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**Illinois Merges Two
Student Programs**

CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP)--The chair of Bible teaching program of Illinois Southern Baptists has been merged with their Baptist Student Union work.

The directors of the Illinois Baptist State Association, which voted the merger, said it "sacrifices nothing of either program but correlates the two services."

A. C. Queen of Carbondale, who heads the Baptist chair of Bible at Southern Illinois University, was designated secretary of the new department of student ministries. V. W. (Bob) Entrekin of Carbondale, who has been secretary of student work, will be Queen's associate.

The new program is in keeping with the student ministry concept of the Baptist Student Union, Entrekin said.

Queen will continue as president of the Bible chair program in Carbondale and will direct the teaching programs of the merged department. Entrekin will direct student union activities in the state, but each institution will continue to have its campus director.

The directors approved sale of the local chair of Bible buildings and site to Southern Illinois University for \$355,000 plus 1-3/4 acre tract for relocating the chair of Bible building.

The present building, located in the heart of the campus, will be used by the Baptists till the new site is fully developed.

Directors of the state association accepted resignation of John C. Taylor of Carbondale as associate editor of the Illinois Baptist and public relations consultant. Taylor plans to work for a doctor of philosophy degree in journalism at the university here.

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**Dismissal For Dance
Could Be Misleading**

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MORIARTY, N. M. (BP)--A vacation Bible school conducted by Baptists dismissing so two of its classes can dance?

"This sounds horribly unBaptistic," two summer student missionaries directing the Bible school here told the Baptist Convention of New Mexico office in Albuquerque in their periodic report, "but there is an explanation."

The school is being held at Longhorn Ranch east of Moriarty. The Longhorn Ranch has a Zuni Indian family which dances for tourists. Four boys come to the Bible school on condition they can be let out each hour for the Indian dances.

"Since they compose all the Beginner and Junior departments," the summer workers reported, "we meet for 45 minutes and then let out half the school."

The summer workers, a part of the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board's student missionary force, are Bob Bigler, from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, and Larry Cobb, from Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex.

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New Orleans Hospital
Lets First Contract

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Southern Baptist Hospital's administrative committee has awarded R. P. Farnsworth and Co., Inc., the contract for the first three construction projects of the hospital's \$8,950,000 expansion program here.

The firm's low bid of \$2,228,500 includes the construction of a ramp parking garage for approximately 500 cars, a new laundry building and the renovation and enlargement of the hospital's power plant.

According to C. J. Briant, New Orleans, chairman of the hospital's administrative committee, the bid also included an alternate proposal for a heliport landing on top of the garage.

Construction was scheduled to begin immediately, with completion in approximately 400 calendar days, he said.

"The total cost for the first three construction projects will be \$2,425,000," added Briant.

The overall expansion program will take five to 10 years, depending on the availability of funds. It will include a hospital addition providing a net increase of 133 beds, an apartment building for interns and residents, an education and nurses residence building, and a chapel and chaplain's training facility.

Noting that the apartment building for interns and residents is the next project on the agenda, Briant said that plans and specifications are now being drawn.

"Several old buildings will be demolished to make way for the new construction," Briant said. "Total beds will be increased from 467 to 600 and the square footage of the hospital plant will be doubled."

Adding that the first three projects for which the contract has been awarded will be financed out of existing hospital resources, he said that the remainder of the program must be paid for by contributions, bequests, memorials and other gifts.

"No federal funds have been sought, nor will they be sought, in connection with the program," the chairman emphasized.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has completed remodeling 36-year-old Rice Hall. Conversion of 36 efficiency apartments into 18 one-bedroom quarters was done at a total cost of \$900,000. Some couples have already moved in. This was the building's first major change or alteration. (BP)

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