and black hats emerged. This reassures, but also makes more difficult, the search for answers.

A *Statement of Christian Commitment and Church Relationship* is the official document on the subject of church-school relation. It states that a clear identity is important and then outlines this identity in the marks of a Christian, church-related college.

The following should be present: opportunities for corporate worship, social concern, balance of commitment and freedom (included is the determination to see that a large majority of the faculty are Christians, insist on freedom of inquiry, create a climate where Christianity is reasonably and persuasively presented without pressing for acceptance, and encourage exploration of relationships of religion to other subjects).

These continue: personal concern for students, Bible and religion courses, intellectual stimulus to the church, provision of leaders for church and society and service to church, maintenance of church governance and leadership, and reporting to the church.

When asked about church-school relationship, Dean Bo Scarborough stated that the church started institutions of higher learning to gain an educated clergy and laity. The church needs educated people able to read the Bible and make personal faith decisions. This gives the school its obligation to provide the highest quality education.

Dr. Fred Neal, Professor of Religion, emphasized that the church and school have distinct purposes. "The church is to proclaim a gospel, to encourage commitment...the school is to teach..."

Dr. Richard Batey, Professor of Religion, commented that the religion department had discussed this question and felt that it was not the school's job to indoctrinate students into an orthodox faith but rather to "inspire honest thought...and a commitment to seek."

These views include a separation between the mission of church and school. There are, however, "Christian colleges" which do not see this separation or at least, not to the same degree.

Dr. Larry Lacy, Professor of Philosophy, made the distinction between different types of "Christian colleges." He said that Southwestern is not a Christian college if that means that elements regarded as basic Christian doctrine are proclaimed, but that it may be a Christian college if that implies a founding in the Christian tradition and belief in the basic moral principles of Christianity.

Dr. Neal didn't feel that "Bible colleges" have a rightful place in higher education. He felt these institutions should function as "Sunday schools" and not profess to be independent institutions of higher education.

Tom Edmonson, a senior religion major, said "The school should encourage a Christian faith as much as possible without inhibiting the pursuit of truth...impinging on personal freedom...or requiring a specific doctrinal statement for admission." Tom was undecided whether an all-Christian faculty should be recruited. He did feel the school's greatest service to the church would be to educate and instill a desire to seek truth, knowledge, and scholarship.

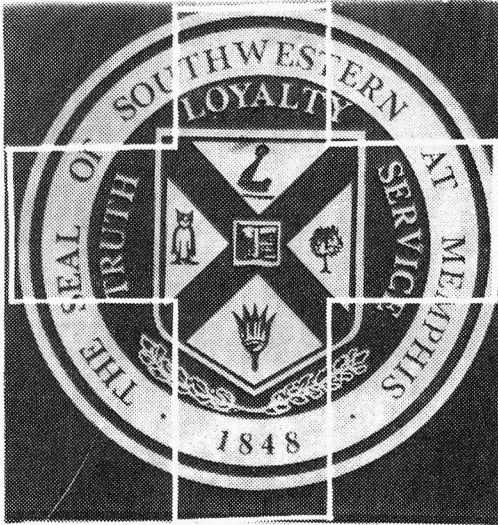
As to the structural relationship of the church and Southwestern, Winton Smith, Director of Church-College Relations, said the governing synods elect 50% of Southwestern's trustees. Beyond the personal involvement of these trustees, there is not official control of Southwestern by the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

Southwestern's chaplain and career counselor, Dr. Robert Norfleet said, "Usually people say that the relationship of the church and the school is more formal than day to day. That's not to say there's not a working relationship at times, though."

The issues of religious and academic freedom juxtaposed with Christian commitment and purpose were clearly of importance in all of these interviews.

Karen McGuire, president of Emmanuel Fellowship, said several faculty members had refused to speak at group meetings, not for reasons of logistics, but because they felt it was not a worthy activity. She said this may be partially due to misunderstanding of the group's ideals by their outside advisor, though.

Karen said, "One thing I've been disappointed with at this school is that religion's been played down too much." She thinks it should play a major part in decisions. On the balance of commitment to freedom. "People around here seem to be too afraid of stepping on people's toes." Karen felt it right that the feelings of Jewish students, for example, were considered but that the school is inordinantly reluctant to profess and actively pursue a Christian belief.



