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Baylor Students Start Computer Date Service

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Students at the world's largest Baptist university here who are seeking the companionship of the opposite sex may soon have the opportunity of doing so scientifically.

Two students at Baylor University, Bert Brown and Vernon Hartline, have distributed 4,000 "Baylor Date-Mate" questionnaires in the dormitories at the Baptist school campus.

Brown and Hartline have organized a computer dating program to match students according to responses made on the questionnaires. It is believed to be the first such computerized dating bureau at any of the 56 Baptist schools in the nation.

"The idea began last June," Brown, graduate student from Phillips, Tex., said. "We were very much aware of dating problems."

Dating problems at Baylor--particularly the small percentage of men students who date --have been repeatedly discussed this semester in a personal problems column, "Dear John," in the Baylor Lariat, student newspaper.

Brown and Hartline secured permission from the Baylor administration to operate the dating bureau. Harold Osborne, sociology professor, helped the men make out the questionnaire, which has been approved by university officials.

"The questions all had to be phrased in good taste," Brown explained.

Each student participating in the dating program will receive names of at least 10 prospective dates resembling his ideal as revealed by his questionnaire answers.

A \$2 fee is charged each student returning a questionnaire, Brown said. Profits from the dating bureau will go to Brown and Hartline. "We'll make enough to pay our expenses and set up our program again next year," Brown said. "We hope to be able to continue the program from now on."



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Georgia Baptist Special
Convention Idea Delayed

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)--A request for a called session of the Georgia Baptist Convention to consider "the future financing of Christian education in Georgia Baptist colleges" has been delayed for further study by the Executive Committee of the convention.

The request had come from the board of trustees at Mercer University, which asked the Executive Committee to appoint a laymen-pastor study committee to study the financial problems of Georgia Baptist schools and report its findings at a special called session of the convention.

The Executive Committee discussed Mercer's request at length, along with memorials from two Georgia Baptist churches about special "over and above" financial campaigns for Christian higher education.

The administration committee recommended that increased emphasis be placed on the Co-operative Program and the convention's capital improvements and endowment program as vehicles for financing Christian education without special appeals.

But none of the proposals was adopted. The entire matter was referred to the administration and education committees for further study, with a request for recommendations at the next Executive Committee meeting in March.

The annual session of the Georgia Baptist Convention, meeting in Columbus in November, had voted by a two-to-one margin against allowing its colleges to accept federal loans.

Mercer was seeking approval for a \$500,000 government loan to build a science center and Norman Junior College wanted to borrow \$300,000 from federal funds to erect a new library.

Mercer trustees have since voted to proceed with construction of the science center with funds on hand, hoping to somehow raise the additional \$500,000 needed before present funds are exhausted.

Tift College, the Georgia Baptist school for girls, was given permission to borrow up to \$600,000 from a commercial agency to replace Tift Hall, one of its oldest buildings, with a new dormitory housing 150 girls.

The Georgia Executive Committee approved a state missions budget for 1967 of \$829,095, an increase of \$66,092 over the 1966 budget.

Allen B. Comish, pastor of the Waldrop Memorial Baptist Church in Columbus, was elected new chairman of the Executive Committee.

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Georgia Baptist Negro
Work Leader Honored

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ATLANTA (BP)--Durward V. Cason Sr., who retires Jan. 1 after almost 11 years as secretary of the Program of Negro Work of the Georgia Baptist Convention, was honored at a special dinner here recently.

Cason and his wife were given a cash gift from the Executive Committee of the convention, along with a book of letters from friends from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

The dinner was attended by about 150 convention leaders, in Atlanta for the quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee, plus representatives of Negro Baptist Conventions in Georgia.

White and Negro leaders alike gave brief messages of tribute to Cason. He has led the program of Negro work for Georgia Baptists since it was organized in March of 1956. He had been a Georgia Baptist pastor and denominational leader for 31 years before assuming the post.

Cason will be succeeded on Jan 1. by Earle F. Stirewalt, who has been associate secretary of evangelism for the Georgia Baptist Convention for five years.

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Seminary Slates Church
Administration Meeting

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--A Southern Baptist Administration Conference for church staffs and lay leaders will be held at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Feb. 13-16, 1967.

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board, and several other denominational and national business leaders will lecture and direct personal interest conferences during the four-day meeting.

General subject areas are organization and staff administration, leadership development and church public relations. Lectures, small group discussions and personal problem-solving sessions will be held in each subject area.

The conference is primarily for pastors, ministers of education and music, church secretaries, age group workers, business managers and lay workers with special interest in church administration.

William H. Souther, associate professor of church administration at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, is co-ordinator for the conference.

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Dallas College Gets
Library Building Gift

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DALLAS (BP)--A gift of \$10,000 toward construction of a library building for Dallas Baptist College has been made by Cliff Temple Baptist Church here.

The gift, which can be translated into the laying of 75,000 bricks for the new building, was presented to Fred A. White, acting administrator of Dallas Baptist College, by Darold H. Morgan, pastor of Cliff Temple, among the 10 largest SBC churches.

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Sullivan Resigns
Study Commission

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NASHVILLE (BP)--James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has resigned his membership on the 15-man Alcoholic Beverage Study Commission for the state of Tennessee.

The Commission, said Sullivan, "appears to have become an Alcoholic Beverage Promotion Commission rather than an Alcoholic Beverage Study Commission."

In a letter to Tennessee Governor Frank G. Clement, who appointed Sullivan to the Commission in July, 1965, the Sunday School Board leader pointed out three reasons for his action.

"In the first place," said Sullivan, "the Commission was designed as a study group to reach conclusions by research and analysis. This has not been the case."

Second, "the work of the Commission has been so distorted in public statements by Commission members and employees that the public was led to believe the Commission had adopted certain positions even before it had voted on these matters."

The third reason for the resignation was the non-representative makeup of the Commission, which posed problems when the Commission "veered from its purpose and from factual and orderly processes." No Commission members are from rural areas.

The Commission is scheduled to report its findings to the Tennessee legislature early in 1967.

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C O R R E C T I O N

Please correct spelling of name in Baptist Press story mailed 12-12-66, headlined "McGuire Announces Plans To Retire As Florida Chief." Throughout the story and in headline, name should be spelled "Maguire." Please use correct spelling in headline, graph 1,2,7,8, and 9. Our apologies to Dr. Maguire.

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Mississippi Paper
Names Business Manager

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--Bill Duncan, associate in the Sunday School department of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention Board, will become business manager of the Baptist Record, effective Jan. 1.

Duncan has been in his present position since June 1, 1965, coming to the post from the pastorate of Grace Memorial Baptist Church in Gulfport, Miss.

Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, said that Duncan will succeed Mrs. Eunice Campbell, the present business manager who will retire Jan. 1.

Duncan's assignment will include circulation, mailing, advertising and promotion. The promotion duties will be enlarged other those carried by Mrs. Campbell, Odle added.

Duncan was formerly associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenville, Miss., and former pastor of several other Mississippi Baptist churches.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College (Baptist) Clinton, Miss. and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.