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## Whiting To Speak In Great Decisions Assembly Program



Dr. Kenneth R. Whiting

program being offered at Southeastern for the first time from February 2-March 23. This Great Decisions program, which is sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, will explore different topics each week and is open to the public. It is a nonpartisan discussion program sponsored nationally with focus on the pros and cons of eight important foreign policy issues facing the U.S. in 1969. ....

Dr. Whiting's area of special competence is the Soviet Union, with minor activity in the satellites and Chinese affairs. He is the author of numerous publications concerning the Soviet Union, including a recent book, *THE SOVIET UNION TODAY*. He graduated with honors in history from Boston University, earned his M.A. at UCLA, and his Ph.D. in Russian history from Harvard University.

During the last eleven years Dr. Whiting has traveled extensively in the USSR, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Yugoslavia. In 1967 he visited Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Philippines, Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii.

Dr. Kenneth R. Whiting, noted historian with the Documentary Research Division Aerospace Studies Institute, will speak to Southeastern students and faculty in a special assembly program in the college auditorium Thursday, February 6, at 11:30 a.m. His topic will be "Soviet Policies in Eastern Europe-The Outlook For East-West Co-existence."

Dr. Whiting's visit to the campus is in conjunction with the Great Decisions 1969

## Southeastern Part Of Three State Research Program

Southeastern Community College is among 12 institutions selected to participate in a junior college consortium by the Regional Education Laboratory for the Carolinas and Virginia.

One of the first areas in which member junior and community colleges will work with the RELCV will be the problems of remedial education. Comprehensive research is proposed, from which will come development of viable solutions for remedial education problems in the two-year college field.

The prospect of new approaches and new solutions to such problems is regarded by Southeastern's president, E. Philip Comer, as of great meaning.

He describes Southeastern's membership in the consortium as "the most significant single event that has happened to Southeastern Community College since its inception." Comer expressed the belief that participation in the junior college consortium will prove to be of greater significance and greater value to Southeastern than even accreditation.

Institutional research, he said, involves the systematic collection and evaluation of data, on the kinds of remedial courses offered, the instruction,

and most important, the students who fail to learn in them. Institutional research enables college faculty to make decisions, based on what is true, rather than what is thought to be true.

Comer attended a one-day orientation workshop recently for presidents of the 12 institutions of the junior college consortium. He has appointed Professor Jack Ervin, co-ordinator of the college's Business Education department, to serve as Southeastern's institutional representative. Ervin recently participated in a three-day meeting in Durham by RELCV to familiarize participants with the research tools and techniques to study systematically the problems confronting colleges in such areas as administration, student motivation and performance, making of policy decisions.

Dr. John Roueche, who is director of the Junior and Community College Division of RELCV, will visit the Southeastern campus on February 14. He will come here with two members of his staff to hold discussions with Southeastern's administration and faculty.

The Regional Education Laboratory for the Carolinas and

Virginia is a non-profit organization established under Federal legislation, and is the only one of 19 such regional education laboratories throughout the nation which deals primarily with higher education, and the only one which includes a junior college consortium.

The consortium will work toward better educational practices which can be implemented on all campuses around the nation, and with its own member campuses serving as models for constructive change in two-year colleges.

The RELCV points out that most two-year colleges have an "open door" admissions policy, but often large numbers of students do not make the grade. The high dropout rate among remedial students represents one of the basic concerns for RELCV.

Comer sees the opportunity for significant progress in this undertaking. "We are fortunate at Southeastern to be selected as one of the 12 full members of this consortium," he said.

Unprecedented growth of two-year colleges across the nation focuses new attention on student motivations. For RELCV and the consortium colleges, many key questions and concerns will be studied.

## College Honors Awards Donors

Donors and recipients of scholarship grants for the 1968-69 academic year at Southeastern Community College was honored recently at a reception by college officials and the college's Financial Aid Committee.

Altogether, 31 scholarships have been awarded by 27 donors through Southeastern's Financial Aid Committee, which co-ordinates and administers grants of this kind.

E. Philip Comer, president of Southeastern, said a number of deserving students are being aided by these scholarships, and he expressed appreciation to the donors for their interest and support.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Comer at the tea in honor of the donors. Others representing the college were Mrs. Hugh Moore, director of financial aid; Dr. Robert Vargas, dean of student

secretary; George Howard, dean of the technical-vocational division, and faculty members Mrs. Alice Stallings, James Ervin, and Joe Nance.

Scholarship donors for the current academic year include:

The Jiggs Powers Athletic scholarship, Duke University, C. H. Larkins, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McMillian, the Joel Levitt Foundation, honoring J. K. Powell (2) and Blue Jeans (2); Future Business Leaders of America, Pembroke High School; Whiteville Rotary Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Kramer (2) honoring Mr. and Mrs. Nathan and Celia Kramer, and Norris Kramer; Mrs. R. C. Sadler, American Legion, Elizabethtown Kiwanis club, Whiteville Lions club, Whiteville Woman's club, Brunswick-Waccamaw Missionary Baptist Convention, Geen Alden Corporation.

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Medical Auxiliary. Lake Waccamaw Woman's club, Tabor City Jaycees, Leder

Brothers Employees, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Herman Leder, and, Miss Pauline Toon.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS shown at the reception include, left to right, Belinda Phillips, Alice Davis, President and Mrs. Philip Comer, Walter Strickland and Cynthia White.