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Sunday School Board
Program Info Ready

NASHVILLE (BP)--Messengers to the 1965 Southern Baptist Convention at Dallas will be presented with the longest program statement they have yet been asked to approve for one of the convention's agencies.

The document, which may be 15,000 words long, describes the 25 programs assigned to the SBC's largest agency, the Sunday School Board, with headquarters in Nashville and book stores and other operations from coast to coast.

Copies of the document have been circulated to about 800 SBC leaders. The recommendations will appear in the Book of Reports, available as messengers register.

The statement has received tentative approval of the SBC Executive Committee and is scheduled to have that committee's final approval in a meeting at Dallas immediately before the convention opens. To be authorized for publication in the SBC Organization Manual, however, it must have the approval of the messengers.

The Organization Manual will contain the programs and other descriptive material on the work of every SBC agency.

Two program statements are being presented at Dallas, the Sunday School Board's and the Brotherhood Commission's. Others have preceded these over a four-year period. Remaining to be adopted are two other agencies' statements--the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board--perhaps in 1966.

The 25 programs proposed for the Sunday School Board reflect the work the agency is already doing. The number of programs here is about twice those assigned to any other SBC agency.

The 25 programs are (1) church literature publishing, (2) Broadman Book publishing, (3) Broadman Film production, (4) church music publishing, (5) Broadman supplies production;

(6) Convention Press Publishing, (7) Baptist book store operation, (8) assembly operation, (9) Sunday School promotion, (10) Vacation Bible School promotion;

(11) weekday Bible study promotion, (12) Training Union promotion, (13) church music promotion, (14) church administration service, (15) audio-visual education service;

(16) work with college students, (17) family ministry, (18) vocational guidance, (19) Bible and general tract distribution, (20) church architecture consultation;

(21) church library service, (22) church recreation service, (23) research and statistical analysis, (24) cooperative education and promotion work with state Baptist conventions, (25) Southern Baptist Convention support.

The proposed program statement says "the Sunday School Board's objective is to support the Southern Baptist Convention in its task of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ by making available Bibles, lesson courses and materials, books, films and filmstrips, music and recordings, and church supplies and by fostering education and service programs which will help the churches to establish, conduct, enlarge and improve their ministries of Bible teaching and Christian training.

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"The net earnings from the six programs of publishing and the program of Baptist book store operation, over and above the cost of operation, are available for the 17 education and service programs, capital reserves, capital improvements and working capital. The board strives to break even on its program of assembly operation," the statement adds.

The Sunday School Board is the only SBC agency not to receive financial support through the convention's unified budget, the Cooperative Program.

Through its programs of Southern Baptist Convention support and cooperative education and promotion with state Baptist conventions, the Sunday School Board provides funds from its income to help other denominational activities. 71

Areas in which it already cooperates with states and provides financial assistance, and which would continue under the program outline, are in Sunday School, Training Union, student, church music and church architecture work.

However, the board "does not participate in the selection or supervision of the workers" by the state conventions. It mails checks each month to state Baptist boards.

In Southern Baptist Convention support, the board is to forward "an amount equal to one-third of the board's contribution to cooperative education and promotion work with state conventions." This is sent monthly to the SBC Executive Committee.

The Sunday School Board also is to "provide auditorium, conference rooms, and exhibit space" at its assemblies in Glorieta, N. M., and Ridgecrest, N. C., for summer conferences staged by other SBC agencies.

Funds sent to the Executive Committee are placed in the convention's operating account.

"The Sunday School Board conceives its function and its mission in terms of service--first, to the churches; next, to the convention," the statement continues. "In serving the churches, the board's first responsibility is that of a publishing ministry . . . (and) its second responsibility is that of developing an educational program for use by churches of varying types and sizes."

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Baylor Offers Masters In Church-State Study

4-6-65

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Baylor University here will introduce next fall a masters degree program in study of separation of church and state, announced Graduate School Dean J. D. Bragg.

The new graduate program will be administered by the J. M. Dawson Studies in Church and State, an endowed research program which embraces the departments of history, political science and religion.

Work will be done under the church-state study program in all three departments, each of which has a master's degree program in the Baylor Graduate School.

