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Southern breaks ground  
on \$3.9 million building

By Pat Cole

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--Southern Baptist Theological Seminary broke ground for the final phase of its Honeycutt Campus Center two hours after an April 16 trustee vote approving its construction.

The \$3.9 million building will house a 300-seat cafeteria, private dining and conference rooms and a 500-capacity banquet hall. It is a part of a comprehensive complex that contains the seminary bookstore, health and recreation facilities, post office and student-related administrative offices. The first two phases of the campus center were completed in the fall of 1990.

The Louisville, Ky., seminary has \$2.7 million in hand or pledged for the final phase and plans to designate the remaining \$1.2 million from internal funds, said seminary President R. Albert Mohler Jr. The designated money will be repaid from the Cooperative Program capital needs budget, Mohler said, noting those funds already have been committed to the seminary. He said the seminary would avoid "escalating building costs" by proceeding with the building.

"This is clearly a historic moment for Southern Seminary and a great day for the institution to celebrate the past and the future," Mohler said in an interview. "Any breaking of ground is a clear statement of great potential for the future. This facility will provide much-needed cafeteria and conference space at a state-of-the-art quality and with sound stewardship."

The facility is expected to open in the fall of 1997.

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In other financial matters, trustees approved a \$16.6 million budget for fiscal year 1996-97. The budget includes a 3 percent salary increase for clerical and maintenance employees. Faculty and administrative staff will receive pay increases from a \$140,000 appropriation, which will be allocated on the basis of merit.

In his report to trustees, Mohler said he had ruled out the possibility of legal action to try to recover the Review & Expositor, which until recently was the theological journal of the seminary faculty. Review & Expositor's board announced in March it will move the journal away from the campus and align it with a consortium of moderate Baptist seminaries.

"The seminary could demonstrate that the journal functioned as a defacto subsidiary of the seminary for nine decades," said Mohler. "Nevertheless, on the basis of 1 Corinthians 6:1-7, we have considered legal action to be wrongful." He explained he would not "answer a wrong suffered by Southern Seminary with another wrong action."

Mohler said the seminary would start another theological journal that "will represent the very best of evangelical scholarship and exposition, and it will be a journal of which Southern Baptists will be proud."

Trustee officers issued a statement to the full board calling the removal of the Review & Expositor "an act of dishonor." The officers endorsed Mohler's plan for a new theological journal.

In other action, the trustees:

- elected Jerry Johnson, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Aurora, Colo., as chairman for the 1996-97 year. Richard White, pastor of First Baptist Church, Franklin, Tenn., who has served three terms as chairman, was ineligible for another term. Other officers will be Ruffin Snow, minister of evangelism, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., first vice chairman; Orman Simmons, a physician from Little Rock, Ark., second vice chairman; and John Hicks, an attorney from Louisville, secretary.

- granted tenure and faculty rank to Mohler. He was named professor of Christian theology. The board also tenured Daniel Akin, who will join the seminary in June as associate professor of Christian theology, dean of the school of theology and vice president for academic administration.

- elected four professors to endowed chairs: Craig Blaising, Joseph Emerson Brown professor of Christian theology; Daniel Block, John R. Sampey professor of Old Testament interpretation; Brian Richardson, Basil Manly Jr. professor of Christian education and Robert Smith, Carl E. Bates associate professor of Christian preaching.

- promoted three professors: Leigh Conver from associate professor to full professor of pastoral care and psychology of religion; Mark Seifrid from assistant professor to associate professor of New Testament interpretation; and T. Vaughn Walker from associate professor to professor of black church studies.

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Southern, Campbellsville close  
to agreement on Carver transfer

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has set the process in motion to phase out its Carver School of Church Social Work and transfer it to another institution.

Paul F.W. Kim, a social work professor at Louisiana State University, will serve as dean of the Carver school for the 1996-97 academic year. Meanwhile, the trustee committee studying the Carver school announced April 16 the Southern administration and Campbellsville University (formerly Campbellsville College) President Ken Winters had "agreed in principle" to transfer the Carver school to Campbellsville.

