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**Two Texas Baptist Students  
Earn National Merit Awards**

WASHINGTON (BP)--Vice President Spiro T. Agnew hit hard at student anarchy as he addressed 121 of the nation's top high school graduates here, including at least two Southern Baptists.

In obvious references to high school and college disorders the vice president charged that young dissidents around the world, impatient with the problems at hand, "seek to destroy 'the system' which they presume perpetrated or perpetuated these problems.

"Anarchists aren't interested in answers, only in creating some romanticized vacuum where good will prevails," he said.

"When dissenters look scruffy and behave deplorably, they are turning people off all across America," the vice president continued.

Describing anarchy, in the words of Thomas Hobbes, as "nasty, brutish and short," Agnew said that "the first idea that must give way if we are to have progress is the idea of anarchy."

He then called on the youth of today to dedicate themselves to the causes of peace, the quality of the environment, and the quality of life. "These," he said, "embrace the problems of our cities, of poverty, of ignorance and prejudice."

The occasion of the vice president's remarks was the presentation of presidential scholars medals to 121 high school seniors selected from more than 1 million of this year's graduating classes.

Among those in the nation's capital for their awards were at least two Baptists, F. Lane Heard, Bellaire High School, Bellaire, a suburb of Houston, Tex., and Susan R. Latham, Robert E. Lee High School, Houston. Susan and Lane were classmates in junior high school, but graduated from different high schools.

Susan is the daughter of Robert Latham, pastor of the Sharpstown Baptist Church, Houston. Lane is the son of Frank Heard, a deacon in the South Main Baptist Church, Houston, where Herman Westmoreland is pastor.

Although Susan was offered opportunity to apply for a \$10,000 scholarship at Michigan State, she chose to attend a Baptist school, Baylor University in Waco, Texas, without a scholarship. She will study medicine. Lane plans to study law at Yale University.

The national merit award program is sponsored by the National Merit Foundation of Evanston, Ill. The scholars are selected by The Commission on Presidential Scholars, Chaired by W. Allen Wallis, the president of the University of Rochester.

The program which was begun in 1964, provides for the selection of one boy and girl from each state, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and from the American families living abroad. In addition, 15 winners are selected at large.

The choices are made on the basis of demonstrated leadership, high academic attainment and promise as indicated by school records, test scores and the recommendations of school officials.

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CORRECTION

On Baptist Press story mailed 6/19/69, headlined: "Catholic Work Leader Retires; Jewish Work Vacancy Filled," please note the following: Bob Adams of Fort Worth, Tex., has reconsidered and declined his nomination as director of work with Jews for the Home Mission Board. Please delete any reference to his joining the staff. The story on W. E. Burke's retirement still stands. Thanks

--Baptist Press

Mother of Southwest rn  
Seminary President Dies

FORT WORTH (BP)--Mrs. G. R. Naylor, mother of President Robert E. Naylor, died June 14 in Guthrie, Okla. She was 87.

She was the widow of a pioneer Baptist preacher and had lived in Oklahoma most of her life.

Services were held June 16 at First church, Ada, Okla.

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Paul Geren Killed  
In Auto Accident

6/23/69

LONDON, KY. (BP)--Paul F. Geren, 55, president of Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., was killed instantly in a two-car collision near here on Sunday, June 22.

Geren's wife, Elizabeth, was injured seriously in the accident, as was his 17-year-old daughter, Nancy. Mrs. Geren was driving the family automobile when she struck a hole in the road and lost control of the car, swerving into an oncoming automobile.

Four members of the Lewis Stuffle family of Columbus, Ohio, were injured in the other vehicle, but none critically.

Mrs. Geren and Nancy were transferred to the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington on June 23, where they were reported as recovering satisfactorily.

Geren also has two other daughters not involved in the accident, they are: Natasha and Juliann. Geren of Washington, D.C.

Geren was the son of a Baptist minister, the late H.M. Geren who served churches in Ark., Tex., and Washington, D.C. A graduate of Baylor, Louisiana State and Harvard University, he was a combat medic soldier and intelligence officer in World War II, earning the Bronze Star.

Geren had resigned as president of Stetson on June 20. The resignation was to have taken effect June 23. He was considering teaching offers from several universities when the fatal accident occurred.

His resignation at Stetson had been precipitated by conflict with the faculty over administrative practices and general directions of the Baptist school at DeLand.

Stetson trustees had refused to take action on his resignation in a two-day meeting in early June, in effect letting Geren's departure plans take effect.

Before going to the Stetson presidency in September, 1967, Geren had been counselor of economic affairs at the U. S. Embassy in Libya. He had held diplomatic posts in Burma, India, Syria, Jordan and the confederation of Rhodesia.

He also was deputy of the peace corps for several years.

Geren also had been a short-time missionary in Burma under the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and had taught at the University of Rangoon. He also had been executive vice president of Baylor University, and had held other teaching posts at Forman Christian College, Lahore, Indian, Berea (Ky.) College, and Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

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