Dawn Huff and Courtney Wright, religion commissioners, told how they perceived the school's Christian commitment. Dawn felt the school's position was sometimes too "wishy-washy." She gave the drug situation as an example. The school officially opposes drug use on campus, but doesn't seem to strongly denounce it or actively seek to eliminate it. Courtney added that the school seems to say, to both desirable and undesirable activity. "Do your own thing."

Courtney said she felt that in terms of a professed Christian belief, there was "no way to call Southwestern a Presbyterian or Christian school if we want to keep the student body we have." She elaborated to say that what she felt must be evident at a Christian school could not be done here as the students we have would not accept it.

They both felt, though, that freedom was important for a liberal arts college, but that the college should provide certain Christian activities and present a certain position while leaving students free to choose.

Dean Scarborough felt the relation to the Presbyterian Church, "in an interesting and good way, permeates the college...By this, I mean, concern for people...and a nurturing, forgiving, helping role."

Tom Edmonson said that it was "very hard to see a religious affiliation outside of convocation," but he was not sure how else this would be shown. He did mention the recent review of the Greek system by the Community Life Committee as a good sign of a Christian concern for justice.

Dr. Batey stressed that he was impressed with the generally Christian commitment of the faculty. He feels this provides a better education and is pleased that the religion faculty is not given the sole responsibility for disseminating Christian principles to the students.

Most interviewed felt mandatory chapel is not a desirable activity, but some expressed regret that we no longer have the benefits of a structured chapel service. Dr. Neal, who was in charge of chapel services for several years, spoke of the short, interesting and enriching talks by faculty members, and the fine choral and organ music programs.

Chapels were planned as satisfying worship experiences for those of a similar faith but also educational for all attending. Dr. Neal feels that similar, voluntary services now would be poorly attended, as are current campus worship services.

Tom Edmonson said he'd like to see more theological viewpoints present in the religion department. He said it "wouldn't hurt at all if we had a Jesuit, someone steeped in Roman Catholic theology." Also, a conservative view in the department: "It's not represented at all. I would not like to see anyone fired...but I think it would show a high degree of openness if the school would consider hiring a conservative scholar."

Dr. Batey said this had been discussed in the department and that he would have no problem considering a conservative scholar. He said what department members should do for now is keep abreast of and aware of as many occurrences in scholarship as possible

and remain open to them.

Kay Batey, another senior religion major, attended Harding Academy, a basically fundamental Church of Christ school, and found Southwestern quite a transition. She agreed that the conservative position was not present in the department.

Neither Kay nor Tom said this situation was completely wrong, as they had been challenged and strengthened by the experience.

Tom mentioned, however, that his "beliefs had been shot down and even caricatured in class." Whereas he felt this good for himself, for the non-major he said, "The religion department has done a disservice to the campus by only presenting their understanding, especially in the Bible section."

Tom said, "We can't ask people outside the conservative tradition to defend the conservative tradition."

Most of the religion faculty come from basically fundamental backgrounds and understand that theology to some degree. They have, however, left that background and now believe differently. Though they can maintain some objectivity, it seems difficult for them to even fully respect a viewpoint they've abandoned.

Dr. Neal said a liberal or conservative position could not really be outlined and did not characterize the department as such. He also felt it would be wrong to consider conservatism a qualification in hiring a scholar. He did define a need, though, especially in the "Man" course working with freshman, to balance challenge and support of the students. He felt students needed the "cold shower, but you need to have plenty of warm towels waiting."

Dean Scarborough expressed the importance of challenge to bring about maturity,

Are We Reluctant To Profess A Christian Belief?

but felt that support services like the chaplain were also very important.

Many of those interviewed said the religious atmosphere was improving. This must be seen in the light of what's occurred in recent years. Since the middle 60's, Southwestern has imposed fewer and fewer restrictions on student life.

As the school's influence has been reduced, so has that of the church; but the church seems content. Winton Smith commented, "I don't think the church is worried about this. It just really hasn't been an issue."

If the religious atmosphere is improving, the major influence must be an individual one. Less is done officially so more must be done informally.

This influence must come from committed Christians desiring changes. President Daughdrill was mentioned as a positive individual presence.

If problems are perceived in course perspectives, dissenting voices will stimulate intellectual and spiritual growth. Interested individuals from school and church can work to improve their relationship. If Southwestern people show a change, then the school will accommodate.

None interviewed described the religious atmosphere at Southwestern as perfect. Therefore, some changes and improvements are in order. If the type of activism mentioned previously, practiced by liberally educated people with an honest respect for others and their beliefs, is present at Southwestern, it can do nothing but enrich all aspects of life here. When interviewed, Dr. Lacy said he held hope for the future at Southwestern because he'd seen signs that the Wind of the Spirit was working here, and he held hope that it would continue to blow.