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Campbellsville, a Kentucky Baptist Convention-supported school, has been negotiating with the seminary for several months. The 1,300-student institution offers a bachelor's degree program in social work and with the acquisition of the Carver school will implement an master's program.

During the Carver school's final year at Southern, Kim will be assisted by Jon Rainbow, a former Carver professor who now is assigned to the Christian education school, and adjunct professors.

Kim, who holds a doctorate in social work from Tulane University, has taught at LSU since 1985. Previously, the Baptist layman taught at Florida International University and the University of Kentucky.

Seminary President R. Albert Mohler Jr. said April 16 the seminary has submitted documents to the Council on Social Work Education outlining its plans for the final year of the school. CSWE has indicated accreditation will continue if the seminary meets CSWE standards.

Approximately 25 students will remain in the Carver school following May graduation. The seminary has offered financial assistance to students who want to transfer to another school.

In October, seminary trustees voted to transfer the Carver school to another institution. The Carver school study committee recommended the school be transferred, noting that "considerable differences exist in the structures, processes and issues of social work education and theological studies."

In another recent development, former Carver dean Diana R. Garland submitted her resignation from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's faculty, effective July 31.

Garland has been a social work faculty member since 1983 and was dean of the Carver school from 1993 until March 1995 when she was dismissed from the position by seminary President R. Albert Mohler Jr. in a dispute over the hiring of a new faculty member. Garland distributed a letter April 15 informing fellow faculty members of her decision.

Controversy surrounded the Louisville, Ky., seminary's social work school in March 1995 when Mohler dismissed Garland as dean for breaching administrative processes by releasing a document criticizing Mohler's refusal to approve a social work faculty nominee, David Sherwood, who had been recommended by faculty and student committees. Sherwood is director of the social work program at Gordon College, Wenham, Mass. Mohler had cited Sherwood's stance allowing for the role of women as church pastors in refusing to recommend Sherwood to Southern's trustees for final approval.

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Mohler & trustees decry  
journal 'breach of faith'

By Michael Duduit

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--Expressing regret and outrage at the decision to remove the theological journal Review & Expositor from its historic roots at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, President R. Albert Mohler Jr. and seminary trustees have indicated they nevertheless will not initiate legal action to stop the action of the journal's editorial board.

Instead, they will proceed immediately with creation of a theological journal which will, according to Mohler, "represent the very best evangelical scholarship and exposition" in accord with the original intentions of the founders of Review & Expositor.

The actions by Mohler and Southern trustees, who met at the Louisville, Ky., seminary April 15-16, come in response to a recent decision of the editorial board of Review and Expositor to break free from its historic connection to Southern Seminary and create a new board including representatives of newer "moderate" seminaries linked to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

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In their April 16 session, trustees received a report from chairman Richard White on behalf of the board's officers in which they expressed "deepest regret and disappointment over the action of the board of Review & Expositor." The officers "view this as an act of dishonor with this community," White said, and encouraged the administration and faculty to immediately create a new journal.

In an extended report to trustees, Mohler described the history of the 93-year-old journal, which was founded in 1904 by President E.Y. Mullins and replaced The Seminary Magazine, a periodical edited by students.

Mohler pointed out Review & Expositor "was identified with Southern Seminary from its inception. The inaugural issue stated the journal was published by the Faculty of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. That identification was intact until the publication of the Winter 1996 issue of the journal." He also noted the seminary has provided multiple benefits to the journal up until the present, including free office space, storage space and telephone use.

The seminary's first notice of the editorial board's action was a March 26 news release announcing the new editorial consortium. However, Mohler cited earlier efforts by specific faculty members to remove the journal from direct control of the faculty. Mohler shared with trustees a 1991 memorandum written by former President Roy L. Honeycutt in which he sharply criticized such efforts.

"To relocate the Review & Expositor to another institution, however indirectly, would constitute a breach of faith with almost a century long heritage and the seminary faculty's historic relationship to the Review & Expositor," Honeycutt wrote. "Such action would violate the intention operative when the separate corporate status of Review & Expositor was established."

