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Southern To Conduct  
Woman's Career Classes

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here will offer next year new classes for coeds wishing to enter Woman's Missionary Union careers.

Dean Allen W. Graves announced the courses, a part of the school of religious education, result from the seminary's merging with Carver School of Missions and Social Work in 1963.

Woman's Missionary Union is women's auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, which operates both the seminary here and Carver School.

The new missions education leadership course and studies are primarily for women who will fill administrative, field work and editorial positions for women's missionary organizations in this nation and at Southern Baptist foreign missions stations.

Approximately 150 women now have career positions in Southern Baptist and state Baptist convention Woman's Missionary Unions.

Ministerial students' wives and other women students studying as missionary volunteers and for church-related vocations can also take the missionary education leadership course.

The new course is part of a two-year professional degree plan in the school of religious education. Other courses studied for woman's missionary work include church administration, group dynamics, improvement of teaching, history of education, philosophy of education, understanding and working with people, specialized education ministries and biblical and theological foundations.

Southern Baptist Convention and state missionary union leaders will work with faculty members in teaching phases of the courses and will meet with students during each year. The course was set up in cooperation with Woman's Missionary Union officers in Birmingham.

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Grant Editorial Raises  
Reapportionment Issue

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RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)--Smaller states in the Southern Baptist Convention are having a voice in Convention affairs out of proportion to the number of Baptists in these states.

This is the argument advanced by J. Marse Grant, Raleigh, editor of the Biblical Recorder. The Recorder is the official weekly publication of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The North Carolina convention, with 923,297 members of affiliated Baptist churches, is the second largest state in the SBC in membership.

"As the SBC has expanded to the Far West, the Northwest, and the Northeast, it has changed. New states have come in (as soon as they have 25,000 members in their churches). When this membership figure is reached, a state has full representation on all Convention boards and committees," Grant said in an editorial.

"For example, the powerful Committee on Boards and Committee on Committees is made up of two members from each state. Let's see how this works out:

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"North Carolina, with 923,297 Baptists, has two members on the Committee on Committees. The nine smallest states in the Convention, with a total membership of 657,619, have 18 members on this strategic committee. These states gave \$971,643 through the SBC Cooperative Program last year while North Carolina gave \$1,370,000," the editor argued.

"It is true that the SBC Executive Committee is on a membership basis, but the make-up of many boards and committees is based on one or two members from each state regardless of size," he added.

The Committee on Committees and the Committee on Boards, referred to by Grant, nominate those who will direct the affairs of the Convention's agencies and special and standing committees each year.

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Cheyenne Church Survey  
Finds 8000 Non-Members

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (BP)--More than 8000 non-church members or persons without local church affiliations in Cheyenne were reached by a recent interdenominational survey under direction of two local Baptist pastors.

About 91 per cent of Cheyenne's 42,000 population was included in the survey, directed by Don Mabry, pastor of Sunnyside Baptist Church, and Dwain Steinkuehler pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church.

Joining in the effort were 1113 volunteer workers from 36 churches.

The large scope of the survey, despite the small size of young Southern Baptist churches in the area, showed effectiveness of a plan whereby initial instruction and planning come through the department of survey of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Local churches direct and carry out survey work.

The survey in Cheyenne, Wyoming's capital, classes 75.4 per cent of the city's population as church members, of which 80 per cent are local members, 12.9 per cent have memberships in other towns, and 7.1 per cent are children under nine.

Of the children under nine, 84 per cent are enrolled in Sunday school or are church members, with only 16 per cent not connected with some church.

Non-church members over nine years of age comprise 24.6 per cent of the population.

The Home Mission Board's department of survey is encouraging other areas to undertake such surveys with direction by local and state leadership. Following the same plan used in Cheyenne, the Atlanta office furnishes printed instructions and assists in initial organization and planning.

This method makes services of the department to many areas possible despite limited personnel in the Atlanta office.

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