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~~48~~ Billy Graham Raps
Modern Education

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DALLAS (BP)--America's colleges are in danger of "educating savages" by seeking to develop minds but ignoring spiritual and moral values of today's youth, Evangelist Billy Graham warned while making a round of speaking engagements here.

"The basic needs of young people today are not being met by much of modern education," he charged in an address before an overflow crowd of more than 11,000 at Dallas Memorial Auditorium.

Graham was guest speaker at a Christian Education Convocation sponsored by Dallas Baptist College here.

He said in visiting with young people on the nation's campuses he found a vacuum of religion and moral fiber developing in America. The only way the tide can be turned is through a spiritual awakening, he declared.

The noted evangelist was scheduled to speak immediately following addresses at two Baptist educational institutions in Texas to University of California students in Berkley.

He told a crowded auditorium of students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth that the California students "face problems of loneliness, guilt and fear of death.

"Many of them have 'dropped out' of everything. How can I interpret the gospel to them?" Graham said the answer lies in the necessity of "preaching the cross, showing concern and exemplifying the victorious Christian life."

Before his three days of speaking assignments here, Graham was widely quoted in his praise of Texas Gov. John Connally and the city of Dallas. Reacting to statements in the book "Death Of A President" by William Manchester, Graham said the charge that Dallas is a "diseased city" is false.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," he said. "Dallas is no more diseased than any other American city."

In his speech at the Education Convocation, Graham urged his predominately Baptist audience to be sure that Dallas Baptist College does not depart in future days from its concept of Christian education.

He said he is convinced the college is dedicated to helping meet the deeper needs of its students.

He was guest preacher on Sunday at First Baptist Church here where he said he had his membership.

Graham was to travel later in the week to a Layman's Institute in Houston sponsored by a prominent Texas Baptist layman, Howard Butt Jr., before leaving for California.

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~~49~~ Hardin-Simmons Given
\$1,000 Dairy Firm Gift

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ABILENE, Tex. (BP)--Hardin-Simmons University here has received a \$1,000 unrestricted gift from the Carnation Company Foundation.

Otto Pfeiffer, general manager of the Carnation Co. of Texas at Wichita Falls, made the presentation of the gift on behalf of the Los Angeles dairy firm.

The firm has presented the university a similar gift during the last several years.

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~~53~~ Southern Seminary Sets
New Basic Degree Program

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--Beginning this fall, the basic theology degree at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here will be changed from bachelor of divinity to master of divinity.

At the same time, a new curriculum structure will be inaugurated to allow each student to specialize in the area of his particular competence and interest.

The new professional degree will require three years of study beyond the bachelor's degree from a college or university and will be the platform for all graduate study at the seminary.

Entering theology students may elect to participate in a first-year core curriculum built around three "interdisciplinary courses" in major areas of study--biblical, historical and practical. In each interdisciplinary course, a team of three to five professors share the teaching assignment, each bringing his specialty to bear upon the subject.

In the second and third years of basic study, each student may then elect a "functional major," which will permit him to focus upon a specific area of the curriculum in line with his abilities and vocational plans.

In connection with the "functional major", a new field education program will provide greater faculty counseling and guidance and the opportunity for students to gain practical experience in areas closely correlated to their academic studies.

"This tailor-made curriculum will allow each student to fully and rapidly develop his own particular talents and interests," said Wayne E. Oates, chairman of the faculty committee which studied the degree change.

"We can thus provide Southern Baptists with highly-skilled specialists in areas such as linguistics, biblical exegesis, or preaching," he continued, "and students can prepare to a high level of competence in many of the new fields being developed by the churches and the denomination."

Based on their backgrounds and academic performance, some students may qualify at the end of their first year of studies for a new accelerated master of divinity program. The accelerated track will require the same number of hours, but will provide greater opportunity for graduate-level seminar work while the student is still in the basic degree program.

Beyond the master of divinity degree, several options will be offered to graduate students. Those preparing to be pastors or chaplains would study toward the doctor of sacred theology (S.T.D.) degree. Those planning careers in research or teaching would elect the master of theology and/or the doctor of theology degrees.

In addition, a joint master of arts degree is currently being offered in connection with the University of Louisville. Other co-operative graduate degrees are in various stages of development, including some on the doctoral level. In each, the student would earn both theology and university degrees simultaneously, with many of the required courses being offered jointly.

Seminary officials emphasized that the master of divinity is the only master's degree approved by the American Association of Theological Schools designed to replace the bachelor of divinity as the first professional degree. The master of theology will continue to be accredited by the association only as a graduate degree beyond the master of divinity.

"We are pleased that we are now able to allow a greater flexibility in the student's program of study," said Penrose St. Amant, dean of the school of theology. The new master of divinity degree, he continued, "offers a superior opportunity through considerably broadened elective options to allow the student to underwrite his call into the Christian ministry with an academic program designed around his specific needs."