In creating a new journal, Mohler said the seminary will "go back to the future and reclaim the evangelical mantle established by President E.Y. Mullins -- his vision for a journal which would serve Baptists and the wider evangelical world, committed to solid theological study and biblical exposition. What Dr. Mullins envisioned as a 'high class theological journal' will be established once again at Southern Seminary through the birth of a new journal, clearly identified with Southern Seminary, published in the name of Southern Seminary and by its authority."

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RTVC trustees name incorporators,  
elect officers for fiscal year By C.C. Risenhoover

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IRVING, Texas (BP)--Trustees of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission named two incorporators to assist the board of trustees of the North American Mission Board during a regularly scheduled meeting April 15-16 in the Sheraton Grand Hotel at Irving, Texas.

The trustees also passed a resolution supporting the Home Mission Board "Celebrate Jesus 2000" emphasis and elected officers for the 1996-97 fiscal year.

The two trustees named as incorporators are Ray Finch of Catoosa, Okla., and Gary Underwood of Texarkana, Ark.

Finch, founder and president of Lakeshore Food Systems of Tulsa, Inc., is a deacon in Ranch Acres Baptist Church there and a member of the Oklahoma Baptist University (Shawnee) board of development.

Underwood, a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, is a member of Beech Street First Baptist Church, Texarkana, Ark., and director of the senior adult choir. He is executive vice president of Beech Street Communications Corp., a FamilyNet affiliate.

FamilyNet is the broadcast television service of the RTVC with more than 100 affiliates nationwide.

The Implementation Task Force of the SBC Executive Committee has announced it will recommend 13 incorporators for the NAMB if messengers at the 1996 SBC annual meeting in New Orleans approve the necessary bylaw changes in the second step of a two-year process.

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The overall restructuring of the Southern Baptist Convention, called the "Covenant for a New Century," was passed during the SBC's sesquicentennial last year in Atlanta. The restructuring of the SBC from 19 agencies to 12 will include the NAMB, which will merge the Home Mission Board, RTVC and Brotherhood Commission.

The ITF requested the RTVC nominate as incorporators two of its trustees who will be eligible to serve as trustees of the NAMB.

RTVC trustees re-elected C. Wyman Copass as chairman, Finch as first vice chairman and Billy Thomas as second vice chairman. Stephen Diehl was elected as recording secretary.

Copass is pastor of Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky; Thomas is pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Lafayette, La.; and Diehl is pastor of First Baptist Church, Vandalia, Ill.

"Celebrate Jesus 2000" is a major evangelistic thrust of the HMB for 1995-2000, which will be continued by the NAMB. The resolution passed by the RTVC trustees read in part: "... the trustees of the Radio and Television Commission give complete and prayerful support of 'Celebrate Jesus 2000' in an attempt to reach all people in North America with the gospel."

Trustees also honored D.J. Benson, pastor of Salem Heights Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss., who retired off the board.

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Mission church responds  
to Freeman/FBI standoff

By Sarah Zimmerman

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JORDAN, Mont. (BP)--The Southern Baptist congregation in Jordan, Mont., considered declaring itself the "Church of the Truly Free Man," but it is taking other steps to witness during the standoff between FBI agents and Freemen.

FBI agents and media representatives have rented every hotel room and travel trailer in the town of 500 residents, said associational missionary Mike McKinney. When the FBI approached the Jordan Community Bible Church SBC about using its facility for sleeping quarters, the church opened its doors.

Agents sleep at the church in shifts, layman Frank Phipps said. The church building is a former community center with offices, rest rooms and showers.

Pastor James Riekeman said Freemen use the Bible to justify white supremacy, tax evasion and seizure of state and federal land. Their biblical interpretations have the entire community talking about theology.

"Our members have had a lot of good witnessing situations. It's allowed us to discuss the real truth of the gospel," said Riekeman, who leads another congregation 70 miles away. "I'm confident that God is going to continue to use this to allow us to tell people about Jesus. My guess is that 80 percent of the 1,600 people in Garfield County have never heard a straightforward presentation of the gospel."

Phipps said Catholics and Mormons are dominant in the area. When residents ask how people could believe the Freemen's claims, Phipps replies, "I tell them that the Freemen have followed a false Messiah. I worship the true Messiah and I ask them to follow Christ."