James E. Wood Jr., director of the Dawson studies and professor of comparative religion and world Christianity, will direct the new program.

Applicants for a masters degree in the church-state field must have a bachelor's degree from a recognized college, and must qualify for graduate work in history, political science or religion, and should have undergraduate credits in all three fields.

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Graduate work in church-state studies will include 30 semester hours, including 12 hours of high-level graduate courses. A thesis is required in a field in which the student has completed a minimum of nine hours graduate study.

A graduate assistantship in church-state studies will be available each year, providing full tuition and a stipend up to \$1,000 to a qualified candidate.

Wood noted that Baylor's research resources include more than 350,000 carefully selected volumes, and that a new research center for church-state is being planned as part of a new library proposed at Baylor.

The J. M. Dawson Studies in Church and State were established at Baylor in 1957, and named for Dr. Joseph Martin Dawson, distinguished Baylor alumnus, pastor, preacher, and the first executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. Dr. Dawson was one of the founding fathers of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Since 1959, Baylor has published "A Journal of Church and State" each quarter with Wood as editor. Baylor also sponsors as a feature of the program the Dawson Lectures on Church and State.

Wood said that the master's degree program is a natural outgrowth of the Dawson studies and is not altogether a new development for Baylor.

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Southwest Gets Advance
Senior Accreditation

4-6-65

BOLIVAR, Mo. (BP)--Southwest Baptist College here has received senior college accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, according to Southwest President Robert E. Craig.

The college has been accredited as a junior college in the association for several years. Southwest is in the process of becoming a four-year college. It will offer its junior year in 1965 and senior year in 1966.

Accreditation as a senior college before the program actually begins is based on Southwest's junior college program and "its equally strong senior college plans," Craig said. "Only a small number of colleges have been able to qualify for this advance accreditation. Most colleges in the past have been required to operate as a senior college for a period of time before receiving it."

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McCall Says Education
Is Answer to Race Ills

4-6-65

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Baylor University President Abner V. McCall said here that education is the long-term answer to the problem of racial discrimination.

McCall, who is also president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, spoke on "The New Look in Race Relationships" at a Baylor lecture series on the Baptist Campus here.

McCall noted that the American Indian has suffered more from racial discrimination than any other minority group in the nation including the Negro.

"The Indians have lived lower, had less, and been discriminated against more than any other group," he said. "They've got a right to howl."

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The Baylor and state Baptist president said that racial discrimination in education has doomed minority groups to substandard jobs which have led to poverty and eventually to crime.

"The only way to eliminate poverty, whether for whites, Latin Americans, Indians or Negroes," he said, "is to increase earning power."

"The only way to increase a man's earning power is to train him, and educate him to function better in our automated economy."

McCall predicted more problems in race relations when Negro leaders find what they can be given by law isn't all they want.

"Many of the militant leaders will find that you can give them every possibility under the law and it won't be all they want," he said. "Many white men have all they can get under the law and still have all kinds of problems." He cited Appalachia as an example.

Baylor has for several years been desegregated. All Baptist schools in Texas are either integrated now; or have taken some action leading to accepting students regardless of race.

McCall also said that education has become the most popular political issue of the day, and predicted that federal aid to education will hit \$10 to \$15 billion annually. "The \$1.3 billion proposed for education recently will be a drop in the bucket."

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Grand Canyon Dean
Takes Southern Post

4-6-65

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Miss Marie McIntosh, dean of women at Grand Canyon College (Baptist), Phoenix, Ariz., has been named dean of women at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

She will succeed Dr. Louise Foremen Blount, who retires this summer after 11 years as director of women's activities at the seminary.

Miss McIntosh is a graduate of the former Carver School of Missions and Social Work, now merged with Southern Seminary. Since 1950, she has been at Grand Canyon College, where she has also served as associate professor of social studies.

She served as a trustee of Carver School from 1952 to 1960, as president of the Carver School Alumni Association in 1962-63.

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North Carolina Baptist
Chorale Includes Negro

4-6-65

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)--The North Carolina Baptist Chorale which is touring Europe for three weeks this spring is interracial for the first time.

