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Deadline Nears For
Student Missions, US-2

ATLANTA (BP)--January 15 is the fast-approaching deadline for applications for both student summer missions and the US-2 ministries of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

According to Don Hammonds, associate secretary of the department of special mission ministries, a total of 667 students will be appointed by the mission agency for 10 weeks of missionary service this summer.

An additional 150 will be appointed by state Baptist Student Unions, for an all-time high in excess of 800, compared to the 740 who served in 1967.

More students this year will be working in resort ministries, inner city missions and construction projects, Hammonds said.

To qualify for appointment, which pays \$30 a week plus expenses, Baptist students must be in their sophomore year.

For US-2 appointment, a two-year assignment in the United States, the applicant must have completed his college work. US-2ers receive \$50 a month, plus expenses and a severance pay that can reach \$1,500 for individuals and \$2,250 for couples who plan to continue their education.

"The US-2 ministry, now in its third year, has definitely made its contribution to missions. While not all kicks, the assignments have ranged from the far-out creative new efforts to some of the basic tasks necessary for continuous mission work," said Nathan Porter an associate secretary in the department of missionary personnel.

Applications for these ministries may be secured from local BSU offices or directly from the Home Mission Board at 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30303.

Appointees for both programs will be announced April 1.

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Baylor Band Does Formations 1200
For 1968 World Youth Conference

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WACO, Tex. (BP)--The Baylor University Golden Wave Band is going to the 7th Baptist Youth World Conference at Berne, Switzerland, next July 22-28.

If they can raise an additional \$25,000 in travel expense, that is.

Donald I. Moore, band director, said that 50 members of the musical unit have been invited to participate on the conference program and to lead an international youth parade in the historic Swiss capital.

The band will accompany a 1,000 voice international choir directed by William J. Reynolds of Nashville, Tenn., U.S.A. during the seven-day long international meeting.

The full 140 member marching band has told football spectators all fall of their plans for next summer by performing half-time marches playing songs typical of Europe and stepping briskly into formations depicting the Eiffel Tower, a Dutch windmill, and the famed Clock Tower at Berne. They also spell out the name of the Swiss capital, Berne, and B.Y.W.C., the conference initials.

Moore said that members of the band are contributing as much as they can individually to the cost of the trip. But an additional \$25,000 is needed to underwrite the full tour. They hope to perform in many cities other than the conference site.

The band also played to accompany the international choir at the 11th Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach in 1965.

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Texas Leader Named
To Hardin-Simmons Staff

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ABILENE, Tex. (BP)--J. Ralph Grant, pastor of the 8,000-member First Baptist Church of Lubbock for 20 years, assumed duties Dec. 20 as assistant vice president for development at Hardin-Simmons University here.

Grant will continue to reside in Lubbock and will be headquartered in the citizens' tower.

He retired in 1966 as pastor of the large Lubbock congregation to accept an assignment with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to become the interim pastor of the Chofu Baptist Church in Tokyo, Japan.

Among his pastorates, all in Texas, include: the First Baptist churches of Anson, Childress and Beaumont and the Park Heights Church of San Angelo.

Grant served two terms as chairman of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and twice as president of the convention. He has served as a trustee at several Baptist institutions, including Hardin-Simmons.

He is a 1931 graduate of Hardin-Simmons and was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity by his alma mater in 1942.

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ON TO SWITZERLAND! The Baylor University Golden Wave Band spells out the initials of the Baptist Youth World Conference to be held in Berne, Switzerland, July 22-28, 1968. Fifty members of the band will accompany the 1,000 voice Conference choir. (BP) Photo