Life is tense in Jordan as the standoff disrupts routines, McKinney said. A public school bus route was canceled out of fear the children would be taken hostage as they passed near the Freeman's barricade.

"We're all praying for this to be resolved peacefully and without bloodshed," McKinney said.

Riekeman and Phipps also are praying the national spotlight will help them recruit a pastor dedicated to the Jordan mission. It is the county's only Southern Baptist congregation.

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"We're praying for a great revival here, and we'd like to have a leader," Phipps said. "We need a pastor who is strong enough to take this thing and run with it."

Begun two years ago, the Jordan mission has 13 members and average attendance of 25. It is sponsored by First Baptist Church of Circle, Mont., where Riekeman also is pastor. He preaches in Circle on Sunday morning then drives to Jordan for Sunday evening Bible study and worship.

"It's almost impossible for me to pastor from 70 miles away," Riekeman said. Because the Jordan congregation is small, its pastor needs to be bivocational, he said, noting jobs as carpenters, schoolteachers and mechanics are typically available in the area.

The Jordan church bought its building with a grant from the Florida Baptist Convention which paid for half the cost. Riekeman said the building could easily accommodate 70 to 100 church members.

The Montana and Florida conventions have been mission partners for a number of years. The grant made monthly payments reasonable for the Jordan congregation, Riekeman said. "We wouldn't have been able to do what we've done without Florida's help."

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Tar Heel WMU volunteers  
for 'after-school' aid

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RALEIGH, N.C. (BP)--It was an announcement important enough for a governor to make: Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina will devote thousands of members to volunteer in the state "Support Our Students" (SOS) after-school program and "Governor's One-On-One" program.

Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. and Irma Duke, state WMU executive director, announced the initiative during a news conference in Raleigh March 29. Under the plan, women and girls in nearly 3,000 churches across North Carolina will volunteer to help at-risk students with homework, serve as mentors, help strengthen families and organize clubs and camp activities.

"This may be the largest donation of time and talents ever made by a single group to the children of our state," said Hunt, who volunteers with his wife, Carolyn, weekly in the SOS program.

"Through the people power of the WMU, thousands of girls and boys will be getting extra love and support at a critical time in their lives," Hunt said.

"We see SOS and the governor's One-On-One program as preventive measures," said Duke. "These programs help young people before they get into trouble, before they have a record for life. With the added support of our group, we believe these efforts can be even more effective."

The North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union includes more than 72,000 adult members in nearly 3,000 churches in the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina with a long tradition of service to their communities. Each year members adopt a central focus: in 1994-95, they worked on projects to alleviate hunger; in 1995-96, they have worked to help people with AIDS.

Support Our Students, proposed by Hunt and approved by the General Assembly during the special session on crime in 1994, is currently providing safe, interesting after-school services to more than 6,000 students in 52 counties. Through SOS, local nonprofit groups utilize community volunteers and paid staff to provide at-risk students help with homework, involvement in regular activities or clubs, or work on community service projects. SOS is a public-private partnership supported by businesses, local governments and community groups throughout the state.

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The Governor's One-On-One program was created by Hunt in 1982 by executive order and currently serves 1,275 students in 63 counties. Through the program adult volunteers are trained and matched with young people, 90 percent of whom are court-referred and agree to spend at least four hours per week working one-on-one with the volunteers for one year. State funding is matched by local cash and in-kind contributions. Only 3 percent of youth involved in the program were committed to training schools in 1994-95.

"Our young people need all the help they can get these days," Hunt said. "We need the commitment of everyone -- religious organizations, civic groups, fraternities and sororities and individuals -- if we are going to get all of them headed on the right path."

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They cooked their goose  
& raised \$1,126 for kids

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BOLIVAR, Tenn. (BP)--They cooked their goose -- and a variety of other meats as well.

Teams from 13 businesses and organizations in Bolivar, Tenn., competed in a wild game cooking contest sponsored by First Baptist Church -- and raised \$1,126 for the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home in Memphis.

Each team provided the game for the contest, which had three categories: "taste and tenderness," "most variety and most exotic game" and "best presentation of the game to judges."

The teams supplied more than enough food to feed a crowd of 400-plus.