A young Negro, Miss Louise Johnson of Mobile, Ala., is making the tour, purpose of which is to "bear a Christian witness through music and to have fellowship with European Baptists and with Southern Baptist missions in Europe," according to the chorale's director, Joseph O. Stroud.

Stroud, of Raleigh, is church music secretary for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

He said Miss Johnson, a student at Juilliard School of Music, New York City,

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was selected "because of her outstanding talent."

The North Carolina Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Convention took an offering for her which totaled over \$800, enabling Miss Johnson to meet expenses of her trip to Europe.

The North Carolina Baptist Chorale is a group of church musicians selected by Stroud. It is a non-profit organization sponsored by the department of church music of North Carolina Baptists.

Each member of the chorale is responsible for his own travel expense.

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Mississippi Board
Plans New Building

4-6-65

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--The Mississippi Baptist Convention board, in a called meeting here, approved location site for a new state Baptist Building and preparations leading to its construction.

In another meeting the same day, the Mississippi Baptist board's executive committee presented a new automobile to Chester L. Quarles in appreciation for his 15 years service as executive secretary-treasurer for Mississippi Baptists.

Quarles became executive secretary of the board on April 1, 1950. The board meeting on his anniversary paid tribute to his service, and made plans for future Baptist expansion under his leadership.

The new Baptist building will be located on property already owned by the board in downtown Jackson at the corner of Mississippi and President Streets, one block east of the present Baptist Building here.

Quarles said that preparations leading to the construction of the building would begin immediately, and that target date for dedication of the building would be the November, 1966 meeting of the state Baptist convention.

Present plans call for the new building to cost about \$900,000.

The building now being used by the state Baptist organization has been inadequate for several years, and will be disposed of with the proceeds applied toward cost of the new building, Quarles said.

Several frame buildings are now located on the property for the new building, but these will be removed to make way for the structure, he added.

About 165 guests and board members attended the surprise luncheon honoring Quarles on his anniversary.

W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jackson and chairman of the board's executive committee, made the presentation of the new car to Quarles, and T. R. McKibbens of Laurel, Miss., board president, presented a book of letters of appreciation from friends throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

All funds used in purchase of the new automobile were given by friends of the Mississippi Baptist leader, rather than gifts from churches.

Principal speaker for the appreciation luncheon was Robert L. Lee, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, who also brought a gift certificate from Louisiana friends.

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Hinton Leaves Baylor

SAN MARCOS, TEX.(BP)---Billy Hinton, chairman of the economics and finance department at Baylor University's Hankamer School of Business in Waco, has been named dean of the newly-organized School of Applied Arts at Southwest Texas State College here.

Hinton, a former mayor of Waco and a Baylor professor since 1946, will assume the new position Sept. 1. He will be dean of the state college's school that includes departments of agriculture, business administration, economics, home economics, industrial arts and journalism.

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Baylor Slates Summer
Alumni College Study

WACO, TEX.(BP)---Baylor University ex-students will gather here next summer for a unique five day alumni college, the first of its kind at a Texas Baptist school.

The week of lectures and seminars for families of former students is an effort to provide continuing educational services for alumni, said Ex-Students Association Executive Director George Stokes.

Stokes said a poll of ex-students showed they were primarily interested in current social and political questions, ethical and moral questions, literature and economics, history and Bible studies.

The alumni college will probably be concerned with any three of those areas, Stokes said.

University faculty members will work with the college and lead seminars, lectures and discussion groups during the week of June 28-July 2.

"The theory is," said Stokes, "that alumni are reading more than ever before and want the chance to discuss what they have read with others. The alumni college will give them a chance to catch up on current thought and theory."

Alumni families will be housed on one floor of a women's dormitory, Ruth Collins Hall.

Stokes said his office already has received applications for the college from 31 adults and 21 children. He said the cost per family will be \$25 for the week plus meals.

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Responsible Youth Need
Cited at Howard Payne

BROWNWOOD, TEX.(BP)---Speakers at the tenth annual Democracy-In-Action Week at Howard Payne College (Baptist) here presented an evolving message citing the need for young people trained to understand their world, willing to accept their democratic responsibilities, and ready to act with strong moral conscience.