SGA Spirits Accomplishment

The new Southwestern SGA has gotten off to a great start. We sense a spirit of mission in its actions so far, a spirit of working to get things done. The College Bowl has been reinstated, and the Pep Band has been revitalized. SGA-sponsored committees have been opened up to the entire campus; we only hope enough students have volunteered to support the SGA's forward-looking actions. We are impressed by the SGA's sponsorship of a weekly dinner for campus leaders. Perhaps such a meeting will lead to a better-informed campus. Certainly, we at the *Sou'wester* hope to be the major outlet for that information.

The SGA does have a problem, however—a constitutional problem. Constitutional problems are not unique to the SGA; ask any member of any organization on campus if he has even seen his organization's constitution, much less read it for understanding. Odds are, you will get a negative response. Even with a positive response, though, a problem of interpretation is raised. Who is the final arbiter in a constitutional dispute? Can an organization honestly hope to function without a commitment to abide by its constitution, whatever it may be? Should a constitution be merely an outline for an organization to fill in as circumstances dictate?

We are glad to see the S.G.A. assessing its constitutional problems. We hope other

campus organizations will be doing the same thing...maybe one day this summer I'll dig up a Pub Board Constitution and see what it has to say. T.D.

Survey Continued...

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informally, 38% in group shots, and 20% said both could be used.

88% of those who answered felt there should be specific coverage of events on campus; Homecoming, Dilemma, Kinney, rush, intramurals, lectures, convocations, and sports were most frequently suggested. 51%, however, said sports won-loss records should not be included. 92% insisted sports be covered, with all sports given coverage. 74% said the administration and faculty should be included as well. 61% said there should not be a Senior index.

The annual should be an historical account of the year's events, according to 28% of those who answered. 43% said the book should be an artistic, creative reflection of those events. 74% said the yearbook could incorporate both facets.



Ray Hill

In This Corner

Exactly thirty years ago I was completing my first year of teaching at Southwestern. When people learn I've been around here that long they frequently ask if students have changed much in three decades. My answer is that of course they have but so have Americans in general.

For twenty-five of my thirty years here I have been involved with the Continuing Education Center, for twelve years I was clown and puppeteer on a local children's television show and from 1973 to 1978 I was part of A Learning Place where my involvement was with students from three through eighteen. My youngest students have been three, my oldest in their eighties.

So what are the changes I have noted? Today there is little awareness of or interest in process. The product is all important. The student doesn't ask, "What grade did I earn?" but "What grade did you give me?" More and more both undergraduates and adults want instant answers. The joy of discovery is disappearing from the educational scene.

Increasingly the emphasis is on surface and image with the realities hidden under clever phrases and catchy slogans.

Today we constantly hear about "rights" but seldom about "responsibilities." Genuine commitment has become a rare commodity indeed!

Ray Hill



Dr. Tucker jogs through heat in Saturday's 3 mile Fun Run. Photo by Jo-Ann Goldman.

Leadership Fraternity Taps Memphis Woman

Mertie Willigar Buckman, assistant secretary-treasurer for Buckman Laboratories Inc. of Memphis, has been elected to honorary membership in Southwestern's chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national collegiate leadership fraternity.

The Phi Circle of ODK, founded in 1927, recognizes students who excel in campus and scholastic activities. In addition to the select group of college-aged members tapped, one or two additional honorary, non-student memberships are awarded each year.

Mrs. Buckman, wife of the late Stanley J. Buckman, was recognized for her civic contributions. Beyond her responsibilities at Buckman Laboratories, Mrs. Buckman has participated in a wide range of civic organizations. She is a life member of the YWCA and on its advisory board, chairperson of the Tennessee Division of Church Women United's finance committee and an advisory board member of Transitional Center Inc.

In 1966 Mrs. Buckman was named to the Hall of Fame of the Memphis American Cancer Society for her volunteer work. She spearheaded the formation of the Raleigh (Tenn.) Community Library and chaired its board for a number of years. She is a past president of the American Association of University Women.

Mrs. Buckman earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Washington where she studied home economics and textiles. She taught in the Home Economics Department at the University of Minnesota in the early 1930's and later at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville.

