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**Geren Says Stetson  
Troubles Psychological**

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DeLAND, Fla. (BP)--Paul Geren announced here that he will give up his duties as president of Stetson University on August 1 and attributed his differences with faculty and students to psychological factors.

After trustees of the Baptist school took no action on his resignation submitted a month earlier, faculty members voted unanimously "no confidence" in his administrative leadership and students voiced their support of the faculty position.

In a statement released to the press, Geren said, "Until May 30 the trustees held hope which I shared that it would be possible to accommodate faculty-presidential problems. The trustees devised a plan of action. It is clear from the subsequent faculty votes the plan could not succeed."

"The difficulties at Stetson, as in so many areas of our corporate life," Geren stated, "are psychological."

Regarding the future of the institution, he said, "Stetson University vital signs are good: enrollment, applications for admission, faculty retention, academic standards as measured by scholarships, and even financial donations."

Geren added, "My family and I thank the many people of Florida who have given us their friendship and support. I hope to continue to work in higher education, probably in teaching economics at another university."

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**Another Resignation  
At Ouachita University**

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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (BP)--Joseph P. McClain, vice-president for administration at Ouachita Baptist University, has resigned his post effective Aug. 31, Ralph Phelps Jr., announced today.

McClain came to Ouachita in September, 1968. He had served earlier as chairman of the department of relation at Ouachita from 1954-58, when he left to become professor of New Testament at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City.

McClain is the third high ranking administrative officer at Ouachita to resign in recent weeks.

Henry Lindsey, vice-president for academics, resigned effective Aug. 31, 1969 to accept a teaching position in Mississippi.

Phelps resigned as president to begin work June 1, with a Little Rock Bank.

McClain made no announcement concerning his future plans.

"In McClain's resignation Ouachita loses a dedicated, highly competent and highly motivated executive," Phelps said.

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Mississippi College Votes  
To Intergrate Grad School

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CLINTON, Miss. (BP)--Trustees of Mississippi College voted here to clarify admission policies to accept students "who are qualified" for graduate study without regards to race.

The action is expected to permit matriculation during the summer session of two or three Negro students who are seeking the masters degree in education.

Although the vote count was not released, it was reported that the action was approved on a close vote.

Mississippi College, an institution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has not signed the civil rights compliance form, which a school must sign pledging to make facilities available to all, regardless of race, in order to receive any federal aid.

In another somewhat related action, the trustees, by a close vote, approved acceptance of Veterans' Administration rules so that ex-servicemen and war orphans entitled to such assistance may continue to attend the college and receive benefit payments.

The action was promoted, said college officials, by a direct inquiry from the Veterans' Administration concerning the college's policy.

Mississippi College enrolled 133 students under Veterans' Administration help during the past session. Depending on the work load carried by the students, those receiving Veterans' Administration assistance draw from \$600 to \$1,500 each for the school term.

The Veterans' Administration agreement was spelled out in a resolution authorizing the college's administration to sign an agreement with the Veterans' Administration assuring compliance with VA regulations.

388 Inner-City Needs Trigger  
Student Missions Concern

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ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)--More than 900 students, including --- (number) from ----- (state), arrive this month for 10-week stints at various missions sites in the United States, Panama and Puerto Rico.

----- (state) volunteers are ----- (names and home towns).

Response to this Southern Baptist Missions outreach "fits in with the attitude of students in general," according to Don Hammonds, associate in the department of special mission ministries of the denomination's Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

Two unique members of the 1969 summer missions group--Ora Maxine Slinko of Detroit, who is deaf and Harriette Anne Martin of Atlanta, who is blind--are particular indications of youthful movements away from self concern to concern for others.

Twenty-four-year-old Miss Slinko is a senior at Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C., where she is active in varsity sports, women's government, a modern dance club, Y.W.A. and the campus newspaper.

Her studies center on math and psychology. She will work this summer with the deaf in Texas.

Miss Martin, 19, is a student at Truett-McConnell College (Baptist) in Cleveland, Ga., where she is active in student government, choir and BSU.

Besides being a vocal soloist, Miss Martin plays the piano and the cello. She will work in the Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans.

"The realization that physical handicaps are often spiritual strengths challenges us to discover opportunities for these to serve," Hammonds said. "This is a new and limited dimension of summer missions."

Hammonds said that most students are responding to a compassion for inner-city needs.

"The majority still are doing general work (Vacation Bible School, Religious Survey)," Hammonds said, "but there is a definite increase in inner-city concern and the use of students in inner-city work."

He added that also more than before, there is a trend to use more teams of students and to allow them to stay in one location.

Hammonds said these approaches allow the students to complement one another in areas of weakness as well as strength, and to build more lasting personal relationships with those in the missions areas, as well as with one another.

Inner-city teams are assigned to Little Rock, Ark.; Watts and Oakland, Calif.; Syracuse, N.Y. and New York City; Chicago; Detroit; Indianapolis; Miami; Portland, Ore.; and Worcester, Mass. Arizona, Florida, Michigan, Maryland and Indiana are targets of resort missions ministries.

"In many places it will not be a 'go to my area of work each day approach,'" Hammonds said, "they will be living in their areas of work.

"In directing recreation, leading discussion groups and organizing for outreach, they will be able to involve effectively the community.

Two large teams will work with migrants in Utah-Idaho and Oregon-Washington. One team, largely from Arkansas, is returning for a second year at the request of migrant families and townspeople in the Oregon-Washington area.

The students work in the fields, babysit children whose parents are working and lead Bible study discussions.

Construction teams will build church buildings in Lovelock, Nev., and East Monroe, Mich., as a part of project 500.

Representing 35 homestates and seven foreign countries, the young missionaries will serve June 16-Aug. 22. Of the total, 149 are from Texas, 78 from Louisiana, and 73 from Tennessee.

Foreign countries represented are China, Nigeria, Korea, Lebanon, Japan, India and Mexico. These students are studying in American universities and colleges.

About 170 of the missionaries were appointed in cooperation with Baptist student unions in Alabama, Arizona, California, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia.

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Cutline to accompany advisory group photo

NASHVILLE--The first meeting of an advisory group for the first Nationwide Bible Conference, to be held March 15-18, 1971, at the Dallas Convention Center, was held recently at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. The conference has as its purpose: "To magnify the Bible as God's revelation to man, declaring its message to meet man's need for redemption, and searching for guidance in meeting today's issues for persons of all ages." An attendance figure of 25,000 is projected, and will include pastors; ministers of education; church staff members; Sunday School officers, teachers and members; denominational workers; students and student leaders and the general public. Nine members of the 24-member advisory group are, clockwise: R. L. Bacon, associational missionary, Dallas Baptist Association; J. Ralph McIntyre, pastor, Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Ray Summers, professor of religion, Baylor University, Waco; Robert Bingham, minister of education, Weiuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta; Frank G. Voight, Sunday School secretary, Baptist General Convention of Virginia, Richmond; Earl O. Harding, executive secretary, Missouri Baptist Convention, Jefferson City; Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City; A. V. Washburn, secretary, Sunday School department, Sunday School Board; James E. Frost, Sunday School secretary, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas. The conference is sponsored jointly by the board's Sunday School department and all SBC-affiliated Sunday School departments.--BSSB Photo.