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## New Orleans to Cooperate in Archaeological Excavation

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here is to join with Tel Aviv University and the Israel Department of Antiquities in initiating a major archaeological excavation at the biblical Tel Aphek (Rosh ha-Ain), a 25-acre mound in the Sharon Plain, east of Tel Aviv.

According to seminary officials, the total archaeological program of the expedition will provide academic credit for both graduates and undergraduates.

The excavation will be co-directed by Moshe Kochavi, senior lecturer on the archaeology of Israel, Tel Aviv University; and George L. Kelm, associate professor of archaeology, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition, say officials, supervisory direction will be provided by other faculty and graduate students of archaeology from these institutions and specialists from other American schools.

The major importance of the site stems from its location on the great international trade and military route (the Via Maris) through Palestine, connecting Egypt with the great civilizations to the North, and from its use as a main fortress guarding the Yarkon River, the major source of fresh water in the region, according to authorities.

From earlier surface exploration, it is evident that a walled city existed on the site as early as 3000 B.C., say experts.

Spokesmen for the seminary say the academic program of the expedition will include a comprehensive travel and sightseeing program in Israel, a two-week orientation lecture series on archaeological methods and techniques and on the topography, geography and archaeology of Israel, as well as the three-week excavation period in which the student will gain first-hand experience in all the major aspects of the archaeologist's work.

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Southern Seminary Professor  
Cited by College of Chaplains

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CHICAGO (BP)--The College of Chaplains has awarded its Distinguished Service Award to a Southern Baptist seminary professor during their 26th annual convention here.

Gaines S. Dobbins, distinguished professor emeritus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was cited for the highest honor given by this professional society.

The award is given to a person who has made a unique, innovative, and significant contribution to the field of chaplaincy ministries, according to officials.

The citation particularly noted that Dobbins "was responsible for organizing the appointment of the first three clinically trained chaplains among Southern Baptists in their hospitals and for establishing two training centers which have been in existence since 1947."

Dobbins, who now resides in Birmingham, was further praised in the citation for his contributions "as a teacher, as an organizer, and as a writer and as an inspiration of other writers."

The College of Chaplains is a personal membership division of the American Protestant Hospital Association, a professional chaplaincy association composed of over 1000 ministers of 31 Protestant denominations and the Catholic and Jewish faiths.

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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Baptist Book Stores Promote  
Managers, Division Employees

NASHVILLE (BP)--Three Baptist Book Stores gained new managers effective April 1, and three promotions have been announced within the Book Store Division staff at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, according to W. O. Thomason, division director.

Approved as book store manager for Knoxville, Tenn., by the board's trustees is Scott Tapp, a sales promotion specialist since 1968 in the Book Store Division. A native of Indiana, Tapp has attended the University of Tennessee, Nashville.

Neal Clary, manager of the Knoxville store since 1970, has become manager of the Richmond, Va., book store. A native of Oklahoma, Clary earned the bachelor in business administration degree from the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Moving from the Richmond store to the Baptist Book Store in Birmingham, Ala., is Paul Webb. A native of Texas, Webb earned the bachelor of business administration degree from Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He has served as a Baptist Book Store manager since 1963 when he joined the Carbondale, Ill., store.

Fate Horn, manager of the Birmingham store since 1962, has been named to the newly-created position of supervisor of the inventory selection and control section, operations department of the Book Store Division. A native of Tennessee, Horn joined the board's staff in 1958 as a merchandiser. In his present position, he will work with vendors from publishing companies.

Al Crawford, formerly supervisor of the sales promotion section in the Book Store Division, has been named manager of the campus stores department. A native Virginian, Crawford earned the bachelor of arts degree from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and the master of arts degree from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville. He joined the board in 1957.

Jennifer Kay Bryon has been named communications specialist for the Book Store Division. A journalism graduate of the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss Bryon is formerly publicity specialist with Broadman Press. In 1971 she joined the Book Store Division as publicity copywriter.

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3,000 Brave Cold, Winds  
To Attend Gage Crusade

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HARTSVILLE, S.C. (BP)--An evangelistic crusade that overflowed the Emmanuel Baptist Church here and had to be moved to a local stadium attracted an average of 3,000 persons nightly and resulted in a total of 412 professions of faith.

The crowds huddled in 40-degree weather, chilled by 20-mile-per-hour winds, to hear messages by Evangelist Freddie Gage of Houston.

Scores of young people, many of them on drugs, made decisions for Christ. Many gave up their drugs completely, said Milton G. Frazier, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church here which sponsored the crusade.

As many as 300 youth participated in an intense witnessing effort they called "crashing," Frazier said. They "crashed" drive-ins, pool halls, and bars to tell others of their faith in Christ, the pastor explained.

Adults, as well as teenagers, were "set aflame for personal evangelism," the pastor added.

The Emmanuel Church, which has a seating capacity of 950, was filled to capacity at the outset of the crusade. On Monday night, a total of 1,400 attended, and many had to be turned away, Frazier said.

In spite of the cold weather, the church had "no alternative" except to move to the local football stadium to accommodate the crowds, Frazier said.

Frazier, pastor of the Hartsville church for the past 14 years, said that "to my knowledge," it was the largest crusade ever held in the area.

In addition to the 3,000 average attendance, the church's Sunday School attendance record was shattered. The goal of 2,000 for the last Sunday of the crusade was exceeded when 2,312 attended.

Gage is founder and director of "Pulpit in the Shadows," in Houston, a ministry to youth, drug users, motorcycle gangs, and dropouts. He is also the head of the Freddie Gage Evangelistic Association.

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