The week-long program presented a varied roster of speakers including the president of the Texas AFL-CIO, a conservative news analyst, a leading economist, a Texas Negro educator, a Chinese American businessman, and the brother of the Dalai Lama of Tibet.

Said a young Dallasite, Morgan Maxfield Jr., who has seen the Russian training program for youth: "The young people of Russia will change the world, unless the young people of America change it first."

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Urging concern in social and political activities of this nation, Texas AFL-CIO President H.S. Brown of San Antonio declared that "all of us should make some contribution to the political party we like best, and the man who likes to climb the mountain for the view ought to run for office."

Speaker after speaker pointed out that political, social and personal action should be based on strong moral conscience.

"We must subjugate self-interest to decency and to our obligation to God and our fellowman," said news analyst Fulton Lewis, Jr.

Richard Rollins, head of the division of religion and philosophy at Bishop College (Negro Baptist) in Dallas, said that the issue of freedom's survival will be decided by the quality of men and women we produce, not by who builds and launches the most powerful satellite.

"The taproot of our freedom is God," declared R. H. Lawrence of Dallas, executive director of the Texas Bureau of Economic Understanding.

Other speakers for the week included Warren Nutter, chairman of the department of economics for the University of Virginia; Skipper K. Yee, businessman from Stockton, Calif.; and Thubten Jigme Norbu, brother of the Dalai Lama of Tibet.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

Baptist Press requests a correction on story sent March 27, page 1 of mailing. The story headline, first graph, and last graph refers to construction on a new Baylor University library. It should be "new science building" instead of library. It can be corrected simply if you have not yet used the story:

Headline: Baylor Plans Construction
On New Science Building

graph 1, line 2: change one word only: make it "science building" instead of "library".

graph 4, line 3: make it: "of a new \$2.8 million library" (instead of "the new library")

last graph, line 1: change word "library" to "science building" to read as follows:
"Bids on the new science building will be taken around June 1..."

Thanks, Baptist Press
Texas Regional Office

EDITORS: If you have already used the story on "Baylor library (science building construction," we are sending the following story for your consideration:

Baylor Science Center
Set With New Building

WACO, TEX. (BP)---Construction of a new science building recently announced at Baylor University here will mean completion of a major science center for the nation's largest Baptist school.

Work on the new building will begin Oct. 1, with completion expected within about a year's time.

The new building will include offices, classrooms and laboratories for the departments of biology, geology, mathematics and psychology.

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It will architecturally match the red-brick Marrs McLean Physical Science Building for chemistry and physics and will be located across the mall from the science building completed in the fall of 1963.

Completion of the new building will mark completion of the third objective for a four-part "Projection 68" development program at Baylor.

Fourth and last step of the development project is construction of a new \$2.8 million library.

Baptist Press erroneously reported recently that construction on the library would begin Oct. 1, 1965. This is the date for construction on the new science building. Construction on the library is expected to begin in September of 1966, with completion expected about Jan. 1, 1968.

Until completion of the new science building, biology and psychology departments will be housed in older, obsolete buildings. Biology is in the Carroll Science Building, built at the turn of the century, and psychology is in a remodeled apartment and store building.

Geology offices were moved last year from a two-story frame house to the basement of the McLean Science Building. Mathematics occupies a portion of the third floor of the Baylor administration building.

Baylor now has doctor of philosophy degrees in chemistry and psychology, and a doctoral program in physics will be initiated next fall.

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Southwestern Observes RE School Anniversary

FORT WORTH (BP)---Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, in a week long celebration, climaxed 50 years of pioneering in religious education.

The occasion was the Jubilee Anniversary of the seminary's School of Religious Education.

The school, founded in 1915 by dean emeritus J.M. Price, is the largest of its type and the oldest school of religious education still in existence in the nation.

More than 300 ex-students attended Homecoming Day activities and convocation service at which W.H. Howse Jr., director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's education division, spoke on "The School and the Denomination."

Former students assisted in teaching classes on the Homecoming Day, and attended a banquet that evening.

A dramatization of the school's history was produced by the faculty and students depicting the influence of J.M. Price on the seminary and the world. Title of the drama was "The Hand of the Lord, Through Fifty Victorious Years."

Price, who founded the school, also spoke in chapel services.

