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Atlanta College Permission
Asked For Federal Funds

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ATLANTA (BP)--Atlanta Baptists will be asked in January to give trustees of the Atlanta Baptist College permission to seek federal funds for buildings and equipment for the proposed new school on the Northeast Expressway.

The associational executive committee last week not only approved and passed on to the association the request from trustees for approval of federal loans, but changed the word "loans" to "funds," which could mean loans, grants or payments for services rendered.

Here is how the resolution going to the called meeting of the association will read:

"Be it resolved that the board of trustees of Atlanta Baptist College, Inc., authorizes and empowers its executive officers in their discretion to apply for and obtain federal funds for the construction of buildings and equipment on the campus of the Atlanta Baptist College, Inc., provided that no such action shall be taken which in any wise limits the freedom of the college in the conduct of its operation in respect to faculty, curriculum or any other matters."

Bryan Robinson, pastor of Clairmont Hills Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga., made the motion which changed the wording from "loans" to "funds."

Robinson said, "I am firmly opposed to loans or grants from the government, but I think college trustees and this executive committee need to be honest with the messengers to the association. We ought not to mislead anybody; they ought to know what they are voting for."

"If the college plans to seek federal grants, the people need to know it now," he said.

The statement adopted by the associational executive committee, passed by a two-to-one majority, added qualifying conditions which would apply if the association approves its requests for federal loans.

One clause of the statement said that if guidelines are violated by any new laws or different interpretations of existing laws, the trustees should borrow funds from private sources and repay the government.

A further clarification said that if trustees cannot secure loans or gifts to repay the federal government, trustees would then recommend to the association "what disposition to make of the problems facing the college," going through appropriate associational committees.

Monroe F. Swilley Jr., pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church and chairman of trustees for the college, said "the moment of truth has come for Atlanta Baptists if they want a college in this city. Are we willing to pay for it? Do we really want it?"

Swilley, chief proponent of the college since a committee was appointed in 1953, said "we must decide now about federal money, not after we have taken on three or four million dollars in debts and placed personnel on the payroll."

Later in the meeting, Swilley said, "I am not speaking for or against federal aid. I just want us to be honest. There has been too much Baptist camouflage in this business of church-state involvement."

J. J. Wooten, secretary of college trustees, also spoke in favor of an immediate decision. He added, "we don't want to undertake the operation of this college without being related to the Atlanta Baptist Association."

Roy W. Hinchey, pastor of Jefferson Avenue church in East Point and moderator of the association, announced later in the week that the called meeting of the association to consider the college matter will be held Jan. 16 at Morningside Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m.

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Georgia Baptist Body
To Study Ministry Role

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ATLANTA (BP)--A special study of the role of the ministry, especially the matter of pastor-church relations, was initiated by the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention here.

The committee also adopted a record state missions budget for 1968 of \$913,184, with the largest increases going for construction of new Baptist student centers and to the state department of student work.

The matter of pastor-church relations was raised by James P. Wesberry, pastor of Morningside Baptist Church in Atlanta who said that one of the most serious problems in Georgia Baptist life is getting together pastorless churches and pastors who need churches.

"I believe in the autonomy of the local church and a God-called ministry, but I also believe something needs to be done in a human way to help bring together churches needing pastors and vice versa," Wesberry said.

The question was referred to the administration committee for study and recommendation.

One of the pastors present, William L. Self of Wieuca Road Baptist Church in Atlanta, said that the whole area of the role of the Baptist minister needs to be studied, and expressed hope that the committee doesn't take too long. "Action is needed right now," he said.

In other action the Executive Committee re-elected Allen B. Comish, pastor of Waldrop Memorial Baptist Church in Columbus, Ga., to a second year as chairman.

The Executive Committee also voted to send letters of appreciation to Lt. Gov. George T. Smith and to House Speaker George L. Smith, expressing appreciation for their statements against legalized pari-mutuel betting.

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Mary Hardin-Baylor
Eyes Men's College

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BELTON, Tex. (BP)--A study to establish a coordinate college for men at Mary Hardin-Baylor, a historic college for women, has been approved by the institution's board of trustees executive committee.

"The 123 year old institution will keep its identity as a women's college and will increase curriculum offerings for women should the men's college be established," said Leonard Holloway, president of the Baptist school.

A growing need for an accredited four-year college for men in the Central Texas area and the increasing difficulty of financing a small liberal arts college were given by the president as primary reasons for making the study.

Under the study, the possible coordinate men's college would be operated by the college's board of trustees and would utilize existing academic facilities. Offerings in business and education would be increased for the benefit of men students.

The study will begin immediately with a report at the college's April trustees meeting said Holloway.

