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Seminary leader's spending under fire

By PRINGLE PIPKIN
Staff Writer

The Rev. Lewis Drummond has fallen from grace with some of his conservative trustees after three years as president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

Trustees have complained that Drummond has been irresponsible in his use of the seminary's money. Southeastern, a Southern Baptist seminary of about 600 students, is supported financially by the Southern Baptist Convention.

"That's the Lord's money, not our money," Walter Lonis, a trustee from Morrison, Colo., said. "The layman in the pew would be appalled if he knew how much was spent."

According to trustees, Drummond spent about \$200,000 — eight times the amount allowed — for renovations to his house; charged the seminary for his wife's travel expenses;

purchased \$108 worth of cosmetics at Bell's; and stayed in plush hotels, including a \$160 room at a resort in West Virginia.

Drummond, in two brief interviews, refused to talk about his spending, saying, "That's all been settled with the trustees."

Paul Fletcher, vice president for internal affairs, denied a written request for records of Drummond's financial dealings.

But according to trustee Ceal Rhodes of Wilson, chairman of the board's Audit and Investment Committee and a supporter of Drummond, and trustees Lonis and the Rev. Dade Sherman of Monroe, who have called Drummond's spending excessive, the financial web unravels like this:

• Drummond charged the seminary about \$200,000 to renovate the president's house; the trustees had told him to spend \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Some of the excess cost is explained by repairs to a floor, ceiling and air conditioner. But some went for furnishings, including a \$500 tablecloth, paintings and other items that make the home more suitable for entertaining.

"That's Southern Baptist money," Lonis said. "We're in the business of saving souls, not serving dinner."

Drummond has agreed to repay the school about \$28,000 for furnishings after selling his former home in Louisville, Ky., Rhodes said. It couldn't be determined how that figure was established.

"I really and honestly believe there has been no wrong done anywhere other than the fact there's been some poor business in not getting bids" on the renovation work, Rhodes said.

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The Rev. Lewis Drummond: Agreed to repay school \$28,000

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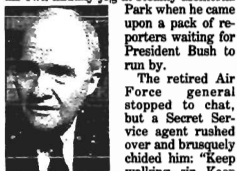
Spring Forward

It's daylight saving time. Did you remember to set your clock forward one hour last night?

Security too tight for security adviser

HOUSTON — Rank has its privileges, but Brent Scowcroft in shorts looked like just another potential security risk to one Secret Service agent Saturday.

The national security adviser was on his own midday jog in steamy Memorial Park when he came upon a pack of reporters waiting for President Bush to run by.



The retired Air Force general stopped to chat, but a Secret Service agent rushed over and brusquely chided him: "Keep walking, sir. Keep moving." When the reporters burst out laughing, the Houston-based agent recognized the sweaty jogger.

"I'm just looking at shorts and T-shirts," the agent apologized with a shrug.

As the agent shoed other joggers away, Scowcroft joined his boss as the president finished his run with a pack of local joggers.

Studio on ads: Clam up!

SEATTLE — Kevin Costner may dance with wolves, but a Los Angeles film distributor has clamped down on a new "dancing with clams" advertising campaign for a seafood restaurant chain.

"Dances With Wolves" distributor Orion Pictures Corp. threatened to sue the Ivar's restaurant chain unless it pulled the television commercials and newspaper ads, an Ivar's executive said.

The commercials show a Costneresque actor cavorting with an actor in a clam suit in a seaside meadow. Orion accused Ivar's of copyright infringement.

In his Oscar-winning film, Costner plays a frontier soldier who befriends a wolf, romping with the animal in prairie fields.

Ivar's Restaurants and Seafood Bars pulled the commercials Thursday.

"We were really just trying to have some fun," said Scott Kingdon, president of Ivar's Restaurants.

Now, who had the floor?

SCARBOROUGH, Maine — A day after voters rejected a plan to build a new Town Hall in this Portland suburb, the floor of the old one nearly caved in during a council meeting.

As council members gathered around a desk during a meeting last week, they heard a loud noise, and the floor sagged several inches. A rusted steel support had snapped, leaving just a 15-foot wooden beam supporting a portion of the floor.

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Today's Chuckle
Pet peeve: when cats and dogs get angry.

'This is the same water we drink'



John Papp / News & Record

DIRTY WATER: Connie Allred monitors water being discharged from the waste treatment plant in Siler City. Allred is a member of a citizens group trying to clean up the area's waterways.

Pollution pits river's health vs. jobs

By ALISON DAVIS
Staff Writer

SILER CITY — Connie Allred fears for the Rocky River.