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Texas Baptist Give
Record Amount in '65

DALLAS (BP)---Baptists in Texas gave a record \$2.9 million to world missions through the Cooperative Program unified budget during the first quarter of 1965.

The record gifts topped the state Baptist Cooperative Program budget by \$69,315 and bettered missions contributions for the first quarter of 1964 by \$209,335.

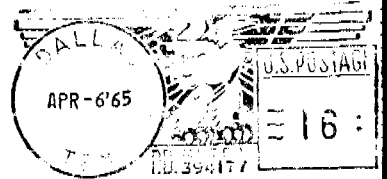
Another \$2.8 million was contributed to designated causes, including home and foreign missions during the first three months of the year, bringing total missions giving in Texas to an all-time high of \$4,773,358 for the first quarter of the year.

During the same period last year gifts throughout the state Baptist convention fell short of the Texas Baptist budget by about \$140,000. This year, receipts top the budget by nearly \$70,000.

Of the \$5.7 million in total mission gifts for the quarter, \$2,913,788 has been contributed in undesignated funds, and \$2,859,570 in designated contributions.



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Board, Agency, Seminary
Located Near SBC Site

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Three Southern Baptist agencies and institutions--a board, a commission, and a seminary---located near the site of the 1965 Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas have experienced unprecedented growth and expansion since the convention last met in Texas in 1958.

When the convention meets June 1-4 at Dallas Memorial Auditorium, the beautiful building which houses the offices and ministries of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board at 511 N. Akard will be within easy walking distance of the auditorium.

Just 32 miles to the west in Fort Worth are two other convention-owned and operated installations---the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In addition to the Annuity Board, seminary, and Radio-TV commission, the nationwide offices of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Division of Evangelism are also located in Dallas.

But not for long. The Division of Evangelism, headed by C. E. Autrey, is moving during the month of June to Atlanta where offices of the Home Mission Board are located.

Texas cannot for long claim the Division of Evangelism as an SBC agency branch, for the move is expected to be completed by the last part of June.

Since the convention last met in Texas in 1958 for sessions in Houston, the faces of the three other SBC agencies and institutions have changed and expanded so much that convention messengers who visited them then might not recognize many of the buildings.

The new buildings, however, are only evidence of a more significant expansion---the growth of ministries and programs.

All of the three agencies and institutions have been in an unprecedented expansion of their ministries during the past seven years, which one of the agency heads called "beyond all anticipated expectations."

Annuity Board

For example, the Annuity Board has since 1958 changed its name, moved into a new 15-story building, expanded its protection program for Southern Baptist ministers, offered a new variable annuity fund to supplement the basic plan, created a new life benefits plan, offered a new health and hospitalization plan, and set up a new electronic data processing system to keep track of all the benefit plans offered to Southern Baptist ministers and church and denominational employees.

Offices of the Annuity Board are located in a beautiful building which the board occupied in March of 1959 after having offices for years in the Baptist Building owned by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The Annuity Board was founded in 1918 as the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board, offering a retirement plan to Baptist pastors who would set aside a small part of his annual salary for retirement, and "relief" preachers who were already retired but had little income.

Today there are less than 1,000 persons on "relief," and since the relief program has assumed a minor part of the board's vast ministry, the convention voted in 1960 to delete the words "Relief And" from the board's name, making it simply "Annuity Board."

More than 35,000 persons employed by churches and about 125 denominational agencies and institutions are covered by the board's protection program against future financial needs because of retirement, death or disability.

Each week, about 5,400 widows receive a check from the Annuity Board to help their financial needs created by the death of their loved one, a dedicated Baptist pastor or denominational servant.

Church and denominational employees can supplement their basic protection plan with the Variable Annuity Fund, first offered in 1960, or the Life Benefit Plan which was first offered in 1964 to provide low-cost protection against death in active service, disability, or age retirement.

A new health plan is now being offered and is expected to be in force by Oct. 1, 1965, underwritten by Group Hospital Services Inc. of Dallas, with hospitalization, surgical, and major medical benefits.

With thousands of Southern Baptists paying regularly on these plans, the funds are held in trust for their future use and are put in financially sound investments to earn interest for the beneficiary. The Annuity Board is financially self-sustaining, and the only Cooperative Program support it receives is used for relief payments.

