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Responsible Freedom Needed  
For Scholars, Seminary Told

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FORT WORTH (BP)--Southern Baptist must provide more of an atmosphere of responsible freedom if the denomination's seminaries are to have creative scholars needed to provide the leadership for the complex problems of the future.

This was the view of T. B. Maston, speaking in a Founders' Day program at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here. The program commemorated 59 years of seminary life.

Maston, retired professor of Christian ethics at the seminary, said that although creative scholars are needed to face the problems of the times, there is no place in the classroom or the seminary for pretense or parade of scholarship.

"Scholarship should never be considered an end within itself," Maston declared.

The author of several books, Maston said that next to teaching, the most distinctive contribution a seminary teacher can make is through his writing, which should not be directed exclusively to scholars.

"There is a continuing temptation for the theological teachers to write primarily for one another rather than for people in general," he said.

"The good teacher," said Maston, "not only passes on information, he also builds a fire. He inspires his students to want to know, to start on a never-ending quest for truth."

Maston also described four positive qualities which every preacher, every product of the seminaries, must have. They are, "intellectual sincerity, personal honor, financial integrity and moral purity."

The great overshadowing responsibility of any preacher is to study, preach, and be a shepherd to his people, said Maston.

"Great churches stem from great preaching," he observed. "There has never been an effective preacher who did not take time to prepare his heart."

The Founders' Day program observed the date the seminary was chartered, March 14, 1908.

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Senator Wants Halloween  
For National UNICEF Day

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WASHINGTON (BP)--A resolution has been introduced in the U. S. Senate to give Halloween a second name: National UNICEF Day.

Senator Philip A. Hart (D., Mich.), chief sponsor of the joint resolution, said, "As winner of the 1965 Nobel Peace Prize, the United Nations Children's Fund certainly deserves a measure of national recognition and official support.

UNICEF aid is now reaching millions of children in 100 countries, according to the Michigan senator. It has helped cure 37 million cases of yaws, has treated 22 million trachoma victims and a million lepers. Even more important it is teaching mothers how to protect their children from these infections, he said.

The largest single private fund-raising effort for UNICEF is made by American children who collect coins at Halloween instead of treats for themselves. This effort, Hart said, is now collecting more than \$2.5 million annually.

"It is interesting to note that one nickel will buy 30 glasses of milk or provide penicillin to cure a case of yaws. A dime will cure a child of trachoma. Seventy-five cents will cure a young leper," Hart explained.

The resolution has 24 bi-partisan co-sponsors in the Senate.

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Senators Join Fight For  
People's 'Right To Know'

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WASHINGTON (BP)--Senators Birch Bayh (D., Ind.) and Carl Hayden (D., Ariz.) are co-sponsors of a bill to stop Justice Department action against editorially independent newspapers which maintain joint business operations.

A key point in the controversy is the First Amendment guarantee of free speech. The people's "right to know" is also involved, according to the sponsors of the bill.

Sen. Bayh said the Justice Department has filed suit against two Tucson, Ariz., newspapers which, after 14 consecutive years of financial losses, joined their business and mechanical operations in 1940 but maintained editorial and corporate independence.

The Indiana senator said such action by the Department of Justice would deprive millions of citizens the right of access to differing and independent views on the news.

The Senate bill would exempt from anti-trust laws certain combinations and arrangements necessary for the survival of editorial independence.

"It is our hope," Sen. Bayh said, "that the Congress will quickly adopt this legislation permitting these newspapers to continue operating freely and successfully. The right of the people to know demands it."

The Justice Department has said that if it is successful in requiring the Tucson papers to maintain separate advertising and circulation operations, it will file suit against other newspapers with similar arrangements.

Other cities which would be affected besides Tucson are Fort Wayne and Evansville, Ind., San Francisco, Honolulu, Shreveport, La., Albuquerque, N. M., Tulsa, Okla., Franklin, Pa., Chattanooga and Nashville, Tenn., El Paso, Tex., Salt Lake City, and Charleston, W. Va.

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Seminary Students Assist  
In 'Pioneer Penetration'

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FORT WORTH (BP)--About 90 students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here are participating this spring in a "Pioneer Penetration" program geared to assist churches in pioneer areas of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The students, and several faculty members, are assisting with revival meetings scheduled from March 19 at intervals through April 16.

They are serving in Michigan, Iowa, Wyoming, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Colorado and Indiana.

"Pioneer Penetration is an effort to see that churches and missions in the pioneer areas (of the SBC) can have an evangelist at least once each year," said Roy Fish, evangelism professor at Southwestern Seminary.

"Many times in these areas there are more churches and missions than there are available evangelists," said Fish.

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Hawkins Named President  
Of Student Workers Group

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OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--Aubrey L. Hawkins, secretary of the department of student work for the Georgia Baptist Convention, was elected recently as president of the Association of State Directors of Baptist Student Work.

In their annual meeting here, the state Baptist student work secretaries elected Keith H. Harris of the Baptist Convention of Maryland student department as secretary-treasurer.

The 1968 meeting of the state Baptist student directors will be held Feb. 12-14 in San Francisco.

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Business Officers For SBC  
Agencies, States, Unite

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DALLAS (BP)--The business officers of Southern Baptist agencies and Baptist state conventions voted here to meet together beginning in 1968 as the Southern Baptist Business Officers Conference.

The business officers closed their two-day meeting at the Southern Baptist Annuity Board building here in a joint session to elect officers and to hear an address by Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville.

William G. Kersh, business officer for Miami Baptist Hospital, Miami, Okla., was elected chairman of the organization.

Three vice-chairmen were also elected. They are W. Dean Willis of Buckner Baptist Benevolences, Dallas; R. Leigh Pergues of Judson College (Baptist), Mobile, Ala.; and Leon Spencer, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Raleigh.

The two groups previously had met in separate meetings, except for one session.

Routh spoke on the future of Baptist institutions.

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Seminary Buys Hymnologist's  
5,000 Volume Music Library

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here has purchased the private library of Edmond Keith for the seminary's Martin Music Library.

The 5,000 volume library, which includes many rare and valuable books in the areas of hymnology and the history of church library, will provide research material for doctoral church music students, said William L. Hooper, dean of the seminary's School of Church Music.

Keith, an alumnus of the seminary, is an associate in the church music department of the Georgia Baptist Convention. He is author of the book, Christian Hymnody, and writes a monthly article in The Church Musician magazine.

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