Near her home seven miles south of town, she has seen scum collect on the river's surface. She has watched algae grow like long hairs on river rocks in summertime and huge clumps of foam move along like greasy barges with the current.

"The number of fish that approach Allred's boat has dwindled," she says, and many of those that do have open sores on their bodies.

Some days, when rain has been scarce and the current slows, the Rocky is so thick with grease that Allred leaves fingerprints when she touches the water's surface.

■ A little fish is causing wildlife officials a lot of worry — A8

Two years ago, Allred and Friends of the Rocky River, a citizens group she helped create, began tracking the river pollution backward.

Time and time again, members say, the source has been Siler City's sewage.

Siler City, like so many towns across the state, no longer is able to properly treat the waste that flows into its sewage plant — nearly 70 percent of which comes from industry, including two large poultry processors.

After a rain, poorly treated or raw sewage frequently flows directly into Loves Creek, which in turn flows into the Rocky River.

State officials acknowledge the problems. Yet they have asked a state environmental regulatory panel to let Siler City increase both the amount and the intensity of its pollution while the town expands its sewage plant.

Such requests are common in North Carolina. But environmentalists fear Siler City's plan would seriously injure the river — and likely would mean certain death for the Cape Fear shiner, a federally endangered fish, and for several mussels the state considers threatened.

"Once they're gone," Allred said, "they won't come back."

Siler City officials fear a different death because of sewage.

■ More about WATER, A8

Iraq OKs terms of truce 100,000 troops to begin leaving

By JOHN RICE
The Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Iraq reluctantly accepted Saturday the U.N. conditions for ending the Persian Gulf war, bowing to terms that strip it of much of its military might.

President Bush said the Iraqi letter accepting the truce terms "appears to be positive," but he said U.S. analysts were still reviewing it.

Kuwait's U.N. ambassador said he will urge diplomats to reject the Iraqi document, saying it has too many qualifications, though he did not specify what problems he has with the letter.

Word that Iraq had accepted the cease-fire terms came from the Baghdad government's foreign minister, Ahmed Hussein, Iraqi diplomats at the United Nations said.

"Iraq has found itself facing only one choice — that it must accept Resolution 687," Hussein said in a 23-page letter delivered to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and Security Council President M. Paul Norderdame of Belgium.

The letter, written in Arabic, raised numerous legal points and objections, Iraqi diplomats said. They added, however, that the acceptance was absolute and not conditional.

Bush, in Houston, said portions of the letter objecting to the severity of the U.N. conditions amount to "some griping ... but that is just too bad."

Iraq's acceptance paves the way for the 100,000 U.S. troops occupying southern Iraq to begin withdrawing.

The resolution demands that Iraq destroy its chemical and biological weapons and most ballistic missiles under U.N. supervision and that it not acquire such weapons or nuclear capability in the future.

Iraq also is to pay war reparations to Kuwait out of its future oil revenues, recognize the current Kuwaiti border, swear off support of terrorism and cooperate in repatriating Kuwaitis and others it has detained.

■ More on the gulf — A4



Quake aftermath

Two children sit in the rubble of their home in Moyobamba, Peru, after an earthquake hit the area. At least 50 people died in a

series of tremors Friday, the highest measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale. Aftershocks were felt in neighboring Ecuador.

U.S. medicine top-notch, but many can't pay for it

By LARRY LIPMAN
New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Gloria Reda cried when she got the news.

The 60-year-old Delray Beach, Fla., woman and her 62-year-old husband, Anthony — a heart transplant patient two years ago — has just been turned down by yet another insurance company.

Anthony Reda's medication costs \$1,800 a month. He needs biopsies every three or four months at a cost of \$10,000 each. Once a year he checks into a hospital for extensive tests and treatments that cost "many thousands of dollars."

Gloria Reda has a blood disease requiring regular medical attention.

"I'm just beside myself," she said. "I just don't know where to turn. I can just see my savings going down the drain and then what do we do?"

The couple's health insurance expired Feb. 28, three months after his former employer — a stock brokerage — liquidated. Because of his condition, his new brokerage firm

Hospitals spend billions caring for the uninsured, and those costs are shifted to the patients who pay. In 1988, that cost-shifting totaled \$8.3 billion.

has been unable to buy coverage for him, or even to get a group plan that would cover Reda, his co-workers and their families.

The Redas have some savings, but they're not wealthy. They're too young for Medicare, too rich for Medicaid and too sick for insurance.

The Redas are not alone. Roughly 33.8 million Americans — one out of seven — do not have any health insurance, according to the Employee Benefits Research Institute. Another 20 million have inadequate coverage, according to the U.S. Bipartisan Commission on

■ More about INSURANCE, A8