Forwarding Address Please

Everyone needs to fill out a forwarding address card, or a USPS change-of-address card if you are leaving permanently, so that the mailroom can send you your mail over the summer. Cards will be in your mailbox soon.

Football Cheerleaders

The 1980 Football cheerleaders have been selected. They are Lisa Yarber, capt., Julie Houston, co-capt.; Thania Hall; Eriq Fitzgerald; Julee Carroll; and Joyce Holiday. Alternates are Valerie Hunt and Susan Haley.

The number of cheerleaders was reduced this year from 8 to 6 at the athletic director's suggestion.

Any males interested in cheering in the fall should contact Lisa Yarber before summer vacation.

SGA Coupon Booklet

The Welfare commission, under the SGA, is working on a coupon booklet for the Southwestern Community. Intended for distribution next fall, the booklet will contain discounts and offers from area businesses. Any students planning to be in Memphis during the summer are welcome to donate their time and ideas to work on the booklet.



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| DATE | OPPONENT | GAME SITE | TIME |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| September 13 | Millsaps College | Jackson, Ms. | TBA |
| September 20 | Washington Univ. | St. Louis, Mo. | 7 p.m. |
| September 27 | Davidson College | Home | 1:30 p.m. |
| October 4 | Illinois College | Homecoming | 1:30 p.m. |
| October 11 | Univ. of the South | Sewanee, Tn. | TBA |
| October 18 | Maryville College | Home | 1:30 p.m. |
| October 25 | Baptist Christian College | Home | 1:30 p.m. |
| November 1 | Principia College | Home | 1 p.m. |
| November 8 | Rose-Hulman | Terre Haute, In. | TBA |
| November 15 | Centre College | Home | 1 p.m. |



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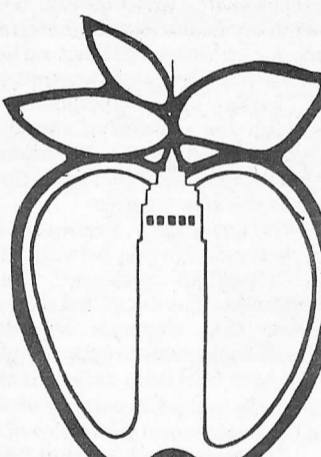
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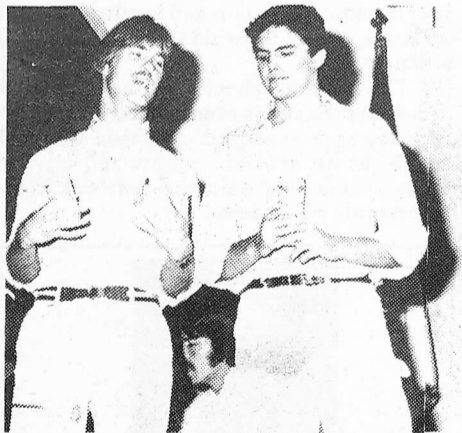
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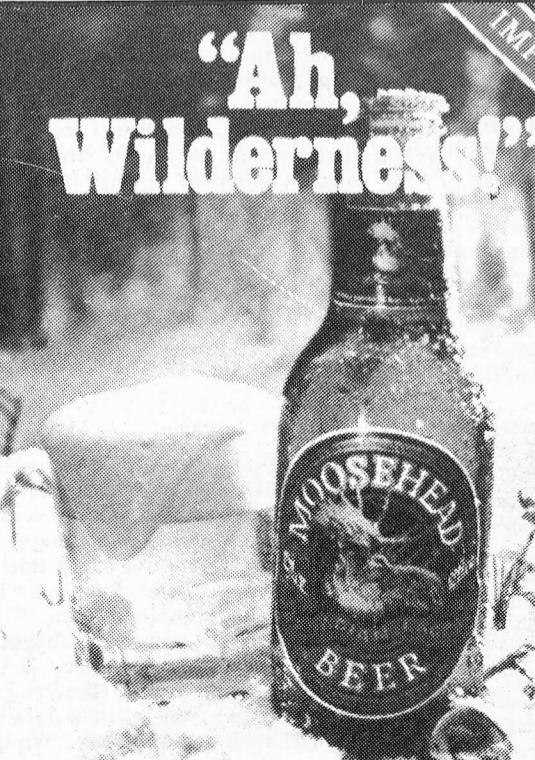
Rodney Nash (I.S.S.) and Rich Booth (As Randy) performing in student musical. Tickets are still available for tonite and tomorrow. Photo by Whit Brown.

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