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Georgia Hearings End,
Federal Aid Opposed

By the Baptist Press

The Georgia Baptist Convention's education commission closed out its public hearings on the question of federal grants for Baptist colleges in the state with every indication the proposal will be rejected, the Christian Index reported.

The Georgia Baptist weekly newsmagazine said sentiment at the four hearings ran heavily against federal grants. The commission will make its recommendations to the Georgia convention at its session in November.

About 163 persons attended the fourth and final of the hearings. This final hearing was held in Cordele, Ga. The three before it met in other cities around the state.

Of the 28 who spoke at Cordele, 27 opposed federal grants. Only one person favored them. This made the total tally for the four hearings read as follows: total attendance, 415; speakers opposing federal grants, 73, those favoring such aid, 8.

The hearings were arranged after trustees of two state Baptist colleges--Mercer University in Macon and Norman Junior College in Norman Park--requested a fresh study by the convention of its position on federal aid.

The only woman to speak at any of the four hearings addressed the one in Cordele. Mrs. John F. Gibson read a statement opposing federal aid, doing so on behalf of her husband, the pastor of Cordele's First Baptist Church.

But she added: "Because I am a woman and a mother, I do not want to see our colleges closed."

Two speakers were called down at Cordele for using the occasion to criticize the state's Baptist colleges. (BP)

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Leonard Hill Promoted
To Managing Editor

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Leonard E. Hill of Nashville has been promoted from production editor to managing editor of the Baptist Program magazine.

W. C. Fields, Nashville, public relations secretary for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and editor of the publication, announced the change.

The Baptist Program is published by the SBC Executive Committee. The magazine is a monthly publication for the denomination's 50,000 pastors, education directors, music directors, chaplains, missionaries, denominational workers and Baptist faculty members.

"Dr. Hill has served effectively as production editor of the magazine for the past seven years. As managing editor he will have wider responsibilities in the publication's management. We are grateful for his skill and dedication," said Fields.

A native of Oklahoma, Hill is a journalism graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. He received the doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, in 1962.

Prior to his work with the Baptist Program he was an editorial staff member of All-Church Press, Fort Worth, and the Baptist Standard, Dallas.

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Baylor Names New
Department Heads

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Two Baylor University professors have been promoted to chairmen of their departments, Baylor President Abner V. McCall has announced.

Thomas J. Bond is the new head of the Baptist school's chemistry department, and Thomas F. Walker is the new Spanish department chairman. Both men had been long-time Baylor faculty members, Bond for 22 years and Walker for 15 years.

They succeed W. R. Stephens, chairman of the chemistry department and Baylor faculty member for 43 years, and Andres R. Sendon, chairman of the Spanish department and faculty member for 46 years.

Together Stephens and Sendon have given 89 years of service to Baylor, McCall said in praising their work. Sendon will continue as full-time professor of Spanish, Stephens as a part-time teacher.

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New William Jewell
Library Dedicated

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LIBERTY, Mo. (BP)--The newly dedicated William Jewell College Memorial Library at the Baptist school here has four floors, covering 57,308 square feet and room to expand from the present 100,000 volumes to 225,000.

It cost, completely furnished, \$1.1 million. A theater on the ground floor seats 200 and will provide for recitals, lectures and drama. Faculty offices and a faculty lounge are also in the new library.

One of the interest centers in the Jewell Library is the replica of the study of the famous preacher, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, and a collection of Spurgeon materials.

The Missouri Baptist Historical Collection is housed in the new structure.

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Seminary Remembers
Fuller's Contribution

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--Faculty and students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here honored the memory of their sixth seminary president, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, at Founders' Day ceremonies.

Fuller was president from 1942 until he died in 1950. Mrs. Elizabeth Bates Fuller, his widow, was present with others of her family for the service on Founders' Day. She is still active in seminary life, serving as executive secretary of the seminary woman's committee.

Fuller was eulogized as a "man of vision, energy, warmth and determination, a man who could bring grand designs to reality." The development of the seminary during his administration--new buildings erected, faculty and student body growth in numbers--was recounted.

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Preacher Alarmed

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CARMICHAEL, Calif. (BP)--Doyle W. Phillips' normal Sunday morning sermon to his congregation at Cypress Avenue Baptist Church here encountered an alarming event recently. His wrist watch alarm sounded out loud and clear at 11:40 a.m. Immediately under suspicion were his 16-year-old daughter and 11-year-old son, who later indicated they really meant for the alarm to go off at 11:50 to remind their daddy he had 10 more minutes to preach.

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Stetson Shows Sources
Of Record Budget Year

By Baptist Press

Where does a Baptist college get its money?

Stetson University at DeLand, Fla., has reported total receipts of over \$2.6 million --largest in its history--during the fiscal year ended May 31.

Here's the breakdown on sources, as reported to trustees by President J. Ollie Edmunds:

From alumni--\$89,345.

From corporations and business firms--\$79,390.

From trustees--\$192,435.

From parents of present and former students--\$16,066.

From the Florida Baptist Convention--\$351,668.

From wills, bequests and trusts--\$689,274.

From foundations--\$384,239.

From other friends and supporters--\$298,557. (BP)

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Paul Rowden Memorial
Scholarship Started

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--The Paul Rowden Memorial Scholarship has been established at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary to aid international students who plan to return to their homelands for their ministry.

Provided by Mr. and Mrs. Landrum Blount of Pompano Beach, Fla., the \$500 gift will be awarded annually to an international student working for a bachelor of divinity degree.

The scholarship was named for Rowden, missionary to Israel, who died in 1959 at the age of 34. He was an alumnus of New Orleans Seminary.

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Survey Finds Tulsa
Church Membership High

TULSA, Okla. (BP)--A mammoth telephone survey of the Tulsa metropolitan area by 3,000 religious workers found church membership here at 73 per cent, nine per cent above the national average.

The canvassers, representing more than a hundred congregations, contacted nearly 80,000 homes and filled out cards on 162,516 people from a population estimated at 375,000.

William A. Powell at Atlanta, Ga., national survey specialist of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, directed the survey.

He said the survey was the third largest religious telephone canvass of which he had information. Workers from the Baptist mission agency had directed other telephone surveys in Detroit and Phoenix.

In Tulsa the active church membership, those who attend at least once a month, was found to be 66.5 per cent.

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Five denominations were found to have three-fourths of the church membership, Powell reported.

These groups are Baptists with 29.5 per cent, Methodists with 16.9, Catholics with 9.8, Disciples with 7.9 and Presbyterians with 7.2.

The survey provided those churches which participated with names and addresses of the unchurched and the non-active church members within the homes canvassed.

Powell praised the participation of the Tulsa workers, saying assistance from Catholics and Negro groups was especially good compared to other major surveys.

Local coordinator for the survey was Robert Y. Audd, pastor of Woodland Acres Baptist Church of Tulsa.

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