The most exciting thing about the event, organizers said, was more than half the crowd consisted of people who do not attend First Baptist or any other church.

One cook and First Baptist member showed another cook through the church. Afterward, the man was sitting with head down. Concerned, the church member asked if something was wrong.

The man responded, "I am 57 years old. I have never been inside a church before, and it did something to me."

The event also included various displays and seminars of interest to outdoor sportsmen and women.

The dinner was followed by a presentation from Ralph Duren of Missouri, the national champion turkey gobbler. His challenge to not overlook God's vital role in creation led into his main point of neither should they overlook God's vital role in their personal lives as well.

One individual later wrote: "It was especially gratifying to learn that the national champion turkey gobbler recognizes the lordship of Christ over all of creation.

"I think his approach is an excellent vehicle for getting the words of life into the ears of many who would not otherwise receive the witness."

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Evangelism training called  
comfortable, user-friendly

By Sarah Zimmerman

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ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP)--"People Sharing Jesus," the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's newest witness training material, is described as comfortable, user-friendly and a companion to the popular "Experiencing God" study course.

"For those who have studied 'Experiencing God,' a wonderful sequel would be to study 'People Sharing Jesus,'" said Henry Blackaby, coauthor of "Experiencing God." "When a person or a church has an experience with God, the spontaneous response is to share immediately and extensively with others. It is the most natural expression of the joy of the Lord."

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Michael Barrett, pastor of Pleasant Garden (N.C.) Baptist Church, is teaching the "People Sharing Jesus" material during a sermon series, Sunday school and discipleship training.

"People Sharing Jesus" helps Christians become comfortable while witnessing, Barrett said, adding it's sensitive rather than threatening to people who are witnessing.

The material takes pressure off Christians by emphasizing "a successful witness is planting the seed. God changes the life; you just be faithful to witness," Barrett said.

"People Sharing Jesus" is designed to equip Christians to witness where they live, work and play, said Jerry Pipes, HMB associate director of personal evangelism. Participants are taught to develop relationships with lost people and intentionally share Christ with them.

Evangelist Bud Parish and Barrett are North Carolina consultants for churches interested in "People Sharing Jesus," said Milton Hollifield, state evangelism director. As interim pastor at Eller Memorial Baptist Church in Greensboro, Parish uses the material during his Sunday evening sermon series.

"People Sharing Jesus" materials include six products, ranging from a study book to video tapes demonstrating witnessing styles.

Parish said his favorite product is a New Testament with 31 devotions written by Calvin Miller, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. The devotions encourage Christians to become fishers of men.

Parish said deacons and leaders at his church will receive the New Testaments in May and be encouraged to lead their families in the daily devotionals all month. Hollifield said participants in the state's volunteer partnership with South Africa will receive the New Testaments to encourage them to witness on their trips.

Hollifield described "People Sharing Jesus" as user-friendly because participants have nothing to memorize and leaders do not have to be trained to lead a group.

Materials range in price from \$5.99 for the New Testament to \$159.99 for a media kit. Pipes said "People Sharing Jesus" could be taught if the leader only had the book and the leader's guide which together cost \$21.

"People Sharing Jesus" material can be ordered through HMB customer services, 1-800-634-2462, or purchased in Baptist Book Stores and other Christian bookstores.

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**BWA breakfast slated  
June 12 in New Orleans**

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--The Baptist World Alliance's "Window on the World" breakfast at the Southern Baptist Convention will be at 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 12, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans.

The program will include comments from BWA General Secretary Denton Lotz and others on the work of Baptists around the world.

The BWA is a fellowship of 187 Baptist conventions and unions, with a membership of more than 40 million baptized believers.

Tickets, at \$15 each, may be ordered from the BWA at 6733 Curran St., McLean, VA 22101-6005. The BWA's phone number is (703) 790-8980; fax, (703) 893-5160; CompuServe e-mail, 70423,222.

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**Researchers to meet  
Saturday prior to SBC**

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--The Southern Baptist Research Fellowship's annual meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's Leavell Center for Evangelism and Church Growth.