For several years men students hav attended classes on the Mary Hardin-Baylor campus. More than 100 are now enrolled as day students. Last September, the college established a degree program for active duty military personnel through an education center at Fort Hood.

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Baptists Name New State
Sunday School Worker

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COLUMBIA, S.C. (BP)--The Executive Committee of the General Board of South Carolina Baptist Convention has named Gary G. Foil of Hartsville, S.C., as new associate in the State Convention's Sunday School department.

Foil, a native of Louisiana and presently serving as minister of education and youth at First Baptist Church, Hartsville, S. C., will assume his new post January 15.

He will have major responsibility for the pre-school and children's divisions, church kindergartens, and Vacation Bible Schools, according to State Sunday School Department Director John K. Durst.

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Baptist School Wins
Sportsmanship Award

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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (BP)--Ouachita Baptist University has been named winner of the 1967 Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference football sportsmanship award.

Selected each year by the game officials and based on the conduct of players, coaches, and fans, the trophy is awarded to the school and team judged to have displayed the best sportsmanship during the season.

Ouachita scored 288 points of a possible 300 in the scoring system used by the game officials.

Arkansas Tech was runnerup with 285 points, State College of Arkansas was third with 284, and Harding College was fourth with 280.

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Three Named To New Positions
At Sunday School Board

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Melva Cook, Howard P. Colson, and Harold Marsh have been named staff consultants for the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School board here.

These staff consultant positions have been created as part of the recent reorganization of the Sunday School department. According to A. V. Washburn, secretary, Sunday School department, staff consultants, specialists in their areas, will serve as advisors for department personnel.

Miss Cook, who has been program and curriculum consultant under the former organization, will now be research and program design staff consultant.

Colson, former director of the editorial services section, will serve as consultant for the editorial services staff; and Marsh will be field services consultant. Marsh was formerly supervisor of the general Sunday School administrative unit.

The Sunday School department has been reorganized in order to facilitate plans for initiating the new grouping-grading system to take effect in 1970, Washburn said.

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Four Named To New Positions
At Sunday School Board

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Robert Orr, Raymond M. Rigdon, Harvey T. Gibson, and James Frost have been named staff consultants in the Training Union department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

These positions have been created as part of the recent reorganization of the Training Union department. Staff consultants, specialists in their areas, will serve as advisors for department personnel.

Orr, formerly the department's program and curriculum consultant, will become research and design staff consultant. Rigdon, who was director of the editorial services section under the former organization, will now be editorial services staff consultant.

Former director of field services section, Gibson, is new field services staff consultant; and Frost, will be program interpretation consultant. He was formerly supervisor of the department's general administration unit.

The Training Union department was reorganized to initiate plans for the newly-developed grouping-grading system to take effect in 1970.

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Training Union Department
Announces Reorganization

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NASHVILLE (BP)--The Training Union department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board has announced a reorganization of its structure, in accordance with a new grouping system.

"The reorganization came about to facilitate the decisions made in December, 1966, regarding the new grouping-grading plans suggested for use in Southern Baptist churches," according to W. L. Howse, director of the board's education division.

The new structure divides the department into six sections, bringing together the field services and editorial services.

Named supervisor of the new general administration section is Donald Trotter, formerly supervisor of the adult-youth unit of the department's editorial services section.

James W. Hatley, Sunday School Board representative in the Board's office of public relations, will become supervisor of the new adult section on Jan. 1, 1968.

Stanley Howell, former consultant of associational work in the general administration unit of the department's field services section, is new supervisor of the associational-youth section.

New supervisor of the pre-school children section is Robert Harty, formerly supervisor of the department's children's unit of field services section.

The department's family ministry section, with Byron A. Glendinning as supervisor, and the vocational guidance section, remain as in the former structure.

Supervisor for the vocational guidance section has not been named. Lloyd Householder, now Training Union department manager, previously served as director of this section.

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INDONESIA MISSIONARY SAYS REVIVAL AFLAME: Keith Parks, (left) Southern Baptist missionary to Indonesia, tells Baptist Evangelist John Edmund Hagai of Atlanta that a spiritual revival in Indonesia is having a positive effect on Baptist churches there. (BP) Photo by Gainer Bryan, Jr.

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"GENUINE" REVIVAL IN INDONESIA: Southern Baptist Missionary Avery T. Willis Jr., of Arkansas (center) says a genuine "religious" revival is taking place among Communist and Communist sympathizers in Indonesia. Avery talks about Baptist work in Indonesia with John Edmund Hagai (right) Southern Baptist evangelist from Atlanta; and a member of Willis' church in Bogor, Indonesia on the Island of Java. (BP) Photo by Gainer Bryan, Jr.