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~~54~~ Inauguration Date
Set For Holloway

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BELTON, Tex. (BP)--Tuesday, April 25, has been set as the date for the formal inauguration of the new president of Mary Hardin-Baylor College here, Leonard L. Holloway.

Tentative plans call for the inauguration to take place in the morning, the trustees to hold a meeting in the afternoon, and the W. W. Walton Spiritual Life Center now under construction to be dedicated in an evening ceremony.

The Walton Building is scheduled for completion on April 15.

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Heart Disease Increases Lead
As Top Killer Of Ministers

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DALLAS (BP)--Heart disease increased its lead in 1966 as the number one killer of Southern Baptist ministers and denominational employees.

According to statistics released by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, heart disease of various kinds caused the deaths of 69 per cent of 184 persons who were enrolled in the Southern Baptist Protection Program. Sixty-seven per cent died of heart trouble in 1965.

It is the second highest percentage ever recorded since the SBC Annuity Board started keeping statistics on the causes of death. Previous high was in 1964 when 70 per cent of the deaths were attributed to heart conditions.

Cancer continued its hold on second place, causing death to 16 per cent, followed by accident with 10 per cent, and pneumonia as 8 per cent. Other diseases causing one death each included: uremia, leukemia, brain tumor, renal failure, suicide, ulcer, and Hodgkins disease.

Heart trouble also led as the major cause of disability.

Forty-one per cent of the 44 persons who were forced to give up their full time ministry had heart trouble. Other causes of disability were: cancer, 19 per cent; mental, 20; emphysema, 7; arthritis, 5; brain tumor, 4; renal disorder and diabetes, 2 per cent each.

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Pastor Honored For Work
With Police, Juveniles

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KANSAS CITY, Kans. (BP)--Charles E. Vincent, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church here, has been honored as the outstanding young man of the year in Kansas City, Kans., for his work with the police in juvenile rehabilitation programs.

The distinguished service award is made annually by the Junior Chamber of Commerce here and it was presented to Vincent at the annual Bosses night dinner of the Jaycees.

Vincent is also chaplain of the Kansas City, Kans., police department, director of the juvenile rehabilitation program and youth camp director for the Kansas City, Kans., Baptist Association.

In making the presentation, it was pointed out that Vincent works closely with the police department's youth bureau and that last year more than 70 youths were paroled or assigned to him. He is currently actively working with 37 of them.

The minister, who is 36, said it was the encouragement of his wife and the congregation of the church that enabled him to accomplish these deeds with the city's youth.

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Mary Hardin-Baylor
Gets \$25,000 Gift

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BELTON, Tex. (BP)--A gift of \$25,000 from Mrs. John L. Harral of Abernathy, Tex., has been given to Mary Hardin-Baylor College here in the school's "Clear-The-Slate" campaign to raise \$575,000.

Mrs. Harral, a speech and drama graduate of the Baptist college, gave the money through the Alumnae and Ex-students Association which had earlier accepted a \$100,000 goal as the alumnae portion of the "Clear-The-Slate" drive.

Mrs. Mabyll Warren, executive secretary of the Alumnae and Ex-Students Association, had previously announced that Mrs. Harral would receive one of the two alumnae awards for distinguished service to the college at charter day activities on Feb. 4.

The gift brings the total of the current "Clear-The-Slate" campaign for \$575,000 to more than \$80,000, Holloway said.

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~~Church Literature Prices~~
Changed By SBC Board

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Price increases effective Oct. 1, 1967, were approved for church literature by the elected Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting here in January.

It is the first general price increase in Sunday School literature since 1961, according to Herman L. King, director of the board's publishing division.

With the increase included, the agency's literature will still be priced lower than comparable material of other major denominations and independent publishers, King said.

Three reasons for the change were given: increased paper and manufacturing costs, increased shipping costs, and increased labor costs.

Examples of the prices are: Home Life (a 9" x 12" monthly of 68 pages), raised from 45 to 55 cents quarterly; Adult Sunday School quarterlies, (6" x 9" quarterlies of 52 pages), from 15 to 18 cents; and Training Union Group Training Guides (9" x 12" leadership quarterlies of 60 pages), from 32 to 39 cents.

A major portion of the earnings from the program of church literature publishing is used to provide Southern Baptist churches with educational and service programs.

Acceleration of the Sunday School Board's field programs of education and promotion is planned in order to give more and better assistance to churches in their growth and development, according to board officials.

Complete details on new prices are available from the Church Literature Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn., 37203.

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~~U. S. Institute Grant~~
Goes To University

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CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP)--The University of Corpus Christi (Baptist) has been given a grant of approximately \$50,000 by the U. S. Office of Education through the National Defense Education Act for a summer counseling and guidance institute for elementary school personnel in the Corpus Christi school system.

The institute will be held from June 5 to Aug. 5 on the campus of the Baptist school here under the direction of Loyce McGehearty, director of testing and guidance and associate professor of psychology.

The institute is one of 42 counseling and guidance institutes approved during January by the U. S. Office of Education and is the only one in Texas.

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