The fellowship's banquet and evening program will begin at 6:30 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The fellowship is among numerous groups meeting prior to the June 11-13 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.

The researchers' program will include:

-- an address on "Effective Evangelistic Research" by Thom Rainer, dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

-- a presentation on "Helping Churches Make Wise Decisions" by Glenn Akins, director of research and consulting services for the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

-- a review of research by Woman's Missionary Union by Tara Springfield, WMU marketing specialist, and Jim Bryson, president of 20/20 Research, Nashville, Tenn.

-- a review of Sunday school-related research in Texas by Clay Price, research and information services manager for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

-- an orientation to the Leavell Center.

Banquet tickets at \$15 each may be ordered from Price at the Baptist General Convention of Texas, 333 N. Washington St., Dallas, TX 75246.

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**Baptist computer association  
slates 'Cutting Edge' meeting**

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--"On the Cutting Edge with SBC" will be the theme of this year's annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Computer Users Association.

The June 7-8 meeting will be at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's Leavell Center for Evangelism and Church Growth. Sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. each day.

Topics to be addressed include "Avoid Being Road Kill on the Information SuperHighway" and "Homepagings with the WMU." Bob Wiley, director of the Home Mission Board associational missions division, will speak on "Winning Habits." The group also will be given an overview of New Orleans Seminary's video teleconferencing facility.

The association's meeting is open to all. Further information may be obtained by phoning Jamie Cooke at (770) 410-6411 or John Hocking, (770) 410-6419.

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**4 to receive alumni awards  
at Southwestern luncheon**

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Four Southwesterners have been chosen to receive the 1996 distinguished alumni award and will be recognized at the annual national alumni luncheon June 12 during the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans.

Receiving the award will be Thurmon E. Bryant, vice president, office of mission personnel, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; John W. Drakeford, distinguished professor of psychology and counseling emeritus at Southwestern; Harry M. Piland, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Dallas, and former Baptist Sunday School Board Sunday school division director; and John Sullivan, executive director-treasurer, Florida Baptist Convention.

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The luncheon will take place in the Regency Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, immediately following the Wednesday morning session. The hotel is directly south of the Louisiana Superdome.

This year's alumni luncheon is being partially underwritten by Resources Services, Inc. of Dallas. The company's church division conducts consultant-led capital stewardship programming and in a typical year serves hundreds of congregations.

Billy Hoffman, Southwestern director of annual giving/alumni relations, said the sponsorship allows participants to enjoy a \$25 meal at less than half price.

"The fact that they are helping to sponsor this year's luncheon is really keeping the cost down for our alumni. The ticket price will be only \$10 for a very nice meal and an excellent program."

The menu will feature chicken and sausage gumbo, grilled mahi and French silk pie. The keynote speaker will be seminary President Ken Hemphill. J.W. "Jack" MacGorman, distinguished professor of New Testament, emeritus, will give seminary highlights.

Tickets will be on sale at the convention or in advance by sending \$10 to the Office of Institutional Advancement, P.O. Box 22000, Fort Worth, TX 76122.

Perry Webb, RSI senior vice president, said the organization has been privileged to serve many of the congregations who will be represented at the luncheon.

"It is always our desire to heighten awareness of church leadership to the importance of stewardship in the spiritual growth of Christians. We consider this occasion just such an opportunity."

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Patterson, at 5-year point,  
to address Southeastern alumni

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WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)--Alumni and friends of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary will enjoy the cuisine that has made Louisiana dining famous at the school's national alumni luncheon during the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans.

The authentic Cajun meal will feature seafood gumbo and chicken creole as the main entree. The luncheon, to be held Wednesday, June 12, at the Hyatt Regency across from the Superdome, will feature an address by Southeastern President Paige Patterson, who is beginning his fifth year as president of the Wake Forest, N.C., seminary.

Patterson also will bring a report on the school's mission trip to Cambodia, which will take place June 2-18.

Johnny Hunt, pastor of First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ga., and the seminary's national alumni association president, will preside at the noon luncheon.

The event will include the awarding of the school's distinguished alumnus award. "Faithful Men," an auditioned vocal ensemble from the seminary's men chorale, will provide music for the luncheon.