R. Alton Reed is executive secretary of the Annuity Board, and the president of the Board is Dr. Wallace Bassett, pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, and a member of the board every year since the board was created in 1918.

In nearby Fort Worth, Southwestern Seminary and the SBC Radio-TV Commission have experienced similar expansion of their ministries and facilities.

Radio-TV Commission

The Radio and Television Commission, which moved to Fort Worth from Atlanta in 1955, has expanded its program to the point that it is now the largest religious broadcasting production agency in the world. It ranks third only to Radio Free Europe and the Voice of America in the number of broadcasts and hours put out annually in the free world.

Twenty-five years ago, the first "official" broadcast of the denomination, "The Baptist Hour," was begun in 1941.

Today, the Radio-TV Commission produces 22 radio programs, and one television series each week. Last year, the commission prepared and distributed 79,984 programs for broadcast.

By contrast, the commission produced only four weekly radio programs and one television series in 1958 when the Southern Baptist Convention last met in Texas. Since that time, the number of broadcast outlets, number of hours of radio and television time, and the total number of broadcasts have all nearly trebled.

It is estimated that nearly 60 million people watched or listened to radio or television programs produced by the commission last year.

An ever-increasing number of overseas stations in 40 foreign countries are carrying Baptist-produced radio and television programs in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese, Thai, and other languages. The commission produced 13 programs in nine different languages last year.

Because of this extremely fast expansion of the volume of programs produced to glorify the name of Christ by Southern Baptists through its Radio-TV Commission, the commission has completely outgrown its present facilities at 6248 Camp Bowie Blvd., in Fort Worth.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 2, at 2:30 when the Southern Baptist Convention will be dismissed for the afternoon, the commission will climax the years of unprecedented growth and set the stage for further expansion when it dedicated its new communications center. Although still incomplete, the building will be finished and furnished by the last of June.

The International Communications Center will contain the commission's offices studios, radio-television production areas, plus printing and warehouse facilities in the two buildings costing about \$720,000.

The new building is a dream-come-true for Commission Executive Director Paul M. Stevens, who heads operations of the vast radio-television ministries of Southern Baptists.

Southwestern Seminary

Like the Radio-TV Commission, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary located in Fort Worth is also in the midst of a vast expansion and development program.

Seminary trustees, in a recent meeting this spring, approved a committee study which will recommend a ten-year campus development program which will be bigger even than its present development program slated to end in 1966.

The seminary held dedication ceremonies in March for a brand-new, \$1.2 million student center as a part of this development program. The beautiful, three-story colonial building will be the site of open house at the seminary during the convention on June 2.

In addition to the student center, plans call for the construction of a new children's building which will provide facilities to train church workers with children and take care of the children of seminary students; a medical and dental clinic, a physical fitness center with gymnasium, swimming pool, picnic area and ball fields; plus expansion and remodeling of resident halls and apartments.

Southwestern observed two milestones in its history this year. The School of Religious Education and the School of Church Music each observed their 50th anniversaries in 1965.

In unique tribute to its 50th year of operation, the seminary's school of music became the first and only theological seminary music school to be recognized with membership in the National Association of Schools of Music.

Southwestern is the world's largest evangelical seminary, with more than 1,964 students currently enrolled. It has the largest theological library in the nation, with more than 350,000 volumes.

More than 23,000 students from every state in the nation and scores of foreign countries have attended Southwestern. More than half of the missionaries appointed by the SBC Foreign Mission Board have attended the seminary nestled on a 70 acre campus on Seminary Hill in Fort Worth.

The graduates received their training in three distinct schools within the seminary---the schools of theology, religious education, and church music. The three schools supplement each other and students in one school are required to take courses in the others.

Since the SBC met in Texas last, Southwestern has elected a new president. Robert Naylor, who was pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, became president of the seminary on Sept. 1, 1958, just three months after the convention met in Houston.

Naylor, Stevens, and Reed would agree, as probably most other Southern Baptists might, that the years between the 1965 Dallas meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and the next convention session in Texas will probably see an even greater growth and expansion of the ministries of the three SBC agencies in Texas.