First Bunch Length Studies in the SLC South Final Focus, K. BANE, P. EMMA, S. HORTON-D. MCCORMICK, SMITH, A. MENEGAT, D. WHITTUM, M. MINTY, C. NG, G. YOCKY, <u>F. ZIMMERMANN</u>, SLAC - We report the first studies of bunch length in collision in an operating linear collider, making use of a new rf bunch length monitor that was installed in the SLC South Final Focus prior to the 1997/98 luminosity run. The theoretical and measured monitor responses to linac injection phase and bunch-compressor voltage are described. Comparisons with beamstrahlung, arc wakefields, luminosity and other machine observables are summarized. Implications for beamline instrumentation on the NLC are discussed.