Adult meals are priced at \$12. Tickets for the luncheon may be purchased in advance from Southeastern's alumni office prior to May 20. A limited number of luncheon tickets will be available at the SEBTS booth in the convention exhibit hall at the Superdome. Further information is available through the alumni office by calling (919) 556-3101.

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**Mohler address, alumni honors  
slated for Southern luncheon**

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's annual Alumni and Friends Luncheon will be held Wednesday, June 12, at 1 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans.

The event will include the presentation of the school's distinguished alumni awards, an address by Southern Seminary President R. Albert Mohler Jr. and music by Lloyd Mims, dean of the seminary's school of church music.

The Louisville, Ky., seminary hosts an alumni and friends gathering each year in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Tickets for this year's luncheon are \$17.50 each if an advance reservation is made and \$19 each if purchased in New Orleans without a reservation. For a reservation, call the seminary at 1-800-626-5525, ext. 4700.

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**New Orleans Seminary to host  
1996 Alumni & Friends Reunion**

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's annual Alumni & Friends Reunion will be held on the seminary campus beginning at noon Wednesday, June 12, during the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans.

In the style of an old-fashioned church "homecoming," the reunion will begin with a dinner on the grounds in the quadrangle area of the campus, featuring an all-you-can-eat barbecue lunch.

Tickets are on sale now by mail. Tickets ordered by Friday, May 24, will cost \$5 each; tickets ordered after May 24 and those purchased at the NOBTS exhibit at the SBC will cost \$7.50 each. Ticket sales at the SBC will end at noon Tuesday, June 11.

The homecoming meeting will be held in the Roland Q. Leavell Chapel and begin at 1:15 p.m. with a pre-service concert featuring a choir of music alumni. The service will begin at 1:30 p.m., featuring a report from the seminary's new president, Charles S. Kelley Jr. The service will include the annual presentation of the distinguished alumni awards.

Following the homecoming service, a reception for the 20th reunion of graduates of the seminary's school of Christian training will be held in the atrium of the Hardin Student Center.

Place ticket orders with NOBTS Alumni Office, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126-4858. Checks should be made payable to NOBTS. Tickets ordered from the alumni office after May 24 may be picked up at the seminary's exhibit at the SBC.

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**Midwestern luncheon at SBC  
to include alumni honors**

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Two distinguished alumni awards and two honorary alumni awards will be presented during Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's annual alumni luncheon at noon Wednesday, June 12, in the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans.

The luncheon also will feature comments from the seminary's new president, Mark Coppenger.

C.O. Belcher and Marvin Nobles will be honored as alumni of the year.

Belcher, now a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board volunteer in Jamaica, has served churches and associations for the last 46 years in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri. He received his associate of divinity degree from Midwestern in 1969.

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Nobles received his master of divinity from Midwestern in 1965. He has served as pastor for numerous years and was director of missions for the Jefferson (Mo.) Baptist Association for 11 years. He retired in 1994.

Honorary alumni awards will be presented to John Howell, professor of Christian ethics at Midwestern, and Harry Taylor, director of music for the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists.

The cost for the luncheon will be \$15 in advance or \$20 at Midwestern's booth at the Southern Baptist Convention. Advance reservations may be made in the seminary relations and alumni office, (816) 453-4600.

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Bill Crews, alumni awards  
top Golden Gate luncheon

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary will host its alumni and friends luncheon Wednesday, June 12, in New Orleans following the morning session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

President William Crews will provide a "state of the seminary" report and address issues of leadership and change. In addition, Crews will make several award presentations from the alumni association.

The luncheon will be held at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans located at 500 Poydras Plaza. It is adjacent to the Superdome, site of the SBC annual meeting.

Tickets are \$18 each and may be purchased in advance from the Office of Institutional Advancement, 201 Seminary Dr., Mill Valley, CA 94941. For more information, call (415) 388-8080, ext. 296.

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CORRECTION: In (BP) story titled "Southern Baptists help resettle 797 refugees in '95," dated 4/9/96, an incorrect phone number was listed for the Home Mission Board's office of immigration and refugee ministries. The correct number is (770) 410-6329.

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