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Father-Son Combination  
Graduates From Seminary

By James H. Blackmore

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)--Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here is only 15 years old, and yet there is already at least one father-son combination among its nearly 2,000 graduates.

When Seminary President Olin T. Binkley presented 141 degrees and certificates during the institution's May commencement, one of the bachelor of divinity degrees went to David Allred of Concord, N. C.

In 1957, David's father, Thurman W. Allred graduated from Southeastern Seminary. Now he is superintendent of missions for the Cabarrus Baptist Association, with offices in Concord, N. C.

The younger Allred says that, while his father was in the seminary, "the furthest thought" in his mind was to become a minister.

A gifted musician, David was interested in playing the guitar and the bongo drums and in singing folk songs.

But his father's dedication in having given up a good position with Burlington Mills to become a minister had a basic influence on David.

"As I came to understand the needs of persons, the more I became involved in his decision," David recalls.

Two summers of work with the young people of the First Baptist Church of Greensboro, N. C., and his study at Wake Forest (Baptist), Winston Salem, N. C., definitely turned him toward the Christian ministry.

He says that when he surrendered to the call to the ministry, Southeastern seemed to be the logical school to attend. "I never considered going anywhere else."

During his three years as a student at Southeastern, he has served as pastor of the Jones Ridge Baptist Church, Jones Ridge, N. C. His wife, the former Miss Ruth Ennis of Greensboro, N. C. has taught in the Vaiden-Whitley School at Wendell, N.C.

Still interested in music, David is a frequent entertainer at the seminary. His specialty is a characterization of "Miss Maude Moppitt," an elderly lady whose brain and brawn is a match for any young theolog. David says.

David likes Southeastern, too. He has been accepted in its graduate program and plans to spend an additional year of study there next year.

Naturally, his parents are pleased with David's graduation, and his call to the ministry. "They have been concerned, but never once have they brought any pressure upon me to choose the ministry," he says.

Both father and son said they were proud when they clasped hands after President Binkley presented the sheepskin to David, the second Allred in nine years to receive a degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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**Hong Kong Cannot Host  
Baptist World Congress**

WASHINGTON (BP)-- The governor of Hong Kong has notified the Baptist World Alliance that he cannot guarantee completion of convention facilities in time for a Baptist World Congress in 1970.

The Baptist World Alliance had voted to hold its 1970 World Congress in Hong Kong "provided adequate facilities can be assured."

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Alliance, said that the choice of an alternate meeting place will be considered by the B.W.A. Executive Committee when it meets in London, August 1-4.

Tokyo, Japan was named as an alternate meeting place when the Hong Kong vote was taken at the Baptist World Congress at Miami Beach in 1965.

Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Alliance, will fly to Tokyo in advance of the London meetings to determine if adequate facilities can be made available there for the 1970 Congress.

Word about Hong Kong's inability to provide accommodations for 1970 came through Lam Chi Fung, president of Hong Kong Baptist College and past vice president of the Alliance. In a letter to Lam, relayed then to Nordenhaug, Sir David Trench, the governor of Hong Kong, stated:

"I am sorry to say that although progress has been made in two projects for accommodating large conventions there is little prospect that either will be completed by 1970. The amount of consultation and planning, quite apart from the building work involved, is expected to take longer than the four years which have to elapse before 1970, and we are certainly unable to furnish the guarantees which the general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance asks you to obtain."

Nordenhaug, in reply, expressed appreciation for the invitation from the Baptists of Hong Kong and for endeavors by civic and other authorities in trying to provide the necessary facilities.

"I sincerely hope that Hong Kong will go on to build the necessary facilities in order that at some future date we may hold a world meeting there," Nordenhaug said.

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North Carolina Baptist  
Students Debate Viet Nam

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By Alex Vaughn

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C. (BP)--A Baptist pastor told more than 300 Baptist students from North Carolina that "Viet Nam is an exposure of the moral bankruptcy of American foreign policy--all in the name of God."

W. W. Finlator, pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C., delivered the hard-hitting talk at the Leadership Training Conference of the Baptist Student Union.

The conference, held at Gardner-Webb College here for students at colleges and universities throughout North Carolina, featured both pacifist and militarists in speeches and discussion, carrying out the theme "The Dagger and the Cross."

It was after Finlator's vigorous talk that "The Dagger and the Cross" really clashed with active student and advisor discussion.

The outspoken Baptist minister charged that America "welched" on both of its commitments to the Geneva Treaty and set up puppet governments which it is defending with the lives of American troops.

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"We refused to sign the treaty, but we, in 1954 agreed to elections in 1956 in Viet Nam, to refrain from use of force in that nation, and to view with concern any renewal of aggression by either side," Finlator said.

He went on to state that we discovered before the proposed elections that over 80 per cent of the citizens of Viet Nam would probably vote Communist, and as a result the United States set up a puppet government and instructed it not to hold elections.

He claims that the American nation is today supporting puppet governments with the use of American troupes and military might.

Finlator was answered by the Baptist Student Union Advisor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, James O. Cansler. He was not on the program but said he felt "all the issues and sides have not been brought out here thus far."

Cansler refuted many of Finlator's claims and said "there are many responsible leaders in our nation who would oppose the views just presented by Finlator."

He said it was wrong for any leaders of churches to make a simple issue out of our complex national and international problems.

Others on the program during the two-day conference were Lt. Marvin E. McGraw of Fort Bragg, speaking on "Why I am a Professional Soldier," and Clarence Jordon, manager of the Koinonia Farm, Americus, Ga., speaking on "Why I am a Pacifist."

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Gene Bartlett Wins  
Church Music Award

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SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP)--Gene Bartlett, church music secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, has been named recipient of the B. B. McKinney award for outstanding leadership in church music.

Bartlett is the fifth person to receive the bronze plaque awarded by the Oklahoma Baptist University Bison Glee Club and fine arts faculty.

An Arkansas native, Bartlett has composed and arranged more than 40 hymns and gospel songs.

He is a former president of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference.

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Georgia Pastor Honored  
For Mountain Ministry

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Pineville, Ky. (BP)-- Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, Ky., has honored E. Stanley Morris of Rome, Ga., as mountain minister of the year.

Morris, for 16 years pastor of New Armuchee Baptist Church near Rome, Ga., was selected from among mountain ministers in nine Appalachian states for the honor.

The award was based on "length of pastorate, working with community leadership, support of denominational activities, and evaluation of his work by others," according to school officials.

Searcy S. Garrison of Atlanta, executive secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention, brought the main address during the award presentation ceremonies here.

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Cutlines

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FATHER AND SON GRADUATE FROM SOUTHEASTERN: David Allred of Concord, N. C., (left) receives hearty congratulations from his father, Thurman W. Allred, upon his graduation from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. Only nine years earlier, David's father graduated from Southeastern. Although Southeastern Seminary is only 15 years old, there is already at least one father-son combination among its graduates.

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