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Alumnus Admits Wrong  
Act 40 Years Ago

DELAND, Fla. (BP)--A guilty conscience since the 1920's has been relieved.

A former Stetson University student wrote a letter to J. Ollie Edmunds, the Baptist University's president. The writer, not publicly identified, admitted falsifying figures in a Quantative Analysis experiment more than 40 years ago.

The writer explained that during his college days he had falsified the figures in one experiment in Quantative Analysis when he could not get the experiment to come out within the required range. He said at the time he had excused himself by supposing the chemicals and the laboratory at Stetson were old, and could not give correct results.

However, his conscience had never quite accepted this as the real excuse for his having given the incorrect information.

Upon receiving the letter, President Edmunds checked the registrar's office and found that the former student had made almost straight "A's." "Under our present system of grading, he would now be graduated with highest honors," Edmunds said. "I can't imagine a grade change in one course that would affect that standing to any appreciable extent."

"Your University is proud of you and of your contribution, and does not want you to worry anymore about this matter," Edmunds wrote in admiration of the former student's action.

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New Alumni Director

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DELAND, Fla. (BP)--William Richard Thirlwell has been named executive secretary of the Alumni Association at Stetson University (Baptist) here and acting director of alumni affairs. A 1959 graduate of Stetson, he received his bachelor's degree in political science.

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Council Awards Go  
To 2 SBC Agencies

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (BP)--Southern Baptists were among those honored here at the 36th annual meeting of The Religious Public Relations Council.

The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Fort Worth, received one of three trophies given for superior workmanship in informational brochures, motivational materials, advertising and inspirational tracts.

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., was awarded one of nine ribbons for excellence in printed materials.

The Religious Public Relations Council, with headquarters in New York City, has chapters in 15 cities in the United States and Canada. It is composed of more than 600 persons who devote their professional activity to public relations of church-related agencies, and denominational and interdenominational bodies.

W. C. Fields of Nashville, public relations secretary for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, was reelected vice president of the national group.

Clarence E. Duncan, administrative assistant of the SBC Radio and Television Commission, is president of the Fort Worth chapter of the organization.

Mrs. Agnes Ford, press representative of the Baptist Sunday School Board, is president of the Nashville chapter.

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David W. Gockley of New York, director of public relations for Religion in American Life, Inc., was reelected national president of the Council.

Citations were given at the convention "in recognition of outstanding service rendered to organized religion" and for "continued efforts on behalf of all faiths to advance the spiritual life of our nation."

The citations were presented to The Los Angeles Times and its religion editor, Dan Thrapp; the Charlotte (N.C.) News and its religion editor, Sue Creighton; The National Observer and its religion editor, Lee E. Dirks; and WCCO-TV, Minneapolis, and its religion editor, John Gallos.

The 1966 meeting of the Council will be in Nashville, April 18-20.

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Gardner-Webb Contracts  
For New Student Center

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BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. (BP)--Gardner-Webb College trustees have let a contract for construction of a \$488,425 campus center to be known as the Charles I. Dover Campus Center.

The campus center will be located on the former site of the Huggins-Curtis Building which burned in 1957. This building, equipped, architects' fees paid and furniture purchased, will cost a total of \$538,425.

A dining room with a capacity of seating 560 persons at one time, a cafeteria kitchen, snack shop, bookstore, recreation area, post office, faculty offices, publication room, lounge and student government room will be major parts of the building.

Construction is expected to take one year at the Baptist college here.

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Promoted To General

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By the Baptist Press

Ross H. Routh, brother of Porter Routh, Southern Baptist Convention official, has been promoted to brigadier general in the United States Army. Gen. Routh, who served as finance officer in the 45th division in World War II and fiscal officer for the 8th Army headquarters in Korea during the conflict there, is now stationed in Oklahoma City as U. S. property officer. He is a member of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. (BP)

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Aiken To Direct Texas  
National Baptist Work

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ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here has elected an Atlanta pastor, Paul R. Aiken of Kirkwood Baptist Church, to direct work with National (Negro) Baptists in the state of Texas.

Cooperating in the appointment is the Baptist General Convention of Texas' state missions commission, which had earlier endorsed Aiken's qualifications for the position.

Aiken, a native of Sherman, Tex., will work with the Texas Baptist direct missions department which is responsible for the state's program of work with National Baptists. His office will be in Dallas.

He will be the first Baptist staff member in Texas to devote all his time to work with National Baptists. Previously, another associate in the direct missions department for the state convention directed work with National Baptists in addition to other responsibilities.

T. A. Patterson, Dallas, executive secretary of the Texas convention, said he rejoiced in the choice of Aiken for the position, and commented that Texas Baptists have for many years needed a full-time worker with National Baptists.

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Patterson said more than 1.7 million Negroes live in Texas, and the state ranks second only to New York in Negro population.

Victor Glass of Atlanta, secretary of the SBC Home Mission Board's department of work with National Baptists, said Texas Baptists have been a leader among Southern Baptists in race relations, despite the state's not having a department of National Baptist work.

Nine state Baptist conventions have such directors. Glass indicated two others are expected to employ directors this year or next.

Glass said Aiken has gained the respect of Negro leaders in Atlanta, and has a reputation of challenging Christians of both races to a responsibility in race relations.

Aiken has served as chairman of an inter-racial group of pastors in Atlanta from National and Southern Baptist churches. He also has worked with the Georgia Baptist director of Negro work in conferences and meetings with National Baptists.

The Kirkwood Church, where he has been pastor since 1947, has faced a changed ministry because of the transition of its neighborhood including a large number of Negroes.

Before coming to Atlanta in 1947, Aiken was pastor of churches in Texas and Arkansas. He is a former trustee for Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., where he received his college education. He is also a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.